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6th Commonwealth Championships

REMOTIVATION

In keeping with the new spirit abroad, following successes in the Commonwealth Championships in Bombay and the European League success over Sweden in Macclesfield, the Norwich Union English Closed at Basingstoke was something again.

Here was a championship that contained all the drama of a good thriller and one that kept a more than average crowd captivated throughout being climaxed by a men's singles final that had all the ingredients to remotivate the most jaded of spirits.

And those spirits, both for players and administrators alike, had drooped during those bitter cold days of December when travel was confined to the minimum if at all.

Most certainly a tonic was needed and for it to come threefold has been a blessing especially the sugar coating of the Secretin-Pukart exhibition at Basingstoke which, although circus, added a new dimension to the game, especially in England where it has not been seen before.

Let us hope that with interest regained we can again pull off a coup in Budapest where the 13th European Championships are to be staged in April.

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KLONDYKE FOR ENGLAND IN BOMBAY

by GEORGE R. YATES

Cometh the hour cometh the man was never more a self-evident truth than when personified by **Nigel Eckersley**, the 28-year-old Wilmslow boy who, in taking over the place vacated by his former Cheshire county teammate, John Hilton, got England home to the gold medal awards in the men's team event in the 6th Commonwealth Championships played at the Khar Gymkhana Ground, Bombay over the period Feb. 3/9, 1982.

And again gold was struck in the counterpart women's event to which three further golden awards were added as a result of wins for **Carole Knight**, in the women's singles, by Miss **Knight** and **Joy Grundy**, in the women's doubles, and by that man **Eckersley** again in partnership with Miss **Grundy** in the mixed, the Lancashire lass claiming three!

Give a hand then to Eckersley, Paul Day, Kenny Jackson, Phillip Bradbury, Miss Knight, Miss Grundy and Alison Gordon together with the non-playing captain, Bryan Merrett, and the part-playing captain Donald Parker (in the men's singles only). They were magnificent.

So too was Nigeria's Atanda Musa, winner of the men's singles and the doubles with Sunday Eboh! Young Musa, aged 20, had given promise of his potential in the Novi Sad World Championshps when he eliminated the French ace Jacques Secretin. It was noted then that here was a player to watch.

But back to the men's team event in which England, initially, had it all too easy with straight sets victories over Sri Lanka, Kenya and Pakistan. But from then on sweat and guts were called for in no small measure.

First to apply pressure was India in the morning of Feb. 4 in a match that went the distance of nine hard-fought sets after Eckersley and Day had given us a 2-0 lead. That advantage was wiped out and we stood 3-4 down when Jackson came to the table for what proved the penultimate set after having suffered two defeats.

The Essex boy found his touch in this one and fairly raced to a 2-straight win leaving Eckersley the job of completing his treble in beating Manmeet Singh, 18 in the third, to get his country home 5-4. Tiffin time had meantime come and gone, so it was a quick snack at the venue and on with the job against Nigeria in the afternoon.

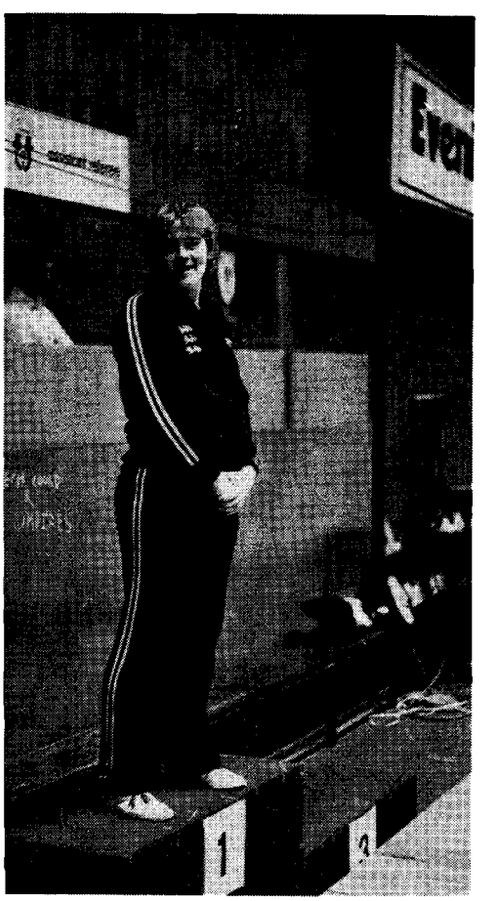
Eckersley was packed off back to the hotel for rest and recuperation and — no wonder after the effort in disposing of India — young Bradbury was brought in. Still fresh after a romp home against Sri Lanka, the Nigerians were rarin to go and go they did to the extent of 5-2 our two being claimed by Day whose victims were Musa and Eboh!

An extension was claimed and given by Mr. G. R. Diwan, the Chief Referee, so it was back to the hotel for a banquet in Paul Day's room sampling, amongst other items, his Nan's home made cakes. Delicous!

It was back then to the hall for another crunch match, this time against Hong Kong, the title holders. No easy passage was anticipated but we got off to a splendid start winning the first two sets, by Eckersley and Day, and the fourth, by Day, to give us a 3-1 lead.

FOOT STAMPING

This, however, was equated with Eckersley suffering his only defeat in the team event — to the foot stamping, bat twiddling Chiu Man Kuen. Day completed his treble at the expense of this self same player only for Jackson to fall a third time leaving Eckersley, for the second time, to pull England through with a final 2-straight win over Chen Scheng Shien. By



Cleveland's Carole Knight, winner of the women's singles with a final victory over her compatriot Alison Gordon.

Nigel Eckersley holds aloft the men's team trophy whilst being applauded by (l to r) Donald Parker, Paul Day, Kenny Jackson and Phillip Bradbury.

Photo by Pradeep Vijayakar, Bombay.

this time we were early into the small hours of the next day and more than ready for bed.

But that tight victory over Hong Kong had put us in the final and our opponents were once again Nigeria 5-0 victors over Canada in the crossover exchange.

The final took place in the late afternoon of Feb. 5 with the temperature simmering down but not the reactions of the crowd who were partially pro and partially anti to the English cause, especially Eckersley's who had seemed to have built up a love-hate relationship.

It was Eckersley who was first to the table and he encountered no problems in polishing off Eboh in straight games. Not so Day in the next set, the Soham left-hander losing 18 in the 3rd to Francis Sule. And much worse was to come.

In the third set Jackson had no answer to Musa and the same fate befell Day who never got to grips with Eboh which left the Nigerians cock-a-hoop leading 3-1.

But that situation was subsequently turned when, firstly, Eckersley accounted for Musa; Jackson beat Sule; and Day came up trumps in beating Musa for a second time in the event.

Eboh brought about another grandstand finish by beating Jackson to level the scores at 4-4 and into the arena strode the iron man, Eckersley, to oppose Sule with the crowd buzzing like wasps round a jam pot.

It was a situation tailor made for the Cheshire man who positively revelled in it and more so his 13, 15 success which gave England first place and the gold medals. Not bad for a reserve whose departure from the Cheshire plains was never envisaged to the over populated island which is Bombay in Mahatashtra State.

SURMOUNTED

No such trauma attended the English girls' passage to the topmost step of the rostrum in the counterpart women's event. Not a set was dropped in the first stage matches against Pakistan, Scotland, New Zealand and India but, as with the men, problems were encountered, but surmounted, against Nigeria.

Olawunmi Majekodunmi, Nigeria's first lady, had wins over both Miss Knight and Miss Gordon but her teammate, Fatai Ayinde, was not of the same class and proved easy prey as did the pair together in the doubles against our unbeaten combination of Carole and Joy.

Canada's only success against us in the final was achieved by Marianne Domonkos against Miss Gordon in the second set. And so it was a double presentation of gold medals to England by M. Hidayatullah Esq., the Vice-President of India who flew down from New Delhi.

After a day's respite including afternoon tea with the State Governor, Air Chief Marshal O.P Mehra, and his wife, it was back to the tables once more on Feb. 7.

Sadly, from Eckersley's point of view, his first round opponent in the men's singles was that niggling Hong Kong twiddler who again got the better of the Cheshire man 9, 19 and 10. Both Jackson and Bradbury also fell in the first round, the former to Singh of India and the latter to Sohail Hayat of Pakistan.

Day had a bye and Parker put paid to Susantha of Sri Lanka and followed up by beating one time Sealink Milton Keynes player Barry Griffiths in the colours of New Zealand. But curtains came with his meeting with Australian Robert Javor who countered Parker's first two games successes by taking the next three!

Meantime Day, as the No. 2 seed, kept on course with wins over Edward Ozuem of Nigeria and Lau Chun Fung of Hong Kong, his undoing being brought about by India's No. 1 V. Chandrasekhar. Musa was not really expected to win the event with the former Yugoslav, Zoran Kosanovic, unexpectedly in the pack. But the ex Yugoslav international lost this one as he did the men's and mixed doubles.

Carole Knight was only once taken beyond three games in the women's singles and that was in the final in which she was opposed by Alison Gordon. Alison found herself with all manner of problems in her quarter-final meeting with Miss Majekodunmi being virtually down and out when beaten 12 and 4 in the first two games. It says much for her fighting spirit when she recovered to take the next three and going on to defeat Miss Domonkos in the semis.

PUT OUT

In the men's doubles Eckersley and Bradbury were put out by the Nigerians, Edward Ozuem and Fatai Ayinde, 20 in the fifth, whilst Day and Johnson, after a first round bye, waved goodbye when beaten by Manjit Dua and Rajat Kathuria of India.

The other two doubles events saw England's representatives firmly in the saddle with Carole and Joy coming back from a 1-2 deficit in the final, against Indu Puri and Vyoma Shah of India, to take the next three whilst Eckersley and Miss Grundy saw off the challenge of Kosanovic and Miss Domonkos in the final of the mixed.

Up in the air goes another team trophy — the women's held by Carole Knight flanked by Alison Gordon (1) and Joy Grundy.

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Atanda Musa of Nigeria with a smile that would not wash off after his presentation of the men's singles trophy by Vice-President M. Hidayatullah Esq., seen shaking hands with the runner-up Zoran Kosanovic of Canada.

Regrettably the Hong Kong girls' team was withdrawn early in the championships when, because of unstamped rubber on one of the girls' bats, the Referee insisted on the rubber being changed. This the girl refused to do and Mr. Chung Wing Kwong, highly indignant withdrew his lasses and they flew home before the individual events started.

Apart from this isolated incident matters went very smoothly and the organising committee, under the direction of Shri C.R. Kelehar Esq., are to be commended. The Searock Hotel, home for all the players in Bombay, proved admirable in every way and although there were varying degrees of stomach upsets all returned safely to these shores.

One can only wonder at the speed in which the hall was constructed for, in three weeks precisely, a structure was erected capable of seating 3,000 spectators with eight international sized courts, and a wooden floor to boot.

Granted corrugated asbestos was used to clad the steel structure and what with the heat and resultant dust it did not do much for sensitive throats but was countered by innumerable bottles of Thums Up (Coke to you) one got by . . . just!

The flight out, non-stop to Delhi and thence to Bombay, was without incident, as was the return trip via Delhi and Kuwait. But it was long enough in a Boeing 747 embarkation from which is akin to an Odeon turning out. Transit passengers must therefore remain seated at intermediate stops which is not good on long hauls.

RESULTS

6TH COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS
TEAM EVENTS

MEN

Stage 1

Group A

Canada 5 Scotland 1
Z. Cordas bt K. Rodger -13, 12, 14;
  bt R. Yule 5, 8.
E. Caetano bt D. Hannah -16, 18, 17;
  bt Rodger 17, 15.
J. Eng lost to Yule -13, -10;
  bt Hannah 17, 13.
Australia 5 New Zealand 2
Hong Kong 5 New Zealand 0
Australia 1 Scotland 5
R. Javor lost to Yule -20, -12;
  lost to Rodger -16, -13.
G. Haberl lost to Rodger 21, -19, -10;
  lost to Hannah -17, 13, -19.
R. Tuckett bt Hannah 13, -19, 15;
  lost to Yule -15, -17.
Hong Kong 5 Scotland 0
Vong Iu Veng bt Yule 17, 7;
  bt Rodger 15, -20, 20.
Chen Scheng Shien bt Rodger 16, 23.
Chiu Man Kuen bt Hannah 13, 11;
  bt Yule 16, -20, 13.
Australia 5 Canada 2
Hong Kong 5 Canada 2
Scotland 5 New Zealand 1
Rodger bt G. Lassen 20, 19;
  bt B. Griffiths -18, 15, 16.
Yule bt Griffiths -18, 19, 17;
  bt G. Rau 11, 14.
Hannah bt Rau 16, 16;
  lost to Lassen -13, 22, -16.
Hong Kong 5 Australia 0
Canada 5 New Zealand 1

FIRST STAGE POSITIONS

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Hong Kong	4	4	0	20	2	8
Canada	4	2	2	14	12	4
Scotland	4	2	2	11	12	4
Australia	4	2	2	11	14	4
New Zealand	4	0	4	4	20	0

Group B

England 5 Sri Lanka 0
N. Eckersley bt S. Hussain 10, 5;
  bt J. Samaraweera 13, 8.
P. Bradbury bt M. Santiago 6, 12;
  bt Hussain 19, 5.
K. Jackson bt Samaraweera 17, 10.
India 3 Pakistan 5
Nigeria 5 Kenya 0
England 5 Kenya 0
P. Day bt A. Mulinde 14, 7;
  bt D. Chudosama 7, 11.
Bradbury bt Chudosama 10, 7.
Jackson bt H. Shah 12, 10;
  bt Mulinde 14, 12.
Nigeria 5 Pakistan 4
India 5 Sri Lanka 0
England 5 Pakistan 0
Eckersley bt S. Hayat 16, 10;
  bt A. Nakhuda 20, 14.
Day bt A. Khan 18, 23;
  bt Hayat 16, 10.
Jackson bt Nakhuda 13, -13, 20.
Nigeria 2 India 5
Kenya 1 Sri Lanka 5
England 5 India 4
Eckersley bt M. Dua 13, -19, 15;
  bt V. Chandrasekhar 12, -20, 14;
  bt M. Singh 14, -14, 18.
Day bt Singh 17, -23, 16;
  lost to Dua -16, -19;
  lost to Chandrasekhar -23, -15.
Jackson lost to Chandrasekhar -17, 10, -18;
  lost to Singh -12, -15;
  bt Dua 13, 16.
Nigeria 5 Sri Lanka 0
Pakistan 5 Kenya 0
England 2 Nigeria 5
Day bt S. Eboh 19, -15, 19;
  bt A. Musa -17, 17, 12.
Jackson lost to Musa 14, -23, -16;
  lost to F. Sule -15, 20, -12.
Bradbury lost to Sule -11, -15;
  lost to Eboh -16, -8;
  lost to Musa -14, -14.
India 5 Kenya 0
Pakistan 5 Sri Lanka 0

FIRST STAGE POSITIONS

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Nigeria	5	4	1	22	11	8
England	5	4	1	22	9	8
Pakistan	5	3	2	19	13	6
India	5	3	2	22	12	6
Sri Lanka	5	1	4	5	21	2
Kenya	5	0	5	1	25	0

STAGE TWO

For positions 1 to 4

A1 Hong Kong 4 B2 England 5
Eckersley bt Vong Iu Veng -16, 19, 19;
  lost to Chiu Man Kuen -12, -17;
  bt Chen Scheng Shien 11, 15.
Day bt Chen Scheng Shien 15, 13;
bt Vong Iu Veng 20, 13;
  bt Chiu Man Kuen -19, 17, 18.
Jackson lost to Chiu Man Kuen -10, -7;
  lost to Chen Scheng Shien -17, 19, -11;
  lost to Vong Iu Veng -18, -19.
A2 Canada 0 B1 Nigeria 5
For positions 5 to 8
A3 Scotland 2 B4 India 5
Dua bt Yule 18, -8, 12;
  lost to Rodger -18, 22, -19.
Singh bt Rodger 12, -20, 16;
  lost to Hannah -20, -18.
Chandrasekhar bt Hannah 22, 13;
  bt Yule 10, 20;
  bt Rodger 18, -19, 11.
A4 Australia 3 B3 Pakistan 5

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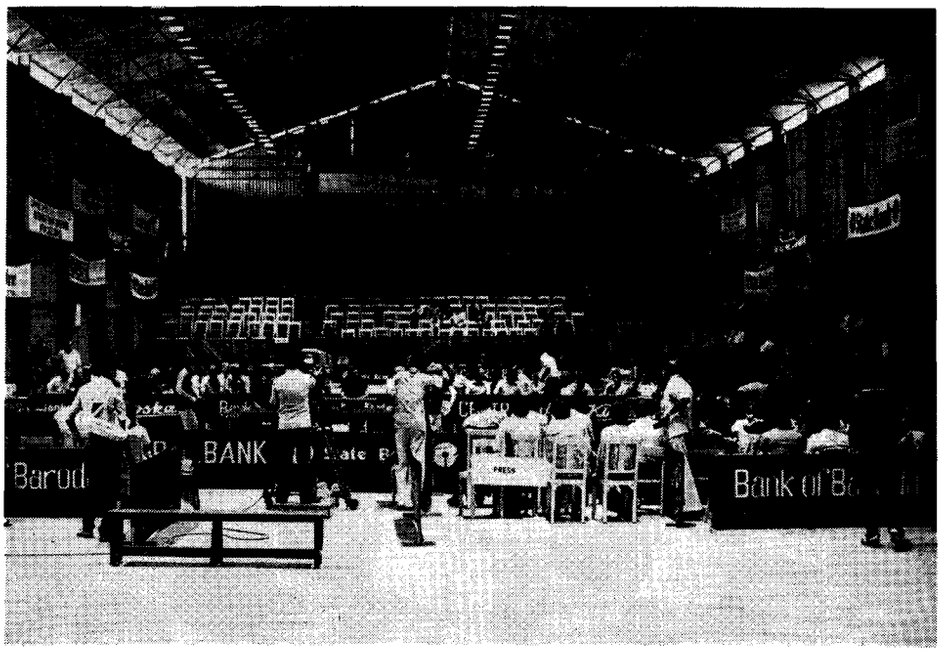

General view of the hastily constructed hall on the Khar Gymkhana Ground in Bombay.

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For positions 9 to 11
A5 New Zealand 5 B6 Kenya 0
B5 Sri Lanka

STAGE THREE

Position 11 - Kenya
For positions 9 and 10
New Zealand 5 Sri Lanka 0
For positions 7 and 8
Scotland 3 Australia 5
G. Thomas bt Yule -20, 15, 7;
lost to Rodger -18, -16.
R. Tuckett bt Hannah 13, -14, 13;
bt Yule 13, 13;
lost to Rodger 13, -12, -18.
G. Haberl lost to Rodger 17, -14, -19;
bt Hannah 18, -16, 22;
bt Yule 14, 11.
For positions 5 and 6
India 5 Pakistan 4
For positions 3 and 4
Hong Kong 5 Canada 0
For positions 1 and 2
ENGLAND 5 Nigeria 4
Eckersley bt Eboh 14, 12;
bt Musa 17, 20;
bt Sule 13, 15.
Day lost to Sule 16, -21, -18;
lost to Eboh -12, -17;
bt Musa 18, 21.
Jackson lost to Musa -11, -16;
bt Sule 20, 20;
lost to Eboh -11, 22, -7.

FINAL PLACINGS

(Previous position in brackets)

1 **ENGLAND** (2)
2 Nigeria (—)
3 Hong Kong (1)
4 Canada (6)
5 India (4)
6 Pakistan (7)
7 Australia (3)
8 **Scotland** (8)
9 New Zealand (—)
10 Sri Lanka (—)
11 Kenya (—)

Canada 3 Australia 0
Nigeria 3 Sri Lanka 0
Australia 3 Sri Lanka 0

FIRST STAGE POSITIONS

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Canada	3	3	0	9	2	6
Nigeria	3	2	1	7	4	4
Australia	3	1	2	4	6	2
Sri Lanka	3	0	3	1	9	0

Group B

England 3 Pakistan 0
A. Gordon bt R. Shakoor 15, 6.
C. Knight bt N. Shakoor 14, 11.
J. Grundy/Knight bt Shakoor/Shakoor 10, 10.
India 3 Scotland 0
I. Puri bt V. Thomson 16, 13.
S. Mehta bt C. Dalrymple 18, -14, 17.
Puri/V. Shah bt Dalrymple/Thomson -18, 16, 10.
England 3 Scotland 0
Knight bt Thomson 3, 13.
Gordon bt Dalrymple 13, 16.
Grundy/Knight bt Dalrymple/Thomson 19, 13.
New Zealand 3 Pakistan 0
India 3 New Zealand 0
Scotland 3 Pakistan 0
Dalrymple bt N. Shakoor 11, 10.
Thomson bt R. Shakoor 17, 17.
Dalrymple/Thomson bt S. Nazli/S. Shakoor 10, -10, 14.
England 3 New Zealand 0
Knight bt J. Morris 10, 8.
Grundy bt K. Rice 11, -19, 18.
Grundy/Knight bt Morris/Rice 17, 9.
India 3 Pakistan 1
England 3 India 0
Gordon bt Puri 16, -16, 21.
Knight bt Mehta -16, 13, 11.
Grundy/Knight bt Mehta/Puri 11, 13.
New Zealand 0 Scotland 3
Dalrymple bt Rice -15, 9, 14;
bt Morris -15, 13, 18.
Thomson lost to Morris -16, -14.
Dalrymple/Thomson bt Morris/Rice 19, 10.

STAGE TWO

For positions 1 to 4
A1 Canada 3 B2 India 2
A2 Nigeria 2 B1 England 3
Knight bt F. Ayinde 16, 12;
lost to O. Majekodunmi -9, 19, -19.
Gordon lost to Majekodunmi -13, 10, -16;
bt Ayinde 2, 15.
Grundy/Knight bt Ayinda/Majekodunmi 10, 13.
For positions 5 to 8
A3 Australia 3 B4 New Zealand 2
A4 Sri Lanka 1 B3 Scotland 3
Thomson lost to T. Hewage 19, -16, -17.
Dalrymple bt S. Aponso 9, 8;
bt Hewage 13, 8.
Dalrymple/Thomson bt Hewage/S. Lucas 16, 18.
For positions 9 to 11
A6 - ——— B5 Pakistan

STAGE THREE

Position 9 - Pakistan
For positions 7 and 8
Sri Lanka 0 New Zealand 3
For positions 5 and 6
Scotland 3 Australia 0
Dalrymple bt K. Thompson 19, 15;
bt M. Bisiach -16, 6, 15.
Thomson bt Bisiach 14, 21.
Dalrymple/Thomson lost to Bisiach/Thompson 16, -18, -14.
For positions 3 and 4
Nigeria 1 India 3
For positions 1 and 2
ENGLAND 3 Canada 1
Knight bt G. Hsu 19, 13;
bt M Domonkos 13, 23.
Gordon lost to Domonkos -18, -17.
Grundy/Knight bt Domonkos/Hsu -19, 18, 14.

FINAL PLACINGS

(Previous position in brackets)

1 **ENGLAND** (2)
2 Canada (4)
3 India (3)
4 Nigeria (—)
5 **Scotland** (8)
6 Australia (6)
7 New Zealand (—)
8 Sri Lanka (—)
9 Pakistan (—)

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

ENGLAND

Day	Jackson	Eckersley	Bradbury	F	A	Opponents
	1-0	2-0	2-0	5	0	Sri Lanka
2-0	2-0		1-0	5	0	Kenya
2-0	1-0	2-0		5	0	Pakistan
1-2	1-2	3-0		5	4	India
2-0	0-2		0-3	2	5	Nigeria
3-0	0-3	2-1		5	4	Hong Kong
1-2	1-2	3-0		5	4	Nigeria
11-4	6-9	12-1	3-3	32-	17	

SCOTLAND

Yule	Rodger	Hannah	F	A	Opponents
1-1	0-2	0-2	1	5	Canada
2-0	2-0	1-1	5	1	Australia
0-2	0-2	0-1	0	5	Hong Kong
2-0	2-0	1-1	5	1	New Zealand
0-2	1-2	1-1	2	5	India
0-3	3-0	0-2	3	5	Australia
5-8	8-6	3-8	16	22	

WOMEN

Stage 1
Group A
Canada 3 Sri Lanka 1
Australia 1 Nigeria 3
Canada 3 Nigeria 1

FIRST STAGE POSITIONS

England	4	4	0	12	0	8
India	4	3	1	9	4	6
Scotland	4	2	2	6	6	4
New Zealand	4	1	3	3	9	2
Pakistan	4	0	4	1	12	0

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Men's Singles Round 3:
A. Musa (NIG) bt Chen Scheng Shien (HKG) -13, 19, 16, 13;
M. Singh (IND) bt R. Tuckett (AUL) -17, -15, 16, 11, 14;
R. Javor (AUL) bt D. Parker (ENG) 19, -19, -19, 16, 22;
M. Dua (IND) bt S. Hayat (PAK) -19, -7, 19, 12, 12;
Chiu Man Kuen (HKG) bt F. Saif (PAK) 13, 13, 6;
Z. Kosanovic (CAN) bt K. Mehta (IND) 7, 15, 10;
V. Chandrasekhar (IND) bt V. Chandramouli (IND) 13, 16, 15;
P. Day (ENG) bt Lau Chun Fung (HKG) 12, 15, -15, 15.
Quarter-finals:
Musa bt Singh 18, -17, 7, 12;
Dua bt Javor 16, 19, 10;
Kosanovic bt Chiu Man Kuen 11, -15, 13, -21, 13;
Chandrasekhar bt Day 19, 18, 17.
Semi-finals:
Musa bt Dua 19, 13, 17;
Kosanovic bt Chandrasekhar 21, -13, -19, 9, 14.
Final:
MUSA bt Kosanovic 17, -21, 14, 19.

Women's Singles Round 3:
C. Knight (ENG) bt N. Kulkarni (IND) 16, 17, 16;
L. Karanth (IND) bt G. Hsu (CAN) 12, 20, 16;
I. Puri (IND) bt C. Dalrymple (SCO) 14, 17, 10;
K. Patel (IND) bt N. Roy (IND) 16, -11, -17, 12, 7;
M. Domonkos (CAN) bt R. Jain (IND) 9, 14, 16;
J. Grundy (ENG) bt K. Thompson (AUL) 15, -19, 15, 9;
O. Majekodunmi (NIG) bt J. Johnson (CAN) 11, 14, 12;
A. Gordon (ENG) bt N. Bisiach (AUL) 13, 10, 13.
Quarter-finals:
Knight bt Karanth 14, 11, 5;
Puri bt Patel 8, 16, 17;
Domonkos bt Grundy 14, 14, 11;
Gordon bt Majekodunmi -12, -4, 20, 16, 14.
Semi-finals:
Knight bt Puri 14, 17, 23;
Gordon bt Domonkos 14, 14, 15.
Final:
KNIGHT bt Gordon -17, 21, 12, 23.

Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:
Chandrasekhar/Singh bt S. Ramaswamy/P. Vyas (IND) 11, 13, 3;
J. Eng (CAN)/Kosanovic bt Chandramouli/S. Sriram (IND) 13, 12, 21;
S. Eboh (NIG)/Musa bt S. Ghorpade (IND)/Mahta 16, 13, 16;
Hayat/A. Khan (PAK) bt Duo/R. Kathuria (IND) 18, -14, 16, 16.
Semi-finals:
Eng/Kosanovic bt Chandrasekhar/Singh 13, 19, -19, 17;
Eboh/Musa bt Hayat/Khan 13, 14, 17.
Final:
EBOH/MUSA bt Eng/Kosanovic 21, 17, -13, 14.

Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:
Grundy/Knight bt Bisiach/Thompson -16, 6, 17, 14;
Domonkos/Hsu bt M.S. Roy (IND)/Roy 10, 18, -23, 13;
Puri/V. Shah (IND) bt Majekodunmi/K. Owolabi (NIG) -10, -18, 16, 19, 18;
Gordon/A. Morrow (AUL) bt S. Nazli/S. Shakoor (PAK) -16, 15, -19, 19, 19.
Semi-finals:
Grundy/Knight bt Domonkos/Hsu 13, 9, -20, 14;
Puri/Shah bt Gordon/Morrow 14, 15, 11.
Final:
GRUNDY/KNIGHT bt Puri/Shah -19, 13, -21, 14, 11.

Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:
Eboh/Majekodunmi bt Ghorpade/M.S. Roy 14, 12, 11;
N. Eckersley (ENG)/Grundy bt Eng/B. McKnight 12, 14, -20, 14;

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Singh/Puri bt Sriram/Patel 12, -15, 18, 19;
Kosanovic/Domonkos bt G. Haberl (AUL)/Bisiach 17, 13, 15.
Semi-finals:
Eckersley/Grundy bt Eboh/Majekodunmi 17, 18, -18, -21, 11;
Kosanovic/Domonkos bt Singh/Puri 17, 5, 9.
Final:
ECKERSLEY/GRUNDY bt Kosanovic/Domonkos 13, 25, 13.

Consolation Men's Singles Semi-finals:
K. Rodger (SCO) bt G. Thomas (AUL) 15, 17;
J. Eng (CAN) bt P. Bradbury (ENG) -19, 16, 15.
Final:
RODGER bt Eng 11, 18.

Consolation Women's Singles Semi-finals:
S. Mahta (IND) bt A. Morrow (AUS) -12, 17, 11;
M. Barua (IND) bt V. Shah (IND) 20, 16.
Final:
MEHTA bt Barua 14, -10, 14.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

ENGLAND

Gordon	Knight	Grundy	Grundy/Knight	F	A	Opponents
1-0	1-0		1-0	3	0	Pakistan
1-0	1-0		1-0	3	0	Scotland
	1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	New Zealand
1-0	1-0		1-0	3	0	India
1-1	1-1		1-0	3	2	Nigeria
0-1	2-0		1-0	3	1	Canada
4-2	7-1	1-0	6-0	18	3	

SCOTLAND

Dalrymple	Thomson	Dalrymple/Thomson	F	A	Opponents
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3	India
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3	England
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Pakistan
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	New Zealand
2-0	0-1	1-0	3	1	Sri Lanka
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Australia
5-2	3-3	4-2	12	7	

Opening ceremony, Indian style.
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EUROPEAN RANKING LISTS

DOUGGIE MAKES THE GRADE

Douggie Johnson, as expected, has gained a place in the revised rankings issued by the Classification Committee of the E.T.T.U. and issued on March 3/'82. The dapper Brummie comes in at No. 23, one place in front of further demoted **John Hilton**.

Also demoted is **Desmond Douglas**, just one position, from No. 3 to No. 4, making way for the Top 12 winner Mickael Appelgren behind Dragutin Surbek and Tibor Klampar who did not compete in Nantes. **Paul Day** is brought up from No. 30 to No. 28.

