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Conference Spectacular

Captivation of a television audience was never more in emphasis than with those transmissions from the Brighton Centre, where Sue Barker brought delight to home fans, and from the Hexagon, Reading where the cue artists of the snooker world displayed their skills.

Both these sports which lend themselves to television have one common factor, namely the rackets and the cues, neither having much difference, except perhaps for weight. But most certainly there were no hidden extras such as layers of sponge and other deceptive materials to bamboozle opponents.

Skill alone was the winner although we in the table tennis world have still to abide by a continuance of variable rubbers one would hope, that despite this, the forthcoming Lambert and Butler Championship at Wembley Conference Centre on November 22 will provide yet another TV spectacular.

With such players as Liang Ge Liang of China, Sweden's ex-World champion Stellan Bengtsson, Hungary's defending champion and 1981 World Cup winner Tibor Klampar, Poland's World Students champion Andrzej Grubba, together with England's European champion John Hilton and the mercurial Desmond Douglas it should not be difficult.

Here's hoping that table tennis and television will recapture the halcyon days of Brighton's Dome when two certain players of the People's Republic of China captivated all and sundry.

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On the International Front by The Editor

BACK ON TRACK

Following their initial 2-5 reverse at the hands of Federal Germany in the Super Division of the European League, England got back on track at Hinckley Leisure Centre, on Oct. 7, when they overpowered a lacklustre French team 7-0 in double quick time.

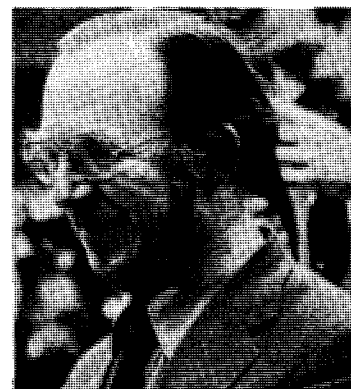
Sadly for the promoting Hinckley and District TTL, and their Gen. Sec., Mike Holt, the crowd fell far short of expectations although they could not have been aware that the visitors' line-up would not include Jacques Secretin, Christian Martin and Claude Bergeret.

Secretin, it was said, had opted out of playing European League matches and that Martin and Patrick Birocheau would only take it in turns, the latter appearing at Hinckley along with Bruno Parietti, Patrick Renverse and Nadine Daviaud.

England, for their part, dropped their European champion, John Hilton, whose place went to Paul Day and well did the Soham player take his chance beating both Birocheau and Parietti, further adding the doubles, in partnership with Desmond Douglas, at the expense of Parietti and Renverse.



Richard Yule, Scotland's match winner against Switzerland in Wettswil. With the match score standing at 3-3 the Aberdonian defeated Thomas Busin to secure the victory.



Notwithstanding the inauspicious start made by Jill Hammersley in her opening game against Miss Daviaud, and the middle game taken by Parietti against Day in the final set, it was all too easy with little to raise the enthusiasm of a below par audience.

Not even Douglas, with his devastating reflexes, could sustain the crowd's appreciation for, in all honesty, he had little in the way of real opposition, Birocheau, in particular, having a nightmare match.

RESULTS

D. Douglas bt B. Parietti 9, 14;
P. Day bt P. Birocheau 21, 8;
J. Hammersley bt N. Daviaud -19, 12, 12;
Day/Douglas bt Parietti/P. Renverse 12, 16;
Douglas/L. Jarvis bt Parietti/Daviaud 14, 17;
Douglas bt Birocheau 11, 9;
Day bt Parietti 18, -19, 17.

As a result of their 4-3 win away to Poland on Oct. 7, Czechoslovakia head the Super Division by virtue of a superior set average to that of the only other unbeaten country, Hungary, who, following their initial 4-3 win over Poland, beat Yugoslavia 5-2 in Miskolc.

In this latter engagement, also played on Oct. 7, the host country's Tibor Klampar, Europe's top-ranking player, was surprisingly beaten 14 and 13 by Zoran Kalinic. The other Yugoslav win came in the mixed doubles won by Kalinic and Gordana Perkucin over Gabor Gergely and Edit Urban.

SCORES

T. Klampar bt B. Mesaros 12, 11;
G. Gergely bt Z. Kalinic -15, 15, 19;
Z. Olah bt G. Perkucin 11, 10;
Klampar/Z. Kriston bt Kalinic/J. Urh 17, 16;
Gergely/E. Urban lost to Kalinic/Perkucin 19, -9, -14;
Klampar lost to Kalinic -14, -13;
Gergely bt Mesaros 18, 16.

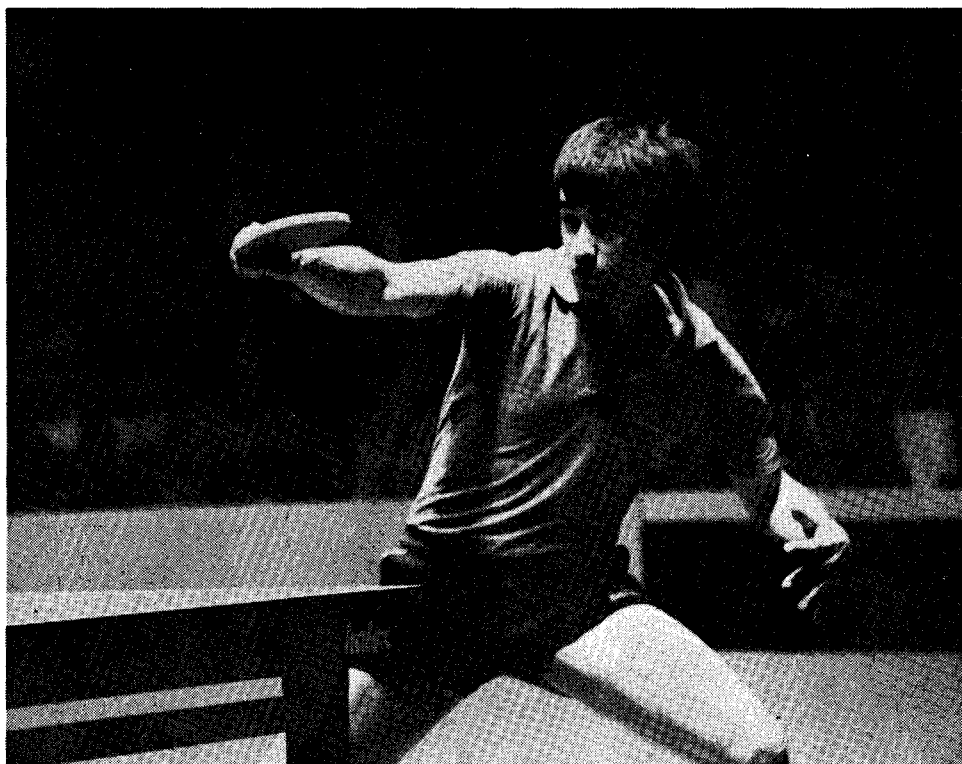
Scores from Varsovie, where Poland entertained the Czechs were:

A. Grubba lost to J. Dvoracek 17, -11, -16;
L. Kucharski lost to M. Orlowski -18, -17;
J. Szatko lost to M. Hrachova -12, -12;
Grubba/Kucharski bt Orlowski/J. Pansky 17, 18;
Kucharski/Szatko lost to Pansky/Hrachova -21, 24, -15;
Grubba bt Orlowski -10, 20, 17;
Kucharski bt Dvoracek 12, -4, 17.

Federal Germany, following up their win over England on Sept. 23, only managed to win one set in visiting Vasteras to take on Sweden who won 6-1 with Stellan Bengtsson and Mikael Appelgren unbeaten. Kirsten Kruger, who beat Mrs. Hammersley in Saarlouis, carried on her good work by beating Marie Lindblad.

SCORES

S. Bengtsson bt R. Wosik -17, 17, 8;
M. Appelgren bt P. Stellwag 12, 12;
M. Lindblad lost to K. Kruger 16, -19, -16;
Appelgren/U. Carlsson bt J. Rebel/Stellwag 19, 19;



Tibor Klampar, Hungary's top-ranked European, who was surprisingly beaten by Zoran Kalinic of Yugoslavia in Miskolc.

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Appelgren/Lindblad bt Wosik/Kruger 17, 10;
Bengtsson bt Stellwag 14, 11;
Appelgren bt Wosik 16, -14, 19.

Scores now to hand in respect of Yugoslavia's home match against Sweden in Sibenik on Sept. 23 were:

D. Surbek bt Appelgren 22, 17;
Kalinic bt Carlsson -13, 17, 19;
B. Batinic lost to Lindblad -12, -15;
Kalinic/Surbek bt Appelgren/Carlsson 17, -12, 20;
Surbek/Batinic lost to Appelgren/Lindblad 13, -26, -11;
Surbek bt Carlsson -18, 16, 19;
Kalinic lost to Appelgren -18, -18.

SUPER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Czechoslovakia	2	2	0	11	3	2
Hungary *	2	2	0	9	5	2
England	2	1	1	9	5	1
Sweden	2	1	1	9	5	1
Federal Germany	2	1	1	6	8	1
Yugoslavia	2	1	1	6	8	1
Poland	2	0	2	6	8	0
France	2	0	2	0	14	0

* Defending champions

WITHDRAWAL

Big shock in Division 1 has been the withdrawal of Bulgaria who, last season, finished runners-up to promoted Poland. Finland, who last season finished in third spot, now have Denmark, the promoted Division 2 champions of last season, to contend with for honours. And, also in contention, are the Soviets, demoted last season from the Super Division, who began their campaign away to Italy winning 7-0 in Bologna on Sept 24 the scores in that match being.

R. Troilo lost to I. Solopov -12, -10;
P. Bargagli lost to I. Podnosov -18, -16;
G. Zampini lost to F. Bulatova -14, -8;
S. Pero/Troilo lost to M. Ovcharov/Podnosov -15, -12;
Troilo/Zampini lost to Solopov/Bulatova -10, -17;
Bargagli lost to Solopov -16, -14;
Troilo lost to Podnosov 6, -17, -11.

More recently, on Oct. 7, Italy travelled to Bornholm where they were beaten 6-1 by the Danes whose only reverse was suffered

in the women's singles when Annie Larsen was beaten by Marina Cergol.

SCORES

J. Hansen bt Bargagli 16, 6;
K. Kartholm bt Troilo 16, 13;
A. Larsen lost to M. Cergol -20, -17;
Hansen/Kartholm bt Bargagli/Troilo 15, 16;
Harsen/Larsen bt Troilo/Cergol 15, 16;
Hansen bt Troilo 19, 21;
Kartholme bt Bargagli 18, 11.

Meantime, in Modling, Finland inflicted a home reverse on Austria who were beaten

5-2 with only Erich Amplatz taking a singles victory over the Finns.

SCORES

D. Palmi lost to J. Jokinen -18, 20, -19;
E. Amplatz bt K. Ikonen 18, 17;
E. Deistler lot to E. Malmberg -18, -19;
Amplatz/G. Muller lost to Ikonen/Jokinen -18, -17;
Muller/D. Fetter bt Jokinen/Malmberg 16, 12;
Palmi lost to Ikonen -11, -21;
Amplatz lost to Jokinen -26, 16, -21.

The Netherlands opened their account in Athens on Oct. 7 beating Greece 6-1, the one to escape the visitors being the last set of the match won by Demetrius Zikos against Ron van Spenje.

SCORES

C. Priftis lost to R. v. Spenje -19, 18, -18;
D. Zikos lost to A. Vlieg -17, -8;
F. Galanou lost to S. v. Kruiff -9, -10;
Priftis/Zikos lost to v. Spanje/Vlieg -16, -11;
Zikos/Galanou lost to v. Spanje/v. Kruiff -19, 14, -20;
Priftis lost to Vlieg 16, -15, -13;
Zikos bt v. Spanje 17, 15.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Denmark *	2	2	0	12	2	2
Finland	2	2	0	12	2	2
Soviet Union †	1	1	0	7	0	1
Netherlands	1	1	0	6	1	1
Austria	2	0	2	3	11	0
Greece	2	0	2	1	13	0
Italy	2	0	2	1	13	0

NB. Bulgaria has withdrawn.

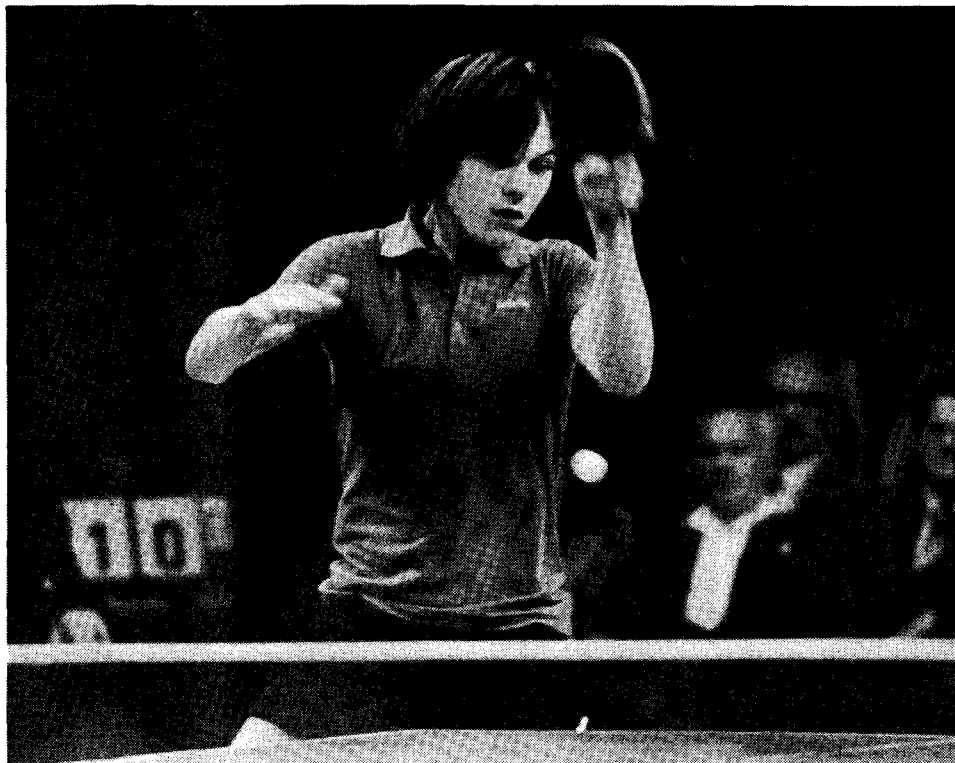
* Promotees. † Demotees.

SCOTS SUCCESS

Of the three home countries competing in Division 2 only Scotland achieved success winning 4-3 away to Switzerland on Oct. 2. Having taken a 3-0 lead following wins by Richard Yule, David Hannah and Carole Dalrymple, the visitors were pulled back to 3-all allowing for a grandstand finish by Yule who beat Thomas Busin in the all-important final set.

SCORES

M. Hafen lost to R. Yule -21, -18;
T. Busin lost to D. Hannah -11, -14;
F. Weibel lost to C. Dalrymple -12, -14;



Mikael Appelgren of Sweden who had wins over Peter Stellwag and Ralf Wosik of Federal Germany in Vasteras.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, London SW17.

Busin/Hafen bt Hannah/Yule -19, 14, 13;
 Busin/B. Witte bt Yule/Dalrymple
 19, -15, 19;
 Hafen bt Hannah 14, 10;
 Busin lost to Yule -10, -17.

It was the same story at Swansea, on Oct. 7, with all hanging on the result of the final set in which Yves Mass secured victory for Luxembourg by beating Nigel Thomas. The Welsh had equated the match score in the penultimate set when Alan Griffiths secured a victory over Andre Hartmann.

SCORES

A. Griffiths bt Y. Maas 18, 19;
 N. Thomas lost to A. Hartmann -19, -15;
 L. Tyler lost to C. Risch -15, -12;
 Griffiths/Thomas bt Elchereth/Hartmann
 18, 15;
 Griffiths/Tyler lost to Hartman/Risch
 -17, -18;
 Griffiths bt Hartmann 15, -20, 15;
 Thomas lost to Maas -23, -16.

Ireland, away to Spain (scores awaited) were beaten 5-2 but Norway, at home to Belgium on Oct. 3 in Husoy, triumphed 4-3 when, in the final set, Tom Johansen beat Thierry Cabrera 9 and 25!

SCORES

P. Guttormsen lost to T. Cabrera
 -17, 12, -17;
 T. Johansen bt R. De Prophetis -17, 23, 12;
 -17, 12, -17;
 T. Folkeson lost to B. Lippens -17, -17;
 Guttormsen/Johansen bt Cabrera/De
 Prophetis -15, 16, 12;
 Guttormsen/Folkeson bt Cabrera/Lippens
 11, -11, 9;
 Guttormsen lost to De Prophetis -14, 15, -21;
 Johansen bt Cabrera 9, 25.

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Norway	2	2	0	10	4	2
Spain	2	2	0	9	5	2
Belgium	2	1	1	9	5	1
Switzerland	2	1	1	9	5	1
Luxembourg	2	1	1	7	7	1
Scotland	2	1	1	5	9	1
Wales	2	0	2	4	10	0
Ireland	2	0	2	3	11	0

FIXTURES

Scheduled fixtures for the third series of matches on Nov. 11 read:

Super Division

Federal Germany v Hungary (Hochstadt)
 France v Poland
 Czechoslovakia v Sweden
 England v Yugoslavia (Westcliff-on-Sea)

Division 1

Netherlands v Austria
 Soviet Union v Greece
 Finland v Denmark
 Open Date: Italy

Division 2

Ireland v Wales
 Luxembourg v Norway
 Belgium v Scotland
 Switzerland v Spain

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Men

Round 1

DT Schiffeleng (Lux) bt Penya Solera (Spa)
 5-3;
 Virum Sergenfri (Den) walk-over;
 Pellicce Canali (Ita) bt S.C. de Portugal
 (Por) 5-0;
 Spartak Subotica (Yug) bt Akademic
 Swishtov (Bul) 5-4;
 SV Raiffeisen (Aus) bt Anahilt TTC (Ire)
 5-0;
 Tempo Team (Net) bt KR Reykjavik (Ice)
 5-0.

Women

Round 1

Rodopi Momchilgrad (Bul) bt Olympiacos
 SFP (Gre) 5-2;
 CTT Corenne (Bel) bt Clube Philipe (Por)
 5-2;
 Tip 70 (Fin) bt Motor Lublin (Pol) 5-2;

Ellenborough (Eng) bt Capip Dommeldange
 (Lux) 5-2;
 Scylla Leiden (Net) bt Zero Copenhagen
 (Den) 5-2.

Round 2

DSC Kaiserburg (GFR) bt TTC Uster (Swi)
 5-0.

Cover Picture

Soham's Paul Day towelling off after victories over Patrick Birocheau and Bruno Parietti in the European League match against France at Hinckley. Preferred to John Hilton for this encounter Day also tasted success in the men's doubles, with Des Douglas, against Patrick Renverse and Parietti.

FOUR T's 'ONE STAR'

PREAN SUPREME

by David Cosway

Record entries of a high standard with 145 in the men's singles and a total entry of 190. Combine this with a new venue with its resultant problems and you will see why I consider the club did well to finish this one day event on Sept. 20 earlier than usual. The top quarter of the men's singles saw No. 1 seed Graham Sandley beat junior Michael Hammond while David Dodd, another junior, got the better of N. Thomas. Stephen Moore had a good win over Paul Namdjou before beating his brother Adrian to reach the last 8. Carl Prean beat J. Payne to reach the same stage. Richard Jermyn had a good win over Malcolm Francis and Gordon Chapman beat T. Briscoe.

Another junior, Nicky Hoare, came through a strong sector with a great win over David Constance while Colin Wilson reached his allotted place with a win over C. Carder. In the quarters Sandley beat Dodd, Prean beat Moore, Jermyn beat

Chapman and Wilson beat Hoare. Two close semis with Prean showing so much maturity for a cadet with Sandley trying to slow his young opponent down, but Carl refusing to be rattled. In the end it was Graham that broke to put Carl through to the final. The other half had Wilson justifying his No. 2 spot with a close victory over the 'dark horse' Jermyn.

Well, could Carl add another illustrious scalp to his increasing list of victories? The simple answer was yes — in straight games. The first, with Wilson not really reading it at all, was not as close as the 21-18 score line suggests. When Carl went into an 11-4 lead in the second it looked all over. Colin fought back well to level at 19-all but again it was the younger nerves that held. So Carl became the youngest-ever holder of this title and the question must now be how far can he go, after knocking out two England-ranked players in taking his first senior open title. To help in answering this question I would point out that the last player to win both the men's and junior events in the same year, before Sandley, was a certain Desmond Douglas. Can Carl follow the same path?

The non-appearance of the No. 1 and 2 seeds, Angela Mitchal and Sarah Sandley, made the draw for the women's singles a bit of a lottery. Lorraine Garbet took advantage of the gap at the top of the draw to beat B. Clark in the quarters.

Alison Boxall knocked out Hants No. 1, Serina Sinanin, before going out to the holder Cheryl Creasey 16 in the third, in the quarters. Nina Tsakarisanos had a good win over S. James, while Janet Parker was taken the whole way by Susan Collier before easing out 25-23 in the third, having lost the first at 8! Janet had no such troubles from the other junior, Nina, and Lorraine also had a win over Cheryl. The final was a see-saw affair with Lorraine recovering from a 6-21 reversal in the first game to win the next two.

The men's doubles proved the most predictable event with the top four seeds reaching the semis and the top two the final. Sandley partnered Wilson to a comfortable semi win over brother Steve,

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partnering Derek Holman. Paul Namdjou and Francis had a tight "deuce" in the third win over the brothers Moore, but were no match for the top seeds in the final. In the women's doubles Susan Collier and Nina Tsakarisianos had good wins over Pauline Soper and Christine Davies in the quarters and Lorraine Garbet and P. May in the semis. In the other half Serina Sinanin and Janet Parker beat top seeds Cheryl Creasey and Laura Goldsmith in the semis and had a tight win in the final. The mixed title went to top seeds Wilson and Cheryl Creasey with a win over Andrew Sexton and Lorraine Garbet in the semis before overcoming Francis and Susan Collier in the final.

With ten England-ranked Juniors in the boys' singles it was a very competitive event. Prean beat David Dodd in the quarters and Hoare in the semis. Nicky had ended Paul Jackson's hopes earlier. N. Tyler had knocked out Ray Namdjou before he went down to Hammond in the quarters. Darren Griffin went out to R. Campbell who in turn was beaten by Adrian Moore. Hammond justified his newly-acquired England ranking with an excellent 18 in the third win over Adrian Moore but was no match for Prean in a very one sided final. Susan Collier had a good win in the girls' singles over Nina Tsakarisianos. Leane Harman had knocked out No 4 seed Alison Boxall in the quarters before going down to Nina in the semi at which stage Susan had tight win over Cheryl Creasey.

Again the club were indebted to its sponsors who included Snows Office Supplies, Elkins Engineering, John Jaques and TEES Sports, which enabled the highest-ever prize fund to be offered. I hear that both the tournament organiser Rowland Bennett and referee Peter Thorne have indicated they may not wish to continue next season with these posts. The tournament's success is due to a large extent to the hard work of these two experienced club members. One of their criticisms has been the lack of help from club members, and unfortunately I can only agree with these sentiments. With the help of outsiders, like County Chairman Brian Lamerton, and an E.T.T.A. observer in Pat Archdale who does so much more than observe - and provide (Opal) Fruits, the administration could fall down. It would however, be a great pity if this old-established tournament should cease and I

hope we can come up with officials to run it next season.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

C. Prean (IOW) bt G. Sandley (Mi)

13, -20, 18;

C. Wilson (Mi) bt R. Jermyn (He)

19, -13, 18.

Final:

PREAN bt Wilson 18, 19.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

L. Garbet (Sy) bt C. Creasey (Do) 14, 17;

J. Parker (Wi) bt N. Tsakarisianos (Gs) 11, 7.

Final:

GARBET bt Parker -6, 8, 14.

Men's Doubles Final:

SANDLEY/WILSON bt M. Francis (Sx)/

P. Namdjou (K) 12, 16.

Women's Doubles Final:

PARKER/S. SINANIN (Ha) bt S. Collier

(Bk)/Tsakarisianos 18, -20, 17.

Mixed Doubles Final:

WILSON/CREASEY bt Francis/Collier

13, -17, 13.

Boys' Singles Final:

PREAN bt M. Hammond (Sy) 7, 13.

Girls' Singles Final:

COLLIER bt Tsakarisianos 21, 17.

ing handicap events and tournaments when only one table is available for play. He even has the temerity to introduce a different method of logging games that, in essence, opposes the established method of reporting tournaments.

Personally, I found that some of his ideas tended to confuse rather than simplify issues but his reasoning was easy to follow. At times I had the feeling that the booklet had been written to provide argument and discussion. It is available from the author for the lowly price of 60p.

HOW TO PLAY TABLE TENNIS

by Peter Simpson

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In contrast to the above home produced volume, this book by Peter Simpson is the product of the professional publisher. Throughout it is studied with quality pictures, it is clearly printed and well bound with most attractive cover boards. Who is the player on the cover picture? is a question I have been asked by three separate T.T. enthusiasts. In a publication of this standard that includes quite a large space to acknowledgements I was surprised the name was not given. Notwithstanding this omission it is a cover of rare quality being both colourful and animated.

All aspects of the game are covered within the pages of the book even to dealing with the subject of clothing for both training and competition. As expected from the National Team Trainer, Peter Simpson is well informed and he imparts the information with clarity and an easy to read style. This is a very readable table tennis book but as a collector I am now finding that the market is becoming saturated with similar types of instructional books. The continuing story of how to impart top-spin, execute a forehand drive and improve your service technique has limited variations. Personally, I would have liked an insight into some of the dramatic happenings that must have come Peter's way when travelling the globe in pursuit of the tiny white celluloid. It could be of course that I am jumping the gun and such a story is already in the pipeline.

For a recommended price of less than £3.00 this is a good buy and would make a presentable gift for a sporting nephew or niece. Indeed, for any table tennis enthusiast it would be a very acceptable Christmas present.

BOOK REVIEWS

by RON CRAYDEN

CHALLENGE OF TABLE TENNIS

by George Smith

The name of George Smith is virtually unknown, even in table tennis circles, so it is understandable that the publishing world has shown little interest in marketing his brain child the "Challenge of T.T.". However, full credit must be given to him for an unswerving determination to express his ideas and put them into print. After many hours of labour he has finally produced this slim booklet in duplicated form.

Although some of the readers of this booklet may quickly dismiss the author's thoughts on the game as trivial and capricious, unquestionably George Smith has had the courage to suggest remedies. For example, he puts forward ideas of attracting increased spectator support by highlighting situations throughout each game. He delves into the practicalities of arrang-

HONOURABLE MENTION

Our Life Vice-President Ivor Montagu received an honourable mention in The Times Literary Supplement in the issue 31st July, 1981.

