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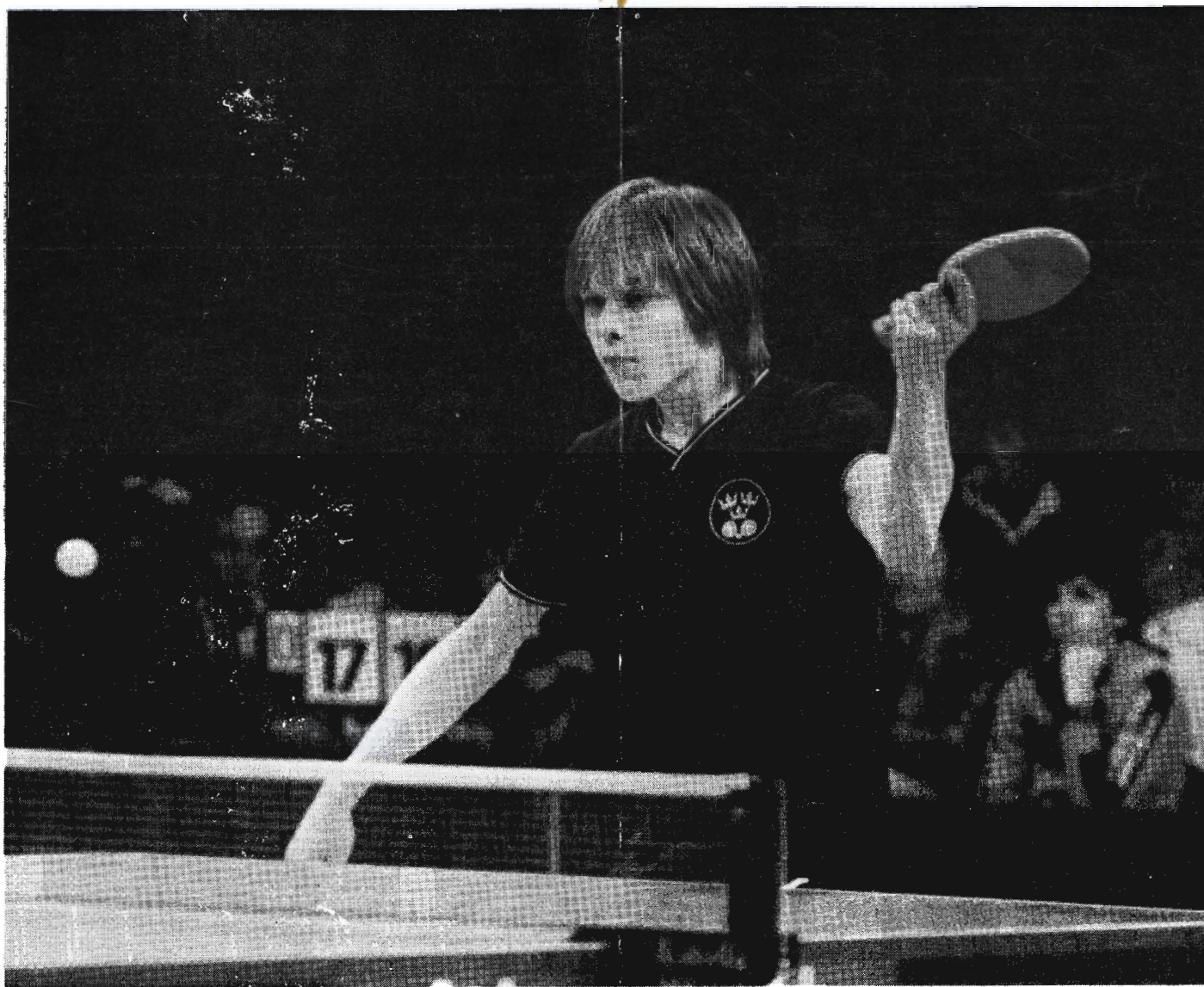


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# 13th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## YOUNG PRETENDER DENIED

by George R. Yates

### YOUTH AT THE HELM

With Stellan Bengtsson, a former world champion, struggling to keep his place and finally dropped against Yugoslavia in the men's team event in Budapest stock must be taken of Sweden's depth of young talent now emerging as world class players.

Jan-Ove Waldner, the youngest by far of the five players used by Sweden in the team competition, is the latest of the newcomers to emerge as a senior contender although promise was there in abundance when, in August of last year, in Topolcany, he won the boys' singles and doubles, with Jonny Akesson, and shared with Akesson and Erik Lindh the boys' team title in the European Youth Championships.

Have no doubts the Swedes have aces up their sleeves and, although they came but fourth in the men's team event in Hungary, two of their players, namely Mikael Appelgren, the Top 12 winner in Nantes, and the ice cool Waldner had it all to themselves in the blue riband event in Budapest.

Come two years hence and Sweden will start hot favourites for the men's team title in Moscow as Hungary's ageing players, just like Yugoslavia's and, to a lesser degree, those of Czechoslovakia will be that much older.

But what of England's prospects. For too long we have relied on just one player, Desmond Douglas, and should he fail then so does the team. Where is the back-up coming from as it has with the decline of Bengtsson.

Is the time not now ripe to concentrate on the younger element. Should we not lavish more attention on the likes of Graham Sandley, by no means a failure in Budapest, on Carl Preat and, if controllable, Billy Gleave?

#### ROLL OF HONOUR

Men's Singles  
MIKAEL APPELGREN  
(Sweden)

Men's Doubles  
ZORAN KALINIC and  
DRAGUTIN SURBEK  
(Yugoslavia)

Mixed Doubles  
ANDRZEJ GRUBBA and BETTINE VRIESEKOOP  
(Poland)

Men's Team  
HUNGARY

Women's Singles  
BETTINE VRIESEKOOP  
(Netherlands)

Women's Doubles  
FLURA BULATOVA and  
INNA KOVALENKO  
(Soviet Union)

Women's Team  
HUNGARY

Sweden had it all to themselves in the final of the men's singles event in the 13th European Championships, in Budapest, on April 25, 1982, with Mikael Appelgren, aged 20, beating his compatriot, Jan-Ove Waldner, the 16-years-old wonder boy -17, -17, 18, 20, 19 in a truly gripping final.

Appelgren, a left-hander, fought back from a two-game deficit to take the next three and the title from his younger opponent who, en route to the final, had disposed of such notables as England's Desmond Douglas (-17, -9, 11, 20 and 11);

Zoran Kalinic, the giant Yugoslavian penholder; Stellan Bengtsson, Sweden's former world champion, and, in the semis, Tibor Klampar, of Hungary.

Both Istvan Jonyer and Gabor Gergely, Hungary's other title contenders, were beaten by Appelgren and this after the Hungarians had claimed the gold medals in the men's team event with a final victory over Czechoslovakia winning 5-3 after being 1-3 down! Jonyer was Hungary's star with a treble.

Again it was a triumph for the Top 12



Victor and vanquished. Mikael Appelgren about to put his bat away as Jan-Ove Waldner reflects on his loss.

Photo by Lars Sandlin, Stockholm, Sweden.

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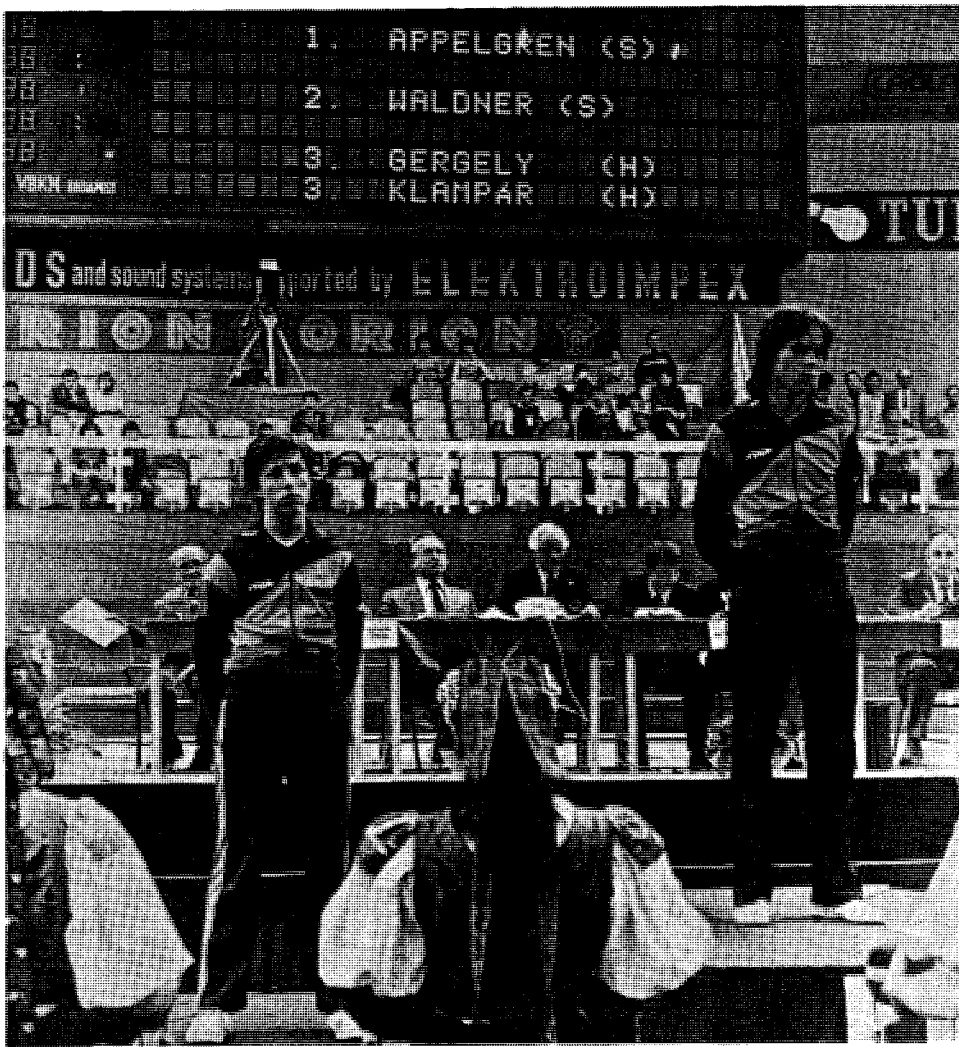
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Both unsmiling on the rostrum. Appelgren on the No. 1 spot and Waldner at No. 2.

Photo by Lars Sandlin, Stockholm, Sweden.

winner in Nantes, **Bettine Vriesekoop** of the Netherlands, who won the women's singles title with a final victory over England's Jill Hammersley, the latter having played exceptionally well in claiming victories over the defending champion, Valentina Popova of the Soviet Union, and the host country's Judit Magos.

Miss **Vriesekoop**, aged 20 from Hazerswoude, struck gold again when, with Poland's **Andrzej Grubba**, the mixed title was won in a final encounter with Dragutin Surbek and Branka Batinic of Yugoslavia. But **Surbek** was not to be denied in the men's doubles which also afforded **Kalinic** of the Soviet Union, and the host country's **Judit Magos**.

Owing to a foot injury, worsened by her encounter with Jill Hammersley, Miss **Vriesekoop** pulled out of the women's doubles final possibly denying **Sandra de Kruiff** a gold medal the same being claimed by **Flura Bulatova** and **Inna Kovalkenko** of the Soviet Union who had taken out Mrs. Hammersley and **Linda Jarvis** in the semis.

Making it a double celebration in the team events, Hungary's **Gabriella Szabo** and **Edit Urban** took the women's title for Hungary beating Federal Germany's **Ursula Kamizuru** and **Kirsten Kruger** 3-1 in the final.

#### CAUGHT COLD

Matters got under way on the morning of Apl. 17 when, at 10.30 a.m., England's men went into action against Poland in their opening 1st stage Group A match. But who would have predicted the 5-0 scoreline that ensued with **John Hilton**, having scraped home 23-21 in the first game against **Grubba**, throwing away a 20-12 lead in the second, giving the most palpitations?

Lacking practise against 'foreign' opposition, because of the internal troubles, perhaps it was that the Poles were caught cold.

But it was England's turn to seek excuses in their next match against Czechoslovakia, played the same day, in the evening, with the Czechs 5-1 victors after **Desmond Douglas** had put his country into the lead with a first set win over **Jindrich Pansky**.

It was in this encounter that **Douglas** lost his one and only set in the team event when beaten 14 and 19 by **Milan Orlowski**. Neither **Douggie Johnson** nor **Hilton** could make any impression on the Czech trio otherwise comprising **Josef Dvoracek**.

Changes were made for the following morning's match against Denmark — promotees to the Super Division of the European League — with **Paul Day** and **Graham Sandley** replacing **Hilton** and **Johnson**.

Both newcomers revelled in their selection with **Day** beating **Kim Kartholm** and **Claus Pedersen**, the latter also losing to **Sandley**. **Douglas**, of course, won his two.

In the evening of the same day, an identical English trio took on Sweden. But, despite **Douglas** claiming the scalps of **Stellan Bengtsson**, **Appelgren** (14 and 11) and **Erik Lindh** not another set came our way with **Sandley** thrice beaten and **Day** twice.

The last match in the first stage was against Austria and with **Johnson** affording **Douglas** a rest it was a 5-0 result in England's favour. But those two losses to the Czechs and the Swedes made it that 5th position was the highest we could attain.

Still it was something to fight for and fight we did when **Douglas**, **Hilton** and **Day** took on France who had come in fourth in Group B.

Three wins for **Douglas**, over **Christian Martin**, **Patrick Birocheau** and **Jacques Secretin**, plus a splendid victory for **Day** over the latter took England into a 4-3 win but in losing to **Birocheau** in the eighth set **Day** set **Hilton** the task of beating **Martin** for overall victory.

#### DESULTORY

Having twice lost in desultory fashion not much chance was given of the **Flixton** man — so successful in Berne — of beating the French defender. But we were wrong as **John**, buckling down to the task at long last, beat his man 19 and 18 for a well-earned win.

On then to the final engagement with Federal Germany represented by **Peter Engel**, bespectacled and bearded, **Engelbert Hugging**, even more bearded, and **Jurgen Rebel**. **Sandley** took the place of **Hilton** in England's side and he is was who accounted for **Hugging** in the second set after **Day** had beaten **Engel** in the opener.

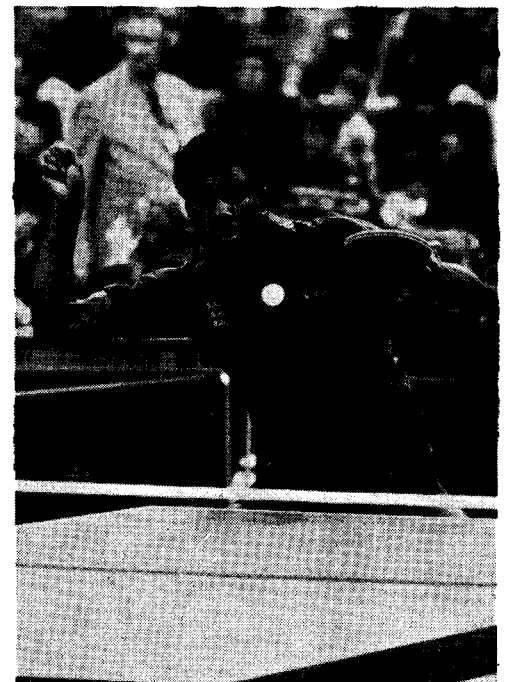
**Douglas** made it 3-0 in disposing of **Rebel** then came a setback when **Day** lost to **Hugging** but a subsequent win for **Douglas** over **Engel** took us into a 4-1 lead countered by **Rebel** beating **Sandley**. But it was all over in the seventh set when **Douglas** completed his hatricket polishing off **Hugging** 7 and 8(!).

In the top echelon Hungary, after going down to a surprising 3-5 defeat at the hands of Federal Germany (**Peter Stellwag** (2), **Engel** (2) and **Ralf Wosik** (1)) did not falter again in topping Group B despite **Gergely** being beaten thrice in the Federal German encounter.

Subsequent wins over Sweden (5-3) and Czechoslovakia (5-3) got them the gold medals with the Czechs taking second position on the rostrum.

In the counterpart women's event England's **Jill Hammersley** did a 'Douglas Duisburg' by going through without sustaining a single loss.

Her victims included **Vriesekoop**, **Ann-Christin Hellman** (Sweden), **Kirsten Kruger** and **Ursula Kamizuru** (GFR), **Valentina**



**Desmond Douglas** — success in the team event.

Photo by Jose Ransome, Ormesby, Cleveland.



**Bronze medalists for England.**

Photo by Jose Ransome, Ormesby, Cleveland.

all fell in the first round and all three to Swedes in the persons of Menni Weizades, Hellman, and Marie Lindblad respectively. And, in the women's consolation singles, Carole was beaten by her namesake, Dalrymple, of Scotland! Oh calamity!

**FIRST SUCCESS**

The young Scot lost in the final to Hungary's Ildiko Bolvari whilst Hafen brought off the first success for Switzerland in the final of the men's consolation in beating Jukka Ikonen of Finland .

No final session is complete without Surbek being involved and, true to form, the all-action Yugoslav, in partnership with the giant Kalinic, took on the host nation's Gergely and Jonyer who lost in straight games to bring an earlier end to the proceedings than had been anticipated.

On the previous night in the mixed doubles Bettine Vrieskoop had claimed Holland's first ever gold medal in sharing the title with Poland's Grubba and to this she might have added, but for injury, the women's doubles, to complete a rare treble with her win in the women's singles which had the Dutch contingent tossing their heroine around the arena.

Apart from Jill and Linda reaching the semi of the women's doubles Carole and Karen failed miserably in losing -17, -14, -18 to Dolores Fetter and Barbara Wiltsche of Austria in Rd. 1, whilst a similar fate befell Hilton and Bruna Patietti of France who took a first round exit to Johansen and Gustavsen of Norway.

Douglas and Day, fell to Karakasevic and Jurcic of Yugoslavia in Rd. 2, after a first round bye, whilst Johnson and Sandley progressed to the quarters before falling to Surbek and Kalinic after beating Swier/van Spanje (NET), Cabrera/Leroy (BEL) and, commendably, the arch defenders Martin (FRA) and Hugging (GFR).

Des and Linda, our main hopes in the mixed, fell to Kalinic and Ferenczi whilst Hilton and Carole shamed themselves in losing, in Rd. 1, to Marc Birel and Carine Risch of Luxembourg and this after winning the first two games 17 and 13. They were subsequently defeated 14, 13 and 18.

Jill and Johnson progressed to the

Bengtsson — how the former World champion had struggled to keep his place in the men's team — ousted the Middlesex player in straight games.

Johnson had an opening win over Martin Hafen of Switzerland but then fell to Engel whose compatriot Rebel disposed of Day.

Surbek, the top seed, was taken out in Rd. 4 by Gergely whilst Grubba fell to Jonyer, and Orlovski to Hugging. But all credit to the young Swedes who set Budapest alight with their stirring deeds.

Jill's fellow representatives in the women's singles, Carole, Karen and Linda,

Popova and Nadine Antonyan (USS), Edit Urban and Gabriella Szabo (HUN) and Rumania's young prospect, Olga Nemes, as well as Eva Ferenczi.

Regrettably her teammates did not measure up to Jill's high standard although Carole Knight did her stuff against Yugoslavia in beating Dubravka Fabri and against the Netherlands when taking the fifth and final set against Sandra de Kruiff.

Our only loss was to Hungary, the eventual champions, when Miss Knight gave second best to both Szabo and Urban and Jill and Linda Jarvis dropped their second doubles set.

Twice Karen Witt replaced Carole but without success against both Sweden and the Soviet Union, losing to Hellman and Popova. Predictable I suppose but not the manner of the defeats — both 2-straight.

Having finished ninth in Berne the Federal Germans are to be congratulated on achieving the runners-up spot in Budapest . . . truly a remarkable upsurge in their fortunes as indeed was their men's victory over Hungary.

**INDIVIDUALS**

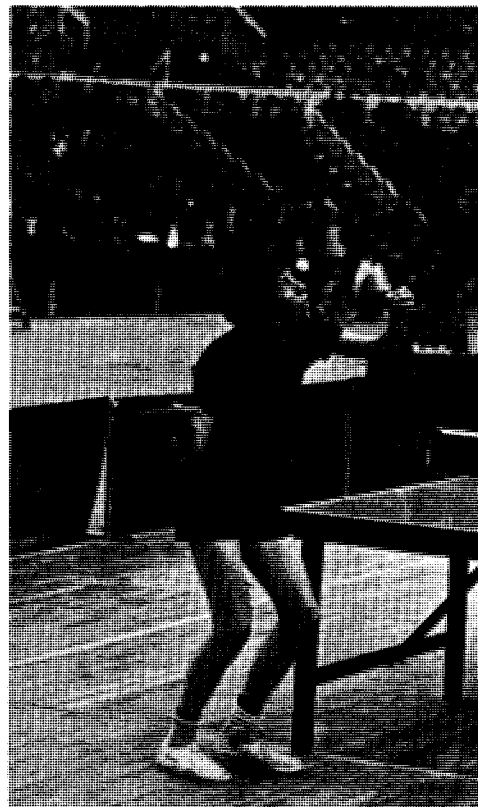
After their successes in the team events Hungary's appetite had been truly whetted and with both Gergely and Klampar successful up to the semis of the men's singles crowd reaction was reaching crescendo proportions.

But at that stage the din was stifled with Gergely falling to Appelgren and Klampar, regarded as the favourite, falling to young Waldner, conqueror of Douglas in a memorable third round match in which the Warwickshire left-hander ran out of steam after taking the first two games.

Lancashire's Hilton, the defending title holder, was beaten 15, 10 and 6 (!) by the French ace Secretin, this after the Mancunian had disposed of Tibor Kreisz, of Hungary, and Igor Podnosov of the Soviet Union.

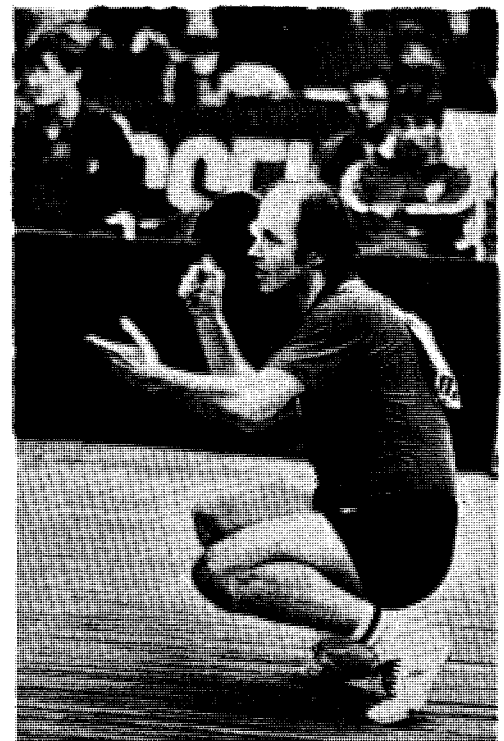
John, like a bull at a gate, discarded his usual painstaking tactics, which had paid such good dividends in Berne, and that was his undoing. But, in reality, he did not appear to have the heart to win and, sadly, this must be written.

Sandley did well to progress through two rounds in beating Dietmar Palmi of Austria and Thomas Busin of Switzerland, but



The serve that baffled more than a few in Budapest . . . delivered by Waldner.

Photo by Lars Sandlin, Stockholm, Sweden.



Jonyer — in super form for Hungary.

Photo by Jose Ransome, Ormesby, Cleveland.

quarters losing to Surbek and Batinic whilst Day and Karen failed to distinguish themselves in losing to Tom Johansen and Tone Folkesson of Norway in Rd. 1.

Yugoslavia's Milivoj Karakasevic was the recipient of the Victor Barna "Fair Play Award" presented by the Swaythling Club whose members turned up in force in Budapest with the host nation's Ferenc Sido ever on hand to assist as required.

The newly constructed stadium was a sight to behold dwarfing anything we have in this country and with the weather on its best behaviour the waters of the Danube which splits Buda from Pest truly sparkled in the spring sunshine.

No doubt the Hungarians have the know-how when it comes to organising a major tournament and the opening ceremony involving gymnastic and folk dancing displays was well up to standard.

Granted one had to be a lover of salami to favour the numerous snack bars within the stadium but food, otherwise, was not to be grumbled at, taken, as it was, in the hotels. Two years hence the 14th European Championships will take place in Moscow. See you there,



A good combination — Jill Hammersley with her captain Nicky Jarvis.

Photo by Jose Ransome, Ormesby, Cleveland.

### I.O.C. PRESIDENT AT EURO CHAMPIONSHIPS

The President of the International Olympic Committee, Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, visiting Hungary accepted an invitation to assist the 13th European Table Tennis Championships, taking place in Budapest from April 17-25, 1982.

At a reception on Apl. 24 in honour of Mr. Samaranch, the opportunity was taken by Mr. H. Roy Evans, President of the International Table Tennis Federation to confirm the I.T.T.F. proposals to the I.O.C. for the table tennis events in the Olympic Games, in the presence of Dr. Arpad Csanadi — Honorary Sports Director of the I.O.C., and senior officers of the I.T.T.F. and E.T.T.U.

Mr. Samaranch expressed his pleasure at the inclusion of Table Tennis in the Olympic Games programme from 1988 and mentioned that in his personal view the wish of the I.T.T.F. to include men's and women's doubles in the Programme was fully justified, and this question will be given consideration by the I.O.C. Executive Board before the final decision is taken at the Session of the I.O.C. in Rome at the end of May. Mr. Evans stated that it would probably be the intention of the I.T.T.F. to limit participation to not more than two players from any one N.O.C. Mr. Samaranch expressed his approval of such an arrangement. There was also an exchange of views regarding the problems of eligibility, and protection of the Olympic movement.

Mr. Samaranch presented an Olympic gold pin to Mr. Evans and mementoes of the occasion to Mr. and Mrs. Evans and to Dr. G. Lakatos, President of the E.T.T.U. Mr. Evans presented a memento to Mr. Samaranch, who then stayed to watch some of the play, and accepted an invitation to attend the Finals of Apl. 25.

**Round 4:**  
Gergely bt Surbek 20, 18, 12;  
Secretin bt Lindh 18, -20, 16, -17, 13;  
Jonyer bt Grubba 14, 19, 21;  
Appelgren bt Dvoracek 12, 15, 13;  
Waldner bt Kalinic 21, 8, 18;  
Bengtsson bt Kucharski -15, 18, 21, -20, 15;  
Huging bt Carlsson -16, 17, 20, 15;  
Klampar bt Karakasevic 14, 7, 16.  
**Quarter-finals:**  
Gergely bt Secretin -17, 20, 20, 18;  
Appelgren bt Jonyer 18, 13, -12, -15, 18;  
Waldner bt Bengtsson 19, 17, -12, 15;  
Klampar bt Huging 13, 14, 15.  
**Semi-finals:**  
Appelgren bt Gergely 16, -13, 18, 6;  
Waldner bt Klampar -19, 22, 18, 13.  
**Final:**  
APPELGREN bt Waldner -17, -17, 18, 20, 19.  
**Women's Singles Round 3:**  
B. Vrieskoop (NET) bt M. Lindblad (SWE) -19, 17, 13, -19, 11;  
N. Antonyan (USS) bt Z. Olah (HUN) -13, 6, 13, -17, 16;  
U. Kamizuru (GFR) bt G. Szabo (HUN) -17, 11, -19, 21, 15;  
F. Bulatova (USS) bt M. Hrachova (CZE) -16, 19, -20, 19, 18;  
V. Popova (USS) bt E. Ferenczi (RUM) 17, -20, 15, -15, 19;  
E. Urban (HUN) bt S. Grefberg (FIN) 18, 24, 19;  
J. Magos (HUN) bt K. Kruger (GFR) 19, 16, 20;  
J. Hammersley (ENG) bt C. Bergeret (FRA) 12, 12, -18, 12.  
**Quarter-finals:**  
Vrieskoop bt Antonyan 13, 16, -19, 19;  
Kamizuru bt Bulatova 17, 17, 18;  
Popova bt Urban 14, 19, 12;  
Hammersley bt Magos 19, 16, 19.  
**Semi-finals:**  
Vrieskoop bt Kamizuru 13, -14, 7, 20;  
Hammersley bt Popova 10, 17, 19.  
**Final:**  
VRIESEKOOP bt Hammersley 16, -8, 18, -21, 16.  
**Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:**  
Kalinic/Surbek bt D. Johnson (ENG)/Sandley 12, 20, 19;  
U. Bengtsson/Lindh bt Grubba/Kucharski 19, -20, 17, -17, 19;  
Gergely/Jonyer bt M. Broda (CZE)/Broda 20, 12, -15, 13;  
P. Birocheau (FRA)/Secretin bt S. Bengtsson/Carlsson -21, 7, 18, -19, 15.  
**Semi-finals:**  
Kalinic/Surbek bt U. Bengtsson/Lindh 19, 18, 14;

Gergely/Jonyer bt Birocheau/Secretin 15, 16, 21.  
**Final:**  
KALINIC/SURBEK bt Gergely/Jonyer 15, 17, 15.  
**Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:**  
Magos/Szabo bt Antonyan/Popova 16, 10, 16;  
S. de Kruiff (NET)/Vrieskoop bt B. Batinic/D. Fabri (YUG) 18, 17, 13;  
Bulatova/I. Kovalenko (USS) bt Ferenczi/O. Nemes (RUM) 15, 17, 16;  
Hammersley/L. Jarvis (ENG) bt Olah/Urban 16, 13, -15, -17, 20.  
**Semi-finals:**  
de Kruiff/Vrieskoop bt Magos/Szabo 17, 19, 19;  
Bulatova/Kovalenko bt Hammersley/Jarvis -15, -14, 12, 16, 13.  
**Final:**  
BULATOVA/KOVALENKO walk-over de Kruiff/Vrieskoop scratched.  
**Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:**  
I. Podnosov (USS)/Popova bt Pansky/Hrachova -13, -11, 18, 21, 19;  
Grubba/Vrieskoop bt Kalinic/Ferenczi -13, 12, -16, 13, 17;  
Dvoracek/B. Silhanova bt Secretin/Bergeret 17, 19, 10;  
Surbek/Batinic bt Johnson/Hammersley 20, -16, 19, 13;  
**Semi-finals:**  
Grubba/Vrieskoop bt Podnosov/Popova 17, 19, 12;  
Surbek/Batinic bt Dvoracek/Silhanova -17, 10, 20, 18.  
**Final:**  
GRUBBA/VRIESEKOOP bt Surbek/Batinic 17, 20, 16.  
**Men's Consolation Singles Quarter-finals:**  
D. Hannah (SCO) bt B. Meszaros (YUG) 12, 16;  
J. Ikonen (FIN) bt T. Cabrera (BEL) 18, 18;  
M. Hafen (SWI) bt T. Cabrera (BEL) 15, 9;  
G. Bisi (ITA) bt Katahanas (GRE) 8, 14.  
**Semi-finals:**  
Ikonen bt Hannah 17, 8;  
Hafen bt Bisi 14, -13, 16.  
**Final:**  
HAFEN bt Ikonen 19, -19, 18.  
**Women's Consolation Singles Quarter-finals:**  
N. Alboiu (RUM) bt K. Witt (ENG) -16, 19, 19;  
E. Maier (AUT) bt B. Witte (SWI) 7, 10;  
C. Dalrymple (SCO) bt K. Bogaerts (BEL) 19, 11;  
I. Bolvari (HUN) bt E. Bakker (NET) 11, 5.  
**Semi-finals:**  
Bolvari bt Alboiu 19, 19;  
Dalrymple bt Maier 18, 14.  
**Final:**  
BOLVARI bt Dalrymple 17, -19, 19.