On the distaff side **Jill Hammersley**, the runner-up in the Top 12, is moved up from No. 3 to No. 2 behind the Nantes winner Bettine Vriesekoop. Linda Jarvis, previously at No. 28 is omitted and **Karen Witt** is demoted from No. 22 to No. 27.

Revised rankings (previous position in brackets):

Men

1 D. Surbek (YUG) (2)
2 T. Klampar (HUN) (1)
3 M. Appelgren (SWE) (10)
4 **D. Douglas** (ENG) (3)
5 M. Orlowski (CZE) (9)
6 S. Bengtsson (SWE) (5)
7 J. Secretin (FRA) (4)
8 A. Grubba (POL) (6)
9 Z. Kalinic (YUG) (7)
10 J. Dvoracek (CZE) (14)
11 G. Gergely (HUN) (11)
12 I. Jonyer (HUN) (8)
13 J. Pansky (CZE) (15)
14 L. Kucharski (POL) (13)
15 U. Carlsson (SWE) (12)
16 C. Martin (FRA) (16)
17 R. Wosik (GFR) (—)
18 U. Bengtsson (SWE) (20)
19 P. Stellwag (GFR) (17)
20 P. Birocheau (FRA) (18)
21 J. Molnar (HUN) (—)
22 E. Lindh (SWE) (—)
23 **D. Johnson** (ENG) (—)
24 **J. Hilton** (ENG) (19)
25 M. Karakasevic (YUG) (—)
26 E. Huging (GFR) (—)
27 Z. Kriston (HUN) (—)
28 **P. Day** (ENG) (—)
29 T. Kreisz (HUN) (—)
30 J-O. Waldner (SWE) (—)

Women

1 B. Vriesekoop (NET) (1)
2 **J. Hammersley** (ENG) (3)
3 M. Hrachova (CZE) (6)
4 V. Popova (USS) (2)
5 A-C. Hellman (SWE) (4)
6 U. Kamizuru (GFR) (8)
7 Z. Olah (HUN) (7)
8 J. Magos (HUN) (12)
9 G. Perkucin (YUG) (9)
10 M. Lindblad (SWE) (10)
11 O. Nemes (RUM) (—)
12 I. Uhlikova (CZE) (5)
13 B. Kishazi (HUN) (13)
14 G. Szabo (HUN) (11)
15 K. Kruger (GFR) (14)
16 B. Batinic (YUG) (15)
17 E. Urban (HUN) (16)
18 E. Ferenczi (RUM) (18)
19 N. Antonian (USS) (19)
20 S. Grefberg (FIN) (—)
21 B. Silhanova (CZE) (20)
22 L. Bakshutova (USS) (—)
23 E. Malmberg (FIN) (—)
24 D. Bayerova -Dubinova (CZE) (17)
25 C. Bergeret (FRA) (—)
26 A. Pelikanova (CZE) (—)
27 **K. Witt** (ENG (22)
28 N. Daviaud (FRA) (—)
29 D. Fabri (YUG) (—)
30 M. Stork (GFR) (—)

These rankings will be used for seeding purposes in the European Championships in Budapest next month.

Vic Bennett reports from . . .

NORFOLK

RECORD ENTRY

A record entry of 97 contestants in the County/Barclays Bank Closed Junior Championships at Dereham High School was the main event in February. Phil Logsdon won the boys' U-15 and U-17 singles as well as the mixed doubles with Sarah Bignell, who in turn took the girls' doubles with Zoe Nichols and a third time U-17 singles win. With three being the common factor for Phil and Sarah, Sue Jenkinson was not so fortunate appearing in three finals and had to be content with runners-up trophies only.

Other results saw a shock win by Steve Fox and David Honor beating David and Neil Pickard after both pairs had k-o'd the top seeds in the semis. In the U-13 events Neil Pickard beat Peter Wilson and, in the girls' Rachel Wilson beat Marianne Jones.

The County/Broadside team championships semi-finals saw Sprowston (holders) beat Electricty (Kings Lynn) and Downham beat British Sugar (Kings Lynn). The final is a repeat of last season and with John Turner in the Sprowston team makes them very firm favourites indeed.

In the Wymondham District championships Steve Howlett won the singles event, the doubles with his veteran Dad, Vernon, and the mixed with Sandra Meadows. Other results: J.S.-Chris Rayment, V.S.-Les Rayment, W.S.-Margaret Hales and H.S.-Martin Felice.

Norwich Juniors R. Stevenson, M. Stevenson and P. Logsdon continue to make progress in the Carter Cup with a very convincing 7-2 win over Luton. Logsdon was unbeaten. The Table Tennis Centre for the Norwich League still makes the news and the scheme is now on the move after a special meeting of club representatives approving of the 2-year levy on teams — £20 for every 4-man team and £15 for 3-man teams. Although some opposition was made to the Centre, the final vote was overwhelming, giving the planners a much needed boost of confidence.

County Championships Round-up

by PHILIP REID

PREMIER TITLE FOR MIDDLESEX

Middlesex are the Premier Division champions. They won in style at Batley and no-one could match their all round strength. Even without David Wells they were invincible. Berkshire, who were their nearest challengers, had a disastrous day, losing to Yorkshire, who finished runners-up, in addition to a 9-0 defeat by the champions. Steve Mills, unorthodox but efficient, spoilt David Barr's 100% record and went on to beat Chu Van Que, of Northumberland. There was a sensation before play started when Cheshire decided not to come across the Pennines and conceded their place in the Premier Division.

The battle of the "wooden-spoonists" to decide who would have the dubious honour of accompanying Cheshire to the 2nd Division was between Warwickshire and Northumberland, the latter, by virtue of an 8-1 trouncing return to the 2nd Division after only one season in the Premier but will surely come back again. Warwickshire had Douggie Johnson to help their cause, together with his brother Barry, Barry Hayward and Derek Munt — four defenders in this day and age! It was Hayward who had the best individual result, beating Graham Sandley in a nail-biting finish. Lancashire, without Donald Parker and Steve Turner, fared surprisingly well, the young shoulders of Stephen Scowcroft showing up well. Essex scrambled home against Warwickshire and Northumberland, with Ian Horsham's two sending Northumberland down. A well organised weekend by referee Geoffrey Scruton and a sumptuous buffet was provided which I'm sure that doyen of eating, Mike Jackson would have given ten out of ten!

RESULTS

Lancashire 2 Berkshire 7
S. Scowcroft bt A. Wellman -14, 19, 19;
lost to D. Barr -18, -19.
P. Rainford lost to Wellman -5, -14;
lost to D. Reeves -17, -11.
K. Williams lost to Barr -14, -19;
lost to Reeves 11, -17, -19.
Miss J. Grundy bt Miss M. Smith 12, 24.
Scowcroft/Williams lost to Barr/Reeves -11, 22, -14.
Rainford/Miss Grundy lost to Wellman/Miss Smith -19, -20.

Lancs weakened by absence of Parker and Turner but good performances by Stephen Scowcroft and Keith Williams. Nobody got near David Barr though.

Warwickshire 3 Middlesex 6
B. Hayward bt G. Sandley -12, 11, 20;
lost to J. Souter -14, -11.
B. Johnson lost to Sandley -17, -9;
bt C. Wilson 17, 20.
D. Munt lost to Souter -13, -15;
lost to Wilson -16, -6.
Miss K. Groves lost to Miss A. Mitchell 15, -21, -21.
Hayward/Johnson bt Sandley/Wilson 19, -15, 16.
D. Johnson/Miss Groves lost to Souter/Miss Mitchell -8, 19, -16.

Champions taken uncomfortably close — could have been closer if Douggie Johnson had played in singles. Tremendous win by Barry Hayward over Graham Sandley and Barry Johnson's victory over Colin Wilson not far behind it.

Yorkshire 6 Essex 3
S. Mills bt I. Horsham 13, -19, 15;
bt D. Newman 17, 9.
A. Fletcher lost to Horsham -15, -15;
bt S. Penny 7, 15.
M. Stead lost to Newman -15, -10;
lost to Penny 19, -7, -19.
Mrs. M. Hill bt Miss E. Sayer 7, 11.
Mills/Fletcher bt Horsham/Newman 17, 11.
Stead/Mrs. Hill bt Penny/Miss Sayer 22, 9.

A fight for Yorks who were 0-2 down but Steve Mills steadied the ship. Yorks commendably experimented with junior Michael Stead who had earlier in the day been awarded his senior and junior badges for Yorkshire.

Middlesex 7 Lancashire 2
M. Mitchell bt Scowcroft -18, 16, 17;
bt Rainford 16, 14.
Souter bt Scowcroft 11, -19, 16;
lost to Williams -12, 11, -15.
Wilson bt Williams 8, 15;
bt Rainford -17, 18, 12.
Miss Mitchell bt Miss Grundy 14, 12.
Mitchell/Wilson bt Scowcroft/Williams 7, 19.
Souter/Miss Mitchell lost to Rainford/Miss Grundy -14, 21, -19.
Unexpected XD win for Lancs.

Berkshire 6 Northumberland 3
Wellman bt Chu Van Que -18, 18, 13;
bt A. Clark 17, 15.
Barr bt Van Que 21, -12, 14;
bt I. Robertson 16, -17, 9.

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Reeves lost to Clark -22, -14;
lost to Robertson -12, -17.
Miss Smith bt Miss C. Mouzon 4, 15.
Barr/Reeves lost to Van Que/Robertson -16, -8.
Wellman/Miss Smith bt Clark/Miss Mouzon 13, 23.

A rare double defeat for Chu Van Que.

Northumberland 1 Yorkshire 8

Chu Van Que lost to Mills -18, -14;
bt Fletcher 14, -11, 15.
Clark lost to Mills -14, -15;
lost to K. Beadsley -16, -12.
Robertson lost to Fletcher -11, -18;
lost to Beadsley -9, -20.
Miss Mouzon lost to Mrs. Hill -13, -6.
Chu Van Que/Robertson lost to Mills/Fletcher -18, 17, -21.
Clark/Miss Mouzon lost to Beadsley/Mrs. Hill -19, -13.

Chu Van Que too strong for Fletcher but held no terrors for the hard-hitting Mills.

Warwickshire 4 Essex 5

D. Johnson bt R. Potton 15, 7;
bt Horsham -12, 5, 12.
Hayward lost to Potton -18, -18;
bt Newman 11, 14.
Munt lost to Horsham 21, -14, -19;
lost to Newman 17, -15, -19.
Miss Groves lost to Miss E. Foulds 17, -15, -19.
B. Johnson/Munt lost to Potton/Newman -16, -21.
D. Johnson/Miss Groves bt Horsham/Miss Foulds -14, 14, 14.

Lucky Essex! Three games (two by Derek Munt) at 19 in the third — won them all!

Middlesex 9 Berkshire 0

Sandley bt Wellman -20, 13, 17;
bt Barr -16, 17, 16.
Mitchell bt Wellman 19, 19;
bt Reeves 11, 16.
Wilson bt Barr 9, 8;
bt Reeves 13, 16.
Miss Mitchell bt Miss Smith 6, 18.
Mitchell/Wilson bt Barr/Reeves 19, -15, 13.
Sandley/Miss Mitchell bt Wellman/Miss Smith 17, 19.

The ony "whitewash" — against previously undefeated Berks! Middlesex too good all round — and look at Colin Wilson's scores against David Barr!!

Berkshire 2 Yorkshire 7

Wellman bt Fletcher 15, -15, 20;
lost to Mills -17, -14.
Barr lost to Mills -19, -15;
bt Beadsley 17, 15.
Reeves lost to Fletcher -18, -15;
lost to Beadsley 18, -5, -8.
Miss Smith lost to Mrs. Hill -6, 17, -19.
Barr/Reeves lost to Mills/Fletcher -18, -15.
Wellman/Miss Smith lost to Beadsley/Mrs. Hill -18, -18.

The battle for the runners-up. Mills easily the outstanding player, giving Yorks a runaway win.

Northumberland 4 Essex 5

Chu Van Que bt Horsham 7, 12;
bt Newman -5, 17, 16.
Robertson lost to Newman -15 ,-6;
bt D. Charlery 14, 18.
Clark lost to Horsham -13, 10, -17;
lost to Charlery 12, -17, -17.
Miss Mouzon lost to Miss E. Foulds -17, -21.
Chu Van Que/Robertson lost to Horsham/Newman -10, -21.
Clark/Miss Mouzon bt Charlery/Miss Foulds -17, 12, 23.

A double in vain for Chu Van Que, a defeat which sends Northumberland into Division 2.

Essex 2 Lancashire 7

Horsham bt Rainford 21, 20;
lost to Scowcroft -21, -13.
Newman lost to Scowcroft -21, -13;
bt Williams 14, 18.
Charlery lost to Rainford -18, -19;
lost to Williams 18, -22, -19.
Miss Foulds lost to Miss Grundy -8, -13.
Newman/Penny lost to Scowcroft/Williams -21, 21, -18.
Penny/Miss Sayer lost to Rainford/Miss Grundy -10, 14, -19.

A surprising result by the weakened Lancs side but Scowcroft supreme.

Warwickshire 8 Northumberland 1

D. Johnson bt Chu Van Que 10, 17;
bt Clark 8, 12.
Hayward lost to Chu Van Que -14, -14;
bt Robertson 8, 13.
B. Johnson bt Clark 9, 13;
bt Robertson 8, 12.
Miss Groves bt Miss Mouzon 15, 17.
Hayward/B. Johnson bt Chu Van Que/Robertson 16, -19, 24.
D. Johnson/Miss Groves bt Clark/Miss Mouzon 16, 12.

Warwicks won their relegation decider, Douggie Johnson on devastating form.

Junior 2A

Buckinghamshire 2 Lincolnshire 8

Jonathon Bradbury good win over Stuart Worrell but found Chris Bryan too powerful for him.

Junior 2B

Hertfordshire 5 Dorset 5

Mark Werner stared for Dorset in this well-earned draw.

Junior 3D

Kent II 7 Hertfordshire II 3

Kent boys (Andy Dodd, Andy Cunningham and Paul Bannister) too good.

Veterans 2A

Buckinghamshire 5 Cheshire II 4

Shock win for lowly Bucks against previously undefeated Cheshire II. L. Pratt starred for Bucks.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Premier Division Weekend
Batley Sports Centre (Feb. 27/28)

Warwickshire 3 Middlesex 6
Lancashire 2 Berkshire 7
Northumberland 4 Essex 5

Yorkshire 6 Essex 3
Middlesex 7 Lancashire 2
Berkshire 6 Northumberland 3

Northumberland 1 Yorkshire 8
Warwickshire 4 Essex 5
Middlesex 9 Berkshire 0

Berkshire 2 Yorkshire 7
Warwickshire 8 Northumberland 1
Essex 2 Lancashire 7

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Middlesex	6	6	0	42	12	12
Yorkshire	6	5	1	38	16	10
Berkshire	6	4	2	29	25	8
Lancashire	6	3	3	28	26	6
Essex	6	2	4	18	36	4
Warwickshire	6	1	5	19	35	2
Northumberland	6	0	6	15	39	0
Cheshire	0	0	0	0	0	0

Cheshire, having failed to turn up for the second weekend, have had their results deleted from the competition and are automatically relegated — along with Northumberland.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES
(to 6th March)

SENIORS

Division 2A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Staffordshire	6	5	0	1	39	21	10
Leicestershire	6	5	0	1	38	22	10
Cambridgeshire	6	4	0	2	31	29	8
Lancashire II	6	3	1	2	35	25	7
Yorkshire II	6	3	0	3	28	32	6
Derbyshire	6	1	2	3	25	35	4
Warwickshire II	6	1	1	4	24	36	3
Worcestershire	6	0	0	6	20	40	0

Division 2B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dorset	5	4	0	1	33	17	8
Kent	6	4	0	2	34	26	8
Wiltshire	6	4	0	2	34	26	8
Sussex	5	3	0	2	26	24	6
Surrey	6	2	1	3	30	30	5
Hertfordshire	5	2	1	2	24	26	5
Essex II	6	1	0	5	22	38	2
Devon	5	1	0	4	17	33	2

Division 3A

Cheshire II	5	4	1	0	35	15	9
Staffordshire II	5	4	0	1	31	19	8
Derbyshire II	5	2	2	1	23	27	6
Durham	4	2	0	2	24	16	4
Leicestershire II	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Lincolnshire	4	1	0	3	17	23	2
Cumbria	5	0	0	5	12	38	0

Division 3B

Hampshire	6	5	0	1	44	16	10
Gloucestershire	6	3	2	1	35	25	8
Dorset II	6	4	0	2	32	28	8
Avon	5	3	1	1	27	23	7
Berkshire II	6	2	2	2	34	26	6
Somerset	6	2	1	3	27	33	5
Isle of Wight	5	0	2	3	17	33	2
Cornwall	6	0	0	6	14	46	0

Division 3C

Bedfordshire	5	4	1	0	31	19	9
Oxfordshire	5	3	0	2	27	23	6
Northamptonshire	5	2	1	2	27	23	5
Worcestershire II	5	2	1	2	24	26	5
Herefordshire	4	1	2	1	20	20	4
Huntingdonshire	5	1	1	3	18	32	3
Buckinghamshire	5	1	0	4	23	27	2

Shropshire record deleted.

Division 3D

Sussex II	6	5	1	0	46	14	11
Middlesex II	6	4	1	1	33	27	9
Suffolk	6	3	1	2	33	27	7
Kent II	6	3	0	3	30	30	6
Surrey II	6	3	0	3	29	31	6
Hertfordshire II	6	1	3	2	28	32	5
Cambridgeshire II	6	1	1	4	20	40	3
Norfolk	6	0	1	5	21	39	1

Division 4A

Wiltshire II	4	3	1	0	29	11	7
Hampshire II	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Staffordshire III	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Somerset II	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Avon II	4	1	0	3	14	26	2

Division 4B

Suffolk II	4	4	0	0	28	12	8
Oxfordshire II	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Norfolk II	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Buckinghamshire II	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Northamptonshire II	3	0	1	2	12	18	1

JUNIORS

Premier

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

Cleveland	6	6	0	0	38	22	12
Yorkshire II	6	5	0	1	44	16	10
Gloucestershire	6	3	2	1	34	26	8
Lincolnshire	6	3	0	3	30	30	6
Leicestershire	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Durham	6	1	1	4	23	37	3
Huntingdonshire	5	0	1	4	18	32	1
Buckinghamshire	6	0	1	5	17	43	1

Division 2B

Devon	6	5	1	0	43	17	11
Essex	6	5	0	1	36	24	10
Hertfordshire	6	3	1	2	36	24	7
Glamorgan	6	3	1	2	35	25	7
Berkshire	6	1	3	2	29	31	5
Wiltshire	6	2	0	4	25	35	4
Dorset	6	0	3	3	25	35	3
Avon	6	0	1	5	11	49	1

Division 3A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lancashire	6	6	0	0	50	10	12
Cheshire	6	5	0	1	35	25	10
Northumberland	6	4	0	2	37	23	8
Derbyshire	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Cumbria	5	2	1	2	22	28	5
Nottinghamshire	6	1	1	4	26	34	3
Cleveland II	6	1	1	4	23	37	3
Lincolnshire II	6	0	0	6	11	49	0

Division 3B

Northamptonshire	6	6	0	0	47	13	10
Worcestershire	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
Warwickshire II	5	3	0	2	27	23	6
Staffordshire II	5	2	1	2	30	20	5
Oxfordshire	5	2	0	3	28	23	4
Buckinghamshire II	5	1	0	4	15	35	2
Herefordshire	5	0	0	5	4	46	0

Shropshire record deleted.

Division 3C

Middlesex II	6	6	0	0	48	12	12
Surrey II	5	5	0	0	32	8	10
Hampshire	6	4	0	2	36	24	8
Berkshire II	6	3	0	3	35	25	6
Avon II	5	1	1	3	18	32	3
Cornwall	5	1	0	4	16	34	2
Dorset II	6	1	0	5	14	46	2
Somerset	5	0	1	4	11	39	1

Division 3D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essex II	6	6	0	0	51	9	12
Kent II	6	5	0	1	40	20	10
Bedfordshire II	6	3	1	2	33	27	7
Cambridgeshire	5	3	0	2	25	25	6
Hertfordshire II	6	2	1	3	31	29	5
Sussex II	5	0	2	3	18	32	2
Norfolk	6	1	0	5	17	43	2
Suffolk	6	1	0	5	15	45	2

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essex III	4	4	0	0	34	6	8
Norfolk II	4	3	0	1	21	19	6
Cumbria II	4	2	1	1	26	14	5
Hampshire II	4	2	0	2	16	24	4
Leicestershire II	5	0	2	3	19	31	2
Cambridgeshire II	5	0	1	4	14	36	1

Shropshire record deleted.

VETERANS

Premier

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Cheshire	5	5	0	37	8	10
Middlesex	5	3	0	29	16	6
Essex	6	3	3	27	27	6
Dorset	5	3	2	19	26	6
Worcestershire	4	1	3	14	22	2
Lincolnshire	4	1	3	13	23	2
Huntingdonshire	5	1	4	14	31	2

Division 2A

Nottinghamshire	5	4	1	32	13	8
Hertfordshire	5	4	1	29	16	8
Oxfordshire	5	3	2	24	21	6
Cheshire II	5	3	2	23	22	6
Buckinghamshire	6	3	3	22	32	6
Avon	5	1	4	21	24	2
Northamptonshire	5	0	5	11	34	0

Division 2B

Sussex	6	6	0	41	13	12
Kent	5	4	1	34	11	8
Berkshire	6	4	2	31	23	8
Middlesex II	6	3	3	31	23	6
Hampshire	6	3	3	25	29	6
Essex II	6	2	4	29	25	4
Dorset II	6	1	5	11	43	2
Wiltshire	5	0	5	4	40	0

Division 3B

Hertfordshire II	5	4	1	29	16	8
				Sets	(64-40)	
Hampshire II	5	4	1	29	16	8
				Sets	(65-41)	
Sussex II	6	4	2	32	22	8
Kent II	5	3	2	22	23	6
Berkshire II	5	1	4	23	22	2
Somerset	4	1	3	10	26	2
Wiltshire II	4	0	4	8	28	0

NORWICH UNION MASTERS 1982

FINAL LINE-UP

When we created the Norwich Union Grand Prix and Masters we said that in the first few years we would probably stay in Europe for the venue for the Masters. It has always been our intention to expand the Grand Prix and take the Masters to various countries throughout the world. We commenced this in 1981 when we went to Hong Kong.

We are very happy to announce that the 1982 Masters will take place in the Etobicoke Olympium in Toronto from 2nd - 6th June, 1982. Having sponsored the Norwich Union Canadian Open Championships for the last two years, this venue for the Masters in Canada seems a very natural choice.

The make-up of the 16 players will be this year as follows: we shall be inviting the World Champion, Guo Yuehua and the new European Champion to be crowned in Budapest in April and the leading 12 players in the Norwich Union Grand Prix. This year the Norwich Union will have two "wild cards". We have decided to invite Zoran Kosanovic to take up one of those places and the other choice will be made shortly.

The prize pool will be nearly £12,000, approximately 25,000 $ Canadian, with a first prize of £4,000 (8,500 $ C).

The leading players in the Grand Prix are:

FINAL POINTS TABLE

		Grand Prix Points
1	D. Surbek (YUG)	1800
2	Jiang Jialiang (CHI)	1800
3	J. Dvoracek (CZE)	1750
4	Teng Yi (CHI)	1600
5	J. Secretin (FRA)	1600
6	A. Grubba (POL)	1400
7	Z. Kalinic (YUG)	1400
8	L. Kucharski (POL)	1350
9	**D. Douglas** (ENG)	1350
10	E. Boggan (USA)	1200
11	J. Molnar (HUN)	1200
12	U. Bengtsson (SWE)	1150
13	P. Stellwag (GFR)	1100
14	Cai Zhenhua (CHI)	1000
15	Chen Xinhua (CHI)	1000
16	M. Appelgren (SWE)	1000
17	Fan Changmao (CHI)	1000
18	G. Gergely (HUN)	1000
19	U. Carlsson (SWE)	900
20	M. Orlowski (CZE)	800
21	Li Zhenshi (CHI)	800
22	J. Pansky (CZE)	700
23	R. Troilo (ITA)	650
24	Chiu Man Kuen (HKG)	600
25	Xie Saike (CHI)	600
26	Z. Kriston (HUN)	600
27	I. Jonyer (HUN)	600
28	R. Wosik (GFR)	600
29	**D. Johnson** (ENG)	600
30	E. Amplatz (AUT)	550
31	E. Lindh (SWE)	550
32	M. Broda (CZE)	550

The Rumanian Open, scheduled to have taken place from Feb. 26/28 and included in the Norwich Union Grand Prix, was cancelled.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

March

20 **ESTTA National School Team Championships, Lea Green Sports Centre, Matlock, Derbys.**
20 ETTA Management Committee (London).
21 Cheshire Junior 1-Star Open, Grange Road West Sports Centre, Birkenhead.
21 National League (12).
21 Edinburgh Open, Meadowbank Sports Centre, London Road, Edinburgh.
26/27 Merseyside 2-Star Open, Kirkby Sports Centre, Valley Road, Liverpool L32.
27/28 Lincolnshire Junior 2-Star Open, North Kesteven Sports Centre, North Hykeham, Lincoln.
28 National League (13).

April

3 ETTA National Council (London).
3 South Yorkshire 2-Star Open (Sheffield).
4 Bedford 1-Star Open.
4 Derbyshire Junior 2-Star Open.
4 National League (14)
17/18 Essex Junior 'Select'.
17/25 **13th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Budapest, Hungary).**
24/25 Grieveson, Grant Tunbridge Wells Junior 2-Star Open, Sandown Court School, Blackhurst Lane, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Entries Close March 23 to Mrs. D. Gibbs, Marigolds, Green Lane, Crowborough, East Sussex. 'Phone: 089-26 2612.

May

1 Evening Chronicle Northumberland 2-Star Open (Prize Fund £1005), Concordia Leisure Centre, Cramlington, Northumberland. Entries Close Apl. 5 to Mr. A. Drapkin, 6 Northfield Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, NE3 3UL. 'Phone: 0632-853878.

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European League

CLASSIFIED RESULTS

Detailed results of the Super Division matches played on Feb. 10 show that in Usti nad Orlici, Czechoslovakia — beaten 4-3 by Hungary — could not contain Tibor Klampar who had singles successes over Milan Orlowski and Jindrich Pansky as well as partnering Zsolt Kriston to a men's doubles win. Hungary's other win came in the women's singles when Beatrice Kishazi accounted for Marie Hrachova.

SCORES
J. Pansky bt T. Kreisz 17, 12;
M. Orlowski lost to T. Klampar -5, -10;
M. Hrachova lost to B. Kishazi -11, -20;
Orlowski/Pansky lost to Klampar/
Z. Kriston -20, 19, -15;
Pansky/Hrachova bt Kriston/E. Urban
9, 16;
Pansky lost to Klampar -16, -20;
Orlowski bt Kreisz 19, -19, 19.

Yugoslavia's 6-1 home win over France at Agen was one that has set them up for the championship title, the opening set win for Patrick Birocheau over Zoran Kalinic being countered by the next six sets all going to the visitors but five of them needed a deciding game.

SCORES
P. Birocheau bt Z. Kalinic 18, 18;
B. Parietti lost to D. Surbek -17 ,-14
C. Bergeret lost to B. Batinic -14, 18, -16;
Birocheau/Parietti lost to Kalinic/Surbek
-16, 16, -10;
Birocheau/Bergeret lost to Surbek/Batinic
25, -13, -17;
Birocheau lost to Surbek 19, -9, -13;
Patietti lost to Kalinic -14, 9, -16.

Reversing Poland's home fixture against Federal Germany to Hamburg, the promotees nevertheless succeeded in obtaining their second win of the season thanks to Leszek Kucharski who, in single combat, beat Ralf Wosik and Engelbert Huging and partnered Andrzej Grubba to a tight doubles success. Grubba got the other win in the opening set against Huging.

SCORES
E. Huging lost to A. Grubba -6, -15;
R. Wosik lost to L. Kucharski -21, -16;
U. Kamizuru bt Pozniak 13, 10;
P. Engel/Wosik lost to Grubba/Kucharski
-19, 15, -21;
Wosik/Kamizuru bt Grubba/Pozniak
-16, 13, 14;
Huging lost to Kucharski -18, -10;
Wosik bt Grubba 13, 18.

DIVISION ONE

Detailed scores of matches played on Jan. 13 and Feb. 10 were:
Netherlands 5 Finland 2 (Nieuw-Lekkerland)
R. Hijne lost to J. Jokinen -19, -20;
A. Vlieg bt J. Ikonen -20, 14, 11;
S. de Kruiff bt M. Grefberg -16, 17, 18;
H. Gootzen/Hijne bt Ikonen/Jokinen
-16, 19, 19;
P. Swier/de Kruiff bt Jokinen/Grefberg
15, -16, 14;
Hijne lost to Ikonen -14, -8;
Vlieg bt Jokinen 17, -18, 9.

Soviet Union 5 Denmark 2
(Moscow)
I. Solopov bt K. Kartholm 19, 14;
M. Ovcharov bt C. Pedersen 20, 18;
A. Zakharian bt A. Larsen 7, 14;
Ovcharov/I. Podnosov bt Pedersen/Hauth
23, -14, 17;
Solopov/F. Bulatova bt Pedersen/Larsen
14, 21;
Solopov lost to Pedersen -19, 17, -19;
Ovcharov lost to Kartholm -10, -10.

Greece 4 Italy 3
(Athens)
C. Priftis lost to P. Pargagli -16, -15;
D. Zikos lost to M. Costantini -12, -17;
Galanou bt Vignola 11, 18;
Priftis/Zikos bt Bargagli/Costantini
-13, 19, 17;
Zikos/Galanou bt Costantini/Vignola 14, 9;
Priftis lost to Costantini -13, -18;
Zikos bt Bargagli 16, -18, 11.

Finland 4 Soviet Union 3
(Helsinki)
Jokinen bt Ovcharov 13, -17, 14;
Jokinen bt Solopov -16, 13, 19;
E. Malmberg bt N. Antonian 21, 14;
Ikonen/Jokinen lost to Ovcharov/V. Dvorak
-18, -15;
Jokinen/S. Grefberg lost to Ovcharov/
Antonian -13, 19, -13;
Ikonen lost to Solopov 14, -15, -10;
Jokinen bt Ovcharov 13, 18.

Austria 5 Greece 2
(Wolkersdorf)
P. Gockner bt G. Karitsas -23, 13, 16;
D. Palmi bt Zikos 22, 18;
B. Wiltsche bt F. Galanou 16, 21;
E. Amplatz/G. Muller lost to Karitsas/Zikos
18, -18, -18;
Muller/Wiltsche bt Zikos/Galanou 11, 15;
Gockner lost to Zikos -17, 18, -21;
Palmi bt Karitsas 13, -12, 10.