Lord Annan reviewing a recently published book "Kingsmen of a Century 1873-1972" by L. P. Wilkinson, gives some details of the lives of some of those who passed through King's College, Cambridge. In speaking of politics, reference is made inter alia to three undergraduates one being Ivor Montagu "who transformed ping pong into the world sport of table tennis which he rightly judged would delight the urban proletariat".

Ivor's comment on reading this was "Well! Well!".

Editor.

Correction

APPROVED EQUIPMENT

In the list of balls approved by the I.T.T.F. on Page 4 of the October issue appears Double Super 3-Crown which should, of course, read DUNLOP SUPER 3-CROWN.

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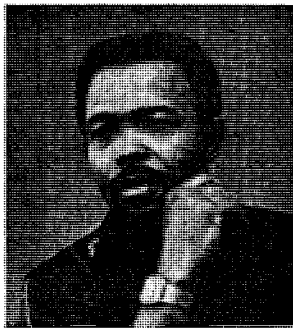
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by MURRAY CORBIN

I am still suffering from the shock of seeing that only a quarter of my notes were communicated to you last month, due to the lack of space. However, I hope that you found some of it useful.

COUNTY MATCHES ROUND-UP

Dorset had a narrow 6-4 win over our Senior 1st Team last month. I note with interest that in spite of our women — Garbet and Tame, being responsible for three wins — only McQueen, of the men, could scrape another notch, although Oakley and Holloway were in attendance and actually participated. Dorset, with three imports — Dave Constance, ex-Cheshire; Tony Clayton, ex-Yorkshire; Simon Heaps, ex-Berkshire; along with their women — Creasey and Applin, proved a very competent team. We can not rely on the services this season of Crimmins unless he changes his mind and with the infrequent availability of Wellsman and Hannah, which I can understand, our Team at this level may struggle, unless the substitutes can improve on their form rapidly.

The Senior 2nd Team travelled to Norwich to play Norfolk and returned with a 7-3 victory. Much thanks in this success is owed to John Hitchcock, the father of Maria, who, at a very short notice, was willing to transport the Team in his motor-caravan, one of whose many mod-cons is the "tea brewing facility", which was appreciated greatly.

While the senior teams were playing away from home, the Junior 2nd was busy giving Somerset a 10-0 exhibition at Tweedale School, Carshalton. Well done!

I am now making a direct request to the County Captains that they 'phone me within 48 hours of a match with the necessary information. It is their responsibility and with a nudge of encouragement from the County, could become their "obligation". It is unfair for me to have to depend too much in this respect on the overworked Mike Kercher. His "handouts" generally arrive too late for publication.

ROSEHILL T.T. CLUB

A party of 13 players, ranging in age from 13 to 50 years, visited Apeldoorn in Holland, in early September. The group were guests of members of a small T.T. Club, which was formed from employees of the Veg GASINSTITUUT n.v., who had visited Sutton in 1980.

The main event was a national tournament in which Rosehill were guests competitors. Twenty or so of the top 50 players in Holland took part in the Tournament which, with an entry of 250, was divided into seven classes according to ability. Rosehill personnel figured in four finals and three semi-finals.

During a barbeque party on the last evening, the Rosehill TTC presented a silver trophy — The Rosehill Cup, to the host Club, with the object that it be awarded annually on the basis of criteria to be determined by the Dutch. It is hoped that the trophy will be a constant reminder of



Mr. ALAN CHORLEY, General Manager of London and South East Building Society — the main sponsor of the recent SOUTH OF ENGLAND OPEN, presents DAVID TANN of Middlesex with the Men's Singles Trophy, after David's breathtaking win in the third over MAX CRIMMINS. Peter Brennan, National Councillor and General Secretary of Surrey T.T.A., looks on, while in the background, Philip Goacher, Surrey Umpire Secretary, keeps a check on his "well recognised" beard.

the friendships that were built during the last year.

This excursion was the fourth event in a series in which the Club has collaborated with the London Borough of Sutton, in developing links with Rosehill's twin towns in Europe. Planning for events in 1982 has begun already. By the way, I am still trying to figure-out where Mike Kercher fits into the age range I mentioned earlier. The other twelve of the contingent were Brenda White, Barbara Kirtley, Susan Head, Susan Tame, Bob Lewis, Neil Sutton, Martin Jones, Pat Baker, Steve Thorn, the illustrious Mr. Gavan, Russell Hurley and Steven Bailey.



FRANK PRIEST, M.B.E., Founder Chairman and currently President of The Sutton League, receives the TREVOR CHANNING Trophy from Mrs. Stella Channing while RON CRAYDEN, Chairman of the Surrey TTA looks on. The presentation will be made yearly to the person who in the opinion of the Management Committee, has done or is doing a great deal for local table-tennis. I am sure that the late Trevor Channing would have approved of the 'In Memoriam' idea.

BITS AND PIECES

I am very impressed with PLAYRITE'S new catalogue. Fantastic! . . . I did think of gate crashing Miss Garbet's recent birthday party for a publicity photo, but then I asked myself, "Why the heck should I" . . . Near the end of June, DAVID FAIRHOLM, Region 2 National Coach, visited Graham Spicer at New Malden to address a cross section of County Coaches. The object of the exercise was to help familiarise and explain the latest ETTA coaching manual, which updates the 1976 edition. BERNARD ROWLEY, the Regional Chairman, took this opportunity to explain the new Regional set-up containing 10 Counties; the original 5 of Surrey, Kent, Essex, Sussex and Middlesex, plus Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Hampshire, Isle-of-Wight and Buckinghamshire. This amalgamation became necessary due to the Sports Council grant being shared between the nominal number of Regions; inflation is probably one of the key factors here. Therefore, be on the lookout for a Regional Ranking Tournament soon . . . JOHN SOMERVILLE must be congratulated for the excellent job he has done since taking over the Inter-League Secretariat from the efficient JOHN GARLAND . . . I do hope that the operation to alleviate deafness in one of JANE BARELLA'S ears has been totally successful . . . Unfortunately, I cannot yet record a win for Graham Spicer's National League Team, they look good on paper though! . . . Thank you CHRIS GEORGE from Toronto for sending me copies of "UPDATE", the Ontario T.T. News Magazine, and "TABLE TENNIS TOPICS", the official magazine of the United States TTA . . . By now you would have realised that the entry to our Junior Closed was way below average. I wonder why! . . . IAN CHAPMAN is a nice little chap. I can not blame MIKE HAMMOND for his sustained admiration for Ian's sister, AMANDA; I think she is "terrific" . . . ANDREW SEXTON still has his band of feminine admirers: more on you later lad! . . . Poor DAVID DEWSBURY! his game has gone to the wind. How long for? . . . You must encourage your friends to order "TABLE TENNIS NEWS" . . . Important dates to note: Nov. 7 SURREY SNR. 1 & 2 are at home to KENT 1 & 2, respectively; DORSET JNRS. take on our JUNIOR 2nd Team at their place out west, Wed. 11th; ENGLAND/YUGOSLAVIA at South-end. 21st; HERTFORDSHIRE are at home against the SURREY SNR. 1st; SUSSEX

SNR. 2nd are also at home to meet SURREY SNR. 2nd, 21st & 22nd; Junior Premier Weekend at St. Neots between Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire and Middlesex, 28th/29th... I am sure that you will join with me in sending a message of sympathy to the MOORE Family of Sidley, Sussex, for the great loss they have sustained recently... Forthcoming birthdays this month: CARL MINGO'S on 19th, JANE SUTTON'S on the 26th, and next month, JOHN CORNELIUS is also getting older on the 8th... If they arrested you today, would there be sufficient evidence to prosecute you for having too professional an approach to your game? Or would you suffer persecution? ... Adios!

PS. Congratulations to Andrew Sexton on winning the boys' singles at the Kent Junior 2-Star and commiserations to Michael Hammond, the losing finalist.

THE ELEVENTH MACCABIAH GAMES

6th - 16th July, 1981

by ALAN SHEPHERD

Every four years there is held in Israel what is virtually the Jewish Olympic Games, when sportsmen and women from all over the world compete in most of the Olympic sports and some others, such as table tennis. In the past Great Britain has reaped a rich harvest in gold medals when represented by such as Jeff Ingber, Stan Jacobson, Melvyn Waldman and Irene Ogus, but sadly those days are gone and our Organising Committee was seriously considering sending no team at all. Fortunately they decided in the end to select a young team with an eye to the future rather than to immediate successes, and they did me the honour of asking me to act as Team Captain. The players under my wing were Martin Schapira (14) of Northumberland, Perry Somers (16) of Herts and Jonathan Samuel (20) of Berks.

We assembled at Heathrow Airport along with our fellow sportsmen, who were footballers, fencers, athletes, gymnasts, swimmers, golfers, cricketers and tennis and badminton players. There was a great sense of excitement in the air because for most of these young men and women this was an entirely new venture — a heading off into the unknown. Even for the old hands like myself, making my fifth visit to these Games, there was a tingling of anticipation amid thoughts of the sunshine and the competition ahead.

After the usual hustle and bustle, baggage checks, passport control and those other details known to all air travellers we boarded our El Al Jumbo and eventually took off. Four and a half hours later we landed in Israel at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv. When I was last there it was called Lod, and before that Lydda. Whatever its name it was just as hot and sticky as ever, even in the late evening of our arrival.

Buses took us to our centres of accommodation and it was the last we saw for a good while of most of our colleagues, as we were to live in the Tel Aviv University with the swimmers, water polo players and badminton players of all the nations. We shared a flat of four rooms with the British badminton squad and our little team had two rooms to itself. That first night we got quickly and gratefully to bed although we found sleep very difficult to come by in the humid and non-airconditioned Israeli night. It was several nights later that we made the acquaintance of the local cockroach population which apparently took certain umbrage at our arrival. We trod on a few but realised soon that they lived there too,

and became on first name terms with them. We never did find out, though, whatever happened to Henrietta the Cockroach.

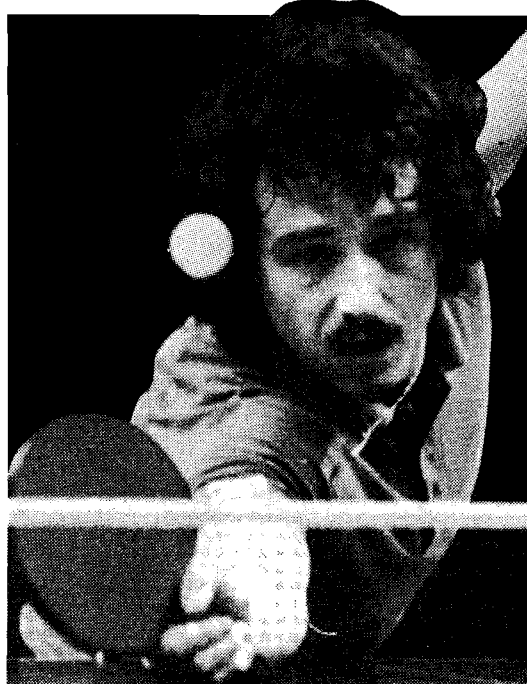
DIVERSION

On the second night there was a diversion when the Venezuelan team decided that the living conditions were far from what they were used to in Caracas, and moved out, luggage and all. Rather cleverly they discovered the plush hotel in which the local Organising Committee was living, and staged a sit-in in the foyer! The next day an army of cleaners appeared, electric fans were issued to all rooms, and the Venezuelans moved back in. Even the cockroaches seemed pleased.

Four days lay ahead of us before the Team event started and we spent these in

practice sessions, getting to know the players from the other countries, and teaching Martin Schapira how to play solo. It was probably in this latter area that the absence from the team of Mike Lissen was most missed. I also took Jonathan Samuel on a shopping expedition to Dizengoff Street, Tel Aviv's answer to Oxford Street. This proved very interesting particularly the return journey for which I suggested we take the No. 1 bus, which I had seen passing the University. About an hour later this deposited us in a deserted street in some far flung suburb from which it appeared that I had somehow got it wrong. Another bus, a taxi and a lot of shekels later, we got back!

The next event was the Opening Ceremony held in the big Stadium in Tel



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REGIONS, DATES, VENUES & REGIONAL ORGANISERS

1. SCOTLAND

Saturday, 30th January, 1982;
Grangemouth Sports Complex,
GRANGEMOUTH.

P. Howarth

2. WALES & WEST

(Wales plus Gloucestershire, Avon, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Wiltshire)

Wednesday, 23rd December, 1981;
National Sports Centre, CARDIFF;
Mrs. N. Roy Evans

3. NORTH

(Cumbria, Northumberland, Durham, Cleveland, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire)

Wednesday, 30th December, 1981;
Nab Wood Sports Centre, BRADFORD;
H. Soova

4. MIDLANDS

(Cheshire, Derbyshire, Salop, Staffordshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Leicestershire)

Tuesday, 22nd December, 1981;
The Grove School, MARKET DRAYTON;
I. Marshall

5. EAST

(Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Huntingdonshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire, Middlesex)

Monday, 28th December, 1981
Luton Sports Centre, LUTON;
B. Ashton

6. SOUTH EAST

(Surrey, Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Berkshire)

Tuesday, 29th December, 1981
Britannia Leisure Centre, Shoreditch,
LONDON N 1; B. Pollentine

PROVISIONAL TIME SCHEDULE FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

0900	U15	Team Events
1000	U13	Team Events
1300	U15	Singles Round 1 Groups
1400	U13	Singles Round 1 Groups
1500	U15	Singles Round 2 Groups
1600	U13	Singles Round 2 Groups
1900		FINALS

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- Under 13 players may enter Under 15 events additionally.
- Group and Knockout System of play throughout. All players must umpire one set per group.
- Final date for receipt of entries Monday, 16th November, 1981.
- All players will receive acknowledgement card and time of first match.
- No charge for players to venues, persons accompanying players will be charged 25p for admission.

- Travelling expenses will not be paid to players for regional tournaments. National finalists and their parents will be given return rail tickets to the National Finals.
- A parent or guardian must sign the entry form to signify acceptance of the rules.

Complete rules will be sent to all players.

SEALINK YOUTH CUP ENTRY FORM

(please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Date of Birth _____

Please tick events entered

1. Under 15 Boys Singles	Fee £1.50
2. Under 15 Boys Team Event	Fee £1.00 (each)
3. Under 15 Girls Singles	Fee £1.50
4. Under 15 Girls Team Event	Fee £1.00 (each)
5. Under 13 Boys Singles	Fee £1.50
6. Under 13 Boys Team Event	Fee £1.00 (each)
7. Under 13 Girls Singles	Fee £1.50
8. Under 13 Girls Team Event	Fee £1.00 (each)

Team Events; Please state partner's name or if partner required.

TOTAL ENTRY FEE £ _____

I agree to accept the rules as printed.

Signature _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Entry form to be completed and returned with entry fee to: Richard Scruton, Sealink Youth Cup, Tees Sport Limited, Zetland Place, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS1 1HJ by 16th November, 1981.

ORGANISED BY **TEES SPORT**

Kong second. To win our group, and play Hong Kong instead of Denmark to make Category 1, we had to beat Rumania either 5-1 or 5-0. So -

E. Boggan d. S. Moraru -17, 15, 12;
D. Seemiller d. S. Crisan 15, 13;
R. Seemiller d. S. Dobasi -10, 20, 19
(from 7-15!);
E. Boggan d. Crisan -11, 16, 12
(from 7-9);
R. Seemiller d. Moraru 16, 10;
and Category 1 here we come!

We beat Hong Kong 5-1 in the crossover. In the final match, for 17th place, we rested Danny. Denmark, to our surprise, played Claus Pedersen, and beat us 5-1.

Danny's combined record in Category 2 for 1975, 1977 and 1981 is 66-1!

Our Women's team, who were in Category 1 in 1979, was without our 2 strongest players from 2 years ago — In Sook Bhushan, has a boy, and He-Ja Lee, has a girl! Thus, our team was 4 rookies, Cheryl Dadian, Carol Davidson, Faan Yeen Liu and Sheila O'Dougherty. The girls beat Ireland 3-1, Italy 3-0 and New Zealand 3-2 — Jan Morris of N.Z. showed commendable sportsmanship by correcting an umpire's error that would have favoured her, in a very close match. We lost to Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark and Malaysia, all 0-3. (Why are Canada and the U.S.A. in the same group? As the 2 countries in North America, we play each other quite often).

In the crossover we lost to India 0-3, and in the final match for 27th place we again played New Zealand. This time they won 3-2, so we finished 28th.

The Canadian Men finished 29th in 1979, and were looking forward to improving on that position. Upon arrival in Novi Sad, they were told they were in Category 3! This position was correct — the additions of South Korea and Israel to Categories 1 and 2 meant that 2 teams had to be relegated to Category 3 — but no one told the Canadians! Disheartened by this shock, they lost to Pakistan 3-5 and to Brazil 3-5, then beat Cyprus 5-0, Iceland 5-0 and Malta 5-0, and ended up in 41st place.

The Canadian Women, in Category 2, beat the United States 3-0, Ireland 3-1, Denmark 3-1, Malaysia 3-1, New Zealand 3-1 and Italy 3-2, and lost to Bulgaria 1-3. In the Crossover match vs. Netherlands, Mariann Domonkos won the 2nd game from Bettine Vriesekoop at 13, and it was 16-all in the 3rd, but Bettine won it at 17, and Canada lost 0-3. They then lost to Bulgaria again, to end up in 20th place and still in Category 2. The Netherlands and Austria went up to the top grouping for 1983.

Individual Results - U.S.

Men's Singles

Dan Seemiller lost to Takashima -14, 18, -16.
Dan's comment — "After playing in group 2, I'm not ready for a really tough match. I'll be better next time (1983) as we are now in group 1".

Rick Seemiller lost to Stipancic -16, -11, 10, -21.

Eric Boggan lost to Maehara -17, -22, 19, -17.
His comment — "At duece I'm stumbling around and he's confident". Top level experience is hard to get for a North American player.

Scott Boggan won his qualifying group by beating E. Florescu (RUM), M. Sabri (PAL) 2-0, and G. M. Aleixo (BRA) 19, 12. In the first round, he lost to Hasanov (BUL) -19, 21, -18, -9.

Mike Bush lost to S. Moraru (RUM) in the qualifier.

Women's Singles

Faan Yeen Liu won her qualifier by beating A. T. Halima (SOM), T. Hansrajsingh (TRI) and S. Shah (NEP). She then lost first round to D. Fetter (AUT).

Carol Davidson won her qualifier by beating S. Pedersen (DEN), Pen Gim Choo (SIN) and M. Montoux (FRA). She then beat A. Maladi (INS), then lost second round

to M. Lindblad (SWE) -19, -19, -18. Carol made two incredible falling down forehand counterdrives from the back court, but couldn't quite pull it out.

Cheryl Dadian lost first round to M. Alboiu (RUM).

Sheila O'Dougherty lost first round to Monica Griefberg (FIN).

Canadian Results

Men's Singles - Qualifier

Joe Eng lost to Singh (IND).

Pierre Normandin bt K. Vipin (KEN) w.o.;

lost to K. Kartholm (DEN).

Ed Lo lost to V. Shevchenko (USSR).

Peter Joe bt Al Hija S. (PAL), Makris

(GRE); lost to Urh (YUG).

First round - Alex Polisois lost to S. Dryszel

(POL).

Women's Singles - Qualifier

M. Aucoin lost to Kim Hae Ja (ARG).

Becky McKnight bt F. Strino (ITA);

lost to Zakharin (USSR).

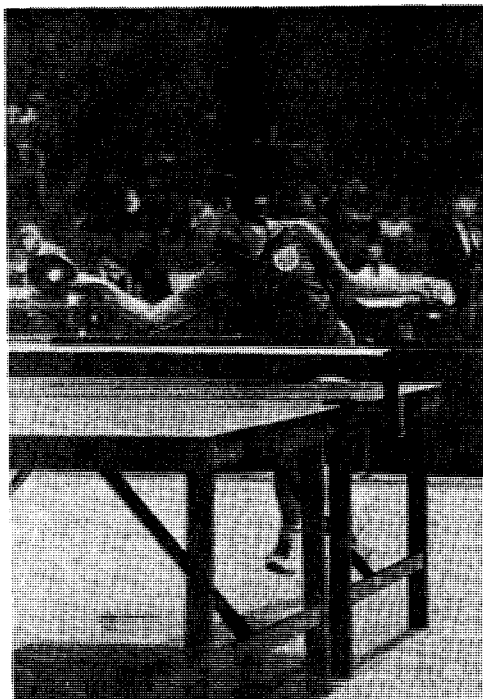
First round - Marian Domonkos lost to

Huang Nam Sook (KRR).

Gloria Hsu lost to Choi Jong Hui (KDR).

On the trip home I read there had been some riots in Yugoslavia. I think what really happened was the Seismographs picked up the Yugoslav crowds cheering for Surbek (about 3.2 on the Richter Scale), and this was wrongly interpreted as a riot!

See you all in Tokyo in 1983.



FAAN YEEN LIU

Photo by Malcolm Anderson.

NORWICH UNION CANADIAN OPEN

June 10-13, 1981

by Malcolm Anderson

Teams from Canada, China, Curaco, Egypt, Hungary, Italy, Pakistan, Singapore, South Korea and the U.S.A. participated in this event.

Men's Team Final:

CHINA (Cai Zhenhua, Li Zhenshi, Xie Saike) d. Hungary (Molnar, Kriston) 3-0.

Semis:

China d. U.S.A. 1 3-0

Xie d. D Seemiller 13, 13;

Cai d. E. Boggan 17, 15;

Li/Cai d. Seemiller/Boggan 16, -20, 14.

Hungary d. Italy II 3-0

Third place:

U.S.A. 1 d. Italy II 3-0

Boggan d. Rosario Troilo 14, 13;

Seemiller d. Paolo Bargagli 7, 8;

Seemiller/Boggan d. Troilo/Bargagli 21, 13.

Women's Team Final:

CHINA (Zhang Deying, Tong Ling) d. South Korea 3-1

Semis:

China d. Canada I 3-0

South Korea I d. South Korea 2 3-1

Men's Singles Final:

CAI ZHENHUA d. Li Zhenshi 18, -11, 15, 16.

Semis:

Cai d. Jonas Molnar 19, 13, -23, 11;

Li d. Xie Saike 18, -18, 17, 17.

Quarter-finals:

Cai d. D. Seemiller -13, 14, 17, 17;

Molnar d. Quang Bui -12, 10, 8, 12;

Li d. Ku Hee Dae 6, 10, -21, 11;

Xie d. E. Boggan 20, 13, -18, 18.

Women's Singles Final:

ZHANG DEYING d. Tong Ling 13, 17, 19.

Semis:

Zhang d. Mariann Domonkos 15, 11, 8;

Tong d. Park Eun Ju -18, 5, 18, 13.

Quarter-finals:

Zhang d. Lee Jeung Jin 14, 14, 14;

Domonkos d. Baik Yang Mi 11, 15, -19, 14;

Park d. Kwak Mi Hee 21, -21, 17, 19;

Tong d. Lee Kyung Mi 10, 7, 7.

Men's Doubles Final:

LI ZHANSHI/CAI ZHENHUA d. D. Seemiller

/E. Boggan 17, 19, 20.

Semis:

Li/Cai d. Caetano/Derek Wall 14, 7, 19;

Seemiller/Boggan d. Molnar/Kriston

-22, 10, 14, -11, 15.

Women's Doubles Final:

PARK EUN JU/BAIK YANG MI d. Tong

Ling/Zhang Deying -19, 19, 19, 15.

Semis:

Park/Baik d. Domonkos/Hsu 7, 17, 15;

Tong/Zhang d. Lee/Kwak 19, 16, 15.

Mixed Doubles Final:

CAI ZHENHUA/ZHANG DEYING d. Errol

Caetano/Mariann Domonkos 10, 16, 19.

Semis:

Cai/Zhang d. Molnar/Guhl 19, 12, 17;

Caetano/Domonkos d. Xie Saike/Tong Ling

18, 18, -17, 18.

1981 U.S. OPEN

Princeton, N.J. June 17-21

by Malcolm Anderson

Eight hundred players contested the varied events at the U.S. Open. They represented 13 countries — Canada, Curaco, Egypt, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, and the United States.

Men's Team Final:

CHINA d. U.S.A. 1 3-0

Xie Saike d. Dan Seemiller 16, 13;

Cai Zhenhua d. Eric Boggan 10, 17;

Li Zhenshi/Xie d. Seemiller/Boggan 14, 12.

Semis:

China d. South Korea (Kim Wan, Yoo Si

Heung, Kim Ki Taek) 3-0

U.S.A. 1 d. Italy (Massimo Constantini,

Giovanni Bisi) default

Round Robins:

Group A

China d. Italy 3-0

China d. USA 2 3-0

Italy d. USA 2 3-0

USA 2 d. Canada 3-2

Rick Seemiller l. Errol Caetano 16, -11, -19;

Scott Boggan l. Zoran Kosanovic -11, -16;

Rey Domingo/Seemiller d. Caetano/

Kosanovic 16, 19;

Seemiller d. Kosanovic 18, 17!!!!;

Boggan d. Caetano -22, 22, 17.

Group B

USA 1 d. S. Korea 3-2

D. Seemiller l. Kim Ki Taek -13, 18, 14;

E. Boggan l. Kim Wan 15, -19, -9;

Seemiller/Boggan d. Kim Wan-Yoo/Si

Hueng 19, -11, 28;

Seemiller d. Kim Wan 24, 19;

Boggan d. Kim Ki Taek 14, 18.