### TEAM EVENTS MEN

Stage 1	Category 1 - Group A						W	Sets	Place
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
1 Sweden	x	5-3	1-5	5-3	5-1	5-0	4	21-12	2
2 England	3-5	x	1-5	5-0	5-0	5-1	3	19-11	3
3 Czechoslovakia	5-1	5-1	x	5-4	5-0	5-1	5	25-7	1
4 Poland	3-5	0-5	4-5	x	5-2	5-0	2	17-14	4
5 Denmark	1-5	0-5	0-5	2-5	x	5-2	1	8-22	5
6 Austria	0-5	1-5	1-5	0-5	2-5	x	0	4-25	6
	Category 1 - Group B						W	Sets	Place
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
1 Federal Germany	x	5-3	5-3	5-3	2-5	5-1	4	22-15	3
2 Hungary	3-5	x	5-3	5-0	5-2	5-0	4	23-10	1
3 France	3-5	3-5	x	5-1	2-5	5-1	2	18-17	4
4 Soviet Union	3-5	0-5	1-5	x	1-5	5-4	1	10-24	5
5 Yugoslavia	5-2	2-5	5-2	5-1	x	5-1	4	22-11	2
6 Bulgaria	1-5	0-5	1-5	4-5	1-5	x	0	7-25	6

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

**Men's Singles Round 3:**  
D. Surbek (YUG) bt U. Bengtsson (SWE) -19, 16, -19, 13, 14;  
G. Gergely (HUN) bt M. Lukov (BUL) 15, 9, 12;  
E. Lindh (SWE) bt J. Pansky (CZE) 15, 11, 19;  
J. Secretin (FRA) bt J. Hilton (ENG) 15, 10, 6;  
A. Grubba (POL) bt P. Engel (GFR) 19, 8, 14;  
I. Jonyer (HUN) bt I. Solopov (USS) 13, 13, -19, 15;  
J. Dvoracek (CZE) bt G. Bohm (GFR) -19, 19, 21, -21, 15;  
M. Appelgren (SWE) bt D. Hassanov (BUL) 16, 9, -17, 12;  
J-O. Waldner (SWE) bt D. Douglas (ENG) -17, -9, 11, 20, 11;  
Z. Kalinic (YUG) bt V. Broda (CZE) 19, -17, 15, -16, 15;  
L. Kucharski (POL) bt I. Stojanov (BUL) 18, -8, 9, 14;  
S. Bengtsson (SWE) bt G. Sandley (ENG) 12, 18, 18;  
E. Huging (GFR) bt M. Thomas (WAL) 5, 17, 18;  
U. Carlsson (SWE) bt M. Costantini (ITA) 17, 8, -10, -17, 19;  
M. Karakasevic (YUG) bt V. Dvorak (USS) -17, 14, 19, 15;  
T. Klampar (HUN) bt J. Rebel (GFR) 17, 16, 12.

Stage 2  
 A6 Austria 2 B5 Soviet Union 5  
 A5 Denmark 1 B6 Bulgaria 5  
 A4 Poland 4 B3 Federal Germany 5  
 A3 England 5 B4 France 4  
 A2 Sweden 3 B1 Hungary 5  
 A1 Czechoslovakia 5 B2 Yugoslavia 3

Stage 3  
**For Positions 11 and 12**  
 Denmark 5 Austria 2  
**For Positions 9 and 10**  
 Soviet Union 5 Bulgaria 4  
**For Positions 7 and 8**  
 Poland 5 France 1  
**For Positions 5 and 6**  
 England 5 Federal Germany 2  
**For Positions 3 and 4**  
 Yugoslavia 5 Sweden 3

**For Positions 1 and 2**  
 HUNGARY 5 Czechoslovakia 3  
 G. Gergely lost to J. Pansky -19, 19, -20;  
 T. Klampar lost to J. Dvoracek -18, 12, -14;  
 I. Jonyer bt M. Orlowski 18, -20, 18;  
 Klampar lost to Pansky -17, -16;  
 Gergely bt Orlowski -13, 12, 19;  
 Jonyer bt Dvoracek 21, -15, 16;  
 Klampar bt Orlowski -14, 16, 13;  
 Jonyer bt Pansky 15, 18.

**ENGLISH RESULTS**

**v Poland (won 5-0)**  
 J. Hilton bt S. Dryszel 17, 18;  
 D. Johnson bt A. Grubba -16, 17, 16;  
 D. Douglas bt L. Kucharski 16, 16;  
 Hilton bt Grubba 21, -20, 18;  
 Douglas bt Dryszel 6, 16.

**v Czechoslovakia (lost 1-5)**  
 Douglas bt J. Pansky 16, 11;  
 Johnson lost to M. Orlowski -6, -12;  
 Hilton lost to J. Dvoracek -19, -13;  
 Douglas lost to Orlowski -14, -19;  
 Hilton lost to Pansky -12, -19;  
 Johnson lost to Dvoracek -12, -12.

**v Denmark (won 5-0)**  
 P. Day bt K. Kartholm -12, 13, 16;  
 Douglas bt J. Hansen 15, 16;  
 G. Sandley bt C. Pedersen 16, 18;  
 Douglas bt Kartholm 19, 15;  
 Day bt Pedersen 17, 17.

**v Sweden (lost 3-5)**  
 Day lost to S. Bengtsson -15, 18, -9;  
 Douglas bt E. Lindh -16, 17, 13;  
 Sandley lost to M. Appelgren -13, -14;  
 Douglas bt Bengtsson 19, 13;  
 Day lost to Appelgren 11, -13, -16;  
 Sandley lost to Lindh -15, -21;  
 Douglas bt Appelgren 14, 11;  
 Sandley lost to Bengtsson -22, -13.

**v Austria (won 5-0)**  
 Sandley bt E. Amplatz 16, 18;  
 Day bt D. Palmi 19, -18, 15;  
 Johnson bt G. Bar 15, 9;  
 Day bt Amplatz 11, -14, 21;  
 Johnson bt Palmi 16, 15.

**v France (won 5-4)**  
 Hilton lost to P. Birocheau -15, -12;  
 Douglas bt C. Martin 10, 9;  
 Day bt J. Secretin 19, 19;

Douglas bt Birocheau 19, 12;  
 Hilton lost to Secretin -16, -12;  
 Day lost to Martin -11, -16;  
 Douglas bt Secretin 13, 15;  
 Day lost to Birocheau -17, 17, -14;  
 Hilton bt Martin 19, 18.

**Stage 1**  
**Category 2 - Group A**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	W	Sets	Place
1 Italy	x	4-5	5-1	5-3	5-0	5-4	5-0	5	29-13	2
2 Netherlands	5-4	x	5-0	5-4	5-1	3-5	5-0	5	28-14	1
3 Luxembourg	1-5	0-5	x	1-5	5-3	1-5	5-1	2	13-24	5
4 Switzerland	3-5	4-5	5-1	x	5-3	5-3	5-2	4	27-19	3
5 Spain	0-5	1-5	3-5	3-5	x	2-5	5-1	1	14-26	6
6 Turkey	4-5	5-3	5-1	3-5	5-2	x	5-0	4	27-16	4
7 Portugal	0-5	0-5	1-5	2-5	1-5	0-5	x	0	4-30	7

**Category 2 - Group B**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	W	Sets	Place
1 Finland	x	5-4	5-0	5-2	5-1	5-3	5	25-10	1
2 Norway	4-5	x	5-0	3-5	5-2	5-3	3	22-15	2
3 Greece	0-5	0-5	x	0-5	0-5	0-5	0	0-25	6
4 Scotland	2-5	5-3	5-0	x	2-5	2-5	2	16-18	5
5 Belgium	1-5	2-5	5-0	5-2	x	5-3	3	18-15	3
6 Wales	3-5	3-5	5-0	5-2	3-5	x	2	19-17	4

Stage 2  
 A6 Spain 5 B5 Scotland 4  
 A5 Luxembourg 5 B6 Greece 0  
 A4 Turkey 5 B3 Belgium 1  
 A3 Switzerland 5 B4 Wales 4  
 A2 Italy 5 B1 Finland 2  
 A1 Netherlands 1 B2 Norway 5

Stage 3  
**Position 25**  
 Portugal  
**For Positions 23 and 24**  
 Scotland 5 Greece 0

**FINISHING POSITIONS**  
 (Previous position in brackets)

**MEN**

- HUNGARY (4)
- Czechoslovakia (6)
- Yugoslavia (9)
- Sweden (1)
- England (3)
- Federal Germany (2)
- Poland (7)
- France (5)
- Soviet Union (8)
- Bulgaria (11)
- \* Denmark (13)
- \* Austria (14)
- \* Norway (17)
- \* Italy (12)

**Stage 1**  
**Category 1 - Group A**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	W	Sets	Place
1 Soviet Union	x	1-3	3-1	3-0	1-3	3-0	3	11-7	3
2 England	3-1	x	3-0	3-1	3-1	3-2	5	15-5	1
3 Yugoslavia	1-3	0-3	x	1-3	0-3	1-3	0	3-15	6
4 Sweden	0-3	1-3	3-1	x	2-3	3-1	2	9-11	4
5 Federal Germany	3-1	1-3	3-0	3-2	x	3-1	4	13-7	2
6 Netherlands	0-3	2-3	3-1	1-3	1-3	x	1	7-13	5

**Category 1 - Group B**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	W	Sets	Place
1 Hungary	x	1-3	3-0	3-2	3-0	3-1	4	13-6	2
2 Rumania	3-1	x	3-0	3-2	3-0	3-2	5	15-5	1
3 France	0-3	0-3	x	3-2	3-1	0-3	2	6-12	5
4 Czechoslovakia	2-3	2-3	2-3	x	3-1	3-2	2	12-12	4
5 Bulgaria	0-3	0-3	1-3	1-3	x	1-3	0	3-15	6
6 Finland	1-3	2-3	3-0	2-3	3-1	x	2	11-10	3

Stage 2  
 A6 Yugoslavia 3 B5 France 2  
 A5 Netherlands 3 B6 Bulgaria 1  
 A4 Sweden 3 B3 Finland 1  
 A3 Soviet Union 3 B4 Czechoslovakia 0  
 A2 Federal Germany 3 B1 Rumania 2  
 A1 England 2 B2 Hungary 3

Stage 3  
**For Positions 11 and 12**  
 Bulgaria 3 France 1

**For Positions 9 and 10**  
 Yugoslavia 3 Netherlands 1

**For Positions 7 and 8**  
 Czechoslovakia 3 Finland 0

**For Positions 5 and 6**  
 Soviet Union 3 Sweden 0

**For Positions 3 and 4**  
 England 3 Rumania 1

**For Positions 1 and 2**  
 HUNGARY 3 Federal Germany 1

G. Szabo bt U. Kamizuru 18, 17;  
 E. Urban bt K. Kruger 9, 9;  
 Szabo/Urban lost to Kamizuru/Kruger -25, 12, -18;  
 Urban bt Kamizuru 19, -10, 15.

**ENGLISH RESULTS**

**v Yugoslavia (won 3-0)**  
 C. Knight bt D. Fabri 12, 20;  
 J. Hammersley bt B. Batinic 12, 8;  
 Hammersley/L. Jarvis bt Batinic/Fabri 18, 13.  
**v Netherlands (won 3-2)**  
 Hammersley bt S. de Kruiff 12, 11;

**Stage 1**  
**Category 2 - Group A**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	W	Sets	Place
1 Poland	x	3-1	3-0	3-1	3-0	3-0	5	15-2	1
2 Denmark	1-3	x	3-0	3-2	3-0	3-0	4	13-5	2
3 Greece	0-3	0-3	x	1-3	3-2	3-0	2	7-11	4
4 Norway	1-3	2-3	3-1	x	3-2	3-0	3	12-9	3
5 Turkey	0-3	0-3	2-3	2-3	x	3-1	1	7-13	5
6 Spain	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	1-3	x	0	1-15	6

**Category 2 - Group B**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	W	Sets	Place
1 Luxembourg	x	3-1	2-3	3-0	3-1	3-0	4	14-5	1
2 Switzerland	1-3	x	0-3	3-2	0-3	2-3	1	6-14	5
3 Austria	3-2	3-0	x	3-1	1-3	3-1	4	13-7	3
4 Scotland	0-3	2-3	1-3	x	1-3	3-0	1	7-12	4
5 Belgium	1-3	3-0	3-1	3-1	x	3-1	4	13-6	2
6 Italy	0-3	3-2	1-3	0-3	1-3	x	1	5-14	6

**v Federal Germany (won 5-2)**  
 Day bt P. Engel 18, 14;  
 Sandley bt E. Hugging 19, 14;  
 Douglas bt J. Rebel 15, 10;  
 Day lost to Hugging -22, 11, -19;  
 Douglas bt Engel 17, -18, 11;  
 Sandley lost to Rebel -16, 17, -21;  
 Douglas bt Hugging 7, 8.

**For Positions 21 and 22**  
 Luxembourg 5 Spain 3

**For Positions 19 and 20**  
 Wales 5 Belgium 4

**For Positions 17 and 18**  
 Switzerland 5 Turkey 3

**For Positions 15 and 16**  
 Netherlands 5 Finland 4

**For Positions 13 and 14**  
 Norway 5 Italy 0

- Netherlands (16)
- Finland (15)
- Switzerland (21)
- Turkey (24)
- Wales (26)
- Belgium (23)
- Luxembourg (18)
- Spain (22)
- Scotland (20)
- Greece (19)
- Portugal (27)

\* Demoted to Category 2

† Promoted to Category 1

Rumania (10), Ireland (25), Guernsey (28), Jersey (29), Malta (30) and Iceland (31) who all competed in Berne did not compete in Budapest.

**TEAM EVENTS**

**WOMEN**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	W	Sets	Place
1 Soviet Union	x	1-3	3-1	3-0	1-3	3-0	3	11-7	3
2 England	3-1	x	3-0	3-1	3-1	3-2	5	15-5	1
3 Yugoslavia	1-3	0-3	x	1-3	0-3	1-3	0	3-15	6
4 Sweden	0-3	1-3	3-1	x	2-3	3-1	2	9-11	4
5 Federal Germany	3-1	1-3	3-0	3-2	x	3-1	4	13-7	2
6 Netherlands	0-3	2-3	3-1	1-3	1-3	x	1	7-13	5

Knight lost to B. Vriesekoop -9, -10;  
 Hammersley/Jarvis lost to de Kruiff/Vriesekoop 18, -20, -10;  
 Hammersley bt Vriesekoop -11, 6, 17;  
 Knight bt de Kruiff 17, 17.

**v Sweden (won 3-1)**

Hammersley bt M. Lindblad 12, 18;  
 K. Witt lost to A-C. Hellman -10, -18;  
 Hammersley/Jarvis bt Hellman/Lindblad 16, 21;  
 Hammersley bt Hellman 11, 12.

**v Federal Germany (won 3-1)**

Hammersley bt K. Kruger 16, 11;  
 Knight lost to U. Kamizuru -16, -13;  
 Hammersley/Jarvis bt Kamizuru/Kruger 12, -17, 16;  
 Hammersley bt Kamizuru 16, 17.

**v Soviet Union (won 3-1)**

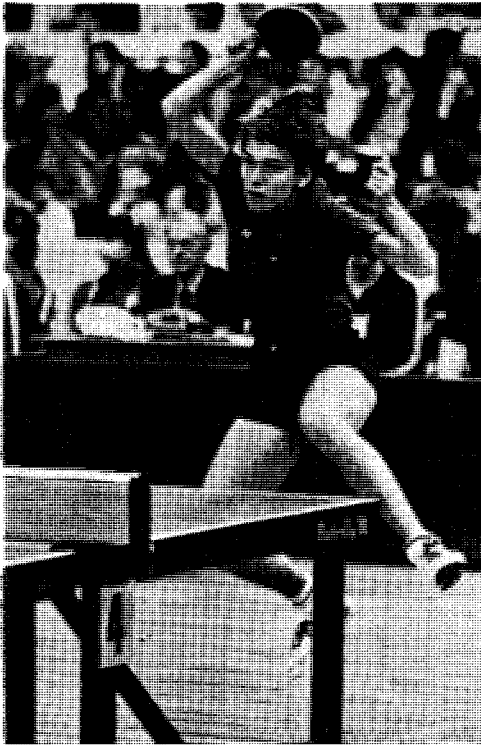
Witt lost to V. Popova -12, -16;  
 Hammersley bt N. Antonyan 14, 9;  
 Hammersley/Jarvis bt Antonyan/Popova 16, 11;  
 Hammersley bt Popova 12, -18, 19.

**v Hungary (lost 2-3)**

Hammersley bt E. Urban 13, 19;  
 Knight lost to G. Szabo 18, -14, -16;  
 Hammersley/Jarvis lost to Szabo/Urban -19, 15, -17;  
 Hammersley bt Szabo 8, 10;  
 Knight lost to Urban -14, -11.

**v Rumania (won 3-1)**

Hammersley bt E. Ferenczi 15, -13, 10;  
 Knight lost to O. Nemes -16, -19;  
 Hammersley/Jarvis bt Ferenczi/Nemes 10, 16;  
 Hammersley bt Nemes 11, -18, 16.



The all-action lass from Holland, the women's singles champion Bettine Vriesekoop.

Photo by Barnabas Honeczy, Hungary.

Stage 2  
 A6 Spain 3 B5 Switzerland 2  
 A5 Turkey 3 B6 Italy 0  
 A4 Greece 0 B3 Austria 3  
 A3 Norway 3 B4 Scotland 1  
 A2 Denmark 3 B1 Luxembourg 1  
 A1 Poland 3 B2 Belgium 2  
 Stage 3  
 For Positions 23 and 24  
 Switzerland 3 Italy 1

For Positions 21 and 22  
 Turkey 3 Spain 1  
 For Positions 19 and 20  
 Scotland 3 Greece 2  
 For Positions 17 and 18  
 Norway 3 Austria 2  
 For Positions 15 and 16  
 Belgium 3 Luxembourg 1  
 For Positions 13 and 14  
 Poland 3 Denmark 0

**FINISHING POSITIONS**  
 (Previous position in brackets)

**WOMEN**

- 1 HUNGARY (2)
- 2 Federal Germany (9)
- 3 England (4)
- 4 Rumania (3)
- 5 Soviet Union (1)
- 6 Sweden (7)
- 7 Czechoslovakia (8)
- 8 Finland (13)
- 9 Yugoslavia (5)
- 10 Netherlands (14)
- 11\* Bulgaria (10)
- 12\* France (6)
- 13† Poland (15)
- 14† Denmark (17)
- 15 Belgium (23)
- 16 Luxembourg (11)
- 17 Norway (20)
- 18 Austria (18)
- 19 Scotland (21)
- 20 Greece (19)
- 21 Turkey (22)
- 22 Spain (24)
- 23 Switzerland (16)
- 24 Italy (25)

\* Demoted to Category 2  
 † Promoted to Category 1

Ireland (12), Wales (26), Guernsey (27), Jersey (28) and Malta (29) who all competed in Berne did not compete in Budapest.

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

**MEN**

ENGLAND	Hilton	Day	Johnson	Sandley	F	A	Opponents
Douglas	2-0		1-0		5	0	
	1-1		0-2		1	5	Czechoslovakia
	2-0	2-0		1-0	5	0	Denmark
	3-0	0-2		0-3	3	5	Sweden
		2-0	2-0	1-1	5	1	Austria
	3-0	1-2			5	4	France
		1-1		1-1	5	2	Fed. Germany
	14-1	3-4	6-5	3-2	3-5	29	17

SCOTLAND	Rodger	Majid	Broe	F	A	Opponents
Hannah	0-2	0-2		2	5	Wales
	2-1	3-0	0-2	5	3	Norway
	2-1	0-2	0-2	2	5	Finland
	1-2	1-1	0-2	2	5	Belgium
	2-0	2-0	1-0	5	0	Greece
	2-1	2-1	0-3	4	5	Spain
	2-0	2-0	1-0	5	0	Greece
	13-6	10-6	1-5	1-6	25	23

WALES	N. Thomas	M. Thomas	Wilkins	F	A	Opponents
Griffiths	1-1	1-1		5	2	Scotland
	2-0		1-0	5	0	Greece
	1-2	2-0	0-2	3	5	Norway
	1-2	2-1	0-2	3	5	Finland
	2-1	1-2	0-2	4	5	Belgium
	3-0	1-2	1-2	5	4	Switzerland
	2-1	2-1	1-2	5	4	Belgium
	14-6	3-9	9-7	2-4	28	26

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

**WOMEN**

ENGLAND	Knight	Witt	Jarvis	Hammersley/Jarvis	F	A	Opponents
Hammersley	1-0			1-0	3	0	Yugoslavia
	2-0			0-1	3	2	Netherlands
	2-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	3	1	Sweden
	2-0			1-0	3	1	Fed. Germany
	2-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	3	1	Soviet Union
	2-0	0-2		0-1	2	3	Hungary
	2-0	0-1		1-0	3	1	Rumania
	13-0	2-5	0-2	5-2	20	9	

SCOTLAND	Dalrymple	Thomas	Dalrymple/Forbes	Dalrymple/Thomson	F	A	Opponents
Forbes	1-0			1-0	3	0	Italy
	0-1		0-1	0-1	0	3	Luxembourg
	1-1		0-1	0-1	2	3	Switzerland
	1-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	1	3	Belgium
	1-0		0-1	0-1	1	3	Austria
	0-1		0-1	1-1	1	3	Norway
	1-1		0-1	0-1	3	2	Greece
	4-4	6-6	0-1	1-5	0-1	11	17

**PATHS OF GOLD**

**Men's Singles: Mickael Appelgren (Sweden)**

Rd. 1 Bye;  
 Rd. 2 bt A. Griffiths (Wal) 6, 16, 8;  
 Rd. 3 bt D. Hassanov (Bul) 16, 9, -17, 12;  
 Rd. 4 bt J. Dvoracek (Cze) 12, 15, 13;  
 Q.F. bt I. Jonyer (Hun) 18, 13, -12, -15, 18;  
 S.F. bt G. Gergely (Hun) 16, -13, 18, 6;  
 Final: bt J.-O. Waldner (Swe) -17, -17, 18, 20, 19.

**Women's Singles: Bettine Vriesekoop (Netherlands)**

Rd. 1 bt B. Abgrall (Fra) 8, -15, 13, 10;  
 Rd. 2 bt E. Forbes (Sco) 6, 12, 8;  
 Rd. 3 bt M. Lindblad (Swe) -19, 17, 13, -19, 11;  
 Q.F. bt N. Antonyan (USS) 13, 16, -19, 19;  
 S.F. bt U. Kamizuru (GFR) 13, -14, 7, 20;  
 Final: bt J. Hammersley (Eng) 16, -8, 18, -21, 16.

**MEDALS TABLE**

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Hungary	2	1	3	6
Netherlands	2	1	0	3
Sweden	1	1	2	4
Yugoslavia	1	1	1	3
Soviet Union	1	0	2	3
Poland	1	0	0	1
England	0	1	2	3
Czechoslovakia	0	1	1	2
Federal Germany	0	1	1	2
Rumania	0	0	1	1
	8	7	14	29

**EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**TEAM SELECTIONS**

The National Selection Committee have chosen the following players to represent England in the 25th European Championships scheduled to take place in Hollabrunn, Austria over the period July 16-25, 1982:

**Boys**

- Carl Prean (IOW)
- Adrian Moore (Sx)
- Nicky Hoare (Sy)
- Billy Gleave (Ch)

**Reserves**

- Alan Cooke (Dy)
- Lindsay Taylor (Cv)

**Girls**

- Lisa Bellinger (Bd)
- Jackie Bellinger (Bd)
- Jean Parker (La)

**Reserves**

- Susan Collier (Bk)
- Helen Bardwell (He)

**Cadet Boys**

- Martin Firth (Y)
- Andrew Cunningham (K)

**Reserves**

- Jimmy Stokes (Bk)
- Andrew Syed (Bk)

**Cadet Girls**

- Joanne Shaw (Y)
- Lesley Popkiewicz (Sy)

**Reserves**

- Jill Powis (St)
- Alison Barker (Sp)

Donald Parker and Jill Hammersley have been chosen as captains with a third captain to be announced.



Visitors to Budapest. Left to right: Diane Rowe-Scholer, Frank O'Gorman, Alan Morpeth, Zenko Uzorinac and Ron Crayden.

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**EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION  
PROVISIONAL CALENDAR  
EUROPEAN LEAGUE FIXTURES  
SEASON 1982/83**

**1982**  
June  
4/6 French Junior Open (Amiens).  
11/13 Czechoslovak Open (Dunajska Streda).  
25/27 Italian Junior Open (Verona).  
July  
16/25 **EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (Hollabrun, Austria).**  
August  
1/8 ETTU Coaching & Training Course (Heidelberg).  
27/28 Turkish Junior Open.  
September  
15 **European League.**  
24/26 Europe Club Cup — 1st Round.  
Fairs Cities Cup — Preliminary Round.  
29 -  
October  
2 Balkan Championships.  
13 **European League.**  
22/24 Europe Club Cup — 2nd Round.  
Fair Cities Cup — 1st Round.  
30 -  
November  
1 Italian Open (Como).  
10 **European League.**  
11/13 **Scottish Open (Edinburgh).**  
18/21 Yugoslav Open (Split).  
26/28 Europe Club Cup — 3rd Round.  
Fairs Cities Cup — 2nd Round.  
December  
15 **European League.**  
17/19 French Open (Strasbourg).

**1983**  
January  
12 **European League.**  
19/22 **Welsh Open (Cardiff).**  
28/30 Europe Club Cup — Semi-finals.  
Fairs Cities Cup — 3rd Round.  
February  
4/6 **EUROPE TOP 12 (Thornaby Pavilion, Cleveland).**  
9 **European League.**  
17/20 Czechoslovak Open (Prievidze).  
March  
9 **European League.**  
19/20 Europe Club Cup Finals.  
Fairs Cities Cup — Semi-finals.  
April  
28 -  
May  
9 **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Tokyo, Japan).**  
13/15 Scandinavian Junior Open (Denmark).

**EUROPEAN LEAGUE FIXTURES**

**SUPER DIVISION**

**1982**  
September  
15 **England v Hungary**  
Denmark v Sweden  
Czechoslovakia v Federal Germany  
Yugoslavia v Poland  
October  
13 **Hungary v Czechoslovakia**  
Yugoslavia v Denmark  
Sweden v **England**  
Federal Germany v Poland  
November  
10 **Sweden v Hungary**  
Denmark v Federal Germany  
**England v Poland**  
Czechoslovakia v Yugoslavia  
December  
15 **Hungary v Denmark**  
Poland v Sweden  
**England v Czechoslovakia**  
Federal Germany v Yugoslavia  
**1983**  
January  
12 **Hungary v Federal Germany**  
Poland v Denmark  
Sweden v Czechoslovakia  
Yugoslavia v **England**

February  
9 **Yugoslavia v Hungary**  
Denmark v **England**  
Federal Germany v Sweden  
Czechoslovakia v Poland  
March  
9 **Poland v Hungary**  
Denmark v Czechoslovakia  
Sweden v Yugoslavia  
**England v Federal Germany**

**DIVISION 1**

**1982**  
September  
15 **Belgium v Netherlands**  
Soviet Union v Italy  
France v Finland  
Norway v Austria  
October  
13 **Netherlands v France**  
Soviet Union v Belgium  
Finland v Austria  
Italy v Norway  
November  
10 **Austria v Netherlands**  
France v Soviet Union  
Belgium v Italy  
Norway v Finland  
December  
15 **Netherlands v Norway**  
Soviet Union v Austria  
France v Belgium  
Italy v Finland

**1983**

January  
12 **Finland v Netherlands**  
Norway v Soviet Union  
Austria v Belgium  
Italy v France  
February  
9 **Netherlands v Italy**  
Soviet Union v Finland  
Belgium v Norway  
France v Austria  
March  
9 **Netherlands v Soviet Union**  
Finland v Belgium  
Norway v France  
Austria v Italy

**DIVISION 2**

**1982**  
September  
15 **Ireland v Spain**  
Luxembourg v Wales  
Portugal v Turkey  
**Scotland v Switzerland**

October  
13 **Wales v Ireland**  
Turkey v Luxembourg  
**Scotland v Portugal**  
Spain v Switzerland  
November  
10 **Ireland v Turkey**  
Switzerland v Portugal  
Luxembourg v **Scotland**  
Spain v Wales  
December  
15 **Scotland v Ireland**  
Portugal v Luxembourg  
Turkey v Spain  
Wales v Switzerland

**1983**

January  
12 **Switzerland v Luxembourg**  
**Ireland v Portugal**  
Spain v **Scotland**  
Wales v Turkey  
February  
9 **Luxembourg v Ireland**  
**Scotland v Wales**  
Portugal v Spain  
Turkey v Switzerland  
March  
9 **Switzerland v Ireland**  
Spain v Luxembourg  
Wales v Portugal  
Turkey v **Scotland**

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by H. ROY EVANS

### ASTONISHING IMPROVEMENT

With a disappointing European League record behind us, and a team mostly of youngsters, we didn't go off to Budapest with any great hopes. We were 26th last time in Berne, and although we'd had a goodish result in the World Championships in Novi Sad, we didn't expect to improve our position to 19th. Which is what we did by virtue of the encouragement of Alan Griffiths, mostly playing well at No. 1, and the quite astonishing improvement in Mark Thomas, who frankly hasn't had a very good season otherwise. Gary Wilkins, very raw, looked lost at first, but came in with one tremendously important win. Nigel Thomas, after a season of obvious improvement, rarely seemed to get the adrenalin flowing, and failed to reproduce anything like his best. Probably our most important match was the opening one against Scotland, who had beaten us in our last European League encounter, coming back strongly when we seemed to have got it in the bag.

In Budapest it was different. Nigel got us off to a good start with a convincing win over Keith Rodger 17, and 17. Then Alan beat Majid 16 and 5. Mark faced the strongest Scot, Dave Hannah, and gave notice of things to come by taking Dave to the third -19, 16, -14. Then Alan beat Rodger 20, -18, 15, but Nigel went down to Hannah -14, -19. Now Mark faced Majid in the crunch set, and he won 14, -13, 22, a very crucial win for us. Alan beat Hannah 21, 18 to give us a 5-2 win, and instil great confidence.

We next "whitewashed" Greece 5-0 — Alan beating Karitsas 13, 10 and Voutsinas 11, 7. Gary made a successful debut, beating Voutsinas 15, 15, whilst Nigel accounted for Katahanas 16, 17, and Karitsas 13, 8.

Then came Norway, always bogeymen for us, and indeed we went down 3-5, but this was much nearer than the final score suggests. Alan beat Gustavsen 10, 15, but lost to Tom Johansen -16, -13, and in a rare moment of lost concentration, lost to Rasmussen -13, -15, when a win would have put us in with more than a chance because Mark was getting better every time, inflicting an unlikely defeat on the tall Johansen 17, 11, who only lost one set in the season's European League, and then beating Rasmussen 15, 12. If Mark had been able to play the ninth set against Gustavsen, a win for Wales over Norway, the first for a long time, would have given us a great boost. Nigel lost to Rasmussen -13, 23, -14; lost to Gustavsen -9, 18, -13, and to Johansen -13, -16.

Finland were the next, and we never fancy our chances. But again the 5-3 defeat had its moments when victory was not far from us. We were three behind very quickly, Alan losing to Ikonen -20, -4; Gary taking the first from Soderberg, lost 21, -18, -14, and Mark to Jokinen -15, 12, -17. Then came a turn in the tide, with Alan beating Soderberg 15, 16, and Mark turning on a

great performance to beat Ikonen 21, -12, 22. Gary was again a little out of it to lose to Ikonen -15, -23, but did well to get to 20-all in the second. Mark then crushed Soderberg 3, 6, and it was left to Alan to square the match at 4-all. But he wasn't at his best, and lost to Jokinen -12, -13, and again the 5-4 "might have been" didn't materialise, although it had to be faced that Gary would have to beat Ikonen.

The last match in the first stage was against Belgium, to whom we lost badly in the European League. But this was another great fight. Mark gave us a great start by beating Leroy -16, 13, 14, but Nigel lost to De Prophetis -18, -17. Alan beat Cabrera to restore our lead, but Mark lost narrowly in the third to De Prophetis -18, 16, -19. Alan then beat Leroy 15, 12, but Nigel, although he went to three against Cabrera, lost -14, 14, -15. Alan had to beat De Prophetis to keep the game alive, but he lost -19, 16, -18, and Mark failed to find his early form and lost to Cabrera -14, -13. But third game scores were very near, and a win was again on the cards.

So we finished fourth in the group, with Scotland and Greece beneath us. We then met Switzerland in the second stage play-off. The Swiss team was another we should have beaten in the European League, and it looked as if we could turn the tables. Alan beat Miller 13, 12 in the opening set, but Nigel went down to Busin -18, -19. Mark followed with a loss to Hafen 10, -16, -15, but Alan pulled us back with a fine 11, 16 win over Busin. Then Mark beat Miller -9, 16, 19, and we were leading 3-2. But Nigel couldn't get hold of Hafen, losing -16, 18, -13, and Mark found Busin too good for him, losing -9, 17, -12. Alan squared the tally with a good win over Hafen, although he only won 25-23 in the third, after winning the first at 8, and losing the second at 20-22! So Nigel, as too often for him, had to play the deciding last set, and although he only lost the first 21-23 to Miller, he lost the second rather disappointingly, and Switzerland scraped home 5-4.