DIVISION TWO

Luxembourg 2 Belgium 5
(Petange)
Y. Maas lost to T. Cabrera -16, 15, -18;
V. Langehegermann lost to R. de Prophetis
-15, -18;
C. Risch bt K. Van Kamp 20, 23;
A. Hartmann/Maas bt Cabrera/
de Prophetis -9, 18, 17;
Hartmann/Risch lost to de Prophetis/Van
Kamp -18, -15;
Maas lost to de Prophetis -13, -16;
Langehegermann lost to Cabrera -12, -14.

Spain 2 Norway 5
(Malaga)
J.M. Pales lost to T. Johansen -14, -14;
I. Caymel lost to P. Guttormsen -17, -15;
P. Lupon bt T. Folkeson 16, 16;
Caymel/Pales bt Guttormsen/Johansen
-18, 16, 20;
Caymel/Lupon lost to Johansen/Folkeson
-21, -16;
Pales lost to Guttormsen -6, 20, -18;
Caymel lost to Johansen -15, 14, -12.

Switzerland 4 Wales 3
(Murten 29/1/82)
T. Busin bt N. Thomas 16, 17;
M. Hafen lost to A. Griffiths -19, -18;
C. Witte lost to L. Tyler -18, -14;
Hafen/T. Miller bt Griffiths/Thomas 14, 15;
Busin/Witte bt Thomas/Tyler -14, 15, 18;
Busin lost to Griffiths -19, 19, -11;
Hafen bt Thomas 13, -16, 17.

Luxembourg 4 Switzerland 3
(Bertrange) (300 spectators)
Maas bt Hafen 19, -17, 19;
Hartmann lost to Busin -13, -16;
Risch bt M. Frey 11, -12, 8;
Hartmann/Maas bt Hafen/Miller
-15, 10, 11;
Hartmann/Risch bt Hafen/Frey -23, 12, 15;
Maas lost to Musin -19, -14;
Hartmann lost to Hafen -12, -16.

Belgium 7 Ireland 0
((Seilles)
Cabrera bt C. Slevin 14, 15;
De Prophetis bt T. Heasley 12, 19;
B. Lippens bt A. Leonard 5, 10
Cabrera/De Prophetis bt Heasley/Slevin
16, 16;
D. Leroy/Lippens bt Slevin/Leonard 17, 7;
Cabrera bt Heasley 18, 13;
De Prophetis bt Slevin 14, -12, 11.

Scotland 4 Spain 3
(Glenrothes)
K. Rodger lost to R. Casares -17, -14;
D. Hannah lost to Pales -17, 20, -19;
C. Dalrymple bt Lupon 9, 17;
Hannah/Rodger lost to Casares/Pales
11, -16, -19;
Rodger/Dalrymple bt Pales/Sanahuja
16, 12;
Rodger bt Pales 13, 17;
Hannah bt Casares 13, 12.

Norway 5 Wales 2
(Trondheim)
Guttormsen bt Thomas 20, 13;
Johansen bt Griffiths 9, 14;
Folkeson bt Tyler 15, 12;
Guttormsen/Johansen lost to Griffiths/
Thomas -17, 16, -18;
Johansen/Folkeson bt Thomas/Tyler 12, 15;
Guttormsen lost to Griffiths -18, -20;
Johansen bt Thomas 16, 14.

DIVISION 3

Played in Jersey over the period Feb. 5/7 Turkey stormed to success with 7-0 wins over Iceland, Jersey and Portugal and a 6-1 result over Guernsey. Portugal, the runners-up, beat Guernsey (5-2), Jersey (6-1), and Iceland (7-0). Guernsey had wins over Iceland (6-1) and Jersey, the 'old enemy' (5-2) whilst the host island beat the wooden spoonist Iceland 4-3.

TABLE

Turkey	4	4	0	27	1	4
Portugal	4	3	1	18	10	3
Guernsey	4	2	2	14	14	2
Jersey	4	1	3	7	21	1
Iceland	4	0	4	4	24	0

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

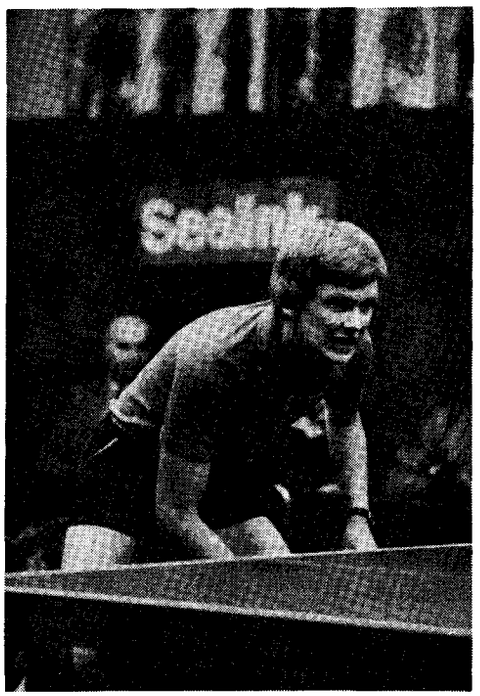
SEALINK TAKE AWAY OMEGA'S UNBEATEN HOME RECORD IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

A fine 19, -19, 20 win by Philip Bradbury over England No. 3 Doug Johnson proved Omega Aldryngton's only success against in-form Sealink International Ormesby who took the match by seven sets to one.

It was a big disappointment to Omega who had previously been unbeaten at home, having drawn 4-4 with Sealink's biggest rivals — Soham and Ellenborough.

Sealink's Donald Parker, Steve Mills and Keith Rodger were unbeaten in the match and the result stretched the Middlesbrough based club's lead at the top of the Premier Division still further.

The match, re-arranged from December, was also the first National League game to be held midweek, with a 7 p.m. evening start.



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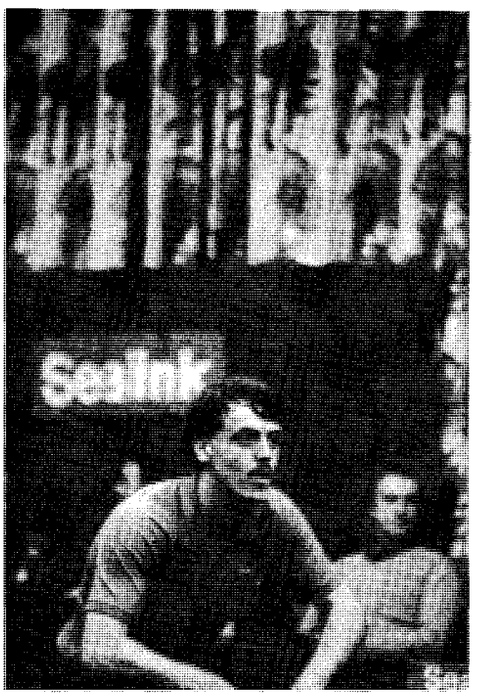

KEITH RODGER

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NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

17/2/82

Premier Division
Omega 1 Sealink Ormesby 7

21/2/82

Premier Division
Soham 7 Mayfair Wallcoverings 1
Omega 2 Unity 6
Bristol & West 3 Sealink Ormesby 5
Larkhall 0 Ellenborough 8

2nd Division North
Grove 6 Stockton Select 2
Sealink Ormesby II 4 Salford 4
March 5 Tarmac Wolverhampton 3
St Neots 8 S.W. Durham 0

2nd Division South
Graham Spicer 4 Lansdown Medway 4
Generation 7 Butterfly Cardiff 1
Larkhall II 4 Gunnersbury Triangle 4

3rd Division North
Ruston Bucyrus 6 Billingham J.D. White 2
Sealink Ormesby 0 South Yorks 8
Unity II 5 Tarmac Wolverhampton II 3

3rd Division South
Southbank 1 Cranfield Colours Gwent 7
Gillette Reading 7 Cippenham 1
Dagenham 4 SIB Bath 4

28/2/82

2nd Division South
Lansdown Medway 2 Butterfly Cardiff 6

7/3/82

Premier Division
Ellenborough 4 Hassy Soham 4

League Tables as at 22/2/82

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 Sealink Intl. Ormesby I	9	8	0	1	53	19	16
2 Ellenborough ...	9	7	2	0	48	24	16
3 Massy Perf. Soham	9	6	2	1	51	21	14
4 Unity I	10	5	1	4	40	40	11
5 Omega/Ald'ton .	9	2	4	3	31	41	8
6 Bristol & West Inv. Ltd.	9	2	1	6	26	46	5
7 Larkhall I	10	0	2	8	26	54	2
8 Mayfair Wallc's. Newcastle	9	0	2	7	21	51	2

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 Grove	10	8	1	1	59	21	17
2 Sealink Intl. Ormesby II	11	5	5	1	53	35	15
3 MBS St. Neots ...	10	6	1	3	53	27	13
4 Tarmac/ W'hampton I	10	5	0	5	47	33	10
5 Salford Select I .	10	3	4	3	43	37	10
6 March Town ...	11	3	3	5	38	50	9
7 Stockton Select .	10	3	2	5	31	49	8
8 S. W. Durham ...	10	0	0	10	4	76	0

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 Butterfly Cardiff	11	9	1	1	58	30	19
2 Generation II ...	11	9	0	2	59	29	18
3 Dunlop Sports B'ham	10	8	1	1	64	16	17
4 Dolphins	11	5	2	4	47	41	12
5 Larkhall II	11	4	2	5	38	50	10
6 Graham Spicer .	11	2	2	7	32	56	6
7 Lansdown M'way	12	1	2	9	32	64	4
8 Gunnersbury Triangle	11	0	2	9	22	66	2

THIRD DIVISION NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 Wh'dale Hermits	9	7	2	0	52	20	16
2 South Yorkshire	9	6	2	1	52	20	14
3 Unity II	9	5	2	2	40	32	12
4 Ruston Bucyrus Lincoln	10	4	1	5	33	47	9
5 Tarmac/ W'hampton II	8	2	2	4	30	34	6
6 Sealink Intl. Ormesby III	9	1	1	7	21	51	3
7 B'ham Synthonia J. D. White	8	1	0	7	20	44	2

NOTE: Salford Select II have withdrawn from the league and the league table has been adjusted in accordance with regulation 14.1.

THIRD DIVISION SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 Dagenham F.C. .	11	9	1	1	62	26	19
2 SIB Bath	11	8	2	1	59	29	18
3 Cranfield Colours Gwent	11	8	1	2	58	30	17
4 Gillette Reading	11	5	1	5	43	45	11
5 Pengeley Sports Torbay	10	4	1	5	35	45	9
6 Prudential Ibis .	10	2	1	7	29	51	5
7 Southbank	10	2	0	8	28	52	4
8 Cippenham	10	0	1	9	22	58	1

NOTE: Pengeley Sports Torbay failed to fulfil their fixture against Prudential Ibis on Sunday, 21st February, 1982, and action has been taken in accordance with regulation 22.1.1.

TOP 12

New Stars at Nantes

by ALAN RANSOME

After a decade of the European scene being dominated by a handful of players, two new stars have emerged in the persons of Sweden's Mikael Appelgren and Bettine Vriesekoop of the Netherlands, both winning their respective singles in the Top 12 tournament in Nantes, France from Feb. 4/6, 1982.

From an English view point both Jill Hammersley and Desmond Douglas had their chances and this report could have been easily all the more potent had they taken the opportunities that were afforded them.

In the Men's Appelgren started badly, losing two of his first four encounters to his compatriot, Ulf Carlsson, and the local hero, Jacques Secretin. After that Appelgren never looked back winning all 7 of his remaining sets, including wins over Andrzej Grubba "duece" in the fifth, Milan Orlowski in the vital set that decided the Championship at 21-17 in the fourth and Desmond Douglas at 16 in the fifth. Douglas really should have beaten the young Swede. He won the first two comfortably and looked set for an easy victory, only to take the pressure off for some reason and allow Appelgren to dominate and take the next three games as comfortably as Douglas had taken the first two.

Orlowski played well to finish in second place. His loss to Appelgren was a crucial one, although a failure against Zoran Kalinic put him under pressure. He did well, however, to beat Douglas at 19 in the fifth and Secretin 17 in the fifth.

Douglas finished in third position with 8 victories. He did well to beat Dvoracek, always a sticky customer for Douglas, in his opening set and then Kucharski by a 3-1 margin. Like Appelgren he lost two of his first four sets, to Grubba and Orlowski, but from that stage did well to pull through into third position, except, of

course, for the loss to Appegren which lost him his chance of the title.

Jill Hammersley played some of her best table tennis for some time. Her new bat confounded several of the leading European women, Popova being despatched to the extent of 9 and 10, Uhlikova at 13 and 9 and Hrachova at 17 and 7. Judit Magos did not have the same difficulty and hit through Jill in straight games in the early part of the tournament but Jill did well to overcome Gordana Perkucin of Yugoslavia 14 in the third.

After the first few rounds it was clear that the Championship was to be decided between Jill and Bettine Vriesekoop. Bettine made a better start but slipped up badly towards the end losing to Zsuzsa Olah of Hungary. Vriesekoop then despatched Magos 10 and 12 The final round decided the title and Jill had every chance against Miss Vriesekoop. She won the first and lead 11-7 in the second, only to appear to lose concentration, playing two or three loose shots and allowing the tenacious Dutch girl back into the match. The decider was a cliffhanger with Vriesekoop just taking it at "duece" after some tremendous table tennis.

The event in France was marred a little in the men's section by the non appearance of three leading players, Klampar, Surbek and Jonyer but nevertheless there was some magnificent table tennis and English enthusiasts are in for a treat when the Championship is played in Cleveland in 12 months time.

A small group from next year's organising committee, including Bill Sykes of Cleveland County Council, David Hutchinson, Jose and myself, together with Bob Oldfield from the ETTA made the trip to Nantes. It was well worthwhile and showed us clearly what a magnificent event we have to promote for 1983. But there is a lot to do between now and then.

FINAL PLACINGS

Women

		W	L
1	B. Vriesekoop (NET)	10	1
2	**J. Hammersley** (ENG)	9	2
3	M. Hrachova (CZE)	8	3
4	A-C. Hellman (SWE)	7	4
5	V. Popova (USS)	7	4
6	U. Kamizuru (GFR)	5	6
7	Z. Olah (HUN)	5	6
8	J. Magos (HUN)	4	7
9	G. Perkucin (YUG)	3	8
10	M. Lindblad (SWE)	3	8
11	G. Szabo (HUN)	3	8
12	I. Uhlikova (CZE)	2	9

Men

		W	L
1	M. Appelgren (SWE)	9	2
2	M. Orlowski (CZE)	8	3
3	**D. Douglas** (ENG)	8	3
4	S. Bengtsson (SWE)	7	4
5	J. Secretin (FRA)	7	4
6	A. Grubba (POL)	6	5
7	Z. Kalinic (YUG)	6	5
8	J. Pansky (CZE)	5	6
9	J. Dvoracek (CZE)	4	7
10	L. Kucharski (POL)	3	8
11	G. Gergely (HUN)	2	9
12	U. Carlsson (SWE)	1	10

DETAILED RESULTS

Round 1

Women
Kamizuru bt Popova 14, 10.
Olah bt Magos 16, 18.
Hammersley bt Szabo 19, 17.
Vriesekoop bt Perkucin 8, 21.
Helman bt Lindblad 20, 13.
Hrachova bt Uhlikova -16, 16, 18.

Men
Douglas bt Dvoracek 15, 15, -19, -16, 13.
Orlowski bt Pansky 19, -15, -16, 10, 19.
Kucharski bt Grubba 22, -18, 18, 17.
Secretin bt Gergely -12, 8, 19, 11.
Bengtsson bt Carlsson 19, -10, 19, -14, 15.
Appelgren bt Kalinic 18, -14, 10, 13.

Round 2

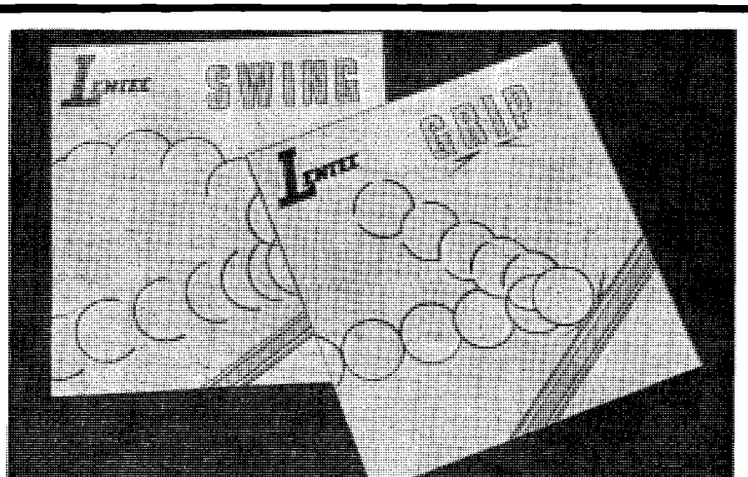
Women
Popova bt Magos -16, 13, 18.
Hammersley bt Kamizuru 19, 15.
Olah bt Szabo 15, 8.
Vriesekoop bt Lindblad 13, 7.
Hrachova bt Perkucin -14, 19, 13.
Uhlikova bt Hellman 20, -12, 18.

Men
Douglas bt Kucharski -20, 11, 6, 18.
Grubba bt Pansky -17, 13, 21, 15.
Orlowski bt Dvoracek 15, 6, 14.
Secretin bt Carlsson 17, 19, 17.
Appelgren bt Bengtsson 14, 12, 15.
Kalinic bt Gergely -19, 7, -12, 14, 11.

Round 3

Women
Hammersley bt Popova 9, 10.
Szabo bt Magos 10, 17.
Kamizuru bt Olah 18, 17.
Vriesekoop bt Hrachova 17, 16.
Lindblad bt Uhlikova 17, -13, 15.
Hellman bt Perkucin 14, 11.

Men
Grubba bt **Douglas** 21, -16, 18, 17.
Pansky bt Dvoracek 16, 15, 18.
Orlowski bt Kucharski 16, -19, 9, 19.
Secretin bt Kalinic 16, 9, 14.
Carlsson bt Appelgren -19, -16, 13, 8, 17.
Gergely bt Bengtsson 19, 17, 16.



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Round 4

Women
Popova bt Szabo 12, -12, 16.
Vriesekoop bt Uhlikova 17, 17.
Magos bt Kamizuru 22, 18.
Hammersley bt Olah 14, 13.
Hrachova bt Hellman 11, -17, 18.
Lindblad bt Perkucin 20, -16, 6.

Men
Orlowski bt **Douglas** 18, -19, -23, 10, 19.
Grubba bt Dvoracek 9, 7, 14.
Pansky bt Kucharski 14, 16, 16.
Secretin bt Appelgren -18, 17, 19, 12.
Kalinic bt Bengtsson 17, -20, 19, -21, 18.
Gergely bt Carlsson 11, 11, -19, 12.

Round 5

Women
Popova bt Olah 14, 8.
Kamizuru bt Szabo 16, 17.
Magos bt **Hammersley** 18, 14.
Hrachova bt Lindblad 17, 15.
Perkucin bt Uhlikova 17, 16.
Vriesekoop bt Hellman 10, 14.

Men
Douglas bt Pansky 10, 14, 18.
Orlowski bt Grubba 19, 17, -18, 16.
Dvoracek bt Kucharski 7, 13, -21, 15.
Bengtsson bt Secretin 11, 9, 13.
Appelgren bt Gergely 17, -18, -14, 17, 7.
Kalinic bt Carlsson 15, 10, 12.

Round 6

Women
Popova bt Lindblad -15, 17, 5.
Hrachova bt Magos -18, 12, 18.
Vriesekoop bt Szabo 14, 16.
Hellman bt Olah 8, 17.
Perkucin bt Kamizuru 20, 21.
Hammersley bt Uhlikova 13, 9.

Men
Secretin bt Kucharski 14, 17, 13.
Orlowski bt Carlsson 17, 10, 18.
Bengtsson bt Grubba -10, -14, 11, 8, 14.
Douglas bt Gergely 16, 11, -15, 9.
Kalinic bt Pansky 23, -15, -12, 15, 21.
Appelgren bt Dvoracek 16, 14, 12.

Round 7

Women
Popova bt Uhlikova 17, -20, 12.
Hrachova bt Olah 13, 18.
Vriesekoop bt Magos 10, 12.
Hellman bt Szabo 12, 8.
Kamizuru bt Lindblad 6, -19, 11.
Hammersley bt Perkucin -17, 14, 18.

Men
Secretin bt Dvoracek 16, 10, 13.
Bengtsson bt Orlowski 16, -18, 17, 18.
Douglas bt Carlsson 13, 14, -18, 22.
Grubba bt Gergely -8, 14, 13, 12.
Kalinic bt Kucharski 13, 8, 14.
Appelgren bt Pansky 9, 20, 31.

Round 8

Women
Popova bt Hrachova 15, 16.
Olah bt Vriesekoop -19, 18, 14.
Hellman bt Kamizuru 12, 12.
Perkucin bt Szabo 12, 14.
Uhlikova bt Magos -20, 15, 18.
Hammersley bt Lindblad 18, 15.

Men
Pansky bt Secretin 23, 16, -10, 12.
Orlowski bt Gergely 15, 17, 19.
Bengtsson bt Kucharski 14, 12, 26.
Grubba bt Kalinic 18, -18, 12, -17, 19.
Dvoracek bt Carlsson 18, 18, 19.
Appelgren bt **Douglas** -18, -13, 10, 16, 16.

Round 9

Women
Hrachova bt Szabo 16, 18.
Vriesekoop bt Popova 11, 14.
Olah bt Perkucin 6, 17.
Magos bt Lindblad 16, 11.
Kamizuru bt Uhlikova 20, 14.
Hammersley bt Hellman 9, 13.

Men
Kalinic bt Orlowski -10, -15, 20, 9, 15.
Bengtsson bt Pansky -13, 19, 14, 5.
Grubba bt Carlsson 11, 17, 11.
Appelgren bt Kucharski 19, 17, -17, 19.
Douglas bt Secretin 12, 12, 9.
Dvoracek bt Gergely 15, 16, 15.

Round 10

Women
Hellman bt Magos 15, 10.
Vriesekoop bt Kamizuru 22, -13, 15.
Popova bt Perkucin 17, 11.
Szabo bt Lindblad 15, -18, 13.
Olah bt Uhlikova -19, 9, 15.
Hammersley bt Hrachova 17, 7.

Men
Appelgren bt Orlowski 13, -10, 17, 17.
Pansky bt Carlsson -18, 19, 9, -19, 18.
Douglas bt Bengtsson 10, -19, 17, 17.
Kucharski bt Gergely 18, 17, 19.
Secretin bt Grubba 4, 17, 11.
Dvoracek bt Kalinic -17, 17, 16, 20.

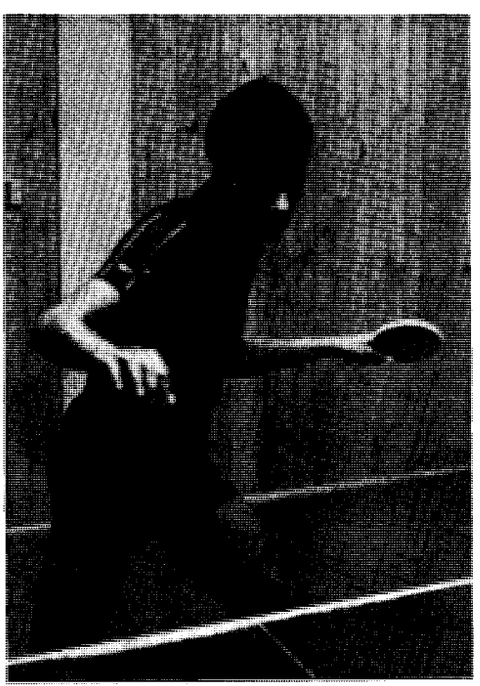
Round 11

Women
Hrachova bt Kamizuru 14, -7, 11.
Vriesekoop bt **Hammersley** -20, 17, 20.
Magos bt Perkucin 14, -18, 12.
Lindblad bt Olah -17, 18, 13.
Helman bt Popova 16, 17.
Szabo bt Uhlikova 20, -13, 15.

Men
Appelgren bt Grubba -15, 15, -14, 13, 20.
Douglas bt Kalinic 15, -19, -12, 18, 18.
Kucharski bt Carlsson 15, 16, 17.
Pansky bt Gergely -15, 17, 13, -10, 17.
Orlowsky bt Secretin -16, -22, 14, 7, 17.
Bengtsson bt Dvoracek 11, 8, 14.

News from the Trade

TSP SPORTS SUPPORTS SKYLET ANDREW



SKYLET ANDREW

Following his renewal of an exclusive world contract with TSP Sports Europe Ltd., Skylet Andrew has continued to gain startling successes since using the "New Astoll" rubber marketed by this company.

Skylet regards this as one of the major reasons for his several recent wins over higher ranked players, including England's International, Douggie Johnson, in a recent National League match.

When Skylet was first signed up by Mr. Eddy King, who heads the TSP company, he was not even included in the junior rankings but very quickly he reached the No. 3 position, using this rubber.

"I thought that Skylet looked the most exciting young prospect in the game in England and I am delighted that he is now gaining the successes he deserves" says Mr. King. He has been sent on overseas trips by TSP to gain further experience and confidence and now, aged 19, Skylet is making an even bigger impact on the senior scene and is all set to establish himself as an England International player.

PAUL DAY JOINS TSP

Paul Day, England's No. 2 player, has signed a contract with the world famous TSP equipment company to use and endorse TSP brand table tennis bats, equipment and clothing exclusively throughout the world.

By so doing he joins his doubles partner and close friend, Desmond Douglas, who has been with the TSP company since it entered the European market some 4½ years ago.

Mr. Eddy King, who heads the TSP Sports Europe company from its headquarters in London, says "I am delighted that Paul has joined us as I know that, like Des Douglas, he will be a fine ambassador both for TSP and for the sport of table tennis, and we are very pleased that we now have England's leading two players using TSP equipment".

Both Paul and Des will be using the new TSP "New Astoll" on their bats, which is proving so popular and successful among players, both in Asia and throughout Europe, and which has taken many years to perfect.

John Woodford reports from . . .

SUSSEX

DIANE IS BACK!

Diane Griggs the former Sussex champion and the hardest hitter of the ball in East Sussex, men included, is back! Starting slowly and cautiously in the Eastbourne league, she has won six on the trot but the six included in three games the Hastings champion Sheila King, who has been having a very good season including winning the Nicholls Cup.

Diane will not be tackling the bigger tournaments and county matches until next season however. Following Diane's baby, Carol Hewett is next on the list for a spell in the club, but is expecting to be back in action next September, only two months after having her second baby.

Rachel Mackriell is to be the No. 1 seed at Worthing in the £750 Lombard Sussex Championships, played as always on 16 tables on one day, Feb. 14 at Worthing Sports Centre. She is seeded to meet Mrs. Hewett in the final.

Malcolm Francis is the No. 1 seed and is rarin' to go with this quote, "I expect to win it without dropping a game". That's confidence. No Moore brothers, they are slaving away for computer points in the clashing Essex Open, but Graham Gillett lurks in the bottom half, a real danger-man for Francis, if he can get at him!

A few weeks ago, it looked as though Peter Pudduck might make it a triple at Worthing, having snatched the Seaman Cup and the West Sussex crown, but he has suffered a lapse of form recently lengthening the odds against him.

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COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

Mick Miles reports from . . .

BEDFORDSHIRE

HARD TIMES

The news of Shropshire's withdrawal from the County Championships must have sent a shudder throughout many County bodies who like ourselves have had little success in obtaining sponsorship and have to rely heavily on just a handful of committed, hardworking people, from the hundreds that participate in League play, to see the County through.

Bedfordshire Table Tennis has also been put into some difficulty this season by a recent upsurge of interest in Roller Skating. Traditionally, our County Tournaments are held (at nominal cost) in Vauxhall Motors Main Canteen. This venue is large enough to accommodate our Junior and Senior Tournaments on the same day with ease.

Unfortunately for us it is also large enough to attract over 300 skaters at £1 a time, every Sunday afternoon, which makes it a financial "no-contest" with ourselves. As a result, our competition has been divided in two on separate days at a smaller venue, whilst our many sports centre halls (the only comparable venues) stand empty because of the prohibitive hiring charges.

As it happened, a heavy snowfall the day prior to the Junior closed, plus, not a single entry form received from the Bedford League, saw the smallest turnout for this Tournament for many years.

Final Results:
Boys' Singles:
David Sharpe bt Colin Luscombe.
Boys' Doubles:
Ian Doughty/Andy Conquest bt Sharpe/Luscombe.
Girls' Singles:
Julie Dimmock bt Mary Jarrett.
Girls' Doubles:
Dimmock/Julie Miles bt Jarrett/Christine Lawrence.
Consolation Boys' Singles:
Peter Edwards bt Martin Sharpe.
Consolation Boys' Doubles:
Edwards/Sharpe bt John Masters/Richard Tungay.
Consolation Girls' Singles:
Joyce Mitchell bt Christine Lawrence.
Consolation Girls' Doubles:
Mitchell/Lawrence bt Hazel Lawrence/Louise Dean.
Mixed Doubles:
Doughty/Dimmock bt Sharpe/Jarrett.

No snow, but the small turnout still continued for the Senior Tournament.

Gavin Booth, Beds No. 1, managed to retain his Men's Singles title, but although most of the ranked men were entered, it was the No. 4 Junior, Andrew Conquest (having an outstanding day in the other half) who came through to meet Gavin in the final.

Andrew continued to play well, and after managing to overcome his initial difficulty in handling Gavin's serves, went on to lead 20-18 in the third. Gavin then replied with some terrific power play to win the title on "deuce".

Other Results:
Women's Singles:
Audrey Robinson bt Dawn Campbell.
Veteran Singles:
Colin Gill bt Jim Wooliscroft.
Women's Doubles:
Robinson/Lyn Robinson bt Campbell/Julie Miles.
Mixed Doubles:
David Hyde/Robinson bt David Foster/Campbell.

Our teams were all successful on the first County Weekend in 1982.

The Senior First Team defeated our neighbours, Hunts, 7-3. With most participants playing in the same local leagues, there was a fair amount of personal pride involved in the match, with more than half the teams still Juniors.

Ian Doughty did well to beat his friend and League team-mate John Wright and then reverse a previous League defeat over Garry Hamilton.

Lisa Bellinger was 16-20 down in the first to Nikki Hamilton, then with a subtle change of game stayed at the table to "deuce it" and go on to win in straight games. Julie Dimmock demonstrated her reliability once again by matching Linda Phelps in every department of the game to run out a comfortable winner.