USA 1 d. Sweden 3-1

D. Seemiller d. Mikael Appelgren 16, 9;

E. Boggan l. Jens Fellke -20, -17;

Seemiller/Boggan d. Appelgren/Felke -18, 12, 12;
 Seemiller d. Felke 12, 16.
 South Korea d. Sweden 3-2
 South Korea d. Egypt 3-0
 Sweden d. Egypt 3-0
Women's Team Final:
 CHINA (Tong Ling, Zhang Deying) d. South Korea (Kwang Nam Sook, An Hae Sook) 3-1
Semis:
 China d. Canada (Mariann Domonkos, Gloria Hsu) 3-0
 South Korea d. USA 1 (Carol Davidson, Sheila O'Dougherty, Alice Green) 3-0
Round Robins:
Group A
 China d. USA 1 3-0
 China d. Venezuela (Elizabeth Popper, Tamilo Gramad) 3-0
 USA 1 d. Venezuela 3-2
 Davidson d. Gramad 11, 6;
 Popper d. O'Dougherty 14, 19;
 Davidson/Green d. Popper/Gramad 17, 11;
 Popper d. Davidson 17, -19, 5;
 O'Dougherty d. Gramad 6, 15.
Group B
 South Korea d. Canada 3-0
 South Korea d. USA 2 (Faan Yeen Liu, Cheryl Dadian) 3-0
 South Korea d. Puerto Rico 3-0
 Canada d. USA 2 3-0
 Canada d. Puerto Rico 3-0
 USA 2 d. Puerto Rico 3-0
Men's Singles Final:
 XIE SAIKE d. Li Zhenshi 16, -15, 18, 18.
Semi-finals:
 Xie d. Appelgren 17, -16, 17, 5;
 Li d. Cai Zhenhua 20, 14, 17.
Quarter-finals:
 Xie d. Caetano 10, 15, 14;
 Appelgren d. E. Boggan 18, 17, -16, 19;
 Cai d. Kosanovic 4, 18, 12;
 Li d. Seemiller 8, 18, 9.
Women's Singles Final:
 TONG LING d. Zhang Deying 16, 19, 18.
Semi-finals:
 Tong d. An Hae Sook 12, -19, 12, 14;
 Zhang d. Hwang Nam Sook 18, -17, -19, 14, 17.
Quarter-finals:
 Tong d. Lin In-Ja 15, 13, 15;
 An d. Kim Tae-Ran 15, 18, 17;
 Hwang d. Sonja Grefberg 21, -17, 15, -16, 14;
 Zhang d. Shin Kyung Sook 10, 12, 13.
Men +40:
 DAL JOON LEE d. George Braithwaite 18, 20, 21.
Semi-finals:
 Lee d. Bozorgzadeh -13, 17, 20;
 Braithwaite d. Derek Wall 16, 10.
Women +40:
 YVONNE KRONLAGE d. Pat Hodgins -21, 14, -19, 8, 6.
Men +50:
 MARCY MONASTERIAL d. Robert Fritsch 10, -19, 19, 15.
Men +60:
 GEORGE HENDRY d. George Rocker 11, 8, 6.
Men +70:
 LASZLO BELLAK d. Ulpiano Santo 13, 16, 19.
Men -21:
 E. BOGGAN d. Appelgren 17, 14, -17, 13.
Semi-finals:
 Boggan d. Brian Masters 11, 9;
 Appelgren d. S. Boggan -21, 14, 20.
Boys' -17:
 JOE ENG d. E. Boggan -19, 19, 13, 17.
Semi-finals:
 Eng d. Masters 4, 13, 12;
 Boggan d. Sean O'Neill 11, 8, 10.
Women -21:
 SONJA GREFBERG d. Lena Waller 15, 13, 18.
Semi-finals:
 Grefberg d. Ulrika Hansson 18, 13;
 Waller d. Elizabeth Popper 22, -15, 14.
Girls' -17:
 GREFBERG d. Ai-Ju Wu 12, 14, -20, 9.
Semi-finals:
 Grefberg d. Becky McKnight 13, 10, 13;
 Wu d. Cheryl Dadian 18, 13, 16.

Boys' -15:
 BRANDON OLSON d. O'Neill -19, 11, 8, -20, 18.
Girls' -15:
 AI-JU WU d. Hansson 16, 20, -20, 19.
Boys' -13:
 O'NEILL d. Scott Butler 17, 15, 18.
Girls' -13:
 JASMINE WONG d. Marie Waller 17, 17, 12.
Boys' -11:
 JIM BUTLER d. Nimit Kumar Bansal 14, 12, 14.
Girls' -11:
 MICHELE MANTEL d. Percy 12, 5, 5.
Men's Doubles:
 SI HUNG YOO/KIM WAN d. Kosanovic/Eng 17, 17.
Women's Doubles:
 HWANG NAM SOOK/AN HAE SOOK d. Tong Ling/Zhang Deying 16, 16.
Mixed Doubles:
 CAI ZHENHUA/ZHANG DEYING d. Xia Saiké/Tong Ling 15, 18.

TABLE TENNIS AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

by TONY BROOKS
 Secretary General, I.T.T.F.

A few weeks ago, ITTF President Roy Evans was asked by the Director of the International Olympic Committee to comment on the decision taken in Baden-Baden. He wrote as follows:

'I am delighted to learn of the decision of the 84th Session of the IOC to admit table tennis to the Olympic programme. Our 126 member Associations which control thirty million competitive table tennis players all over the world know that our participation in the Games, which we have sought so long to achieve, will be of benefit to our sport at all levels and we regard it as a landmark in our history. We are grateful to the Executive Board for their consideration and to the members of the IOC for their decision and they may rest assured that our Federation will co-operate closely with the IOC and the OCOG to ensure the success of our participation in the Games of the 24th Olympiad.'

The great majority of the ITTF's member Associations will whole-heartedly endorse these sentiments. Some of those who abstained when the 1977 BGM in Birmingham voted on whether to apply for Olympic recognition have since changed their minds — the USTTA, for example, have gained great benefits from the IOC recognition which was granted later in 1977, and subsequently urged the ITTF to pursue the further request for participation.

As recently as last year, when a questionnaire went to all ITTF members asking whether they were in favour of Olympic involvement, a firm 'No' was the reply from a few Associations — Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Jersey and England. It was by then clear to all that many Associations, and the sport itself, would gain prestige and additional finance from participation and that any Associations which were not interested in the Olympics need not be affected in any way, so the dissenting minority presumably had some fears of table tennis becoming involved in the squabbles and confusions about amateur eligibility which beset other sports.

These fears have always been groundless. In the first place, our own events continue and will continue on the eligibility basis laid down by the ITTF in 1935. Only for the purposes of entering players in the Olympic Games have we had to establish rules to distinguish amateur from professional players. What we in fact did was to adopt Article 26 of the Olympic Charter as it then was; there was no reason to do otherwise. Now, of course, the IOC has said that each

sport may adopt its own eligibility rules subject to their approval and the observance of the general principles. Whether the ITTF will now want to amend its rule 2.9 remains to be seen; certainly it does not face the kind of problems which athletics and our new Olympic colleague tennis will have to solve.

These developments, and the fact that it will be seven years before table tennis is actually played in the Olympic Games, should reassure the few remaining doubters that the decision of the overwhelming majority in Birmingham in 1977 was the correct one. There is plenty of time to find a way for the ITTF to ensure that table tennis makes its proper contribution to the Games and that the result is the strengthening and encouragement of our normal worldwide activities.

This is not to say that there is nothing to be done for the moment; we have already begun a series of personal discussions with IOC President Juan Samaranch, Director Monique Berlioux and Programme Commission Chairman Arpad Csanadi which will enable the ITTF Council and the BGM to be presented in due course with concrete initial proposals to consider, based on the options available in terms of the number of table tennis players and matches which the Olympic event will be able to accommodate.

Roy Evans after attending the Olympic Congress in Baden-Baden, and I after attending the General Association of International Sports Federations in Monaco, can testify to the warmth with which table tennis is being welcomed into the Olympic world. After all, the Olympic Games, for all their problems, remain the greatest sporting events the world has ever seen; who could say that one of the most popular sports in the world should not be represented in them?

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

November
 11 European League, Super Division, ENGLAND v Yugoslavia, Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex (7 p.m.).
 12 Friendly International, ENGLAND v Yugoslavia, Hatfield Polytechnic, Balls Park College, Mangrove Road, Hertford (7 p.m.).
 12/14 IRISH OPEN (Newtonabbey).
 14/15 53rd Midland Counties 3-Star Open, Alumwell Centre, Primrose Avenue, Walsall.
 15 Hasting Tigers 1-Star Open (Bexhill Youth Centre).
 15 East of Scotland Open (Meadowbank S.C., Edinburgh).
 21 County Championships (3).
 21/22 County Championships, Junior Premier Weekend, St. Neots T.T. Club.
 21/22 Middlesex U-13 and U-15 Open (Picketts Lock, Edmonton, London).
 22 LAMBERT & BUTLER INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT, Wembley Conference Centre, Wembley, Middlesex (3 p.m.). Tickets from ETFA, 21 Claremont, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1HA. Prices: £4.50 and £3.50 (s.a.e. please).
 22 Monklads Lanarkshire Open (Monklads L.C., Coatbridge).
 27/28 Munster Open (Cork).
 28 West of Scotland (Glasgow).
 28/29 8th County of Cleveland 2-Star 'Select' Junior Open, Eston Leisure Centre, Normanby Road, Eston, Cleveland.
 28/29 County Championships, Premier Division Weekend.
 29 Dublin Metropolitan Junior Open (Dublin).
 29 The "Eastbourne Gazette" 5th East Sussex Open (Bexhill Youth Centre).
December
 3/6 Scandinavian Open (Norwich Union Grand Prix).
 5 European League, Division II, SCOTLAND v Luxembourg, Monklads Leisure Centre, Coatbridge.
 5 Norway v IRELAND (Oslo).
 5 County Antrim Open (Ballymena).
 5/6 ENGLISH JUNIOR CLOSED (Hinckley Leisure Centre, Coventry Road, Hinckley, Leics).
 6 Yorkshire 2-Star Open (Featherstone).
 11/13 Finnish Open (Helsinki).
 12/13 Middlesex 3-Star Open (Edmonton, London).
 16 European League, Super Division, Czechoslovakia v ENGLAND.
 18/19 Leinster Open (Dublin).
 19 County Championships (4).
 20 National League (6).
 27 National League (7).
January
 2/3 County of Cleveland 8th 3-Star Open (Thornaby Pavilion).

AVON CLOSED

Season 1980/81

by PAUL HEWITT

FINAL GLORY FOR HELEN

This tournament was held at Thornbury Sports Centre on Sunday, Sept. 27 as a result of the postponement due to power failures on the original date last April. The story of the tournament was the women's singles competition which was won by Helen Perrott. Thirteen only two days before, Helen became the youngest-ever winner of the title when she beat the holder Tina Shortman in the final, coming from a game down to win the third 21-13. On the way to the final she beat Bath's county-ranked Julie Cruse in the semis, and yet all this was after she was knocked out of the Girls' Singles by unseeded Dawn Whittaker.

RESULTS

Men's Singles:

A. CREED bt C. Ross 13, 11.

Women's Singles:

H. PERROTT bt T. Shortman -19, 15, 13.

Men's Doubles:

CREED/K. WATTS bt A. Brown/C. Curl 13, 19.

Women's Doubles:

SHORTMAN/G SANDFORD bt J. Cruse/J. Higgs 14, -14, 10.

Mixed Doubles:

CREED/SANDFORD bt Ross/K. Testa 18, 9.

Boys' Singles:

ROSS bt P. Hooper 8, 7.

Girls' Singles:

SHORTMAN bt M. Cohen 9, 18.

Junior Doubles:

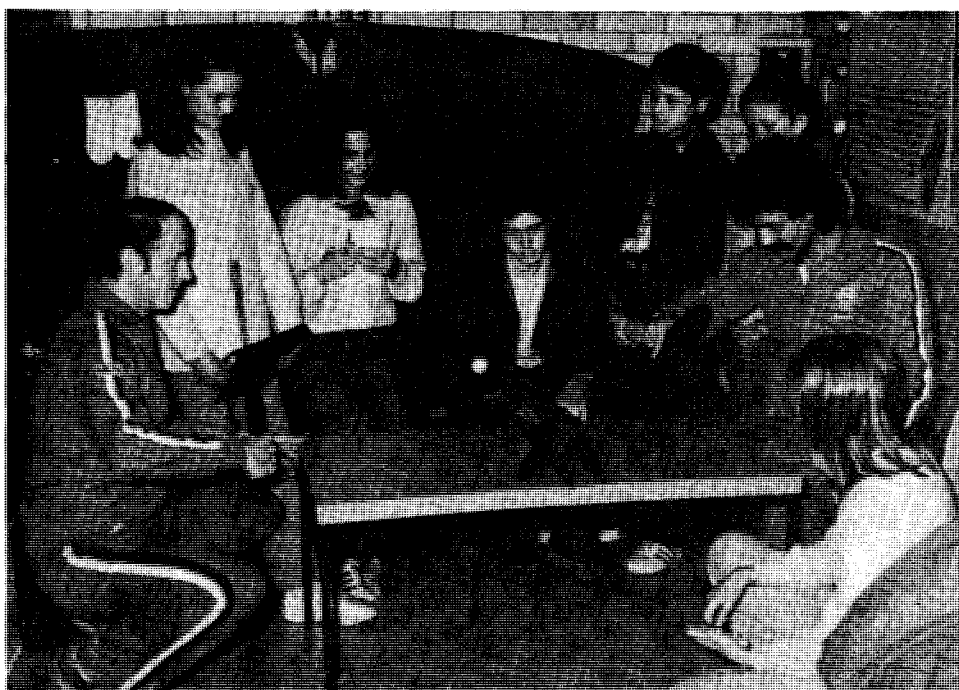
ROSS/HOOPER bt C. Holley/N. Ball 14, -19, 15.

Veteran Singles:

P. ALDERMAN bt R. Bowden 18, 11.

Consolation Singles:

T. LUXTON bt Alderman 17, 8.



Istvan Jonyer (left) and Gabor Gergely of Hungary get down to a spot of Family Ping Pong.

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garians Gabor Gergely and Istvan Jonyer, enjoy this game and played a match by traditional table tennis rules. Liang Geliang is also a champion at Family Ping-Pong.



Liang Geliang of China with yet another bat surface.

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DETERRENT TO FOOT STAMPING

by COLIN CLEMETT
Chairman, ITTF Rules Committee

There seems to be another outbreak of foot stamping in table tennis, both in England and in other countries, and there have been a number of enquiries on how best to deal with this nuisance. At the last ITTF BGM there was even a proposal that a player who stamped his foot while serving should automatically lose a point, but this

is not considered either practical or necessary and it was agreed that existing rules were adequate.

Jack Evans' letter in the last issue of the magazine drew attention, quite rightly, to the first action that the umpire can take. If a player stamps his foot loudly, either at the time of service or during play, the umpire has the right, if not the duty, to call "Let" under the provisions of Law 3.10.1.7, because a sudden noise is a disturbance which may affect the outcome of the rally. It is, of course, for the umpire to judge whether the change in noise level is significant; anyone who attended the 1979 World Championships in Pyongyang will know that there were times when the background noise would drown the sound of a revolver shot, let alone the mere stamping of a foot! In most circumstances, however, the sudden noise will be obtrusive and it is a fairly effective deterrent to the foot stamper if he knows that he is not going to win any points from the rallies that he interrupts.

For competitions played under International Regulations, such as open tournaments, there are further measures that can be applied. Regulation 4.6.7.1 specifically directs umpires (and captains, for that matter) to "discourage players from mannerisms or behaviour that may unfairly affect an opponent, may offend spectators or may bring the game into disrepute". If a player, in spite of the umpire's consistently calling "Let" as recommended above, continues to stamp his foot or do anything else which can be construed as unfair or unseemly behaviour, the umpire should first warn him and ask him to stop acting in this way. If the action continues after such a warning the umpire should report the matter to the referee, who has the power to take disciplinary action which may include disqualification of the player from the event or from the whole competition.

I hope that seldom, if ever, will it be necessary to resort to such extremes to control foot stamping. If umpires promptly, and consistently stop play whenever a player creates a disturbance in this way I am sure that even the most hardened offender will soon realise that it is a self-defeating tactic and will look for other ways to baffle his opponent and the umpire.

FAMILY PING-PONG

At the toy fair in Nuremberg, the world-famous Pelikan company showed a new line in its range of family games, which it hopes will be as big a success as the former hit "Original Family Tennis".

The attractive set contains two strong black plastic bats with the Pelikan symbol in yellow and a new special yellow ball, 38mm in diameter, with a very high bounce, with stamped loop design and Pelikan symbol. Two net stands with rubber feet to prevent them from slipping, and five green plastic interconnecting net sections complete the set.

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Family Ping-Pong is an entertaining game for young and old, and can be played anywhere — at home, in the garden, on a camp-site, in a sports hall — in fact anywhere there is a table. When playing at home, the special ball is so light that the noise should not get on your nerves. The idea was born when Pelikan staff visiting the Republic of China saw children playing on all kinds of tables with handmade and improvised nets. It was a short step from there to "Family Ping-Pong", which is now recognized by the European Table Tennis Union (E.T.T.U.) and by the German Table Tennis Federation (Deutscher Tisch Tennis Bund) as a useful introduction to table tennis. World and European champions, like the Chinese Liang Geliang or the Hun-

CURRENT AFFAIRS



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

A letter received in the office recently has prompted me to re-state the position regarding the financing of teams sent abroad. The letter came from a league secretary who was commenting upon the increase in fees, but at the same time paying them, and suggested money was being wasted in sending teams of "no-hopers" on expensive trips to the far east.

There are two points here where there is obvious misunderstanding. First, the results of recent trips abroad, even though east, have not all been very far east, have not been unrewarding in terms of achievement and experience and certainly could never earn the title of "no-hopers". The recent

European Championships have resulted in a women's and men's champion and three gold medals and a good selection of silver and bronze, and we won our four European League matches abroad last season.

The only trips to the far east in recent years have been to China in 1977, to the Worlds in North Korea in 1979 and to South Korea in 1980. The results in the Worlds could not be regarded as failure by any means, as positions in the top twelve out of sixty five teams must be considered worthwhile. The other two trips were sponsored and not paid for by the E.T.T.A. On both these latter occasions young teams were sent to gain experience. It is interesting to note that of the eight young players sent to China in 1977, six of them made the squad for the 1981 World Championships.

The second point indicates a lack of understanding of the way trips abroad are financed. I have explained above how the two long distant trips were not paid for by the E.T.T.A. Our normal commitments are for World, European and Commonwealth Championships, the European League and the normal circuit of European open tournaments. If we spread our wings a bit further we usually find a sponsor or have our air fares paid for by the promoting association.

The routine trips are now financed substantially by grant aid from the Sports Council. Without this grant aid the cost these days would make it almost impossible to carry out a balanced programme or to enter into serious international competition. I understand that in our very early days, before grant aid, international teams were chosen in accordance with the player's ability to contribute towards the fare. On visit to the European Youth Championships was most successful and was very well documented in the last issue of the magazine. The last three visits to the senior

some occasions the players got to the venue under their own steam and at their own expense. These days are over and hopefully never to return.

The Sports Council recognises that international participation is part of the object of each sporting body. Some people consider it to be the most important part whilst others accept it as a means to an end. Without the target of an international badge many potential class players would never reach the top.

The accepted arrangements for international events is for the host association to accept hospitality costs for a maximum number of people. If more players or officials are taken then the visitors must pay the full costs. The Sports Council gives grant aid towards the air fares and assembly costs to the departure point but there is no aid for the cost of hospitality abroad. The grant aid is at present up to a maximum of 75% and is given for a maximum number of people, usually similar to the maximum number paid for by the organisers of the event. So again if extra people travel, the full cost is paid for by the E.T.T.A.

The E.T.T.A. decides on its international programme at the beginning of each season and submits this to the Sports Council for consideration for grant aid. The Sports Council decides on the extent of grant aid and this is advised to the E.T.T.A. It is obvious that any extensions of this programme by increasing the number of people travelling or introducing additional events would be wholly at the cost of the E.T.T.A. It is almost unknown for the E.T.T.A. to initiate a trip abroad without having grant aid or sponsorship. By this method it is possible to estimate the costs for a season and make adjustments, if necessary, as the season progresses. Such adjustments could be to include an extra player, captain or

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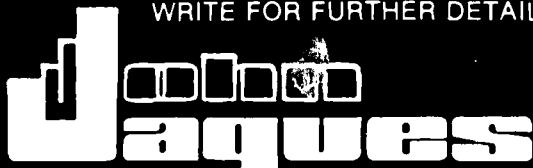
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official but could also result in withdrawing a team completely. But the costs can be controlled.

I have always believed that the cost of international events and those activities which are not essentially available to the mass of members should not be paid for by the members' affiliation fees. The income from members is really required to go towards the cost of administration. When I took over in 1958 such income from members represented about 75% of the total cost of administration. For the current season, which includes the increased fees, the total income from members will represent just less than 50% of the total cost of administration. The balance is made up by the Sports Council grant and the income from these two sources should provide the surplus for the year.

The intention of the Working Account is to cater for all competitive activities and is expected to be self-supporting or make a profit. The Working Account includes such items as international training, the English Championships and all the international competitions.

The main income for the Working Account is from the trade, sponsorship and Sports Council grant aid for overseas travel and international training. The money from the trade is free for any use we require but sponsorship and grant aid is always tied to a particular event or purpose.

To balance the Working Account requires a minimum coverage of particular events by television. At present these are the Norwich Union English Open, the Norwich Union English Closed and the Lambert and Butler Invitation event. The extent of television governs the amount received from the trade for equipment sponsorship and from sponsorship for the televised events.

It is always expected that the normal international programme is carried out each year and there is always a demand for more activity, more players, extra captains and officials. However desirable this is the income into the Working Account is very restricted and the main part of it depends on the maintenance of television. The Sports Council will increase grant aid for certain international events but we must still find the balance ourselves. Sponsorship is getting harder to find and events such as the National League, the County Championships and the National Team Championships have not yet become attractive to sponsors on a national scale.

It is a continuous struggle to maintain a balanced international programme. It is a training ground for juniors and a rewarding experience for the seniors. Although such a programme must be regarded as part of our obligations to members, the prime use of members' affiliation fees must be to maintain an efficient administration, a national coaching scheme and an adequate home competitive programme.

Last season there was a profit on both the Administration and Working accounts and a similar position is planned for the current season. These profits are building up the reserves to an acceptable level and thereafter expansion both at home and abroad can be considered.



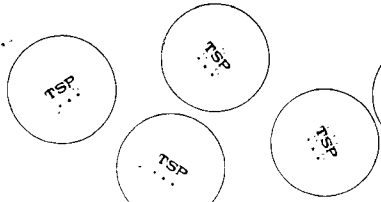
Peter Grimstead, the non-playing Captain of DAGENHAM, Essex, displays THE WILMOTT CUP, which his Team of Dave Newman, Ian Horsham and Kevin Caldon, won 5-4 in the FINAL against NORTHUMBERLAND'S Ian Robertson, Chu Van Que and Andrew Clark. Before this recent exciting occasion, Dagenham had disposed of Staines, Thames Valley (Seniors), North Middlesex, Milton Keynes, Cheshunt and Bournemouth, in this order.

Photo by Murray Corbin of Wimbledon.



The TSP Sponsored THAMES VALLEY Team of Andrew Sexton, Nicholas Hoare and Michael Hammond is seen showcasing THE CARTER CUP, after defeating ORMESBY'S Kevin Green, David Polasek and Lindsay Taylor, in a most exciting 5-4 Final.

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COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

Malcolm Allsop reports from . . .

DERBYSHIRE

EARLY START

The season in Derbyshire got off to an early start with the Derby Lancaster Club playing a friendly match against a group of visiting German visitors on an exchange trip to Derby. Paul Druce got the home side off to a good start with an 8, 18 win over the Gymnasium Geinsheim No. 1 Edwin Preyer, and this win proved vital in the end result. Druce went on to win his 3 singles whilst Preyer won his other 2 singles and combined with Christian Suhr to win the doubles for the visitors. To Thuy Dung won two sets for Lancaster, and any thoughts the Germans had of an easy victory were soon dispelled by her ferocious attacking play. Peter Watkins won the other set for Lancaster in a 6-4 victory, but he figured in the best set of the night when he lost to Suhr 15, -28, -12.

Derby Sports Centre saw the scene of the first Sports Day for the Handicapped to be held in Derbyshire, and the event was opened by the Mayor and Mayoress of Derby. Once the opening ceremony was over the Mayor and Mayoress made a beeline for the table tennis area, and treated the spectators to their brand of table tennis. Jill Hammersley need not worry!

The season got under way in earnest with the Derbyshire Festival Tournament at Chapel Street Sports Centre, Derby. The only disappointment was the non-entry of Alan Cooke who was on National League duty, but this tended to enhance the event by making the Under-18 and Under-15 Boys' events more open.

In the U-18 Boys' Singles, top seed Martin Simpson proceeded to the semi-finals before going down to clubmate Alan Hearn -20, 18, -21 in a ding-dong battle. No. 2 seed Druce came through the other half without dropping a game to win the final 18, -15, 14, with Hearn going through fits of ecstasy and depression in an entertaining, yet not exciting, match which failed to live up to the previous high standard.

The U-15 Boys' Singles provided more upsets, with top seed David Slack going down in the semi-final -15, 18, -19 to Stuart Horn who showed how much he had improved during the last six months. No. 2 seed Andy Stills made a second round exit against Paul Bumpus who then proceeded to the final, only to run up against the in-form Horn and went down -13, -11 after a valiant fight.

The Girls' events were dominated by To Thuy Dung and Louise Forster, who reached both U-15 and 18 finals without any difficulty. To Thuy retained both titles, by 17, -19, 12 in the U-18, and -18, 21, 20 in the U-15, and Louise can feel justifiably unlucky not to have won at least one of their meetings.

The U-12 events were held on a group-basis, and Kerry Hall won all her sets to take the Girls' title, with calculators required to separate the other girls on points average. Julie Billington was 2nd (111-111), Julie Forster was 3rd (110-123), and Amanda Wood fourth (103-128).

Christopher Glossop, David Smedley and John Cauldwell won the U-12 Boys' Groups, and Glossop emerged the winner.

The Junior Doubles provided the best final of the day with Stephen Slack and Simpson just getting home 18, -17, 19 against Hearn and Stills.

The "Novelty" event proved to be even more popular with parents competing with their children in the Family Doubles, and even this standard is getting higher.

Last season's finalists Dave Stills/son Andy and Bill Druce/son Paul reached the semi-finals, but went down to the 'new' generation. The Stills went out to Eric Hall/daughter Kerry, whilst the Druces went out to Maurice Billington/son Bradley. The Family Doubles was truly named, as Maurice (and Bradley) beat his brother-in-law Eric (and Kerry) 9, 8 in the final.

Merit awards for the Tournament were presented to Julie Billington, Andrew Grimmett and Arthur Morgan(!).

Mick Miles reports from . . .

BEDFORDSHIRE

CREDITABLE WIN

Bedfordshire started their County Championships campaign with three of the four teams in action on the first weekend.

With an average age of only 16, our senior first team had a more than usual, youthful appearance, but never the less returned home with a very creditable 6-4 win against Worcs II.

Once again, Jackie and Lisa Bellinger laid the foundation for victory with singles and doubles wins over Alison Westwood and Debbie Howe.

The hero of the day however, was young Ian Doughty, who displayed great courage and determination to win both his singles against Simon Gray and Mike Sykes, despite having to play with a plaster on his free arm, which he had recently broken!

David Sharpe clinched the match when he defeated Gray in straight games.

Steve Dunning, the Worcs No. 2, looked very strong as he won his two singles but David Cartwright was a bit unlucky to lose "deuce" in the third to Sykes.

Beds Veterans won 7-2 at home to Herts II.

A couple of fine maximums in the singles from Jim Wooliscroft and Peter Cutting sent us on our way and a singles win from Colin Gill made the match safe.

Jim then teamed up with Colin, and Peter with Audrey Robinson to win both doubles.

The Junior second team was less fortunate finding Essex II too much of a handful and went down 3-7.

Our No. 2 Andrew James got us off to a great start beating Essex No. 1 Mark Taylor over three legs. But both he and Mark Andrews found it impossible to read their games against the Essex No. 3 Paul Stephens who "twiddled" his combination bat to good effect, and both went down in straight games.