For our second play-off match we faced Belgium again, for 19th or 20th position, and this time we turned the tables on them.

Alan beat Cabrera -17, 19, 11 in the opening set, but Gary looked out of touch in losing to De Prophetis -13, -19. Mark lost to Leroy -13, -15, but Alan levelled the scores with a fine win over De Prophetis 20, 10. Mark put our nose in front with a convincing win 12, 20 against Cabrera, but Gary was again a loser although he took Cabrera to -10, 16, -14. Mark then played very well indeed to beat De Prophetis 17, -14, 12, leaving Alan with the task of ensuring a Welsh victory. But he looked jaded against Leroy, and lost -10, -19.

This meant that the ninth set was in the hands of Gary, and we were hardly entitled to hope inasmuch as he had not played all that well in the other two sets. He lost the first to Cabrera -14, but then started to get his game together, winning the second in good style at 15. But he trailed straight away in the decider, and with Cabrera leading 20-17, it looked like another win for Belgium. But Gary pulled out some fine shots at this moment, levelled at 20-all, and to our great delight won 22-20!

So ended a team event in which we did well to gain a 19th position, and even in the matches we lost we were often in with a real chance.

In the singles, Alan beat Troile of Italy 11, 16, -20, 18, but then found Appelgren, the eventual winner, far too strong, losing -6, -16, and 8. Nigel took a game from Ovcarov of Russia, but lost -10, -17, 19, -15. Gary just failed to qualify, losing 12, -15, -17, 13, -16 to Soderberg of Finland.

But Mark continued his winning way. He had a good first round win against the Austrian Gockner -18, 18, 19, 19, then beat

the Scot, Majid, in a long and close set -16, -17, 7, -11, 19. This brought him up against the West German defender Hugging, and although Mark was at sea against the heavy chop in the first game, he fought hard and played every shot carefully in the next two. The scores of -8, -17, -18, was good against a man who reached the quarter-finals.

In the doubles Alan and Nigel lost -9, -13, 17 to Finland's Jokinen and Ikonen, and Mark and Gary lost to Stellwag of Germany and Molnar of Hungary -11, -10, -13, also in the first round. Nigel lost to Moles of Spain -13, -19, and Gary lost -15, -11 to the Finn Ikonen in the Consolation.

The Welsh party included International Umpires Jean Beer, Les Jones and Harry Maddison, Chairman Eddie Thomas, and supporters Betty Gray, Gerald Watkins and Len Jones.

Tragically for the latter he sustained a massive heart attack on the last day but one, and had it not been for the super-human efforts of the doctors at the Sports Hall, he may not have survived. He is now in an intensive care unit in Budapest, and is reported to be making a slow recovery. Needless to say such a situation spells great problems for Len and his next of kin, but everything possible is being done, and we all look for a happy outcome.

### NATIONAL FINALS OF SEALINK YOUTH CUP TO BE HELD IN LONDON

The National Finals of the Sealink Youth Cup, the United Kingdom's largest table tennis tournament at under 13 and 15 ages for boys and girls, will be held at the Britannia Leisure Centre, Shoreditch, London N1, on Saturday, 19th June, 1982.

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**HARDLY BIZARRE!**

There has been a lot of controversy over the clothing that I wore at the English Closed. Following this event, I received an official complaint from the ETTA Management Committee, National Council and the English Tournament Committee. I would like to make it very clear that the last thing I wanted was to cause any problems, in fact quite the contrary, I was hoping to help the game.

As most people are now aware, the game in all aspects is at a low ebb and like our Chairman who in a recent article in this magazine gave his ideas how the game needed brightening up. The shirt in question was hardly bizarre, a pink colour with contrasting maroon collar and sleeve edging which no opponent would object to. I felt this shirt (a) not too colourful, (b) would not distract an opponent, (c) would be pleasing to the eye and would be good for the game. It appears I was in the wrong and I apologise to anyone who felt I disappointed them.

As regards to my words and actions in creating the situation, I simply pointed out that the clothing I wore was my new sponsors and I had no other to replace it other than a similar shirt. As anyone under contract knows, you cannot change to an alternative manufacturers shirt, especially during a televised event. With so many rules now being interpreted with a wide range of subjectivity, i.e. Stamping, bat rubbers, clothing, I left the decision to the referee. Had he have withdrawn me, I would obviously have been disappointed, but nevertheless would have had to withdraw.

It was interesting to note at the recent European Championships, one country played with a similar shirt and met with no problems. I would have liked to have seen England as a forerunner in brightening up the clothing scene, but this appears to be unlikely despite the fact that we are able to run our own domestic tournaments under E.T.T.A. regulations as opposed to I.T.T.F. regulations. In finishing, I would again like to apologise to anyone I may have offended as like everyone, I only want to see the game prosper.

**JILL HAMMERSLEY,**

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**NOVELTY DIMINISHED**

"The ETTA took pleasure in announcing on July 18 the introduction of the National Club League. This competition is intended to be the most prestigious and entertaining competition that has ever taken place in English table tennis" — Table Tennis News October 1979.

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Does the ETTA still share those feelings evident amongst National League clubs or is the new toy losing some of its novelty? We refer to the recent trend of diminishing coverage in the Association's official journal. Does not the most prestigious competition in English table tennis justify more than the fraction of a page at present afforded? Do the ETTA not owe it to clubs who depend upon sponsorship for their existence?

Or perhaps the lack of coverage is due to failure of reports in reaching the League's Press Officer. The regulations of the League require each club to appoint a publicity officer who could be made responsible for sending a brief match report to the ETTA office.

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The position of Vice-President vacated by Dr. Lakatos was taken over by Sven-Olaf Hammarlund of Sweden who polled 17 votes as against the 9 votes obtained by Urs Wymann of Switzerland, and the 4 votes afforded Louis van Gelder of Belgium.

Both Nancy Roy Evans, the Hon. General Secretary, and Henk van Dilst, the Hon. Treasurer, from Wales and the Netherlands respectively, were returned unopposed.

Voting in respect of the Management Committee (7 members) resulted as follows:

Elected	Votes
Mr. M. Kapetanic (Yugoslavia)	24
Mrs. Ella Constantinescu (Rumania)	22
Dr. Peter von Pierer (Federal Germany)	20
Mr. Esa Ellonen (Finland)	19

Dr. Vito Penna (Italy)	17
Mr. Jerzy Dachowski (Poland)	17
Mr. George Yates (England)	15
Not elected	
Mr. Werner Schnyder (Switzerland)	13
Dr. Karl Smekal (Austria)	12
Mr. Louis van Gelder (Belgium)	10
Mr. Denis George (Scotland)	8
Mr. Jean Devys (France)	6

Nominees for election to the I.T.T.F. Council in Tokyo, 1983 (6 nominees) are: S. O. Hammerlund, M. Kapetanic, H. van Dilst, E. Ellonen, Dr. V. Palacek (Czechoslovakia) and Hans Giesecke (Federal Germany).

Future options for staging the European Championships were afforded:

1984—Soviet Union (Moscow)  
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1990—Finland

Future options for staging the European Youth Championships were afforded:  
1982—Hollarbrun, Austria (July 16-25)  
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**RARE COLLECTION**

Mr. Gerald Gurney of Great Bromley, Essex, has a rare collection of old-fashioned sports racquets and bats. The collection which contains over a hundred specimens, some dating from the last century has taken 35 years to acquire. Pictured here with his collection, thought to be the largest in existence, of early table tennis bats, Mr. Gurney demonstrates the grip used when playing with a hollow vellum ping pong bat circa 1900.

# LEICESTER CLOSED

by Philip Reid

Brian Mayfield created a record by four times going to 'expedite' at the Leicester League Closed. He went to this stage on each occasion in the first game and three of the sets went to three. In the Under 300 Grade he reached 3-2 with Graham Hughes before expedite was called, and lost -21, -14. Next he turned his attention to the Men's Singles against John Aston where the score was 2-all when expedite was called, Mayfield finally winning 20, -12, 19. He had another success in the Veterans' Singles semi where the match had reached 15-10 to Terry Yeomanson before expedite was called, Mayfield going on to win -16, 18, 17. 3-2 was the score in the Veterans' final at which juncture expedite was enforced, Geoff Aldwinckle going on to beat Brian -15, 19, 14 . . . and Mike Jackson wasn't even there!

Surprise winner of the Men's Singles was Robert Watson, who rarely plays for Swithand Motors in the league, but he powered his way past Martin Pickles and Maurice Newman to annex the title. Karen Smith easily took the Women's Singles title, and, with Pickles, the Mixed title. Pickles had another success when he defended well against David Gannon in the intermediate singles. Stuart Wilford, fresh from his victory over Philip Cole (Hunts) took the Boys' Singles title but was helped by the absence of Simon Griew, at a tournament in Lincolnshire. None the less David Aldwinckle, who had earlier caused havoc by beating Alan Philpott and his father Geoffrey, proved worthy opposition.

## SCORES

### Men's Singles Semi-finals:

M. Newman bt K. Fellows 13, -16, 13;

R. Watson bt M. Pickles 18, 12.

### Final:

Watson bt Newman 12, 17.

### Women's Singles:

K. Smith bt Joanne Heath 9, 16.

### Junior Singles:

S. Wilford bt D. Aldwinckle 7, 17.

### Cadet Singles:

M. Laywood bt Miss J. Murray 23, 17.

### Veterans' Singles:

G. Aldwinckle bt B. Mayfield -15, 19, 14.

### Under 100 Graded Singles:

M. Steeples bt K. Herbert 10, 11.

### Under 200 Graded Singles:

M. Bellot bt D. Coates 13, 8.

### Under 250 Graded Singles:

Wilford bt M. James 16, 18.

### Under 300 Graded Singles:

Pickles bt S. Day 11, 17.

### Intermediate Singles:

Pickles bt D. Gannon 18, -6, 18.

### Men's Doubles:

Smith/Kenny bt Hall/Newman 14, 23.

### Mixed Doubles:

Pickles/Mrs. Smith bt Fellows/Joanne

Heath 11, 7.

### Under 150 Graded Singles:

Joanne Heath bt I. Highton 11, 15.

Chris Rogers became Leicestershire Closed Men's Singles Champion — astonishingly for the first time — when he beat Philip Smith in the final — in two straight games, as he had beaten all his other opponents. Smith had first to overcome Philip Cawser and a very nervous Maurice Newman (the holder) in the semi-final. Newman and Grahame Hall won an entertaining Men's Doubles final against Rogers and John Iliffe in which all four players went for their hits. This was the only defeat for Rogers who partnered his sister, Karen Smith, to a comfortable Mixed win over fighting losers, Keith Fellows and Joanne Heath. The old-established pairing of Simon Griew and Yvonne Hall carried too many guns for David Aldwinckle and Shayne Murray in the final of the Junior Doubles.

## SCORES

### Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

P. Smith bt P. Cawser 11, 14.

### Semi-finals:

P. Smith bt M. Newman 13, -12, 12.

### Final:

C. Rogers bt P. Smith 15, 15.

### Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Rogers/Mrs. Smith bt Wilford/Jane Heath 19, 13.

### Final:

Rogers/Mrs. Smith bt Fellows/Joanne Heath 15, 15.

### Men's Doubles Final:

Newman/Hall bt Rogers/Iliffe 20, 21.

### Junior Doubles Final:

Griew/Miss Hall bt Aldwinckle/Murray 19, 8.

# WARWICKSHIRE CLOSED

by MARY ROSE & RAY H. BARTON

After the best singles final for many years; arguably 'the best ever', Barry Hayward retained his Warwickshire 'Closed' Singles title against Claude Wisdom, at the spacious Rover Works on Easter Sunday.

Both Barry and Claude had won their way through a highly competitive field to contest a classic 'attack v defence' final, with Barry taking the first game 21-16.

Claude, came back, high-looping and then smashing the return, to take the second game by the identical score, and so the pattern was set for a thrilling third and final game.

Honours were even as the early score reached 6-all, Barry took the next two points and then followed an exciting 39 ball rally, with Claude looping, smashing and then drop-shotting, bringing Barry into the table and then with his powerful loop, driving him back to the extremities of the vast playing area before Claude miss-hit the 40th ball of the rally to take the score to 9-6 in favour of Barry.

Ends were changed following another mammoth 21-ball rally as Barry earned a four point lead.

Back came Claude, took the next point and then following a 19-ball rally reduced

the deficit to two points at 8-10. Again the defensive skills of Barry proved supreme as once more he widened the gap to 12-8 in his favour.

Fighting for every point, Claude came back yet again, narrowed the deficit to two points at 12-10, then following a mammoth 48-ball rally to take him to within one point of Barry, then, incredibly, 12-all . . . 13-all . . . 14-all. Barry held the lead at 15-14 and deserved to hold a two-point lead as he came racing in, smashed a great fore-hand down the backhand side of the table, but the ball hit Claud's bat bounced into play, and Claude had won the point to level the scores without knowing where the ball was.

Barry's wife, Sheila, now totally unable to watch turned her back to the play, as Claude took the lead for the first time to lead 16-15.

Even the rustle of cigarette wrapping sounded like thunder, causing heads to turn, as the two contestants settled down . . . 16-all . . . 16-18, in favour of Barry, 17-18.

"Hayward to serve 18-17", the shrill voice of County Umpire, Dot Sheward, cut through the absolute silence of the huge Rover canteen . . . 18-all . . . 19-all and Barry was not to be denied as he took the next two points to win a thrilling, tense, nail-biting, classic final, 21-19 to retain his Singles crown.

Barry was to claim his second Championship crown as teamed with his National League team mate, Barry Johnson, they won the Doubles Championship, beating the promising partnership of John Green/Adrian Pilgrim 16, 11.

Karen Groves reigned supreme in the Women's Singles as she beat Lyn Brison, then teamed with Sandra Peakman to take the Doubles.

The names of Adrian Pilgrim and Julie Green will appear on the trophy of the 'Mixed' as they defeated the favourites for the title, Lester Bertie and Karen Groves 16, 18.

'Birmingham's favourite son', Ralph Gunnion, won the Veterans' Singles Championship at his first attempt, as he out-classed all opposition to take the title in what could become a long, long reign.

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# SOUTH YORKSHIRE 2 STAR OPEN TOURNAMENT

by John Hatfield

Skylet Andrew rolled on the floor in delight after hitting the winning shot, got up to collect his prize and went into one of his brilliant Muhammad Ali routines at the Concord Sports Centre on April 3.

Not exactly the stuff for the purists, maybe, but it was an amusing bonus for the highly satisfied spectators leaving the Centre after witnessing an impressive display of skill, power and exuberance from talented No. 2 seed Andrew.

## RESULTS

### Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

K. Beadsley (Y) bt A. Cooke (Dy) 21, 13;  
A. Fletcher (Y) bt S. Brown (La) -12, 11, 21;  
D. Constance (Do) bt D. Hannah (Sc)  
17, 15;

S. Andrew (E) bt W. Gleave (Ch) 13, 17.

### Semi-finals:

Fletcher bt Beadsley 12, 15;  
Andrew bt Constance 9, -11, 12.

### Final:

ANDREW bt Fletcher 16, 23.

### Women's Singles Semi-finals:

K. Smith (Le) bt J. Revill (Le) -13, 21, 11;  
J. Grundy (La) bt M. Hill (Y) 17, 19.

### Final:

GRUNDY bt Smith 17, 22.

### Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Fletcher/S. Mills (Y) bt Andrew/Constance  
17, 18;

Beadsley/N. Eckersley (Ch) bt J. Broe (Sc)/  
D. Hannah (Sc) 13, -21, 18.

### Final:

FLETCHER/MILLS bt Beadsley/Eckersley  
-18, 17, 12.

### Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Grundy/J. Parker (La) bt C. Hemming/  
C. Peacock (La) 11, -17, 13;

Hill/H. Shields (Y) bt Smith/Revill  
19, -21, 19.

### Final:

GRUNDY/PARKER bt Hill/Shields 15, 13.

### Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

A Moore (Sx) bt D. Illingsworth (Y) 18, 12;  
S. Sharpe (Y) bt Gleave 19, 19.

### Final:

MOORE bt Sharpe 17, 16.

### Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

Parker bt L. Broomhead (Y) 18, 21;

S. Collier (Bk) bt N. Tsakarisanos (Gs)  
18, 14.

### Final:

COLLIER bt Parker 19, 14.

Peter Taylor reports from . . .

## LINCOLNSHIRE

### CLEAN SWEEP

Grimsby made a clean sweep of all four inter-town leagues this season. Scunthorpe's hopes for the Haigh Cup faded when in their last match of the season they could only draw with Lincoln. Stuart Worrell took two singles for Lincoln, losing the first match of the night to Neil Parkin, and also took the doubles with Dave Wood. The hero of the night however was undoubtedly Steve Brophy who beat both Andy Thompson and Neil Parkin to earn a draw for Lincoln.

This made the title race very interesting for the league now depended on the Grimsby-Grantham match with both teams in with a chance for the title. Chris Bryan was in tremendous form for Grantham and Dave Skerratt had to use all his determination and skill to finally beat Chris 21-23, 21-15, 21-17. Chris against Geoff Plaskitt was incredible. I have never seen anyone beat Geoff so convincingly, smashing his chops with both forehand and backhand. In fact Grimsby won 9-1 for in the last match of the night I beat Chris 23-21 in

the third. How I don't know, because I was 20-16 down and I served and looped!

Grimsby (G. Sharpe, C. Moran, K. Fisher, P. Hale) won all eight matches to take the Butlin Cup, four points ahead of their nearest rivals Spalding. In the match between the two teams Grimsby won 6-4. Connie Moran always feels her best chance to beat Jean White is to play her first and the tactic proved good for she won 13 in the third. However, by the tenth game, Jean was going well and she completely demolished this year's ladies' champion Gillian Sharpe 21-12, 21-12. With Jean's two wins over Gill and Pauline Hale, the other two Spalding victories were in the doubles and Mary Burgess beating Pauline.

The Grimsby trio of Gary Moran, Trevor Vinson and David Fynes took maximum points from their eight matches to take the Butcher Cup while the veterans won the title on rubber average over Lincoln.

## TABLES

### Haigh

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Grimsby	6	5	0	1	46	14	10
Scunthorpe	6	3	3	1	39	21	9
Lincoln	6	3	1	2	32	28	7
Grantham	6	2	3	1	31	29	7
Gainsborough	6	2	2	2	35	25	6
Louth	6	1	0	5	12	48	2
Boston	6	0	1	5	15	44	1

### Butlin

Grimsby	8	8	0	0	68	12	16
Spalding	8	6	0	2	62	18	12
Grantham	8	3	1	4	39	41	7
Lincoln	8	2	1	5	30	50	5
Scunthorpe	8	0	0	8	1	79	0

### Butcher

Grimsby	8	8	0	0	71	9	16
Lincoln	8	6	0	2	57	23	12
Scunthorpe	8	5	1	2	57	23	11
Boston	8	4	0	4	41	39	8
Gainsborough	8	4	0	4	36	44	8
Grantham	8	4	0	4	35	45	8
Spalding	8	3	1	4	34	46	7
Mablethorpe	8	1	0	7	19	61	2
Louth	8	0	0	8	10	70	0

### Veteran

Grimsby	6	5	0	1	44	16	10
Lincoln	6	5	0	1	42	18	10
Grantham	6	1	1	4	22	38	3
Louth	6	0	1	5	12	48	1

## DRAFT CALENDAR SEASON 1982/83

### September

- 4/5 Kirklees 2-Star Open (Batley).
- 12 National League (1).
- 15 EUROPEAN LEAGUE England v Hungary.
- 18 North of England 2-Star Open (Stretford, M/c.).
- 18/19 Junior Regional Ranking Trials.
- 25/26 Basingstoke 2-Star Junior Open.
- 26 National League (2).

### October

- 2 County Championships (1).
- 3 National League (3).
- 9/10 Sussex 2-Star Open (Hastings).
- 9/10 North Yorkshire Junior Open (Boroughbridge).
- 13 EUROPEAN LEAGUE Sweden v England.
- 16 County Championships (2).
- 16/17 Grove 1-Star Junior Open (Market Drayton).
- 17 Merton 1-Star Open (Bournemouth).
- 23/24 Humberside 3-Star Open (Hull).
- 30/31 Wiltshire 2-Star Open (Calne).
- 30/31 First Junior Ranking Trials.

### November

- 1 Italian Open (Como).
- 6 Woodfield 1-Star Junior Open (Wolverhampton).
- 6/7 Kent 2-Star Junior Open (Folkestone).
- 7 Woodfield 1-Star Open (Wolverhampton).
- 7 National League (4).
- 10 EUROPEAN LEAGUE England v Poland.
- 11/13 Scottish Open (Meadowbank, Edinburgh).
- 13/14 Midland Counties 3-Star Open (Walsall).
- 18/21 Yugoslavian Open (Split).
- 20 County Championships (3).
- 20/21 Middlesex U-15 Junior Open (Edmonton).
- 21 National League (5).
- 27/28 Premier Division Weekend.
- 27/28 Cleveland Junior 2-Star Open (Eston).
- 28 John Player (previously Lambert & Butler) Invitation (Wembley).

### December

- 4/5 English Junior Closed (?Macclesfield).
- 5 Yorkshire 2-Star Open (Featherstone).
- 11/12 Middlesex 3-Star Open (Edmonton).
- 15 EUROPEAN LEAGUE England v Czechoslovakia.
- 17/19 French Open (Strasbourg).
- 18/19 Junior Premier Division Weekend.
- 19 National League (6).

Dennis Millman reports from . . .

## NORTHANTS

### PROBLEM SOLVED

Another successful County League week-end staged at the Roadmender Club, Northampton, had officials scouring the county for copies of the rules, when it appeared likely that Northampton and Kettering would finish level on points, with three wins each. In the event Northampton pulled out all the stops in the final absorbing clash with Kettering, and solved the problem by winning by a surprisingly easy 8-3 margin, thereby retaining the title by two points.

For this well-deserved success, Northampton were deeply indebted to Brian Wooding, who with eight singles successes and four doubles wins, completed the event with a 100% record, Steve Lyon who dropped two singles, and Stephanie Dunkley who won all her singles, but suffered one reverse in the mixed doubles.

John Sanders, with seven singles wins out of eight, did best for Kettering, which again proved supreme in the Men's Singles, despite the absence of all ten leading league players, this being not only a tribute to the strength of the league but also a condemnation of the loyalty, of Kettering's leading players.

### Final Positions:

	P	W	L	P
Northampton	4	3	1	34
Kettering	4	3	1	32
Wellingborough	4	3	1	25
Daventry	4	0	4	11
Towcester	4	1	3	8

Once again the competition culminated in an exciting finish, with both semi-finals and the final requiring deciding ends, before Jane Nicoll and Marj Chambers emerged victorious over Mandy Wallis and Debbie Kimbell, to give Miss Nicoll her third win in four years, and Mrs. Chambers one of her most pleasing successes during a long career.

The Rothborough Handicap event went to Chesterwell's Matthew Hughes (+4), who beat club colleague Darren Branston, and then went on to beat Steve West (-17) in the final, while Keith Nicoll (-20) made up for his singles defeat at the hands of Branston, by combining with David Webb to beat Branston and Dennis Millman in the final of the doubles.

On the league scene, Keystone eventually wrapped up the Kettering Premier Division, and then Steve Mills, Trevor Williams and Graham Lynch made one final journey south to collect their awards at the League's Annual Dinner Dance and Prize Presentation at the Ritz Ballroom, Desborough. If this was the end of an era, it was a fitting end to a season in which the dedication and expertise of Keystone's players, set an example to their local contemporaries, which may be hard to emulate, although it is understood that Gary Alden and Keith Nicoll, mainstay of runners up Rothborough 'C' may well move to pastures new in search of higher honours next term, while the third member of the Rothborough side, former England cricketer, and Northants County player David Steele, may be content to rest on his considerable laurels.

Let us hope that the close season produces more enthusiasm for table tennis than the ill-fated Super League, for with just one firm entry at the second time of asking, it has reverted to the dream it once was. Dreams however will not help complete inadequate League and County Committees, and only practical help, on a wide scale, will maintain the already over-taxed resources available within a County which never quite achieves its true potential.

Ian E. McKelvey reports on the . . .

## MIDLAND LEAGUE

Another Midland League season is almost over. From a programme of 355 matches only two results are now awaited. Eyes now turn forward to the Closed Championships to be held at the Rover car plant at Solihull on Sunday, May 23.

The divisional winners and runners-up, and the teams relegated, are as follows:

### Men's Div. 1:

Champions: Chesterfield 'A'  
Runners-up: Birmingham 'A'  
Relegated: Leicester 'A' & W'hampton 'A'

### Men's Div. 2:

Champions: Potteries 'A'  
Runners-up: Coventry 'A'  
Relegated: Nottingham 'B' & Ch'ham 'A'

### Men's Div. 3:

Champions: Oxford  
Runners-up: Rugby  
Relegated: Cheltenham 'B' & Ch'field 'B'

### Men's Div. 4:

Champions: Market Drayton  
Runners-up: Derby 'B'

### Junior Div. 1:

Champions: Birmingham 'A'  
Runners-up: Gloucester  
Relegated: Shrewsbury & Oxford

### Junior Div. 2:

Champions: Leicester  
Runners-up: Coventry 'B'  
Relegated: Cheltenham & Coventry 'C'

### Junior Div. 3:

Champions: Market Drayton 'A'  
Runners-up: Birmingham 'C'  
Relegated: Walsall 'A'

### Junior Div. 4:

Champions: Market Drayton 'B'  
Runners-up: Loughborough  
Relegated: Rugby

### Junior Div. 5:

Champions: Leamington  
Runners-up: Walsall 'B'

### Women's Div.:

Champions: Wolverhampton  
Runners-up: Birmingham 'A'

### Veterans' Div. 1:

Champions: Nottingham 'A'  
Runners-up: Birmingham 'A'  
Relegated: Coventry 'A' & Derby

### Veterans' Div. 2:

Champions: Leamington  
Runners-up: Birmingham 'B'

## NORTH OF ENGLAND

The Colgate North of England 2-Star Open, this forthcoming season involving equipment to be supplied by Dunlop Sports Co., will again be held at Stretford Sports Centre on Saturday, Sept. 18. Entry forms, as usual, can be obtained from the Tournament Secretary, Mr. Leslie W. Jones at 261 Mauldeth Road, Burnage, Manchester M19 1EH ('Phone: 061-224 6672). Closing Date: 27th August.

## GLEAVE SUSPENDED

In accordance with regulation 14 of appendix E to ETTA rules, Cheshire's Billy Gleave has been suspended from ETTA membership from September 1st to October 31st, 1982.

## PREAN SUPREME

Carl Prean with a quarter-final win over Ian Kenyon, a semi-final success over Richard Jermyn and a final victory over David Constance, was the winner of the South of England 2-Star Open, played at Woking over the weekend of May 8/9.

Alison Gordon was the winner of the counterpart Women's event with a final victory over Mandy Smith.

Phil Bradbury succeeded in the U-21 Men's Singles beating Prean in the semis and Skylet Andrew in the final.

## EAST MIDLANDS CADET LEAGUE

by Philip Reid

Coventry are the undisputed champions of the East Midlands Cadets League — again. Led by the undefeated Mark Randle, the Warwickshire team accounted for Chesterfield, Pontesbury and Loughborough and only the latter were able to extend them. Derby, with Paul Harvey and Andrew Stills, prominent, finished in the runners-up position by virtue of their 6-4 win over Pontesbury. It was a disastrous day for the Shropshire side, who were without the indisposed Darrell Corfield. They had narrow defeats against Loughborough, Derby and Coventry and could easily have reversed the

scores were Corfield available.

As it was, it was left to Peter Thomas to fly the Pontesbury flag, including a well-earned maximum against Derby. Derby had earlier beaten Loughborough 6-4 in what was virtually the battle for the runner-up spot. Loughborough had raced to a 2-1 lead but then lost their way, losing no less than five sets in a row, amongst them the eclipse of Paul Bumpus by Stills. Chesterfield's young side, who Maurice Billington tells me had entered purely for experience, certainly got it and impressed everyone with their demeanor on the table.

The AG.M. of the E.M.C. League will be held at Knighton Park TTC, Avenue Road Extension, Leicester, on Sunday, July 18, '82.

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# CURRENT AFFAIRS



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

## LEST WE FORGET

In this our diamond jubilee year it is appropriate that we turn our thoughts back to the beginning and try to recapture the inspiration of those early pioneers. The names of Montagu, Pope and Vint come quickly to mind but there were many others who worked with them who should be remembered with equal reverence.

The big three stood together in the early years and built a solid foundation on which the association has grown. Regrettably Bill Pope passed away shortly after the war but Ivor Montagu and Bill Vint still survive and retain an active interest in the affairs of the association. Both have completed their active service culminating in the positions of life vice-president and past president respectively. There is no higher honour left for them to receive and they thoroughly deserve the honours they have achieved.

But what about the others. Of the original hard core of administrators I would think that all those who have survived have been awarded life-membership, the highest honour available, but those unfortunate enough not to have survived the years are in danger of being forgotten with the passage of time.

Also, what of the players whose dedication in our formative years produced the skills that inspired future generations to follow them. The names of Barna, Szabados and Bellak are probably the best known in the thirties and forties. They revived an interest just at the time when it was in danger of falling away. But even before these three there were English-born players who played a great part in the promotion of the game.

The world champion in 1929 was Fred Perry, who is now hardly remembered for his achievement at table tennis. Also, Andy Donaldson who won the first English Open championship in 1922 and although he appears to have been born in Scotland he always regarded himself as an English player based in Sunderland.

At the recent European Championships in Budapest, I had the great pleasure of meeting the Rowe twins, Ros and Di, and was greatly impressed by their knowledge and enthusiasm for the game. Also there was Johnny Leach, our only other native born ex World singles champion.

It seems a pity that the names of past heroes and many others associated with them should be in danger of passing out of our minds and being lost forever. It was with this possibility in mind that the National Council has agreed to the creation of two new categories of honours — a Roll of Honour and a Players' Merit Award.

These honours are being created to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee and the first awards will be nominated at the A.G.M. in July, 1982.

There will be a Roll of Honour on which will appear names from the past, not only administrators but also of players who have had great achievements. There is a small committee sifting through many names trying to isolate those who it is considered warrant inclusion on the list of nominations. Unfortunately it will not be possible to have a complete comprehensive list of nominations in time for this year's A.G.M. but a token few names will be nominated as representatives until a fuller list can be compiled.

Following the A.G.M., on Saturday, July 10th, 1982, there will be a grand Diamond Jubilee Dinner and Dance to be held in the same place as the A.G.M. — the Regent Centre Hotel, Carburton St., London. It is hoped to have representatives of the recipients of the new awards in attendance along with members representing all aspects of the game. It is particularly hoped to have a representative from each of the leagues whose history goes back to 1922 or earlier.

Full details of these celebrations will be circulated very shortly to all leagues and counties and it is expected to cater for about 300 people. The event is being supported by sports traders to whom we are greatly indebted. Special inclusive dinner and accommodation prices will be available.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for leagues and counties to pay tribute to those people who have made our game one of the most popular in the world. Whilst looking to the past we must not forget the future. Those who will have charge of the game both nationally and internationally over the next 60 years have a duty to see that those of the early generations did not work in vain.

## 'Evening Chronicle' NORTHUMBERLAND 2-STAR TOURNAMENT

Top Seeds triumph in North East  
by **AUBREY DRAPKIN**  
(E.T.T.A. Treasurer)

The top seeds were the victors at Cramlington Concordia Leisure Centre with Max Crimmins winning the Men's Singles title and Carole Knight doing likewise in the Women's event. The tournament was a great success from all points of view and I am sure that George Yates must have found it a pleasure to referee with none of the current problems of player misbehaviour or 'stamping' being present. Problems there were, but these were of an unusual kind, with two of the seeds being despatched to the local hospital — Kevin Beadsley was first to go having suffered a muscular spasm in his neck leaving him unable to straighten his head. Keith Paxton was the second victim after a nasty fall in which he hit his head on the floor and was out cold for several minutes.

Clare Mouzon, Northumberland's England ranked cadet, took the Junior Girls' title defeating Ireland's Jennifer Reid in the final. The Junior Boys' event was won by Michael Emmerson of Yorkshire, the runner up being Lancashire's Shaun Browne. Carole Knight, who had not previously won the Northumberland, was in no mood to miss out on this occasion. Not an end was lost as she raced to victory (including a demolition job on Alison Gordon in the final) and picked up a cheque for £85.