Neither Gavin Booth nor David Sharpe could get the better of Philip Bradbury, but Gavin won his other singles and with David won the Men's Doubles.

The Veterans entertained Cumbria, and looked to be heading for a comfortable victory when leading 4-1, but the visitors then shook off the effects of their long journey, to fight back. Beds finally won 5-4, thanks to a maximum from Peter Cutting, a singles apiece from Jim Wooliscroft and Colin Gill, plus the Men's Doubles.

Meanwhile the Junior Seconds travelled down to Norwich for a match against Norfolk. Andrew Conquest got us away with a victory over Chris Moffett, but David Honor levelled with a win over Lee Holmes.

Our No. 2 Andrew James put us ahead again with a win over Norfolk No. 1 Chris Rayment, but the Norfolk girls did well to square the match by winning the Doubles.

From then on, the match went our way with the two Andrews winning the Boys' Doubles and their second singles. Lee Holmes, Mary Jarrett and Lisa Robins each contributed a set to give us an 8-2 victory.

Bedfordshire Schools Team did well in the E.S.T.T.A. Area Finals. Bedford Modern Boys U-13 and U-19 teams won through to the Regional Finals as did the Putteridge Girls U-16 team. The Ramridge U-11 Girls reached the National Final at Lea Green for the second successive year (with, of course, a new team for this Season). The Samuel Whitbread School of Shefford also won through.

Jackie and Lisa Bellinger's appearance at the English Open created a great deal of interest in the National and Local Press plus a feature on both T.V. and Local Radio.

Jackie also reached the final of the "Cotswolds" where the Sharpe/Luscombe pairing in the Boys' Doubles "came good", to take them all the way to the final. (I believe that when they knocked out the No. 1 seeds in straight games, they were called to control to check if it was not a case of the umpire putting down the score the wrong way around!). David also reached the last 16 in the Boys' Singles with Colin going out to Carl Prean in the same event.

Lisa Robins did well at the Yorkshire Junior by reaching the final of the U-12 Girls' Singles.

Obituaries

MARK ANDREWS

Mark was currently ranked No. 7 in our promising Junior Boys' Squad and had represented Bedfordshire on many occasions during the past two seasons, until Saturday work commitments had necessitated his withdrawal from the team just prior to Christmas.

Mark was a natural ball player who played League Table Tennis for Luton Boys' Club and recently won a Racket Sports Superstars Competition run by one of our Sports Centres.

It was in sport that Mark, at only 16, met his untimely death through a tragic accident whilst playing football for his firm in the Sunday Soccer League.

ARCHIE FOSSEY

Archie was a cheerful and popular character in local Table Tennis who, despite being born with only one complete arm, excelled in many sports.

He represented the Luton League many times at Table Tennis, was an English International "One Arm Golfer", an excellent Ice Skater and an outstanding motorcycle scrambler!

His involvement with sport was total and on the administration side was a former Vice-President of the same, up to his death just after Christmas.

JEAN REID

Although not herself a player, Jean was well known locally as a match spectator, and from her seat at the Luton Vauxhall Table Tennis Club must, in recent years, have watched every team in the League. Our sympathies are extended to her husband George, who with Jean's support, has spent countless hours coaching youngsters in our area, and to their sons, Gordon and Kenneth, both former County Players.

M.M.

Ian E. McKelvey reports on the . . .

MIDLAND LEAGUE

ONE WIN AWAY

Chesterfield "A" are now only one win away from taking the Men's Division 1 title for the first time ever. They beat Wolverhampton "A" 6-4, taking four in a row from 2-3 down. Alan Cooke won three and Maurice Billington two, whilst Steve Dunning who is having a good season took two for Wolverhampton. Chesterfield had little trouble with county rivals Derby "A", dropping only the final set. Birmingham "A" are now almost sure of the runners-up spot, inflicting a 9-1 defeat on Wolverhampton "A" and an 8-2 on Nottingham "A". These results were perhaps a little flattering with six sets going the distance in each match. At the foot of the table Gloucester led Leicester "A" 6-0 although the match eventually ended at 6-4. This result should ensure relegation for last season's champions!

Potteries "B" have beaten Nottingham "B" and Stroud in Men's Div. 2 to regain second place behind their own "A" team. Andrew Golding won three for Stroud, but only Alan Giles could add to that with a win over Eddie Wilkes at 25 in the third. John Riley, John Hancock and Mark Evans each won two against Nottingham and each lost to a different opponent as Potteries faltered in the middle of the match.

Coventry "B" are the new leaders in Men's Div. 3. They beat Shrewsbury 8-2, with three from Michael Thomas, and drew with Oxford. Thomas and Jaz Singh won two each for Coventry; Clive Alcock and Peter Jones two each for Oxford, who are now in second place. Both Oxford and Coventry have dropped two points in drawn matches, and the division could well be settled on sets average which slightly favours Coventry at present.

Market Drayton moved up to second

position in Men's Div. 4 and will no doubt take over the leadership from Nuneaton when they play their matches in hand. Indeed they beat Nuneaton 8-2 and Leamington by the same score. The brothers Stan and Joe Deakin lead the divisional averages, but seem less happy as a doubles pairing being beaten in both matches. Derby "B" obtained their first win of the season 8-2 over Leamington, Martin Simpson winning three and Steve McCarthy and Robert Albutt sporting well with two each.

Birmingham "A" and Gloucester have emerged as the main contenders for Junior Division 1. Birmingham beat previously unbeaten Wolverhampton 8-2 after Murray Jukes had taken Phil Gunn's 100% record in the opening set. A number of sets were very close, notably Rod Lewis's win over Jukes by -20, 18, 23. Chesterfield "A" were summarily despatched 10-0. Gloucester meanwhile beat Nottingham "A" 7-3 and Shrewsbury 9-1, Paul Jackson and Darren Griffin winning two maximums each. Jackson is now the only 100% player in the division. Nottingham also had little difficulty with doomed Shrewsbury, winning 9-1 despite including a reserve, Kenny Howard, who did well to beat Dean Poutney in the opening set.

Nuneaton lost 4-6 to Market Drayton "A" in Junior Div. 3, their first defeat. Dave Waddington and Steve Ball won two each for Nuneaton but both had to give best to Sean Groom whose maximum turned the match. Market Drayton have played only two matches but have beaten two teams that have otherwise not dropped any points, Nuneaton and Birmingham "C". These will decide the runners-up place between them in their meeting later in the season.

The Veterans Division 1 title is surely going back to Nottingham "A" after a year's absence. They avenged last season's defeat by Birmingham "A", winning 7-3 with Alf Saunders in devastating form. Ron Bolton and Alan Jesson added two each to Saunder's three. Terry Bache collected both Birmingham's singles. Coventry "A" gained their first point in a draw with Oxford "A", an overdue return to form by Roy Thomas netting him three including a good win over Alf Davies.

Veterans Div. 2 has seen great activity with no less than ten matches. Leamington moved to the top of the division with wins over Nottingham "B" 7-3 and Leicester "B" 6-4, and a draw with Oxford "B". Against Nottingham, John Earles and John Finlay won three each, and they won two each against Leicester as did Paul Collins. Gerry Collins won three for Oxford to maintain his unbeaten run since his comeback, but Earles and Finlay again won two each. Oxford stand second in the chart. They beat Stratford 8-2. Birmingham "B", who are third, had 8-2 wins over Kidderminster and Stroud. The three leading teams are all unbeaten; Oxford maybe hold an advantage by having drawn once only whilst Birmingham and Leamington have drawn twice; on the other hand Leamington have played both their rivals but Oxford and Birmingham have yet to meet.

Jack Chalkley reports from . . .

STAFFORDSHIRE

STRENGTH DEMONSTRATED

The strength of Yorkshire table tennis was clearly demonstrated when a young second team came to Staffordshire and held our senior side to a narrow 6-4 win. The match was staged by the Potteries League at the Norton club, but an unfortunate clash with the Stoke v Manchester United game meant that only a limited number of spectators saw what turned out to be a first class competitive match.

Staffs built up a 4-1 lead at the halfway stage with two good wins in the doubles. Credit goes to Andrew Bellingham and Andy Rich for applying themselves to this important match after such a poor run in the past, and as it turned out it made all the difference to the final result. But from then on things fell apart. Rich lost for the second time on "deuce" in the third, and Bellingham was never in control in his set with Tony Sanderson. Once again we were able to rely on a 100% performance from our girls Jill Harris and Janet Dunning to pull us through, and all credit to Jill for overcoming a severe bout of nerves against Helen Shields. Jill was cruising to an easy victory with a 5-point lead in the second game when her opponent suddenly found her form and took the game 21-19. Although ranked higher than Helen, Jill's County performances have often suffered from her nerves, and it was a delight to see her hang on grimly in the third and eventually put her game together to run out a much relieved winner. This gave Staffs a 6-3 winning lead, but all was not over.

The highlight of the match turned out to be the last set between Mark Evans from the Potteries and the Yorks No. 2, Michael Stead. Stead had already given Bellingham a close run, and his set against Evans produced a stunning display of all-action table tennis and the thrilling climax ended with a standing ovation from the appreciative audience. Stead appeared to have the edge most of the time, but the fast attacking game suited Evans' style, and he levelled the score by taking the second game. The climax started when Evans was 16-19 down in the third. He pulled back to "deuce" and then, with neither player willing to give way, they hammered away at each other in a great exhibition of hitting and retrieving attack. The score mounted point by point until Stead took the game at 28-26. It was unimportant who won; if only table tennis like this could be seen on television instead of the chessboard contests with tricky bats and no spectator appeal!

RESULTS
Bellingham bt Stead -17, 15, 18;
lost to Sanderson -19, 14 ,-16.
Rich lost to Sanderson 18, -14, -20;
lost to Stephen Sharpe -17, 17, -24.
Evans bt Sharpe 15, 16;
lost to Stead -17, 13, -26.
Bellingham/Rich bt Sanderson/Stead
15, -19, 16.
Harris bt Shields 11, -19, 14.
Dunning bt Julie Speight 8, 12.
Harris/Dunning bt Shields/Speight 13, 20.

Staffs II travelled to Cheshire and were beaten 6-4 by the home County's second team. Surprisingly, the young trio of Craig Bakewell, Paul Barnett and Bill Bridgeman failed to win a singles set and it was left to the girls, Fiona Elliot and Vicky Bellingham to make the score respectable by winning both singles and the doubles.

Continuing the policy of running the junior "B" side on a squad basis, Staffs fielded a team mostly of cadets when they entertained Hereford, but even so they proved far too strong for the visitors and recorded a 10-0 victory. Adrian Hough, Roderick Heap, Kevin Lawrence, Jill Powis and Tracey Spencer represented Staffs in this good win.

After an excellent last season, the County League is this year suffering from a spate of postponed matches and delayed sending in of results sheets. Disciplinary action has already had to be taken with one team, and a less patient league secretary would have taken action with a number of other sides. Potteries "A" have a clear lead in Division 1 but in Div. 2 competition is close and we still have the possibility of the teams all finishing with the same number of points. In the lower divisions, Wolverhampton "D" & "E", Leek "B" & "C" and Walsall "C" still have 100% records.

Latest positions:

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Potteries "A"	4	4	0	30	6	8
Potteries "B"	3	2	1	17	10	4
Wolverhampton "A"	3	2	1	16	11	4
Stafford "A"	3	2	1	13	14	4
Stone "A"	3	0	3	8	19	0
Walsall "A"	4	0	4	6	30	0

Division 2

Leek "A"	3	2	1	15	12	4
West Bromwich "A"	4	2	2	19	17	4
Walsall "B"	4	2	2	19	17	4
Wolverhampton "B"	4	2	2	18	18	4
Wolverhampton "C"	3	1	2	11	16	2
Lichfield "A"	2	1	1	7	11	2

Division 3

Wolverhampton "D"	4	4	0	26	14	8
Leek "B"	3	3	0	25	5	6
Cannock "A"	4	2	2	25	15	4
Stafford "B"	3	2	1	18	12	4
Cannock "B"	4	0	4	10	30	0
Bridgnorth "A"	4	0	4	6	34	0

Division 4

Walsall "C"	3	3	0	20	10	6
Lichfield "B"	4	3	1	24	16	6
Tamworth	3	2	1	17	13	4
Potteries "C"	4	2	2	21	19	4
Stafford Vets.	4	1	3	15	25	2
Stone "B"	3	1	2	15	15	2
Stone "C"	3	0	3	8	22	0

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wolverhampton "E"	3	3	0	0	19	11	6
Leek "C"	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Stafford "D"	3	1	2	0	16	14	4
Lichfield "C"	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Lichfield "D"	4	1	0	3	17	23	2
Stafford "C"	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Potteries "D"	4	0	1	3	9	31	1

Draw for the quarter-finals of the Beattie Trophy are:
Lichfield "B" v Walsall "C"
Wolverhampton "A" v West Bromwich
Lichfield "C" v Lichfield "A"
Potteries "B" v Potteries "C"

Mike Leach, Wolverhampton secretary, reports on an excellent day's table tennis at their closed tournament held at Featherstone Prison. Understandably, Andrew Bellingham took three titles but the surprise of the tournament was Fiona Elliot's defeat of Janet Dunning in the women's final. Earlier in the day, Fiona had lost to Amanda Hegarty in the girls' event which was eventually won by Vicky Bellingham who also had a successful day with three wins.

The results, which will be interesting to compare with those of next month's County Closed, were as follows:

Men's Singles:
Andrew Bellingham bt Andrew Rich 9, 6.
Women's Singles:
Fiona Elliot bt Janet Dunning -19, 11, 10.
Men's Doubles:
Bellingham /Paul Draisye bt Rich/Steve Dunning -20, 20, 19.
Women's Doubles:
Shirley Cain/Vicky Bellingham bt Dunning/Joanne Chubb 17, -17, 17.
Mixed Doubles:
Bellingham/Bellingham bt Dunning/Dunning 13, 16.
Veteran Singles:
Ray Dixon bt Sid Hodgetts -11, 10, 20.
(A great fightback by Sid Hodgetts here, only to be pipped on "deuce").
Boys' Singles:
Andrew Dixon bt Adrian Dixon 18, 18.
Girls' Singles:
Vicky Bellingham bt Amanda Hegarty 14, -17 ,10.

In the Stafford Closed, with finals night still to come, the main surprise was the achievement of four RAF players in reach-

ing the quarter-finals of the men's. Only Bob Murray survived to the semis, but both Bill Bridgeman and John Taylor must consider themselves lucky in gaining narrow wins over airmen Tony O'Shea and Wing on Fung. Paul Dilger was the fourth semi-finalist.

Mike Baker reports on the . . .

SOMERSET & AVON LEAGUE

PARADE OF POSSIBLES

Not for many seasons have we had such a parade of possible champions. Failand, the present holders, lead at the moment but they have already had two reverses at the hands of Page Club (Bristol) and Bath 'A'. In the Page match Brian Reeves was again the mainstay for Failand, but the Page girls, Tina Shortman and Dina Sandford, took four of their five sets to clinch the two points. The Bath 'A' game followed much the same pattern with Reeves again unbeaten, but Shirley O'Brien and Joan Collier took four sets from Failand's ladies and once more Failand finished up two sets behind. This win was especially pleasing for Bath as they were without first choices Julie Cruse and Joanna Bush.

Taunton 'A', like Bath 'A', are yet unbeaten, but did drop a point to Failand.

Knowle and Brislington (Bristol) have surprisingly disappointed, failing to win so far, and being beaten comprehensively by Page Club. Paul Jackson took his singles for K. & B., but once again it was the Page girls, Tina and Dina that put the match beyond doubt. Knowle and Brislington also suffered at the hands of Bath 'B' when again it was the ladies that carried the day, with Shirley O'Brien and Linda Porter being unbeaten. Chris Curl salvaged something for K. & B. being the only one unbeaten in the men's singles, with wins over George Saunders and Mike Bridgman.

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Failand 'A'	5	2	1	2	28	22	5
Bath 'A'	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Page	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Taunton 'A'	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Bath 'B'	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Knowle/Brislington .	3	0	0	3	8	22	0

In Division One, Yeovil look determined not to miss out on promotion this season and have three wins out of three. Their last win however was a close affair and needed a Steve Hunt 25-23, 21-18 victory over Nick Fletcher in the final set to take both points from Weston Y.M.C.A. Steve, Dave Carter and Betty Bonner took the honours, all being unbeaten in their singles. Southmead (Bristol) and Chard, both with Yeovil to play, are still unbeaten and could still fill the one promotion place. Chard's recent visit to Nailsea 'A' was a convincing 9-1 win with Colin Hickley, Alan Jackson, Paul Dunston and Maidee Waller all unbeaten. Southmead proved to be made of sterner stuff and returned from Chard with a draw, thanks mainly to their girls Helen Cryer and Michelle Tighe. Somerset's Steve Manlow together with Colin Hickley took all Chard's sets.

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yeovil	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Southmead	3	2	1	0	22	8	5
Chard	2	1	1	0	14	6	3
Weston Y.M.C.A. ...	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Nailsea 'A'	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Taunton 'B'	3	0	0	3	2	28	0

Mendip look to be the only safe bet for promotion with a 100% record so far, and those wins against their nearest rivals, both by 8-2 margins. Their last win over Bath was led by Phil Ware, Roy Smith and Alan Maidment and gave Jackie Rowe a singles win on her debut for the representative side. Newcomers, West Somerset League have yet to win a match, but they have broken their duck and won four sets with wins for Wendy Pryce and Bill Kelly.

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mendip	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Bath 'C'	4	2	1	1	26	14	5
Nailsea 'B'	3	2	0	1	14	16	4
Taunton 'C'	4	1	0	3	12	28	2
Failand 'B'	2	0	1	1	9	11	1
West Somerset	2	0	0	2	4	16	0

In Junior Division One, Weston 'A' stay top after a 10-0 trouncing of Taunton. Mark Nicholls, Nick Fletcher, Carl Rutherford and Kirsty Witheyman were never really extended. Bristol Juniors are unbeaten so far but have had to work hard for their wins, and just scraped through both games by 6-4. Their girls Karen Testa and Dawn Whittaker are still 100% but only Martin Coles of the boys has recorded two wins a match.

Junior Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Weston 'A'	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Bristol	2	2	0	0	12	8	4
Bath 'A'	2	1	0	1	13	7	2
Bridgwater 'A'	2	0	0	2	7	13	0
Taunton	2	0	0	2	1	19	0

Yeovil's return to the Junior ranks has been very successful and they edge out Weston and Bridgwater second strings. Lee Sadler is unbeaten and Ian Dicker, John Smeeton and Caroline Brake have only lost one singles each. Having beaten both Bridgwater and Weston they must be a fair bet for promotion.

Junior Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yeovil	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Bridgwater 'B'	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Weston 'B'	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Bath 'B'	2	1	0	1	13	7	2
Chard	2	0	0	2	5	15	0
West Somerset	3	0	0	3	0	30	0

Pauline Long reports from . . .

NORTHUMBERLAND

GOOD FORM CONTINUED

The County junior team continued their recent good form when in successive weeks they beat Nottinghamshire 7-3 at Byker Community Centre on Jan. 17, and Cleveland II 8-2 at their venue on Jan. 23. Neil McMaster and Christine Burke, with Denise Campbell (on debut) replacing the injured Clare Mouzon for the first fixture, were unbeaten in both matches, while Martin Tate lost only one singles. Nicholas Jeffreys replaced Allan Mathewson to make his debut in the Cleveland match, but unfortunately lost both his singles, although partnering McMaster to a boys' doubles victory.

The Northumberland League representative side suffered a setback with the withdrawal of Andrew Clark (replaced by Neil McMaster) from the Wilmott Cup match against the Harrogate League, but still managed to win 5-4, thanks to Chu Van Que (3) and Ian Robertson (2). The Tyneside Summer League put up a good fight before going down 3-5 to the Sunderland League in the same round. In the Rose Bowl, the Northumberland League side of Clare Mouzon, Christine Burke and Caron Buglass crashed 0-5 to the Sunderland League, but the Tyneside Summer League team (Pauline Long, Susan Norris and Olive Drapkin), entering this competition for the first time, visited Bishop Auckland and came away 6-3 winners, with Pauline and Susan gaining maximums.

The boys' team lost to the Stockton League in the Carter Cup, but the Bromfield Trophy team of Clare Mouzon, Christine Burke and Denise Campbell kept the junior hopes alive by scoring a convincing 7-2 victory over the Ormesby League, with Clare and Christine being undefeated.

The county's young players were again in evidence at the English Schools team event area finals at Eston Leisure Centre, and Newcastle were represented by the Royal Grammar School with teams in each of the boys' sections. All three teams turned in a great performance to win their sections, and now go forward to the Regional Finals, which were to be held at Leeds on Feb. 21. The Royal Grammar School were represented by the following players:

Seniors: Nicholas Jeffreys, Nicholas Ringrose, Paul Morton and Martin Schapira.

Intermediates: Andrew Beattie, Andrew Drapkin, Jonathan Miller and Wasim Shakoor.

Juniors: Mark Blanchard, Kevin Shakesheff, Darren Shaw and Darren Selig.

Mayfair Wallcoverings had an excellent opportunity to move off the bottom of the Premier Division of the National League when they visited fellow strugglers Larkhall, but as in the first half match they had to be content with one point. Peter McQueen made his debut for the Newcastle side (ironically against his old club), but although beating Dave Newman, he lost to David Hannah. Chu Van Que was successful over both Newman and Ian Horsham, and although Keith Paxton easily beat Richard Jermyn, it was all only enough for one point.

However, in their next match against Ellenborough, they put up a tremendous fight and lost only by 3-5, with all of the last five sets needing a third game. Chu and Paxton both beat Mark Mitchell, and Chu only just lost -17 in the third to England ranked Graham Sandley. Robertson beat David Tan to take the third set, but the team can consider themselves unlucky not to have salvaged a point. They now, however, must face a tremendous struggle to retain their place with the elite.

Top class coaching is now being organised by Peter McQueen for invited players at the Eldon Square Recreation Centre each Wednesday from 1900 - 2100 hours. His experience and advice should be of great benefit to our leading senior and junior players.

CROW'S TRANSPORT NORTHUMBERLAND JUNIOR CLOSED

Most of the area juniors were in action at this tournament, which took place at Scotswood Sports Centre on Feb. 13.

The cadet events in the main ran true to form, with Peter Curry, Clare Mouzon and Curry/David Watson taking as expected the singles and doubles titles. Top seed Neil McMaster was a comfortable winner in the boys' singles final over Martin Tate, but Tate at least had the consolation of partnering Nicholas Jeffreys to victory in the boys' doubles. The mixed doubles proved to be the closest final, with senior Closed champions McMaster and Christine Burke only just managing to scrape through against the less experienced pairing of Tate and Clare Mouzon. The big surprise was the defeat of Clare by Christine in the girls' singles final, although she gained partial compensation by retaining her cadet girls' singles title, and partnering her conqueror to victory in the doubles.

RESULTS

Boys' U-17 Singles:
N. McMaster bt M. Tate 12, 15.

Girls' U-17 Singles:
C. Burke bt C. Mouzon 19, 14.

Boys' Doubles:
Tate/N. Jeffreys bt M. Schapira/A. Scott 21, -19, 18.

Girls' Doubles:
Burke/Mouzon bt D. Campbell/J. Drapkin 8, 13.
Mixed Doubles:
McMaster/Burke bt Tate/Mouzon -19, 20, 19.
Cadet Boys' U-14 Singles:
P. Curry bt S. Wough 11, -16, 16.
Cadet Girls' U-14 Singles:
Mouzon bt Drapkin 9, 10.
Cadet Doubles:
Curry/D. Watson bt D. Linskill/D. Shaw 15, 16.
U-11 Open Singles:
Shaw bt K. Bullerwell 3, 6.

Once again we are indebted to our sponsors, Crow's Transport, for enabling us to stage this tournament.

All would-be entrants are again reminded that the Evening Chronicle Northumberland 2-Star Open will be held on May 1 at Concordia Leisure Centre, Cramlington. Entry forms will be available from the organiser, Aubrey Drapkin, 6 Northfield Road, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE3 3UL (Tel. 0632-853878).

Geoff Waters reports from . . .

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

CHANCE GONE

Any realistic chance of honours in the County Championships this season disappeared on Jan. 23 when both first teams suffered heavy defeats.

The seniors were beaten 8-2 by Leicestershire, which must put the midland county as favourites to win Div. 2A. Leicestershire have always been a bogey team for Cambridgeshire and the only time we have beaten them at senior level was in last season's play-offs at St. Neots when we scraped home 5-4, although Leicestershire were without Chris Rogers.

They weren't without him on this occasion however and along with Paul Randell and Karen Smith went through the match unbeaten. Cambridgeshire's two wins came from Andy Withers who beat Pete Smith and Joanne Palmer, who did well to get the better of Julie Revill. There was a rare nought for Keith Richardson, although Phil Reid tells me he played really well.

The juniors' chance of gaining promotion from Junior 3D also disappeared when they crashed 9-1 to Essex II at Fellows Cranleigh.

Julian Wheel prevented a 'whitewash' in the final set when he beat David Window.

This will be the first time since 1978 that Cambs have not won at least one division in the County Championships. Obviously the new structure of the Championships has meant tougher opposition and divisional championships will not now be so easily come by. We may have been 'Cock of the East' on several occasions during the last decade but we now have to raise our game to beat the better teams from North, Midlands and South.

The junior second team were also thrashed by Essex III with Peter Holliday's win over Stephen Dorking our only success. This team now seems certain to finish bottom unless something is gleaned from the long trek to Cumbria.

The one good thing to come out of the weekend was the Senior II win over Norfolk. Robert Swift was back after injury but Withers had moved into the first team to replace Geoff Davies so this team was below strength for the fourth successive match. Norfolk, however, had problems with Douggie Bennett and Phil Logsdon both going down sick a few days before the match.

Even so Norfolk took an early lead 3-1 and Tony Holmes' win over Trevor Bunn had brought us any joy. It was Tony again, in partnership with Swift, who brought us back into contention with a doubles win over Bunn and David Smith. Trevor Smith shook off his earlier mauling at the hands of Paul Dunning to beat David Smith after losing the first game. Val Parkes had a comfortable win over Debra Brown to put Cambs in the lead for the first time and also maintain her 100% record.

Swift continued the good work by beating Bunn and a fifth successive win had at least earned us a point. Norfolk hit back with Wendy Hogg beating Alison Edge over three games, but that man Holmes clinched a fine evening's work by beating Dunning and earn his county two valuable points. This win should now ensure Cambridgeshire's survival in this division for another season.

Hassy Perfection Soham lost their place at the top of the National League Premier Division after being held to a 4-4 draw by Omega. Soham had a bad start when Kenny Jackson lost to the improving Philip Bradbury but Paul Day immediately levelled the score with a comfortable win over Andy Wellman. Soham must have been expecting to go ahead as John Souter was to face David Barr in the next set and John usually does well against the Berkshire player. It was not so this time with David really laying his bogey in straight games.

Again Soham immediately bounced back with an easy win by Dave Wells over David Reeves and Day put them ahead for the first time by beating Bradbury.

This set was a real thriller with Paul losing the first -20 and trailing 18-20 in the second. However he managed to recover to win 24-22 and take the third 19.

Wellman levelled the scores again by beating Wells but Jackson clinched a point with a narrow verdict over Barr.

Souter needed to beat Reeves in the final set of the match to give Soham the points but he failed. He lost the first game -18 then led 19-14 in the second but lost 22-24.

Soham's run in the European Cup came to an end in the semi-final. Having had a walk-over in the quarter-finals against Gdansk because of the troubles in Poland they had to meet Vasutas Budapest, at Soham. Day showed his class by winning two singles against Noviska and Franck but he went down in three to Gabor Gergeley.

These were the only two that Soham won and they went down 2-5. Things might have been different if Jackson had won the opening set against Franck. He won the first game 19 and had two match points in the second but lost 20-22. In the third he trailed 13-20, pulled back to 19-20 and then served into the net.

Philip Reid reports from . . .

LEICESTERSHIRE

SPOTLIGHT ON CLOSED

With no activity County Championship-wise, the spotlight turns to the County Closed. Those with not too long a memory may recall the fiasco of last season when the Leicester League 'sat on the fence' and a very puny Championships indeed was run. This was no reflection on Reg Billson of Loughborough who toiled ceaselessly to ensure that a championships of a sort was run.

Well this season the Leicester League have redeemed themselves although I must say Geoff Aldwinckle's enthusiasm is like a welcome breath of fresh air. Geoff, the County Chairman and League Treasurer has toiled ceaselessly and not only has he worked hard himself; he's cajoled others into working with him. This season's Championships will be held on Sunday, March 7 at the Granby Halls. A massive entry of almost 400 altogether has been entered and with the men's singles totalling 85 and the Hard Bat Singles 64 organiser on the day Ian McKelvey is assured of a hard time.

The 'Hard Bat Singles' is taking on like wildfire. John Prean tells me that on the Isle of Wight they ran a Hard Bat Tournament and all kinds of old bats were resurrected. The same thing has happened here. None of the sports shops have a hard bat to sell and they are beginning to wonder what's hit them! It will be a great social event and table tennis will have all the old-timers (myself included) drooling over what once was. 'It's great to be playing with the old bat again' said Geoff Aldwinckle enthusiastically; then, not quite so enthusiastically 'But I play Phil Powell in the first round'. One person will certainly be there. The intrepid umpire from Cambridge, Mike Jackson time-clock threatingly posed, will be ready to pounce on any unfortunate who 'transgresses' the 15 minutes allowed. Phil's with Geoff is one for a start, Mike, to make your expedites for the season up to 7!!!

Leicester League workers who will also be prominent are Tony Lillicrapp, Ted Collins and Keith Bramhall who will be doing the unglamorous task of carting the tables and placing them into position. But it all sounds like a very hectic day to me! I am indebted to John Shade for the latest edition of the 'Hinckley Loop'. In Division 3 of the Midland League Hinckley have won one (6-4), drawn three and lost one. As they have won the doubles on each occasion they are 'sitting pretty'. It is good to see that this vital aspect of the game has not been neglected.

The 'Holt Trophy' and Inter-Divisional Trophy are still, as yet, unresolved but Ashby Parva pipped Croft 7-2 to take the Bob King Under-17 Team Trophy. The scoreline was in no way a reflection on the play but in Colin Jones and Mark Clayton Ashby had match-winners, even though Martin Bailey extended Mark to a third game. Kinscroft, led by evergreen John Iliffe, top the first division. Other 'table toppers' are Barwell Liberal (3), Ferry Pickering (2 & 4) whilst Westfield lead the Junior Division.