Andrew Conquest beat Essex No. 2 John Sparks, and then joined James for the boys' Doubles, which they lost as Taylor hit a "purple patch" which also saw him through the last singles, beating Conquest two-straights.

Mary Jarrett played well, but went down -19, -12, to the lively Susan Cole who also dominated the Girls' Doubles for Essex.

Twelve-years-old Lisa Robins, maintained her remarkable 100% record of wins in county matches by defeating Ann Sparks, 15 and 10.

Lisa also gave a good account of herself at the Basingstoke 2-Star junior tournament by reaching the final of the girls' under-21 singles where she lost to Tanya Holland.

Here, once again, Jackie and Lisa Bellinger came away with the honours for Bedfordshire, winning the girls' doubles without losing a leg and both reaching the final of the girls' singles with Jackie,

narrowly defeating Lisa in the third to take the title.

Julie Dimmock was also playing very well and was unfortunate to meet Jackie in the second round, although the match took three legs to decide.

David Sharpe and Colin Luscombe also had a good day, reaching the semi-final of the boys' doubles where they went out to Dodd and O'Leary.

Ian E. McKelvey reports on the . . .

MIDLAND LEAGUE

CROWDED SEASON

103 teams begin a new season of Midland League competition, 35 of them competing in the four Men's divisions, 38 in the five Junior divisions, and 10 each in two Veterans and one Ladies' division. These last three divisions are, to my mind, too large bearing in mind the costs of travel and the difficulties of fitting the matches into an already crowded season. These points were considered at the A.G.M. and were largely responsible for the new Junior fifth division. Of the nine Men's and Junior divisions, only Junior Div. 1 has more than eight teams, and I would hope that this can be extended through the whole League next season.

No new Leagues have joined this season, although there have been the usual slight re-arrangements as some members withdraw teams and others add them. There will be no predictions from me this year (anyone wanting to know why should re-read last year's and then look at the final charts), so I shall go straight on to report on the results received so far.

In fact, there are just eight of these, but it is already clear that Leicester 'A' will not retain their Men's Div. 1 title. Two of the players who won that title are not regularly available this year. Leicester began with a visit to Bristol, third last season, and went down 2-8 after Dave Gannon had got them off to the right start with a win over Martyn Smith -17, 17, 18. I am told that this was an excellent match, lasting a full four hours which, with no defensive players participating, speaks for itself. Kevin Satchell and Andy Creed did well to take three each for Bristol, with Leicester's second and last set coming from Grahame Hall over the same opponent as Gannon.

Leicester fell a second time to newly promoted Birmingham 'A', despite Keith Fellows taking a maximum from the visiting Paul Judd, Bob Brown and Lester Bertie. No one else could score for Leicester, although Phil Smith just lost -16, 16, -21 to Judd, and the doubles also went to Birmingham at 21 in the third. Chesterfield, runners-up last year, spelt out their intentions loud and clear with an 8-2 win over Bristol, Maurice Billington and Neil Marples taking three each, and Alan Cooke being denied only by Martyn Smith. Perhaps the loss of three by Satchell is the most surprising thing of all.

In Div. 2, Leicester 'B' made a better start than their 'A' team, with an 8-2 win over Nottingham 'B'. Youngsters Simon Griev and Martin Pickles took three each and combined to take the doubles, a good effort with Griev on Senior debut and Pickles in only his second match. Cheltenham 'B' and Hinckley drew in Div. 3, seven sets going to three. Paul Gleed won three for Cheltenham. Colin Jones and Barry Grant two each for Hinckley.

Derby 'A', champions of Veterans Div. 2 last term, faced the redoubtable Nottingham team in Div. 1, and went down 2-3. Alf Saunders being outstanding for the visitors, and Ron Bolton also gaining three. Three from Phil Overend helped new entry, Leicester 'B', to a draw in Veterans Div. 2 against Kidderminster. Nottingham Ladies

opened with a 10-0 win over Market Drayton 'C'.

Gerald Green reports from . . .

SHROPSHIRE

CONGRATS TO ALISON

Pride of place in the notes this month must go to Alison Barker (Grove) who is No. 1 Girl Cadet in the National Ranking List with effect from July 1. It must be the first time Shropshire has had a player in the top spot at any level and there is no doubt it is only a matter of time before she makes her mark in the older age groups. Congratulations also to our two boys who make the Cadet list, Sean Groom (10) and David Williams (11), both can only improve. All three of the ranked players are a credit to County Coach Ian Marshall.

DEPLETED GROVE SLIP

After a convincing 7-1 win against South West Durham, with only Phil Bowen suffering a narrow defeat at the hands of an unpredictable Tony Gelder, Grove National League Team lost 3-5 to Sealink Ormesby II. They were without Malcolm Green (last minute eye injury) and Phil Bowen (abroad) and I have no doubt that a full strength team would have fared better, because as it was a draw was not beyond them. Tony Boasman was in brilliant form, easily disposing of Lindsay Taylor and beating Linda Jarvis in an entertaining set. Mark Hankey beat Linda, but lapses of concentration cost him dear as he lost 20-22 in the third to Kevin Green. Trevor Manning's defence had no answer to the heavy top spin of his opponents whilst Paul Barnett never showed anything like his true form, losing both his sets two-straight. The disappointing feature so far in Grove's National venture has been the response from a spectator point of view. A professional 'set up', stage managed by an enthusiastic Ian Marshall surely deserves more than just Market Drayton locals.

USEFUL COUNTY START

Grove T.T.A. players made a great impact on the County scene when the Senior team hammered Herefordshire 8-2 with Malcolm Green, Ivan Smith, Alison Barker and Colette Soan unbeaten.

Meanwhile Junior II scored an emphatic 9-1 victory over Cambridgeshire with Shrewsbury's Dean Pountney and Peter Hyde unbeaten for the boys and Nicola Thorneycroft and Dawn Wickstead winning all their sets for the girls, Colin Wilson added one singles victory and partnered Peter Hyde to a doubles win.

The only loss suffered by the County was in the Junior first team match against Staffordshire where Shropshire lost 4-6. Sean Groom and David Williams recorded one win each and combined well to take the doubles. A highlight of the match was the fine performance by Carol Wickstead in beating Rachel Roberts whilst Julie Bloore, making her debut, fought all the way.

IMPRESSIVE START BY PONTESBURY

Pontesbury made an important start to their East Midlands Cadet League campaign at Grantham when they chalked up three crushing wins. The U-14 Squad of Peter Thomas, Ian Jarratt, Darrell Corfield and David Morris beat Coventry 10-0, Nottingham 9-1 and Grantham 9-1. The next three games are on Sunday, Dec. 13.

MIDLAND LEAGUE COMMENCES

Grove Junior first team made a fine start to their Midland League season beating Birmingham 8-2 thanks to unbeaten displays by both Colin Wilson and David Williams, Sean Groom added two singles victories in a good 'team' performance by the Market Drayton trio.

All in all not a bad start to the season, marred only at this stage by a County

'Cash Crisis' — but more of that in next month's notes.

John Robinson reports from . . .

DORSET

MIXED FORTUNES

In the first round of County matches on Oct. 3 Dorset met with mixed fortunes, winning three of the six matches contested. Both the senior sides were successful each winning 6-4 in two very close matches.

In the first team's match against a strong Surrey side, Dave Constance, the Dorset No. 1, was very impressive winning his two singles and sharing a doubles victory. The second team's match was not decided until the last set with Jason Creasey showing great fight in pulling back from 14-19 in the third to win at 19.

The Junior 1st team were defeated by Wiltshire 6-4. Mark Werner played well to win his two singles. The 2nd team scored a good win over Avon II again by 6-4 with all five players recording victories. Both Veteran teams suffered defeat the first going down 2-7 to national champions Essex. Stalwart Joyce Coop was involved in both Dorset successes. The 2nd team lost by the same score to Sussex.

RANKINGS

Men

1 D. Constance, 2 A. Clayton, 3 S. Heaps, 4 M. Abbott, 5 J. Robinson, 6 T. Smith, 7 M. Werner, 8 C. Pickard, 9 J. Creasey, 10 F. Kershaw, 11 G. Plutz, 12 H. Davies, 13 J. Russell, 14 C. Bush, 15 G. Pope, 16 Mike Hughes, 17 D. Joyce, 18 M. Doyle, 19 Martin Hughes, 20 S. Davies.

Women

1 C. Creasey, 2 J. Reading, 3 I. Kershaw, 4 J. Coop, 5 J. Applin, 6 L. Harman, 7 S. New, 8 S. Hegarty, 9 S. Scott-Pawson, 10 D. Robins, 11 P. Baldwin, 12 J. Smith.

Boys

1 Werner, 2 Plutz, 3 R. Fairhall, 4 J. Allman, 5 R. Thomas, 6 J. Joynes, 7 C. Milton, 8 J. Heasman.

Girls

1 Creasey, 2 Harman, 3 Hegarty, 4 Scott-Pawson (S), 5 Scott-Pawson (T), 6 Jenvey, 7 H. Feltham, 8 A. Russell.

Veteran Men

1 Kershaw, 2 Bush, 3 Russell, 4 Joyce, 5 D. Woodcock, 6 R. Fairhall, 7 S. Brice, 8 T. Parry, 9 E. Buckley, 10 H. Feltham.

Veteran Women

1 Kershaw, 2 Coop, 3 D. Robinson, 4 P. Baldwin, 5 J. Terry, 6 P. New.

Mary Rose and

Ray Barton report from . . .

WARWICKSHIRE

ABYSMAL RESPONSE

The Junior Trials held at Coventry (Boys) and Leamington (Girls) were very successful but the response to the Senior Trials was very disappointing. Six of the thirteen women invited attended with the remainder, all but one, having valid reasons for non-attendance.

Of the twenty men invited only five were present at the start with a further two turning up late . . . a poor turn out indeed. This abysmal response by the men led to the cancellation of the trial half an hour after the scheduled start, the organiser, John Taylor, stating that he felt very sorry for those men who were keen enough and had made the effort to attend.

It was interesting to note that the absentees were residents of the Birmingham area. Obviously a lot more thought must go into the organisation of any future trials with much more support from the players

concerned. It was agreed that a men's ranking list will now be drawn up at a later date. The women's ranking list reads:

1 Groves, 2 Hardy, 3 Brison, 4 Harper, 5 Lloyd, 6 Sutton, 7 Robinson, 8 Hewer, 9 Jones, 10 Rose, 11 Rainbow, 12 Smith, 13 McHale.

AREA TRIALS (MARKET DRAYTON)

Three players represented Warwickshire in the Cadet boys' trial namely M. Campbell, A. Brown and S. Simon with Martin Campbell finishing at No. 1. In the Cadet girls' trial V. Shanaghan finished 5th which was a good performance. D. Bromley was our other representative.

In the U-17 trials D. Rudge (2nd), R. Lewis (5th) and M. Thomas (6th) represented the boys whilst F. Sutton occupied 4th place in the girls'.

The first coaching rally was held at Washford Heath Comprehensive School on Oct 11 with 19 boys and 12 girls invited. After last season's successful rallies our junior players improved greatly and we are obviously looking forward to even more success this season.

SELECTION

The County Selection Committee for this season is: John Taylor (Chairman) and Junior 'A' team captain, John Chandler (Junior 'B' team captain), Barry Johnson (Senior 'A' team captain), Tony Pipe (Senior 'B' team captain), Phil Paine (Leamington) and Mickey Brown (B'ham).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Warwicks II started their programme against, probably, their sternest opponents in Staffs. There were many fine performances by our team although we finally went down 3-7. We were represented by Lester Bertie, Adrian Pilgrim, Chris Hughes, Anne Lloyd and Fiona Sutton.

Staffs turned out A. Bellingham, A. Rich, P. Barnett, Miss J. Harris and Mrs. J. Dunning. Probably our best performance of the evening was by Bertie who beat Andy Rich and took Andrew Bellingham to three. He lost -17 in the 3rd when many of the spectators thought he would be the eventual winner. Fiona Sutton should also be congratulated for taking a game off Janet Dunning, a much more experienced player.

Our other winning sets came from Pilgrim, who beat Paul Barnett 15, 15, and the men's doubles won by Bertie and Pilgrim against Bellingham and Rich. The feeling after the match was that Warwicks II should have a successful season and that we do not feel too despondent after our loss to a fine Staffs side.

To finish on a happy note, congratulations go to Dougie Johnson who won the Colgate North of England men's singles title at Stretford on Sept. 26 and was afterwards selected for the English team opposed to France in the European League although he was not called upon on the night.

Ian E. McKelvey reports on the . . .

EAST MIDLANDS CADETS LEAGUE

DOMINANT TEAMS

The first of the season's four meetings took place early in October at Grantham. If the standard at the top does not appear quite as high as in previous years, the middle table standard is much as before. With a number of teams rebuilding, and more than the usual percentage of players eligible next season, this is encouraging.

Pontesbury, Loughborough and Coventry I emerged with 100% records, and seem set to be the dominant teams of the season. Pontesbury's progress was not, perhaps, as simple as it appears in the results summary

for twelve of their thirty sets went the distance. Peter Thomas, their best player, kept himself largely above this enthusiasm for the decider and should be in contention for the trophy awarded to the player with the best individual average. David Morris, only ten years old, is an excellent prospect.

Loughborough's success relied mainly, as expected, on Paul Bumpus, another contender for the top player award, and Louise Forster, both unbeaten so far. Louise's sister Julie, the youngest player in the League, despite this being her third season, recorded her first win in the match against Coventry II.

Present champions, Coventry I, had only two matches but will evidently be hard to beat, especially with Mark Randle looking to my eyes to be the best player in the League. He recorded the only win over Andrew Stills of Derby, who had a good day, being largely responsible for his team's draw against Chesterfield, with three wins and a share in the doubles.

Chesterfield, re-entering after two year's absence, did well, dropping only the one point in the match with Derby, just mentioned. Bradley Billington, Chris Glossop and David Smedley are a young team with a look of future champions, although not this year. Billington, just eleven but with three more cadet years, is another fine prospect.

Matches in the lower part of the division should be closely fought, as shown by Lincoln's and Leamington's 6-4 wins over Leicester. Nuneaton perhaps look the weakest competitors, although Stephen Moses won four sets, and with two more seasons at this level will do well in time.

RESULTS
Pontesbury 10 Coventry II 0
Chesterfield 5 Derby 5
Loughborough 8 Leamington 2
Leicester 4 Lincoln 6
Nuneaton 2 Grantham 8
Lincoln 7 Nuneaton 3
Leamington 6 Leicester 4
Coventry II 3 Chesterfield 7
Nottingham 1 Pontesbury 9
Derby 2 Coventry I 8
Grantham 3 Loughborough 7
Chesterfield 6 Leamington 4
Pontesbury 9 Grantham 1
Leicester 7 Nuneaton 3
Coventry I 9 Lincoln 1
Loughborough 8 Coventry II 2
Nottingham 2 Derby 8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Pontesbury	3	3	0	0	28	2	6
Loughborough	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Chesterfield	3	2	1	0	18	12	5
Coventry I	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Lincoln	3	2	0	1	14	16	4
Derby	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Leicester	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Leamington	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Grantham	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Nuneaton	3	0	0	3	8	22	0
Coventry II	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
Nottingham	2	0	0	2	3	17	0

LEADING AVERAGES
(Qualification - 2 matches)

	P	W	%
Peter Thomas (Po)	9	9	100
Paul Bumpus (Lo)	9	9	100
Louise Forster (Lo)	9	9	100
Mark Randle (Co)	6	6	100
David Morris (Po)	6	6	100
Darrell Corfield (Po)	6	6	100
Bradley Billington (Ch)	9	8	89
Andrew Stills (De)	9	8	89
Paul Henry (Le)	6	5	83
Gary Woodcock (Co)	6	5	83

ENTRY FORMS

The Editor would be grateful if tournament organisers would forward a copy of their entry form direct to him at 43 Knowsley Road, Bolton BL1 6JH, this for incorporation in the "What's on and Where" feature.

Brian Halliday reports from . . .

BERKSHIRE

MATTER OF REGRET

The teams that have taken the plunge and committed themselves to the National League deserve all the support they can get. Therefore it is a matter of much regret that the matches scheduled as home fixtures for the two Berkshire representatives should clash. With Gillette-Reading and Omega playing on the same day, and within about a mile of each other, this has posed problems for local supporters who would have liked to watch both clubs in action, and compare the standard of play and presentation. With both clubs very conscious of their responsibility to local players and the viewing public, this was an administrative mistake that must not be repeated next season. National League Committee please note.

County selectors are always there to be shot at, especially when it comes to team selection and rankings. Therefore it must have been gratifying for them to see Martin Bartholomew really justify his selection for the senior second team in their first match, away to the Isle of Wight. Martin, whose two wins contributed to a 5-5 result, was a somewhat controversial choice but how well he took his chance. The experienced Richard Kozlowski almost got the better of Carl Preat, leading 16-10 in the deciding game, before the youngster moved up a gear.

The two junior sides were both in action recently. The first team went down to Herts in a match in which the top Berkshire juniors failed to find their best form. The second team were very disappointing at Staines against Middlesex II, where only Matthew Syed on his county debut impressed. Andy Nash and Paul Halliday looked very faded and were only shadows of the players they were last season.

Better news from the veterans camp. The first team went as underdogs to Gravesend but surprised Kent by scraping home 5-4. A really tremendous marathon of a match this, lasting five hours, with no quarter asked or given. Every set needed a third game decider such was the closeness in standard. The set between the brilliant attacking flair of Henry Buist and the immaculate chop defence of Bert Foster was a joy to watch, with the Kent man getting the verdict. The second team were at home to Sussex II and went down by the odd set in nine. Pat McKenzie made an excellent debut winning her singles and teaming up with Dave Jones for a mixed doubles success. With Pat only getting her chance because of Sylvia Bruton's unavailability, this has posed more problems for the selectors but with top class veteran ladies in short supply, this is one problem that they welcome.

The Newbury League are to be congratulated on their initiative in organising the junior invitation tournament recently. This event took the place of the Newbury Junior Open which we understand was not run this season due to unwarranted interference from outside sources at last season's tournament. What is the country's loss is obviously Berkshire's gain.

Berkshire representatives are well involved in the 'Concentration of Resources' plan organised by the initiative of the Sports Council. This plan dovetails with the ETTA National Development Plan.

Two meetings have been held in Reading and already decisions taken have shown tangible results. In a concentrated effort to improve the image of the game one of our National League teams, Gillette-Reading has taken the time to present demonstrations and talks to local schools and Centres. The response has been very encouraging and has given the Regional Development Plan a splendid start. For further informa-

tion of what the plan means to all players, whether star performers, league players, school teachers, school children, or housewives please write or 'phone me (2 Rowan Close, Sonning Common, Reading. Tel. 722421).

Finally two apologies are due. First to Graham Trimming and his progressive National League club, Clippenham, who I inadvertently deprived of the Maidenhead League championship in last seasons notes. Sorry Graham, but it is some consolation to know that our good friends in Bucks read the Berkshire Notes. Secondly the fact that Didcot League have now moved into the Oxfordshire county has not gone unnoticed. Of course Berkshire are sorry that they have severed their links, but wish them every success in their new county.

John Woodford reports from . . .

SUSSEX

TRAGIC DEATH

A shadow fell over the second half of the last day of the Sussex Open championships at Hastings, at least for home supporters and players as the tragic death of the 43-year-old Jimmy Moore at Guy's Hospital, London, became known.

With the courage that is typical of the Moore family, Stephen, Adrian and Teresa all played on. Despite the personal disaster they stayed in the White Rock Pavilion for most of the finals session and as their father would have wished, the boys still appeared for Dolphins in the National League the following Sunday.

Forecasts that Malcolm Francis would have to knock down all his rivals at the Sussex trials in September proved to be well off target. He appeared at the trials at the selectors request, but he had injured a bicep muscle clowning at Pontin's. Happily, the selectors with plenty of results to go by, but not too much eye-witness evidence, took a chance and made Francis the new No. 1, a decision that at the moment seems to be the right one, although further progress is being made by both Peter Pudduck and Adrian Moore, both in the National League and the County Championships.

"This is ridiculous" said Francis as he found himself in the same group of the men's singles as Carl Preat at the Sussex Open. "How can they place two players in the England Top-50 in the same group?" However, "they" did just that, so before the showdown, almost the championship of Sussex and Hampshire combined, Francis said with due modesty, "I can beat him".

Not many people would have backed the Uckfield 19-year-old against the 15-year-old from Ryde with the label - "possibly the greatest player for England since Johnny Leach". With only one real blinder of a hit during the match to take him to 18-15 in the third, Francis dismissed Preat just when spectators were looking forward to the young "magician" taking apart some of the England-ranked players present - there were 23 rankers at Hastings by the way, a fine score for a 2-star event.

In the nick of time, at the proverbial eleventh hour, after the entry forms have been printed, Lombard North Central have come forward with £750 to help float the all-Sussex championships at Worthing Sports Centre on Feb. 14. That's £200 more than last year, bringing smiles back to the faces of the county officers including treasurer Colin Hyland who could have faced the county with a disastrous £300 loss on the event, but it was a near thing.

In the meantime, the fifth East Sussex championships will be at Bexhill on Nov. 29 with £175 prize money provided by the "Eastbourne Gazette". The West Sussex championships will be born at Lancing a few weeks earlier, thanks principally to the

efforts of Sussex chairman and ETTA vice-president Bert Fretwell. No sponsor for West Sussex first time out, only hopes for next year. Pudduck will be the No. 1 men's seed at Lancing and Francis at Bexhill.

Two more players of the female of the species have arrived in Sussex, of county standard. They are the Welsh No. 1 Stephanie Jones who at the time of going to press had not yet completed negotiations for joining a Brighton club and Sandra Peakman from Birmingham into the Chelsea College of Human Movement, Eastbourne, where the academic grind especially in the first year can be so fierce that there can be casualties.

Diane Griggs, the former Sussex champion is waiting to make a come-back. Hard-hitting as she is on the table, she is currently resisting shouts of "put him on the bottle Di!" as her first-born moves towards the first half of his life — he will see enough of table tennis halls later on!

Sussex Men's (County Championship) RANKINGS

1 Malcolm Francis, 2 Stephen Moore, 3 Adrian Moore, 4 Phil Smith, 5 Roger Chandler, 6 Peter Pudduck, 7 Nicky Standen, 8 Phil Richardson, 9 Robin Stace, 10 Andy Walker, 11 Paul Rowden, 12 John Clarke, 13 Keith Horton.

Obituary

JIMMY MOORE

I doubt if there are any other families in this country as totally devoted to table tennis as the Moores of Bexhill in Sussex. Father Jimmy, himself a Sussex junior some 28 years ago and a Hastings senior champion in 1958 and 1960 sacrificed much with his wife Wendy to urge all three of their children Stephen, Adrian and Teresa to England junior ranking standards.

Aged only 43 when he died in Guy's Hospital, London on October 11th, finals day at the Sussex Open, he successfully devoted virtually all of his spare time to the three teenagers. He inspired them through scores of tournaments, more especially with a smile when they met defeat. The universal hope is that the family will come through this tragedy in the course of time to even greater achievements in the sport and in life itself.

J.W.

Ray Simpson reports from . . .

DURHAM

Durham held their first Junior match of the season when they entertained Gloucestershire in Div. 2A of the County Championships at Shiney Row on Oct. 3.

The match showed to Durham what they have to expect this season having gained promotion from Junior 3rd North. Even though Durham went down by 4-6, there were some good performances against strong opposition.

The boys all won a set each. Stephen Crosby opened Durham's account by defeating S. Beattie -16, 22, 15, David Blackburne also defeated Beattie 17, 13, and Darren McVitie beat P. Jackson 18, 17. This win by McVitie pulled Durham level at 4-4 after being 1-4 down at one stage. However, Elaine Blackburne found Niki Tsakarisianos too much of a handful while Lorna Wilson pulled off a good 17, -20, 19 win over J. Ellery to make up Durham's tally. If nerves had been better overcome, then Durham could have been much closer to a side expected to do well in the division this season.

Problems look like besetting the County Championships this season. Nottinghamshire dropped out of their match against Durham's seniors on Oct. 3, while at the time of writing, Cumbria were reportedly having difficulty finding somebody to look after their side. Coupled with this, Durham

were having problems finding somebody to take the junior side to Lincolnshire in November.

The County League began on Oct. 12 and all leagues apart from South Shields have entered teams, while Sunderland and Bishop Auckland have entered teams in all competitions. The divisions are:

Men Philadelphia 'A' & 'B', Sunderland 'A' & 'B', Peterlee, Darlington, Stanley, Bishop Auckland, Aycliffe, Durham.

Women Sunderland 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D', Bishop Auckland.

Junior Bishop Auckland 'A' & 'B', Philadelphia, Aycliffe, Sunderland.

In the National League, South West Durham have discovered that the Second Division North will be even harder than last season when they finished second bottom. The first three matches have all resulted in 7-1 defeats, at the hands of Tarmac Wolverhampton, Grove and Stockton Select, with inconsistent play in some ways to blame for some personal defeats. SWD's Australian signing, Greg Horne, needs a win to break the psychological barrier after having played in some very entertaining sets, despite on one occasion against Grove, a train delay causing him to miss his first set. John Crawford, playing at No. 3, has notched two wins in three matches, while Tony Gelder has scored the other victory. Incidentally, a lot of people I have spoken to have expressed regret at the omission of the doubles set in the middle of the match.

Membership of the leagues within County Durham seems to have stayed at last season's level, but the 'New Town' leagues of Peterlee and Aycliffe still contain a very low number of teams — 11 and 16 respectively. The reasons for this are many, but the most telling one could be the lack of old-established places in both towns. Venues such as church halls and youth clubs are hard to find in these leagues, and membership seems to come from the Sports centres, factories or keen teams who want to play more than the one match a week.

May I remind league press officers that I am always interested in receiving the news which can be included in this column or local newspapers in County Durham.

Les D'Arcy reports from . . .

YORKSHIRE

AMBITION ACHIEVED

After a coaching assessment session held at Parkside Youth Centre early in October the following students qualified as club coaches: P. Harpham, H. Hewitt, R. Gilyeat, M. Wilcockson (Selby), G. Thornton, P. Butler, S. Brown (Leeds), M. Finnerty, G. Rothery (Wakefield), R. Bowsley, A. Brant (Hull), J. Bubb (Sheffield), R. Ryder (Dewsbury), C. Fox, G. Bailey (Doncaster), A. Dickinson (Huddersfield), P. Clare (Bradford), B. Jones (Rydale), I. Maciver (Barnsley), R. Wiley (Cleveland).

Six club coaches passed their one star diploma: B. Douglas (Bradford), R. Fullen (Wakefield), J. Harcastle, J. Walton (Doncaster), F. Wilson (Barnsley), J. Stallard (Leeds).