Of the sixteen seeds in the Men's Singles, John Broe of Scotland and Nigel Thomas of Wales failed to put in an appearance and Kevin Beadsley was forced to withdraw after his doubles. Others who failed to make the last sixteen were Peter D'Arcy who was beaten in no uncertain manner by Ian Robertson (21-9, 21-8), Stephen Scowcroft who succumbed to Brian Johns, and, of course, Keith Paxton because of his accident. Ireland's Tom Heasley fell at this stage to Scotland's Ian McLean, who had come through to take John Broe's appointed place, but he in turn was beaten by Crimmins. The third and fourth seeds, Chu Van Que and Steve Mills, had tremendous battles in the quarters; Chu going out 20-22 in the third to Alan Fletcher but Mills just getting home against Peter McQueen who actually had match point on three occasions. Mills then produced the major shock by defeating Nigel Eckersley after the Cheshire man had won the first end, but he was unable to contain Crimmins in the final. So Max became the champion and £225 richer for his efforts.

Thanks are expressed to all who helped to make the tournament possible, including of course, the main sponsor, the Newcastle Evening Chronicle and to Radio Newcastle who gave live coverage of the event.

## RESULTS

### Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

M. Crimmins (Sy) bt I. McLean (Sco) 10, 19;

A. Fletcher (Y) bt Chu van Que (Nd) -18, 16, 20;

S. Mills (Y) bt P. McQueen (Sy) -16, 20, 22;

N. Eckersley (Ch) bt A. Majid (Sco) 7, 14.

### Semi-finals:

Crimmins bt Fletcher 11, 19;

Mills bt Eckersley -14, 14, 13.

### Final:

CRIMMINS bt Mills -17, 13, 9.

### Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

C. Knight (Cv) bt J. Reid (Ire) 6, 6;

K. Groves (Wa) bt S. Gelder (Du) 12, 15;

M. Hill (Y) bt S. Peakman (Wa) -19, 12, 11;

A. Gordon (Bk) bt J. Smith (Du) 10, 18.

### Semi-finals:

Knight bt Groves 13, 12;

Gordon bt Hill 16, 19.

### Final:

KNIGHT bt Gordon 8, 16.

### Men's Doubles Semi-final:

D. McIlroy (Sco)/McLean bt P. E. D'Arcy (Ch)/S. Scowcroft (La) 13, -19, 16;

Fletcher/Mills bt Crimmins/Majid -21, 16, 19.

### Final:

FLETCHER/MILLS bt McIlroy/McLean 13, -16, 12.

### Women's Doubles Semi-final:

Hill/H. Shields (Y) bt L. Bainbridge (Du)/Smith 4, 13;

Knight/J. Williams (Cv) bt C. Burke (Nd)/Gordon 21, 11.

### Final:

KNIGHT/WILLIAMS bt Hill/Shields 15, 13.

### Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

M. Emmerson (Y) bt M. Kelly (Ire) 12, 6;

S. McBean (Wi) bt G. Sutherland (Sco) 14, 12;

K. Mkandla (Y) bt D. Blackburn (Du) 21, -19, 9;

S. Browne (La) bt N. McMaster (Nd) 13, 11.

### Semi-finals:

Emmerson bt McBean 11, 18;

Browne bt Mkandla 13, 18.

### Final:

EMMERSON bt Browne -14, 19, 17.

### Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

N. McEvoy (Ire) bt J. Reid (Ire) -21, 15, 15;

C. Mouzon (Nd) bt Burke 13, 19.

### Final:

MOUZON bt Reid 13, 16.

### Veterans' Singles Semi-finals:

D'Arcy bt G. Lynch (Dy) 9, 13;

R. Kerr (Sco) bt J. Nelson (Nd) 5, 5.

### Final:

D'ARCY bt Kerr 18, 17.

# COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

Alf Peppard reports from . . .

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

### PRAISE INDEED

Peering through the March edition of Table Tennis News I found it very gratifying to read A. G. Carey's report upon the way the Gloucestershire Association ran The Cotswold 'Select' in Gloucester. Praise indeed and from a very close neighbour it made me feel proud to have been a minute part of the administration over the two days of its duration. While on the subject of The Cotswold 'Select' John Prean also paid us a compliment upon a well and humanely organised tournament. I assure both gentlemen your kind thoughts are much appreciated and that hopefully next year (that is if it again comes our way), we shall endeavour to maintain the same high standards.

It came as very sad news indeed to hear of the death of Somerset's County Secretary of last season, A. R. E. Richens. I met Arthur just after the war, he had left Swindon and taken up residence in or near Bridgwater in Somerset and was at the time playing in The Bridgwater League and might I add in those days few locals could beat him. He was to me a great friend and an equally great player.

At the time of writing, most Leagues have come to the end of their scheduled matches and with the exception of Cheltenham, the Gloucester & Stroud Finals Nights have taken place. Here are the detailed results Gloucester City first.

The Gloucester City (closed) championships were held at The C.E.G.B. sports at Barnwood. The tourney was well supported, in all eight events were played, the remainder having been played off prior to Finals Night. In the men's semi-final, the county Champion, Paul Jackson had no positive answer to St. Mark's Martin Lane. Lane a former champion, was in devastating form and blasted Jackson off the table to ensure a place in the final. In the other semi William Dawe of The Gordon League beat Graham Slack of St. Mark's two-straight.

The final saw Lane v Dawe. Dawe took the first two games 23-21, 25-23, but Lane ran out the eventual winner by taking the next three 13, 14 and 16. Both players were geared to a fast moving game, on the night however, it was Lane all the way. The second Div. Singles was a great disappointment. Graham Ridler of Newent faced Roger Webb of The RAF. Roger had to pull out of the final owing to service commitments, thus giving Ridler a w/o. In the Boys' final, Jackson beat Darren Griffin 16, 15 and in the mixed Jackson and Jenny Ellery beat Dawe and Heather Colwill 19, -16, 19. Boys' under-15 Aaron Beckett beat Lawrence Symonds 14, 14 (both lads hail from the Strollers Club). In the men's doubles final the holders, Dawe and Griffin beat Jackson and Lane 10, -15, 13. Women's Singles Final: Mrs. Julie Towie of Newent, the holder, got off to a shaky start and lost the first game to Jenny Ellery -20. However, Julie took the next two games and the title at 17, 11.

The John Cooper Annual award this year went to the seventh division Champion Craige Saunders of Cinderford, this has been Craige's very first season in League table tennis.

The Bryan Merrett award went to Jenny Ellery, who this season has gained much

recognition by being ranked No. 25 in England as a Cadet.

Glos. City Team Divisional Winners:

Div. 1 - Gordon League 'A' (D. Griffin, B. Merrett, W. Dawe and M. Collier).

Div. 2 - The RAF (R. Webb, D. Bottomley, D. Sweeney and P. Willis).

Div. 3 - Longford 'A' (G. Dupree, P. Singh, Laura and John Bell).

Div. 4 - Civil Service (Alan and Neil Dowding, R. Davis).

Div. 5 - Rank Xerox (S. Thomas, S. Cooper, L. Barrett and I. Knight).

Div. 6 - Gordon League (G. Thomas, S. Hodges and P. Merrett).

Div. 7 - Rudford/Highleadon (T. Hilbourne, D. Sherratt, A. Cutt and C. Staite).

At the end of Finals Night, Mr. Bill Dawe Senior, presented the cups and trophies.

### Stroud & District Finals Night

Held six nights after Gloucester's, Stroud's big do was held at The Leisure Centre in Stroud. The 1st semi-final of the Men's singles was between Andrew Golding and Charlie Jeffries. Andrew gave his older opponent little chance to settle down and eased himself into the final by winning 15 and 11. In the other semi Peter Harris beat veteran Alan Giles. But in the final Golding beat Harris 10, 18, to take the title. In the Girls' final, Suzanne Webley proved her superiority by beating Megan Willsher 14 and 7. The Boys' final was won by Ian Heskins who beat Tim Dutton 18, 18.

In the mixed final we saw the mother and son combination of Jean and Andrew Golding v Harris and Sue Webley, the overall experience of the Goldings came well to the fore and they ran out firm winners 24-22, 21-12.

The veterans' singles final was one of the closest of the entire evening, Alan Giles just pulled it off by beating John Smith 20 in the third. In the open doubles final Andrew Golding and Harris beat Charlie Jeffries and Bob Willsher 10, 14. And finally the Women's Singles went to the very experienced Jean Golding who beat her younger opponent Sue Webley 18 and 13. In conclusion, providing she keeps at the game, I am sure little Miss Webley will take this title maybe much sooner than we think.

Before I leave the Stroud scene one



Gary Thomas of the Gloucester Gordon League Club. Photo taken at "The Whitbread Cotswold Junior Select" in Gloucestershire.

person attending Finals night caught my ever wandering eye. He was Richard Coates whose assets are that he was and is a member of the 4th Division cup winning team, also a member of The Albert Mann Cup winning team and this year he was awarded The Pat Toomer shield for consistency, a wonderful achievement for a player who plays with artificial steel hands. Congratulations Richard, you are indeed worthy of much admiration from this scribe.

County wise we have not disgraced ourselves, yet perhaps we could have done better, WHO KNOWS? How very often have we all heard the Joe Bloggs of this world saying: I should have won the third, beat him easy in the first, only lost at 20 in the second and was leading 20-14 in the third and lost. We all tend to play the role of the Joe Bloggs of this world sometimes and it is really to no specific avail, you win or you lose. The County Seniors and Juniors likewise finished up in both instances third from the top of their respective divisions. The Juniors will miss the services of Jackson next season, age has overtaken him as indeed it has a habit of doing to all of us. However we are not short of Juniors (Thanks to County Coach Paddy Jackson). Stuart Beattie of Cheltenham, Aaron Beckett and David Smith of Gloucester will probably form the nucleus of next season's Junior team led by Darren Griffin of Gloucester's Gordon League (A bastion of table tennis power, this club is, if there ever was one). On the senior side with Jackson playing in the team a few of this year's established players will have to look to their laurels perhaps to retain position, and if David Harvey (last year's County Champion) should decide to avail himself to the County well the outcome could be anybody's guess.

Some of our younger players worthy of mention are Craige and Dale Saunders who hail from Cinderford in the Forest of Dean, Johnathon Greenwood and Ian Heskins of Stroud and Julia Evans of Cheltenham who a few months back beat the County's No. 3 woman Julie Towie at Newent.

Gillian Smith is doing a great publicity job for Cheltenham in Editing NET & EDGE, the official newsletter. Gill tells me that following the sad loss of Bill Griffiths earlier in the year the Management Committee has taken the unanimous decision to invite Mrs. Doris Griffiths to take over her late husband's position as President and all and sundry were, I'm sure, delighted to hear that she accepted the post.

The Summer League in Cheltenham will again be run this season by John Moss. He will be sending out a circular letter to all clubs with full details of dates, fees, etc. The league will be starting a little earlier this year and will finish in the middle of August. Any enquiries please to John Moss, 2 Larch Close, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham.

In Div. 2 of The Cotswold Ladies League, Cheltenham finished up third top behind Bath "B" and Hereford who pipped Cheltenham on sets average. Leading averages (minimum 3 matches), Cathy Robb played 9 won 9, 100%, Julie Bearcroft played 12 won 8, 67%.

To date we have 41 Independent Radio Stations scattered around the country and 29 more locations authorised to bring the total to 69 by the mid '80's. I wonder how many Counties are making full use of this media. We in Gloucestershire have been using Severn Sound for Table Tennis news media since January 1981 and on a regular basis.

On a B Class road in the heart of rural Gloucestershire is a small sign that simply says "Table Tennis Club". The sign refers to what must be the largest Club catering for table tennis in the county. It is situated in the combined Parishes of Rudford & Highleadon, some four or five miles from

Gloucester City. The total population of these two villages according to the electoral poll (what better guide) is just over 200 adults. And yet The Rudford/Highleadon Club which was founded in 1953 has for some time been able to enter ten teams in the Glos. City League. This past season the club has sported 41 affiliated players of which several also play in the Cheltenham as well as Glos. Leagues. In its time R. & H. have embraced players from as far afield as Ledbury (Herefordshire), Malvern (Worcs), and one member now travels from Ross on Wye each week to play in the first division. The Club is not resting on its past successes — they are indeed expanding! Their very latest venture is the purchase of a cedarwood building, a former classroom. Permission to convert it into additional table tennis facilities have been applied for and in the not too distant future there is every possibility that Rudford/Highleadon may have well in excess of a mere ten teams in the League.

#### Stroud's suggested coaching plan for 1982/83 Season

At the last Coaching Committee meeting of the 1981/82 season, the view was strongly put forward that the present arrangement, whereby all pupils and coaches attend a central venue, i.e. Stroud was not wholly acceptable. It was generally felt that more pupils would receive coaching if it was done on a more local basis.

After much discussion The Coaching Committee's recommendations for the 1982/3 season are as follows: That the following satellite coaching groups should be set up: Dursley with Roy King, Tetbury (Keith Simmonds), Nailsworth (Trevor Golding).

It is hoped that a group would be run in Stroud jointly by Nigel Ross and George North. These groups would come together on a regular basis, say perhaps once a month, to play inter-group matches or a tournament. This would be organised by the Coaching Admin. Officer who would also provide the necessary liaison link with The County Coaching Officer.

The Stiga Robot would be the responsibility of the League Coaching Officer and would be used at each of the satellite centres such and as when required under his supervision. It was suggested his new title should be "ROBOT MAN".

I have already covered the two County Teams, Seniors and Juniors, the players' averages are:

	P	W	L	Av. %
<b>Seniors</b>				
Andrew Golding .....	12	8	4	66.6
Graham Slack .....	12	6	6	50.0
William Dawe .....	10	7	3	70.0
Richard Russell .....	2	0	2	00.0
Nina Tsakarisianos .....	4	4	0	100.0
Cathy Robb .....	2	2	0	100.0
Julie Towie .....	4	2	2	50.0
Jean Golding .....	1	0	1	00.0
Janet Foulser .....	1	0	1	00.0
<b>Juniors</b>				
Paul Jackson .....	12	9	3	75.0
Darren Griffin .....	12	9	3	75.0
David Smith .....	8	2	6	25.0
Stuart Beattie .....	4	0	4	00.0
Nina Tsakarisianos .....	6	6	0	100.0
Jenny Ellery .....	6	0	6	00.0

#### Mick Miles reports from . . .

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### FINAL PLACINGS

In the final Notes of the Season, I am pleased to report that the Senior Team are champions of Div. 3C, the Junior First Team Runners-up in the Premier, with the Veterans and Junior Second Team, third in their respective divisions.

The re-arranged away match with Here-

fordshire (postponed from December because of bad weather) concluded the Seniors' season and was two struggles in one. The first was transportation to the venue. This was the same old story of the person responsible for the team crying off before any positive travel arrangements were made, and no-one else available to get to grips with the problem. It was eventually resolved by a team member (Dawn Campbell) hiring a car and taking the team to the match.

The second struggle was to keep the team's undefeated record intact. (Quite understandable considering all the hassle that had gone before). Again it was the Ladies to the rescue with Lisa Bellinger beating Margaret Newcome and Dawn beating Sandra Hirst and then combining to win the Doubles. A singles win for Gavin Booth over Mark Owens and the same for Colin Luscombe over Andy Castle was all we could manage from the Men's sets, so the match was drawn.

The Junior Second Team ended their fixtures by entertaining our neighbours Cambridgeshire, who got away to a good start with a win by their No. 1, Julian Wheel, against our No. 2 Andrew James. Lee Holmes levelled it immediately in the battle of the No. 3s with a success over Tim Ashman, and from then on we never looked back.

Andrew Conquest, so often our man of the match, was again outstanding at this level of play, as he brushed aside Jamie Frost and Wheel, then with James, won the doubles 12 and 10.

Julie Miles and Lisa Robbins gave us all the Girls' sets from Helen Smith and Samantha Wales, then James chipped in with a singles to give us a pleasing 8-2 victory.

An interesting footnote to this match was that it marked the final county Junior appearances of Conquest, Julie Miles and Frost and each finished their Junior careers with straight-games wins.

The Luton League Tournament Finals Night attracted quite a large crowd to Dunstable Vauxhall Canteen and turned out to be a personal triumph for sixteen-year-old David Sharpe who featured in three of the six finals and was successful in each.

In the Boys' Singles David had a straight-ends victory over his County Junior Team-mate, Ian Doughty. Then with David Cartwright he won the Men's Doubles from Keith Thompson and Jim Wooliscroft in an exciting match that finished at 21-19 in the third.

To get his "hat-trick" David had to play Ian once again, but this time it was best of five, with the fortunes going backwards and forwards, it was a finely balanced contest with David running out the narrow winner in the fifth.

The Ladies' final was an inter-county match between Julie Dimmock (Beds) and Nikki Hamilton (Bucks) which provided an interesting and entertaining contrast of styles; with the aggressive all-out attack of Nikki powering through to win the first end, then being contained by the tight counter-ing that enabled Julie to gradually take control and then comfortably win the decider.

Julie's father, Tony, could not repeat his daughter's success when he played in the Veterans final, losing two-straight to County No. 1 Wooliscroft who retained his title and has now won this event for three consecutive years.

More success for Julie, though, in the Mixed, where she and Doughty defeated Nikki Hamilton and Cartwright.

Congratulations to Bedford Modern U-11 Boys' Team for winning the E.S.T.T.A. Finals at Lea Green and to Ramridge Girls for obtaining 3rd in the same age group.

Lisa and Jackie Bellinger created a piece of table tennis history when they became the first sisters to be ranked No. 1 and No. 2 Juniors in the same list. Jackie was unbeaten at the Ranking Trials, won the Derby Junior, and the East Anglian Regional Sport in Colleges Ladies' Singles.

To finish, I would like to thank my fellow scribes who write the various County Notes. As one who avidly reads every word in T.T. News, I have derived much enjoyment over the years reading the "inside info" about your Counties.

Thanks to my informants, especially Mary Williams (Luton Secretary), Gill Bellinger (Dunstable Secretary), Dick Teague (Schools Secretary) and Margaret Adams (Typist) without whose assistance I could not have produced these notes. As for the Bedford and Leighton Buzzard League, from whom I have not received a single item — if anyone from those Leagues read the T.T. News, then it's your turn next Season!

#### Geoff Waters reports from . . .

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE

#### DISAPPOINTING NOTE

The county season ended on a rather disappointing note with the Junior first team losing their final match against Sussex II 3-7.

The three boys Julian Wheel, Tim Ashman and Peter Holliday, who was making his first team debut in place of the indisposed Jamie Frost, each won a singles. This leaves them in mid-table in Junior 3D, which is something of a disappointment after a promising start.

The problem of not having a settled team has not helped matters and only Wheel has played in all seven matches. This has been reflected in the individual performances for his 10 singles wins out of 14 is easily the best. No doubt results would have been much better if we had more use of our top girls. At the start of the season our top three girls all had an England ranking but between them they only played four times. Mandy Judd, of course, was playing for the seniors and only managed one match for the juniors. Tracey Fisher stopped playing altogether and after three matches Ruth Hunter started working on Saturdays.

In the event Helen Smith and Samantha Wales have had to battle on bravely, whereas they could have done with more experience at second team level.

It is this shortage of experienced girls that decided the county committee to reluctantly withdraw the county junior second team from the County Championships for next season. At National League level, Hassy Perfection Soham have finished third in the Premier Division. For most clubs this would have been a fairly satisfactory season but by Soham standards it probably comes as something of a disappointment.

In the return match with champions Ellenborough at Soham, they held a 4-2 lead but the visitors hit back to draw and end any realistic hopes of Soham retaining their title. Then at Ormesby they led 3-1 but lost 3-5 and finished up losing the runners-up spot. However, considering that on several occasions since Christmas some of their players have played when not fully fit, perhaps they have done better than could have been expected. No doubt during the close season, they will be looking to increase their squad for their one reserve Dougie Bennett has been ill for some months leaving them rather thin on the ground for a championship chasing team.

March, the other National League team within the county, entertained prospective champions MBS St. Neots and were beaten 7-1. The match, however, was far from one-

sided with six of the eight sets going to three. March finally had some reward for their efforts in the final set when Tony Holmes beat Mick Harper.

Although St. Neots is now within the boundaries of Cambridgeshire, they are still under Huntingdonshire as far as table tennis is concerned. They do however have two Cambridgeshire players in their team in Keith Richardson and Mick Harper and we wish them the best of luck in the promotion play-off.

Ray Simpson reports from . . .

## DURHAM

### CRUCIAL VICTORIES

The County's representative senior and junior sides in the County Championship look likely to at least retain their places in their respective divisions next season after recording crucial victories during March and April.

The senior team recorded two successive victories on successive Saturdays at Shiny Row against Lincs and Leics II. Lincs paid the penalty for playing without any women, and they found the three set handicap too burdensome for them. Tony Gelder and David Godbold both scored two wins but, unfortunately, no scorecard is available.

Durham also beat Leics II by the same score 7-3, but the match could have gone either way.

### RESULTS

D. Godbold lost to P. Smith -15, -14;  
bt M. Pickles -11, 18, 13.

T. Robson bt Pickles -20, 21, 13;  
lost to K. Fellows -15, -16.

T. Gelder bt Fellows -12, 10, 22;  
bt Smith 20, 17.

Gelder/Godbold lost to Smith/Fellows  
-18, 14, -22.

J. Smith bt Joanne Heath 13, 14.

L. Spensley bt Jane Heath 17, 15.

Spensley/Smith bt Heath/Heath 18, 14.

The juniors, meanwhile, continued their recent upsurge in form to defeat Leics 6-4.

### SCORES

S. Griew lost to D. McVitie -9, 19, -18;  
bt M. Gent 11, 13.

G. Jones lost to McVitie -10, -21;  
lost to D. Blackburne -20, 8, -11.

S. Wilford lost to Gent 15, -19, -13;  
lost to Blackburne -18, -18.

Y. Hall bt L. Wilson 11, 8.

J. Heath bt A. Davison 9, 18.

Griew/Jones lost to McVitie/Blackburne  
18, -19, -17.

Hall/Heath bt Wilson/Davison 11, 6.

Results of local league closed tournaments:

## BISHOP AUCKLAND

### Open Singles:

David Blackburne bt Trevor di Martino.

### Open Doubles:

Blackburne/di Martino bt Martin Gent/  
Glyn Thatcher.

### Women's Singles:

Lorna Wilson bt Sonia Proctor.

### Junior Singles:

Gent bt Blackburne.

### Veteran Singles:

Thatcher bt Johnny Brazauskas.

### Div. B:

Bryan Mawson bt Anthony Reeve.

### Div. C:

Terry Davies by Paul Howe.

## SUNDERLAND

### Open Singles:

Nigel Jobling.

### Open Doubles:

Tom Robinson/Cliff Olsson.

### Junior Singles:

Darren McVitie.

### Women's Singles:

Lynne Bainbridge.

### Women's Doubles:

Bainbridge/Julie Smith.

### Veteran Singles:

Gordon Bissett.

## DARLINGTON

### Open Singles:

John Crawford bt Norman Chambers

### Open Doubles:

Mike Sowerby/Norman Chambers bt

Crawford/Geoff Langley.

### Women's Singles:

Sylvia Barraclough bt Paula Liddle.

### Junior Singles:

Gary Webstall bt Richard Pertene.

### Veteran Singles:

Neve Proctor bt Frank Grimshaw.

### Mixed Doubles:

Bill Powton/Mrs. Barraclough.

### Div. B:

Mrs. Barraclough bt Dave Fewster.

### Div. C:

Dave Shields.

## DURHAM

### Open Singles:

Keith Henry bt Colin Bateman.

### Open Doubles:

Henry/Bill Wyle bt Bateman/Albert

Shingler.

### Junior Singles:

David Blackburne bt Peter Muldowney.

### Veteran Singles:

Bill McMaster bt Tom Snowdon.

### Div. B:

G. Parkin bt John Middlemass.

### Div. C:

G. Parkin.

## PETERLEE

### Open Singles:

Darren McVitie bt Bill Reay.

### Open Doubles:

Clarkson/Norman Hunt bt Stephen Crosby/  
Ron Douglas.

### Junior Singles:

McVitie bt Neil Thornley.

### Junior Doubles:

Crosby/Paul Young bt Gordon Brown/  
McVitie.

### Veteran Singles:

Derek Carney bt Alan Jenkins.

### Cadet Boys' Singles:

P. Young bt Thornley.

### Cadet Girls' Singles:

Julie Grant bt A. Wiffen.

### Consolation Singles:

Douglas bt Peter Hewitson.

### Team of Three:

McVitie/Brown/K. Robinson.

Tony Gelder won the Philadelphia Closed, but no further details are to hand.

In the Durham Senior League, Sunderland retained their men's division title after beating Philadelphia 'A', their nearest challengers, by maximum points in the last game of the season. The ladies division was wrapped up as expected by Sunderland 'A', but the junior division, at the time of writing, looks like going to Bishop Auckland.

John Prean reports from . . .

## THE ISLE OF WIGHT

### POLITICAL TREPIDATION

In my last column of the season I venture with some trepidation into the unexplored area of table tennis politics.

At National level we have just gone through an election which was probably the liveliest in our history. The question the membership had to decide was whether Tom Blunn would remain Chairman of the E.T.T.A. or whether he would be displaced by Lou Hoffman. It was, in my recollection, the only time the holder of the Office had real opposition. Many times there have been unopposed elections.

Our Association has undoubted problems and I have often high-lighted these in this column. Two major ones are the decline in Membership and the quantity and quality of television coverage accorded to our Sport.

The two are closely linked. The last time our Association managed to increase its Membership was after the Birmingham World Championships when we got the television coverage and audience our Sport deserved. Since then television coverage has been on a decreasing scale and what was screened left a great deal to be desired in terms of viewer appeal. Getting right down to the grass-roots, two new young members recently walked in to our Club after Carl had appeared on Television South during the English Closed. This may be a coincidence but I don't think so. It may be a sad reflection on our civilisation that public taste should be so dominated by television, but it is a fact of life. It is hard not to feel sad when one sees so many nebulous "Sports" occupying our screens for hours whilst we get minutes. Locally I see a darts match advertised, £2,000 to the winner, tickets £5 per head, the opponents "Jocky" Wilson and Eric Bristow. If anyone could have suggested a few years ago that darts would outclass table tennis in spectator appeal, that man would have been branded a lunatic, but it has happened.

The feeling, therefore, that we are engaged in an inferior Sport and that we are not getting much from our Central Body, rightly or wrongly, is widespread. The appeal that it was "time for a change" by the opposition candidate was therefore equally widespread and although Tom won by a very good majority in the end the warning signs remain, not only are fewer people playing Table Tennis, but Leagues are disaffiliating from the E.T.T.A. and the service we give to our members therefore needs to be looked at very seriously and above all much greater efforts are needed to halt the trend. It is the duty of those who accept office to make this a lively, vibrant sport once again. When I look at six pages of mostly irrelevant rule changes to be proposed at the next A.G.M. and contrast this with the lack of real effort towards building the Sport up again I feel further sorrow and wonder whether red tape is now tied so firmly that our Sport will not escape. It gives me no pleasure to ask uncomfortable questions, but unless we find some answers the decline of the Sport will continue and accelerate.

Prior to the elections Tom Blunn visited the Island and met our Committee, having taken up the challenge contained in this column that no E.T.T.A. Official had ever visited us. What has been sketched in these notes is a very general feeling in our small County and although Tom went down well in personal terms, our eventual decision was to abstain as did so many others. We did have the opportunity of debating various points and we were impressed with Tom's fluent presentation and grasp. We congratulate him on his victory and wish him well.

Ranks must now be closed and every chance must be given to those elected to bring about what we all want, a livelier, stronger Association and a better public image for our Sport.

Our County team did manage to avoid relegation from Div. 3B which had to be our target right from the start. Any other objective would have been unrealistic.

Whilst Carl was playing for his country in Portugal our County team travelled to Somerset and were soundly thrashed 9-1. Obviously we could have exerted a little more pressure with him in the side, but it was not a result we want to remember for too long.

The crunch match against Cornwall followed with our young International restored to us and we got the point we wanted which also sent our sporting opponents into the 4th Division, a poor reward for a long journey and some very good play. They brought quite a few spectators with them, so that ours had to work

rather harder than usual. That we survived was entirely due to the old firm of Daly and Preen who won five sets between them.

With the pressure off we nearly produced a sensation in the last, re-arranged match against Avon who had narrowly missed the title after beating the eventual Champions Hampshire. With two further wins from Jim Daly, one from Carl and the women's doubles (Jill Fothergill and Joy Batten) we were in the driving seat, then inexplicably lost the men's doubles "deuce" in the 3rd and then the match when Carl lost to Andy Creed, his first defeat in 22 County matches for the Island.

Avon's N.P.C. Mike Lewis made a very nice speech after the match seeing similarities in our fortunes and those of his County, also a relatively new one. We had, in fact, done quite well, but our form in the Women's Singles and the No. 3 Men's Spot must give cause for concern. In the other departments we did well and now have to build on these foundations.

The predictions contained in my last notes nearly went wrong. I felt that Columbia would retain their Div. 1 title, having established a three point lead. The ink was hardly dry when they crashed 7-3 to lowly Ryde 'B', one of the biggest local sensations of all time, which added much interest to the meeting with Ryde 'A', for many years the high spot of the season. Columbia won this match 7-3, not without anxieties and then, winning their last two matches, held on to their one point lead over Sandown 'A' who replaced Ryde as runners-up. Sandown had done well to get there with Roger Hookey and Andy Coughlan winning a lot of sets whilst their No. 3 Kevin Attrill did not make the most of his undoubted talent. Ryde were pole-axed by injuries and though the season was not without its drama it lacked some of its former sparkle.

Carl's Cap against Portugal and Spain aroused much local interest, indeed made the National Press and some of his set with Mark Mitchell in the English Closed appeared on T.V. South. He won 5 out of the 7 individual matches in which he played which may be regarded as satisfactory as he appears to be the youngest boy ever to play for England at Senior level. After a good run in the English Open, reaching the final of the Essex 3-Star and the last 16 of the English Closed we were not sorry to have a few weeks without tournaments, though the period was quite active in terms of County and National League matches.

In the latter Carl continued with Generation II Gosport, but the Div. 2 South title eluded the Club which itself was a little tragedy. The defeat on that foggy afternoon in Birmingham proved decisive and the victors became Champions at the end of the season. No-one could begrudge them that honour as they fought hard and well. Generation II, a well managed and supported Club, were ready for Div. 1, but it was not to be. Our plans for next season remain uncertain. If present intentions materialise, the 2nd Div. will be a National one which I regard as a thoroughly bad idea. Whilst it will cause no problems to clubs located near the centre of the country it will impose great expense and travel on the rest. I have noted that in Germany, where there is more money in our Sport and in the economy generally, there are four 2nd Divs., the idea being to cut costs and travel. Why we should embark in the reverse direction of a well tried and established system I cannot begin to guess.

The sad feature of the National League was again lack of publicity. On some Monday mornings I could not find the results in those National Newspapers that generally feature them. I think the future is brighter in the lower divisions where regionalised leagues keep costs low. The

new National 2nd Division will produce grave financial problems for the majority of clubs. One hopes that the death rate in Div. 1 will also decline and that all clubs will be financially viable. It is an interesting project, but one in need of constant innovation and change, but particularly much more effort on publicity, both locally and nationally. In the present climate it will not be taken seriously until it attains some television coverage. This, like most things, has to be earned and worked for.

I wish all my friends and critics a good summer.

Jack Chalkley reports from ...

## STAFFORDSHIRE HISTORY-MAKING FEATURE

If my 'stop press' notes last month — assuming the Editor was kind enough to print them — were unintelligible, I apologise. They were written during the closing stages of the County Closed Tournament, and to reach the deadline I had to post the notes on the way home. However, I now have the opportunity of putting together a more coherent report of the events that day.

But first the County Championship results. It is now history that Staffs I visited Worcestershire and achieved the 10-0 result necessary to guarantee them promotion to the Premier Division. Another history-making feature of the match was the appearance of husband and wife, Steve and Janet Dunning, on opposite sides, Steve having elected to transfer to Worcestershire a few years ago. The match started with some nervous moments in the early stages, partly due to the importance of each set and partly due to the fact that most of the players were playing regularly with each other and knew each other's style and weakness. Andrew Bellingham led the way with a tense 22-20, 22-20 win over Trevor Washington and, once again, we were at our weakest in the men's doubles, Bellingham and Andrew Rich recovering from an almost lost cause situation to win on 21-19 in the third.

So congratulations to each and everyone in the squad for a splendid set of performances during the season.