In the Leicester League the untimely death of Geoff Astley has come as a shock. Secretary of The Manor and latterly Plasmatic, Geoff was always enthusiastic and efficient and his death will come as a shock to his many friends in the league. The Rose Johnson Memorial Trophy will celebrate its 21 years in its present form when the ladies gather at Knighton Park TTC on April 4. Originally this tournament was a Ladies Team event but it altered to a more practical form as a Ladies' individual knock-out handicap competition. Fortunately we still have links with Rose Johnson in that her daughter, Lillian Williamson, makes the journey from Kirby Muxloe unerringly to charmingly present the prizes. It is a great social occasion; Audrey Watson is the overall organiser. Her husband, Peter, makes the draw sheet out and her daughter Lucy fills in the winners and scores immaculately!

In Division One Great Glen seem to have things sewn up with Phil Smith (J&S) top of the averages. Other leaders and top of the averages are as follows:- 2 Thorn Lighting, John Veasey (Barwell Libs II). 3 Thurnby/Northwood, John Davies (LBS). 4 Jones & Shipman III, Bob Davis (AEI). 5 Thorn Lighting II, Chris Woodward (Thorn). 6 Bentley Engineering, Vijah Sheth (Bentley). 7 Wyvern, Charlie Wong (University). 8 Goodwin Barsby, Victor Chin (Belgrave Liberals). 9 County Hall,

Peter Cruse (County Hall). 10 Bentley Eng. II, Dave Roche (Rolls Royce). 11 Gynsil, Ian Barkshire (Gynsil). 12 Oadby URC, Richard Pawley (Thorn). 13 Wigston Fields, Mick Hadley (North Evington). 14 Anstey WMC, And Sinfield (J&S). 15 Epworth, Dipak Patel (Epworth). 16 Leics Telephone Area, Tony Williams (LTA). 17 Oadby URC II, Mick Steeples (Oadby URC) and 18 Rolls Royce, Robin Wilkinson (Rolls Royce).

In the Bromfield Trophy, Leicester gained an exciting 5-4 win over Derby thanks to Yvonne Hall (again!) who won all three including an exciting victory over To Thuy Dung. Well done Yvonne!

Gerald Green reports from . . .

SHROPSHIRE

GROVE MAINTAIN CHASE FOR NATIONAL HONOURS

Two comprehensive wins and a hard fought draw ensured that Grove maintain their chase for the Division 2 North National League title.

They hammered lowly South West Durham 8-0 at Bishop Auckland in a match which lasted only a little over two hours. Mark Hankey gave Grove the start they needed by beating Durham's top player John Crawford whilst Tony Boasman proved too experienced for David Blackburne to give them a 2-0 lead. Phil Bowen continued the good work by demolishing Martin Gent and Malcolm Green gave Gary Webstell similar treatment. Boasman made the match safe by beating Crawford. Green followed by showing some of his best form to beat Blackburne, whilst Hankey proved too much for Gent and Bowen completed the match in fine style when beating Webstell.

March went the same way 8-0. Boasman gave the Drayton side a fine start by beating Andy Withers in a hard-fought three game set after trailing 18-20 in the second. Hankey beat Stuart Palmer easily and the score became 3-0 as Green beat Tony Holmes. Bowen continued his recent good form beating Robert Swift and Boasman made the match safe when accounting for Palmer. The score became 6-0 as Hankey used his defensive skills to good effect against Swift and Green was impressive when beating Withers to leave Bowen the task of concluding the rout by annihilating Holmes in a one-sided set.

An unbeaten display by Hankey saved the team from defeat by Ormesby at Middlesbrough. The talented Cheshire county player gave Grove a good start by beating Linda Jarvis in a hard-fought three game set. However, the much improved Lindsay Taylor beat Boasman and Bowen suprisingly fell to Kevin Green. Malcolm Green fought hard to beat Steve Brunskill in a set where the Shropshire player's consistency was the telling factor. A lack lustre performance by Boasman saw Ormesby take the lead as Mrs. Jarvis beat him in straight games and an in-form Taylor beat Green in a match where the Grove player fought hard all the way and was unfortunate not to take the second game. Hankey defeated the hard-hitting Green in an exciting three game set then Bowen displayed his full range of strokes to beat Brunskill, give Grove a draw and keep them at the top of the league.

Double Upset for Alison

There were a few surprises in this year's Shropshire County Schools individual championships staged at the Mary Webb School, Pontesbury and organised by John Cooper.

Perhaps the biggest was the double defeat of Grove's England-ranked Alison Barker, generally considered the top female player in the County. She lost in the final of the U-16 event to another Grove player Denise Boughey and then in the U-19 Event lost to Julie Ballard (Orleton Park) in the semi-final, although the latter lost in the final to another Grove girl, Carol Wickstead.

There was no slip-up however for the County's top Boy, Ivan Smith of Mary Webb School, who won both the U-19 and U-16 titles. County champions can take part in only one event in the National Championships so Smith will take part in the U-16 event. In the U-19 Shropshire will be represented by the losing finalist in the County event, Sean Groom (Grove).

There is a new title holder in the U-13 Girls' event in Louise Davis of Oldbury Wells, the first time this school has had a county champion. Also having its first champion is Charlton School, whose Paul Fisher won the Boys' U-13 title.

FINAL RESULTS:

U-11 Boys:
David Morris (Stiperstones) bt Simon Cooper (Pontesbury) 19, -8, 18.

U-11 Girls:
Nicki Boyd (Market Drayton) bt Joanne Doyle (Market Drayton) 15, -19, 17.

U-13 Boys:
Paul Fisher (Charlton) bt Simon Cooper (Pontesbury) 12, 16.

U-13 Girls:
Louise Davis (Oldbury Wells) bt Joanne Smith (Pontesbury) 17, 6.

U-16 Boys:
Ivan Smith (Pontesbury) bt David Williams (Grove) 14, 17.

U-16 Girls:
Denise Boughey (Grove) bt Alison Barker (Grove) -13, 18, 11.

U-19 Boys:
Ivan Smith bt Sean Groom (Grove) 22, 13.

U-19 Girls:
Carol Wickstead (Grove) bt Julie Ballard (Orleton Park) 17, -16, 15.

Senior Closed Venue Change

Shropshire TTA have decided to change the venue of the County Senior Closed Championships on Sunday, 25th April from Bennetts Bank, Wellington to The Grove School, Market Drayton. The Junior Closed was confirmed for Sunday, 7th March at the Mary Webb School, Pontesbury, when a 9.30 a.m. start will be made. The Shrewsbury TTA Closed, postponed from Dec. 13 because of snow will now take place at The Mary Webb School, Pontesbury on Sunday, 28th March.

Midland League Title for Grove

The Grove made sure of the Midland League Division 4 title by beating Lichfield 7-3 at Walsall so completing their programme with a 100% record. Star of the campaign has been Stan Deakin who has been unbeaten during the season. He was in commanding form against Lichfield winning his sets in style whilst his brother Joe added two victories.

County League

The newly re-formed Shropshire League sees Grove and Telford 'A' locked in joint first place in the Senior Division with Malcolm Brown the star of Grove's 6-3 win over Shrewsbury. Brown was well supported by Graham Cheetham who beat Keith Williams and Mathew Croft while Robert Bayliss added one success against a luckless Williams. Nicky Roberts was the best Shrewsbury player on view, recording two wins.

Bill Herbert was the star of the Telford 'A' team's 6-3 win over Telford 'B' and was unbeaten while Mike Beaman added two wins and Tony Horobin accounted for Steve Tanner. Dave Elkin was Telford 'B's most successful player beating both Beaman and Horobin. Malcolm Langford was in form to beat Horobin.

In the Junior section Shrewsbury look strong, beating Grove 'B' 9-0 with the trio of Paul Stockton, Gary Thompson and Adrian Rowe showing no mercy. Meanwhile Grove 'A' had an exciting 5-4 win over Telford with Tony Harrison the best player on view, winning his three sets and the defensive Alan Taylor adding two.

Pontesbury Association

Pride of place must be given to East Midland U-14 League representatives Peter Thomas, Darrell Corfield and David Morris who travelled to Leicester expecting to play two matches and found they had to play three. Though this meant they had to play almost continuously for five hours they dispatched Hinckley 10-0, Leicester 10-0 and Lincoln 9-1. At the half way stage they still lead the League but have some very difficult matches to play. The same squad, plus Simon Cooper play the next series of matches in Loughborough.

Grove go nap in Wilmott Cup

Grove progressed to the fourth round of the Wilmott Cup with an impressive 5-1 win over Leicester. Hankey proved to be the best player on view scoring a victory over the highly rated Leicestershire County player Paul Randell, after Boasman had hammered Maurice Newman and Bowen had demolished Phil Smith to give Grove a 3-0 lead. Randell was Leicester's only winner beating Boasman in an entertaining set, but victories by Bowen and Hankey over Newman and Smith respectively gave Grove an unbeatable lead and brought a premature end to the match.

Ray Simpson reports from . . .

DURHAM

ACTION-PACKED MONTH

An action-packed month in County Durham saw a surprise winner of the County Closed, success in the County Championships and several matches played in the National Knockout Cups.

The annual County Closed was held at Lowhills Road Sports Centre, Peterlee on Jan. 31, with David Godbold of Philadelphia winning the men's singles, after playing some inspired table tennis in the final against Tony Gelder. It must be said that both players contributed enormously to a very good final with excellent rallies and plenty of excitement. The biggest surprise in this event was the defeat of No. 1 seed Keith Paxton in the second round by unseeded Tom Robson in straight ends. Robson himself had a good run into the semis, only to fall to the eventual winner.

Gelder did however manage to reach the finals of the mixed and men's doubles. Partnering his wife, Shirley, they won the mixed title after beating another husband and wife team of Tom and Lynne Bainbridge in the semis and Jim and Julie Smith in the final. Then, together with Paxton, the pair won the men's doubles, beating Robson/Nigel Jobling in the semis and Godbold/Cliff Ollson in the final.

The women's singles saw another surprise with the unseeded Linda Spensley playing extremely well to come out on top after beating three county-ranked players — Lyn Yarnell in the first round, Lynne Bainbridge in the semis and Julie Smith in the final. However, Miss Yarnell and Miss Smith did find consolation in the doubles, in which they defeated Mrs. Bainbridge and Mrs. Gelder in the final.

The junior events were almost dominated by players from the Bishop Auckland league, Martin Gent, in his last season as a junior, won the boys', defeating two players ranked above him in the county, David Blackburne and Gary Webstell, on the way. Blackburne did gain a measure of revenge when together with Stephen Crosby of Peterlee they won the junior doubles

defeating Gent and Webstell in the final, and also he won the U-15 boys', which would have been a great surprise if he had not done so.

Lorna Wilson found herself competing in three girls' finals, winning one and losing two. She won the U-15 girls' defeating Andrea Davison, but she lost to County No. 1 Elaine Blackburne in the U-17 girls', and with her partner Debra Armstrong lost the girls' doubles to Miss Blackburne and Miss Davison.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:
D. Godbold bt D. Blackburne 14, 18;
A. Gelder bt C. Olsson 16, 17;
T. Robson bt D. Bissett 11, 16;
W. Reay bt N. Jobling -17, 17, 13.
Semi-finals:
Gelder bt Reay 11, 7;
Godbold bt Robson 13, 15.
Final:
GODBOLD bt Gelder 20, 24.
Men's Doubles Semi-finals:
Olsson/Godbold bt P. Smith/Reay 16, 15;
Paxton/Gelder bt Robson/Jobling -13, 16, 9.
Final:
PAXTON/GELDER bt Olsson/Godbold 16, 19.
Women's Singles Semi-finals:
J. Smith bt J. Suddick 13, 18;
L. Spensley bt L. Bainbridge 16, -16, 19.
Final:
SPENSLEY bt Smith 12, -15, 12.
Women's Doubles Semi-finals:
Smith/L. Yarnell bt Suddick/Spensley 22, 10.
Bainbridge/Gelder bt S. Proctor/A. Davison 6, 9.
Final:
SMITH/YARNELL bt Bainbridge/Gelder 15, 21.
Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:
Smith/Smith bt P. Smith/Yarnell -21, 10, 10.
Gelder/Gelder bt T. Bainbridge/Bainbridge -12, 13, 13.
Final:
GELDER/GELDER bt Smith/Smith 11, 15.
Veteran Singles Semi-finals:
J. Smith bt G. Bissett 15, 18;
L. Cartmell bt A. Jenkins -20, 11, 12.
Final:
CARTMELL bt Smith 9, 7.
Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
M. Gent bt G. Webstell 22, -19, 16.
D. Blackburne bt N. Herrington 20, 17.
Final:
GENT bt Blackburne 20, 11.
U-15 Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
J. Smith bt N. Thornley 27, -19, 22.
Blackburne bt D. Kelly 12, 8.
Final:
BLACKBURNE bt Smith 3, 9.
Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:
Gent/Webstell bt A. Black/C. Thorp 9, -19, 10.
Blackburne/S. Crosby bt Herrington/G. Milburn 16, -17, 19.
Final:
BLACKBURNE/CROSBY bt Gent/Webstell 18, -19, 21.
U-15 Girls' Singles Final:
L. WILSON bt A. Davison 8, 12.
U-17 Girls' Singles Semi-finals:
Wilson bt D. Armstrong 14, 9;
E. Blackburne bt Davison 18, 9.
Final:
BLACKBURNE bt Wilson 21, 15.
Girls' Doubles Final:
BLACKBURNE/DAVISON bt Wilson/Armstrong 14, 19.

The National Knockout Cup competitions have started in the area, and the county has representation in all the zone finals. Sunderland defeated the Tyneside Summer League to reach the zone final of the Wilmott Cup, while in the J.M. Rose Bowl, Sunderland will face Tyneside Summer League in that final. Tyneside beat Bisohp Auckland in the semi-final, and the scores in that match were:

(Bishops first)
Mrs. S. Barraclough lost to Mrs. P. Long -16, 16, -17;
bt Mrs. O. Drapkin 16, -17, 14.
Miss L. Wilson lost to Miss S. Norris -10, -12;
lost to Mrs. Long -14, -17;
bt Mrs. Drapkin 20, -8, 12.
Miss S. Proctor bt Mrs. Drapkin -14, 19, 16;
lost to Miss Norris 15, -20, -24;
lost to Mrs. Long -24, 19, -7.

In the Carter Cup, Bishop Auckland will play the winners of Stockton v Ormesby in the zone final after accounting for Sunderland by 5-1.

Scores:
(Bishops first)
G. Webstell bt P. Stafford 18, 17;
bt N. Herrington 15, 18.
M. Gent bt G. Milburn 13, 12;
bt Herrington 10, 16.
D. Blackburne lost to Milburn -19, -20;
bt Stafford 14, 16.

In the Bromfield Trophy, Bishop Auckland also defeated Sunderland, this time by 6-0.

Scores:
(Bishops first)
Miss E. Blackburne bt Miss A. Davison 13, 9;
bt Miss D. Swansbury -19, 9, 18.
Miss Wilson bt Miss J. Mallam 12, 16;
bt Miss Davison 18, 16.
Miss D. Armstrong bt Miss Swansbury 19, -17, 14;
bt Miss Mallam 17, 12.

In the County Championships, the juniors put an end to their barren spell by drawing 5-5 with Huntingdonshire.

Scores:
D. Blackburne lost to P. Cole -13, -17;
bt P. Saywell -18, 7, 8.
D. McVitie bt R. Ballard 11, 16;
lost to Cole -10, -20.
G. Webstell bt Saywell 12, 19;
bt Ballard 18, 18.
McVitie/Webstell bt Cole/Ballard 16, 17.
Miss E. Blackburne lost to A. Hilland -10, -13.
Miss L. Wilson lost to Miss J. Randall 16, -22, -17.
Blackburne/Wilson lost to Hilland/Randall -18, -6.

The seniors meanwhile travelled to Derbyshire and won 9-1.
(Durham first)
K. Paxton bt S. McCarthy 14, 11;
bt S. Yallop 15, 11.
N. Jobling lost to S. Young 11, -20, -16;
bt McCarthy 12, 17.
T. Gelder bt Young 4, 13;
bt Young 13, 17.
Paxton/Gelder bt Yallop/McCarthy 16, 16.
L. Yarnell bt C. Bentley 4, 9.
S. Gelder bt J. Weightman 14, 16.
Gelder/Yarnell bt Bentley/Weightman 18, 9.

New County rankings were issued before the Closed, and they are:
Men
1 K. Paxton, 2 T. Gelder, 3 N. Jobling, 4 T. Robson, 5 D. Godbold, 6 R. Reed.
The ladies, girls' and boys' remain the same.

John Prean reports from . . .

THE ISLE OF WIGHT

RED LETTER DAY

Our County Match against Gloucestershire was a red letter day — a good crowd that really got behind our team, a visit from Les Smith the County Championships Administrator, an excellent match, a fair result — 5-5 — with constantly fluctuating fortunes.

Gloucestershire with great traditions (Merrett, Simons, Morley, Harrison) now struggling to get out of the 3rd Division under their new County Coach Paddy Jackson, the Isle of Wight in its second year as a County. This was a great result for us.

Two from Carl, his 18th win on the trot for the County, one from Jim Daly, and how well Jim played, the Men's Doubles and the Women's — Joy Batten and Jill Forthergill after losing the first game 21-7! It was a great afternoon. That's what County table tennis should be all about.

I enjoy my good friend David Cosway's Hampshire Notes and have done for more than a decade. The theory has been put about (not by him) that our move towards separate County Status was another Prean manoevre to push our 'talented son' further on the road to fame, such as it is. He had, at 11 years of age, a secure respected place in Hampshire's Senior Team. I was N.P.C. of division-winning Hampshire Junior Team.

Nevertheless we supported the move because it was felt by the local Association that we would develop better as a separate entity and we support our County Team, Erica as County Secretary, Carl as a player, I as N.P.C. For us the County Championships are great. Whatever our player may achieve one day, I would be sad to see him cut himself off from his local roots. My criticisms of the County Championships were constructive. I want them to get better. The threat to them is the over-full calendar, the many conflicting demands on players. Reforms, changes are necessary to survive.

The 1st Division of our Local League at the time of writing was again going Columbia's way. They defeated Sandown 7-3 (3 each from Steve Harris & C.P.). Sandown had previously defeated Ryde for whom I feel considerable sympathy. John Stacey gallantly battled on for some weeks with shoulder trouble which has now put him out till the end of the season. Fred Sillwood has only just come back after breaking his ankle. Though "iron man" Jim Daly has gone on with 3 wins weeks after week, injury problems have deprived Ryde of points and taken them out of the race. Columbia are 3 points clear, having made the most of their luck earlier when they scraped home 6-4 a couple of times.

There was considerable local excitement and a good press locally as well as nationally when Carl became the youngest ever Senior International, at any rate among boys. I am not sure whether any girls were "capped" earlier. The match was an International match an event in Portugal where he joined Nigel Eckersley and Philip Bradbury.

This follows a good run in the Martin Essex 3-Star where he rather astonishingly reached the final, the Norwich Union English Open where he won through 3 qualifying rounds and the 1st round proper to lose in the 2nd round to the Russian Igor Solopov, No. 33 in the world, a very good chopper with an excellent "pick hit" on the forehand which proved very unpleasant.

As Richard Bergmann remarked, "each defeat is a free lesson". To get to the 2nd round had taken 3 days which must be a new record, but also something that Organisers should look at or we shall see the complete elimination of the humbler players from the English Open. Before any schedule is approved, one should look at the problems it causes the players, and two nights 'hotel expenses to get to Round 2 may be considered too much and inhibit future participation.

An impressive international field had assembled, but I hope that in 2 years time we shall have a venue that is equal to the occasion and that English players, not part of an official team, will get a better deal.

Carl won the Cotswold Junior Select, also the Cadet Events, his 5th such double in Select Tournaments. This has always been a happy tournament for us. We particularly appreciated the gesture of allowing the Boys' final to be played first, so that we could catch the 11.15 boat as the next one is not till 3 a.m. This was a great help. Our thanks to Les Smith and his team for a well and humanely organised tournament.

Following that first "cap" and the good run in recent Senior Tournaments we were pleased to note the interest from Television and the National Press. The question I was asked most often was "how far can Carl go?" It is a very valid one and in reply I quote what Mr. Ron Crayden wrote more than ten years ago:

"It is the considered view of the Selectors that to encourage Juniors to become champions closer co-operation between their individual coaches and the Selectors is necessary. Unquestionably practise and play against better players is imperative and in many cases this means playing with and against senior players".

In other words his progress will depend on factors not entirely within our own control and the above quotation contains what is at the root of both the problems and the solution.

In earlier notes I commented on the isolation of the grass-roots from the leadership and vica versa. Tom Blunn took up this challenge and visited the Island, I shall write about his visit in my next notes.

Laurie Selby reports from . . .

WILTSHIRE

GOOD START TO THE YEAR

Two wins out of three — that was Wiltshire's January record in the County Championships.

The second stepped up their promotion prospects when they pipped Hampshire 6-4 at home.

But it needed a late burst from the home side who snatched it after being 2-4 down.

Karl Bushell, Steve McBean and Eddie Roofe each won one of their singles and the Wiltshire women, Tracey Watkins and Alison Boyce, were undefeated.

Also in fine form were the first team women. Their three victories helped Wilts to a 7-3 away win against Kent. Kevin Satchell and Jonathon Chandler each chalked up two singles wins.

But the juniors found Berkshire too hot to handle. The visitors' only wins in an 8-2 drubbing came from McBean and Helen Wilson.

Devon's table tennis 'cream' whipped Swindon in the National Leagues Championships.

First Plymouth knocked the Swindon girls out of the Bromfield Trophy — and less than a week later Plymouth seniors put paid to the women's hopes in the Rose Bowl.

But the Rose Bowl match was a real cracker. Plymouth's nerve held and they scraped home in the final rubber for a 5-4 win.

Claire Maisey (2), Janet Parker and Tracey Watkins (one each) won Swindon's matches. Carol Butler scored a maximum with Elaine Short getting the other two for Plymouth.

Plymouth girls had an easier passage, winning 5-2. Their wins came from Dana Kratochvila (three out of three) and Susan Butler (two out of two). Swindon's winners were Brenda Lee and Helen Wilson.

Both results were disappointing for Swindon. Their women reached the final, and their girls the semi-finals, last season.

Wiltshire's Two-Star Open will be repeated next season, pledges Wiltshire TTA secretary Len Smith.

But he reckons the bill could reach £2,000. Put the dates — Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 30 and 31 — in your diaries.

Swindon players continue to dominate the Wiltshire table tennis scene. They fill 28 of the 40 places in the latest ranking lists.

Full rankings are:

Seniors

Men

1 Kevin Satchell (Melksham), 2 Terry Bruce (Salisbury), 3 Jonathon Chandler (West Wilts), 4 Steve McBean (Swindon), 5 Karl Bushell (Swindon), 6 Eddie Roofe (Swindon), 7 Bill Moulding (Salisbury), 8 Steve Davies (Swindon), 9 Brian Powell (Swindon), 10 Chris Pidgeon (Swindon), 11 Roy Smith (West Wilts), 12 Nigel Daniels (West Wilts).

Women

1 Claire Maisey (Swindon), 2 Janet Parker (Swindon), 3 Tracey Watkins (Swindon), 4 Alison Boyce (Devizes), 5 Gwen Hazell (Swindon), 6 Brenda Lee (Swindon), 7 Helen Wilson (Swindon), 8 Sylvia Morse (Swindon), 9 Helen Webb (Devizes), 10 Ruth Farmilo (Swindon).

Boys

1 McBean, 2 Davies, 3 David Richards (Devizes), 4 Darren Embling (Swindon), 5 Andrew Oxley (Swindon), 6 Michael Oxley (Swindon), 7 Graham Oxley (Swindon), 8 Jon Hook (Swindon), 9 Gary Johnson (Devizes), 10 Malcolm Phillips (Salisbury), 11 Richard Vowles (Swindon), 12 Mark Colyer (Devizes).

Girls

1 Lee, 2 Wilson, 3 Sarah New (Swindon), 4 Claire Hunter (Swindon), 5 Michelle Cook (Swindon), 6 Debbie Albridge (Swindon).

Top seeds fell on stony ground in the Swindon closed, only one winning through in the six events.

Biggest shock came in the men's singles when Andrew Metcalfe, top seed, lost to Brian Powell, the No. 5 seed.

In the end the erratic brilliance of Steve McBean shone as he beat Karl Bushell in the final.

Janet Parker (nee New) won the women's singles for the second year running, again beating Claire Maisey in the final.

The junior tournament also served up a few shocks. Steve Davies beat McBean, the top seed in the final, and Claire Hunter notched her first tournament victory over Sarah New to take the U-15 singles.

RESULTS

Men's Singles:
S. McBean bt K. Bushell 18, 19.
Women's Singles:
Mrs. J. Parker bt Miss C. Maisey 15, 14.
Veterans' Snigles:
B. Hey bt K. Whitehall 16, 17.
Men's Doubles:
A. Metcalfe/Bushell bt O. Fedai/McBean 18, 20.
Women's Doubles:
Parker/T. Watkins bt Maisey/H. Wilson 10, -9, 15.
Mixed Doubles:
Metcalfe/Watkins bt McBean/Parker -15, 16, 15.
Boys' Singles:
S. Davies bt McBean -13, 15, 15.
Girls' Singles:
B. Lee bt S. New 21, 12.
U-15 Boys' Singles:
J. Hook bt M. Oakley -12, 19, 17.
U-15 Girls' Singles:
C. Hunter bt New 15, 15.
U-13 Boys' Singles:
Oxley bt R. Powell 12, 13.
U-13 Girls' Singles:
S. Vowles bt L. Cox 13, -19, 8.
Boys' Doubles:
Davies/D. Embling bt McBean/Vowles 14, 15.
Girls' Doubles:
H. Wilson /Hunter bt M. Cook/New 10, 16.
Junior Mixed Doubles:
McBean/D. Aldridge bt Davies/New 12, -12, 21.

Swindon showed their dominance of the Wiltshire junior scene by winning all three divisions of the Wiltshire inter-town league.

Their 'A' teams filled top spots in all leagues and their 'B' sides were in second place in all divisions.

Steve Davies and Mike Oxley were the only two undefeated players.

Swindon girls won the Berkshire inter-town tournament at Reading. The Swindon team — Tracey Watkins, Ruth Farmilo and Debbie Aldridge — beat Reading 5-1, Newbury 5-1, Bracknell 5-1 and drew 3-3 with Maidenhead. Tracey Watkins had a 100% record.

Wiltshire seniors scored a 7-3 victory over Surrey in the County Championships but the juniors went down 4-6 against Glamorgan.

The Wiltshire women, Claire Maisey and Janet Parker, were unbeaten and so was Kevin Satchell who teamed with John Chandler to win the doubles.

Wiltshire's other win came from Chandler in the singles.

Steve McBean picked up two wins in the junior game for Wiltshire. The home side's other victories came from Brenda Lee who won her singles and paired with Helen Wilson to win the doubles.

A. G. Carey reports from . . .

SOMERSET

HOPE ON HORIZON

Although the Somerset Senior teams are having a lean time at present, there is hope on the horizon for the future in the "Catch them Young and Teach them Right" coaching policy being carried out by Les Bridges and John Reakes in Bridgwater, started some three years ago with a broad base of boys and girls of ages ranging from 9-11.

Although some have twinkled for a while and faded along the way, as is to be expected in any sport, we are starting to see some fledglings which have survived the hard work and tears breaking out into the harder competitive table tennis world of their local leagues where they are learning to adapt to different styles.

The more advanced ones are being further blooded in Junior County and Inter-Town matches. They have also been involved in local and national schools competitions with varying degrees of success.

They have also joined the tournament circuit with all that entails, such as early morning starts to reach venues in most cases by 9.00 a.m. when they are hardly awake, and late returns after playing most of the day. They have performed very well in spite of this and with varying degrees of success, in some cases beating ranked and seeded players. With a little more luck with the draw they may have achieved more, but I am sure we shall soon see the day when they have absorbed all the experience they have had this season and will blossom into worthy junior ranked players.

We are spreading our net wider each season to try and catch all the talent in the county to keep the broad base of the pyramid. The Minehead area, which has been a dead area as regards table tennis,

has been lifted up by the hard work of Bill Kelly, a teacher at Minehead School, and some promising results are appearing. Also, the Yeovil area has produced some good promising junior boys and they are now starting to encourage girls to the sport. Chard also are active in this area, but Taunton, where we would have expected a reasonable flow of talent from their private and public schools, are having problems. However, they are proceeding slowly.

My next sentence will, I am sure, cause some amusement among my table tennis colleagues who see me when my daughter is playing, but I feel that if we couple patience and understanding with good, sound coaching of our youngsters, the fortunes of Somerset Table Tennis in both junior and senior ranks for the future will be restored.

COTSWOLD 'SELECT'

A squad of six junior players from the Bridgwater & District T.T. League took part in this competition. The 3 girls, Melonie Carey, Fiona Stuart and Sarah Webb, and 3 boys, Sean Jones, Philip Payne and Paul Fowler, all had varying degrees of success in their sections, and considering the very high turnout of class ranked players, these were no mean achievements.

In the U-12 Girls', Melonie reached the semi-final, losing to Dawn Wickstead. In the U-12 Boys', Paul Fowler got through to the 2nd round, where he met a more experienced player.

In the U-14 Girls, Sarah Webb in the 1st round almost got the edge against J. Ellery, losing -19 in the third. Fiona Stuart had a hard draw in the 1st round, losing to Rachel Knight, and Melanie also lost in the 1st round to another ranked player.

In the U-14 Boys, Sean Jones had a hard battle with a top seed, M. Syed, and Philip Payne also fought hard in his match, taking his opponent to 3 games.

We had a slight success in the Girls' Doubles, with Melonie and Fiona combining well to win their 1st round set and then having to meet two ranked players in the next round, Knight and Soothill, who proved just too strong for them. However, this was good experience for all of them and, considering the very high standard of the players present they acquitted themselves well.

I should like to add my thanks to the Tournament organizers for the efficient manner in which it was conducted, from the layout of the tables to the adherence to the time-table.

Also, the relaxed attitude to players having a knock-up in between matches, where tables were available. I consider this to be vital if players, especially young ones, who have travelled from afar, are not to be discouraged by not being able to produce a performance akin to that produced in their own environment.

Another novel idea which perhaps other tournaments might adopt, is the payment of 10p to volunteer umpires. This to my mind helps to keep things flowing without putting the strain on a youngster who has just lost his match and is unable to concentrate and score the next whilst he or she is still trying to analyse how they lost.

NATIONAL SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS — AREA FINAL

Somerset was represented by six teams of 4 players each, four from the Bridgwater town area, namely Chilton Trinity and Bridgwater College, and the other two teams coming from Millfield. The age groups were U-11, U-13, U-16 and U-19, both boys and girls.