One of the students passing the club coaching certificate was disabled player Michael Finnerty who in spite of mobility problems achieved one of his cherished ambitions. Michael now intends to spend part of his coaching time helping to improve the standard of some of his disabled colleagues in different parts of the county.

The Course was arranged by Y.T.T.A. Coaching Secretary, Mrs. S. Atkinson and directed by National Coach, Donald Parker.

World Record Breakers

I had the pleasure recently of playing in the same team as two world record

breakers: Albert McMurchie, Dundee Singles Champion for the past two years, is now working in Leeds and has joined the Alwoodley C.C. 'A' team, the current Leeds champions. With his partner in Scotland Albert broke the World's non-stop playing record with over 100 hours. Stewart Milnes, the team's No. 1 is well known for his world record breaking appetite which put him into the Guinness Book of Records in 1974. Now he seems ready to create more. Since he started playing in 1959 he has played in over two thousand matches, won one hundred and fifty trophies, played in twelve different leagues in Yorkshire last season and collected eight trophies with four different teams (includes the two Yorkshire inter-leagues).

So formidable has Stewart become that his own local league, Dewsbury put him off minus ten in their handicap competitions with the next best player off minus two.

Against Leeds Y.M.C.A. Stewart left his training shoes at home, but still proceeded to win his three singles — including one over Julie McLean, last season England-ranked senior. For sheer effort and enthusiasm Stewart will take some beating. No wonder he has a big appetite!

Yorkshire Rankings

Yorkshire's No. 1 in last season's Cadet List, David Rook (Bradford), has confirmed his early promise by becoming the Junior No. 1 boy at his first attempt. Martin Firth (Bradford) has had a very successful early season and takes over No. 1 in the Cadet Boys, and the No. 9 spot in the Junior Boys. Joanne Shaw and Karen Burrows — both playing for Wakefield Yorkshire League teams this season — have responded well to Summer coaching by Roden Fullen. Joanne keeps her No. 1 Cadet title and moves into the Junior No. 7 position and Karen in her first year in the women's section takes the No. 3. Melanie Seaton (Doncaster) moves into the top spot in the Junior Girls with former No. 1 Julie Speight (Doncaster) moving over to take No. 2 behind Melody Hill in the seniors.

LISTS

Men

1 S. Mills (SH), 2 A. Fletcher (HL), 3 K. Beadley (BR), 4 M. Illingsworth (BA), 5 D. Illingsworth (BA), 6 A. Bottomley (BR), 7 D. Rook (BR), 8 A. Sanderson (Y), 9 N. Edgecock (L), 10 S. Wathey (DO), 11 M. Stead (BR), 12 T. Dyson (HD).

Women

1 M. Hill (BR), 2 J. Speight (DO), 3 K. Burrows (C/P), 4 L. Broomhead (SH), 5 L. Smith (BR), 6 R. Brook (DE), 7 J. Ryalls (SH).

Junior Boys

1 Rook, 2 D. Illingsworth, 3 S. Illingsworth (BA), 4 R. Whiteley (HA), 5 J. Thatcher (L), 6 K. McKandla (L), 7 C. Render (L), 8 M. Emmerson (SE), 9 M. Firth (BR), 10 T. Walton (DO).

Junior Girls

1 M. Seaton (DO), 2 Ryalls, 3 Brook, 4 Broomhead, 5 H. Huitt (HL), 6 J. Shaw (W), 7 D. Malpas (DO), 8 R. Baxter (L).

Cadet Boys

1 Firth, 2 J. Bult (HL), 3 N. Wesson (BA), 4 R. Thompson (SH), 5 N. Newton (DO), 6 C. Guest (SH), 7 I. Omand (HL), 8 D. Scruton (HA), 9 S. Arnold (W), 10 N. Parr (DO).

Cadet Girls

1 Shaw, 2 Malpas, 3 J. Stocks (BR), 4 R. Thaxter (L), 5 J. Roberts (DO), 6 A. Evans (HL), 7 A. Speight (DO), 8 H. Broomhead (SH).

Key:

BA—Barnsley, BR—Bradford, C/P—Castleford/Pontefract, DE—Dewsbury, DO—Doncaster, HA—Harrogate, HD—Huddersfield, HL—Hull, L—Leeds, SE—Selby, SH—Sheffield, W—Wakefield, Y—York.

COUNTY MATCHES

Cambridgeshire were too consistent for Yorks II in the senior match and won 6-4.

Singles winners were David Illingsworth, David Rook and Julie Speight with the partnering Karen Burrows to win the women's doubles.

Yorks Junior II won their first match of the season against Huntingdonshire 6-4. Martin Firth was in top form, winning both his singles convincingly in 2-straight. Richard Whiteley and Jeff Thatcher each won one singles and combined well to win the doubles. Lesley Broomhead defeated Miss J. Randall, 8 in the 3rd, to make sure of a White Rose success.

SCORES

v Cambs

A. Bottomley lost to K. Richardson 11, -12, -18;
D. Rook lost to G. Davies -19, -19;
D. Illingsworth lost to M. Harper 19, -9, -12;
K. Burrows/J. Speight bt M. Judd/J. Palmer 15, 20;
Bottomley/Illingsworth lost to Harper/Richardson -16, 21, -13;
Bottomley lost to Davies 20, -19, -20;
Burrows lost to Palmer -19, 19, -13;
Illingsworth bt Richardson 19, 19;
Speight bt Judd 19, 19;
Rook bt Harper 17, 16.

v Hunts

J. Thatcher lost to P. Cole -18, -18;
M. Firth bt P. Saywell 9, 12;
R. Whiteley bt R. Ballard 10, 9;
R. Brook/L. Broomhead lost to A. Hillard/J. Randall 19, -19, -19;
Thatcher/Whiteley bt Ballard/Cole 9, 16;
Thatcher bt Saywell 7, 4;
Broomhead bt Randall 16, -19, 8;
Whiteley lost to Cole 11, -18, -6;
Brook lost to Hillard 11, -20, -15;
Firth bt Ballard 13, 6.

Pauline Long reports from . . .

NORTHUMBERLAND

NEW FACES ON COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The outstanding results in the Premier Division and Div. 1A and 2B of the Tyneside Summer League in the end only made one difference to the leading positions as mentioned in the October issue of "Table Tennis News", with Lemington C.C. 'B' eventually overhauling West Avenue 'B' to finish as runners-up to John Boste 'A' in Div. 2B. One player, Martin Young (Ashington Leisure) finished with a 100% record in Div. 1B, while Ray Purves (Whitehouse Lane, Div. 1A), Julie Smith (Chuter Ede, Div. 2A), Anthony Ainley (Ouston C.C., Div. 2A), Gordon Watson (John Boste, Div. 2B), Steve Dunn (Thompson's, Div. 3A), Malcolm Lusk (North Shields Y.M.C.A., Div. 3B), Jim Broughton (West Allotment, Div. 3B), Chris Rutter, J. Snowball (both Whitehouse Lane, Div. 3C), Peter Curry (Blaydon Y.C., Div. 4A), Bill McMaster (Byker C.C., Div. 4B), and Stephen Waugh (Byker C.C., Cadets' Div.), all finished with 90% or over. The handicap Knock-Out Cup competition was eventually won by Delaval C.C. 'D', who beat Washington 'D' in the final.

The Northumberland League season commenced on Sept. 21, with only 123 teams operating this season compared with 138 a year ago, and an unusual feature is that there are no new clubs in Div. 4. There are three new faces on the County Management Committee in Larry Cartmell (Reyrolle), Ken Lusk (Berger) and Colin Aitchison (Simonside). Bill McMaster (Byker C.C.) continues as Chairman with Aubrey Drapkin (Delaval C.C.) as Vice-Chairman in place of Ron Wilson who is shortly to leave the area. Jimmy Scope (Gladstone Terrace) has taken on Ron's other duties as County Match and Tournament Secretary, although Alan Morpeth (North Shields YMCA) is still General Secretary. Aubrey has also commenced his second term of office at National level as Treasurer of the ETTA. The rest of the Committee members are Bill Brown (Electrics), Treasurer; Pauline Long

(DHSS), Publicity Secretary; Sid Holt, League and Handbook Secretary; Charles Mouzon (Ashington Leisure), Area 5 Coaching Panel Representative; Alex Olsson (Water Authority); Arnold Warents (Newcastle YMCA); Andrew Buck (North Shields E.E.); Jack McAllister (High Pit S.C.); Alan Livingstone (Whitehouse Lane); and Brian Thompson (Blaydon Y.C.).

The first junior County match of the season away to Cheshire in Div. 3A unfortunately resulted in a narrow 4-6 defeat. Neil McMaster won both his singles, and together with Martin Tate (on debut) the boys' doubles. Alan Matthewson (also on debut) won the other singles set. This match was played on Oct. 3, and the remaining fixtures are as follows: Nov. 7 v Cumbria (H); Nov. 21 v Lincoln II (A); Dec. 19 v Notts (H); Jan. 23 v Cleveland II (A); Feb. 27 v Lancs (A) and Mar. 13 v Derbyshire (H). The two weekends at a central venue for the senior team in the Premier Division will be Nov. 28/29, and Feb. 27/28.

The senior County assessments were held at Byker Community Centre on Oct. 10, and I would not have envied the task of the ranking committee in having to select lists after what happened on that day — even though one or two of the eventual positions might appear a little unexpected. The men's assessment was won by No. 2 junior Martin Tate, who was undefeated throughout the day, and in fact was only brought in at the last minute to replace someone who was unable to attend. This was an exceptional performance by Martin, who had never been included in a senior ranking list before, and only had the experience of one junior County match the previous week — when he lost both his singles! The women's assessment was won by Clare Mouzon, who lost only one match on "deuce" in the third to Susan Norris, followed by Christine Burke, Julie Hobson, Pauline Long and Susan herself, all of whom further complicated matters by each winning two sets and losing two. Unfortunately, as quite a few senior players were absent for various reasons, the results cannot necessarily be regarded as conclusive. I do not doubt that some have genuine reasons for non-attendance, but there are also some players who either regard their place as automatic or are so keen on trying to hang on to their original ranking that they forget that some of the up-and-coming young players would probably welcome the opportunity to show what they could do, even if they do not manage to win.

The full senior ranking lists, plus a revised junior boys' list, are:

Men

1 Chu Van Que, 2 Andrew Clark, 3 Ian Robertson, 4 Fred Short, 5 Bob Dodds, 6 Ronnie Scott, 7 Neil McMaster, 8 Martin Tate, 9 Dave McAllister, 10 Steve Robinson, 11 John Burke, 12 Peter Whiteman, 13 Dave Lucas, 14 Fred Woodhouse, 15 Charlie Robertson, 16 Martin Young (not available for selection at the present time).

Women

1 Barbara Kearney, 2 Caron Buglass, 3 Clare Mouzon, 4 Christine Burke, 5 Kit Cheung, 6 Julie Hobson, 7 Susan Norris, 8 Pauline Long, 9 Shirley Laver.

Junior Boys

(previous positions in parentheses)
1 McMaster (1), 2 Tate (2), 3 Alan Matthewson (3), 4 Nicholas Jeffreys (5), 5 David O'Neill (4), 6 Gordon Watson (—), 7 Steve Allen (—), 8 John Bridges (—), 9 Wasim Shakoor (7), 10 Thomas Blackman (8), 11 Peter Curry (9), 12 Eddie Smith (10), 13 Andrew Drapkin (—).

Martin Schapira is not available for selection at the present time, and is therefore not included in the current list. The junior girls' and both cadet rankings remain unchanged.

The newly-promoted Mayfair Wallcoverings Newcastle National League team started off their Premier Division season by

losing 0-8 to Sealink International Ormesby, but in their second match fought out a 4-4 draw with Larkhall at Eldon Square, the singles sets being equally shared between Chu Van Que, Keith Paxton, Ian Robertson and Andrew Clark. Since then, they have narrowly lost to Omega.

It is hoped to arrange some friendly matches for the young senior players who could otherwise have expected to play on the second team, and any nearby interested Counties should contact Jimmy Scope, telephone 0632-781092 (home).

I would like to conclude this month's report by thanking George Yates very much for his kind wishes to Graeme and myself on the occasion of our marriage.

Jack Chalkley reports from . . .

STAFFORDSHIRE

FIRMLY HELD

Beginning of the season rankings show a number of changes although the No. 1 positions in both the men's and women's remain firmly held by Andrew Bellingham and Jill Harris. Congratulations go to Andrew in achieving a deserved place in the National rankings; currently, the County has six nationally-ranked players. Within the County rankings Paul Barnett moves into the top three and Bill Bridgeman moves up to sixth place. Tony Isaac slips to seventh, but I would expect him to recover a higher position before long.

Men

1 Andrew Bellingham, 2 Andrew Rich, 3 Paul Barnett, 4 Mark Evans, 5 Greg Hallam, 6 Bill Bridgeman, 7 Tony Isaac, 8 Craig Bakewell, 9 Stan Deakin, 10 Andrew Dixon, 11 John Hancock, 12 Paul Chester.

Women

1 Jill Harris, 2 Janet Dunning, 3 Fiona Elliot, 4 Shirley Cain, 5 Vicky Bellingham, 6 Rachel Roberts, 7 Lynn Burgess, 8 Stephanie Hadley, 9 Pat Brookes, 10 Joanne Chubb.

Boys

1 Andrew Dixon, 2 Adrian Dixon, 3 A. Devitt, 4 R. Haywood, 5 C. Grant, 6 A. Trubshaw, 7 K. Cartwright, 8 D. Haines, 9 S. Nixon, 10 S. Willshire, 11 A. Hough.

Girls

1 F. Elliot, 2 V. Bellingham, 3 R. Roberts, 4 A. Hegarty, 5 S. Hadley, 6 J. Powis, 7 T. Spencer.

Leading positions in the cadets are: Boys - Adrian Dixon, Richard Haywood, Adrian Hough, Mathew Harvey and Girls - J. Powis, A. Sanders, B. Capper.

Staffordshire started their championship programme with a trio of wins. The Senior 'A' side had some uneasy moments before running out 7-3 winners against Warwickshire II, and although they won the last four sets it was not without a struggle, particularly in the set in which Bellingham met the opposing No. 1, Lester Bertie. Playing similar styles in conditions which were not perhaps helpful, they gave the best display of the evening. Bertie came back from 13-17 to take the first game and Bellingham had to hold on to a slender lead in the remaining two to gain a narrow win. Barnett, the first Potteries player to play for the 'A' side for several years, had a satisfactory debut winning one of his two singles, but again the men's doubles was a disappointment and we will have to tighten up in this department if we are to reach the play-off for the Premier Division.

RESULTS

Bellingham bt Adrian Pilgrim 11, 15;
bt Bertie -17, 16, 17.
Rich lost to Bertie -11, 18, -16;
bt Chris Hughes 9, 9.
Barnett bt Hughes 10, -14, 15;
lost to Pilgrim -15, -14.
Jill Harris bt Mrs. Ann Lloyd 4, 13.
Janet Dunning bt Fiona Sutton -20, 14, 6.

Bellingham/Rich lost to Bertie/Pilgrim 19, -19, -20.
Harris/Dunning bt Lloyd/Sutton -19, 15, 11.
Staffs Senior 'B' side travelled to Leicestershire and returned with a 6-4 win and the Junior 'B' side beat Shropshire 7-3 in a home tie.

Probably the key match for the Senior 'A' side in their division is that against Leicestershire and this is being staged by the Tamworth league on Nov. 21 at the Belgrave Recreation Centre. Tamworth have just recently joined the Staffs Association and this is a generous offer on their part, and deserves good support from all table tennis enthusiasts in the County. No doubt there will be support from across the border for our opponents and we can be assured of a good tussle with our old enemies.

The County are still in need of more umpires to share the job of controlling the various representative matches in the area. I would again appeal to anyone — player or not — interested in the game to come forward to help. Playing ability is not essential, and the opportunity of being involved with the game at top County level — and higher if you're keen — must be an attraction to many of those, for example, in lower divisions. Please contact Derek Carson, telephone Stafford 46493, our Umpires' Secretary, or your local league Secretary.

Geoff Waters reports from ...

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

MIXED START

Cambridgeshire had a mixed start in the opening matches in the County Championships, with the seniors gaining useful results and the juniors going down in both matches.

The senior first team made the long trip to Bradford for a first-ever match with Yorkshire II and came away victors 6-4. The match was not as close as the score may suggest for Cambs had the match won by the seventh set. Keith Richardson, Mick Harper and Geoff Davies all won their opening singles and although Cambs lost the women's doubles, the three set margin was regained in the men's doubles. Davies completed a double with a win over Tony Bottomley and in the following set Joanne Palmer clinched the points by beating Kathy Burrows.

The second team fought out a ding-dong affair against Herts II at Letchworth which finally ended 5-5. Cambs led 3-0 with wins from Andy Withers, Robert Swift and Tony Holmes. The last named player is back in the county team after several years absence and replaces Gary Jordan, who has gone on to further education in Middlesbrough. After this promising start Cambs looked well set for victory but all four middle sets went to the home county. Withers levelled the scores with an easy win over David Seaholme, but then Jane Hunter narrowly failed in two "deuce" games with Lindsay Booth. Swift saved a point in the final set by beating Roger Pyle.

The juniors unfortunately could not emulate their elders and both teams went down. The first team have been weakened by the reluctance of former England cadet Tracey Fisher to play for the county and this was emphasised in their 7-3 defeat by Kent II at Abbey Wood. Julian Wheel beat Neil Harris in the third set and the same player kept Cambs in the match when he combined with James Frost to win the boys' doubles.

The visitors, however, could only pick up one more set when Ruth Hunter beat Janet Smith in the penultimate set.

The junior second team played their first-ever match against Shropshire II at the Wesley TTC in Cambridge and were well

beaten 9-1. The only good thing to come out of this match from Cambs' point of view was the performance of Peter Holliday. It was his county debut and in his first set he showed he could play under pressure beating the Shropshire No. 1 Colin Wilson 22, -19, 21. This win however was to be the only one of the afternoon.

The irony of this Shropshire win was that their players were coached by Ian Marshall, who was Cambs coach back in the mid-seventies. It was during Ian's reign that Cambs had their best junior squad with the first team in the Premier Division and the second team beating all the first teams of the then Junior East division.

Soham have set off in the National League where they left off last season and already look odds on to retain their Premier Division title.

They have won their opening three matches in great style beating Larkhall 6-2, Omega 8-0 and Bristol & West 8-0. Surprisingly one of the sets dropped so far was by Paul Day who lost in the opening match to Peter McQueen. Paul lost only one set in the National League last season and he now has a long haul to equal that record. Their other dropped set was when Dave Wells went down to Richard Jermyn in the same match.

The Cambridge veterans team, many times winners of the old South East Midlands League, have made a good start in the newly formed St. Neots Invitation League. They comfortably won their opening two matches against St. Neots 'B' and Bedford both by a 7-2 margin. The evergreen John Thurston was unbeaten in both matches, while John Loker won three against St. Neots and Albert Jackson three against Bedford.

The John Jaques Cambridgeshire Closed Championships have provisionally been booked for Saturday, Jan. 16 at the Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall in Cambridge. More details of this later.

Ken Green reports from ...

HUNTINGDONSHIRE

RANKING TIME

Following the seemingly controversial method of selection for certain teams last season, the Management Committee elected a Ranking and Selection Committee of eight members who will meet prior to each Senior, Junior and Veteran County Championships match. The first Meeting produced the following County Rankings:

Men

1 Philip Cole (St.N), 2 Keith Willett (St.N), 3 Tim Speller (HC), 4 Mark Fisher (HC), 5 Mike Kennedy (P), 6 Gus Albon (St.N), 7 Roy Norton (St.N), 8 Syd Burgess (HC), 9 Keith Lakin (St.N).

Women

1 Diana Bushby (St.N), 2 Jean Allinson (P), 3 Sylvia Upton (P), 4 Alison Hillard (St.N), 5 Melanie Ringrose (HC), 6 Sandra Randall (St.N), 7 Diane Gutteridge (St.N), 8 Janet Randall (St.N).

Boys

1 P. Cole, 2 Richard Ballard (HC), 3 = Paul Saywell (St.N), Andrew Cavan (HC), Paul Jackson (HC), 6 Alasdair McIlhagga (HC), 7 Douglas Spinney (HC).

Girls

1 A. Hillard, 2 J. Randall, 3 Tracey Reeves (St.N), 4 Michelle Fellows (HC).

Veteran Men

1 Colin Dale (P), 2 Len Saywell (St.N), 3 Ken Green (HC), 4 Gus Albon (St.N), 5 Roy Fisher (P), 6 Ron Parmenter (HC).

Veteran Women

1 D. Bushby, 2 Shelley Holland (P), 3 Doreen Wakefield (St.N), 4 Pip Baker (P), 5 Evelyn Allinson (P), 6 Pam Norman (HC).

Key:

HC—Hunts Central, P—Peterborough, St.N—St. Neots.

After a rather eventful journey to Bradford our 'new look' Junior team went down 4-6 to Yorkshire II. Cole carried on his winning way of last season beating J. Thatcher 18, 18 and R. Whiteley -11, 18, 6. Alison Hillard won her singles over R. Brook -11, 20, 15 after being almost out of the set at 14-19 down in the second after losing the first. Alison with Janet Randall won the Doubles beating Brook and Broomhead -19, 19, 19. Unfortunately Ballard and Paul Saywell making their debuts lost their sets but the experience will no doubt stand them in good stead. After a pleasant journey to Hyde via the 'black road' the Veteran team of Dale, Len Saywell, Green and Diana Bushby were soundly beaten by Cheshire 8-1 with a creditable victory in the Mixed for Colin and Diana over Eddie Griffiths and Doreen Schofield. Otherwise Pete D'Arcy and Derek Schofield much too good

Philip Reid reports from ...

LEICESTERSHIRE

MARCUS THE STAR

Leicestershire opened their County Championships fixtures with three wins, one draw and one loss. First — the bad news. Surprisingly, the County 2nd team lost for the first time in three years, to Staffordshire. Keith Fellows, Phil Smith and Julie Revill managed one but Grahame Hall was below peak form. The drawn match concerned Cumbria and Leics Junior 2nds in an extremely sporting and well-fought contest. Star was debutant Marcus Bellot who won two, including the vital tenth set. Joanne Murray impressed me enormously and skipper Ian McKelvey must be impressed with what is a cadet team, especially their fighting spirit. 1-4 and 2-5 down, they came back to take a point.

The junior 1st team had a win over Lincolnshire, highlighted by the brilliance of Simon Griew. The Knighton Park left-hander has certainly made rapid strides! The 1st team have a new skipper in Phil Powell, a well-known local figure and still able to compete with the best. He celebrated in style, his three internationals — Karen Smith, Chris Rogers and Anita Stevenson — leading the team to victory. The Veterans have taken on a new lease of life. Their completely new men's side of Colin Truman, Allen Crowson and Geoff Aldwinckle looks useful, particularly with the injured Brian Mayfield in the background. It looked like the old story after Geoff lost to Eddie O'Hara in the opening set but surprisingly (and to Mike Jackson's intense disappointment) the home side took all the remaining sets two-straight.

In the Leicester League, Terry Bown has taken over the mantle of editor of 'Top-Spin' and a very useful job he has done. Thanks for the kind remarks Terry! (and Ian Holdridge). The Leicester team came unstuck in the Midland League when travelling to Bristol; it was, however, no disgrace to lose to this fine Bristol team. The 'Elbow Tankard', the Leicester Summer League, has the following pace-makers — Verns, Pollards, Pirates, Bizzy B's, Iron Men, Low-Nites, Braunstone Avenue, Oadby Church of Christ and Super Loopers. Top of the averages are Jim Storer, Alan Clarke, Steve Morrissey, Martin Hanley, Alan Mould, Mick Plews, Vijay Sheth and Keith Fellows (seems that name is familiar).

RESULTS

Round 1

Summer Nighters 11 Braunstone Avenue 4
Low-Lites 14 Wrong Number 6
Alley Cats 9 Pollards Pirates 11
Bizzy B's 12 Stingers 10
(AET) Braunstone Avenue 9 Verns 11
Superloopers 15 XLBS 5

Oadby Church of Christ 16 Gutglaxton 4
Bentley 11 Iron Men 9

Quarter-finals:

Bentley 11 Oadby Church of Christ 9

Low-Lites 16 Pollards Pirates 4

Bizzy B's 15 Verns 5

Superloopers 11 Summer Nighters 3

Semi-finals:

Low-Lites 7 Superloopers 13

The Hinckley League are to be congratulated on the excellent way they staged the England - France European League match, with Mike Holt and John Shade doing most of the hard work. Unfortunately the match turned out to be a financial disaster and at the moment the future of the Hinckley League looks very dodgy indeed.

Finally... following my recent illness the theory that I was a "strokeless wonder" must be dispelled for ever!!

David Cosway reports from...

HAMPSHIRE

FEW SURPRISES

The season started with the usual trials held at Redbridge Sports Centre with few surprises before the ranking lists were issued by the team management and selection committee. In the men's Rhamish Bhalla and Graham Toole proved what I said last season, that they were good enough for the first team. Both Chris Shetler and Steve Wilson, who held first team places last season, finished well down the rankings. In the women's, with her No. 1 spot in some doubt, Serina Sininan, pulled out all the stops to comfortably beat her close rival Kathy Conlan.

RANKINGS

Men

1 Derek Holman (BO), 2 Rhamish Bhalla (ALD), 3 Graham Toole (GF), 4 Chris Wilshire (S), 5 Martin Gilbert (P), 6 John Roberts (S), 7 Chris Shetler (S), 8 Steve Wilson (S), 9 Andy Thomas (ALD), 10 N. Frost (AND).

Women

1 Serina Sininan (P), 2 Kathy Conlan (BAS), 3 Christine Davies (S), 4 Tracey Kneller (P), 5 Andrea Seagar (ALD), 6 Angeline Gilbert (P), 7 B. Clarke (A), 8 Anne Longland (S), 9 Avril Waters (BAS), 10 Mary Clegg (ALD).

Boys

1 Toole, 2 Keith Dickenson (BAS), 3 Mark Wilding (SEH), 4 Steve Snow (S), 5 Arthur Mogg (BAS), 6 Ian Davenport (BAS), 7 A. Pitts (P), 8 J. Goodyear (GF), 9 G. Dixon (ALD), 10 R. Waters (BAS).

Girls

1 Helen Frost (AND), 2 Kate Lines (ALD), 3 Sarah Hammond (S), 4 Hayley Baker (BAS), 5 Samantha Lewis (P), 6 Mary Broughton (GF), 7 A. Palaczky (BAS), 8 E. Salisbury (BOU), 9 S. Foley (ALD), 10 A. Moore (ALD).

Veteran Men

1 G. Holley (P), 2 M. Shave (S), 3 R. Lush (P), 4 M. Barrett (ALD), 5 N. Stagg (P), 6 G. Philpott (W), 7 B. Harrison (BAS), 8 D. Allen (S), 9 L. Plant (P), 10 J. Harvey (ALD).