### RESULTS

(Worcs players first)  
Washington lost to Bellingham -20, -20;  
lost to Mark Evans -17, -21;  
Steve Dunning lost to Evans -16, -18;  
lost to Rich -16, -18.  
Simon Claxton lost to Rich -18, -19;  
lost to Bellingham -13, -16.  
Washington/Dunning lost to Bellingham/  
Rich -13, 19, -19.  
Mrs. L. Reid lost to Jill Harris -17, -16.  
Mrs. A. Westwood lost to Janet Dunning  
-10, -11.  
Reid/Westwood lost to Harris/Dunning  
-17, -17.

The demise of Cheshire in the Premier Division means that Staffs II, as runners-up to Cheshire II in the third division, gain promotion to take over the senior side's position in Division 2. Staffs II finished their season with a creditable win over Derbyshire II by 8-2. The Junior 'B' side also had an 8-2 win over Oxford to finish second in their division.

And now with details of the County Closed. An entry of over 140 competitors and 425 entries in the 12 events guaranteed a full and interesting day's table tennis, and apart from the absence of four top juniors at the England 'Select', there was a full turn-out of the top players in the County. The day turned out to be a success story for Mark Evans of the Potteries, particularly deserving after a good first season with the County first team. Stan Deakin (Potteries) ended Bellingham's four

years as holder of the Men's singles with an 18, 18 win in the third round, but after a good 15, -9, 11 over Craig Bakewell in the quarters, he succumbed 17, 15 to Evans in the semis. Other quarter-finalists were John Hancock, Paul Barnett and Greg Hallam (all Potteries) and Tony Isaac and Rich (Wolverhampton). The final between Rich and Evans was the closest fought for many years, Evans coming back from 10-15 down in the third to win 21-17. Many spectators considered Rich's change of tactics late in the game, and rather unnecessary, contributed a lot to his defeat, but it must be said that Evans' determination and even temperament, increasingly apparent during the past season, played no small part in enabling him to take advantage of the opportunity presented.

However, the story was different in the Intermediates earlier in the day. Rich beat Evans easily in the semi-final but then went on to lose to Bellingham (yet again) in the final. The men's doubles changed hands, Bakewell and Hallam losing to Evans and Hancock in the final, all four coming from the same Potteries club, James Birk. The club gained a further trophy when John Riley retained his veteran's title. Despite being under the weather on the day, Jill Harris (Walsall) retained the women's singles title easily, and completed a satisfactory day by collecting the trio of titles by adding the mixed and women's doubles. Top seeds Andrew Dixon (Wolv.), Adrian Hough (Stafford) and Angela Sanders (Wolv.) won their respective junior and cadet events, but the junior girls provided a number of upsets, top seed Vicki Bellingham losing to Stephanie Hadley and second seed Rachel Roberts going out to Tracey Spencer in the first round. Amanda Hegarty (Wolv.) took the opportunity to go through and beat Hadley in the final.

### RESULTS

**Men's Singles semi-finals:**  
Evans bt Deakin 17, 15;  
Rich bt Barnett -18, 17, 18.  
**Final:**  
Evans bt Rich -10, 19, 17.  
**Women's Singles Final:**  
Jill Harris bt Shirley Cain 10, 11.  
**Intermediate Final:**  
Bellingham bt Rich 12, 14.  
**Boys' Final:**  
Andrew Dixon bt Antony Devitt 19, -20, 16.  
**Girls' Final:**  
Amanda Hegarty bt Stephanie Hadley  
15, 18.  
**Cadet Boys' Final:**  
Adrian Hough bt Matthew Harvey  
18, -15, 17.  
**Cadet Girls' Final:**  
Angela Sanders bt Barbara Capper 20, 19.  
**Veterans' Final:**  
John Riley bt John Beresford 13, 19.  
**Men's Doubles Final:**  
Evans/Hancock bt Bakewell/Hallam  
19, -10, 16.  
**Women's Doubles Final:**  
Harris/Cain bt Janet Dunning/Joanne  
Chubb 8, 14.  
**Mixed Doubles Final:**  
Harris/Bellingham bt Dunning/Hallam  
19, 17.  
**Junior Doubles Final:**  
A. Devitt/M Harvey bt A. Dixon/Alan  
Trubshaw 18, 14.

In the Beattie Trophy, a County League handicap knock-out competition, the semi-finals and finals, played at the Woodfield club, saw the Potteries "C" team of Denis Butcher, Robert Gould and Steve Rogers run out close winners by an eight-point margin in the final over Lichfield "C" (John Henson, Cyril Merryman and Brian Watkins). In the semi-finals, Potteries "C" triumphed over Lichfield "B" by 35 points and Lichfield "C" had the even larger margin of 70 points over West Bromwich. Thanks are due to our President, Don Pritchard, for organising the event.

At the recent County Executive Meeting,

It was determined to enter Senior 'A' and 'B' sides and Junior 'A' and 'B' sides in next season's County Championships, subject only to there being non-playing captains for each team, and this was reported as close to finalisation. The Lilleshall weekend's training, despite clashing with the County Closed, had been very successful, and Coaching Secretary, Graham Povey, was able to report that an option had been taken on another weekend later this year.

The County A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday, 9th June at 7.30 p.m. at the Burton Manor Club, Stafford. This represents a departure from the normal Sunday afternoon meeting, and it is hoped that this will enable full representation of the County to be present.

With two matches outstanding in the County League, most of the honours have been decided. Outright winners in Div. 1 are Potteries "A" for the second year running, and Stafford "A" have again achieved the runners-up position, a very creditable performance for one of the smaller leagues in the County. With a match in hand, and that against bottom placed Lichfield "A", Leek "A" are in a strong position to win Div. 2, and their "B" side have a final tie against Wolverhampton "D" to decide the winners of Div. 3. Lichfield "B" take Div. 4 on sets average against Walsall "C" and Leek "C" make up what might be a trio of wins by a clear lead in Div. 5.

Division 1	
	Played Pts
Potteries 'A' .....	5 10
Stafford 'A' .....	5 8
Wolverhampton 'A' .....	5 6
Potteries 'B' .....	5 4
Stone 'A' .....	5 2
Walsall 'A' .....	5 0
Division 2	
	Played Pts
Leek 'A' .....	4 6
(Sets 22-14)	
West Bromwich .....	5 6
(Sets 26-19)	
Wolverhampton 'B' .....	5 6
Wolverhampton 'C' .....	5 4
Walsall 'B' .....	5 4
Lichfield 'A' .....	4 2
Division 3	
	Played Pts
Leek 'B' .....	4 8
Wolverhampton 'D' .....	4 8
Division 4	
	Played Pts
Lichfield 'B' .....	6 10
Walsall 'C' .....	6 10
Division 5	
	Played Pts
Leek 'C' .....	6 12
Wolverhampton 'E' .....	6 8

Pauline Long reports from . . .  
**NORTHUMBERLAND**  
**FIRST WIN FOR MAYFAIR**

The Mayfair Wallcoverings National League team have at last gained their first win! They beat Bristol and West Investments 5-3 in an exciting Premier Division match at Eldon Square, and the match produced a nail-biting finish when Ian Robertson beat Martin Smith 23 in the third game to win both points for the home side.

The first half ended all square with Chu Van Que beating Ian Kenyon 11, 18 and Andrew Clark beating Martin Smith 21, 15, while Peter McQueen lost to Dave Constance -7, -13 and Robertson was beaten by Kevin Satchell -15, -16. Chu then had a tremendous 15, 13 victory over Constance, who is ranked No. 13 in England, and McQueen followed this up by defeating Satchell -19, 12, 17 to put Mayfair Wall-

coverings 4-2 ahead. Bristol pulled the score back to 4-3 when Clark went down to Kenyon -18, -18, before Robertson finally made sure with that tremendous 16, -19, 23 victory over Smith.

Another vital point was gained in their next match when they entertained the Bradford side, Unity. Keith Paxton, on his return to the side, and Chu were both in fine form and had two wins each in the 4-4 draw. Chu convincingly beat both Billy Gleave and Skylet Andrew, while Paxton had victories over Gleave and Stephen Sharpe. McQueen was beaten by both Andrew and Steve Turner, while Clark also lost to Turner and was narrowly beaten by Sharpe. The best game of the night was undoubtedly the set between Paxton and Gleave, with Paxton taking the first end 17, and narrowly losing the second -21. The decider was one of the closest and longest games ever seen at Eldon Square, and Paxton eventually triumphed 27 in the third to a tremendous ovation.

However, their revival came to a halt when they visited Ellenborough, and they went down by 2-6, with Chu scoring the only successes over England-ranked players Mark Mitchell and John Kitchener. They fared even worse in their encounter with Sealink Ormesby, although Chu lost only narrowly to both Dougie Johnson and Donald Parker. McQueen and Robertson also played well in their matches, but once again the Ormesby players were too good for the Newcastle team. Their survival in the Premier Division now depends on them getting a result in the final match against Omega.

The Northumberland League team who last season reached the final of the Wilmott Cup, were without the services of Chu Van Que due to a family illness when they visited Huddersfield, and Fred Short was brought into the side. Three wins from Ian Roberston and one from Andrew Clark were not quite enough and the Northumberland side bowed out of this year's competition by 4-5.

The junior girls, however, made further progress in the Bromfield Trophy at the expense of Bishop Auckland. Christine Burke and Clare Mouzon completely dominated their opponents, and Denise Campbell won one set losing out over three ends to Elaine Blackburne, as the Northumberland League side won 5-1. This put them into the quarter-finals, in which they were due to meet Sheffield at Byker Community Centre.

The Northumberland League season officially ended during the week commencing 29th March, apart from a few outstanding re-arranged games which extended the season to the week ending 18th April. It is known, however, although final League table are not currently available, that North Shields Y.M.C.A. have won the Premier Division title. They clinched it by beating New Collingwood 8-2, with Terry Wilkinson remaining undefeated. Ian Robertson accounted for Dave Armstrong and Peter Gorman, but suffered a shock defeat at the hands of Ray Neal, who also got New Collingwood's second set when he beat Ronnie Scott. The runners-up in the Division are the Reyrolles 'B' team of Dave Godbold, Cliff Olsson and Larry Cartmell.

The men's Knock-Out Cup was won by High Pit Social Club 5-4 after a tremendous tussle with Gladstone Terrace. Six of the nine sets needed a third end to decide them, and High Pit's superior all-round strength with Dave McAllister (2), Phil Stewart (2) and Glenn McCardle (1) eventually proved decisive. None of them, however, could beat Nigel Jobling, whose maximum, together with Bob Dodds' lone set, was not quite sufficient to give Gladstone Terrace victory.

League play now takes a break until the week commencing 3rd May, when the Tyne-

side Summer League season is due to commence, and this will continue until the first week in August. As well as the senior Divisions, there will as usual be a number of cadet Divisions for teams of two, depending upon the entry, and also a handicap Knock-Out Cup competition which should give the lower teams an equal opportunity of winning something.

The Evening Chronicle Northumberland 2-Star Open Tournament at the Concordia Leisure Centre, Cramlington, on 1st May, has to date attracted approximately 150 entries from all over Britain, although the current total was slightly down on last year. England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales are all represented, and three of England's winning Commonwealth Championship team — Nigel Eckersley, Carole Knight and Alison Gordon — have all entered, as well as a good "quality" entry from several Counties. The prize money for the junior and veteran events has been donated by the Killingworth firm of Revol Ltd.

Philip Reid reports from . . .  
**LEICESTERSHIRE**  
**PRICELESS ASSETS**

Leicestershire juniors finished off the season on a high note, beating a depleted Huntingdonshire side 8-2 in search of Junior Division 2A points. Highlight was Stuart Wilford's two-straight win over England-ranked Philip Cole in the opening encounter. In this match, however, Cole showed he has sportsmanship and temperament as two priceless assets and these will be remembered by those present far longer than the result.

Tim Odams is the latest recruit to the ranks of County Umpires. He is the youngest too but is merely keeping it 'in the family'. Mother (Glenys) and father (Tony) have already qualified. The decision of the Leicester League to withdraw the Veterans' 2nd team from the Midland League will surprise nobody, least of all Geoffrey Aldwinckle who has struggled along with a permutation of players. There will be those who will throw up their arms in horror at the withdrawal but realistically, it's the only thing to do.

The Rose Johnson Memorial Trophy provided the usual matey gathering. 'Golden oldies' were present — Dorothy Tudor, Marjorie Goodman, Glenys Odams and Pat Kilsby. The trophy was won, however, by Jane Heath whose modern game was too much for Pat Kilsby. The refreshments were delicious — thanks Audrey Watson! Anstey W.M.C. beat Bentley Engineering 5-4 in a cliff-hanger of a finish in the Frith Trophy final. Phil Ledger (Anstey) was the best player on view, so my contact, Tony Lapworth, tells me. The Leicester Closed, master-minded by Ian McKelvey, resulted in a win for Robert Watson (results elsewhere). Ted Collins came to our assistance gallantly moving the tables and overlooking the whole operation.

Colin Jones is the new Hinckley Closed Men's Singles winner, and deservedly so, after beating favourite John Iliffe 15, 15 in the semi-final. His final victim was John Veasey but he (Colin) did not take the Under-17 Singles. That title went to Marcus Bellot, recently moved into the area and a very valuable asset indeed for Hinckley. In the Holt Trophy final Kingscroft, with the twin spearhead of Philip Smith and Iliffe proved too strong for Barwell Liberal, who were further frustrated in the Inter-Divisional final by Brockington, who had Kevin Woodhead and David Grundy recording maximums. Other results:- Mark Wormleighton Trophy: Westfield 9 Ashby Parva 0. King Under-17 Team Trophy: Ashby Parva 7 Croft 2.

Back in the bread and butter play of the

divisions, Kingscroft unexpectedly slipped up in Div. 1 and handed the title to Barwell Liberal on a plate, although Kingscroft's Iliffe tops the divisional averages. Ferry Pickering (2), Brockington (3), Ferry Pickering (4), Westfield (Junior) are the divisional winners with Ray Greaves (Barwell Libs) (2), Dave Grundy (Brockington) (3), Martin Hobday (Ferry Pickering) (4) and Dave Ison (John Cleveland) (Junior) taking the individual titles.

In the Leicester League it's congratulations to Great Glen and skipper Maurice Newman for both finishing top of Div. 1. For Great Glen it's been a long time coming — 1949 they started in the league — but doubtless Johnny Aston and Co. will celebrate! Other winners:— 2 Barwell Liberals (John Veasey), 3 Thurnby/Northwood (John Davis (LBS)), 4 Thurnby/Northwood (Bob Davies (AED)), 5 Wadkin (Nigel Burke (LUCA)), 6 Bentley Eng. (Vijay Sheth), 7 Wyvern (Charlie Wong (University)), Goodwin Barsby (Alan Chapman), 9 County Hall (Peter Cruse), 10 Bentley Eng. (Dave Roche (Rolls Royce)), 11 Gunsil (Ian Barkshire), 12 Oadby URC (Steve Burn), 13 Wigston Fields (Mick Hadley (North Evington WMC)), 14 Anstey WMC (Roger Tuck (R.&J. Hill)), 15 Epworth (Dipak Patel), 16 Leics Telephone Area (Peter Rudyk (Hearts of Oak)), 17 Oadby URC (Mick Steeples, 18 Rolls Royce (Robin Wilkinson).

Well that's it! I've finished until next season. I'm off to Holyhead in July to resume my ill-fated holiday. Until I see you next September — have a good Summer!

Roy Williams reports from . . .

**NORTH WALES**

**GWERSALLT CHAMPIONS**

Gwersallt W.M.C. (Terry Turner, Hadyn Young and Neil James) won the North Wales team championship (G. S. Radcliffe Cup) at the Colwyn Bay Cricket Club, when they defeated Clwyd T.T.C. (Rhyl) in a very exciting final watched by a good number of enthusiastic supporters. For the Wrexham club Terry Turner was unbeaten and John Hook beat his opponents for the Rhyl team. A pity the winning margin was reached before these two top players could meet. The trophies were presented by yours truly.

In the Shone Cup Llandudno's Doatra beat Sealink Holyhead in their semi-final and Wrexham Railway Club beat Llangefni. The final of this competition is at the Rhyl Labour Club in May.

**N.W. COUNTIES LEAGUE**

Rhyl won the North Wales Counties League Senior Division with Anglesey being the surprise runners-up. John Hook (R) won the individual averages in this division.

Wrexham dominated the Veteran, Junior and Ladies' Divisions by winning all three championships. Don Hobbs (A) won the veteran averages, Shiela Rogers (W) the ladies and Paul Griffiths (W) the junior.

**WELL DONE TONY**

Rhyl's Tony Smith won the North Region Disabled (Ambulant) Table Tennis Championship at Wrexham recently and hopes to repeat his success in the Welsh National finals. Tony who plays regularly in the Rhyl League also went on to win five other sports to bring his tally to six victories. No mean feat. Well done.

**ANGLESEY CHAMPION**

Don Hobbs once again won the Senior title beating Paul Trott 19 in the third. Don also went to three in his semi-final beating Emrys Coupe who earlier in the season had beaten Hobbs. Paul Trott beat Ian Ault in two games in his semi.

Michelle Entwistle won the Ladies Singles

beating Anne Coates in the final in three games. The champion had beaten Anna Rushe in the semis with her sister Margaret Rushe going down in the second semi.

**REST OF RESULTS**

**Juniors:**

S Thomas bt P. Roberts.

**Cadets:**

A. Jones bt S. Lawrence.

**Doubles:**

K. Williams/N. Davies bt D. Hobbs/G. Hobbs.

**Plate:**

N. Carter bt M. Bryant.

**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP**

Winners	Runners-up
<b>N.W.C.L.</b>	
Senior—Rhyl	Anglesey
Veteran—Wrexham	Anglesey/Rhyl
Junior—Wrexham	Llandudno
Ladies—Wrexham	Llandudno/Rhyl
<b>Anglesey League</b>	
Div. 1—Wylfa P.S. 'A'	Sealink Holyhead
Div. 2—Wylfa P.S. 'B'	Llangefni 'B'
<b>Llandudno League</b>	
Div. 1—Colwyn Bay C.C. 'A'	Lansdowne 'A'
Div. 2—Colwyn Bay C.C. 'B'	Llan. Y.C. 'A'
Div. 3—Friendship 'A'	Lansdowne 'C'
Div. 4—Telecom 'B'	Tech. College
Div. 5—Woodlands	Hotpoint 'D'
<b>Rhyl League</b>	
Div. 1—Clwyd 'A'	Schooner 'A'
Div. 2—Clwyd 'B'	Rhyl Labour

Les D'Arcy reports from . . .

**YORKSHIRE**

**THREESOME RETIRE**

Three members of the Yorkshire T.T.A. Executive who have given a great deal of voluntary service to the County retire from Y.T.T.A. duties at the end of the present season. Owen and Sheila Atkinson who have spent most of their time dealing with coaching and selection matters, last season became joint social secretaries and made last year's annual dinner and presentation evening a memorable one.

Evelyn Hart, the quietly efficient Executive Minute Secretary, has given freely of her professional expertise for the past ten years — a tower of strength to those in need. Husband Ron, one of the great enthusiastic workers for Bradford and Yorkshire table tennis, also served ten years on the Executive as county treasurer. A sincere 'Thank You' for their valuable contribution and may the four of them continue their good work at local level in future years.

It is good to see Sally Midgley back in action. Less than two years ago, Sally was England's No. 12. Illness knocked her out of the rankings, but now back at No. 21 she should soon be climbing higher — thanks to a £250 sponsorship from her employer, Yorkshire Bank. Sally's most recent 'come back' achievement was to reach the Women's Doubles final with Mandy Smith at The English Championships. Silver medals also went to Lesley Broomhead, Junior Girls' doubles and Martin Firth, Cadet Boys' singles. Martin, England's No. 2 cadet and Joanne Shaw, now the Cadet Girls' No. 1, look very strong contenders for European honours.

**SPOTLIGHT ON THE LEAGUES**

**Leeds**

An unusual Leeds' League team consisting of a German, a Welshman, a Gibraltarian and two Englishmen have smashed a Leeds League record. Playing for All Saints College they have won twenty six matches in succession, to beat the previous record by four matches. Three of the team are former champions. Joe Martinez represented the Gibraltar under-21 team and won the open mixed doubles championships in 1976 and '77. German team mate, Mike Schlotmann

became Dortmund champion at 17 and travelled to Westphalia playing table tennis. Ex Yorkshire Veterans Champion, Len Browning, was a former professional footballer with Leeds United and Sheffield United and with Tony Morgan and Andy Hunter make up a formidable squad which could go on winning for as long as they can keep together.

**Sheffield**

Sheffield girls' 7-2 victory over Northumberland in Newcastle on Easter Monday put them just two victories away from the Sheffield League's first ever national team title. Josette Ryalls and Lesley Broomhead reached the same stage of the competition in 1980. Doncaster based Melanie Seaton (Abbeylea) has joined the team and with a.l. three being in the top ten of the national girls' rankings must be in with an excellent chance. Josette and Melanie also play in the Yorkshire Clubs K.O. Final with Jean Guest against Leeds Y.M.C.A., in Leeds on April 24th.

**SHEFFIELD STAGE INTERNATIONAL MATCH AT CONCORD SPORTS CENTRE**

In spite of being tremendously disappointed when the Polish Table Tennis Federation cancelled their match with England at very short notice, the Sheffield and District Table Tennis League organising officials led by John Hadfield and Stan Wainwright bounced back with commendable vigour and enthusiasm to save the day. Within 24 hrs. the biggest minus mark in the Sheffield League's 51 years' history was transformed into a resounding plus. Instead of calling it a day — which must have been a temptation — a second international was arranged with only hours to spare. It proved to be a winner. Six of England's best internationals gave a dazzling display which will long be remembered as one of the finest exhibitions of table tennis one could hope to see. Old 'uns John Hilton, Paul Day and Jill Hammersley made full use of their experience to beat the young 'uns Graham Sandley, Dougie Johnson and Karen Witt 5-2.

The Sheffield League, beat those who thought it couldn't be done by an even bigger score — 500 enthusiastic spectators proved that. Hope it will not be too long before we see another superb quality event at Concord.

Sportsman Mike Boulding, managing director of the Building Group of Companies who sponsored the event, must have been particularly pleased with the Sheffield League's response to the challenge thrust upon them — a response which must have earned a top Super League fixture in the foreseeable future.

Former county junior, Andrew Leather had a very successful day at the Sheffield and District Works S.A. Championships to gain a hat trick of wins. He defeated John Hopkins in the men's final 13, 16; was on the winning side with Lee Barker against defending doubles champions Gary Turley and Mick Hall — both Yorkshire merit winners 1980 and 1981 — then made it three in a row in the mixed with Jean Guest to defeat Graham Wing and Hazel Undy in the final. Jean went on to win the women's final, but defeated finalist Elaine Rawlins had the last laugh when with Vicky Johnson she beat Jean and Hazel Undy in the women's doubles final. John Hopkins made up for his men's final defeat by beating Martin Anderson in the intermediates' event — and John Fryer proved to be a little too good for Ray Bradwell to retain the veteran's title.

**Doncaster**

Young players to catch the eye at the Doncaster Closed were Nicky Newton who defeated Diane Malpass in the cadet final and Glen Roberts who was too powerful for Melanie Seaton in the junior event. Melanie gained some consolation by beating Diane

in the women's final. A short, but spectacular doubles men's final resulted in Roberts and Ian Denton just able to contain Mel Twidale and Dave Skerrat. Ian achieved the double when he proved too consistent for Glen in the men's final. John Walton gave little away in the veterans' final and picked the right ball to kill, often enough to be worthy winner over top seed, Terry Moran.

#### Selby

16-year-old brothers Michael and Steve Emmerson dominated the Selby Closed. Michael became the youngest ever men's singles champion when he defeated top seed Mick Wilcockson 7 and 14 in the final. To this he added the men's doubles partnered by brother Steve whom he went on to defeat in the Under-21 event. Steve came back to beat Michael in the Under-17 final. Another promising player, Alan Dobson won the U-14 singles and the handicap cup. Roger Hewitt beat Mike Hanley in the veterans' final.

#### Dewsbury

David Lamb, in an almost unbelievable fight back, wrested the men's 1st Division singles' crown from a bemused Trevor Watson. After losing the first game -17 and 5-15 down in the second. David clawed his way back into contention — in spite of some brilliant looping by Watson, and then took the game 21-18. Watson undeterred continued his all-out attack in the third to lead 18-12, but Lamb was not to be denied as he took the next nine points in an unbelievable sequence to take the game, set and championship in probably the most exciting match ever seen in the history of the event. Lamb went on to win the open singles against Stewart Milnes, but Watson was able to stop the hat trick when, partnered by Phil Tomlinson, they defeated Lamb and Stuart Dalby in the men's doubles.

#### OTHER RESULTS

**Division 2:**  
T. Akeroyd bt R. Brook.  
**Division 3:**  
D. Page bt G. Page.  
**Division 4:**  
G. Cooper bt B. Drain.  
**Division 5:**  
T. Butler bt R. Lee.  
**Junior:**  
R. Brook bt C. Roberts.  
**Cadet:**  
M. O'Driscoll bt N. Ryder.  
**Women's Handicap:**  
R. Brook bt M. Cooper.  
**Men's Handicap:**  
G. Cooper bt K. Sangster.  
**Youth Singles:**  
T. Akeroyd bt R. Rowlands.  
**Cadet Handicap:**  
N. Ryder bt K. Sangster.  
**Junior Handicap:**  
R. Brook bt P. Keegan.  
**Veterans' Singles:**  
B. Lightowler bt G. Cooper.

#### Yorkshire League

Although there is a little time still to go to the end of the season, several teams have gained divisional championships. Bradford are once again Premier Division Champions. This season the Bradford 1st team take over from the 1981 holders, Bradford II. Steve Wathey (Doncaster) looks set for the merit award for most wins.

Wakefield become 1st Division Champions with Alan Summerscales (Wakefield) and Nicky Davies (Harrogate) sharing the merit.

Hull, without dropping a point, win Division II. Sean Madden (Hull) merit. Division III to be decided between Selby and Doncaster. Merit to be decided.

Wakefield III, unbeaten for two seasons, win Division IV, Les D'Arcy (Wakefield) merit.

Wharfedale/Airedale take the 5th Divi-

sion title. Tony Lupton (Wharfe/Aire) merit.

Veterans' Division 1 goes to Rotherham — six wins out of six games. Merit to be decided.

Veterans' Division 2. Wakefield winners. Les D'Arcy merit.

Women's Division — Bradford or Hull. Both teams meet in the last match which should settle championship and merit.

#### Yorkshire Clubs Knock-out

The three finals will be staged at Moor Grange School, Leeds on the 24th of April.

Men:

Barnsley North End 'B' v Unity 'A'

Women:

Abbeyle Park v Leeds Y.M.C.A.

Junior:

Unity v Hermits

Brian Halliday reports from . . .

## BERKSHIRE

### REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT

Berkshire seniors had their best ever season finishing in third place in the Premier Division. To finish so high was a remarkable achievement for a county with only four member leagues from which to select their players. Dave Barr, recently re-ranked at No. 1 for the county, had some excellent wins, as did the rest of the squad who did their county proud.

The senior 2nd team had mixed fortunes and with several controversial selections managed to ease themselves into a mid table position. Simon Rowland impressed with several good performances in his first year as a senior.

The junior sides did not perform as well as expected although there is tremendous promise for the future. With Jimmy Stokes, the Syed brothers and Sue Collier there is the potential to challenge the best in England.

Competition for places in the veterans teams was as intense as ever. The first team finished in fourth place while the second team managed fifth position thanks to the consistent form of Bob Holiday.

The Newbury Closed men's singles title went to Clive Young who beat Nick Frost 21-5, 21-4! Tracey Watkins beat Kathy Conlon to take the ladies' title. The main doubles events went to Brian Johnson and Richard Kozlowski, and to T. Watkins and M. Kozlowski.

The popular Maidenhead Closed was again sponsored by the South of England Building Society and here the men's championship was won by Martin Bartholomew who just got the better of Colin Dyke. Dyke had the consolation of a men's doubles win when he partnered Mick Dean to victory over Bartholomew and Sid Montgomery. Sue Blackburn won the ladies' singles and Mary Stafford and Gil Knightley took the ladies' doubles. Roger Martin won the Handicap event. Maidenhead also ran their handicap charity event later in the season and well over 100 players took part — the winner was Steve Brindle.

Sixteen-year-old Michael Childs won the Reading TSB Closed men's singles with an unexpected victory over hot favourite Simon Rowland. Rowland teamed up with Andy Nash to win the doubles. Jenny Collins won the triple crown of singles, mixed with Rowland and ladies' doubles with Sue Kilford. In the veterans event Dave Jones took sweet revenge over Eddie Cripps for a Berkshire Closed final defeat.

The Bracknell Championships were dominated by Steve Everard who won the men's, under-21's, men's doubles with Steve Hodder, and mixed with Taryn Vallis. Miss Vallis presented Gail Davies with all sorts of problems in the ladies' final and ran out

a deserved winner. Eddie Cripps scraped home against your jaded scribe in the veterans' final. Steve Everard won the grouping tournament earlier in the season to prove what a very useful player he is becoming.

The Maidenhead strength in depth was reflected in the inter town championships which they won for the first time. Powerful Reading who have dominated this event for some years had to be content with the runners-up position this time.

There were several excellent performances from local league teams in the National competitions. Pride of place to Maidenhead boys who had a fine run before bowing out to Gloucestershire. In the Rose Bowl Gail Davies of Bracknell shook Reading ladies with a fine maximum.

Omega 'A' duly retained the Reading Championship just easing out the Kidmore End Club. Major shock of the season here was an 8-2 victory over Omega by the Sonning Common Club, whose defensive wiles gave their ageing stars a moment or two of glory.

Gillette 'A' ran away with the Bracknell 1st Division with Felix Ziembra and Brian Halliday at the top of the averages.

Castle Hill won the Maidenhead title as expected with Ian Fullerton on song for most of the season.

Berkshire's two National League teams have performed well. Omega finished mid table in the 1st Division — a good start to the season was not maintained and they fell away at the end. Gillette-Reading belied their Division 3 position and consistently pulled in the crowds in their first season. Their young squad finished in 4th place and there is the promise of better things to come next season with an important new signing.

The reputation the county have gained over the last few years for producing quality juniors is continuing. In Jimmy Stokes and Andy Syed we have two cracking prospects. Both have excelled on the tournament circuit as has the powerful Sue Collier. Sue has already represented her country and honours for the two lads who are both still cadets next season, cannot long be delayed.

There is certainly a mood for keen expectancy in the county at present. Bracknell and Maidenhead have progressive coaching programmes and are progressing towards central clubs for table tennis. Reading have announced a most ambitious building programme to house a centre to hold 10 tables. More about this major project next season.

Mary Rose & Ray H. Barton  
report from . . .

## WARWICKSHIRE

The second Sunday's play-off of the Warwickshire League was played at the West Warwickshire Club on March 14, and with just one set of matches still to be played the League Table reads:

	P	W	L	F	A	P
South Birmingham ...	6	6	0	49	6	12
East Birmingham .....	6	5	1	47	7	10
West Birmingham .....	6	5	1	31	23	10
Leamington Spa .....	6	3	3	23	31	6
B'ham Bus. H. & W. ...	6	2	4	22	32	4
Stratford-upon-Avon .	6	2	4	18	36	4
Nuneaton .....	6	1	5	16	38	2
Rugby .....	6	0	6	11	43	0

The remaining matches are:

B'ham Bus. H. & W. v Leamington Spa  
East Birmingham v South Birmingham  
Nuneaton v Rugby  
Stratford-upon-Avon v West Birmingham

Obviously the big game will be the one between East and South Birmingham, and

as both sides played so well in their earlier matches everyone was looking forward to an exciting encounter at the West Warwickshire Club on April 26.

The West Birmingham team playing in the competition for the first time for a number of seasons have proved a very useful side and have certainly added to the strength of the Warwickshire League event.

Rugby have found the strength of the League a little strong for them. They are a very keen side and I am sure they have found playing against strong opposition very good experience. We will hear more of this side in the future.

Mickey Wootton from the South Birmingham side is the only player left in the competition with a 100% record although he had one or two near clashes and certainly did not have everything his own way, it will be interesting to see how he fares against the East Birmingham team.

#### NUNEATON TOWN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pete Muir of the Genesis Club is the 1982 Nuneaton Open Singles champion. In the final Pete convincingly defeated team mate Greg Saville 21-16, 21-10, to complete the tournament without conceding a game. His team, Genesis 'A' also retain the Nuneaton first division title following a run of nineteen consecutive victories. Pete recently registered his fiftieth league success to underline his total superiority in the town.