All players acquitted themselves well, with varying degrees of success. The Bridgwater College teams in the U-19 Boys and Girls won their way through to the Regional Finals.

The two Chilton teams in the U-16 Girls and Boys had mixed fortunes in their groups. The Boys met two very strong teams from Devon and Cornwall but this did not deter them from putting up a good performance. The Girls team also met a strong team in the Cornwall representative but, undaunted, they played their best and from being 2-4 down they pulled back to draw 4-4 on singles which led to a doubles match as a decider and this developed into a real nail-biting cliff-hanger with each side fighting for every point. The set went to 3 games with the slightly more experienced Cornwall duo getting the verdict by 3 points and our girls getting valuable experience for the future.

The two Millfield Boys' teams in the U-11 and U-13 groups played well and finished 2nd and 3rd respectively.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Somerset Junior team of David Lee, Rusi Captain, Lee Sadler, Wendy Payne and Fiona Stuart, competed against a strong Middlesex second team at Nailsea on Jan. 23 and after a hard-fought match went down 4-6, after suffering the loss of David Lee through injury just when we thought the tide was turning in our favour.

A notable performance was given by Wendy Payne in beating a top England-ranked cadet, Rachel Knight.

Bridgwater has a new claim to fame — the greatest number of County-ranked junior players in the County!

"Certainly more than any other town of remotely comparable size and probably more than any other town outside of London" says Les Bridges, Somerset's County Coaching Officer.

David Cosway reports from . . .

HAMPSHIRE

BUBBLE BURST

Well the bubble has burst with a vengeance since my previous report! The senior 'A' team lost a close match to Avon 4-6 with Derek Holman picking up the only men's singles for the County but Serina Sinanin and Kathy Conlan won one singles and combined to win the women's doubles. In the subsequent 9-1 victory over Somerset only Rhamish Bhalah dropped a singles. The senior 'B' team lost 4-6: a little surprisingly to Wiltshire seconds with Chris Wilshere and Martin Gilbert each winning a singles but the star of the day from Hampshire's point of view was John Roberts who won both his singles. The girls this time did not score.

The junior 'A' team lost 2-8 to Middlesex seconds with Mark Wilding and Steve Snow scoring the two singles victories. In the subsequent 4-6 defeat by Surrey seconds Snow won a singles and combined with Mark Wilding to win the doubles, the other two sets coming from walkovers, with Surrey fielding a player short. The second junior team maintained their unbeaten record with a 6-4 win over Leicesters with Richard Walters winning two, Andrew Pitts one, and these two combining for the boys' doubles victory. Hayley Barker won her singles and combined with Mary Broughton to win the girls' doubles. The County's match against Shropshire was not played as Shropshire have withdrawn.

The Veterans 'A' team lost 4-5 to Sussex with Ray Lush, Ged Holly and Maurie Shave each winning a singles and Ged and Maurie combining to win the men's doubles. In their 2-7 reversal to Essex second team the Veterans 'A' team's singles were won by Holly and Avril Walters. The Veteran 'B' team beat Kent second team 6-3 with Norman Stagg winning two, George Philpott and Bernie Harrison one each while Bernie combined with Mary Clegg to win the mixed. In the 4-5 defeat by Sussex seconds Mike Barrett won one, combined with Stagg to win the doubles while Mary Clegg combined with Harrison to win the mixed and also won her women's singles.

So the early elation at the first half results must now be a little restrained with none of the teams now looking likely to be championship contenders. Two Hampshire schools did well in the regional finals played recently. From Lymington the Walhampton school Under-11 team under the leadership of Ian Bell, drew with the eventual winners, Market Drayton four-all but they lost to Cambourne 3-5. Edward Westmacott, the number one from Wolverhampton was unbeaten while Robert Magill lost only one of his four sets. The other two in the Walhampton team were Oliver Topple and Henry Boyden. In the U-13 girls the Bevois Town school from Southampton led by E. Petterson drew with Sladen 4-all but lost to Ian Groves school 0-8. The Bevois town team was Tamia Khayatt, Penata Penatpeturv, Sarah Duckenfield and Jenny Armagum.

Generation Two after disposing of Dolphins and Larkhall seconds by 6-2 were chopped off 5-3 by Dunlop Birmingham to throw the championship of the National League Division 2 (South) wide open. They recovered with a 6-2 win over Graham Spicer despite the absence of Carl Prean. Simon Heaps and Tony Clayton each won their two sets. Steve Holloway beat Glen Baker and Martin Shuttle beat Des Charlery 22, -22, 19 in the set of the day. So to Medway again minus Carl and the first two sets went against Generation 2 but once more the bottom half of their team came to their rescue to pull them through 5-3. Heaps again unbeaten with Charlery, Baker and Clayton each contributing one set.

The crunch match against Butterfly Cardiff drew the deserved good crowd to the Fareham head quarters of the progressive Generation 2 club including the Fareham Mayor. The result in some ways for the crowd was disappointment for the 7-1 victory was achieved without a set going to a 3rd game. Some good individual rallies but surely Cardiff must have played better than this to get to the top of the division! Only Nigel Thomas with a 2-straight win over Charlery prevented the "white-wash". He also gave Prean a few uncomfortable moments only going down -16, -20. The biggest piece of Welsh fervour however, was when Captain Brian Everson disputed the legality of Charlery's service during Tony Healan's 23, 22 defeat. Fortunately Generation were blessed with two international umpires in Brian Lamerton and Reg Glover officiating and I go along with their view that the services were legal — just!

Despite this win Generation 2's fate is not in their own hands and although they now top the table by one point from Cardiff and Birmingham each of their rivals has a game in hand. These two teams however still have to play each other twice and if the points are split in these two games, Generation can still make the play-off. Promotion is of course vital not only to the prestige of this go-ahead club but also to secure their top players, in particular Prean, for next season.

Not a lot happening in the inter-town league with no report to hand.

Next season the Southampton Association celebrate their Golden Jubilee and plans are afoot for a table-tennis week with the publicity firm Mayfield Marketing assisting with the organisation and having very ambitious plans for the celebrations which I will report when they are finalised.

NORWICH UNION ENGLISH CLOSED

Graham Sandley, the picture of dejection at the presentation ceremony with the trophy held aloft by Desmond Douglas with ETTA Deputy General Secretary, Mike Watts, applauding.

STANDING OVATION

by Geo. R. Yates

Not for many a year has a men's singles final evoked such a response from the crowd as that which took place at Basingstoke Sports Centre on Feb. 20 when **Desmond Douglas** defending his crown in the Norwich Union English Closed, was taken to the very brink of defeat by fellow left-hander Graham Sandley of Middlesex.

It was a thriller right from the start with Sandley taking the first game at 20, Douglas the second at 13, then Sandley again, at 17 in the third, only for the champion to come back once more and equate the set score at 2-all. And, although leading well in the decider, the champ was again pegged back at 20-all before getting home with the aid of net and edge 23-21 in the fifth.

Never has Douglas been made to work harder for his reward and never has Sandley, despite the previous slaying of Mark Oakley, Ian Horsham, Donald Parker and No. 2 **Paul Day**, reached such a peak of form as evidenced in that memorable final encounter with the acknowledged master of the English scene. Never was a standing ovation more richly deserved.

It was a fourth successive title for the Warwickshire left-hander — five in all — and he added to it in retaining, with Day, the men's doubles title and the mixed, with **Linda Jarvis**, to claim the triple crown for the second time running.

But there was no such joy for the defending women's singles champion, Jill Hammersley, who suffered a shock semi-final defeat at the hands of Leicestershire's **Anita Stevenson.** Nor could Jill hang on to her women's doubles title either when, again paired with Mrs. Jarvis, Miss Stevenson, paired as she was two years previously with **Carole Knight**, saw off the defending champions 2-straight.

Miss Knight, earlier in the finals session, had seen off Miss Stevenson to regain the women's singles crown and, full of confidence after lifting the Commonwealth title in Bombay, the Cleveland looper had gone through the event without the loss of a single game beating, in turn, Susan Collier, Helen Williams, No. 2 seed Karen Witt and, in the semis, No. 4 seed Linda Jarvis.

Alison Gordon, the No. 3 seed, was taken out in the quarters by Miss Stevenson whose other victims were Sally Midgley and Mandy Smith.

Cheshire's Peter D'Arcy took his second national veterans' title when disposing of Surrey's Gordon Chapman in the final after the latter had removed the favourite Derek Schofield in the semis and this after the Cheshire man had won the first at 14.

There were no real shocks in the men's singles with the top four seeds all reaching the semis but one deed of note was David Tan's victory over Phillip Bradbury but only at 22-20 in the fifth. Junior champion Carl Prean after a win over Mark Mitchell was brought back to earth by Skylet Andrew who, in turn, was felled by Day. Billy Gleave was a non-starter allowing Cleveland junior Lindsay Taylor a first round walkover and subsequent defeat by Richard Jermyn.

But there were upsets in the doubles with equal third-seeded Andrews and John Souter going out to the Kent pairing of Joey Kennedy and Ian Kenyon but what happened to the hop men when the quarter-finals came along? And where too were David Wells and Jermyn and Tan and John Kitchener all due on at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Weighed against the price of another night's accommodation the vote must have been to head for home.

In the women's doubles second-seeded Alison Gordon and Karen Witt were removed in the quarters by Sally Midgley and Mandy Smith, the surprise finalists, who also took out the Bellinger sisters, seeded No. 4.

Seeds in the mixed, equal No. 3 Sandley and Miss Gordon fell to Parker and Joy Grundy whilst Day and Karen Smith were put down by Kennedy and Miss Witt.

All in all a tournament well worth visiting putting to shame the finals session at Crawley in the Norwich Union English Open. But all was not yet finished at Basingstoke for the crowd had a further treat in store for them — an exhibition by Jacques Secretin and Vincent Purkart.

It lasted well over the hour and not a member of the audience left the arena as these two talented Frenchmen put on a show that defies description, it was truly marvellous and the brainchild of John McDonnell, Public Relations Manager of the Norwich Union Insurance Group. What a policy!!

DETAILED RESULTS

Men's Singles Round 3:
D. Douglas (Wa) bt R. Jermyn (He) 19, 10, 5;
N. Eckersley (Ch) bt P. McQueen (Sy) 15, 14, 14;
D. Tan (Mi) bt A. Sanderson (Y) 17, 18, 16;
D. Johnson (Wa) bt A. Wellman (Bk) 19, -11, 16, 11;
G. Sandley (Mi) bt I. Horsham (E) 13, 8, -18, 20;
D. Parker (La) bt M. Harper (Ca) 12, 15, 17;
S. Andrew (E) bt C. Prean (IOW) 12, 15, 17;
P. Day (Ca) bt D. Wells (Mi) 16, 19, 14.

Quarter-finals:
Douglas bt Eckersley 8, 10, 9;
Johnson bt Tan 11, 8, 15;
Sandley bt Parker 12, 17, 18;
Day bt Andrew -17, 9, 12, 18.

Semi-finals:
Douglas bt Johnson 4, 14, 15;
Sandley bt Day 10, 13, 17.

Final:
DOUGLAS bt Sandley -20, 13, -17, 19, 21.

Carole Knight with yet another trophy haul at Basingstoke after her exploits in Bombay.

The exhibitionists, Vincent Pukart and Jacques Secretin, flanked by Stan Lenton and Martin Foulser of Lentec Ltd., with Nadine Daviaud sandwiched in the middle.

Women's Singles Round 2:
J. Hammersley (Bu) bt S. Hunt (Li) 14, 17, 7;
K. Smith (Le) bt N. Tsakarisianos (Gs) 5, 10, 12;
A. Stevenson (Le) bt M. Smith (Bk) 13, 17, 19;
A. Gordon (Bk) bt J. Revill (Le) 8, 9, 12;
L. Jarvis (Cv) bt C. Buttery (Li) 15, 12, 12;
L. Bellinger (Bd) bt A. Mitchell (Mi) 15, 11, 18;
C. Knight (Cv) bt H. Williams (Mi) 7, 20, 8;
K. Witt (Bk) bt J. Parker (La) 12, 11, 9.
Quarter-finals:
Hammersley bt Smith 14, 13, 7;
Stevenson bt Gordon -19, -17, 8, 17, 17;
Jarvis bt Bellinger 7, 15, 14;
Knight bt Witt 11, 13, 16.
Semi-finals:
Stevenson bt Hammersley -12, 17, 14, 18;
Knight bt Jarvis 17, 14, 17.
Final:
KNIGHT bt Stevenson 9, 10, 16.

Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:
Day/Douglas w.o. Jermyn/Wells scr.;
Parker/C. Wilson (Mi) w.o. J. Kitchener (Sk)/Tan scr.;
D. Barr (Bk)/M. Mitchell (Mi) w.o. J. Kennedy/I. Kenyon (K) scr.;
Johnson/Sandley bt P. Bradbury (Bu)/ Wellman 15, -19, 13.
Semi-finals:
Day/Douglas bt Parker/Wilson 20, -19, 19;
Johnson/Sandley bt Barr/Mitchell 14, 18.
Final:
DAY/DOUGLAS bt Johnson/Sandley 14, 18.
Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:
Hammersley/Jarvis bt I. Grundy (La)/ Parker 17, -18, 14;
Knight/Stevenson bt C. Maisey (Wi)/ G. Pritchard (Dv) 14, 10;
J. Bellinger/Bellinger bt Mitchell/ S. Sandley (Mi) 13, -21, 21;
S. Midgley (Y)/Smith bt Gordon/Witt 17, -17, 18.
Semi-finals:
Knight/Stevenson bt Hammersley/Jarvis -5, 15, 19;
Midgeley/Smith bt Bellinger/Bellinger 15, -11, 16.
Final:
KNIGHT/STEVENSON bt Midgley/Smith 21, 9.
Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:
Douglas/Jarvis bt D. Newman (E)/Smith 10, -18, 15;
Kennedy/Witt bt Mitchell/Sandley 20, 17;
Parker/Grundy bt Wilson/Williams 10, 18;
Johnson/Hammersley bt S. Moore (Sx)/ Parker 12, 12.
Semi-finals:
Douglas/Jarvis bt Kennedy/Witt 9, 18.
Johnson/Hammersley bt Parker/Grundy 14, 15.
Final:
DOUGLAS/JARVIS bt Johnson/ Hammersley 15, 18.
Veterans' Singles Quarter-finals:
P. D'Arcy (Ch) w.o. A. Cockerill (Bk) scr.;
S. Battrick (E) bt D. Seaholme (He) 4, 5;
G. Chapman (Sy) bt G. Thyeson (E) 11, 11;
D. Schofield (Ch) bt W. Brookman (Mi) -18, 19, 14.
Semi-finals:
D'Arcy bt Battrick 17, 17;
Chapman bt Schofield -14, 8, 11.
Final:
D'ARCY bt Chapman 15, 19.

Photo coverage by Murray Corbin

George Yates, the ETTA's Deputy Chairman, being presented with the Geoff Harrower Award from International Club Chairman, Ron Crayden.

EAST MIDLANDS CADET LEAGUE
by Philip Reid

Pontesbury, a small village league side situated some five miles from Shrewsbury, proudly head the East Midlands Cadets League against competition from large city leagues. Their inspiration emanates from John Morris, who has welded together this most useful side, outstanding of whom is Peter Thomas, still 100% after 27 encounters.

It was, in fact, Thomas that was the main difference between the two sides when they played Chesterfield and took away their unbeaten record, recording a two-straight maximum. Chesterfield, in fact, found they had a fight on their hands with hosts Loughborough. Paul Bumpus won all three for the North Leicestershire side but the fifth set — the doubles — proved vital, Billington & Glossop defeating Bumpus & Miss Forster -19, 14, 23. Loughborough had a surprising 9-1 win over Nottingham, Richard Grimley winning two.

Coventry's match with Pontesbury will now almost certainly determine the championship. They had huge wins over Grantham, Hinckley and Nottingham, with Garry Woodcock and David Tucker outstanding. It was a bad day for all their victims. Grantham, in fourth place at the start of the proceedings lost by massive margins to Nottingham and Coventry while Nottingham had a 9-1 trouncing by Loughborough. Grantham's main hopes lie in Chris May, who won both their sets, whilst Nottingham will rely mainly on Robert Fearn and Tim Sheppard.

Coventry's second string, with David Thomas and Darren Mills on form had three good wins, despite the presence of Martin Burwell, who showed up well against them for Lincoln. Derby, with Paul, Harvey and Arran Joshi shining, had a trio of wins to show for their efforts. Leamington had a poor day, their only crumb of comfort coming from Vikki Shanahan, who had two noteworthy wins against Coventry II. Nuneaton had only Stephen Risdale to thank but it is pleasing to end on a happy note. Congratulations to fighting Hinckley on breaking their 'duck' — twice. Well done Jason Neville and Joe Warburton!

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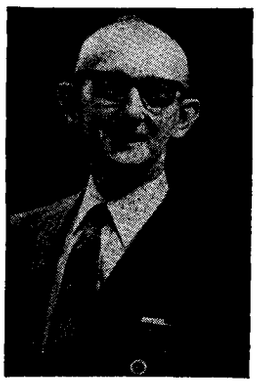

by TOM BLUNN
Chairman, E.T.T.A.

LET'S LOOK AT OURSELVES

The very favourable image of the game created by the World Championships of 1977 is now rapidly fading away. The television coverage was the best ever for table tennis in the United Kingdom and by the second week the event became compulsive viewing for many people who, until then, had very little idea as to the skill and excitement inherent in the game.

For the past three years the television coverage has fallen and the image of the game has deteriorated to such an extent that it took the transmission of the finals of the Norwich Union English Closed Championships last month to make us realise what drawing power the game could produce if only we got the right ingredients.

The very close final between Desmond Douglas and Graham Sandley had some good ingredients, except a colourful presentation. There was skill, excitement, drama and pathos, but all this appeared on a rather drab background of green and brown.

Had the content not been so good we would have, once more, concluded that a chance had been lost to present our game as we all know it can be presented.

The background of a sports hall is never very colourful and a brown floor covered with tramlines does not add to its attraction. We are always looking for more attractive venues but these normally have unattractive price tags attached to them. For many years now I have had the idea of a centre court for staged matches, particularly the ones likely to appear on television. To a certain extent we did this at Brighton for many years. but with two tables in the Dome for the early rounds and one for the finals.

I feel we are losing ground because of poor presentation and in most instances recently, in the poor content of the matches that have been put before the public. The presentation problem provides a challenge to us as organisers and is probably capable of considerable improvement, but only at an increased cost.

We have experimented recently at European League matches with a floor covering which is a vast improvement, but it is costly and very difficult to lay down and pull up again. Some sports halls do not allow the floor covering to be interfered with.

We could change the colour of the surrounds to contrast with the green of the table. We might consider further relaxation in laws and regulations regarding clothing, to allow more colour and imagination to be introduced. Even the umpires' table and the scoring machines provide a little scope for improvement.

The content problem is much more difficult to solve, and by its very nature, is a long term problem. Writers in various magazines, both at home and abroad, have considered this problem in recent months and it is one that must be approached vigorously and speedily.

Many will remember the depressing effect on the game which followed the introduction of sponge rubber just over twenty years ago. It was necessary to legislate for the construction of the racket otherwise the game would have died as a spectator entertainment. Many players gave up playing as they considered they were competing against equipment rather than against an opponent.

Is it time we looked again at standardisation of the racket? I cannot think of any other serious sport where the basic equipment has such a wide variety of choice.

The development of various types of rubber now provides an amazing variety of surfaces which can be doubled up by having a different rubber on each side of the racket. I wonder in fact, if all the surfaces available are, in fact, genuine rubber!

A move at the last ITTF Congress to rationalise the racket surface was defeated by not obtaining the necessary 75% in favour. England supported the move and some of our members are of the opinion that we should not have done so. The matter will surely come up again in 1983 and the National Council will decide in the light of circumstances at the time.

In the meantime, England has made a proposal to reduce the votes required to change the laws of the game from 75% to 66⅔%. This is not just designed to achieve a change in the equipment but also to facilitate any other change in the laws which may be proposed in 1983 and subsequently.

What other changes will bring back the excitement of the past? It is accepted that over the past 60 years there have been both exciting and dull periods lasting several years. I believe the present dull period needs to be tackled as soon as possible. Reports from all over the country reveal a falling off in spectator interest and thus a fall in income to the promoters.

Several suggestions have been made in recent articles, which include a higher net, a larger ball, a net higher in the middle, a net higher at each end and, of course, a restriction on the choice of racket surface.

The foregoing suggestions concern the equipment. What about the laws of the game relating to scoring? The possibilities include, a shorter game of eleven up with the best of seven games to form a set, the award of two points if the opponent fails to touch the ball with his racket (there is a lot more detail behind this one), serving in singles as in doubles diagonally left to right into the opposite quarter of the table, or a badminton type of scoring which requires the right to take points to be earned by taking that right away from the server.

There could be other suggestions and the ETTA is anxious to hear about them. Please think about the points I have thrown in and let us have your views, and any better suggestions.

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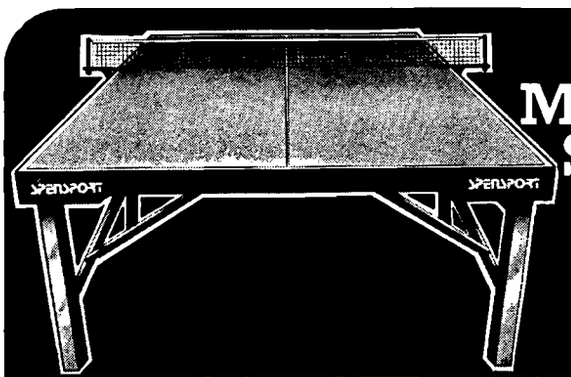

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English Schools' Table Tennis Association

by D. A. Lomas

School teams from Shropshire and Derbyshire head the list of challengers for titles when the National Finals of the National School Team Championships (organised by the English Schools' Table Tennis Association) take place at Lea Green, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Saturday, March 20.

The Grove School, Market Drayton, have three teams through whilst Derbyshire's bid for titles is led by Tupton Hall, Chesterfield (U-16 Boys and Girls) and Dronfield Junior School (Boys' U-11).

These teams and others qualified as a result of the three Regional Finals which were held at Leeds, Stroud and Orpington on Sunday, Feb. 21. The rest of the 24 finalists are well distributed throughout the country with teams from no less than fifteen counties involved.

The following teams emerged winners at the Regional Finals:

NORTH (Leeds):
B19 King's, Grantham (Lincolnshire)
G19 Buttershaw, Bradford (West Yorkshire)
B16 Tupton Hall, Chesterfield (Derbyshire)
G16 Tupton Hall, Chesterfield (Derbyshire)
B13 Bury Grammar (Greater Manchester)
G13 Wold Junior High, Hull (Humberside)
B11 Dronfield Junior, Sheffield (Derbyshire)

MIDLANDS & WEST (Stroud):
B19 Bournemouth School for Boys (Dorset)
G19 Colton Hills, W'hampton (W. Midlands)
B16 Exmouth (Devon)
G16 The Grove, M. Drayton (Shropshire)
B13 The Grove, M. Drayton (Shropshire)
G13 The Grove, M. Drayton (Shropshire)

SOUTH & WEST (Orpington):
B19 Stepney Green (Inner London)
G19 Goff's, Cheshunt (Hertfordshire)
B16 Rutlish High, Merton (Surrey Met.)
G16 Brampton Mnr., Newham (Essex Met.)
B13 Bedford Modern (Bedfordshire)
G13 Stanford Mdle., Norbury (Surrey Met.)
B11 Orwell Park, Nacton, Ipswich (Suffolk)

DIARY DATES

The Stiga English Schools' Individual Championships are due to take place at Mansfield Leisure Centre on Saturday, May 1st, 1982.

Final entries are due in to Eddie Mitchell (6 Quinton Close, Matchborough West, Redditch, Worcs B98 0EL) by no later than Monday, March 22. Entries can only be submitted via county schools Associations.

The Annual General Meeting takes place at Curdworth Community Centre, Sutton Coldfield, on Sunday, May 16, 1982 at 2.15 p.m.

NEW GENERAL SECRETARY

Due to Mike Vickers obtaining a new appointment as Senior Computer Training Officer in Dubai (United Arab Emirates), the English Schools Table Tennis Association has elected Dave Lomas as "Caretaker" General Secretary until May's AGM.

Dave's address details are as follows:
D. A. Lomas,
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Tel. 01-656-9755 (school),
01-656-8857 (home).

All correspondence should now be directed to Dave Lomas and your help in informing other schools' table tennis enthusiasts would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes are extended to Mike Vickers when he takes up his new post at the end of January.

ISLE OF MAN

A letter of application to become part of the ESTTA has been received from the Isle of Man Board of Education. The ESTTA Executive Council would welcome the views of members before raising the matter again at future meetings.

ALTERATION TO ESTTA RULES

May I remind all County Secretaries/Correspondents that Rule 18.2 of the ESTTA Constitution states that . . .

"Any such proposition for consideration by the AGM shall be sent in writing to reach the ESTTA General Secretary by March 31st and shall be acknowledged by him within 7 days of receipt".

If any County or individual school is considering any such rule changes, then this rule **must** be complied with. Please note also that propositions may only be submitted by an affiliated County Schools' TTA (Rule 18.1).

COACHING COURSE

The ESTTA are once again pleased to announce the staging of the ESTTA/ETTA Coaching Course. Details are as follows:
Venue - Lea Green, Matlock, Derbyshire.

Dates - 5th-8th April 1982 (inclusive).

Pupils - 2 boys and 2 girls from each County may be nominated.

Age - 11-15 years.
Standard - of promising potential.

Cost - £40 (this includes all accommodation at Lea Green).
Deposit - £5.

Closing date - 28th February 1982.

Course Co-ordinator - Mr. P. H. Burwell
58 Oaklands, Curdworth,
West Midlands B76 9HD.
Tel. 0675-70049.

Application **must** be done by means of the forms circulated to all County Secretaries/Correspondents.

DUNLOP LANCASHIRE 2-STAR OPEN

SCHOFIELD YET AGAIN

All titles but one changed hands at British Aerospace Dynamics, Lostock, Nr. Bolton on Feb. 6 the exception being that of the veterans' singles retained, but not without a struggle, by Derek Schofield over his Cheshire colleague Peter D'Arcy.

In the absence of the holder, Nigel Eckersley, who was performing heroic feats in Bombay, the No. 1 seed in the men's singles was Steve Mills who, alas, was taken out by fellow Tyke Kevin Beadsley who went on to win against surprise finalist Brian Johns. Last year Beadsley was the defeated finalist.

Again, in the women's singles, the holder Melody Hill was absent but here the No. 1 seed Anita Stevenson had matters very much her own way including her final win over Helen Shields who had removed the No. 2 seed Jill Harris.

Home players played a part in the doubles finals with Stephen Cowley partnering Mark Hankey to success in the men's and Jean Parker doing likewise with Miss Stevenson in the women's.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:
S. Mills (Y) bt S. Browne (La) -10, 23, 14;
K. Beadsley (Y) bt P. Bowen (La) 14, -10, 10;
B. Johns (Ch) bt A. Fletcher (Y) -9, 18, 20;
M. Hankey (Ch) bt A. Isaac (St) 13, 19.
Semi-finals:
Beadsley bt Mills 13, 15;
Johns bt Hankey 15, -14, 16.
Final:
BEADSLEY bt Johns 16, 16.
Women's Singles Quarter-finals:
A. Stevenson (Le) bt C. Hemming (La) 8, 14;
J. McLean (Y) bt J. Deakin (Ch) 25, 18;
H. Shields (Y) bt J. Parker (La) 21, 19;
J. Harris (St) bt K. Burrows (Y) 12, 11.
Semi-finals:
Stevenson bt McLean 10, 9;
Shields bt Harris 17, 16.
Final:
STEVENSON bt Shields 13, 12.
Men's Doubles Semi-finals:
Hankey/S. Cowley (La) bt P. D'Arcy (Ch)/S. Scowcroft (La) 10, -9, 14;
Fletcher/Mills bt D. Gannon (Le)/M. Illingsworth (Y) 12, 15.
Final:
HANKEY/COWLEY bt Fletcher/Mills 14, -17, 16.
Women's Doubles Semi-finals:
Parker/Stevenson bt A. Goodwin (La)/McLean 17, 13;
Burrows/Shields bt Hemming/C. Peacock (La) 16, 15.
Final:
PARKER/STEVENSON bt Burrows/Shields 19, -19, 10.
Veterans' Singles Quarter-finals:
D. Schofield (Ch) bt M. Tew (Ch) 14, 12;
A. Hartshorn (La) bt E. Griffiths (Ch) 17, 17;
J. Scowcroft (La) bt F. Hamer (La) 8, 16;
D'Arcy bt Mrs. D. Schofield (Ch) 16, 18.
Semi-finals:
Schofield bt Hartshorn 16, 12;
D'Arcy bt Scowcroft 18, 17.
Final:
SCHOFIELD bt D'Arcy 11, -15, 17.

Gillette Reading

SPONSORSHIP EXTENDED

The GILLETTE-READING table tennis team, who have made such an impact in the National League this season, have announced that their sponsorship deal with Gillette U.K. Ltd. has been extended for season 1982/83.

The club have had a successful season so far winning four and drawing one of the nine matches played. Their young squad of players whose ages average 15 years, are managed by Jim Stokes whose playing form has been the inspiration behind their success.

The presentation of their matches at Woodley is now the envy of other National League sides throughout England, and plans are already being made to continue with the policy of providing local supporters with high class table tennis in as attractive a manner as possible.

Secretary, Brian Halliday said today that he was extremely pleased that his club were to continue their association with Gillette. "We could not present matches in this manner, or compete at this level without their assistance. Our players have the chance to get to the pinacle of the game in this country and Gillette are providing them with that opportunity. The co-operation of everyone, especially the staff at Bulmershe School, has been superb and we are confident that next season we can build on this season's success".

Cover Picture

Nigel Eckersley who accomplished so much in the Commonwealth Championships is seen here getting down to business again at Basingstoke in the Norwich Union English Closed. Unfortunately, his path was barred in the quarter-final, by Desmond Douglas who won 8, 10 and 9, this after the Cheshire man had disposed of John Kitchener and Peter McQueen.

THIS & THAT IN SURREY

by MURRAY CORBIN

WERNER TRIUMPHS AT WOKING

The first TSB South of England Junior 2-Star Open was held at Woking Leisure Centre, last month, over two days. In spite of the initial coldness of the centre every morning, I soon settled into a relaxed but competitive atmosphere, as the hall became warmer. The events were run with the expertise associated with a NORMAN HOOPER organisation; he acquires the best Officials and Staff, there is. Again, they served him well.