Veteran Women

1 A. Waters (BAS), 2 M. Glegg (ALD), 3 D. Winmill (GF), 4 M. Allen (S), 5 D. Gray (P), 6 K. Lyne (P), 7 B. Duffield (BAS), 8 M. Barron (P), 9 J. Palaczky (BAS), 10 M. Smith (ALD).

Key:

ALD—Aldershot, AND—Andover,
BAS—Basingstoke, GF—Gosport/Fareham,
P—Portsmouth, S—Southampton,
W—Winchester.

Generation 2 still the County's only National League team must have a good chance of Premier Division status with their new signings for the season Desmond

Charlery and Tony Clayton. They certainly deserve better support with matches held at St. Annes School, Fareham starting at 2 p.m. Why not give them your support? The next two home games are against Gunnersbury Triangle on Nov. 8 and Larkhall II on Dec. 27.

The County have certainly got off to a good start in their first matches. The Senior 'A' team had an 8-2 win over Gloucesters with the second team making up for their cancelled match against Staffs by beating the Royal Navy in a friendly 10-1. The Junior 'A' team beat Cornwall 7-3 while the Veteran 'A' team beat Wiltshire 8-1. It makes pleasant reading doesn't it after last season's poor results. I can only hope it lasts. The trouble is the next match is against the Isle of Wight for the first team and the rumours about it being up against John Pream with pistols at 10 paces are pure speculation!

The Hampshire Junior Closed was on Oct. 25 at Redbridge and I will give details in my next report. The Senior Closed is also at Redbridge on Sunday, Nov. 29.

Alf Peppard reports from...

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

HEADY DAYS

Not since the heady days of 1963/67 when Gloucester City's team of Bryan Merrett, Ian Harrison, R. Morley, D. Bevan and D. Holland won the Wilmott Cup has indeed Gloucester City ever looked anything more than just an average West County city. But I feel now that things are very much on the move.

Paddy Jackson, City's coach for the past two years, and now County coach, is getting together a small but very select band of table tennis conscious youngsters. Without going into too much detail players like Darren Griffin (Gloucester), the County's No. 1 senior, and Paul Jackson (County No. 1 Junior) and Nina Tsakarisianos, the County's joint-ranked No. 1 at both senior and junior levels.

I am not saying that we are all set to win the much coveted Wilmott Cup yet again but thanks to Paddy's coaching we might get a sniff at it hopefully. Maybe even the J.M. Rose Bowl if more girls get up to Nina's standard... No. 7 in England as a junior. Other proteges of coaching and doing well in the local leagues and elsewhere are Jenny Ellery, No. 2 Junior in the County, David Smith (No. 4) and Arron Beckett (5) Junior).

Final news for Gloucestershire, the City has seven divisions this season, Cheltenham and Stroud five divisions each.

Stephen Gibbs reports from...

GWENT

VIABLE ALTERNATIVE

During the 1980-81 season the officers of the Gwent Association realised that as the numbers of women playing table tennis in the county had diminished to two or three then the future for the county team in the County Championships would be short lived.

The only viable alternative seemed to be the National League where a team did not need the compulsory women players. After a number of meetings between the constituent leagues of Gwent (Abergavenny, Eastern Valley, Monmouth, Newport and Tredegar) it was decided that the county would enter a team into the National League instead of the County Championships. The Gwent Association had always carried out its activities on a small budget levied in the main from the players of its constituent Leagues and when the fees for the National League were revealed they caused a considerable headache. In addition

the minimum requirements for a home venue seemed more demanding than the requirements for County Championships and it was soon discovered that the facilities of the numerous leisure centres in Gwent were either unsuitable or far too expensive.

It was at this point that Peter Pitfield, a Director of Cranfield Colours, the Printing ink manufacturers, and an avid supporter of table tennis came to the rescue. Cranfield Colours offered to donate 1,000 square feet of space at their stores in Cwmbran towards the National League venture. After a considerable amount of painting, light erecting, and fund raising the Gwent Association were in a position to be one of the first teams outside England to apply to enter the National League.

With the knowledge that the application was likely to succeed the Gwent Association held a Round Robin for its twelve leading players at the end of the '80/81 season and from that Round Robin offered 'contracts' to the top six players.

So with six of the best players in Gwent on their books Cranfield Colours Gwent was born, and while we still count the pennies very carefully we play in the knowledge that we are a competent team in Division Three South of the National League. Four of our six squad players have represented Wales at one level or another. Brian Jeanes and Gary Wilkins played for Wales at Poznan and Topolcan respectively. John Bloomer has represented Wales in the Welsh Open on a number of occasions, while Andrew Evans played for Wales in the Birmingham World Championships. Indeed all five of Cranfield Colours Gwent's Welsh players appear in the latest Welsh Ranking List. Brian Jeanes (Newport) at No. 4; Gary Wilkins (Abergavenny) No. 7; John Bloomer (Eastern Valley) No. 12; Andrew Evans (Eastern Valley) No. 13 and Kevin Phillips (Eastern Valley) at No. 14.

Our only unranked player is Ron Vose who came from Salford to Cwmbran in the late 1970's and still remains an adamant Englishman.

After three matches the team remains unbeaten dropping only one point in a draw in a very exciting match against S.I.B. Bath.

Whatever the outcome of the venture both the players and officials are enjoying a different and more professional type of competition.

Leslie Constable reports on the...

ST. NEOTS WINTER LEAGUE

The St. Neots Table Tennis Club's Winter League, with an invitation flavour, started on Oct. 10 with the Veterans Division matches, Oct. 18 with the Junior Division and Oct. 24 the Senior Division. The three divisions are made up as follows:

Senior - Cambridge 'A' & 'B', Northampton 'A' & 'B', Bedford, Peterborough, Kettering, St. Neots, R.A.F. and North Herts.

Junior - St. Neots, Hunts Central, Northampton, Kettering, North Herts 'A' & 'B', Bedford, Dunstable, Peterborough and Wellingborough.

Veterans - St. Neots 'A' & 'B', Peterborough 'A' & 'B', Cambridge, North Herts, Bedford and Northampton.

All matches will be played at St. Neots Club with two sessions (afternoon and evening) either Saturday or Sunday and matches will consist of nine sets of singles with one point awarded for each set won. Each team will consist of three players (male or female) each playing three sets.

Many seasoned players will be in action and the standard will be as high as the old South East Midlands League which unfortunately disbanded last season after a year's "come back".

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Senior - Sunday, Dec. 6

1.30 p.m.

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

5.30 p.m.

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

Junior - Sunday, Nov. 15

1.30 p.m.

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

5.30 p.m.

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

Veterans - Saturday, Nov. 14

1.30 p.m.

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

5.30 p.m.

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

Divisional Tournaments will be played as follows:

Junior - Sat., 2nd Jan., '82.

Veterans - Sat., 20th Feb., '82.

Senior - Sat., 20th Mar., '82.

STAMCO SUSSEX 2-STAR OPEN

by Ron Kemp

STRONGEST FOR YEARS

The STAMCO Sussex Tourney held on Oct. 10/11 at the White Rock Pavilion, Hastings produced the strongest entry for many years, with 14 of the top 26 ranked men and 8 of the top 18 women competing. With a total entry of 274 players from all parts of the British Isles, it is pleasing to know how popular this early event has become.

The 'Dobell Cup' and cheque for £140 was won by the holder World-ranked No. 50 Paul Day, although for the first time in two years at Hastings he dropped a game as he just scraped through in the semis against unorthodox left-hander Steve Mills, seeded 3rd equal. Day was a game and 10-15 down in the second before recovering, taking the next two 18 and 16.

His final opponent was the unseeded Ian Kenyon who, although fortunate not to have met 3rd equal seed Graham Sandley in his quarter (whose non-arrival was disappointing for all his fans), was a little unlucky not to have taken the first in an enthralling set, having been 15-10 up only to see Day level at 15-all, and an edge to Day at "deuce" gave him the first at 20.

The second followed more quickly with the out-and-out attack of Day being just better than Kenyon's counter-hitting. Second seed Max Crimmins was squeezed out in Round 4 by Skylet Andrew -19, 20, 10, who then fell in the other semi to Kenyon. Andrew unable to reach peak form, losing -11 in the third. Malcolm Francis (Sussex No. 1) again drew the crowds with his Group match against Carl Pream, I.O.W.'s wonder-boy. Francis' defensive efforts appeared to be restricted by a large, immovable concrete

pillar on the edge of court 7, but he was not to be denied, winning 19 in the 3rd.

Women's Singles title holder Karen Witt showed her class by retaining her title with comparative ease — and for the second year she went through the contest without dropping a game. She beat county team-mate Alison Gordon in the first semi, and to take the 'Parsons Cup' and cheque for £60, beat No. 2 seed Angela Mitchell in the final in an aggressive set, as both girls are energetic loopers and counter-hitters. The second however was far closer than the score suggests, as Mitchell led 14-12 only to see Witt catch up at 16-all, and take the next 5 points for victory. Mitchell had earlier beaten unseeded Helen Williams in the second semi.

The Men's Doubles final proved a fitting climax to the Championships as last year's runners-up, the unseeded Richard Jermyn and David Wells went one better to take the title by beating scratch pairing John Kitchener and Mills in an exciting match. Wells explosive backhand being perhaps the difference between the teams. Our seeded players fell in the early rounds (Hannah/Thomas in Rd. 4, Bradbury/Wilson and Andrew/Souter in Rd. 2, and Crimmins/Kennedy in the quarter-finals) and, in the semis Welshmen Evans and Healen lost -15 in the third to the eventual winners, and Carl Pream and Mark Oakley lost -18 and -15 to Kitchener/Mills.

Earlier the Women's Doubles provided a fairly simple win for the 2nd seeds Angela Mitchell and Sarah Sandley over Joy Grundy and Mandy Smith — who had earlier excelled to knock out favourites Karen Witt and Alison Gordon in a very tight semi 20 in the 3rd. Mitchell and Sandley had, as expected, moved to the final at the expense of Mandy Reeves and Helen Williams in the second semi, the final itself saw the winners pull out an 8-0 lead in the first and easily take it at 14; the second being closer, but at 13-all, Mitchell and Sandley pulled away again to win the cup 21-16.

The Mixed title was won by unseeded Karen Witt and Joe Kennedy over 3rd seeds Mandy Smith and David Wells in two games — an enormous 16-4 lead finished at 21-3, and although Smith/Wells led 18-14 in the second, Witt/Kennedy pulled back the next 5 points to sneak the game and match 21-19. Scratch pairing David Hannah and Alison Gordon were unluckily beaten -21 in the 3rd at the semi-final stage to the eventual winners. 2nd seeds Paul Day and Joy Grundy fell in the quarter-finals to Andrew and Sarah Sandley in three close games, who then in turn lost to Smith/Wells in the other semi.

Veterans' Singles winner was Welshman George Evans who beat the holder and No. 2 seed Babs Adedayo in the final.

Trophies were presented by Mr. Leon Shephardson from main sponsors STAMCO, and the finals which began on time at 6.30 p.m. ended at the respectable hour of 9.30 p.m.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

P. Day (Ca) bt D. Wells (Mi) 19, 14;
S. Mills (Y) bt C. Wilson (Mi) 17, 21;
I. Kenyon (K) bt D. Barr (Bk) 20, 13;
S. Andrew (E) bt P. Namdjou (K) 16, 16.

Semi-finals:

Day bt Mills -21, 18, 16;
Kenyon bt Andrew 12, -17, 11.

Final:

DAY bt Kenyon 20, 12.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

K. Witt (Bk) bt A. Gordon (Bk) 12, 12;
A. Mitchell (Mi) bt H. Williams (Mi) 12, 19.

Final:

WITT bt Mitchell 16, 16.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

R. Jermyn (He)/Wells bt G. Evans/A.
Healen (Wal) -18, 12, 15;

Mills (Y)/J. Kitchener (Sk) bt M. Oakley (Sy)/C. Pream (IOW) 18, 15.

Final:

JERMYN/WELLS bt Mills/Kitchener 11, -19, 18.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

J. Grundy (La)/M. Smith (Bk) bt Gordon/Witt -11, 14, 20;
Mitchell/S. Sandley (Mi) bt M. Reeves (Bk)/Williams 13, -20, 8.

Final:

MITCHELL/SANDLEY bt Grundy/Smith 14, 16.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

J. Kennedy (K)/Witt bt D. Hannah (Sco)/Gordon -10, 13, 21;
Wells/Smith bt Andrew/Sandley 14, 14.

Final:

KENNEDY/WITT bt Wells/Smith 8, 19.

Veterans Singles Semi-finals:

Evans bt G. Chapman (Sy) 12, 13;
M. Adedayo (Mi) bt L. Fountain (E) 17, 10.

Final:

EVANS bt Adedayo 21, 13.

THE COLGATE NORTH OF ENGLAND OPEN

RESULTS

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

D. Johnson (Wa) bt A. Rich (St) 12, 5;
S. Andrew (E) bt A. Fletcher (Y) 18, 12;
P. Randell (Le) bt C. Rogers (Le) 15, 14;
W. Gleave (Ch) bt A. Bellingham (St) 11, 11.

Semi-finals:

Johnson bt Andrew 12, 19;
Gleave bt Randell 8, 14.

Final:

JOHNSON bt Gleave -19, 18, 22.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

S. Hunt (Li) bt H. Shields (Y) 10, 17;
A. Stevenson (Le) bt J. Speight (Y) 11, 17;
J. Grundy (La) bt J. Harris (St) 9, 14;
K. Smith (E) bt J. McLean (Y) -19, 8, 5.

Semi-finals:

Hunt bt Stevenson -10, 9, 20;
Smith bt Grundy 17, -15, 9.

Final:

HUNT bt Smith 18, -19, 18.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

B. Johns/W. Percival (Ch) bt K. Rodger (Sco)/A. Martin (Cv) 13, 14;
Randell/Rogers bt Fletcher/S. Mills (Y) -12, 15, 13.

Final:

RANDELL/ROGERS bt Johns/Percival 17, 12.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

M. Hill (Y)/Stevenson bt T. Lightfoot (Ch)/C. Wickstead (Sp) 18, 14;
Grundy/McLean bt Hunt/Smith 14, -17, 18.

Final:

HILL/STEVENSON bt Grundy/McLean 10, 22.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Cooke (Dy) bt Andrew Dixon (St) 14, 16;
Gleave bt P. Gunn (Wa) 20, 19;
R. Hayward (St) bt C. Hardman (La) 16, 19;
L. Taylor (Cv) bt M. Firth (Y) 13, 9.

Semi-finals:

Gleave bt Cooke 14, 17;
Taylor bt Hayward 9, 9.

Final:

GLEAVE bt Taylor 15, 16.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

M. Seaton (Y) bt D. Soothill (Cu) 9, 13;
F. Elliot (St) bt L. Broomhead (Y) 14, -19, 16;

Lightfoot bt V. Bellingham (St) 21, -19, 13;
J. Ryalls (Y) w.o. H. Broomhead (Y) scr.

Semi-finals:

Seaton bt Elliot 14, -14, 17;
Lightfoot bt Ryalls 15, 19.

Final:

LIGHTFOOT bt Seaton 9, 18.

Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

E. Griffiths (Ch) bt T. Donlon (Ch) 14, 10;
D. Schofield (Ch) bt G. Brook (Y) 16, 17.

Final:

SCHOFIELD bt Griffiths -23, 13, 15.



PETER WILSON, O.B.E. 1913-1981

Peter Wilson, an outstanding sports columnist who died last month at Palma, Majorca where he retired in 1972, was a brilliant journalist always producing graphic and descriptive accounts of any event he was covering and at the same time an ardent campaigner in exposing deficiencies and evils in sport. "Shamateurism" in lawn tennis and athletics he constantly highlighted and was a strong and persistent crusader against apartheid in South African sport, all of which rightly earned him the description of "the man they couldn't gag".

He covered the Olympic Games from 1936 to 1972 and his other chief sports were boxing and lawn tennis.

However such was the man that he never forgot other sports. He was a great friend to the ETTA not only to players but officials. Peter Wilson's first association with table tennis was as a cub reporter for Exchange Telegraph in 1935 when he was reporting the World Championships from the Imperial Institute, London University with the finals at the Empire Pool and Sports Arena, Wembley.

After the 2nd World War he took a lively interest in our World Championships (by then he had become one of the top sports commentators in Fleet Street writing for the Daily Mirror), travelling to most of the European ones as well as those in Japan (1956) and China. The Championships in Peking in 1961 were a great attraction for the press as it was the first time sports writers had the opportunity to visit China since the founding of the People's Republic. So it was not surprising to find Peter Wilson, Jim Manning (Daily Mail) and Desmond Hackett (Daily Express) in the same plane as the ITTF and ETTA groups of players and officials bound for Peking. It was a never to be forgotten 20 hour trip via Moscow, Mongolia and the Gobi desert! At all times during the trip and the Championships Peter was the life and soul of the party and it was a great joy to be with him when he hosted a Chinese champagne party in his hotel.

Peter's father was also a sport writer who reported for The Times the first World Table Tennis Championships held in London in 1926.

When the Daily Mirror ran their annual nationwide table tennis tournament (1950-

1957) Peter was to the fore in journalistic promotion. He also wrote articles for the Table Tennis Magazine and was a member of the ETTA Development Commission under the chairmanship of George White (1961-63) which examined all aspects of the game in this country and produced a blueprint of organisation and development for the following decade.

In his time Peter was always ready to help the game and the Association and without question he made a big contribution in assisting to establish table tennis as a sport. For this and his friendship we shall be eternally grateful.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

by Robert Oldfield

KAREN AND LINDA BREAK ALL-MALE TRADITION

English Internationals, Karen Witt and Linda Jarvis made table tennis history on Sunday, 13th September, becoming the first women to play in the National League. Although Witt played a Premier Division match, for Omega against Bristol & West, it was Jarvis that gained the success, beating Mick Harper of MBS St. Neots in Sealink Ormesby's 5-3 victory in the 2nd Division North. No doubt the introduction of women will provide a topic for discussion in the columns of the magazine but, for the gaining of experience in tense match conditions, the early results have emphasised this feature of the National League.

The inclusion of Witt and Jarvis is only one of many changes that have swept through all the divisions. Out goes the doubles; in comes the four-all draw. One minute, Fellows Cranleigh, the next, Larkhall. "Goodbye Milton Keynes, Hello Ormesby", said Sealink. In too were Bristol & West, after an eleventh hour play-off against Dunlop Birmingham for the remaining Premier Division place.

The match was full of surprises — anyone with a national ranking just had to watch out. Dougie Johnson, playing his first (and only?) time for Dunlop Birmingham was the biggest giant to fall and the unranked Kevin Satchell was Bristol's hero, in a 5-3 victory for the West Country club.

The most rapid exodus ever seen in the National League followed Dunlop's shock defeat. Johnson scuttled for the safety of Sealink Ormesby while Rogers asked Unity to overlook his infidelity. Unity reinstated him but dropped their No. 1 for the first match of the season. Unity also added Skylet Andrew and Billy Gleave in a bid to compensate for the move of Steve Mills to Sealink Ormesby.

Transfers apart, the biggest change is with the size of the League — an extra two divisions being formed to accommodate the intense interest that the competition has generated. And, with teams from Lansdown Medway in Kent to Cranfield Colours in Gwent; from Pengeley Sports, Torbay to Mayfair Wallcoverings in Newcastle; the League really has become national in perspective.

CHAMPIONS SOHAM LEAD THE PREMIER

Champions, Soham, have begun the season as they left the last, this year with Dougie Bennett instead of Carl Preat to back up their squad of Paul Day, Kenny Jackson, Dave Wells and John Souter. And it was Bennett who lost two of the four sets that have been recorded against them so far — losing to Mayfair Wallcoverings 'Benny' Robertson and Andrew Clark on 18th October. Soham therefore impressive

— Jackson and Souter still undefeated, Day having lost to Larkhall's Pete McQueen and Wells to Richard Jermyn, in the first match of the season.

Ellenborough are again Soham's nearest rivals and their new signing, Dave Tan, has kept them from defeat in their last two matches. Against Larkhall, on 18th October, Tan began the Ellenborough revival after the team were trailing by 0-3 and then, at 4-3, beat Jermyn despite trailing by two set points in the vital third game. A good result for Ellenborough who had to play John Kitchener in the No. 1 spot while Graham Sandley was in Venice, representing England in the Italian Open.

Following their defeat by Ellenborough a stunned Sealink Ormesby manager, Alan Ransome, admitted, "one bad result doesn't put the National League title out of reach but it doesn't improve our chances either!" "Tan was the man who did the damage", said Ransome, and, in his debut match, the pen-holder with the lightning reactions beat Steve Mills and Nicky Jarvis. Donald Parker saved face for Sealink Ormesby with his two wins but lost his undefeated record the following match, going down to Max Crimmins 21-18 in the third.

NEW PRIZE MONEY

It's not difficult to predict that the Championship, and the newly announced prize fund of £1,000, is destined for one of these three teams and everything could hinge on the matches in December — Ellenborough v Soham on 20th December; Soham v Sealink Ormesby on 27th December. Even in their current fourth place, Omega must be wondering if they will be able to challenge for the £300 third prize.

The club from Aldryington, near Reading, drew with their nearest challengers, Unity, on 18th October. Philip Bradbury inflicted Billy Gleave's third defeat and Andy Wellman again won two vital sets for Omega. It's a troubling time for Unity whose No. 1, Rogers, has played twice without success but the form and results of their new players, Andrew and Gleave, give grounds for optimism. Gleave's scalps include those of Mills, Kitchener and McQueen and Andrew looks set to establish himself as a valuable National League player after two years as reserve for Sealink Milton Keynes.

NEWCOMERS STRUGGLE

Below Unity are the three newcomers to the Premier Division; Larkhall, Mayfair Wallcoverings, of Newcastle, and the Bristol club, now sponsored by Bristol & West Investments. All three are struggling to find their form but Bristol & West expect to move up, after the most difficult fixture possible at the start of the season. "We're not dispirited" said Bristol & West's manager, Roy Smith. "We've played the top four teams in the first four matches and come out with a point. With a team of Crimmins, Dave Constance, Ian Kenyon, Kevin Satchell, we'll be in the middle of the table by the end of the year".

Bristol & West's first chance comes on 8th November when they play at home, against Mayfair Wallcoverings.

CARDIFF TOP IN SECOND SOUTH

The newcomers in Second Division South, Butterfly Cardiff, are having no such problems and, following their 5-3 home win over Generation Two on 18th October, lead the division. Before the match Generation's supremo, Tim Manhire, felt the match could depend upon the ex-Internationals — Tony Clayton for Generation and George Evans for Butterfly Cardiff. So it proved — the veteran Evans giving his club a 5-2 winning lead by beating Clayton 21-10, 22-20. But Generation still have Simon Heaps with a 100% record and rocked the Second Division with the news of their new signing, Carl Preat, at No. 1 for the club.

"We've signed Carl, looking to the future"

said press officer, Manhire, "We feel his signature will guarantee us the second division title and promotion to the Premier where Carl will be a fundamental part of our team. It's an exciting prospect of having a player who we consider to be a future England International".

Larkhall II are in second place, having played three of the weaker teams in the division, Lansdown Medway, Gunnersbury Triangle and Graham Spicer. Larkhall play **Dolphins** on 8th November in a crucial match and Dolphins are hoping for the exhibition of form from the Moore brothers, Stephen and Adrian, which brought three sets in Dolphins' draw with **Dunlop Birmingham**. Dunlop Birmingham started the season with a disastrous 5-3 loss to Generation but two successive 8-0 victories have brought them to fourth place.

SECOND NORTH

In Second Division North, **Tarmac Wolverhampton** have built up an important two point lead after four matches. "Acquiring Andy Bellingham, at No. 1, and Greg Hallan, at No. 4, has strengthened the middle of the team" says manager, Paul Chester. "I must confess we've had a little bit of luck with Grove forced to play a weak side against Sealink Ormesby II but we couldn't have wished for a better start. Christmas is our crunch time. With Salford and Grove both at home in December it could be a very exciting time at the end of the first half".

But the talking point in the division is the failure of the two clubs, transferred from the Second South, to make an impression. **March** lie in sixth place and **MBS St. Neots**, despite attracting Keith Richardson from Soham, have only won one match — against the lowly S.W. Durham. "Possibly the Northern division is a bit stronger" volunteered MBS St. Neots' Press Officer, Cliff Oliver. "Things went our way last year but our first three matches have forced us to sign Paul Randall at No. 3".

The new club **Grove**, are quickly establishing themselves, and their latest victory, 7-1 away to Stockton, kept them in second place. Only the irrepressible Malcolm Corking was able to gain a set for Stockton — beating Tony Boasman by 21-19, 21-18. But, according to Corking, the best set was Steven Souter against Boasman — 19-21, 21-19, 19-21, in Boasman's favour.

THE SPIRIT IN THIRD SOUTH

Dagenham F.C. have made the early running in the 3rd Division South. No wonder Press Officer, Brian Parish is impressed "with the spirit in which the National League is played". But Dagenham are being pushed hard by Cranfield Colours Gwent and Gillette Reading.

Cranfield Colours Gwent met **SIB Bath** in what Steven Gibbs described as "probably the best exhibition of table tennis ever seen in Gwent". At 4-2 Andrew Evans lost six set points to Paul Jackson and SIB Bath, boosted by the addition of a new sponsor and two points gained after South Bank played in the wrong order, held on for a draw. "We were a little bit disappointed to drop a point", said Gibbs "but we're delighted with the National League. There's far more press interest in table tennis now. For example, our local paper, the South Wales Argus, want three reports for each match".

This attitude goes throughout the division and, indeed, the whole National League. **Gillette Reading**, although just down the road from Premier club, Omega, are "Trying to present the matches in a completely different way", says spokesman Brian Halliday. "For our second home match we had a local dancing troupe during the interval — the first match, a Country and Western singer. It certainly brings the crowds in". **Pengeley Sports Torbay**, however, rely upon Gina Pritchard and in her first match, against South Bank, she repaid

their confidence with two sets towards Torbay's 5-3 away win.

Cippenham, in Slough, are holding up the division and had their hopes of a first victory dashed when Alec Watson was taken ill on the night before their match against their local rivals, Gillette Reading. "It made all the difference" claimed their spokesman, Graham Trimming. "We had to bring in Frank Earis at the last minute and we're going to have to look for another player". Ray Tilling signed for Cippenham the following Sunday.

THIRD NORTH

With the backing of a sponsor, recently announced, **Wharfedale Hermits** are making themselves heard loud and clear in Third Division North and three conclusive wins have put the Bradford club ahead of their local rivals, **Unity II**, by two sets. Unity's progress has delighted non-playing captain, Sylvia Broadbent. "The average age of our team is about 14 or 15", she said, "and we formed the side to try and give them match practice at this level. They're already quickly maturing as players".