Mrs. Eileen Shaler successfully defended the women's crown, comprehensively suppressing the challenge of Irene Burrows 21-10, 21-9 in the final. Genesis had more success when Greg Saville and John Veasey won the open doubles, and young prospect Dave Waddington shaded Dean Smith to lift the juniors.

Arthur Cross took the veterans' following a gruelling three games win over former champion Dick Jenkins.

#### WARWICKSHIRE CLUB COMPETITION

This very popular competition is now approaching its final stages, the 3rd Round results and the draw for the 4th Round matches are listed below:

##### 3rd ROUND RESULTS

Serck (B'ham) 232 Garretts Green College (B'ham) (rec. 27) 374  
Peak Engineering (S.O.A.) 355 Genesis 'B' (Nuneaton) (rec. 54) 333  
Camp Hill SDA (B'ham) (rec. 36) 372  
Birmingham City 307  
Erdington YMCA (B'ham) 356 Genesis 'C' (Nuneaton) (rec. 144) 424  
B'ham Municipal Sports (B'ham) 352 Talbot (B'ham) (rec. 108) 403  
Redhill 'C' (B'ham) (rec. 162) 378 Redhill 'A' (B'ham) 364  
Britannic 'C' (B'ham) 333 Nat. Wset. Bank (Coventry) (rec. 90) 386  
Longacre 'B' (B'ham) (rec. 144) 420 Phoenix 'B' (Coventry) 370

##### 4th ROUND DRAW

Talbot (B'ham) v Camp Hill SDA (B'ham)  
Genesis 'C' (Nuneaton) v Peak Engineering (S.O.A.)  
Garretts Green College (B'ham) v Redhill 'C' (B'ham)  
Nat. West. Bank (Coventry) v Longacre 'B' (B'ham)

### Obituary

#### GEOFF ALDERTON

We record with sorrow, the passing of Geoff Alderton — a Vice-President of the Warwickshire Association. He represented the County and Birmingham on many occasions in the 1940's and 1950's and retained his interest in our sport to the end.

He served as Chairman of the Selection Committee and in his day was one of the best defensive players in the country. Our sympathies are extended to Sheila and her family.

George Yates reports from . . .

## LANCASHIRE

### DOUBLY SUCCESSFUL

The new format of the County Championships found Lancashire, this past season, competing against teams not normally encountered. In the Premier Division, played over two weekends, the venture can be said to have been successful both from a financial aspect and result wise.

Our final position was fourth, and no doubt might have been higher had we not been without the services of team captain Donald Parker (on England duties) and Steve Turner (sick) for the second series of matches at Batley. Great credit is due to our depleted team that managed to salvage a splendid win against Essex, and to Keith Williams of Liverpool who made his first debut that weekend.

Notable performances came from Joy Grundy who only lost one set in the whole competition, and our congratulations must go to Joy on her successes as a member of the England squad in the Bombay Commonwealth Championships. We cannot be over optimistic about the forthcoming season particularly when we never know if Parker will be available. But it is nice to know that we do have a team capable of beating the best in England.

The second team, operating in Div. 2A, finished mid-table which was, perhaps, as much as we could hope for with teams such as Cambs and Staffs being worthy of a place in the top flight. All credit then to those who took part and to Williams, the team captain for most of the season. And a special mention to newcomers Paul Hutchings and Susan Hughes, also from Liverpool who represented their county for the first time, not forgetting Paul Rainford of Preston who only lost one set all season and Jean Parker, also of Preston, who only lost twice.

But what of the juniors who topped Junior Div. 3A without the loss of a point. A splendid result for all concerned and especially Junior Team Captain, Roy Frankland of Fleetwood, who kept up spirit and enthusiasm right up to the end. Obviously some of the opposition was poor, to put it kindly, but we cannot let that detract from the fact that we had a good side. Most were making their county debuts so let's name them all — Philip Huggon (Preston), Michael Mercer (St. Helens), Philip Aspinall (Oldham), Christine Peacock (Fleetwood) and Caroline Hemming (Salford) and all, with the exception of Michael and Christine, are young enough to play again next season.

Our sincere thanks go to those leagues who have provided venues during the season, Gerry Stokes and the Preston League on two weekends, Alf Veevers and his colleagues from the Ribblesdale League, and to Red Bank School, Newton-le-Willows. Thanks too must be afforded our splendid team of umpires and a belated welcome to Eric Scotson now residing in Burnley. Special mention of course to Jack Evans (Bolton) and Tony Dudley (Rochdale) on passing the International Umpires exam to join forces with Alan Porter (Bolton), Gordon Campbell (Bolton) and Brian Leeson (Liverpool).

Thanks too to Gordon Campbell, the County Match Secretary, from whose end of season report much of the foregoing is taken.

### PROUD PRESTON

In concluding matches in the Lancashire and Cheshire League, Preston duly swept the board in winning the men's, women's and junior first division championship titles . . . a remarkable treble and one to be proud of.

Final placings in the fifteen divisions were:

	Winners	Runners-up
Men		
Div. 1—Preston		Stockport
Div. 2N—Bolton		Preston 'A'
Div. 2S—Bury		Oldham
Div. 3N—Warrington		Bolton 'A'
Div. 3S—Oldham 'A'		Macclesfield 'A'
Div. 4N—Fleetwood		Preston 'B'
Div. 4S—Farnworth 'A'		Fleetwood 'A'
Div. 5N—Farnworth 'B'		Nelson 'A'
Div. 5S—Glossop		Wirral 'B'

#### Women

Div. 1—Preston	Liverpool
Div. 2—Liverpool B.H.	Macclesfield

#### Juniors

Div. 1—Preston	Bury
Div. 2A—Crewe	Oldham
Div. 2B—Fleetwood	Manchester
Div. 3—Ellesmere Port	Fleetwood 'A'

In the top flight divisions Blackburn and Salford become due for relegation in the men's, their places being taken by Bolton and Bury. Manchester and Stockport, for so long the queens, became due for relegation from the women's first division whilst from Junior Div. 1 Mid Lancs and Rochdale are due for the drop.

Some 37 leagues entered teams in the league which, in total, comprised 133 teams. The semi-finals of the Norman Cook Memorial Trophy competition brought together Stockport v Fleetwood and Bolton v Mid Lancs with Fleetwood beating Mid Lancs in the final. Thanks go to the Macclesfield League for providing the venue . . . the Leisure Centre where the England/Sweden European League match was staged and, possibly, the next venue for the English Junior Closed this season staged at Hinckley.

Dates for your diary:

#### September

- 4/5 County Senior and Junior Trials  
British Aerospace Dynamics,  
Lostock, Bolton.
- 18/19 Junior Regional Trials.

John Robinson reports from . . .

## DORSET

### PREMIER STATUS ACHIEVED

Dorset Table Tennis achieved its greatest ever success on Saturday, March 27, when the Senior 1st Team defeated Sussex 8-2 ensuring their promotion to the Premier Division next season. It was a great team effort to beat Sussex so easily and Dave Constance, Tony Clayton, Mark Werner and Julie Reading were all unbeaten. Particularly impressive victories were gained by Clayton over Malcolm Francis and Werner over Adrian Moore.

If Dorset can field their strongest team next season there is no reason why they shouldn't be able to hold their own in the Premier Division.

The Dorset closed held on April 4 was dominated by two players. Clayton was in outstanding form and was never in trouble in winning the Men's Singles, his final victim being Martin Abbott. Tony and Martin were successful in the Men's Doubles defeating John Richardson and Jason Creasey in the final. Tony's third success came in the Mixed with Joyce Coop over Jason and Cherry Creasey.

Cherry also won three titles, she defeated Ivy Kershaw to win the Women's Singles, partnered Ivy to win the Women's Doubles and was untroubled in winning the Girls' Singles. Fred Kershaw beat John Russell to win the Veterans' Singles.

David Cosway reports from . . .

## HAMPSHIRE

### TITLE WINNERS

After the hiccup against Avon the County first team came good against Dorset and the 7-3 win gave them the Div. 3B title. Derek Holman, Rhamish Bhalla and Graham Toole each won a singles, Derek and Rhamish won the doubles while Serina Sinanan and Kathy Conlon won their singles and the doubles. The junior first team's draw against Avon II was due to the boys with Mark Wilding and Tony Mogg each winning two and Steve Snow one. Richard Waters won his two singles in the Junior "B" team's 7-3 win over Norfolk II with Sarah Hammond and Hayley Barker winning their singles and the doubles. The Veterans' "A" team finished with an 8-2 win over Dorset II with Ray Lush and Ged Holley winning two singles, and the doubles, with Avril Waters winning her singles and the mixed. Congratulations too for the Veterans' "B" team champions of Div. 3B after a 5-4 win over Somerset. Two wins from Joe Harvey with Norman Stagg and George Philpott winning a singles and the men's doubles.

The inter-town league stuttered to the end of a disappointing season with the county committee being faced with declaring many matches void. First the divisions which caused least problems. In all veterans' matches players actually looking as if they enjoy playing our "game". Bournemouth "A" wrested the Div. 1 championship from Portsmouth "A" winning all their matches with Fred and Ivy Kershaw both unbeaten. Bournemouth "B" took second place while South East Hants are relegated. Their place will be taken by Div. 2 champions Winchester with Eddie Milsom 100% and Hilda Ewles only losing one set.

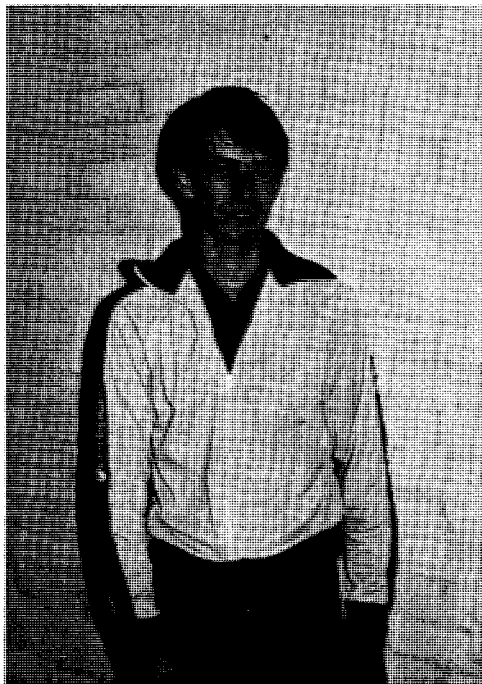
In the men's division Bournemouth retained their title from Aldershot by one point with both teams unbeaten. Mark Werner of Bournemouth tops the averages with a 100% record.

The mixed division with several absentees this season was won for the first time by Aldershot who won all their matches. This was really a team effort for none of their players appear in the leading averages. Toole was unbeaten for Gosport as were Serina Sinanan of Portsmouth and Bev Nicholson of Winchester. Now for the worst aspect of the inter-town league, the junior division. To quote league secretary Di Winnill "the Junior Div. I was a shambles! Three matches declared void as the teams involved could not find enough players on the days available. Too many junior events for top players and not enough players to fulfil all commitments! Towns entering too many teams! Lack of adult help. All these factors mean a fresh look at the junior division must be made". Bournemouth "A" won Junior Div. I despite one match being void but they and Aldershot were the main culprits in postponing matches. Other teams however were far from blameless and Southampton only once fielded their strongest team, and that resulted in a draw at Bournemouth!

The junior second division was closely fought with slightly lesser junior players, and therefore less commitments and all matches played. Portsmouth "A" pipped Winchester for the title. I. Porter of Basingstoke leads the boys with Naomi Ballard of Winchester the girls averages, each with unbeaten records. I think Di Winnill sums up the inter-town league when she says "the losing players deserve as much credit as the top. Without those who valiantly turn out to lose each time there would be no champions. I often wonder how many juniors enjoy their days out at table-tennis — often with mum and dad, brandishing fists and losing hair!"

A round-up now of the leagues who have bothered to give me information! Even Bournemouth with their excellent "21 up" magazine has failed to put in an appearance since the December/January edition.

The Gosport and Fareham league Closed has not been held. In the league the Generation II team of Nick Webb, Mark Scott and Ray Noades, with guest appearances from Toole, Steve Billmore and John Dubber, were unbeaten but only pipped Fleetands Wasps by two points. Two of the Wasps team Alan Long (88%) and Tony Holt (90%) lead the individual averages.



**GRAHAM TOOLE**

**Southampton Closed Men's Singles and Junior Singles winner.**

In Portsmouth V.R.S. Stiga gained their first Div. 1 championship at the expense of De La Rue who have won the title for the past eight years. The regular team of Miki and Serina Sinanan and Bob Cox was supplemented by guest appearances by Dave Constance and Dave Hannah playing sufficient games to qualify them for the National Club K.O. competition. V.R.S. who had lost the first half encounter with De La Rue 4-5 win the second half match 9-1 to take the title by a single point. V.R.S. having disposed of Sturdee Medway 7-2 in the quarter-final of the National Club K.O. competition have a home fixture against Ellenborough in mid-May. The Portsmouth Closed was postponed for a week to avoid the Southampton event. Why can't associations liase to avoid these clashes! I think the Hampshire association should help in this respect. Sinanan, beaten a week earlier in the semi at Southampton gained his first closed title with a 17, -9, 14 win over Toole, ranked well above him in Hampshire, after trailing 5-13 in the third. Graham had beaten Adrian Lee in the semi, while Miki had beaten Alan Willcocks. In the women's singles Serina Sinanan gained her fifth successive title with a 4, 12 win over Tracy Knellor. Serina had convincingly beaten C. Bradley in the semi but Tracy had a tight "deuce" in the third, win over Alison Billmore. The singles finalists joined forces in both the men's and women's doubles to take the titles. In the men's Toole and Sinanan beat Lush and Pete Woodacre while in the women's, Serina and Tracy beat Billmore and Mandy Broughton 12 and 12. The mixed saw Serina gain her third title when she teamed with Bob Cox to beat Toole and Tracy 7/17.

Toole was taken to a third game in the junior final before beating up-and-coming Robin Plunkett 5, -17, 10. Holley gained the veterans' title from last season's winner Norman Stagg 19 and 14 having beaten Lush in the semi 19, -20, 8. Good to see a new table-tennis centre open in Portsmouth with the Eastney table-tennis and Snooker club having ten tables in use.

Now on to Southampton with the Snows club dominating the John Jaques premier division and making the competition completely lacking in interest and competition with eventually the "B" team winning the championship. With the oldest player, Shave at 49, and the youngest Steve Snow at 17 added to Chris Shetler, and before his move, Phil Brown, they topped their "A" team to gain the championship. Four T's Leopards unlucky to just miss the A division gained some consolation with the winning of the B division.

The Southampton closed was really a bit of a disaster. Only 42 entries in the men's singles must typify the apathy which exists in local table-tennis in the City.

Toole (Alpha) was the star of the day becoming the first person to win both the men's and junior singles in the same year. In the men's he disposed of the subsequent Portsmouth champion Sinanan (Four T's) in the semi while Gary Longland (Snows) reached his second successive final with a win over Chris Wilshire (Snows). In the final Graham won 15 and 16. In the women's Anne Longland (Four T's) won her second title in a disappointing entry of only 4. In the final she beat cadet Sarah Hammond (Alpha) 16 and 11.

Toole gained his second title when he joined Sinanan to beat Shetler and Longland 15 and 18 in the men's final. Only two entries in the women's doubles with Ann Longland and Sue Golding beating Sarah Hammond and Sandra Noyce in the "Final" 19 and 15. Anne gained her third title when she joined husband Gary to beat Wilshire and Sarah Hammond in the mixed final -9, 16, 15.

Toole beat Snow 18 and 14 in the Junior final while Maurie Shave beat Tony Nixon 16 and 16 in the veterans' final. This year's masters tournament (over 50's) was held at the Ordnance Survey and attracted a record entry of 19 despite being held on Easter Saturday. All players had at least 3 sets in their first groups. The groups were won by Bill Roberts, Hugh Riches, Colin Campbell all of Sholing "B" in the 2nd division and evergreen Ken Palmer of 4 T's in Div. 1.

Roberts played Palmer in one semi which went to the 3rd game. Ken finally got his revenge for his defeat by Bill at the same stage last year in a very close fought set. The other semi between Campbell and Riches also went to 3 with Colin winning quite comfortably 21-6 in the end. The final between Ken and Colin also went to 3 when youth!! on the part of Colin prevailed and he ran out the winner 14, -15, 11. In the 4 years this tournament has been running we have had a different winner on each occasion, Palmer, Stan Mahood, Roberts and now Campbell.

In the South East Hants tournament Adrian Lee beat Peter Woodacre 20 and 18 in the men's singles final. Tracy Knellor beat Helen Ward 9 and 15 in the women's. Andy Bugden and Mark Wilding beat Steve Billmore and Lee in the doubles final 14 and 19. Mark Wilding beat A. Meyer 9 and 16 in the juniors.

In Winchester Hursley "A" comfortably retained their first division title from Winnall "A". The closed tournament despite being spread over three days attracted a higher entry than Southampton with a third of their registered players! John Summerbell beat last season's champion Gary Longland in the quarters of the men's

singles then George Philpott in the semi. John Roberts reached his second successive final with a semi-final win over Jeff Mitchell who had earlier beaten No. 2 seed Rowe Bennett.

In the fluctuating final Roberts (Hursley) fought back from a game down to beat John Summerbell (Winnall) -17, 17, 17 to gain his first men's singles title. The women's single final did not reach the heights of last year's epic between the same two players. This year it was the turn of Christine Davies (Hursley) to gain her first victory over Kathy Conlon (Castle) Christine managed to pin down Kathy for most of the game, preventing her getting in her best shots, but at 19-all in the second two good forehand loops by Christine gave her an 18, 19 victory. The men's doubles was an all Hursley affair with the established pairing of Mitchell and Roberts beating Longland and Rowe Bennett 13 and 16. Two tight games saw Harry Spraggs and Christine Davies retain their mixed title against Gary and Ann Longland. Similarly Simon Jackson kept his hold on the junior title beating A. Barnes 12, 11. Tony Nixon however could not repeat last year's semi-final victory over Philpott losing this time in the final -16, -12.

**U-19:**  
Russell Wilson (Brockenhurst College)  
R/up: Andrew Pitts (Portsmouth Grammar)

**U-16:**  
Richard Waters (Cranbourne Sec., B'stoke)  
R/up: Tony Mogg (Harriett Costelo, B'stoke)

**U-13:**  
Jason White (Richard Allworth, B'stoke)  
R/up: Brian Bennis (Richard Aldworth, B'stoke)

**U-11:**  
Edward Westmacott (Walhampton, Lymington)  
R/up: Robert McGill (Walhampton, Lymington)

#### GIRLS

**U-19:**  
Tracy Kneller (Portsmouth High)  
R/up: Helen Thompson (Fareham Tech.)

**U-16:**  
Sarah Hammond (Glen Eyre, S'ton)  
R/up: Samantha Lewis (Crofton, F'ham)

**U-13:**  
Caroline Jenvey (Arnewood, New Milton)  
R/up: Tamara Khayatt (Bevois Town, S'ton)

**U-11:**  
Lisa Rice (Horndean)  
R/up: Clare Winmill (Crofton, F'ham)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BEYOND COMPREHENSION

It is some time since I picked up a bat, or penned letters to the Table Tennis News, but I read with considerable interest David Fairholm's article on the Inner Game, April 1982 issue.

Some time past I took considerable interest in coaching of table tennis to the extent of writing a manual on a different system than that currently in vogue in the coaching hierarchy of the E.T.T.A. However, as one sage wrote back to me, your system will never produce any results, I realised that probably my techniques were above their comprehension and, anyway, the results of using the techniques have long since been proved successful in terms of factual proof.

So having read through David's article, I felt compelled to comment on the description of the I.G. technique and draw parallels and differences to the system used in my own coaching activities.

I appreciate his comment that it was not the system but a system and suggest that each coach develops his coaching technique around his capability, personality and general environment. There can be no fixed system to coach players, but more important is the understanding of the basic comprehension of how mind and body can be combined to produce a highly skilled sportsperson. The I.G. article defines between self (1) and self (2).

I would suggest a different approach, in that to consider three rather than two elements are tuned together:

1. The conscious mind,
2. The subconscious mind,
3. The body.

The nearest parallel I can draw to the above is to consider driving a car. An unskilled driver uses almost a 100% combination of conscious and body. The more skilled driver starts to combine much more use of the subconscious.

You may have driven many miles as an experienced driver thinking all sorts of complicated thoughts and yet you are driving your car in a completely safe manner because as soon as something important starts to happen, you switch into primary conscious to give it maximum attention. By skilled learning you have subjugated into your subconscious a great amount of information and it combines together with your body to drive the car

virtually automatically, whilst you can concentrate on other thoughts. So what has this to do with coaching table tennis? Well, in the same way a highly skilled player operates very much in a similar manner with his primary conscious dealing with tactics and psychological actions whilst his subconscious is automatically operating his body to produce the necessary actions needed to play the game at a competitive level.

The greater the subconscious controls the body, due to learnt skills, the better the player since he does not need to think how to play a stroke or a series of strokes.

Assuming the foregoing is relative then the vital concern is how does a coach achieve this result to the maximum efficiency. I purposely designed a system around the above theory and put it effectively into action. It is not my intention to explain the system in this letter, but to comment on the I.G. theory.

There is another interesting point with regard to the statement that it provides non pressure practice. It depends on what the coach wants to achieve by coaching players. If he wants the player to play well at a practise level, then the I.G. technique should be very successful if used in a methodical and planned manner. However, at a highly competitive level, I suggest that unless the learnt responses have been subjugated or grooved, mainly under competitive pressure, then at 19 all in the third the I.G. player could well break down. At this point, the player needs a virtual, automatic response to employ his skills to the maximum, without any of the limiting factors of the conscious in the form of emotional concerns.

Another consideration is in the area of the response rate of the brain. There I suggest that reaction times could well be faster if the subconscious directly controls responses. Alternatively, decisions first passing through the conscious to the subconscious, to be activated, must take longer to be effected by the body.

In finishing, the last comparison I draw to the three element theory, is to consider the body when asleep. At this time the secondary part of the brain is busy looking after all the vital functions, such as blood pressure, heartrate, respiration, etc. The primary, apart from the occasional dream, is seemingly non-active.

Many coaches achieve results to their work, possibly not being aware of how the brain and body combine.

David Fairholm's article and I hope my own views may have given active coaches some further room for thought with regard to the coaching of table tennis.

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### MAJOR DEVELOPMENT

The one major development within Table Tennis over the past few years has been the National League, no one can deny this fact, though some would possibly debate whether it is for the better or worse. The one aspect that disturbs me is the lack of coverage of the league, throughout the season, indeed as the season goes on it seems to get less rather than more. For a league that makes a tremendous contribution to the popularity of table tennis from a spectator point of view, this is surely to be remedied as soon as possible.

I write as a manager of a National League Team which has tried as much as possible to give as much air to its activities as possible and indeed have sent accounts of all matches to both this magazine and

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**ANN LONGLAND**

**Southampton Closed Women's Singles,  
Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles  
winner.**

The Hampshire schools individual Championships produced some good table-tennis. County secretary Harold Albery tells me the under-13 final between Jason White and Brian Bennis was worthy of a senior final with Jason winning "deuce" in the third. A name to remember for the future was Brian Bassell who Harold says has only been playing for 18 months. Our national councillor states "let no one tell me we have no young talent in Hampshire! There is plenty — the unfortunate thing is are we making the best use of it? So we come back to the old problem coaching! If only we could get a real coaching programme going we would no longer be a third rate county". I could not agree more but these days players seem very reluctant to put anything back into the game and getting assistance in coaching of youngsters is certainly one main problem to be solved if our game is to progress.

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the other publication as well. Only if more space is given to league affairs will other people get to know more about it and perhaps the spectator appeal might also increase. I personally do not see the advent of the National League as being in conflict with the County Championships programme like so many other people within Table Tennis circles, I firmly believe they can exist side by side though I think at the present time the latter is in need of changes, not least to cut down some of the crippling costs involved, and those that might be involved once promotion and relegation have had their effect within the pyramid system. I feel as though I can speak with a certain amount of authority here also as a County Match Secretary who knows only too well what it costs to run five county teams.

The success of the National League is due to no small measure of sponsorship which will only be got by publicity giving air to all aspects of Table Tennis within the clubs, and perhaps it's time that the counties got their fair share of this as well. But sponsorship without publicity is like a ship without a rudder, it flounders and will come to a grinding halt, sooner or later. So before the National League starts to suffer in this direction, surely the coverage should increase to keep pace with the league's own development, and if Table Tennis's own magazines do not give the coverage the league deserves, is it little wonder that the press do not either.

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#### FOUR T's TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The 1982/83 diary will be another tournament short, with the announcement that the Four T's club 'one star' tournament will not be run next season. This follows the resignation of two of the mainstays of this event, the organiser, Rowland Bennett and the referee Peter Thorne. The club A.G.M. decided that as no replacements were available from their members who were able or willing to take over these jobs it was not right to import outsiders into what has always been a club organised event. The lack of help from club members together with the attitude and non-co-operation of players at last year's event were among the reasons given for the resignations. A major factor however was the destructive criticism received from the E.T.T.A. as typified by a letter received from the tournament committee. No one is perfect and some criticism may well have been justified but surely help rather than finding fault would have been more useful from the national body. One wonders if less successful and less well organised tournaments have received like criticism. This attitude however can only lead to more of the ever decreasing number of tournaments in the diary being scrapped.

I would like to thank the many players and umpires from all over the country who have regularly supported this tournament for the many years it has been run. The event at the start of the season has proved a useful springboard to the national rankings. It has regularly attracted an entry approaching 200 players. Both men's singles finalists in the recent English closed, Desmond Douglas and Graham Sandley are past winners of both the men's and junior singles in the Four T's event as is the current England No. 1 junior Carl Prean.

This tournament has given prestige to Four T's and with this coming season marking the silver jubilee of one of the largest clubs in the area it is an unfortunate time to announce the end of one of

the few open tournaments in the country.

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#### MEMORABLE WEEK

In recent seasons there have been a number of reports of tournaments on the established circuit where indifferent organisation, late finishes, bad sportsmanship etc. were the norm rather than the exception. How pleasant therefore, to report on the recent table tennis festival held over the Easter week at Pontins at Hemsby.

This was the third year this tournament has been run and each year seems to have been better than the preceding one. About 150 players took part and it was noticeable that, although there was attractive prize money at stake, there was little evidence of the 'win at all cost' brigade. Perhaps this was because results do not count for ranking purposes, and players from international standard downwards really entered into the spirit of the event to ensure everyone had an enjoyable week.

This year as well as running all events on a group basis, a team event was introduced and this produced some first class matches. The weeks organisation was under the control of Trevor and Alan Openshaw assisted by Ron McKenzie and on behalf of all the host of players who took part I would like to thank them for their efforts. They ran the tournament quite superbly — the playing conditions were first class — the food and company was great — all in all a memorable week.

Finally I would congratulate Mike Bishop and his staff at Pontins for promoting the festival and surely pointing a new way for table tennis. Our game lends itself to family participation very well and this fine week of sport could act as a model for tournaments of the future. The ETTA could well recognise this week as an official part of the tournament calendar as there are many players who will be returning to Hemsby next season to meet old friends again. May I suggest you write to reserve your place now as I have a feeling next year's event could well be over subscribed.

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#### CIVIL SERVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS by DORIS L. MOORS

The 51st Civil Service Sports Council Championships Finals were held on Friday, 19 March, '82 at the Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh. Of the many Sports Centres I have visited this is one of my favourites. When I arrived at 8.30 a.m. the tables and other equipment was set out exactly according to my plan, a cleaner was busy with the vacuum cleaner and an official was cleaning the tables with a damp cloth to remove the dust!

Everyone enjoyed their visit to Edinburgh but with the ever increasing cost of travel it looks as if a central venue is going to be the only way of cutting down the cost.

Once again the standard of play was very good. From the 12 regions within the CSSC we had a full representation in the Men's singles and doubles but slightly less in the other events. The Intermediate Boys' Singles continues to be disappointing but at least 3 of the 4 players were taking part in

other events, surely the Civil Service has young table tennis players?

The fall of the No. 1 seed Paul Hutchings (DHSS, L'pool) in the 1st round of the Men's singles was the first shock of the day, Paul went out to Dave Wright (Br. Telecoms, Harlow) 17 and 16. If Paul was off form Dave was very much the reverse as he went on to beat Nat Richardson (DOE London) in the semi-finals and Phil Cawser (DHSS Leicester) in the final 20, -9, 15. I trust Phil is not going to suffer from that awful complaint called "Champion runner-up".

Helen Shields (I Rev, Bradford) made up for last year's shock defeat by Sandra Bennett (DHSS, Chester) in the Women's singles by turning the tables and beating Sandra very soundly 14 and 8 in the semi-finals, Helen won the event by an easy win over Linda Clemett (E. & A., London).

It was Helen's day, with Yvonne Abdallah (MID Harrogate), they won the Women's Doubles by beating Linda Clemett and Sally Prowen (EGGD) 18 and 6 in a most disappointing final, all I can say is that I have seen the London pair produce better TT than that particular final. The Mixed title also went to Helen who, with her partner E. S. Worsman beat the Welsh pair Jeff Morgan and Cathryn Jones (both DHSS) 21 and 8. The first game was quite a cliff-hanger but the change of order in the second was disastrous for the Welsh pair.

While we saw many old faces in the championships there was one new one who looks a likely lad, Richard Tanner (Br. Telecoms, B'ham) represented his region in the Men's singles, doubles and the Intermediate Boys' singles. In the Men's singles he gave Cawser a run for his money, Richard won the first game 20, just lost the second 19 and was eventually beaten 17 in the 3rd. With his partner, L. Douglas (also Br. Telecoms, B'ham), they won the Men's doubles without losing a game. Richard knocked out Steve Milton-White in the Intermediate Boys' singles -19, 18, 17, one of the most exciting matches of the day, but he was up against Hutchings in the final who, having lost one of his titles was determined not to lose the other. Although Paul won 18 and 16 it was really a very close match, Paul was not playing well but on several occasions when behind he managed to regain his concentration. In the end it was experience that counted.

The trophies were presented by Mr. Ernie Letley, Vice-Chairman of the Scottish CS Sports Council. Next year the West Midlands region has agreed to stage the finals, maybe at that central venue I'm looking for?

#### T.S.B. DERBY 2-STAR JUNIOR OPEN

by Michael J. Payne

Sponsored by Trustee Savings Bank at the Derby Sports Centre on April 4, it was Alan Cooke from Chesterfield who represented the best local hopes of victory. He reached the U-17 singles and doubles finals in a tournament that saw the elimination of Lisa Bellinger as early as the 3rd round, and the elimination of several ranked players.

**Boys' Singles:**

Cooke came through the top half beating Lionel Faure, Shaun Browne and David Rudge, without loss of a game. In the bottom half, the 3rd seed O'Leary went out to Simon Griew (seed 15) in the 4th round. Philip Gunn (S2) was only troubled by Stephen Bevan of Lancashire on his way to the final.

Cooke's attacking flair confidently displayed in the earlier rounds faltered and

finally failed against the steadier defence of Gunn.

**Quarter-finals:**

M. Werner (Do) bt S. Griew (Le) 9, 18;  
P. Gunn (Wk) bt S. Bevan (La) 12, 10, 11;  
A. Cooke (Dy) bt S. Browne (La) 20, 11;  
D. Rudge (Wa) bt R. Tilford (Ng) 19, -7, 24.

**Semi-finals:**

Cooke bt Rudge 15, 9;  
Gunn bt Werner 12, 12.

**Final:**

GUNN bt Cooke 20, 11.

**Boys' Doubles:**

Cooke/Michael O'Leary did not meet serious opposition until the semi-final where Werner/Denbow took the first game from them. The other finalist from the bottom half Griew/Aldwinckle (seed 8) came through against Gunn/Browne (seed 3) who had struggled in previous rounds. After losing the first game in the final Cooke/O'Leary won.

The fifth seed Whitely/Dixon were surprisingly beaten by un-seeded Richard Tilford/Glen Roberts. Who themselves lost to Gunn/Browne -24, 16, 18.

**Semi-finals:**

Cooke/M. O'Leary (Mi) bt Werner/Denbow (Ox) -20, 12, 16.

Griew/Aldwinckle (Le) bt Gunn (Wa)/Browne -17, 19, 18.

**Final:**

COOKE/O'Leary bt Griew/Aldwinckle -16, 13, 18.