On the first day, when the U-14's paraded their talents, our LESLEY POPKIEWICZ suffered an unexpected defeat in the Quarters of the Girls' Singles, when she was outclassed by the vibrant and aggressive Rachel Knight of Middlesex. On the following day, we had some successes in the U-17's. MICHAEL HAMMOND and ANDREW SEXTON won the Doubles crown against O'Leary and Topiwala of Middlesex in a set of skill and tactical play, but the greatest and most satisfying result should have been the disposal of MARK WERNER — the No. 6 seed from Dorset, in the final of the Boys' Singles by our NICHOLAS HOARE — the No. 1 seed. This was not to be. Nicholas approached the set looking as if he was already a game down. Mark, to his credit, took so much control of the proceedings, that a boring final ensued.

Combination bats, similar to Mark's, seem to paralise the nervous system of many supposedly talented players, who lack the discipline to serve short, push the ball around — again keeping it short, mixed with a few slow touches or side spins, which should get them a high return at some stage within ten touches of the ball. Even when they do get a high return, few players seem to have the ability to 'flat kill'. They allow the ball to fall so that they can try to spin it past their opponent. With this attitude and the lack of discipline amongst our 'serve and grab merchants', the combination bat will, unfortunately, be around for some considerable time. Gentlemen! you have a problem. Solve it! or go under.

FIRST DAY RESULTS

U-12 Boys' Singles Final:
SYED bt Page 8, 18.
U-12 Girls' Singles Final:
HOLLAND bt Robins 8, 19.
U-14 Girls' Doubles Final:
SIMMONDS/SOUTER bt Hammond/Baker 7, 20.
U-14 Girls' Singles Final:
BOXALL bt Knight -20, 7, 18.
U-14 Boys' Doubles Final:
DUKES/DIXON bt Rutherford/Amos 12, 17.
U-14 Boys' Singles Final:
DUKES bt Goode 15, 15.

SECOND DAY RESULTS

U-17 Girls' Doubles Final:
BELLINGER/COLLIER bt Smith/Bardwell 15, -19, 21.
U-17 Girls' Singles Final:
BELLINGER bt Collier 8, -18, 10.
U-17 Boys' Doubles Final:
SEXTON/HAMMOND bt O'Leary/Topiwala 17, 12.
U-17 Boys' Singles Final:
WERNER bt Hoare 22, 18.

ANDREW J. GELLATLEY, Manager of the local TSB in Woking, presented the prizes on Saturday, the first day of the Championships, while ERIC AUSTIN, Head of P.R. Department, South East Division of the TSB, and his wife Janet, did the honours on Sunday, the second day.

BYFLEET & DISTRICT T.T. LEAGUE

The Closed Championships were held recently at Elmbridge Leisure Centre and turned out to be another great success. All titles changed hands which is a good thing, because, it makes all players realise that the results are not a foregone conclusion. Unfortunately, most of the players from the top-club, GILDAS MORRIS, play in the Bucks Closed, where they have stronger county-ties; it therefore appeared odds-on for JOHN BYLES of Elmbridge to have retained the Mens Singles title. Well, this was not to be, and after a few close encounters, he lost in the quarters to PAUL MORRIS of Airscrew. Paul, who is new to this league, went on to beat JOHN GARLAND of Elmbridge in the final. However, JOHN had some consolation because, with his partner IAN HUNT, they took the Men's Doubles at the expense of MORRIS and his team mate DAVE HALFPENNY. Hunt rounded off his day with another title, when he beat TONY BARRATT in the Youth Singles. League Secretary IRENE DOLLIN partnered COLIN BATER in one of the biggest upsets, when they defeated GARLAND and VERA BEESLEY, in the Mixed. Vera then went on to take the Women's Singles in a round-robin session because this event was very poorly supported. Another Elmbridge artist, STEVE KOVACS, had to pull a few stops to finish ahead of DAVE RIDGERS of Old Woking, in the Veterans' Singles final. Congratulations to all concerned. Well done!

Back to the League — GILDAS MORRIS are romping away with the title in Div. 1 for the second year; the main interest now being the fight for the 'Runners-up' position. MIKE BARRATT informs me that, here, MOUCHEL were looking good, but due to a recent lapse of top form, AIRSCREW may just pip them at the post.

This League has teams in both INTER-LEAGUE Competitions, and can boast, along with THAMES VALLEY of always having supported these competitions. Mike observed that the Men's and the Mixed teams find the opposition tough, especially as some players are barred because of out-county qualifications; ironically, as better players from other Leagues are still able to play.

Representing the League so far have been BRIAN COOK, PAUL MORRIS, BRIAN SIMMONDS, JOHN BYLES, DORIS PENNY, THERESA WATSON, ROGER FAIRHEAD and MIKE BARRATT.

BITS AND PIECES

MABEL FURKENTHORPE-ALLSOP will make every possible effort to attend the SURREY SENIOR CLOSED at Elmbridge Leisure Centre, Walton ,on Saturday, 27th March. Recently, her brother Aloysius wrote-off her TR7 in the snow; she may find it difficult as a result of this, getting from St. Hilda's, Oxford . . . Congratulations to ANDREW SEXTON for securing TSP sponsorship. This is not easy to obtain . . . Have you seen the slim-mer JANICE SEABROOK? . . . My Westminster Correspondent informs me that RUPERT BOLE played some excellent stuff on his way to the Men's Singes final, where he was defeated narrowly by the No. 1 seed NAT RICHARDSON, in the London Business Houses Closed. Before this defeat, Rupert had disposed of Paul Colvin the No. 2 seed and Peter Harry — seeded three. I understand that before this, Rue had been chopped off by the ol' man, MIKE KERCHER, in a league match, in the City . . . FRANK HAMS is hoping that very soon, in all tournaments, players will be wearing 'numbers'. I agree with him. Right now, if an outsider is brave enough to go to a tournament, which may be in his town, a few streets from his home, he would probably feel rather left-out of the proceedings. Perhaps the printing of programmes along with this type of projection of the game, should be looked at. O.K.! this would bump the budget up. So what! Work it out! . . . I find it laughable, that LARKHALL, with all the players who frequent that establishment, could not find a replacement for Simon Gray, to play out the last couple of matches in Div. 1 of the Wandsworth League. Disgraceful! . . . MELVILLE TAYLOR seems to be getting a few more shots together. Well done!

Obituary

FRANK WILDE

On February 6, 1982 suddenly but peacefully at his home, Pine Trees, Eastergate Lane, Eastergate, West Sussex, Francis Herbert David (Frank) Wilde died at the age of 70.

Frank Wilde was best known as a tennis player, particularly in doubles, and he was a member of England's Davis Cup team in 1937, 1938 and 1939. He was also a Swaythling Cup table tennis player and participated in the 3rd World Championships in Budapest in 1928/29. He was also an international player playing against Wales 1927/8, 1928/9 and 1929/30 and was captain in this latter match. A.K.V.

ERIC AUSTIN, the Head of P.R. Department, S.E. Division of The Trustee Savings Bank, helps MIKE HAMMOND and ANDREW SEXTON support their spoils of war, after winning the U-17 Boys' Doubles.

30th Federal German Open

SUCCESS FOR PAUL AND DES

England's **Desmond Douglas** and **Paul Day** won the men's doubles title in the 30th Federal German Open played in Keil over the period Jan. 22/24. Their final victims were Mikael Appelgren and Erik Lindh of Sweden beaten 10, 12, -11.

Other results:
Men's Singles:
J. Dvoracek (Cze) bt M. Orlowski (Cze) 15, 17, 20.
Women's Singles:
An Hae Sook (KRR) bt O. Nemes (Rum) 5, 9, 17.
Women's Doubles:
Hwang Nam Sook (KRR)/An Hae Sook bt J. Magos/G. Szabo (Hun) 14, 17, 17.
Mixed Doubles:
J. Pansky/M. Hrachova (Cze) bt Orlowski/I. Uhlikova (Cze) 10, -14, 14.

England's women, Jill Hammersley and Karen Witt, reached the final of the team event losing 1-3 to South Korea following wins over Canada (3-0), Federal Germany (3-2), Japan (3-0) and Finland (3-1). The counterpart men's event was won by Yugoslavia with a 3-2 win over Japan.

In the singles events Douglas was taken out in the quarters by Milan Orlowski, John Hilton by Engelbert Huging (GFR) and Day by Dragutin Surbek. Jill Hammersley suffered a second round reverse to Shin Kyung Sook (KRR) and Karen Witt, in the same round, was beaten by An Hae Sook.

E.T.T.A. 100 CLUB

by Doreen Stannard

On Saturday, Feb. 20, following the finals of the Norwich Union English Closed, a Dinner was held at the Crest Hotel in Basingstoke for 45 members and guests. In order to catch up with ourselves, two prize draws were made but once again the winners were conspicuous by their absence.

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£5 G. R. Yates

As a gesture to those members supporting the dinner, two £10 prizes were allocated for those in attendance and these were won by Mr. N. Nicholson and John McDonnell.

Worcestershire County Closed

WINS FOR JEREMY

Jeremy Duffield was the winner of the men's and boys' singles titles in the Worcs Closed, sponsored to the extent of £500 by Penton of Newton Carriers Ltd.

RESULTS

Men's Singles:
J. Duffield bt S. Claxton 11, 12.
Women's Singles:
L. Reid bt J. Hunt 12, 12.
Men's Doubles:
Duffield/M. Jukes bt S. Gray/M. Sykes 14, 14.
Women's Doubles:
M. Mytton/Reid bt D. Hough/Hunt 18, 18.
Mixed Doubles:
Jukes/L. Davies bt Gray/Reid -11, 17, 18.
Boys' Singles:
Duffield bt Jukes 14 ,15.
Girls' Singles:
Davis bt S. Roden 19, 19.
Junior Doubles:
Duffield/Jukes bt L. Cartwright/R. Massey 14, 1.
Consolation Singles:
Jukes bt D. Kloos 6, 15.
Veteran Men's Singles:
M. Wood bt B. Botcher -19, 14, 16.
Veteran Women's Singles:
B. Jukes bt S. Hembury 12, 17.
Veteran Doubles:
Belcher/Wood bt G. Kershang/J. Smith 15, -15, 21.

Dunlop Lancashire Junior Open

STEVEN TOO SHARP FOR GUNN

Yorkshire's Steven Sharpe proved too sharp for Warwickshire's top-seeded Philip Gunn in the final of the boys' singles event in the Dunlop Lancashire Junior Open played at Bolton's Institute of Technology on Feb. 28.

Indeed Sharpe was on target again in the doubles partnering Jeffrey Thatcher to a final success over the Cleveland pair Darren McVitie and Chris Metcalfe.

The only title won by the Red Rose county was the girls' singles in which top seed Jean Parker beat Christine Peacock the latter having ousted the No. 2 seed Sue Collier.

Lancashire's No. 3 seeded Shaun Browne was a first time faller to Stephen McBean, the Wilts No. 1, who subsequently dipped to Sharpe in the semis. Yorkshire's cadets came into their own with wins for Martin Firth and Joanne Shaw.

RESULTS

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
P. Gunn (Wa) bt T. Pachul (Cu) -18, 11, 12;
J. Thatcher (Y) bt M. Firth (Y) 6, 14;
S. McBean (Wi) bt R. Hayward (St) 13, 18;
S. Sharpe (Y) bt C. Render (Y) 19, 11.
Semi-finals:
Gunn bt Thatcher 13, 12;
Sharpe bt McBean 15, 8.
Final:
SHARPE bt Gunn 15, 11.
Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:
J. Parker (La) bt J. Roberts (Y) 12, 15;
T. Lightfoot (Ch) bt F. Elliot (St) 7, 14;
C. Peacock (La) bt A. Hegarty (St) 10, 18;
S. Collier (Bk) bt A. Barker (Sp) 16, 12.
Semi-finals:
Parker bt Lightfoot 16, 21;
Peacock bt Collier 18, -10, 10.
Final:
PARKER bt Peacock 9, 11.
Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:
Sharpe/Thatcher bt Firth/A. Syed (Bk) 10, 19;
D. McVitie/C. Metcalfe (Cv) bt S. Craggs/A. Wattis (Cv) 15, 17.
Final:
SHARPE/THATCHER bt McVitie/Metcalfe 19, 12.
Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:
C. Hemming (La)/Peacock bt C. Potts (Ch)/D. Soothill (Cu) 19, 7;
Elliot/Lightfoot bt A. Barker (Sp)/Collier 23, 10.
Final:
ELLIOT/LIGHTFOOT bt Hemming/Peacock -17, 16, 19.
Cadet Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
Firth bt A. Dixon (St) 8, 16;
M. Jukes (Wo) bt D. Williams (Sp) 15, -17, 20;
Craggs bt S. Groom (Sp) -16, 21, 10;
Syed bt M. Campbell (Wa) 13 ,15.
Semi-finals:
Firth bt Jukes 17, 15;
Syed bt Craggs 19, -20, 19.
Final:
FIRTH bt Syed -14, 13, 14.
Cadet Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:
Barker bt H. Broomhead 14, -12, 13;
D. Malpass (Y) bt Potts -18, 14, 17;
J. Shaw (Y) bt C. Clarke (Ch) 13, 14;
J. Powis (St) bt A. Holt (La) 12, 15.
Semi-finals:
Malpass bt Barker 19, 20;
Shaw bt Powis -17, 8, 20.
Final:
SHAW bt Malpass -15, 11, 11.

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13TH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Desmond Douglas and Jill Hammersley spearhead England's squad of nine players entered for the 13th European Championships to be played in Budapest from Apl. 17/25, 1982. The players selected are:

Men
Desmond Douglas
John Hilton
Paul Day
Douggie Johnson
Graham Sandley
Reserve: Kenny Jackson

Women
Jill Hammersley
Karen Witt
Linda Jarvis
Carole Knight
Reserves: Alison Gordon, Joy Grundy, Lisa Bellinger

The non-playing captains are Peter Simpson (men) and Nicky Jarvis.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Dr. Georgy Lakatos, President of the Hungarian TTA, will be President of the Championships, his deputy being Tibor Horvath, the General Secretary of the Hungarian TTA. Chief Referees are Hans Giesecke of Federal Germany and Dr. Gabor Diner of the host nation.

The Championships will open on Apl. 17 with team matches being played from 9 a.m. while the opening ceremony will be held in the evening of the first day. The men's and women's team events are scheduled to end on Apl. 20.

April 21 will be a rest day. The second stage of the competitions will start on Apl. 22. The finals of the mixed doubles and consolation events will be played on Apl. 24. According to the planned schedule, the semi-finals of the men's and women's singles, as well as the men's and women's doubles, will be played on the morning of Apl. 25. The finals of these four events will be held in the afternoon of the same day.

The Championships will be played on 14 Butterfly tables with Nittaku balls.

ATTENTION TOURISTS!

Hundreds of tourists have indicated their intention of travelling to Budapest. In their respective countries intending visitors are advised to turn to the Hungarian State Travel Bureau IBUSZ through major tourist agencies. IBUSZ has an office in London but those wishing to apply direct should address their correspondence to IBUSZ, 1053 Budapest, Felszabadulas ter 5. ('Phone: 36-1-186866 Telex 22-4976). The Budapest Tourist Agency also accepts reservations. Its address is: 1051 Budapest, Roosevelt ter 5. ('Phone 36-1-186881 Telex 22-6448).

The address of the organising committee is: Hungarian Table Tennis Association, 1143 Budapest, Dozsa Gyorgy ut 1-3, Hungary. ('Phone: 36-1-630602 or 831530 Telex 22-5105). Season tickets are priced at 30 American dollars.

PONTEFRACT 1-STAR OPEN

NEXT TO NOWT FOR INVADERS

All the main titles at the Pontefract 1-Star Open, played on Jan. 16, were captured by Tykes the only ones to elude them being the vets' singles won by Cheshire's Derek Schofield and a half share of the mixed by Karen Groves of Warwickshire.

The major singles titles were claimed by Kevin Beadsley and Julie McLean with the defeated finalists also coming from the broad acres in the persons of Mark Illingsworth and Julie Speight.

RESULTS
Men's Singles Quarter-finals:
K. Beadsley (Y) bt D. Illingsworth (Y) 12, 15;
M. Stead (Y) bt P. Flint (Ch) 14, 17;
W. Percival (Ch) bt M. Sheader (Li) 13, -17, 18;
M. Illingsworth (Y) bt S. Browne (La) 15, -14, 17.
Semi-finals:
Beadsley bt Stead 9, 14;
Illingsworth bt Percival 16, 17.
Final:
BEADSLEY bt Illingsworth 18, -14, 16.
Women's Singles Semi-finals:
J. Speight (Y) bt M. Seaton (Y) -14, 11, 10;
J. McLean (Y) bt K. Groves (Wa) -16, 21, 19.
Final:
McLEAN bt Speight 8, 19.
Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
K. Mkandla (Y) bt P. Aspinall (La) 17, 17;
D. Illingsworth bt C. Render (Y) 18, 10;
R. Whiteley (Y) bt M. Emmerson (Y) 18, 16;
S. Browne (La) bt L. Middleton (Y) 16, 13.
Semi-finals:
Illingsworth bt Mkandla 19, 13;
Browne bt Whiteley 18, 12.
Final:
ILLINGSWORTH bt Browne 13, 16.
Girls' Singles Semi-finals:
Seaton bt R. Baxter (Y) 14, 8;
R. Brook (Y) bt J. Shaw (Y) -15, 16, 19.
Final:
SEATON bt Brook 18, -19, 16.
Veteran Singles Semi-finals:
M. Sheader (Li) bt B. Allison (Li) 7, 21;
D. Schofield (Ch) bt C. Moran (Li) 10, 19.
Final:
SCHOFIELD bt Sheader 19, 19.
Men's Doubles Final:
BEADSLEY/STEAD bt M./D. Illingsworth -12, 16, 15.
Women's Doubles Final:
H. SHIELDS/L. SMITH (Y) bt Brook/Seaton 14, 10.
Mixed Doubles Final:
A. SANDERSON (Y)/GROVES bt S. Sharpe (Y)/Shaw 13, 21.

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

INVOLVEMENT UNDERLINED

by Derek Oldman

The University of Salford Sports Hall provided the setting for the 1982 Championships played over the week-end Jan. 30/31. From an original entry of 158, a few failed to put in an appearance and some scratched from the Sunday events, mainly due to the rail situation. B.U.S.F. were extremely grateful to Lancashire Umpires in general and Brian Leeson in particular for officiating at the Championships. The continued involvement of the E.T.T.A. in student table tennis was underlined by the fact that five international umpires were present for the finals. Long may this co-operation continue.

RESULTS
Men's Singles:
C. WILSON (London) bt D. Barr (City) 11, 10.
Women's Singles:
J. DEAKIN (Sheffield) bt D. Buttery (Notts) 15, 15.
Men's Doubles:
M. ILLINGSWORTH/S. INKLEY (L'bro) bt C. Rogers/C. Lee (Warwick) 18, 19.
Women's Doubles:
J. BUSH/P. GRAHAM (Bath) bt M. Sheeran/E. Gallagher (Oxford) 14, 22.
Mixed Doubles:
K. EDWARDS/BUTTERY (Notts) bt Inkley/M. Sangster (L'bro) -17, 22, 19.

Royal Response

In response to a message of loyal greetings from the ETTA sent to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, on her 30th anniversary of accession to the Throne the following reply has been received from Buckingham Palace:

"I sincerely thank you, the Officers and Members of the English Table Tennis Association for your kind message of loyal greetings on the 30th anniversary of my accession to the Throne, in this your Diamond Jubilee Year. As your Patron, I greatly appreciate this message and send my congratulations and best wishes on this very notable occasion.

ELIZABETH R.

February, 1982."

Roy Williams reports from . . .

NORTH WALES

WELL DONE KEN

Llandudno's Ken Jones became the North's newest International Umpire to boost our total to five in the recent examinations. John Johnson and Jeff Nicholls also passed their County Umpire test to bring the Llandudno League tally to five umpires, three of them in the international grade. And, Dennis Hunt (Llandudno) has been upgraded to Intermediate Coach by the Welsh Association.

WYLFA BEATEN

Llangefni stopped Wylfa P.S. in their tracks when they beat the Power Station 6-4 in their Angelsey League Div. 1 match. This first defeat for the powermen was largely brought about by Keith Williams who won all his sets.

In Rhyl's top division Clwyd 'A' are now out on their own and look as if they will retain their title. In the Llandudno League Lansdowne drew a second time this season against the powerful Junction team to give champions Colwyn Bay C.C. the edge at the moment. It looks odds on for the return match to be a championship decider.

Gwersallt march on in the Wrexham League and with players of the calibre of Terry Turner, Peter Williams, Haydn Young and Derek Stansfield it looks as if they will top the first division at the end of the season.

NORTH WALES CLOSED — NEW CHAMPION

RESULTS
Men's Singles:
T. Turner (W) bt P. Griffiths (W).
Women's Singles:
S. Powell (Ll) bt N. Holden (W)
Men's Veteran Singles:
R. Williams (Ll) bt D. Hobbs (A).
Women's Veteran Singles:
B. Williams (R) bt A. Coates (A).
Boys' Singles:
Griffiths bt S. Roberts (W).
Girls' Singles:
Powell bt K. Ashton (Ll).
Consolation Boys' Singles:
L. Evans (Ll) bt I. Jones (Ll).
Consolation Girls' Singles:
Ashton bt G. Wynne (Ll).
Men's Doubles:
K. Fitzsimmons/J. Hook (R) bt N. James/H. Young (W).
Women's Doubles:
Powell/Williams bt Holden/C. Watkins (W).
Veteran Doubles:
Hobbs/Williams bt L. Jones/G. Mynott (Ll).
Mixed Doubles:
A. Roberts (Ll)/Powell bt Young/Watkins.
Junior Doubles:
Griffiths/Roberts bt Evans/A. Holmes (Ll).
Key:
A—Angelsey, Ll—Llandudno, R—Rhyl, W—Wrexham.

Ray Barton reports from . . .

WARWICKSHIRE

EUROPEAN RANKING FOR DOUGGIE JOHNSON?

Birmingham professional, Douggie Johnson, promoted to the No. 3 spot, in the latest English Ranking List, must now be knocking on the door of the elite European Ranking List, with his continuing superb performances for England.

Czechoslovakia, was the latest European Country to savour the delights of the fleet-footed, acrobatic Johnson, as he disposed of Milan Orlowski.

Orlowski, ranked No. 11 in the World, is the latest scalp to be claimed by Johnson this season.

Ten World and European ranked players have now fallen to the twirling blade of this modern day cavalier, of our sport, including Andrzej Grubba (Poland), ranked No. 12 in the World, former European Champion, now ranked No. 14 in the World, Gabor Gergely (Hungary), Jaques Secretin (France) the World's No. 17 and Mikael Appelgren (Sweden), ranked just one place below, at No. 18.

Wins over the World's No. 25, Leszek Kucharski (Poland), and Joseph Dvoracek (Czechoslovakia) ranked No. 27.

Impressive wins over the European-ranked Massimo Constantini, of Italy, coupled with another great win over Kucharski, together with a win over the European No. 25, Ralf Wosik (Federal Germany) enhance his quest for at least a European Ranking.

The 'Midland Open' triple champion, stands on the threshold of greatness in his chosen sport, for I am convinced we are only seeing the start of a fabulous career.

WARWICKS LEAGUE CHAMPS

Forty players representing 8 leagues throughout the area finally managed to beat the weather and play the first matches of the Warwicks League Championship on Jan. 24 at the West Warwickshire Club, Solihull.

The eight leagues were Rugby, Leamington, Stafford, Nuneaton and the Birmingham League sides, South (last season's winners), Business Houses, East and West.

Throughout there were fine matches and, as last year, a most enjoyable and entertaining day was had by all. Mick Wootton, representing B'gham South had the only 100% record from his six sets. Fellow teammates Rod Lewis, ranked No. 30 in the latest Lentec Junior rankings, and the promising Steve Bertie had five wins out of six.

Pete Polczynski and Tony Barker representing B'gham East also achieved 5 wins as did Pete Muir of Nuneaton. On the distaff side only Mandy Mytton, the Worcs No. 1 and Lyn Brison of Leamington were unbeaten in their 3 matches.

Due to the distances involved the second stage of the championships will once again be an all day event on Mar. 14 again at Solihull. Our thanks are duly accorded the West Warwicks Club for making their fine facilities available to us.

WARWICKS CLUB COMPETITION

Last season's winners of the Warwicks Club Competition, Britannic, certainly lived dangerously in their 2nd round match against St. John's Ambulance (Coventry) winning by just one point, St. John's having a 198 start. Longacre, the winners two years ago, made 372 points against Birmingham City. City won 211 points but with the 162 handicap they too won by a 1 pt. margin.

It was a very good evening for P. Waite of Birmingham City as he took a game from both Arthur Sutton and Terry Bache which was the deciding factor. Brian Lloyd and his fellow handicappers must feel very happy over the closeness of these two matches.

Dennis Millman reports from . . .

NORTHANTS

NOT WITHOUT INCIDENT

Although Tim Chamberlain eventually became the Northampton League's Men's Singles champion for 1982, his progress to the coveted honour was not entirely without incident.

When the tournament committee generously accepted the late entry of Ron Dunkley, it was not to know that he would repay that body by playing so much above his known form that he began to eliminate the top seeds, including Chamberlain among his victims. When he became aware of the problems he was inadvertently causing, Dunkley, in the best sporting traditions withdrew, and Chamberlain was re-instated.

Grasping this unexpected opportunity with both hands, with the right one playing the dominant part, Chamberlain proceeded smoothly to the semi-final, where he lost the first end against Steve Lyon, and trailed 10-18 in the second, before regaining both his composure and his form to take the next eleven points, and with his confidence restored went on to take the decider and the match.

Meanwhile Keith Jones had made steady progress to the final, with a -14, 13, 18 win against David Gallo his closest call at the quarter-final stage, a result soon erased by a 17, 12 win over Ray Kingston at the penultimate stage.

In an enthralling final, Jones, last season's champion took the first end, but was then steadily outplayed by Chamberlain, who powered through the previously impregnable Jones' defence with some devastating loops and smashes.

In the Women's Singles, Joyce Porter again fell to Marie Percival, who in turn went out to Margaret Maltby, but in the final Mrs. Maltby had no answer to Stephanie Dunkley who gained her anticipated success.

However, Margaret and Joyce completed a hat-trick of wins in the Women's Doubles by defeating the mother and daughter combination of Connie and Marcia Bane, and Mrs. Maltby went on to demonstrate her doubles prowess by partnering Keith Jones to victory in an exhilarating mixed final with Brian Wooding and Mrs. Dunkley providing the opposition.

Wooding in his turn, gained consolation from a Men's Doubles win in partnership with Lyon, who has now won the event nine times, albeit with five different partners, the most frequent of which was Dick Ingle, who twenty years after he first won the County Veterans title, still managed to reach the final of the comparable league event before bowing out to Cliff Bull's greater range of shots.

At junior level, the promising and thoughtful Nigel Metcalfe gained a narrow singles win against Richard Bashford, and then joined his vanquished opponent to take the Boys' Doubles.

Phil Slade, who was again in charge of affairs at Northampton, must be an unrivalled enthusiast, or else a glutton for punishment, for just one week later he was to be seen playing a prominent part in the running of the Kettering Closed, at the usual Recreation Centre venue, and even found time to reach the final of the Consolation Singles, where unfortunately the result did not do justice to his strenuous efforts since Christmas.

Hard Bat Tournament

Sunday, May 2, is the date of this season's International Club hard-bat tournament at the Barnet Centre. Entry forms are now available from Mr. L. F. Landry at 3 Osney Way, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2NB. 'Phones: 0474-534908 (h), 01-588 6280 (b). Entries close on Apl. 13.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NICKY JARVIS — A TRIBUTE

NICKY JARVIS IN ACTION
Photo by T. Edenden, Blandford Forum.

It was with sadness that I learned Nicky Jarvis had decided to call it a day as far as playing is concerned. I first met him as a junior at the 'Caernarvon Hotel' on Ealing Common and was introduced to him by Mike Johns in about 1970. He had just emerged as a very good junior and although unknown had won a host of major tournaments. In August 1971 I saw him perform for England at Ostend in the European Youth Championships. He was number one for England and playing against Russia. I quote from the September/October 1971 of that excellent magazine USA 'Table Tennis Topics'. I wrote thus: "The individual events resulted in a disappointment for England's popular Nicky Jarvis, the Middlesbrough looper who had shown his top form to reach the last sixteen where he played the Russian Aleksandr Saprykin. Racing round to take everything on his forehand Nicky took the first game at 11. Fighting back the Russian took the second at 18. And so to the thrilling third. Fortunes swayed to and fro and finally the game reached a stage which always seemed probable — 20-all. Five times the powerful Russian took the lead and each time Jarvis fought back. Then at 26-25 Nicky took the lead for the very first time. Surely he MUST win now? But it was not to be. The Russian collected the next three points to win the game.

Not every champion is popular. Often people like to see the stars have their colours lowered by the lesser lights. But it it to the credit of Nicky Jarvis that nobody ever wants to see him lose. England's number one is a title he carries with dignity and he is in every way a perfect sportsman both on and off the table. Consequently when he loses a game as close as that the disappointment is intense. 'Bad luck' is very little consolation to a lad who has given everything he had and come within a whisker of recording a really magnificent win. With sweat pouring from his brows and disappointment etched on every inch of his countenance Nicky was a great loser, a fighting loser — a credit to his country".

Nicky has had his disappointments, noticeably at the World Championships in 1977 but he has had his good times too. He was an exponent of the loop shot, a stroke which ironically brought about his downfall. He is dedicated and sincere, a warm personality. Nobody was surprised when he was elected Players' Representative on National Council. He is rational and yet, at the same time striving for the interests of those who he represents. One hopes he will show the same sort of dedication in his latest job as non-playing captain of the ladies' team. It was a wise decision with experience and knowledge combined. At Teessport he is in no way Alan Ransome's sidekick — as I'm sure Alan would agree. He's a dedicated sportsman who delights in meeting and helping people. A mind of his own none the less. I for one will miss seeing his earnest endeavour and sportsmanship. But he can help to make others with those supreme qualities.

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PENALTY POINTS

With reference Mrs. Glover's comment (Jan. issue) on Mr. Prean's contributions, to my mind, Table Tennis News is an excellent magazine but still requires such viewpoints, even if they are mainly from one source, to help stimulate thought and possibly provoke response.

In the same issue, it was evident there has been a considerable difference of opinion regarding the disqualification of a player in the English Junior Closed. Without personal knowledge I am unable to comment on the rights and wrongs of the incident, but possibly consideration could be given to the Referee having the authority to award penalty points, along the lines of tennis, for occurrences of this nature.

According to the Editor's report, the Referee gave three warnings prior to dismissal. If it was recognised that a Referee, after an initial warning, could award three penalty points on the second occasion and dismissal on the third, then players would be under no illusion as to how they stood! P.S. At least I've been 'provoked' into response and hope you get more letters in your postbag from other readers.