Another new team, **Ruston Bucyrus Lincoln**, are also pleased with their initial impressions "What a change it is not to be sitting in horrible rooms late at night" said Dennis Worell. "We've had some fantastic games so far. We've never been annihilated and there seems to be a lot of friendliness about the League". Ruston Bucyrus Lincoln are relying upon their older players to pick up some matches second time around and the Billingham club, sponsored by the J. D. White Group, were the first to fall victim. "I was disappointed" confessed the **Billingham J. D. White Group** club's manager, Colin Davison. "It was a classic match of young players against the experience of the older team. But I was delighted with Glenn Skipp, who took two sets in his debut match".

However, the best venue in the League is claimed to be that of South Yorkshire — the Brian O'Malley Library in Rotherham. "We're going for the Second Division" claimed the South Yorkshire manager, Graham Coe. "National League table tennis has gone down really well in Rotherham and we're getting over 100 spectators for each match". Coe is so impressed that he's now looking forward towards a women's National League. A nice success story to end this month's round-up.

RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

13th September, 1981

Omega 4 Bristol & West 4
Sealink Ormesby 8 Mayfair Wallcoverings 0
Larkhall 2 Soham 6
Ellenborough 5 Unity 3

27th September, 1981

Soham 8 Omega 0
Mayfair Wallcoverings 4 Larkhall 4
Unity 1 Sealink Ormesby 7
Bristol & West 2 Ellenborough 6

4th October, 1981

Omega 5 Mayfair Wallcoverings 3
Bristol & West 0 Soham 8
Sealink Ormesby 3 Ellenborough 5
Larkhall 3 Unity 5

18th October, 1981

Sealink Ormesby 6 Bristol & West 2
Donald Parker bt Dave Constance 15, 10;
Steve Mills lost to Max Crimmins
-19, 13, -16;
Richard Yule bt Martyn Smith 11, 9;
Keith Rodger bt Kevin Satchell, -16, 15, 13;
Donald Parker lost to Max Crimmins
13, -16, -18;
Steve Mills bt Kevin Satchell 16, 14;
Richard Yule bt Dave Constance 15, -15, 16;
Keith Rodger bt Martyn Smith 10, 17.
Unity 4 Omega 4
Chris Rogers lost to Andy Wellman -12, -11;
Skylet Andrew bt Dave Barr 18, -20, 18;
Steve Turner bt Andrew Syed 7, 9;

Billy Gleave lost to Philip Bradbury
16, -19, -9.

Chris Rogers lost to Dave Barr -17, -16;
Skylet Andrew bt Philip Bradbury 8, 12;
Steve Turner lost to Andy Wellman
-17, 11, -17;

Billy Gleave bt Andrew Syed 3, 13.

18th October, 1981

Mayfair Wallcoverings 2 Soham 6
Chu Van Que lost to Kenny Jackson
12, -14, -19;

Keith Paxton lost to Paul Day 18, -15, -16;
Benny Robertson bt Dougie Bennett
-23, 16, 16;

Andrew Clarke lost to Dave Wells -17, -9;
Chu Van Que lost to Paul Day -14, -14;
Keith Paxton lost to Dave Wells 15, -7, -18;
Benny Robertson lost to Kenny Jackson
-14, -19;

Andrew Clarke bt Dougie Bennett 11, 14.

Ellenborough 5 Larkhall 3
John Kitchener lost to Peter McQueen
-17, -11.

Mark Mitchell lost to Dave Newman
-17, 14, -9;

Colin Wilson lost to Richard Jermyn
14, -16, -17;

Dave Tan bt David Hannah 13, 12;
John Kitchener bt Dave Newman
-16, 18, 18;
Mark Mitchell bt David Hannah -16, 17, 16;
Colin Wilson bt Peter McQueen 17, -13, 18;
Dave Tan bt Richard Jermyn -15, 15, 20.

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Soham	4	4	0	0	28	4	8
Ellenborough	4	4	0	0	21	11	8
Sealink Ormesby ...	4	3	0	1	24	8	6
Omega	4	1	2	1	13	19	4
Unity	4	1	1	2	13	19	3
Larkhall	4	0	1	3	12	20	1
Mayfair Wallc'ngs .	4	0	1	3	9	23	1
Bristol & West	4	0	1	3	8	24	1

2nd DIVISION SOUTH

13th September, 1981

Dolphins 7 Lansdown Medway 1
Generation 5 Dunlop Birmingham 3
Larkhall II 7 Graham Spicer 1
Gunnersbury Triangle 4 Butterfly Cardiff 4

27th September, 1981

Graham Spicer 3 Generation 5
Lansdown Medway 3 Larkhall II 5
Butterfly Cardiff 6 Dolphins 2
Dunlop B'ham 8 Gunnersbury Triangle 0

4th October, 1981

Larkhall II 2 Butterfly Cardiff 6
Generation 6 Lansdown Medway 2
Dolphins 6 Gunnersbury Triangle 2
Dunlop Birmingham 8 Graham Spicer 0

18th October, 1981

Dolphins 4 Dunlop Birmingham 4
Lansdown Medway 1 Graham Spicer 7
Gunnersbury Triangle 2 Larkhall II 6
Butterfly Cardiff 5 Generation 3

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Butterfly Cardiff ...	4	3	1	0	21	11	7
Larkhall II	4	3	0	1	20	12	6
Generation	4	3	0	1	19	13	6
Dunlop Birmingham	4	2	1	1	23	9	5
Dolphins	4	2	1	1	19	13	5
Graham Spicer	4	1	0	3	11	21	2
Gunnersbury T'gle .	4	0	1	3	8	24	1
Lansdown Medway .	4	0	0	4	7	25	0

2nd DIVISION NORTH

13th September, 1981

S.W. Durham 1 Tarmac Wolverhampton 7
MBS St. Neots 2 Sealink Ormesby II 6
March 3 Grove 5
Stockton 5 Salford 3

27th September, 1981

Sealink Ormesby II 3 March 5
Salford 6 MBS St. Neots 2
Tarmac Wolverhampton 7 Stockton 1
Grove 7 S.W. Durham 1

4th October, 1981

MBS St. Neots 3 Tarmac Wolverhampton 5
March 4 Salford 4
Grove 3 Sealink Ormesby II 5
Stockton 7 S.W. Durham 1

18th October, 1981
Tarmac Wolverhampton 6 March 2
S.W. Durham 0 MBS St. Neots 8
Salford 4 Sealink Ormesby II 4
Stockton 1 Grove 7

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Tarmac W'hampton	4	3	0	0	25	7	9
Grove	4	3	0	1	22	10	6
Sealink Ormesby II	4	2	1	1	18	14	5
Salford	4	1	2	1	17	15	4
Stockton	4	2	0	2	14	18	4
March	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
MBS St. Neots	4	1	0	3	15	17	2
S.W. Durham	4	0	0	4	3	29	0

3rd DIVISION SOUTH

13th September, 1981
Cranfield Colours Gwent 6 Prudential Ibis 2
Dagenham F.C. 6 Pengeley Sports Torbay 2
Bath 7 Cippenham 1
Gillette Reading 5 South Bank 3

27th September, 1981
Pengeley Sports Torbay 3 Gillette Reading 5
Prudential Ibis 1 Dagenham F.C. 7
Cippenham 1 Cranfield Colours Gwent 7
South Bank 1 Bath 7

4th October, 1981
Gillette Reading 4 Prudential Ibis 4
Dagenham F.C. 5 Cippenham 3
Cranfield Colours Gwent 4 Bath 4
South Bank 3 Pengeley Sports Torbay 5

18th October, 1981
Prudential Ibis 3 Pengeley Sports Torbay 5
Cranfield Colours Gwent 6 South Bank 2
Bath 1 Dagenham F.C. 7
Cippenham 2 Gillette Reading 6

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dagenham	4	4	0	0	25	7	8
Cranfield C's Gwent	4	3	1	0	23	9	7
Gillette Reading	4	3	1	0	20	12	7
SIB Bath	4	2	1	1	19	13	5
Pengeley S's Torbay	4	2	0	2	15	17	4
Prudential Ibis	4	0	1	3	10	22	1
South Bank	4	0	0	4	9	23	0
Cippenham	4	0	0	4	7	25	0

3rd DIVISION NORTH

13th September, 1981
Unity II 6 Ruston Bucyrus Lincoln 2
Hermit's 6 Tarmac Wolverhampton II 2
Billingham J.D. White 1 South Yorkshire 7
Salford II 1 Sealink Ormesby III 7

27th September, 1981
Sealink Ormesby III 3 Unity II 5
South Yorkshire 4 Salford II 4
Tarmac W'mpton II 3 B'gham J.D. White 5
Ruston Bucyrus Lincoln 2 W'dale Hermit's 6

4th October, 1981
Unity II 5 South Yorkshire 3
Salford II 7 Tarmac Wolverhampton II 1
Billingham J.D. White 3 W'dale Hermit's 5
Ruston B. Lincoln 4 Sealink Ormesby III 4

18th October, 1981
Tarmac Wolverhampton II 4 Unity II 4
Wharfedale Hermit's 5 Salford II 3
Billingham J.D. White 3 Ruston B. Lincoln 5
South Yorkshire 7 Sealink Ormesby III 1

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wharfedale Hermit's	4	4	0	0	22	10	8
Unity II	4	3	1	0	20	12	7
South Yorkshire	4	2	1	1	21	11	5
Sealink Ormesby III	4	1	1	2	15	17	3
Salford II	4	1	1	2	15	17	3
Ruston B's Lincoln	4	1	1	2	13	19	3
B'ham J.D. White	4	1	0	3	12	20	2
Tarmac W'mpton II	4	0	1	3	10	22	1

FIXTURES FOR 8th NOVEMBER, 1981

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

2nd Division South
Generation v Gunnersbury Triangle
Larkhall II v Dolphins
Graham Spicer v Butterfly Cardiff
Dunlop Birmingham v Lansdown Medway

2nd Division North
March v S.W. Durham
MBS St. Neots v Stockton
Sealink Ormesby II v Tarmac W'hampton
Grove v Salford

3rd Division South

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

3rd Division North

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

FIXTURES FOR 29th NOVEMBER, 1981

2nd Division South

Butterfly Cardiff v Lansdown Medway

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All six players have confirmed their acceptance to participate and the line up is indeed impressive:

Tibor Klampar is the current holder of the Lambert and Butler title as well as being the holder of the World Cup. Currently Europe's No. 1 player and the highest ranked European at No. 4 in the World.

Stellan Bengtsson unfortunately had to

pull out of last year's event at the last moment through a shoulder injury but his form since has confirmed that he is back to something like his old self. Semi-finalist at Novi Sad in the World's, Stellan is now No. 2 in Europe and No. 6 in the World.

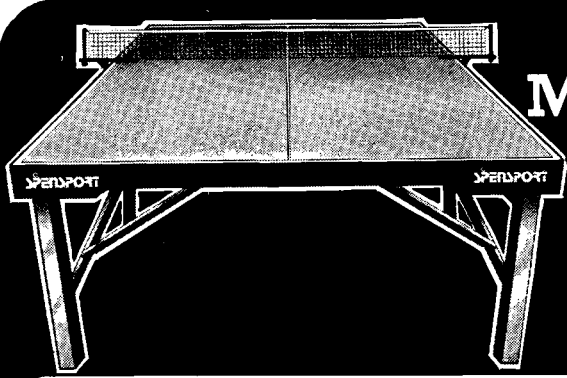
Desmond Douglas — England's No. 1 and undoubtedly the most impressive and successful player to wear the England shirt, will be hoping to go one better than last season when he finished runner-up to Klampar. Currently ranked No. 4 in Europe and No. 8 in the World.

John Hilton, current European champion, although his form since winning the title in Berne in 1980 has been somewhat patchy. However, he has moved to Germany this season where he hopes the stable home life will enable him to concentrate on retaining his title early next year in Budapest.

Andrzej Grubba. Showed his potential in Teesside last year when he won the World Student Table Tennis Championships and has since added a number of notable scalps to his belt including the current World champion, Guo Yuehua, during the Norwich Union Masters. Although only ranked No. 11 in Europe he is to move up when the new list is published and must start as a good outside bet for the Lambert and Butler title.

Finally Liang Geliang. Currently starring for Plaza Altena who lead the German Bundesliga, this Chinese player has held three World titles. In 1979 at Pyongyang in North Korea he partnered Ge Xinal to the Mixed Doubles title; in 1977 in Birmingham he won the Men's Doubles in partnership with Li Chen Shih; and in 1973 at Sarajevo with Li Li he won the Mixed Doubles. He has also been a member of three Chinese teams that have won the Swaythling Cup at the World Championships.

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A Sporting Family

by Les D'Arcy

Most people who take part in sport are either players, coaches or administrators. Few people have the ability or the inclination to make a contribution in more than one aspect of a sport. It is indeed a rare individual who manages to do all three.

When that person combines being National Schools Table Tennis Association's Chairman, county umpire, diploma coach, high division player and at the same time headmaster of a school, that person must be unique. Such a man is Mr. John Arnold, Head of Sandal Endowed Middle School.

Trained for teaching at Durham University where he gained his colours for rowing, he became interested in table tennis and early in his career he was instrumental in the formation of a local schools' league and was also founder secretary of the Cheshire Schools' T.T.A. He became an E.T.T.A. diploma coach in 1968 and coached his team to reach the national finals. He did the same again this year when Sandal gained the silver in the U-13 boys' class. On this occasion the team was given a good lead by John's son, Simon, who gave an outstanding performance to defeat nationally-ranked No. 11 Cadet, David Williams.

Simon who is a former Wakefield Schools' U-11 and U-13 champion participates with great enthusiasm in badminton, cricket, football, swimming and tennis, when he is not playing for his school, club or city at table tennis or practising the violin for the Wakefield Youth Orchestra. Simon's sister, 16-year-old Karen, first gave indication of her sporting talent when she represented Wakefield Women's table tennis team when she was 13 and won the county's merit award for the outstanding girl player in the Cadet Division. Last season, '79-80 Karen won the U-19 girls' W. Yorks Schools' title and represented English Schools in an international event at Bradford.

This year, Karen again won the W. Yorks title and reached the semi-final of the U-16 girls' singles in the Consolation Event at the National Championship of the E.S.T.T.A. in spite of missing training because of back

strain. Karen has represented Wakefield at tennis and badminton, plays the flute in the Youth Orchestra and her ambition is to be a policewoman.

Mrs. Margaret Arnold played regularly at badminton in the Wakefield/Castleford League and at table tennis in a Macclesfield team. She now spends most of her time looking after the family; serves on the Wakefield T.T. League Executive and is responsible for the city U-14 team. In spite of being out of touch, her playing ability was sufficient to win her the Women's singles at the Ings Road Parents' Competition.

Although the Arnolds do not play together as a team in the Wakefield League, the family becomes a high-powered unit when involved in an organisational project from local to international championship level. With John at the centre of things and Margaret at his side, tournaments gain a new dimension of efficiency as Karen and Simon keep open the lines of communication usually combined with their playing commitment. The long hours of preparation before an event and the clearing away afterwards makes heavy demands on John's E.S.T.T.A.'s Executive Committee and this Wakefield Team within a Team whose contribution to sport is commendable and an example which will be difficult to emulate.

THE GROVE SCHOOL JUNIOR OPEN

MAJOR TITLES FOR WARWICKS AND LANCs

by Ian Marshall

Warwickshire's David Rudge and Lancashire's Christine Peacock won the major titles at the Alliance Building Society-sponsored Grove School Junior Open held over the weekend of Oct. 17/18.

In both the boys' and girls' singles events top seeds fell before reaching their allotted places with Frazer McEwen beating Philip Gunn in the quarters and To Thuy Dung defeating Vicki Bellinger on her first visit to the table. The boys' final saw an all-Warwickshire affair with Coventry's Ian

Randle losing to Rudge whilst the girls' event saw Fiona Elliot oppose Christine Peacock with the latter running out victor.

Top seed Murray Jukes beat Stuart Craggs in the final of the cadet boys' singles having fought back from a first game deficit to beat local boy Sean Groom in the semis whilst Craggs accounted for Richard Hayward of Wolverhampton at the same stage. Local girl and top seed Alison Barker won the cadet girls' singles with a final win over Loughborough's Louise Forster after being extended to a third game by the diminutive Claire Potts who went on to win the U-12 girls' singles with a final victory over Dawn Wickstead.

The U-12 boys' singles saw an extremely high standard of play with John Ellis of Wrexham a well deserved winner over Bradley Billington of Chesterfield. Closest final of the tournament was seen in the cadet boys' doubles where the Staffs pairing of Matthew Harvey and Hayward saved match points against Shropshire's Paul Fisher and Peter Thomas to win 27-25 in the decider.

RESULTS

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

I. Randle (Wa) bt F. McEwen (La)

16, -17, 16;

D. Rudge (Wa) bt R. Lewis (Wa) 16, 20.

Final:

RUDGE bt Randle 16, 18.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

C. Peacock (La) bt To Thuy Dung (Dy)

10, 15;

F. Elliot (St) bt C. Wickstead (Sp) 16, 9.

Final:

PEACOCK bt Elliot 13, 18.

Boys' Doubles Final:

P. GUNN/C. STEVENS (Wa) bt A. Dixon (St)/M. Jukes (Wo) 13, 13.

Girls' Doubles Final:

PEACOCK/E. WRIGHT (Wal) bt Elliot/C. Wickstead 20, 15.

Consolation Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

Jukes bt S. Groom (Sp) -21, 19, 12;

S. Craggs (Cv) bt R. Hayward (St) 13, 10.

Final:

JUKES bt Craggs 14, 10.

Consolation Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

A. Barker (Sp) bt M. Cohen (Av) 15, 8;

L. Forster (Le) bt D. Soothill (Cu)

12, -16, 13.

Final:

BARKER bt Forster 18, 17.

Consolation Boys' Doubles Final:

M. HARVEY (St)/HAYWARD bt P. Fisher/P. Thomas (Sp) -17, 16, 25.

Consolation Girls' Doubles Final:

BARKER/FORSTER bt C. Potts (Ch)/Soothill 19, 8.

U-12 Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

J. Ellis (Wal) bt D. Morris (Sp) 10, 18;

B. Billington (Dy) bt P. Nicholls (Sp) 7, 18.

Final:

ELLIS bt Billington 19, 19.

U-12 Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

Potts bt C. Hemming (La) 8, 3;

D. Wickstead (Sp) bt J. Dixon (St) 9, 12.

Final:

POTTS bt Wickstead 17, 10.

Obituary

WILLIAM L. DIXON

It is with great regret that I record the death of Bill Dixon on 19th October. Bill was Treasurer of the Northumberland County Association for many years, and although not enjoying the best of health, gave valuable and sterling service during his years in office. He will be greatly missed, and I am sure that friends, officials and table tennis players throughout the County and League will wish me to express sincere sympathy to his wife Ethel at this time.

P.M.L.



THE ARNOLD FAMILY

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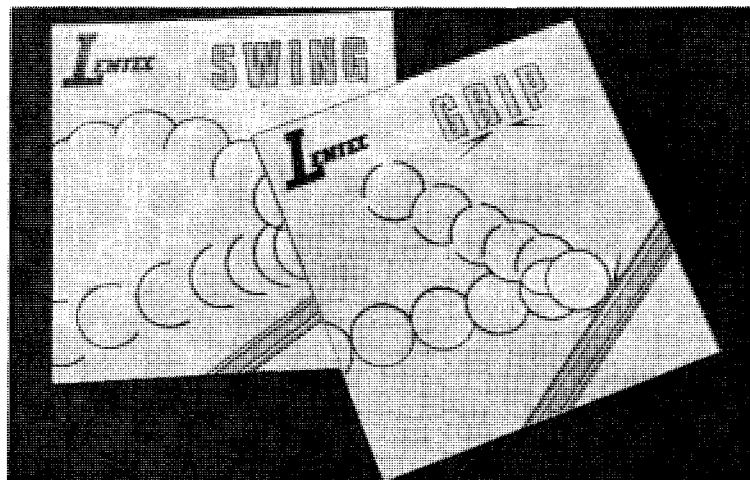
Men	Dummy 1	820
	Dummy 2	770
1. D. Douglas		720
	Dummy 3	670
	Dummy 4	660
	Dummy 5	650
	Dummy 6	640

2.	J. Hilton	630	37.	R. Jermyn	190
	Dummy 7	620	38.	M. Francis	180
	Dummy 8	610	39.	D. Charley	170
3.	P. Day	600	40.	A. Clayton	160
	Dummy 9	590	41.	P. Taylor	150
4.	D. Johnson	580	42.	J. Payne	140
	Dummy 10	570	43.	J. Kennedy	130
5.	R. Potton	560	44.	K. Paxton	120
6.	K. Jackson	550	45.	I. Robertson	110
7.	D. Parker	540		Dummy 16	100
8.	M. Crimmins	530	46.	M. Green	90
9.	G. Sandley	520	47.	M. Oakley	80
	Dummy 11	510	48.	D. Reeves	70
10.	S. Mills	500	49.	B. Hayward	60
11.	N. Eckersley	490	50.	B. Johnson	50
	Dummy 12	480		Dummy 17	00
12.	N. Jarvis	470	Dummy positions in the computer are for foreign players. When an English player has a result against a non-English (this includes Home Country players and Chu Van Que), the foreigner will be allocated a dummy position by the Committee. Dummies one and two in the men's list for example will be top ranked world players.		
13.	I. Horsham	460	Women		
14.	J. Kitchener	450		Dummy 1	480
	Dummy 13	440		Dummy 2	470
15.	D. Constance	430	1.	J. Hammersley	460
16.	C. Rogers	420		Dummy 3	450
17.	D. Wells	410		Dummy 4	440
18.	M. Mitchell	400		Dummy 5	430
19.	I. Kenyon	390		Dummy 6	420
20.	D. Newman	380	2.	K. Witt	410
21.	D. Barr	370		Dummy 7	400
22.	S. Andrew	360	3.	L. Jarvis	390
23.	A. Wellman	350		Dummy 8	380
24.	J. Souter	340		Dummy 9	370
25.	P. McQueen	330	4.	C. Knight	360
26.	P. Bradbury	320		Dummy 10	350
27.	C. Wilson	310		Dummy 11	340
	Dummy 14	300	5.	A. Mitchell	330
28.	A. Bellingham	290	6.	A. Gordon	320
29.	S. Turner	280	7.	M. Hill	310
30.	A. Fletcher	270			
31.	J. Walker	260			
32.	W. Gleave	250			
33.	C. Pread	240			
34.	K. Beadsley	230			
35.	K. Satchell	220			
36.	A. Boasman	210			
	Dummy 15	200			

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Women

	Dummy 1	480
	Dummy 2	470
1.	J. Hammersley	460
	Dummy 3	450
	Dummy 4	440
	Dummy 5	430
	Dummy 6	420
2.	K. Witt	410
	Dummy 7	400
3.	L. Jarvis	390
	Dummy 8	380
	Dummy 9	370
4.	C. Knight	360
	Dummy 10	350
	Dummy 11	340
5.	A. Mitchell	330
6.	A. Gordon	320
7.	M. Hill	310



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8.	K. Smith	300
	Dummy 12	290
9.	J. Harris	280
10.	M. Reeves	270
11.	H. Williams	260
12.	A. Stevenson	250
13.	M. Smith	240
	Dummy 13	230
14.	L. Bellinger	220
15.	S. Hunt	210
16.	S. Sandley	200
17.	C. Maisey	190
18.	J. Grundy	180
19.	L. Radford	170
20.	H. Shields	160
21.	C. Buttery	150
22.	J. Parker	140
23.	J. Bellinger	130
	Dummy 14	120
24.	J. McLean	110
25.	S. Midgley	100
26.	G. Pritchard	90
27.	J. Revill	80
28.	E. Short	70
29.	J. Deakin	60
30.	J. Dunning	50
	Dummy 15	00

Junior Boys

	Dummy 1	610
	Dummy 2	600
1.	C. Prean	590
	Dummy 3	580
2.	A. Moore	570
3.	A. Cooke	560
4.	N. Hoare	550
5.	L. Duffield	540
6.	L. Taylor	530
7.	I. Fullerton	520
8.	R. Namdjou	510
9.	D. Dodd	500
10.	A. Sexton	490
11.	W. Gleave	480
	Dummy 4	470
12.	D. Illingsworth	460
13.	S. Dettmar	450
14.	S. Sharpe	440
15.	M. Hammond	430
16.	P. Gunn	420
17.	S. Worrell	410
18.	D. Griffin	400
19.	P. Jackson	390
20.	M. O'Leary	380
	Dummy 5	370

Junior Girls

	Dummy 1	400
	Dummy 2	390
1.	L. Bellinger	380
2.	J. Parker	370
3.	J. Bellinger	360
	Dummy 3	350
4.	H. Bardwell	340
5.	M. Seaton	330
6.	J. Ryalls	320
7.	N. Tsakarisianos	310
8.	S. Collier	300
9.	M. Williams	290
	Dummy 4	280
10.	L. Broomhead	270
11.	M. Denbow	260
12.	V. Bellingham	250
13.	F. Elliot	240
14.	T. Lightfoot	230
15.	A. Judd	220
16.	N. Hamilton	210
17.	R. Russe	200
	Dummy 5	190
18.	T. Moore	180

Cadet Boys

	Dummy 1	400
1.	C. Prean	390
	Dummy 2	380
	Dummy 3	370
2.	M. Firth	360
3.	M. Jukes	350
4.	S. Craggs	340
5.	J. Stokes	330
6.	A. Syed	320
7.	A. Dixon	310
8.	R. Hayward	300
9.	A. Cunningham	290
10.	S. Groom	280
	Dummy 4	270
11.	D. Williams	260
12.	M. Syed	250

13.	M. Randle	240
14.	A. Suggitt	230
15.	M. James	220
16.	P. Savins	210
	Dummy 5	200

Cadet Girls

	Dummy 1	400
	Dummy 2	390
1.	A. Barker	380
2.	L. Haydon	370
3.	L. Popkiewicz	360
4.	C. Mouzon	350
	Dummy 3	340
5.	L. Forster	330
6.	D. Simmonds	320
7.	A. Boxall	310
8.	D. Malpass	300
9.	J. Shaw	290
10.	R. Knight	280
11.	D. Soothill	270
	Dummy 4	260
12.	M. Cohen	250
13.	K. Testa	240
14.	R. Baxter	230
15.	C. Potts	220
16.	H. Perrott	210
	Dummy 5	200

WEIGHTING OF EVENTS

Results in different events can be of differing values. Points won or lost will be multiplied by the weighting for the event; (C) x 1, (B) x 2 and (A) x 3.

Seniors

Weighting (C)

2 Star Opens
County Championships (Premier Div.)
National League (2nd Div.)

Weighting (B)

3 Star Opens
Friendly Internationals
National League (Premier Div.)
English Closed

Weighting (A)

International Opens
European League
European "Top 12"
European/World Championships
Commonwealth Championships

Juniors/Cadets

Weighting (C)

2 Star Opens

Weighting (B)

"Select" Opens
Friendly Internationals
English Closed
Ranking Trials

Weighting (A)

International Opens
European Youth

METHOD OF COMPUTER RANKING

Each player, having been allocated a certain number of starting points, will lose or win points on each result.