**Cadet Boys' Singles:**

In the top half of the U-14 boys, the absence of seeds Murray Jukes and Martin Firth gave Mark Campbell a place in the final where he lost to Martin Randle in an all-Warwickshire match. In the bottom half No. 2 seed Andrew Syed was beaten in the semi-final by Russel Thompson of Yorkshire, who had battled through from the qualifying round.

**Semi-finals:**

M. Campbell (Wa) bt M. Syed (Bk) 13, 14;  
M. Randle (Wa) bt R. Thompson (Y) 12, 14.

**Final:**

RANDLE bt Campbell -13, 16, 8.

**Girls' Singles:**

In the U-17 girls' singles, the surprise of

the day was Lisa Bellinger (S1) going out in straight-games to Mary Denbow. Denbow also beat Josette Ryalls (S5) and Melanie Seaton (S4) before going down in the final to Jackie Bellinger. Christine Peacock (S8) went out in round two to Evelyn Wright from Clwyd who went onto the quarter-final.

**Semi-finals:**

M. Denbow (Ox) bt M. Seaton (Y) -11, 17, 20;  
J. Bellinger (Bd) bt S. Collier (Bk) 17, 18.

**Final:**

J. BELLINGER bt Denbow -19, 14, 14.

**Cadet Girls' Singles:**

Michelle Cohen from Avon unseeded in the U-14 girls came through to the final beating the No. 1 seed Alison Barker before losing the final to Joanne Shaw of Yorkshire.

**Semi-finals:**

M. Cohen (Av) bt A. Barker (Sp) 17, -17, 19;  
J. Shaw (Y) bt J. Powis (St) -21, 18, 15.

**Final:**

SHAW bt Cohen 10, 15.

**Girls' Doubles:**

In the top half of the girls' doubles Lisa and Jackie Bellinger came through as expected to beat Tracey Lightfoot and Josette Ryalls in a very exciting final.

**Semi-finals:**

L. & J. Bellinger (Bd) bt Collier/L. Goldsmith (Mi) 20, 21;  
T. Lightfoot (Ch)/J. Ryalls (Y) bt Denbow (Ox)/A. Hegarty (St) 15, 12.

**Finals:**

L. & J. BELLINGER bt Lightfoot/Ryalls 17, -18, 17.

On behalf of the Derby Association I would like to thank the Trustee Savings Bank (North West) for sponsoring the £256 prize money and to Mr. Burrows for presenting the prizes. My thanks to all the players for supporting the Event, to the Staff of the Sports department of the City Council and the Leisure Committee, and last but certainly not least, all the helpers on the day who made the Tournament run so smoothly.

**Leslie Constable reports on the . . .  
ST. NEOTS WINTER LEAGUE**

A curious situation arose at the end of the season in the St. Neots Winter League. In the Senior Division Bedford and North Herts tied for first place with 57 points apiece being six points in front of St. Neots with 51 points. In the Veterans Division Bedford and North Herts again tied for first place with 47 points but this time only pipped Cambridge by one point after a most exciting last session. It has been a most interesting first season of the league and I am sure next season will see even more interest in the various divisions.

In the Junior Division there is still a final session to be played on May 9 so that a full and comprehensive account of the league cannot be made until the first issue of next season's magazine.

**Senior Tournament Final:**

P. Cole (St. Neots) bt K. Willett (St. Neots) 17, -16, 18.

**Veterans' Tournament Final:**

Saywell bt Albone 17, 14.

**Doubles Final:**

A. Jackson/Thurston (Cambridge) bt Albone/Saywell -19, 14, 19.

**FINAL TABLES  
Senior Division**

	Played	Pts.
Bedford	9	57
North Herts	9	57
St. Neots	9	51
Cambridge 'A'	9	44
Cambridge 'B'	9	44
R.A.F.	9	44
Kettering	9	42
Northampton 'A'	9	34
Peterborough	9	30
Northampton 'B'	9	16

**Veterans' Division**

North Herts	7	47
Bedford	7	47
Cambridge	7	46
St. Neots 'A'	7	36
Peterborough 'A'	7	30
Northampton	7	18
Peterborough 'B'	7	17
St. Neots 'B'	7	11



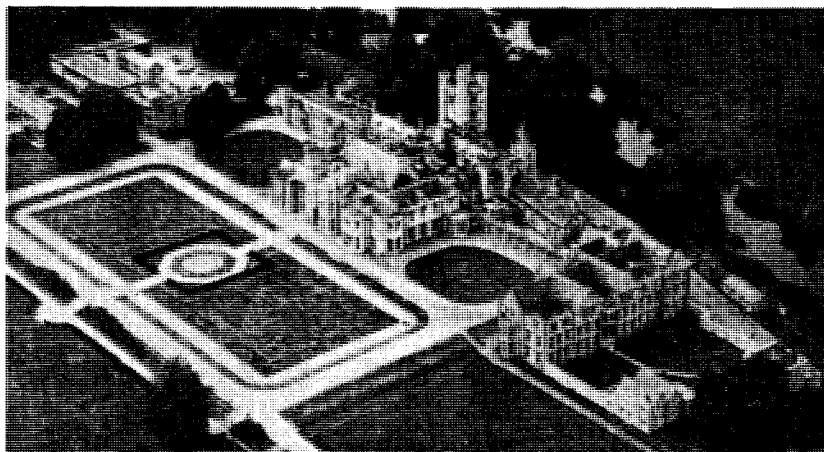
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# County Championships Round-up

by PHILIP REID

## DORSET REACH PREMIER

Dorset proved worthy winners of Division 2B and along with Staffordshire will line up in the Premier Division next season. Devon escaped relegation thanks to Mike Short who starred in the matches against Herts, despite supremacy of Richard Jermyn, and Wiltshire for whom Kevin Satchell was supreme.

Devon 7 Hertfordshire 3

Sussex 2 Dorset 8

Devon 6 Wiltshire 4

## DIVISION 3A

Durham 6 Leicestershire II 4

Tony Gelder helped Durham to win.

Lincolnshire 10 Cheshire II 0 (default)

## DIVISION 3B

Isle of Wight 4 Avon 6

Shock defeat for Carl Prean beaten 12 and 15 by Andy Creed.

## DIVISION 3C

Herefordshire 5 Bedfordshire 5

Beds still champs despite dropping a point, mainly through the undefeated Michael Owens. David Sharp good for Beds.

## DIVISION 4A

Hampshire II 10 Staffordshire III 0

## JUNIOR 2A

Leicestershire 8 Huntingdonshire 2

Surprise 15, 22 win for Stuart Wilford over the immaculate Phillip Cole. But best sets G.D., won by Hunts 18, -17, 24, and Yvonne Hall's all-action win over Alison Hillard -15, 17, 22.

## JUNIOR 3A

Cheshire 4 Cumbria 6

Cheshire promotion hopes crushed. Tim Pachul outstanding for Cumbria.

Cumbria v Derbyshire (void)

## JUNIOR 3D

Sussex II 7 Cambridgeshire 3

Graham Barnes the main difference between the two sides.

## VETERANS PREMIER

Lincolnshire 9 Worcestershire 0

This relegation battle resulted in a resounding win for Lincs. Worcs go down.

## VETERANS 2B

Kent 9 Wiltshire 0

Kent made sure of promotion to Premier Division by this win.

## VETERANS 3B

Somerset 7 Wiltshire II 2

Joe Garland and Peter Butterworth on form against Wilts, for whom only B. Freeman shone.

## LEADING AVERAGES

### DIVISION 2B

	P	W	L	Av.%
D. Constance (Do)	8	8	0	100.0
A. Clayton (Do)	12	11	1	91.0
S. Gibbs (E)	10	8	2	80.0
Julie Reading (Do)	5	5	0	100.0
Janet Parker (Wi)	7	6	1	85.0

### DIVISION 3A

Ron Weatherby (Ch)	10	10	0	100.0
Tony Gelder (Du)	12	10	2	83.3

### DIVISION 3C

S. Lyon (Np)	12	9	3	75.0
M. Owene (Hr)	12	9	3	75.0
Lisa Bellinger (Bd)	5	5	0	100.0

### JUNIOR 2A

L. Taylor (Cv)	14	13	1	92.0
G. Skipp (Cv)	12	11	1	91.0
J. Chann (Cv)	14	12	2	85.0
P. Cole (Hu)	10	8	2	80.0
D. Griffin (Gs)	14	11	3	78.0
P. Jackson (Av)	14	11	3	78.0
N. Tsakarisanos (Gs)	7	7	0	100.0
Y. Hall (Le)	5	5	0	100.0

	P	W	L	Av.%
R. Brook (Y)	7	6	1	85.0

### JUNIOR 3A

Philip Huggon (La)	14	13	1	92.9
Louise Forster (Dy)	6	6	0	100.0
Tracy Lightfoot (Ch)	5	5	0	100.0
To Thy Dung (Dy)	6	5	1	83.3
Debbie Soothill (Cu)	6	5	1	83.3

### JUNIOR 3D

J. Sparks (E)	12	11	1	91.0
M. Taylor (E)	10	9	1	90.0
A. Conquest (Bd)	14	12	2	85.0
S. Cole (E)	4	4	0	100.0

### VETERANS PREMIER

E. Griffiths (Ch)	12	10	2	83.0
D. Schofield	12	10	2	83.0
P. D'Arcy (Ch)	10	8	2	80.0
D. Schofield (Ch)	6	6	0	100.0

### VETERANS 2A

M. Baker (Av)	10	9	1	90.0
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### VETERANS 2B

H. Buist (K)	14	14	0	100.0
J. Smith (Mi)	10	8	2	80.0
P. Butcher (K)	7	6	1	85.0
V. Gillam (Sx)	6	5	1	83.0

### VETERANS 3B

R. Holliday (Bk)	10	9	1	90.0
B. Maxted (K)	9	8	1	88.0
G. White (He)	4	4	0	100.0

## FINAL TABLES 1981-82

### SENIORS'

#### PREMIER

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

Cheshire record deleted.

#### DIVISION 2A

Staffordshire	7	6	0	1	49	21	12
Leicestershire	7	6	0	1	45	25	12
Cambridgeshire	7	5	0	2	38	32	10
Yorkshire II	7	4	0	3	34	36	8
Lancashire II	7	3	1	3	38	32	7
Derbyshire	7	1	2	4	28	42	4
Warwickshire II	7	1	1	5	28	42	3
Worcestershire	7	0	0	7	20	50	0

#### DIVISION 2B

Dorset	7	6	0	1	49	21	12
Wiltshire	7	4	0	3	38	32	8
Sussex	7	4	0	3	37	33	8
Kent	7	4	0	3	36	34	8
Surrey	7	3	1	3	39	31	7
Devon	7	3	0	4	30	40	6
Hertfordshire	7	2	1	4	28	42	5
Essex II	7	1	0	6	23	47	2

#### DIVISION 3A

Staffordshire II	6	5	0	1	39	21	10
Cheshire II	6	4	1	1	35	25	9
Durham	6	4	0	2	38	22	8
Derbyshire II	6	2	2	2	25	35	6
Leicestershire II	6	2	1	3	27	33	5
Lincolnshire	6	2	0	4	30	30	4
Cumbria	6	0	0	6	16	44	0

#### DIVISION 3B

Hampshire	7	6	0	1	51	19	12
Avon	7	5	1	1	39	31	11
Gloucestershire	7	3	3	1	40	30	9
Dorset II	7	4	0	3	35	35	8
Berkshire II	7	2	3	2	39	31	7
Somerset	7	2	1	4	31	39	5
Isle of Wight	7	0	3	4	26	44	3
Cornwall	7	0	1	6	19	51	1

## DIVISION 3C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bedfordshire	6	4	2	0	36	24	10
Oxfordshire	6	4	0	2	35	25	8
Northamptonshire	6	3	1	2	37	23	7
Herefordshire	6	2	3	1	31	29	7
Worcestershire II	6	2	1	3	24	36	5
Huntingdonshire	6	1	1	4	22	38	3
Buckinghamshire	6	1	0	5	25	35	2

Shropshire record deleted.

## DIVISION 3D

Sussex II	7	5	1	1	49	21	11
Middlesex II	7	5	1	1	42	28	11
Suffolk	7	4	1	2	40	30	9
Kent II	7	4	0	3	38	32	8
Surrey II	7	3	1	3	34	36	7
Hertfordshire II	7	1	4	2	33	37	6
Cambridgeshire II	7	1	1	5	21	49	3
Norfolk	7	0	1	6	23	47	1

## DIVISION 4A

Wiltshire II	4	3	1	0	29	11	7
Hampshire II	4	3	0	1	28	12	6
Staffordshire III	4	1	1	2	14	26	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	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Bucks II	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
Northants II	4	0	2	2	17	23	2
Norfolk II	4	1	0	3	15	25	2

## JUNIORS

### PREMIER

Surrey	7	6	1	0	51	19	13
Yorkshire	7	4	1	2	42	28	9
Bedfordshire	7	4	1	2	42	28	9
Middlesex	7	3	2	2	39	31	8
Kent	7	2	3	2	30	40	7
Sussex	7	3	1	3	27	43	7
Warwickshire	7	0	2	5	25	45	2
Staffordshire	7	0	1	6	24	46	1

### DIVISION 2A

Cleveland	7	7	0	0	46	24	14
Yorkshire II	7	5	1	1	49	21	11
Gloucestershire	7	3	3	1	39	31	9
Leicestershire	7	3	1	3	38	32	7
Lincolnshire	7	3	0	4	32	38	6
Durham	7	2	1	4	29	41	5
Huntingdonshire	7	0	2	5	25	45	2
Buckinghamshire	7	0	2	5	22	48	2

### DIVISION 2B

Devon	7	6	1	0	52	18	13
Essex	7	6	0	1	44	26	12
Glamorgan	7	4	1	2	42	28	9
Hertfordshire	7	3	1	3	39	31	7
Berkshire	7	1	3	3	32	38	5
Wiltshire	7	2	0	5	26	44	4
Dorset	7	0	3	4	27	43	3
Avon	7	1	1	5	18	52	3

### DIVISION 3A

Lancashire	7	7	0	0	60	10
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### DIVISION 3D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essex II	7	7	0	0	61	9	14
Kent II	7	5	0	2	42	28	10
Bedfordshire II	7	4	1	2	41	29	9
Sussex II	7	2	2	3	32	38	6
Cambridgeshire	7	3	0	4	30	40	6
Hertfordshire	7	2	1	4	31	39	5
Suffolk	7	2	0	5	23	47	4
Norfolk	7	1	0	6	20	50	2

### DIVISION 4

Essex III	5	5	0	0	44	6	10
Norfolk II	5	3	0	2	24	26	6
Hampshire II	5	3	0	2	23	27	6
Cumbria II	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Leicestershire II	5	0	2	3	19	31	2
Cambridgeshire	5	0	1	4	14	36	1

Shropshire record deleted.

### VETERANS

#### PREMIER

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Cheshire	6	6	0	44	10	12
Middlesex	6	4	2	37	17	8
Lincolnshire	6	3	3	28	26	6
Essex	6	3	3	27	27	6
Dorset	6	3	3	21	33	6
Huntingdonshire	6	1	5	17	37	2
Worcestershire	6	1	5	15	39	2

#### DIVISION 2A

Nottinghamshire	6	5	1	40	14	10
Hertfordshire	6	5	1	37	17	10
Oxfordshire	6	3	3	25	29	6
Cheshire II	6	3	3	24	30	6
Buckinghamshire	6	3	3	22	32	6
Avon	6	2	4	28	26	4
Northamptonshire	6	0	6	13	41	0

#### DIVISION 2B

Kent	7	6	1	48	15	12
Sussex II	7	6	1	45	18	12
Middlesex II	7	4	3	37	26	8
Berkshire	7	4	3	34	29	8
Hampshire	7	4	3	33	30	8
Essex II	7	3	4	38	25	6
Dorset II	7	1	6	12	51	2
Wiltshire	7	0	7	5	58	0

#### DIVISION 3A

Leicestershire	4	4	0	28	8	8
Bedfordshire	4	2	2	18	18	4
Hertfordshire II	4	2	2	14	22	4
Clwyd	4	1	3	15	21	2
Cumbria	4	1	3	15	21	2

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#### DIVISION 3B

Hampshire II	6	5	1	34	20	10
Sussex II	6	4	2	32	22	8
Hertfordshire III	6	4	2	30	24	8
Kent II	6	4	2	30	24	8
Berkshire II	6	2	4	30	24	4
Somerset II	6	2	4	21	33	4
Wiltshire II	6	0	6	12	41	0

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE

The E.T.T.A. office have received several requests from parents in France and Belgium asking us to arrange for their table tennis playing son/daughter to stay with an English family for the purposes of learning English.

Naturally, the enquiries include a wish for the young person to play table tennis during their time in England.

Two or three weeks in June or July are the most popular times and often the request contains an offer of a reverse exchange in August. Two such requests from boys in Belgium are on our files at the moment.

Anyone who is interested in hosting one of these boys or wishes to have details of any future requests should contact Albert Shipley at the E.T.T.A. office, who will be very pleased to hear from you.

## Action for Table Tennis

Table tennis in the West Midlands is to be given a boost by a Regional Development Seminar — to be held at the Cheslyn Hay Sports Centre on Saturday, 12th June, 1982. The seminar, of five sessions, marks the beginning of the sport's involvement in the Concentration of Resources scheme being promoted by the Sports Council in all regions of the country. Under the scheme, the Sports Council encourages all those involved with sport and recreation to focus on specific sports for four years. And, beginning this year, it's the turn of table tennis — along with bowls, netball and lawn tennis.

The English Table Tennis Association are fully behind the West Midlands seminar and, said the Association's Development Officer, Robert Oldfield, "We are confident that the seminar will be a success. The West Midlands Sports Council has already given great support to the organisation and now it's up to all those involved with table tennis to make the most of the Sports Council's initiative. We have a national policy which encourages our clubs and leagues to improve their premises, establish table tennis in local schools and run courses for people with free leisure time, and we are holding the seminar to help our members at the grass-roots to develop their ideas for promoting the sport".

One of the speakers at the seminar is to be the English Table Tennis Association's Vice-Chairman for Development, Alan Ransome. An ex England international, from Middlesbrough, Ransome is well known for his involvement with the Sealink Ormesby club, which finished as runner-up in the National League this year. He will be addressing the seminar on his specialist subject — The Club and the Community — and said, "We believe every town should have a large table tennis club with its own premises — open all day and every day for the playing of table tennis. In big cities, like Birmingham, there should be three or four clubs of this size and we are looking for enthusiasts in the West Midlands region

who we can help to get started on these projects. This is just one of our priorities for the Concentration of Resources scheme. Another is to work with the unemployed for whom table tennis is an ideal sport".

The seminar, for which there is no charge, is to be led by Staffordshire County Table Tennis Association's Chairman, Jack Chalkley, from Gnosall, and details can be obtained from the West Midlands Sports Council in Birmingham or from the E.T.T.A.'s office at 21 Claremont, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1HA.

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The Seminar has been arranged for persons responsible for or involved in the promotion, organisation, administration or development of table tennis in clubs, schools, leagues or any sporting or youth association interested in the game.

It is important that applications for a place at the Seminar are with The Sports Council by Monday, 7 June, 1982, at the latest, and that lunches are paid for in advance.

Date: Saturday, 12 June, 1982.

Time: 9.00 a.m. Registration.

Venue: Cheslyn Hay Sports Centre, Farendon Road, Cheslyn Hay, Nr. Walsall, West Midlands.

Parking: Please follow signs to REAR CAR PARK.

Cost: Conference — No charge.

Coffee available for purchase - 20p per cup. Snack lunch - £1.00, which must be booked and paid for in advance.

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# ESSEX SELECT

## THIRD SUCCESSIVE DOUBLE

by RON FOSKER

Cool, quiet and efficient Carl Prean annexed the junior and cadet double for the third successive year at the Unigate Essex Junior 'Select' held at Harlow on April 17/18.

He has now won all the Selects he has entered at both levels this season.

He also picked up the boys' doubles with Billy Gleave but surprisingly he and Martin Firth were unable to add the cadet doubles which they lost in the final to Andrew Syed and Jimmy Stokes.

Prean's destruction of Nicky Hoare in the final of the boys' singles was clinical and for Hoare totally embarrassing. He was completely at sea against Prean's rubbers and managed only five in the first game. He went into a 3-1 lead in the second but then Prean took over and allowed him just five more points.

Yet in the earlier rounds Hoare had looked impressive. He dismissed Steve Sharpe — conqueror of Gleave in a hard and tensely fought quarter-final — in commanding fashion 11, 14 in the semis, and overcame No. 2 seed Adrian Moore even more convincingly 8, 11 in the quarters.

Prean, on the other hand, had had a hard time overcoming Philip Gunn in the quarters. He was trailing in the third against Gunn's dogged defence but came through eventually at 18.

The first half of Prean's third doubles was completed with considerably more difficulty than the second. Briefly unseeded Andrew Cunningham — conqueror of No. 2 seed Firth, No. 3 Syed and No. 6 Stuart Craggs — looked capable of a major upset as he made steady progress in the final of the cadet boys' singles. But one of Prean's great strengths is his staying power and he pulled his way back to win at 18 and then took the second at 13.

Mark Ellett and Gary Lambert knocked out the No. 2 seeds Hoare and Alan Cooke and the No. 4 pairing David Dodd and Iain Fullerton before succumbing in the final to Prean and Gleave.

By far the most interesting event — certainly in its closing stages — was the girls' singles. The final was closer and more exciting and both the top seeds fell in the semis.

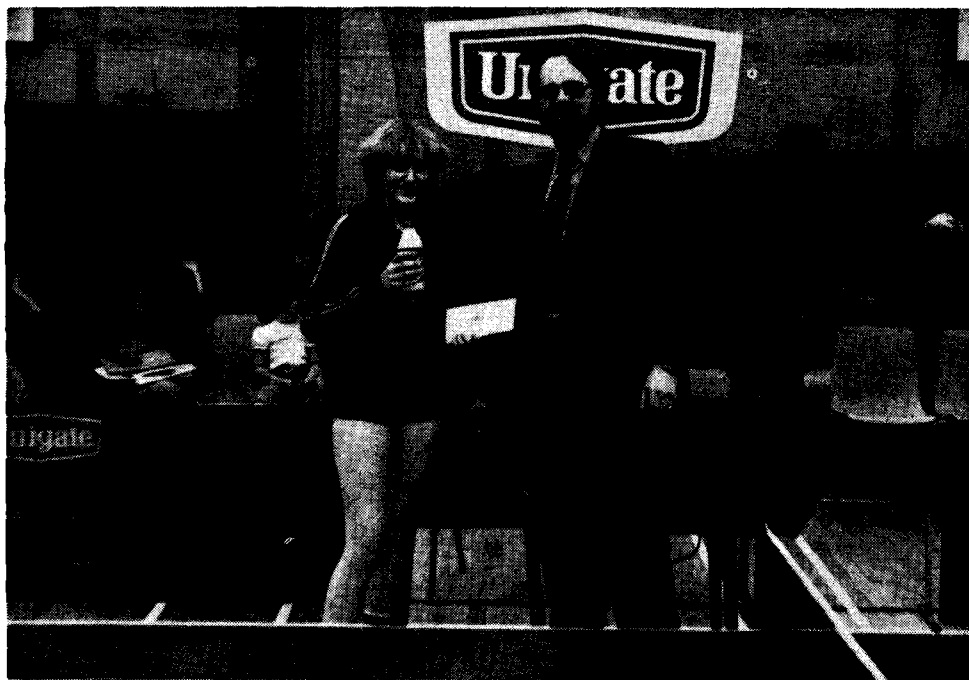
No. 1 Lisa Bellinger, struggling a little for confidence at the moment, fell for the second tournament running to sister Jackie and Helen Bardwell dismissed Jean Parker to stage a repeat of the last 'Select' final at Cotswold. And the in-form Miss Bardwell made sure the result was a repeat too as she won 17, 21, coming back determinedly from 13-18 in the second.

There was no repeat of the Cotswold the girls' doubles. Then Tracey Lightfoot and Josette Ryalls, playing together for the first time, scored a shock win.

This time they got to the final again but looked rather more emphatically beaten by the Bellinger sisters than the scores 16, 18 suggest.

The cadet girls' final was a simple loop and chop affair. Joanne Shaw looped and Jill Powis chopped. In the first she chopped very efficiently and pulled back a long lead to 18-18. But Miss Shaw held on at the end and in the second got more on her loop, varied the pace and direction better and allowed her opponent only six points.

Outsiders Karen Wilde and J. Houghton — so much of an outsider I don't even know her first name — triumphed in the cadet girls' doubles with a final win over No. 4



Helen Bardwell receives her "trophy" from Unigate Essex area sales manager Roy Meade.



Multi-winner Carl Prean and Roy Meade.

seeds Jill Powis and Cheryl Clarke. Earlier they put out the No. 2 seeds Clare Mouzon and Diane Malpass 13, 9.

### RESULTS

#### Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

C. Prean (IOW) bt A. Cooke (Dy) 18, 17;  
N. Hoare (Sy) bt S. Sharpe (Y) 11, 14.

#### Final:

PREAN bt Hoare 5, 8.

#### Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

J. Bellinger (Bd) bt L. Bellinger (Bd) 19, 18;  
H. Bardwell (He) bt J. Parker (La) 18, 15.

#### Final:

BARDWELL bt Bellinger 17, 21.

#### Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:

Prean/B. Gleave (Ch) bt N. Tyler (Mi)/  
A. Dodd (K) 21, -10, 10;

M. Ellett/G. Lambert (Dv) bt Cooke/Hoare  
18, 13.

#### Final:

PREAN/GLEAVE bt Ellett/Lambert 15, 12.

#### Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:

Bellinger/Bellinger bt S. Collier (Bk)/  
L. Goldsmith (Mi) 6, 12;

J. Ryalls (Y)/T. Lightfoot (Ch) bt  
C. Peacock (La)/R. Russe (Av) 10, -18, 18.

#### Final:

BELLINGER/BELLINGER bt Ryalls/  
Lightfoot 16, 18.

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

Prean bt J. Stokes (Bk) 10, 13;  
A. Cunningham (K) bt A. Syed (Bk) 19, 16.

#### Final:

PREAN bt Cunningham 18, 13.

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

J. Powis (St) bt L. Popkiewicz (Sy) 19, 19  
J. Shaw (Y) bt A. Boxall (He) 9, 17.

#### Final:

SHAW bt Powis 19, 6.

#### Cadet Boys' Doubles Final:

A. SYED/STOKES bt Prean/M. Firth (Y)  
21, 14.

#### Cadet Girls' Doubles Final:

J. HOUGHTON/K. WILDE (E) bt Powis/  
C. Clarke (Ch) 16, 20.

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Rod Patient, Harlow.

# Of concern to us all

by KEN MUHR

I am pleased that Jackie Redfern (TT News, March) has supported my views on youth unemployment and table tennis, and several other people have discussed the subject with me. I will come back to this point later. Table tennis is my big sporting interest and I trust I will be allowed to use this magazine as a vehicle to make readers further sensitive and aware of the plight of jobless youngsters for it is something which should concern us all. Since writing my original letter, printed in the February issue, my sense of outrage has grown.

Brought up in our selfish, competitive, materialistic society, young people fully expect to get well paid jobs that will enable them to purchase electronic gadgetry, latest fashions and good life that they see so extensively advertised. They are taught little of life-coping skills and finer human values so that when the reality of unemployment hits them they are left bewildered, sullen and dejected, and insensitive and uncaring to the needs of others. Far from spending their 'leisure' hours usefully, their response, though usually one of idle waste, can be positively harmful both to themselves and the community.

The Government and the DHSS may ignore the evidence, but research indicates that enforced unemployment results in increased physical and mental ill health. Having no work is a factor that can ultimately lead to suicide and there is a rise in self inflicted deaths amongst young people. Jobless adolescents may find escapism from their misery in drug abuse (mainly, but not only, in alcohol, solvents and amphetamines) with all the attendant risks. Or broke and frustrated, they may turn to petty crime, violence and delinquency. They may reject authority figures such as parents and the police, who they see as being unnecessarily oppressive. Their smouldering anger against a society that disowns them, once involved and channelled, can have terrible consequences indeed. Remember the riots?

### DISAFFECTED

Some of these disaffected teenagers may form prejudiced and intolerant opinions about different racial/cultural groups ("the blacks are to blame") and join extremist political parties — for excitement if nothing else. And they may become excessively patriotic and jingoistic ("We'll sort out the dagoes"). Or, with nothing else to look forward to, they may try to find comfort and peer group respect in increased sexual activity, not in itself such a bad thing but which, combined with ignorance and irresponsibility, can have very unfortunate results. For example, sexual potency may be the final status symbol for dead-end males while adolescent girls may seek fulfillment and something to love (and a flat?) in having a baby — the disillusionment comes later.

But most common reaction of youngsters to finding no work is helpless, hopeless resignation and a cynical attitude to life. If they can rouse themselves from their apathy then their behaviour is often hedonistic (live now, pay later) and who can blame them? After all, their elders may blow up/destroy the world before they inherit it so why not enjoy life now?

Adolescence is a difficult enough period anyway, when young adults are forming their characteristics and trying to find themselves, and I fear that the repercussions of the present youth unemployment situation will affect our society for years and generations to come. But sport could play a very important part, however, in

minimising or partially avoiding the damage done by some of these youths.

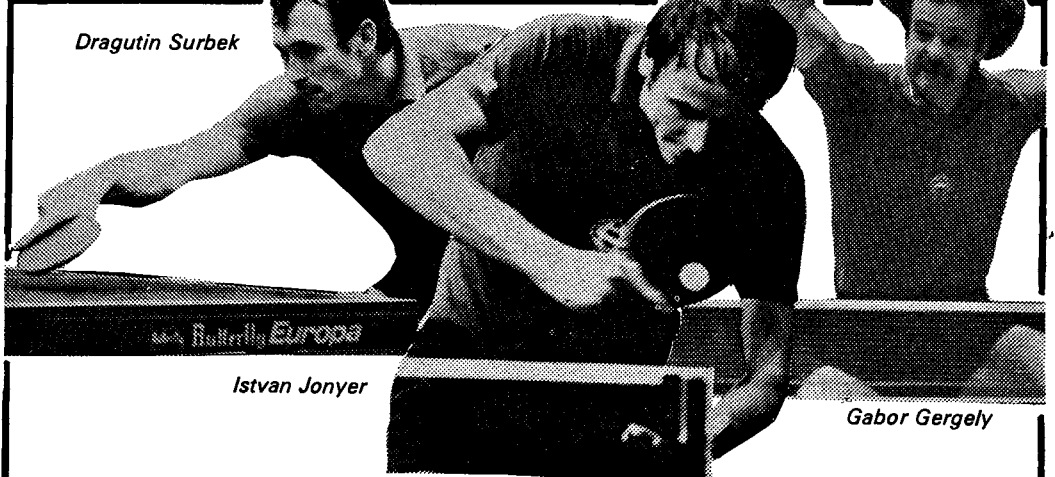
### BENEFITS

In my earlier letter I mentioned some of the benefits of participating in sport, such as enjoyment, greater physical and mental well-being, and a sense of achievement. And as Jackie Redfern says "It enables an individual to develop qualities and skills which are a necessary prerequisite for living and coping with life generally" including how to get on with people from a very wide cross section. Sporting activities may also give a purpose around which jobless youngsters can organise or structure their lives.

Table tennis has particular advantages. It is fairly cheap in terms of facilities and equipment, and virtually everyone can play it to some degree. It is also a close, intimate, friendly game (off the table at least!) and therefore could be in a good position to be supportive to anyone that needs a helping hand.

So what effort is sport making to help the young unemployed? Some of the Regional Sports Councils are running special projects such as at Hockley Point in the Midlands and at Leicester. And a major 3-year initiative called 'Action Sport', co-ordinated by the Sports Council in the

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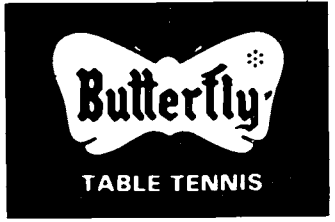
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West Midlands and London, aims to introduce sport to people in the community who are not normally involved, including the unemployed. (In fact the 90 sports leaders will themselves be mainly recruited from the unemployed). Some leisure centres have made their facilities available at reduced rates or for free to jobless people, and a few professional football clubs are giving special training sessions.