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DISAPPOINTING T.V. COVERAGE

In his letter in the February issue Mr. Shill seeks comments on points he raises and a statement of the Association's policy concerning T.V. coverage.

May I say at once that I agree with the complaints which Mr. Shill makes about coverage of the Lambert and Butler Championships and the Norwich Union Open Championships. I can assure him that all the points he raises were taken up with the television authority immediately after the events concerned.

May I also hasten to correct an inference which could be drawn from Mr. Shill's letter: namely that the Association has control over what is recorded for television and what is eventually transmitted. It has not. The contract we sign provides for the television company concerned to record the event: decisions about the amount of recording and transmission are in the hands of the editor of the programme and the producer.

That having been said, the T.V. authorities do, of course, seek our advice and I can assure Mr. Shill that we are continually advising that the best matches are by no means always the final events and that cameras should be available to record matches in early rounds. Unfortunately, our advice is not always acted on, as is obvious from the two events mentioned. In fairness we have to accept that the hands of those concerned are sometimes tied for technical reasons but that does not deter us from continuing to press our advice on both this and many other aspects of television coverage.

I think that from what I have said the Association's policy on T.V. coverage is self-evident. It is to obtain as much coverage of our sport as possible and to ensure the best possible presentation from every point of view. These aims are easy to state but, believe me, much more difficult to achieve, although not from want of trying.

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BAD EXAMPLE

With regard to your comment in your leading article on bad behaviour I would like to point out that this problem had become widespread. And not just among the youth who, I believe, are following the bad example set by some of the seniors.

There is no doubt whatsoever that this problem will continue to escalate until the ETTA declare war on the offenders. Since we are to become an Olympic sport with all the prestige involved we must stop this practise now.

Those players who feel free to swear at their opponents or act in any way unmannerly must be made to realise that the game of table tennis will survive without them. They must be banned from all competitive play, whether it be national or club level.

It is no good appealing to offenders to mend their ways. Provision must be made on score sheets to record warnings given to any player for misbehaviour. This will make it easy to spot offenders and deal with them through the leagues.

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IDLE HANDS

Does the ETTA have a coherent response to the growing problem of youth unemployment? If it does not, I suggest that it should have. A lot of status and importance has traditionally been attached to getting a job, and the spending power it allows gives the young person greater independence and an adult identity.

However, the reality now is that many youngsters will have to wait a long time before they are employed and some may never have jobs. On top of feeling unwanted, rejected, demoralised and depressed, insecure and unsure of their future, unemployed teenagers may also have to put up with the disparaging remarks of parents and the public about them being 'lazy', 'workshy' and 'good for nothing'.

Little wonder then that they become

bored, apathetic and sometimes hostile to society. How should they spend their enforced 'leisure' time? Playing table tennis may help in some small way to mitigate the harmful, debilitating, soul-destroying effects of unemployment. Sport has often been used as an agent of social control — to keep teenagers off the streets and out of trouble — but there are greater benefits to be gained for the individual.

Hopefully playing the game is enjoyable. It also assists in keeping the person physically fit — better than staying in bed all day and watching the television all evening? Getting out and about to do something not only means that boredom is lessened, but also other people are met and friendships made so that the process of socialisation is continued. And as the young person becomes more proficient at table tennis so he/she may take pride in his/her skill and build up a better self image and self esteem.

At the basic level the sport requires relatively inexpensive facilities and equipment (as compared with other physical racket sports) and almost anyone can play it. But, ironically, at a time when for these reasons table tennis should be expanding, it appears to be in decline.

I'm not suggesting that table tennis is in any way a universal remedy to the problems of youth unemployment or that it is necessarily more suitable than other activities. but it may help a litle bit. Of course some youngsters, by involving themselves in table tennis at the expense of obtaining qualifications or work skills may actually harm their employment prospects but that is another question.

So to sum up, I think that greater efforts should be made to make facilities available to encourage unemployed youngsters to play table tennis. And as the sport can be played at all ages, there is no reason why unemployed adults (future administrators?) should not be given the chance to take it up as well.

Finally, we the employed can all help those unfortunates without work by showing just a little consideration and tolerance if their manner is not always what we might like it to be.

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A 'NEW LOOK' JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

It is sad that interest in the Junior County Championships seems to be declining, for this is one of the grass roots of our sport in England. With costs soaring there are rumblings throughout the divisions that some counties are in increasing difficulties owing to the considerable expenditure which the present arrangements involve. Even our juniors do not seem so interested in the honour of representing their county these days. Clearly this is the time for a drastic and bold re-think, so that the Junior County Championships become one of the important dates on the table tennis calendar for all counties and not just those in the premier division. We must create the sense of occasion for the enjoyment of players, officials and spectators alike.

My proposal focuses on the forty county junior first teams that at present play in the junior divisions. My proposal could easily be expended to accommodate a similar scheme for junior county second teams which I would heartily endorse. However, in the first instance, let's concentrate on the principle and not on the detail which can be sorted out later.

The thrust of my suggestion is that we should concentrate the Junior County Championships on two weekends (one in the first half and one in the second half of the season) at one venue in the centre of England. As an example, let us consider having eight divisions of five teams; the divisions would be Premier, First, Second and Third with two sections — A and B — in each. In the first weekend all the matches in each division could be completed by having five sessions over the weekend — three sessions on Saturday (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.) and two sessions on Sunday (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.). On this model a third Sunday session would be needed for a match between the teams placed third in the A and B categories of each divsion (see below).

For this number of teams we would need a venue which could provide sixteen tables. Before flinching at the amount of work involved, think of the wonderful sense of occasion we would be beginning to create with over 200 youngsters involved in playing over the same weekend. Unlike tournaments when only the winners survive, all these youngsters would be involved in playing throughout the weekend while at the same time having the opportunity of seeing the junior 'stars' in action. With sixteen matches going on at the same time there will be several which will build up to an exciting climax.

The other weekend in the second half of the season would involve a series of play-offs involving all the teams. Again there would be eight divisions of five teams. Each division would consist **either** the top two in the A and B sections of each division plus the winner of the match between the two counties placed third **or** the bottom two in the A and B sections of each division plus the loser of the match between the two

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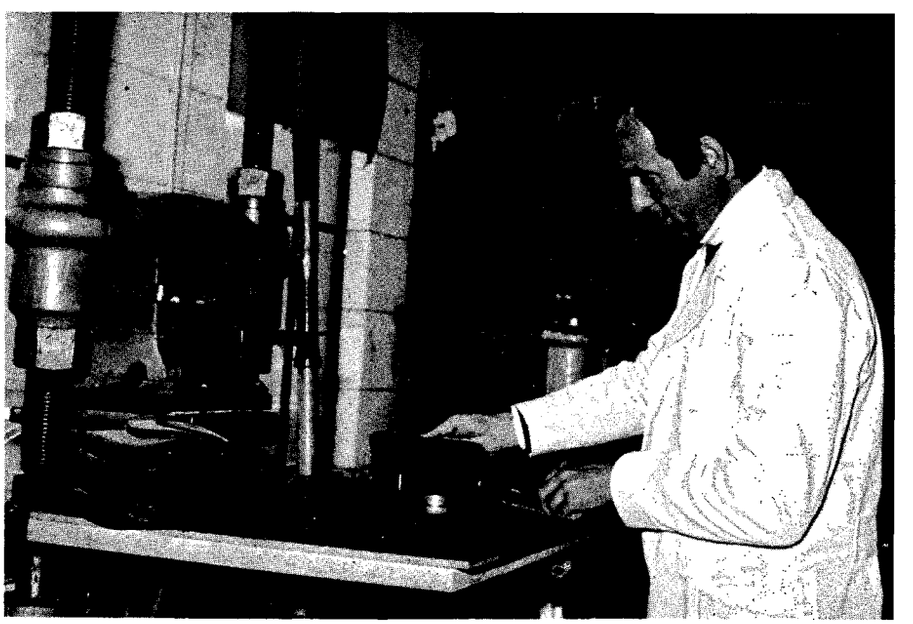

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counties placed third. Again there would be five matches over the weekend, but by the end of the weekend we could rank the counties from one to forty — the appropriate promotions and relegations would obviously follow from this final ranking. Cups and medals could be given to counties finishing first, eleventh, twenty-first and thirty-first, for these would be the premier, first, second and third division champions.

I think the two weekends could be among the highlights of the season with juniors recognising once again that they are taking part in a major event. My own enthusiasm for the idea would encourage me to suggest that we consciously try to build up the razzamatazz of the occasion. Certainly county emblems should be on display but perhaps players, officials and spectators could be encouraged to wave county scarves. Coachloads of spectators would not be amiss for our spectators are not banned at motorway service stations!

Yours in the hope of a county re-think,

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Welsh Corner

by H. ROY EVANS

SNOWBOUND

It was bad enough having our European League match against Spain disrupted by the snow — it happened again, the weekend of the English Open when our team to play Switzerland literally couldn't get out of Wales! Ironically our two young teams in the English Open couldn't get **into** Wales when we were due to return on the Sunday!

Our team eventually went off to Switzerland two weeks later, and again a frustrating 3-4 defeat was the result. Without being too unkind to our women players, we just don't expect whoever plays at the moment to register a win, so that our two men have to win their sets. On this occasion Lesley Tyler turned in one of her best performances, and beat Carmen Witte. That was a bonus and should have meant a Welsh win, but although Alan Griffiths won his both, Nigel went down to Busin in the opening set, and lost 17 in the third to Hafen in the decider. And we lost both doubles!

SCORES:

Alan Griffiths bt Martin Hafen 19, 18;
bt Thomas Busin 19, -19, 11.
Nigel Thomas lost to Busin -16, -17;
lost to Hafen -13, 16, -17.
Lesley Tyler bt Carmen Witte 18, 14.
Griffiths/Thomas lost to Hafen/Miller -14, -15.
Thomas/Lesley Tyler lost 14, -15, -18.

And so to Norway for the toughest match against likely promotion winners. It was a long journey — London to Oslo on one plane, and then Oslo to Trondhein on another, with Alan making his way up from Osnabruk by another route. As expected, the Norwegians proved much too strong. Alan did beat Pal Guttormsen, and he and Nigel won the doubles. But that was the sum total of Welsh successes.

SCORES:

Alan Griffiths lost to Tom Johansen -9, -14;
bt Pal Guttormsen 18, 20.
Nigel Thomas lost to Guttormsen -20, -13;
lost to Johansen -16, -14.
Lesley Tyler lost to Tone Folkeson -15, -12.
Griffiths/Thomas bt Guttormsen/Johansen 17, -16, 18.
Thomas/Tyler lost to Johansen/Folkeson -12, -15.

So Wales continues to dice with relegation. True, Ireland has been beaten, but there is still time for the latter to register a win, and Wales would then have to beat Scotland at Bridgend on March 8, to ensure staying up. And Scotland have just registered a good 4-3 win over Spain, to whom we lost 2-5!

Junior Internationals

We had two good junior wins — the boys beating Ireland 5-3 at Deeside, and the girls beating Scotland by the same margin at Abercynon.

The Deeside win was an especially good one, because the Irish team included Colm Slevin, currently playing at No. 1 for his senior team.

SCORES at Deeside:

Andrew Jones bt Brian Orr 12, 16;
lost to Colm Slevin -20, -8.
Nigel Tyler lost to Colm Slevin -17, -16;
bt J. Fall 17, 10.
David Griffiths bt Nialle Burke 8, 20;
lost to Orr 16, -14, -8.
Ceri Phillips bt J. Fall 19, -23, -20;
bt Burke -17, 13, 13.

SCORES at Abercynon:

Rachel Roberts lost to Diane Greig 18, -14, -18;
bt Lynn Johnson 11, 20.
Heidi Cotter bt Johnson 12, 18;
bt Alison Cooke 16, 16.
Jayne Sully bt Aileen Bennett 17, 8;
bt Greig 5, -19, 12.
Helen Sellick lost to Cooke -4, -15;
lost to Bennett -19, -18.

Both Heidi Cotter and Jayne Sully played very well at Abercynon, but Helen Sellick, playing in front of her own crowd, was very nervous.

No 1 Junior Andrew Jones came within an ace of taking his first senior title in the Glamorgan Open. Andrew was in fine form to beat Brian Jeanes in the quarters, and then brought off his first-ever win against George Evans in the semi-final.

In the other half, Kathuria, Dunlop Birmingham's No. 1 Indian, beat Mark Thomas over three games in the quarters, and then accounted for Tony Healan in the semi-final after the latter had done well to beat Kevin Satchell.

Andrew seemed to be continuing his fine form in the final, but just lost the first game against Kathuria. He took the second, and lead 10-3 and 16-9 in the decider, with the Indian apparently well beaten. But the latter tightened up his serve, and helped by some indifferent play by Andrew, ran out winner 18, to deprive Andrew what would have been a timely win.

Andrew won the junior event, with a three game win over Welsh Junior No. 2. Nigel Tyler, and then Andrew combined with Gary Wilkins to win their third senior doubles title in a row by virtue of a fine victory over Dave Welsman and Mark Thomas in the semi, and a crushing win over John Bloomer and Andrew Evans in the final.

Flint's Evelyn Wright took the cadet event, and Linda Leggett, partnering the women's runner-up, Tracey Lightfoot, beat Cathryn and Susan Jones in the women's doubles.

Anthony Jones added another cadet title to his bag.

SCORES

Men's Singles Semi-finals:
Andrew Jones bt George Evans 12, -13, 14.
S. Kathuria bt Tony Healan 13, 15.
Final:
Kathuria bt Jones 19, -19, 18.
Women's Singles:
Elaine Short bt Tracey Lightfoot -19, 8, 17.
Men's Doubles:
Jones/Wilkins bt Evans/Bloomer 11, 16.
Women's Doubles:
Lightfoot/Leggett bt C. and S. Jones 12, 12.
Boys' Singles:
Andrew Jones bt Nigel Tyler 11, -15, 9.
Girls' Singles:
Tracey Lightfoot bt Heidi Cotter 7, 12.
Consolation Boys' Singles:
Anthony Jones bt Kelvin Roberts -14, 18, 10.
Consolation Girls' Singles:
Evelyn Wright bt Fiona Short 4, 7.

Butterfly Cardiff chalked up another National League win with an easy 7-1 score over Larkhall, but Cranfield Colours slipped to third place in the Third Division Southern when they lost to S.I.B. Bath 3-5.

£1,000 PRIZE BONANZA

On Saturday, May 1 the Northumberland TTA will present the Evening Chronicle Northumberland 2-Star Open Championships at the Concordia Leisure Centre, Cramlington commencing at 9 a.m. with the finals scheduled for 7.30 p.m.

The prize fund amounts to £1,005 with £225 going to the winner of the men's singles — £110 to the runner-up. Entry forms are available from the Organiser, Mr. Aubrey Drapkin, the ETTA Hon. Treasurer, at 6 Northfield Road, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne NE3 3UL ('Phone: 0632-853878).

Closing date for entries is Monday, April 5, 1982.

Les D'Arcy reports from . . .

YORKSHIRE

PRIORITY ITEMS

Two items have earned priority in this report (a) Yorkshire T.T. Executive's lead in the County against unsporting behaviour and unacceptable language which has resulted in the suspension of one player and as a warning to others. (b) It is not just the elimination of the negative which the game requires it also needs the example of the more mature players to alter the present emotional climate.

One splendid illustration of this was in a recent local league match when Castleford/Pontefract 1st team Yorkshire League player, four times Wakefield singles Champion, Alan Hanson, was having one of his rare off nights. He had lost two singles, the doubles and the first game of his final set. He bounced back in the second game after some breath-taking retrieves against some fierce attacking play to 15-16. He then had the atrocious bad luck to hit four 50-50 side/edge balls. Although Alan must have strongly wished to redress the balance, he refused to accept the benefit of the doubt and gave the point to his opponent on each occasion, without hesitation. When asked by his opponent why he had not accepted a 'let' for the doubtful points Alan replied, 'Why should I when I knew it was side? What a player! What a Sportsman.

The result of that set and match will probably be soon forgotten, but how can one forget such sportsmanship, particularly if you, like I was, were at the other end of the table.

Congratulations to the Sheffield T.T. League on having the courage and initiative at very short notice to stage the European Super Division match England v Poland at the Concord Sports Centre on March 17. We wish the venture every success and hope that it heralds similar events for Sheffield in the future.

Well done too Kevin Beadsley on winning the Lancashire 2-Star Men's singles and to 13-year-old Joanne Shaw (Normanton) who after an excellent season at cadet and adult levels has earned a place at the England Training Camp, Lilleshall.

Tim Dyson celebrated his first year in the senior ranks by winning the Huddersfield Closed Men's Singles. He defeated Buckinghamshire County player, Ian Haines, in the final 16 and 15 after beating Geoff Brook, the holder 21 and 14 in the semis. Tim also came near to taking a second title, but with partner Errol Bernard was just not able to match the teamwork of Stephen Brailsford and Alan Carter who inched home to take the men's doubles title for the second time. Bernard and Bobby Rowlands produced some of the finest table-tennis of the Championships before Errol stamped his authority on the third game to take an early lead and the set in the Boys' Final. Barbara Dunne kept her women's singles title with a comfortable win over Katy Baxter 13 and 15 in the final. Barbara went on to collect the mixed with Brailsford 11, -13, 18 over Barbara Dunne and Dyson. Promising newcomer Deborah O'Driscoll, in her first season took the second game before going down to the holder, Katy Baxter in the Girls' final. Brook had a bad day for in addition to losing his men's title he also relinquished the veteran's singles to former Yorkshire Men's Champion Howard Birch who took his opportunities to win a closely contested final 19 in the third.

Sue Owen and Val King became the Women's Doubles champions with a two-straight win over Marion Brook and Deborah O'Driscoll. League Chairman, Mr. Stanley Priestley, presented the prizes for the Championship which was sponsored by Suggs Sports.

YORKSHIRE REPORT

Spotlight on the Leagues

Harrogate

For an area of only 64,000 population, Harrogate, with its 100 teams and well over 300 players must be one of Yorkshire's leading leagues for its size and has come a long way since it was founded in 1946 and had 18 teams in 1947. The first Secretary/Treasurer was Mr. E. M. Carter for the Adult League and Miss M. Jackson for the Youth Section.

The present policy is to encourage the playing of table-tennis at all levels and this season Harrogate has more teams playing at Yorkshire League level than any other league: six men's, two women's, one veterans, two juniors and one cadets. It would be interesting to discover from where all the enthusiasm generates. In addition to a hard working committee, Harrogate's Mr. Table Tennis, Norman Lusher, must have something to do with it. It is certain to be more than a co-incidence that the county T.T.A.'s Chairman, Geoff Scruton and county Treasurer Maurice Pennock both live in the Harrogate area and like the younger members of their families are both active players, and in Geoff's case, also umpiring at all levels to international standard. The area is lucky to have seven other qualified umpires lead by the irrepressible Lewis Ward whose enthusiasm for umpiring is something special.

Harrogate men's 1st team are having an excellent season in the Yorkshire League Div. 1. They share top place with arch-rivals, Wakefield I. Both teams look set for promotion and a good result against Dewsbury I, the other promotion contender, could see Harrogate as champions — as they were in 1980. Wakefield, who have an easier final fixture against Barnsley II, will be hoping to reverse the 1980 decision when they were pipped by Harrogate, after a marathon play-off.

Harrogate Veteran's also look one of the favourites for promotion. Norman Lusher and Barry Walker re-enforced this season with the power of Len Browning — ex Leeds United player — look capable of going one better than last season when the 1st Division was just out of reach.

Richard Whiteley, at sixteen, is proving to be the League's leading player. He won the men's singles and four other events at the Harrogate Closed sponsored by Modern Maintenance Products.

FINAL RESULTS

Open Singles:
R. Whiteley bt N. Davies 18, -15, 19.
Women's Singles:
Julie Sigsworth bt Lou Smith -19, 9, 19.
Open Doubles:
Whiteley/N. Pennock bt Troughton/K. Bell -15, 16, 10.
Mixed Doubles:
Whiteley/Y. Abdellah bt J. Sigsworth/N. Pennock 17, 18.
Veteran Singles:
L. Browning bt N. Lusher -20, 11, 12.

Richard's praiseworthy performances throughout the season, particularly his very successful run with the county junior 2nd team have culminated in his being chosen for the junior premier squad to take part in the Junior Premier Week-end at St. Neots, March 6/7, with Stephen Sharpe (Wakefield), David Rook (Bradford), David Illingsworth (Barnsley), Lesley Broomhead (Sheffield), Josette Ryalls (Sheffield) and Melanie Seaton (Doncaster).

Richard then returns to the junior 2nd's to lead them in to action against Gloucestershire Juniors at the T.F.D. Centre, Bradford, Mar. 13. Martin Firth (Bradford), Jeff Thatcher (Leeds), Rachel Brook (Dewsbury) and Joanne Shaw (Wakefield).

For the Senior Premier Week-end, Batley Sports' Centre, Feb. 27/28, Steve Mills, Alan Fletcher, Kevin Beadsley, Melody Hill with Mark Illingsworth and Helen Shields reserves carried Yorkshire's hopes to retain the Premier Title.

RESIGNATION

Willie Walsh, for long the contributor of Irish Notes to this magazine, has resigned his position on the Executive Committee of the Irish TTA. His contributions will be missed and we wish him well inside table tennis or out.

Richard Whiteley (left) winner of the Harrogate Closed men's singles title being assisted by his younger brother in the carrying of the various trophies won in the tournament. Also pictured is Mr. Donald MacKenzie the joint managing director of the sponsors - Modern Maintenance Products Ltd., of Harrogate.

LENTEC COMPUTER RANKINGS

CAROLE UP TO No. 3

by Robert Oldfield

Carole Knight, the Commonwealth champion, has been promoted to No. 3 in the latest "Lentec English Ranking Lists". The controversial player, from Middlesbrough, Cleveland, has gone up two places in the computer rankings with a further chance of improvement depending on her results in the Norwich Union English Closed.

As expected, the current national champions (as on Feb. 12/'82), Jill Hammersley and Desmond Douglas, lead the lists but the 14-years-old Lisa Bellinger has risen five places to No. 7.

Revised rankings (previous positions in brackets):

Men

1 Desmond Douglas (Wa) (1)
2 Paul Day (Ca) (2)
3 Douggie Johnson (Wa) (3)
4 Graham Sandley (Mi) (4)
5 Donald Parker (La) (5)
6 Kenny Jackson (E) (6)
7 David Wells (Mi) (10)
8 Mark Mitchell (Mi) (12)
9 Nigel Eckersley (Ch) (8)
10 Skylet Andrew (E) (9)
11 Steven Mills (Y) (14)
12 Philip Bradbury (Bu) (13)
13 David Constance (Do) (11)
14 David Barr (Bk) (16)
15 Andrew Wellman (Bk) (15)
16 John Souter (Mi) (17)
17 John Kitchener (Sk) (20)
18 Ian Kenyon (K) (21)
19 Chris Rogers (Le) (18)
20 Alan Fletcher (Y) (30)
21 Carl Prean (IOW) (27)
22 Colin Wilson (Mi) (23)
23 David Newman (E) (19)
24 David Tan (Mi) (22)
25 Peter McQueen (Sy) (24)
26 Billy Gleave (Ch) (25)
27 Steven Turner (La) (26)
28 Kevin Satchell (Wi) (28)
29 Kevin Beadsley (Y) (32)
30 Richard Jermyn (He) (29)
31 Andrew Bellingham (St) (33)
32 Malcolm Francis (Sx) (34)
33 Keith Paxton (Du) (36)
34 John Payne (Mi) (45)
35 Joe Kennedy (K) (38)
36 Barry Hayward (Wa) (42)
37 Tony Clayton (Do) (—)
38 Barry Johnson (Wa) (44)
39 Paul Namdjou (K) (40)
40 Peter Taylor (He) (39)
41 Anthony Boasman (Ch) (35)
42 Desmond Charlery (E) (40)
43 Tony Sanderson (Y) (—)
44 Mark Oakley (Sy) (—)
45 Malcolm Green (Sp) (46)
46 Keith Richardson (Ca) (—)
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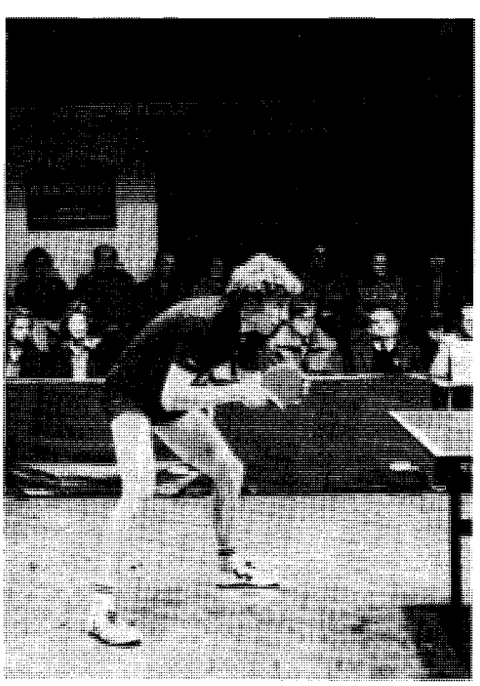

Surrey's Maxwell Crimmins previously listed at No. 7 and now omitted owing to insufficient evidence.

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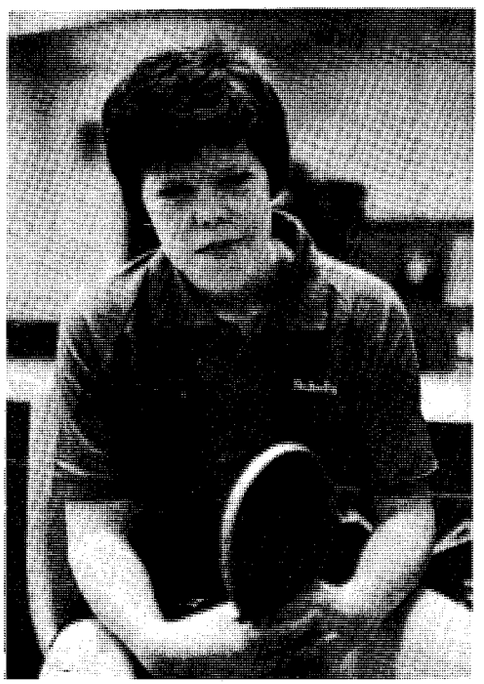

Tony Sanderson of Yorkshire, one of the six newcomers into the top 50.

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The following players are not ranked owing to insufficient evidence but for tournament seeding purposes would be placed immediately below the player bearing the same ranking number:

1a John Hilton (Saarbrucken)
8a Robert Potton (Alkenswaard)
8b Max Crimmins (Sy) (7)
30a Ian Horsham (E)
30b Jimmy Walker (Cv) (31)

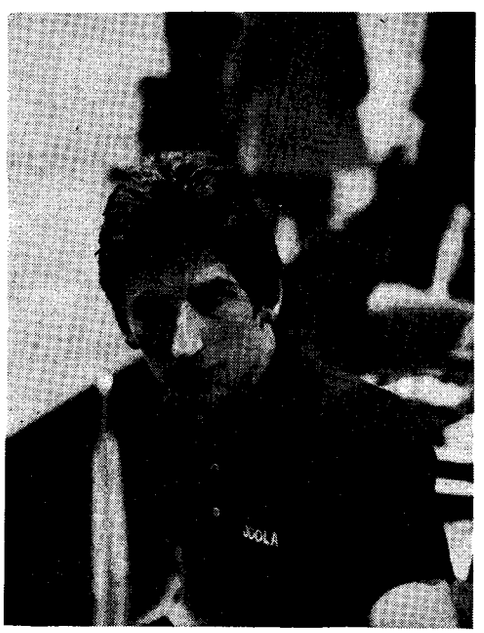
Omitted from the previous list are:
Andrew Clark (Nd) (37)
Ian Robertson (Nd) (41)
Stephen Moore (Sx) (47)
Stephen Scowcroft (La) (50)

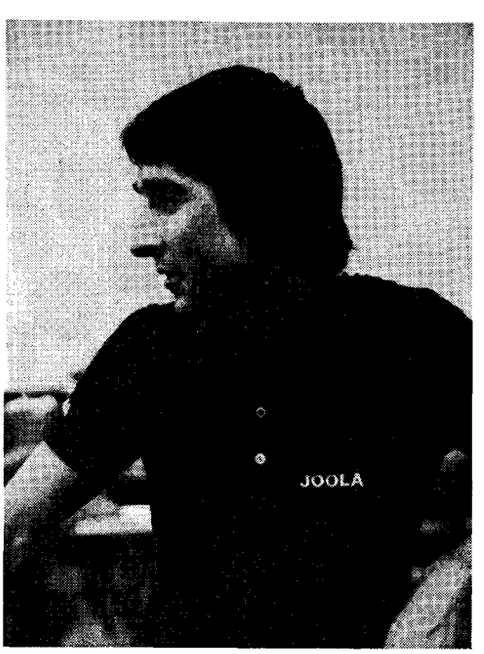
Women

1 Jill Hammersley (Bu) (1)
2 Karen Witt (Bk) (2)
3 Carole Knight (Cv) (5)
4 Linda Jarvis (Sy) (4)
5 Alison Gordon (Bk) (3)
6 Anita Stevenson (Le) (6)
7 Lisa Bellinger (Bd) (12)
8 Angela Mitchell (Mi) (7)
9 Melody Hill (Y) (10)
10 Karen Smith (Le) (8)
11 Mandy Reeves (Bk) (11)
12 Joy Grundy (La) (14)
13 Helen Williams (Mi) (9)
14 Mandy Smith (Bk) (15)
15 Suzanne Hunt (Li) (16)
16 Jill Harris (St) (13)
17 Sarah Sandley (Mi) (17)
18 Jackie Bellinger (Bd) (20)
19 Claire Maisey (Wi) (18)
20 Helen Shields (Y) (21)
21 Sally Midgely (Y) (25)
22 Gina Pritchard (Dv) (19)
23 Jean Parker (La) (24)
24 Julie McLean (Y) (23)
25 Cheryl Buttery (Li) (22)
26 Julie Revill (Le) (27)
27 Susan Collier (Bk) (30)
28 Linda Smith (Y) (—)
29 Elaine Short (Dv) (26)
30 Janet Parker (Do) (28)

Lesley Radford (E) is not ranked owing to insufficient evidence but for tournament seeding purposes would be placed immediately below the player bearing the same ranking number i.e. 20a.

From the previous list Nina Tsakarisianos (Gs), previously at No. 29, has been omitted the newcomer being Linda Smith (nee Hryszko) of Yorkshire.





Mark Mitchell of Middlesex up from No. 12 to No. 8 and John Kitchener of Suffolk, also on the up and up, from No. 20 to No. 17.

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