And what is table tennis doing? I understand from Bob Oldfield, that the M.S.C. funded Community Enterprise programme has employed two coaches, one in Salford and the other in Middlesbrough, to work specifically with the unemployed, and another similar coach is employed by the local authority in Newcastle-on-Tyne. Our national coaches are running sports centre leaders courses and part of their brief is to encourage these leaders to run promotions for people such as the jobless who don't normally play table tennis.

#### INITIATIVES

The ETTA National Council apparently agrees in principle that something should be done for the unemployed but in practice it doesn't go much further than that. No doubt there are local initiatives up and down the country but clearly more could be done, despite the practical difficulties. For example, the Sports Council has designated table tennis as one of four priority sports receiving additional aid this year and some of these resources could be used for developing the game with the unemployed — Leo Black (Middlesex), for one, is thinking positively on these lines.

I would like to see the ETTA release to the press, and to county associations and local league secretaries, a declaration of concern about the problem and an intention to act in order to lessen some of the consequences. County and leagues could be issued with guidelines on what they and their clubs can do in encouraging jobless youngsters to join and use their facilities, and in setting up special practice/coaching/competition sessions. Getting the subject on their meeting agendas will at least make them think about it. Sports and leisure centres could also be approached with a view to laying on facilities.

All this will not be easy, particularly as unemployed teenagers tend to give up their sporting involvement rather than participating more. Perhaps the most important thing we can do is show we care and are trying to do something about it.

With increasing mechanisation and computerisation, even an economic upturn and reversal of monetarism will never entirely eradicate unemployment. Our attitudes to work must change so that youngsters are taught how to use their free time, and can feel that they are valued and useful members of society even if they are not 'employed' as in the present sense of the word. There is so much they can do of benefit to themselves and others. We enlightened people should help lead the way!

## 11th HARD BAT OPEN

### SOUTER SHINES

The annual turning back of the clock at the Barnet TT Centre gave a number of excellent matches on Sunday, May 2 Young Middlesex international John Souter gave a marvellous exhibition of hitting as he struggled in early rounds but beat former winner Stuart Gibbs in the quarters; really swamped John Payne, his county colleague; and finally was a little too fast against another former winner Laurie Landry.

Landry showed that he has not lost the knack as he reached three finals and though losing the men's doubles final, with Derek Schofield, he was successful in the

mixed with Mary Symes, his former Willesden League teammate.

In the women's events, the real surprise was Susan Kilford from Reading, who reached two finals and though not winning, she showed what an accomplished player she is. The singles final brought the best out of former international Barbara Andrews (formerly Millbank) who won the event for the first time.

The big surprise in the men's singles was the victory of Dave Finlayson (Essex) over Schofield, who was the top seed. Perhaps Dave won out in the end because he uses the hard rubber bat normally, but it was a match to watch. Percy Collins, playing with the hard bat rather than his usual awkward surfaces, got the better of Finlayson but could not do much against the steady play of Landry.

Many thanks to Bernard Chatterly for running the tournament so well. He has been made an Honorary Member of the International Club. Also the Barnet Centre proved, once again, to be an ideal venue.

#### RESULTS

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

P. Collins (Sy) bt D. Finlayson (E)  
-13, 19, 18;

L. Landry (K) bt I. Kenyon (K) 18, 16;  
J. Payne (Mi) bt R. Jermyn (He) 14, 20;  
J. Souter (Mi) bt S. Gibbs (E) -20, 9, 16.

##### Semi-finals:

Landry bt Collins 11, 9;  
Souter bt Payne 9, 11.

##### Final:

SOUTER bt Landry 17, 16.

##### Consolation Final:

D. Somers (Mi) bt C. Lang (Sy) 15, 14.

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

S. Kilford (Bk) bt S. Prowen (Mi)  
19, -19, 23;

B. Andrews (He) bt M. Symes (Mi) 13, 10.

##### Final:

ANDREWS bt Kilford 19, 16.

##### Consolation Final:

P. Challis (E) bt G. Larkings (E) 19, 18.

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

Landry/D. Schofield (Ch) bt J. Bender/  
A. Lamprell (He) 16, 17;

Gbbs/F. Lockwood (E) bt M. O'Leary (Mi)/  
Payne 13, -20, 20.

##### Final:

GIBBS/LOCKWOOD bt Landry/Schofield  
-16, 12, 14.

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

Prowen/Symes bt M. McLean (Sy)/J. Webb  
(Mi) 9, 6;

S. Hickman (E)/Kilford bt Andrews/Challis  
16, -14, 19.

##### Final:

PROWEN/SYMES bt Hickman/Kilford  
17, 14.

##### Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Landry/Symes bt Lockwood/Challis  
16, -10, 12;

Schofield/Andrews bt M. Waldman (Mi)/  
Prowen 18, -19, 14.

##### Final:

LANDRY/SYMES bt Schofield/Andrews  
20, 14.

became the European Women's singles champion, she partnered Hammersley to her second title. In 1979 she was controversially omitted from the World Championships squad for Pyongyang but her doubles ability was greatly missed as the England Women's team slipped from 7th to 12th place. She was immediately recalled into the international squad and, at the following European Championships in Berne, she reached the semi-finals of the Women's doubles with Hammersley and the final of the Mixed doubles with Douglas.

Linda began playing at her home near Guildford, at the age of 11 — the younger sister of Susan Howard, who was also to become an England table tennis international. In 1979 she married the England player, Nicky Jarvis, and moved to Middlesbrough from her home in Surrey. This season, representing Sealink Ormesby, she became one of the first women to play in the National League. She is currently No. 41 in the World and No. 4 in the Lentec England ranking list.

#### PLAYING RECORD

##### ENGLISH JUNIOR CLOSED

1969/70

Girls' Doubles (+Susan Howard)

1970/71

Girls' Doubles (+Janet Hellaby)

Girls' Singles

1971/72

Girls' Doubles (+Janet Hellaby)

Mixed Doubles (+Ian Horsham)

1972/73

Girls' Singles

##### ENGLISH JUNIOR OPEN

1971/72

Mixed Doubles (+Ian Horsham)

1972/73

Girls' Doubles (+Anita Stevenson)

##### 16th EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (Piraeus, Greece)

1973

Mixed Doubles (+Desmond Douglas)

##### NORWICH UNION ENGLISH CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

1972/73

Women's Doubles (+Karenza Matthews)

Mixed Doubles (+Alan Hydes)

1973/74

Women's Doubles (+Karenza Matthews)

1975/76

Women's Doubles (+Jill Hammersley)

Mixed Doubles (+Desmond Douglas)

1976/77

Women's Doubles (+Jill Hammersley)

1977/78

Women's Doubles (+Jill Hammersley)

1978/79

Women's Doubles (+Jill Hammersley)

Mixed Doubles (+Desmond Douglas)

1980/81

Women's Doubles (+Jill Hammersley)

Mixed Doubles (+Desmond Douglas)

1981/82

Mixed Doubles (+Desmond Douglas)

##### 10th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Prague, Czechoslovakia)

1976

Women's Doubles (+Jill Hammersey)

##### NORWICH UNION ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1976/77

Women's Doubles (+Jill Hammersey)

1977/78

Mixed Doubles (+Desmond Douglas)

1978/79

Mixed Doubles (+Desmond Douglas)

## LINDA JARVIS RETIRES

Linda Jarvis (nee Howard) has announced her retirement from international table tennis at the age of 26 — after representing England for over 13 years. During that time she won 23 national titles, nearly all of them in Women's or Mixed doubles. In 1973, she first gained success at European level when, with Desmond Douglas, they became European Youth Mixed Doubles champions. The partnership matured into one of the most consistent in Europe — particularly in the European League where, in recent seasons, the Mixed doubles has often provided a vital set for England.

Linda was also a specialist in Women's doubles and, in 1976, when Jill Hammersley

## Cover Picture

Mikael Appelgren, winner of the men's singles title in the 13th European Championships in Budapest, and the fourth Swede to take the title succeeding Hans Alser (1962 and 1970), Kjell Johanssen (1964 and 1966) and Stellan Bengtsson (1972).

# Stiga English Schools Individual Championships

by DAVID LOMAS

A total of over 300 players — each of them county champions — were involved in the ninth annual Stiga English Schools Individual Championships which were staged at Mansfield Leisure Centre on Saturday, May 1st.

Lisa Bellinger (Bedfordshire) registered her fifth successive title when she won the Under-16 Girls' event to add to successes in the other three categories. Sister, Jackie, went out to winner Carol Butler in the Girls' Under-19 event but there was a unique boys "double" when Matthew Syed retained his Boys' U-11 title and brother Andrew won the Boys' Under-13 event.

It was quite a day for the younger players because Claire Potts (Cheshire) retained her Under-11 Girls' title. It is the first time that any player has won an Under-11 event twice.

There were "firsts" also for Staffordshire, Greater Manchester and Surrey Metropolitan entrants. Jill Powis (Staffs) won the Girls' U-13 event quite comfortably whilst Carl Preat's withdrawal from the Boys' Under-16 event left the way open for Billy Gleave to become Greater Manchester's first national champion. Mark Oakley (Surrey County) went out to Mark Ellett (Devon) in the quarter-finals of the Boys' Under-19 category and Ellett also defeated Iain Fullerton (Berkshire) in the semi-final before losing to Nicky Hoare (Surrey Metropolitan) in the final.

Another upset came in the Girls' U-19 event when England cadet Lesley Popkiewicz ousted No. 3 seed Lesley Broomhead (South Yorkshire) in the first round. Broomhead went on to win the consolation event whilst Popkiewicz went down to winner Carol Butler (Devon) in the quarters.

Besides the incentive of winning national championships there was also the possibility of players catching the selectors' eyes for places in the English Schools teams involved in the Stiga Schools International Championships which are scheduled for July 2/3/4 at Gloucester Leisure Centre.

Although there were the usual problems of some players not arriving on time for their matches things went very much as planned. Seventeen Stiga VM expert tables were in almost constant use.

ESTTA officials were well pleased with the Championships' second visit to Mansfield.

## RESULTS

### Boys' U-19 Semi-finals:

Mark Ellett (Devon) bt Iain Fullerton (Berks) 17, 13;

Nicky Hoare (Surrey Met.) bt David Dodd (Inner London) 10, -20, 17.

### Final:

HOARE bt Ellett 17, 16.

### Girls' U-19 Semi-finals:

Christine Peacock (Lancs) bt Susan Blackburn (Berks) -18, 11, 13;

Carol Butler (Devon) bt Jackie Bellinger (Beds) 18, 10.

### Final:

BUTLER bt Peacock 13, 10.

### Boys' U-16 Semi-finals:

David Rook (West Yorkshire) bt Nigel Tyler (Middlesex) 14, 12;



Mr. Bill Turner (Manager, Mansfield Leisure Centre), congratulates Andrew Syed (Berkshire), on his Boys' U-13 victory.



County Councillor Whitelaw (Vice-Chairman, Nottinghamshire County Council), congratulates Jill Powis (Staffordshire), on her Girls' U-13 success.



All smiles, from l to r: Helen Bardwell (s.f.), Lisa Bellinger (1st), Susan Collier (2nd), Tracy Lightfoot (s.f.), with Nicky Jarvis.

Billy Gleave (Gtr. Manchester) bt Andrew Sexton (Surrey Met.) 14, 13.

**Final:**  
GLEAVE bt Rook -16, 13, 9.

**Girls' U-16 Semi-finals:**  
Lisa Bellinger (Beds) bt Helen Bardwell (Herts) -19, 15, 19;

Susan Collier (Berkshire) bt Tracy Lightfoot (Cheshire) 8, -18, 10.

**Final:**  
BELLINGER bt Collier -15, 12, 17.

**Boys' U-13 Semi-finals:**  
Andrew Syed (Berkshire) bt Simon Brown (Gtr. Manchester) 5, 5;  
Adrian Dixon (W. Midlands) bt Paul Fisher (Shropshire) 15, 13.

**Final:**  
SYED bt Dixon 15, 17.

**Girls' U-13 Semi-finals:**  
Jill Powis (Staffs) bt Debbie Soothill (Cumbria) 12, 8;

Lisa Hayden (Essex County) bt Rachel Knight (Middlesex) -16, 14, 8.

**Final:**  
POWIS bt Hayden 14, 12.

**Boys' U-11 Semi-finals:**  
Matthew Syed (Berks) bt Damian Holland (Essex County) 13, 5;

Richard Jones (Surrey Met.) bt Richard Francis (Derbys) 19, 19.

**Final:**  
SYED bt Jones 13, 17.

**Girls' U-11 Semi-finals:**  
Claire Potts (Cheshire) bt Jane Wright (Devon) 9, -13, 16;

Kerry Hall (Derbys) bt Tracy Scott-Pawson (Dorset) 9, 15.

**Final:**  
POTTS bt Hall 9, -13, 16.

**Consolation Winners:**  
B19 Andrew Henry (Derbyshire)  
G19 Lesley Broomhead (South Yorkshire)  
B16 Ivan Smith (Shropshire)  
G16 Nikki Hamilton (Buckinghamshire)  
B13 Jonathan Bult (Humberside)  
G13 Melonie Carey (Somerset)  
B11 Andrew Eden (Lancashire)  
G11 Paula Hookem (Humberside)

**Photographic coverage  
by John O'Sullivan.**

## WANTED: TOP TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS WITH BRAINS

Newcastle University could be joining the hunt for top sportsmen and women who want to obtain a university degree but also have the potential to be international stars.

And, like Bath, Liverpool and Stirling before them, the University are hoping to support the chosen students with an offer of cash and extra time away from studies to concentrate on preparing for the top events. Newcastle have issued an appeal to commerce for the financial backing of their project.

The sports scholarship scheme — inspired by the American system yet different because academic standards are maintained — began in 1976 when the Director of Physical Recreation at Bath University — former British Pentathlete, Tom Hudson — secured a sponsor from industry for his brain child. Office Cleaning Services (OCS) put up the money in the first year — won by a canoeist — but Littlewoods (Pools) followed and, with OCS, scholarships for a golfer, archer, two judo fighters and a men's pentathlete have been awarded. "So far a suitable table tennis player has not applied", said Bath University Registrar, George O'Brien, "But there's no reason why table tennis should be excluded from the scholarship scheme".

Details of the two OCS Sports scholarships for 1982 can be obtained from Mr. C. L. S. Henderson, Secretary of the Sports Committee, Room 4 West 3.16, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY. Telephone Bath 61244 ext. 527. But don't forget your A-levels!

## ENGLAND HOST EUROPE TOP 12

Cleveland County Council is to stage the Europe Top 12 on behalf of the English Table Tennis Association in 1983. The Council is to provide the venue for the year's top European event, Thornaby Pavilion, as well as vital support for the local organisers, Cleveland County Table Tennis Association.

The 1983 Europe Top 12 will be the first time the event has been held in England since it began in 1971. Europe's top twelve men and top twelve women will be involved in a round-robin tournament to determine their European rankings and exciting matches are guaranteed at all stages of the three-day competition.

England is confident of at least two players participating — Desmond Douglas, the current European No. 3 and the Lambert and Butler Champion, and Jill Hammersley, European No. 3 and the former holder of the Europe Top 12 title.

# NATIONAL LEAGUE

by ROBERT OLDFIELD

## ELLENBOROUGH'S MARCH

At their third attempt, Ellenborough have won the National League. With a 7-1 victory against Unity, at Bradford, on 2nd May, and despite the absence of their No. 1 player, Graham Sandley, the Enfield club brought the season to a close and made sure of the Alan Ransome Cup and the accompanying £1000 cheque. The win over Unity may have confirmed their supremacy but, reviewing the season, four days in March laid the path for the ultimate prize.

March began, and ended, with Hassy Soham. In the first of four successive Sundays, a rearranged fixture with the Cambridgeshire club brought a vital point from the home match on 7th March. Two from Sandley, and one each from Mark Mitchell, were enough to reach the safety of four sets and concentrate their minds upon revenge for their only defeat, last October.

Perched on the top of the table, Sealink looked a reasonable bet for the Championship but were torpedoed by the tactical move of the season, by Ellenborough's selection committee . . . In came Dave Tan in place of the in-form Mitchell. "We wanted to play Dave at No. 3 so that he could have a crack at Donald Parker", said the mastermind behind the idea, Ellenborough's Lloyd Lewis, "And moving John up gave him the right to play Steve Mills and Dougie Johnson because we knew that Mark had no chance against Dougie". And it all went Ellenborough's way, even when Sealink opted to bring in their second Scot, Richard Yule . . . Sandley beat Sealink's most successful player of the season, Parker; Johnson 'countered' with a three-game win over Kitchener, but, four sets later, Sealink were facing a 5-1 deficit, on their way to a crushing 7-1 defeat — the biggest in the club's history.

Ellenborough were flying high. Omega were next for a 7-1 thrashing while, at the other end of the table and country, Mayfair Wallcoverings were gaining a 5-3 win over Bristol & West Investments in a vital relegation battle. And the only hurdle likely to provide an obstacle was Hassy Soham, the following week. Back came Mitchell. Out went Colin Wilson. And in stayed Tan . . . At 2-all, Paul Day faced Sandley. England's rising star won the first 26-24 but, with "scores not reflecting the quality" of the contest, revenge was struck . . . by 21-10, 21-13! "It was a magnificent game", said Soham's team manager, Eric Day, "Unbelievable table tennis. And we thought we'd clinched it, as, the week before (against Unity), John Souter was King. If John played like that all the time, nobody would live with him". However, on this occasion, he didn't, and Tan inflicted Souter's second defeat of the match to snatch a point, after Ellenborough had trailed by 4-2. Thus, the National League was won . . . and lost.

## BRISTOL & WEST RELEGATED

What, then, of the bottom of the table? One "hell of a struggle" was taking place between the teams in danger of the drop — Larkhall, Bristol & West Investments and Mayfair Wallcoverings. Two matches to go it looked like Larkhall, but, with a 6-2 win over Bristol & West, and a 5-3 win against a weakened Omega team on Apl. 4th. they slipped the relegation noose. Then it was Mayfair's turn to become Houdini —

and again it was Omega that failed to open the Second division trap-door when, in a re-arranged match on 2nd May, the inevitable Chu van Que lead his team to an invaluable 5-3 win.

So Bristol go down and, ironically, apart from the fact that they needed a fourth player after the differences of opinion with Max Crimmins, it was possibly a disappointing performance by their leading player, Dave Constance, which cost them their Premier division life. In the first match of the season, at Omega, Constance lost both his sets in the 4-4 draw. On the other hand, he also gave Bristol their only chances, which they failed to take. Both against Omega in the return, and then Larkhall. Both in March.

### DUNLOP BEATS BUTTERFLY TO STAY TOP

After losing to Generation in the first match of the season, Dunlop Birmingham's chances of missing the promotion play-off rested on the final match — Butterfly Cardiff on 4th April. Not surprisingly they turned out with their strongest team, and started as if they were destined to win 6-2 again. But Butterfly fought back to lead 3-2 . . . before the defensive trio of Barry Johnson, Barry Hayward and Derek Munt dug in.

For Hampshire's club, Generation, it is, therefore, another season of second division table tennis but, even in the National Second, their team of ex-internationals, Tony Clayton and Simon Heaps (surely the best No. 4 at this level?), and the England Junior No. 1, Carl Preat, will do well next season. The question is "Will Dolphins be up there with them?" — the Brighton club finished fourth in the table after slipping a little in the second half, and now have to play Tarmac Wolverhampton to escape the regional Third division. The play-off matches, to be played simultaneously, will take place on Sunday, 23rd May at Ellenborough's neutral venue, and Dolphins are hoping to give a boost to their new sponsors for next year — TCB (Twentieth Century Bank), the current sponsors of the local basketball team. They were helped by the news that Jill Hammersley is on England captain duty that day and cannot turn out for her third appearance for the Tarmac Wolverhampton club.

### MBS . . . BY TWO SETS

In Second Division North, after a disastrous start to the season, MBS St. Neots beat Grove for the title . . . by just two sets. "We lost our first three matches", recalled a delighted Cliff Olver of the MBS-sponsored club. "Then we strengthened the team considerably by adding Paul Randall at No. 3 . . . It made all the difference and, since then, we've only dropped one point". And Randall has only dropped two sets — vital support for ex-Soham player, Keith Richardson.

MBS are to play Dunlop Birmingham for the Premier Division place but Olver was cautious before the match. "We know that they're a very defensive team, which doesn't help our chances at all — particularly when we play away. I shall be very pleased, and surprised, if we manage to win". The matches were due to be played in mid-May.

Meanwhile, Grove's team all finished the season with high averages and there are rumours of a second team next season, to compete alongside Tony Boasman, Malcolm Green, Phil Bowen and Mark Hankey. Other consistent players in the division were Sealink's Linda Jarvis, Lindsay Taylor and Kevin Green. South West Durham could have done with one of them and may provide a space for a new team next season if they drop out of the league after one season.

### GOOD INVESTMENT BY SIB

Last October, Bath, sponsored by Selective Investment Brokers, lost 7-1 at home to

Dagenham F.C. Yet, at the end of the season, they were top of 3rd Division South, having taken advantage of the surprising win by Pengeley Sports Torbay over the Dagenham Motors supported club, early in the second half. Dagenham might have recovered on 21st March at Cranfield Colours Gwent but, in the end, lost 6-2. "To be fair to Dagenham" said the Gwent boss, Stephen Gibbs, "I think they found the journey rather exhausting — like we did to their place. We were 3-0 up before they won a set!" The result virtually sealed SIB Bath's victory — only matches against Pengeley Sports and Prudential Ibis remaining, which they won with ease, leaving their two most successful players, Paul Jackson and Andrew Golding, with 73% and 83%.

The season had its compensations for Dagenham, however. In Kevin Caldon and Steve Dettmar they had two of the division's most consistent players, and, said manager Peter Cranmer "We've enjoyed the social side of the league. There's a bar open after every home match and, for the last match of the season, Gillette Reading brought a coach load for a disco in the evening". In fact most of the new clubs in 3rd Division South have made a great impact in the developing of a team and the promotion of table tennis, and, for the best press coverage, congratulations to Cippenham. Thank you, Graham Trimming for your record-breaking 465 column inches!

### HERMITS EMERGE

Wharfedale Hermits, having won the 3rd Division North comfortably without defeat, were in no mood to start losing when they played SIB Bath in the play-offs en route to the National 2nd Division. At the first match, on 25th April, wins by Dave Harvey and Jon Chandler took SIB Bath to 2-all but Kevin Beadsley and Martin Stead both won two sets in the 6-2 away win. Bath made the journey north to Bradford on 2nd May but only managed to improve the score by one set.

Also as expected, South Yorkshire were the runners-up in the division. With an average attendance of over 100 reported for each match at the Brian O'Malley library in Rotherham, Graham Coe was pleased

with the club's first season in the National League. "The National League has captured the imagination of the area", said South Yorkshire's Manager, "and the club is developing from a very sound base. Hopefully we will be running two teams next year and we have set up a feeder squad of cadets for the club". Promise for the future and a standard for other clubs to follow.

### NEXT YEAR?

Expansion, Consolidation, Sponsorship, or a Women's League? All four were items for discussion at the last National League Committee. But one thing seems certain — that is a drive to enforce the National League standards and to encourage the membership of clubs which provide a full programme of table tennis activities linked with their National League team. One club Secretary told me recently, "I know that we're just a team at the moment, not a club, but we're looking for a way to establish our own club premises". This stability is vital to prevent the structure of the National League becoming frail and brittle.

### WHERE THEY FINISHED

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ellenborough	14	11	3	0	79	33	25
Sealink Ormesby	14	12	0	2	81	31	24
Hassy Soham	14	9	3	2	78	34	21
Unity	14	6	2	6	53	59	14
Omega	14	3	4	7	44	58	10
Mayfair Wallcoverings	14	2	3	9	37	75	7
Larkhall	14	2	2	10	38	74	6
Bristol & West Investments	14	2	1	11	38	74	5
2ND DIVISION SOUTH							
Dunlop Birmingham	14	12	1	1	89	23	25
Generation	14	12	0	2	79	33	24
Butterfly Cardiff	14	9	2	3	67	45	20
Dolphins	14	6	3	5	59	53	15
Graham Spicer	14	3	4	7	46	66	10
Larkhall II	14	4	2	8	43	69	10
Lansdown Medway	14	1	3	10	36	76	5
Gunnersbury Triangle	14	0	3	11	29	83	3
2ND DIVISION NORTH							
MBS St. Neots	14	10	1	3	78	34	21
Grove	14	10	1	3	76	36	21
Sealink Ormesby II	14	7	5	2	69	43	19
Tarmac Wolverhampton	14	8	0	6	66	46	16
Salford	14	5	4	5	64	48	14
March	14	5	3	6	54	58	13
Stockton	14	3	2	9	36	76	8
South West Durham	14	0	0	14	5	107	0

Salford have been awarded an 8-0 walk-over over South West Durham.



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### 3RD DIVISION SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
SIB Bath	14	11	2	1	77	35	24
Dagenham F.C.	14	11	1	2	76	36	23
Cranfield Colours Gwent	14	11	1	2	75	37	23
Gillette Reading	14	5	1	8	49	63	11
Prudential Ibis	14	4	2	8	48	64	10
Pengeley Sports Torbay	14	4	1	9	44	68	9
South Bank	14	2	2	10	40	72	6
Cippenham	14	2	2	10	39	73	6

Prudential Ibis have been awarded an 8-0 walk-over over Pengeley Sports Torbay.

### 3RD DIVISION NORTH

Wharfedale Hermits	12	10	2	0	72	24	22
South Yorks	12	8	2	2	66	30	18
Unity II	12	6	3	3	53	43	15
Tarmac Wolverhampton II	12	4	2	6	49	47	10
Ruston Bucyrus Lincoln	12	4	1	7	37	59	9
Billingham J. D. White Group	12	3	1	8	35	61	7
Sealink Ormesby III	12	1	1	10	24	72	3

### THE LEADING PLAYERS

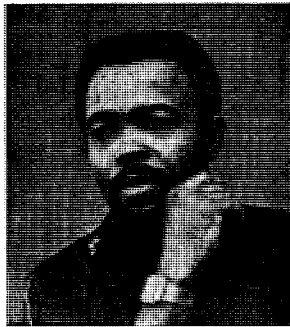
Premier Division	P	W	%
P. Day (Hassy Soham)	26	22	84
G. Sandley (Ellenborough)	24	20	83
D. Parker (Sealink Ormesby)	28	23	82
C. Wilson (Ellenborough)	22	18	82
K. Rodger (Sealink Ormesby)	22	17	77
D. Tan (Ellenborough)	16	12	75
K. Jackson (Hassy Soham)	28	20	71
D. Wells (Hassy Soham)	28	20	71
M. Mitchell (Ellenborough)	24	16	67
B. Johns (Sealink Ormesby)	22	14	63
S. Mills (Sealink Ormesby)	26	16	61
<b>2nd Division South</b>			
S. Heaps (Generation)	28	26	92
B. Johnson (Dunlop Birmingham)	28	26	92
C. Prean (Generation)	14	13	92
B. Hayward (Dunlop Birmingham)	28	22	78
D. Munt (Dunlop Birmingham)	26	20	76
N. Thomas (Butterfly Cardiff)	26	20	76
G. Evans (Butterfly Cardiff)	16	12	75
A. Clayton (Generation)	18	13	72
S. Kathuria (Dunlop Birmingham)	28	20	71
A. Moore (Dolphins)	28	19	67
<b>2nd Division North</b>			
P. Randall (MBS St. Neots)	20	18	90
P. Richards (MBS St. Neots)	20	18	90
T. Bowen (Grove)	26	22	84
L. Taylor (Sealink Ormesby II)	28	20	71
A. Rich (Tarmac Wolverhampton)	28	19	68
M. Hankey (Grove)	28	19	68
M. Green (Grove)	26	17	65
P. Taylor (MBS St. Neots)	26	17	65
G. Davies (March)	16	10	62
S. Scowcroft (Salford Select)	24	15	62
A. Bellingham (Tarmac W'ampton)	28	17	61
A. Boasman (Grove)	28	17	61
L. Jarvis (Sealink Ormesby)	20	12	60

## BUILDING A PARTNERSHIP

Five Closed Table Tennis Championships in Hampshire, Surrey and Essex have been given a welcome boost by Charles Church — a group of companies specialising in housing developments in the South of England. Announcing the sponsorship of £850, which is to be divided between the Aldershot, Surrey, Guildford, Basingstoke and Essex Closed Championships, a company spokesman said "Our company policy is community oriented and we are delighted to support a community sport like table tennis".

The Charles Church company began as a family concern in 1966 when Charles and Suzanne Church build their first house. Since then, the business has grown steadily to a multi million concern and the company are currently building at Woking, Camberley, Basingstoke, Guildford and Basildon. New sites at Bisley, Wimbledon, Crowthorn, Camberley and Ascot are expected shortly. Said one of the recipients — Essex Chairman, Alan Shepherd, "We are delighted to have received this unexpected support and we look forward to a successful association with Charles Church".

## THIS & THAT IN SURREY



by MURRAY CORBIN

### TWOSOME FOR HOLLABRUN

With this, the last issue of the season, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to these columns, either by sending me articles concerning their Leagues, or by parting with information when it was sought by me. Perhaps I could have the results of your Closed Championships by the middle of August, because I want to start preparing for the October issue at that time.

### SUCCESSFUL PIECES

If you have been following the exploits of the County Teams, you would have noticed that they had a splendid season, maybe with the exception of the Senior first, who did not have a settled side . . . NICKY HOARE is going great guns at the moment. Recently, he won Tunbridge Wells and the "Schools" at Mansfield and now learns that he has been chosen to represent England in the European Juniors in July along with Prean, Moore and Gleave. They will warm up in June in the French and Czechoslovakian Opens. I am particularly pleased for Nicky, because for nearly seven years I have coached him to play excitingly; by the end of July, he will see why. Fantastic news too for LESLEY POPKIEWICZ, who has been selected for the English Cadet Team for the European's. Before this, Lesley will attend the Cadet Training Camp in Denmark, and also warm up in the French Open. Great News! Well done Emil! Good Luck, Lesley and Nicky!

. . . A few issues back, I may have misinterpreted FRANK HAM'S thoughts and ideas regarding players having to wear numbers at Tournaments, so that spectators could easily identify them from the information supplied in Programmes. These facilities would obviously be expensive to many organisers to put into operation and Frank realises this. However, what he was trying to get through my thick head, was the fact that if Organisers and Referees would make sure that "flip over" scoreboards were used at all tables, the spectator could follow the progress of a game or games from one good vantage point. This is a very good idea. My fear is that there may be a lot more people "thicker" than myself.

### SUTTON YOUTH SERVICE

This year's Borough of Sutton Youth

Service TT Championships were extended to include youngsters from Sutton's five twin towns, who were invited to Sutton by ROSEHILL TT CLUB, who also arranged a team tournament and sponsored the Singles, Doubles and Mixed Championships, which for the first time, were held in the main hall at WESTCROFT SPORTS CENTRE. Altogether, about eighty players took part in the Tournament which was organised by DON BEESLEY — the Borough's Principal Youth and Community Officer, together with BARRIE KING — Sports Council Secretary and BOB LEWIS from Rosehill Club. The trophies and medals were presented to the winners and runners-up by JOHN PRINCE — Chairman of the London Borough of Sutton Sports Council.

### FINAL RESULTS

#### Cadet Boys' Doubles:

R. Hurley/S. Lewis bt R. Jones/S. Hurley 14, -23, 20.

#### Cadet Boys' Singles:

Graham Vigor bt Stephen Lewis 14, 15.

#### Junior Boys' Singles:

M. Korsgaard of Gladsaxe, Denmark bt F. Lamberts of Apeldoorn, Holland 15, 15.

In the semis, Korsgaard put out Graham Bateman and Lamberts stopped Graham Vigor: both games going to three.

#### U-21 Boys' Singles:

Neil Sutton bt Korsgaard -18, 12, 12.

Nice one, Neil!

In the Girls' Events, KAREN WILDE took the major titles. In the Girls' Cadets Maria Hitchcock was the runner-up, while in the combined U-17 and U-21 Girls' event, it was the turn of Miss Amanda Chapman to be runner-up to Karen, who in the Mixed, when partnered by Graham Chapman, were beaten by the more experienced pairing of PAUL JAMES/SUSAN TAME.

In the ROSEHILL TWIN TOWN SINGLES event, which nearly everyone took part in, JACOBSEN and ENEMARK from Denmark, who had lost in the Doubles to their countrymen — POLS/HOLM, faced each other. This time JACOBSEN barely squeezed home with a 16, -18, 20 win.

It sounds as if everyone had some fun. So remember folks, whenever you play, do it as if it is your last game, because you never know when it will be. Adios! Katanga!

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