Results will be fed into the computer as they have occurred in chronological order; round by round, event by event. On one result the difference of points between the two players will be the factor. On an expected result (a higher placed player beating a lower placed one) the difference will be divided into 200; one point awarded for a win, any bonus or penalty points introduced, and then multiplied by the weighting for one event. In the case of an unexpected result (a lower ranked player beating a higher one) the difference will be divided by 12.5, any bonus or penalty points introduced and multiplied by the weighting.

Maximum possible gain or loss will be eleven points on one result; for expected result gain or loss maximum will be between one and four points; for unexpected result maximum gain or loss will be between five and eleven. Bonus points will be awarded to the winners of a championship tournament or trial — fifteen for weighting "A" event, ten for a "B" event and five for a "C" event. Ten penalty points will be given to players not taking part in the appropriate singles event in the following competitions:-

Seniors - 3 Star Open Tournaments and National Closed Championships.
Juniors/Cadets - Junior "Select" Tournaments, National Closed Championships and National Ranking Trials (if invited).

Results will be taken only in the category under which the event is played, i.e. Senior Junior or Cadet. Junior events in Senior tournaments will not be included.

The Selection Committee will retain responsibility for the ranking lists issued and therefore will always reserve the right to alter the computer output in the event of unforeseen circumstances producing an extraordinary result.

The National Ranking Lists for the 1981/82 season will be called:-

"THE LENTEC" NATIONAL RANKING LIST".

APPROXIMATE DATES OF PUBLICATION OF RANKING LISTS

These will be:-

1st Men/Women at the end of November.

2nd Men/Women at the beginning of February.

Final Men/Women in the middle of May.

1st Junior/Cadet in the middle of December.

2nd Junior/Cadet at the end of March.

Final Junior/Cadet at the end of May.

Players not ranked at the start will be added to the list as they beat ranked players. The number of players with computer places will therefore, go beyond fifty but only that number will be published on the ranking list. There will be fifty players ranked in the Men and Junior Boys; thirty in the Women, Junior Girls, Cadet Boys and Cadet Girls category.

MMP NORTH YORKSHIRE JUNIOR OPEN

by RICHARD SCRUTON

Another Win For Gleave

Following his successes at Topolcany, Batley and Manchester 15-year-old Billy Gleave continued to demolish the opposition at the MMP North Yorkshire Junior Open held for the first time in the newly built Leisure Centre at Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire.

Gleave was untroubled in reaching the semi-finals but Yorkshire's Steven Sharpe, conqueror of No. 1 seed Alan Cooke, took Gleave to 26-24 in the third, squandering a seven point lead midway through that game. It was certainly the match of the tournament.

In the opposite half Bedford's David Rook, not in the national seeding list, confirmed his seeded position with wins over Lindsay Taylor and Darren McVitie to reach the final. But Gleave proved too strong in their encounter.

In the girls' event Melanie Seaton scraped home in the third game to defeat the much-improved Tracey Lightfoot, who had earlier put out top seed Jean Parker.

With excellent sponsorship from Harrogate firm Modern Maintenance Products Ltd., a large cash prize fund was offered, helping to assist players with the ever increasing costs of travel and accommodation.

Over 220 players participated with a significantly very large entry for the under-12 and under-14 events.

MMP Managing Director, David Brook, presented the prizes to the winners and runners-up and in his speech stressed the importance of taking part in the sport, playing being far more important than just winning.

RESULTS

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

S. Sharpe (Y) bt A. Cooke (Dy) -8, 16, 20;



M.M.P. Managing Director, David Brook, presents Under-17 Boys' Singles winner, Billy Gleave, with his prize.

B. Gleave (Ch) bt R. Whiteley (Y) 9, 11;
D. McVitie (Du) bt P. Gunn (Wa) 22, -13, 16;
D. Rook (Y) bt L. Taylor (Cv) 20, -17, 18.
Semi-finals:
Gleave bt Sharpe -17, 12, 24;
Rook bt McVitie 23, 12.
Final:
GLEAVE bt Rook 16, 16.
Girls' Singles Semi-finals:
T. Lightfoot (Ch) bt C. Peacock (La)
-15, 17, 22;
M. Seaton (Y) bt L. Broomhead (Y) 18, 20.
Final:
SEATON bt Lightfoot -19, 18, 20.
Boys' Doubles Final:
GLEAVE/GUNN bt Cooke/S. Griew (Le)
15, 14.
Girls' Doubles Final:
R. BROOK (Y)/C. WICKSTEAD (Sp) bt
Seaton/J. Ryalls (Y) 19, -9, 17.
Consolation Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
M. Firth (Y) bt D. Williams (Sp) -11, 21, 14;
R. Thompson (Y) bt A. Henry (Dy) 19, 18.
Final:
FIRTH bt Thompson 9, 24.
Consolation Girls' Singles Semi-finals:
A. Barker (Sp) bt J. Stocks (Y) 18, 8;
J. Shaw (Y) bt D. Soothill (Cu) 16, 9.
Final:
SHAW bt Barker 18, -19, 14.
Consolation Boys' Doubles Final:
FIRTH/N. WESSON (Y) bt Thompson/
C. Guest (Y) 14, 17.
Consolation Girls' Doubles Final:
SHAW/R. BAXTER (Y) bt Barker/H. Lower
(St) 9, 14.
U-12 Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
B. Billington (Dy) bt D. Morris (Sp)
19, -20, 12;
S. Gibson (La) bt C. Eden (Ch) 19, 16.
Final:
GIBSON bt Billington 17, -16, 11.
U-12 Girls' Singles Semi-finals:
T. Holland (E) bt K. Hall (Dy) 20, 19.
D. Wickstead (Sp) bt L. Robins (Bd) 19, 19.
Final:
WICKSTEAD bt Holland -15, 21, 13.

SHEFFIELD VOTES TO STAY IN THE FOLD

by **JOHN HATFIELD**

The Sheffield Works League's big debate on whether to sever links with the English Table Tennis Association ended in a 2-1 majority vote by club representatives to remain affiliated, reversing the result of a poll at the annual meeting in June.

The special item was placed on the agenda following another steep increase in fees for a League whose benefits from affiliation are minimal and whose membership and resources have already been badly hit by closures and redundancies.

Representing the ETTA at the Victoria Hall was chairman Tom Blunn, who expressed his horror at the prospect of the non-affiliation of a League with such a long tradition of membership and said it would constitute the biggest defection in the Association's history.

After recalling similar problems for the game in the 1930s he itemised the benefits of affiliation including coaching projects, table hire and the association's lottery and magazine. He forecast further advantages as a result of the Sports Council selecting table tennis as one of six sports for special

consideration under its concentration of resources scheme.

Severing links would result in the players and teams losing their competitive identity, because, unlike many other sports, table tennis had just one controlling body which operated a closed shop policy.

The problems would be magnified by the close association with the Sheffield and District, Rotherham, Barnsley and Chesterfield leagues, whose members would be banned by the ETTA if they participated with non-affiliated players in the Sheffield Works League.

Blunn concluded by arguing that a fee of less than £1 per player per season was not unreasonable and brought the association only £60,000 of an annual turnover of £250,000 on administration, competition and development.

The chief protagonist against its affiliation was Works League acting secretary, George Rodgers, who detailed the rises in county and national fees totalling 283 pc in the last two years.

He criticised the Yorkshire management committee's failure to consult member leagues before voting for the biggest increase and blamed Blunn for the event at the ETTA's annual meeting when the debate was curtailed by an unusual closure motion, while he and several other delegates were waiting to speak.

Rodgers dismissed the so-called benefits as trivial, pointing out that most did not apply to his restricted league and drawing attention to the fact that many local players were paying affiliation fees twice by playing in two leagues.

Rodgers said that he would be prepared to discuss a compromise for a reduced rate but could not recommend the new fees to his members.

The vote was taken with 25 clubs opting for affiliation and 13 against, ironically the next item on the agenda was the election of secretary and treasurer for which Rodgers, not unexpectedly, declined to stand.

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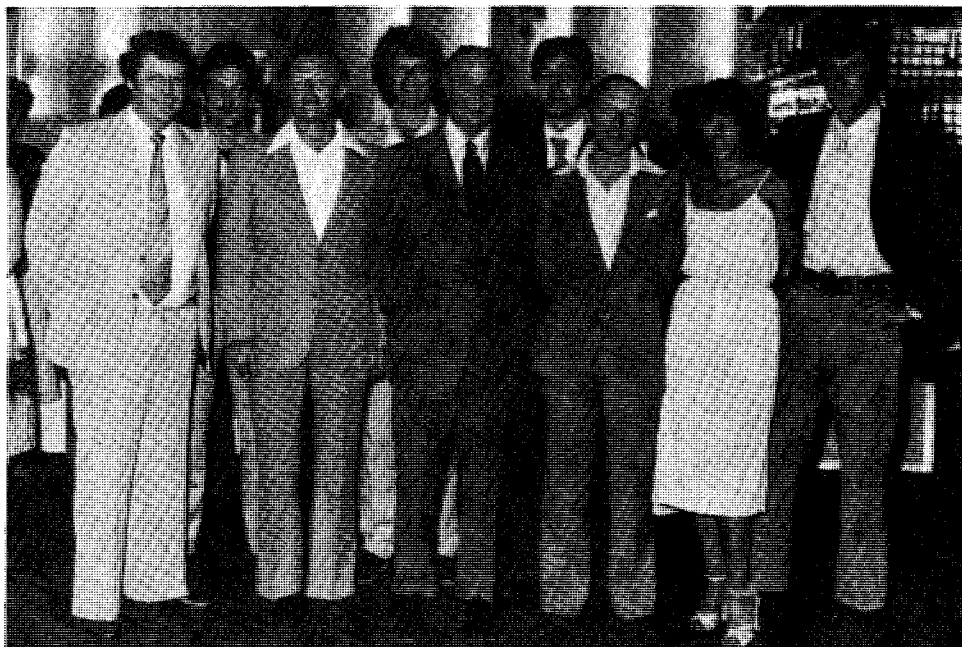
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70th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Celebrating his 70th birthday, Mr. R. E. Ransome, President of Sealink International Ormesby Table Tennis Club for 21 years, pictured with a group of club members of more than ten year's standing. Left to right: Mr. Alan Ransome, Nicky Jarvis, David Holden, Robert Wiley, R. E. Ransome, Philip Ward, Bob Wiley, Pam Richmond and Brian Richmond.

REMEMBER the code-name — Top Secret! That was the message that went out to over 300 potential guests at a hush-hush birthday party for a sporting figure in Cleveland.

Mr. Bob Ransome, president of Ormesby Table Tennis Club and prominent in local football and cricket circles over the years, was 70 last month — and son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Jose, decided on a surprise party at the Marton Hotel and Country Club on Saturday.

The event and a cash collection which resulted in buying Mr. Ransome a silver rose-bowl, a watch and pen among other gifts, was kept quiet — until, on the pretext of being taken to talk to Sealink officials, sponsors of the Ormesby club, he was taken to the club to be met with a mighty chorus of "Happy Birthday".

"I never suspected a thing", said Mr. Ransome, of Church Lane, Ormesby. "It was a wonderful surprise".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PROMOTIONAL EXERCISE

I read with surprise and consternation the article by Mrs. Prean in the October issue of Table Tennis News giving her impressions of the trip she made to the recent European Youth Championships in Czechoslovakia.

Bearing in mind that we had considerable success winning Gold, Silver and two Bronze medals I expected to read a glowing report about the achievements of our youngsters. Instead, I found the article to be a promotional exercise from a parent with an obvious chip on her shoulder against officialdom.

Let me say for starters that in my book parents are not 'untouchables', they give a tremendous amount to the sport by guiding the careers of their own, and sometimes other people's children. They often make sacrifices beyond the normal call of duty but sometimes, as apparently in the case of Mrs. Prean, they make hasty judgments without being fully aware of the facts.

For example, there was no official list for supporters. There was however, an address available for tourists and through that source Hotel bookings were made. I have yet to attend a Championship where all visitors and players have been satisfied with their accommodation. In this respect Mrs. Prean obviously had a bad draw but it was not the fault of the E.T.T.A. It is because of the language difficulties and problems she had to deal with that our teams, especially Juniors, are under strict surveillance and

control. It is only fair to those parents who are unable to attend foreign championships and entrust their children into the safe keeping of the E.T.T.A. The throw away remark about Diane Rowe being allowed to spend time with her parents on the day the twins won a World title seemed to me completely irrelevant. The occasion she highlighted was in England 1954 and as there was no play that day, naturally Diane and her sister were given permission to spend some time with their Mother and Father — it happened to be the twins 21st birthday! What this was all to do with young boys and girls playing in an Iron Curtain country I do not know.

It was the destructive qualities of Mrs. Prean's article that I found unacceptable, particularly as most of the points she made were not based on fact but on sweeping generalisations. Let us look at some of them in detail.

1. PRACTICE WITH SENIORS

Prior to the Training Camp before the Championships Mrs. Prean's talented son Carl spent ten days with Donald Parker, when regular practice with such as Jill Hammersley and Donald Parker himself was arranged. Billy Gleave was also there for a number of days. During the Training Camp Senior players practiced for two hours per day, for five days, with the Junior Team members. The allegations of Mrs. Prean on this topic have already brought repercussions from certain Seniors, who have stated that they will be reluctant to become involved again in such practice sessions.

2. VIDEO EQUIPMENT

On this subject the impression given was

that the playing arena was bristling with video equipment. Other than the host Country only one other team (W. Germany) used video in the arena. May I respectfully inform Mrs. Prean that we have been using video at home for some time and only limited resources has prevented us using it abroad.

3. SPECTATORS ON TEAM BENCHES

Here again we are subjected to the classic over-statement of supporters from other Countries being privileged to sit on team benches. The ruling from the Championships Committee — not the E.T.T.A. — was that only those acting in an official capacity were to be allowed into the arena. The programme gave only the name of Mr. Grefberg from Finland as a parent acting in this manner. I have it on good authority that parents did not sit on the team benches with the exception of Mrs. Prean who managed to beat the system to encourage her son in the Consolation singles.

CAPTAINS/COACHES

Criticism is made here that we only had two Coaches when three was necessary. For several seasons the Selection Committee has recommended the use of a third Captain or Coach at major Championships, but finance has been our main enemy. We could of course have sent an extra Captain at the expense of a player but commonsense prevailed, or at least it did in the eyes of the Selectors.

Incidentally, I hope Mrs. Prean will not think I am being too pedantic when I say that it was Donald Parker and not Peter Simpson who doubled as Team Leader. But then again it would appear that the good lady is not over concerned about facts.

In conclusion it would appear that Mrs. Prean and I are in accord about one thing and that is the outstanding performances of our youngsters. Personally, I would suspect that most of those wonderful foreign teams she writes about are now secretly studying the methods we are using. With four medals to our credit we cannot be all that bad.

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Vice-Chairman, Selection/Coaching.

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"GET ON YOUR BIKE"

Thank you for the publication of "Stamp It Out" by Jack Evans, last month.

One of the first players I noticed with this bad manner was our own John Hilton. Unfortunately, after he became a 'Star', his style and behaviour was copied by a few players. What an Umpire is now up against is, "Look here mate, I have seen the European Champion in action many a time and I have never seen him being pulled up, so get on your bike!"

The Rules of Umpiring could generally be written more clearly; a few, too many, are ambiguous. Some depend too much on the interpretation of the Umpire. Since as individuals our standards differ, a clear and concise ruling like, "STOMPING, GRUNTING AND GROANING during play, is strictly FORBIDDEN". Good luck Jack!

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Welsh Corner

by H. ROY EVANS

THE EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Wales have now played two matches in the Second Division. Both have resulted in defeat, but whereas the first, by Belgium, was a poor show, the match against Luxembourg was exciting and we only lost by the odd event.

Alan Griffiths, Dave Welsman and Lesley Tyler went to Belgium, and the opposition of de Prophetis, Cabrera and Lippens didn't look all that formidable. In the event, we registered only one success — when Alan beat Cabrera, after Belgium had made sure of victory. Alan lost to de Prophetis, and Dave to both. Lesley Tyler was not expected to beat Barbara Lippens, and never looked like doing it. There was a moment of hope in the doubles, but according to non-playing captain Brian Everson we just didn't deserve to win.

For the match against Luxembourg at Swansea, Nigel Thomas replaced Welsman. It was certainly a more spirited Welsh performance, and with a little more aggression a win could have been accomplished.

Alan beat Maas in the opening set, but Nigel found Hartmann too experienced, and we went 1-2 down when Lesley just couldn't contain the more incisive Carine Risch.

We were back in the hunt again with a good doubles win by Alan and Nigel against Hartmann and new boy Elcheroth, but this was neutralised when Alan and Lesley lost to Hartmann and Risch. This could have gone our way with a little more aggression from Alan when taking service.

Alan, however, put us back on level terms with a good win over Andrew Hartmann, thus leaving Nigel to face Maas with the score 3-all. Nigel played well enough to lead 20-17, but with commendable courage Maas continued to go for his shots, and with Nigel surrendering the initiative, Maas levelled and eventually took the first 25-23. The Luxembourg player was now more confident, and took the second game more easily to effect a valuable win for his side.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

Both Welsh teams are having a successful run in the National League. In Division Two, Butterfly Cardiff, so far unbeaten, lead whilst Cranfield Colours, the Gwent Club, are also unbeaten in Div. 3 and occupy second place.

Cardiff regret dropping that one point in their opening match with Gunnersbury Triangle, Mark Thomas playing well below form to drop both his sets as did Jeff Morgan, but Tony Healan, reflecting his better form this season, won two. Cranfield made a fine start with a 6-2 win over Prudential Ibis, with Brian Jeanes and Angie Evans winning two each, and John Bloomer and Gary Wilkins one each. George Evans, returned from Germany, came into the Butterfly team for the first home match against Dolphins in place of Mark Thomas who was on holiday whilst Andrew Jones replaced the unavailable Jeff Morgan.

A 6-2 win was the result, Nigel and Andrew winning two each, and George and Tony one each.

Cranfield then whipped Cippenham 7-1, with Jeanes showing even better form, winning his two as did Wilkins and Andrew Evans. Only Bloomer dropped a set to the defensive Frank Earis.

At Larkhall, the same Butterfly team won 6-2. This time Nigel, George and Tony all won both their sets, but Andrew was not at his best and lost two. Cranfield's stiffest match yet was against Bath, and with Bloomer not available, the inexperienced Kevin Phillips deputised, and did well to win one.

The ebullient Jeanes was again in fine form, winning his two, whilst Wilkins and Andrew Evans won one each. A draw was the final result but it should have been a Cranfield victory — Andrew Evans squandered four match points in the penultimate set, whilst Phillips lost match points in the second and third games of the last set.

Then came Butterfly's hardest obstacle — Generation II, with Tony Clayton and Simon Heaps. The Cardiff side accomplished a brilliant win 5-3, each member of the team having a decisive hand in victory. Nigel Thomas, although losing to Clayton in the opener, beat Des Charlery, as did Mark Thomas, making a return to the team after holiday. Mark also disposed of Glen Baker with great ease. George Evans, after looking poor against the wiles of Heaps, turned on a fine performance of defence and guile to beat a bemused Clayton.

Healan beat Baker convincingly, but, though he tried hard enough, couldn't cope with Heaps.

This win preserved Butterfly's unbeaten record and sent them to the top of the table.

Meanwhile Cranfield were also keeping their sheet clean with a 6-2 win against South Bank. Jeanes kept his personal unbeaten record with two spectacular wins, and Wilkins made it six out of eight by winning twice in this match. Bloomer and Andrew Evans won one each, and the side moved to second in the Division.

THE SWANSEA OPEN

Dave Welsman took the £100 first prize at a Swansea Open played for the first time in excellent conditions at the Swansea University. George Evans provided disappointing competition in a tame final, an anticlimax after a close semi win over Nigel Thomas. Welsman had a fairly easy semi against Hereford's Mark Owen. Carol Butler put paid to Welsh hopes by beating Lesley Tyler after the latter had beaten Cathryn Jones in the semi. Carol's semi-final victim was Julie Ralphs, making a welcome and promising re-appearance after two years of leg operations.

Andrew Jones had a good Junior tournament, beating Gary Lambert in a fine final, whilst Laura Goldsmith beat Rachel Roberts of Staffordshire in the girls' event. Rachel has a Welsh qualification, and results like this must bring her to the attention of the Welsh selectors.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

D. Welsman bt M. Owen 12, 15;

G. Evans bt N. Thomas 21, 19.

Final:

WELSMAN bt Evans 7, 15.

Women's Singles Final:

C. BUTLER bt L. Tyler 20, 9.

Men's Doubles Final:

WELSMAN/HEALAN bt Nigel Thomas/Jeanes 9, 15.

Women's Doubles Final:

S. & C. BUTLER bt Ralphs/Bennett 12, 16.

Boys' Singles Final:

A. JONES bt G. Lambert 17, -20, 15.

Girls' Singles Final:

L. GOLDSMITH bt R. Roberts -16, 19, 15.

Consolation Boys' Singles Final:

ANTHONY JONES bt J. Turner 15, 12.

Consolation Girls' Singles Final:

S. BUTLER bt H. Cryer 11, 16.

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6 Tony Healan, 7 Gary Wilkins, 8 Mark Thomas, 9 Trevor Manning, 10 Andrew Jones, 11 Jeff Morgan, 12 John Bloomer, 13 Andrew Evans, 14 Kevin Phillips.

Women

1 Lesley Tyler, 2 Cathryn Jones, 3 Julie Ralphs, 4 Cheryl Jewells, 5 Susan Jones, 6 Linda Leggett, 7 Vicki Skeats, 8 Heidi Cotter, 9 Jayne Sully, 10 Helen Sellick, 11 Pam Grant, 12 Chantall Nicholls.

George Yates reports from . . .

LANCASHIRE

BACK FROM DOWN UNDER

Two County Championships matches on Oct. 3 brought an away point for the senior second team in a 5-5 draw with Derbyshire whilst the juniors, away to Cumbria, 'white-washed' the opposition 10-0.

Paul Rainford was the Red Rose strong man at Marlpool, against Derbys, beating both I. Warner and D. Rayner, the support coming from the girls, Jean Parker and Christine Peacock, who both won their singles and combined for a doubles success.

SCORES

K. Williams lost to A. Cooke -13, 11, -12; lost to I. Warner 18, -20, -18.

P. Rainford bt Warner 17, 13; bt D. Rayner 6, 15.

B. Carney lost to Rayner 19, -22, -12; lost to Cooke -19, 15, -18.

Miss J. Parker bt Mrs. M. O'Sullivan 14, 15.

Miss C. Peacock bt Miss J. Griffin 17, 9.

Williams/Rainford lost to Warner/Rayner -16, 17, -15.

Parker/Peacock bt O'Sullivan/Griffin 17, 19.

It was very much one way traffic at Millom School where Lancashire's juniors carried all before them although in fairness to the opposition four of the ten sets went to a third game decider.

SCORES

P. Huggon bt D. Millbeck 15, 12; bt T. Pachul 17, 17.

S. Browne bt Pachul 18, -14, 15; bt I. Sharp 13, 16.

M. Mercer bt Sharp -18, 7, 9; bt Millbeck 15, 11.

Miss C. Hemming bt Miss L. Brockbank -20, 19, 17;

Miss W. Worthington bt Miss D. Soothill 16, 20.

Huggon/Browne bt Pachul/Millbeck 16, -17, 11.

Hemming/Worthington bt Brockbank/Soothill 17, 19.

The County welcomes home from Australia Stephen Cowley who has resumed home residence in Leigh and has been immediately signed for YMCA 'A' in the Bolton League. YMCA 'A', Cadost 'A' and Little Lever C.C. 'A' are all unbeaten in the first division of the Bolton League who, in representative play in Division 2 (North) of the Lancs and Cheshire League, have started off with a bang winning 10-0 against both Lytham St. Annes and Barrow-in-Furness.

NORTH MIDDLESEX 2 STAR OPEN

PALACE CELEBRITIES

by Geo. R. Yates

Dorset's David Constance was the winner of the men's singles in the North Middlesex 2-Star Open, played at Alexandra Palace on Oct. 17, his final victim being Philip Bradbury of Bucks. In the semis Constance knocked out top seed Nigel Eckersley with Bradbury accounting for Adrian Moore.

Anita Stevenson of Leicestershire was the

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winner of the counterpart women's event beating Helen Williams in the final after a semi win over Alison Gordon. Top seed Karen Witt was a non-starter but Angela Mitchell, seeded No. 2, was surprisingly beaten in the second round by Berkshire's Jennifer Collins. Miss Collins was subsequently beaten by Mandy Reeves who, in turn, lost to Miss Williams in the semis.

John Kitchener and David Tan were the winners of the men's doubles, their final victims being Alan Fletcher and David Hannah, whilst the women's doubles title was taken by Miss Gordon and Mandy Smith who beat Claire Maisey and Gina Pritchard in the final.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

N. Eckersley (Ch) bt C. Wilson (Mi) 13, 16;
D. Constance (Do) bt S. Andrew (E)
20, -15, 11;

A. Moore (Sx) bt L. Smith (E) -14, 12, 16;

P. Bradbury (Bu) bt J. Proffitt (Mi)
-10, 12, 19.

Semi-finals:

Constance bt Eckersley 15, 17;

Bradbury bt Moore 16, 15.

Final:

CONSTANCE bt Bradbury 9, -14, 13.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Stevenson (Le) bt L. Bellinger (Bd) 9, 16;

A. Gordon (Bk) bt J. Harris (St) 16, 19;

H. Williams (Mi) bt M. Hill (Y) 13, -14, 8;

M. Reeves (Bk) bt J. Collins (Bk) 15, 6.

Semi-finals:

Stevenson bt Gordon 17, 18;

Williams bt Reeves 12, 15.

Final:

STEVENSON bt Williams 17, 15.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

A. Fletcher (Y)/D. Hannah (Sy) bt

Eckersley/K. Beadsley (Y) 18, 17;

J. Kitchener (Sk)/D. Tan (Mi) bt

Bradbury/A. Wellman (Bk) -14, 17, 19.

Final:

KITCHENER/TAN bt Fletcher/Hannah

-19, 10, 21.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

C. Maisey (Wi)/G. Pritchard (Dv) bt

J. Parker (La)/N. Tsakarisianos (Gs)

11, 16;

Gordon/M. Smith (Bk) bt Harris/Stevenson
11, 17.

Final:
GORDON/SMITH bt Maisey/Pritchard
23, -16, 21.

Dennis Millman reports from ...

NORTHANTS

WELCOME PRESENCE

Although October normally heralds the beginning of a new season, it is frequently a quiet month, and this year has proved no exception despite an early and encouraging start to the County Championships programme.

After last season's dismal results, things could only get better, and Gary Alden's welcome presence in the opening fixture ensured that they did. With he and Mandy Wallis reaching peak form, Northants defeated Bucks 6-4, to collect a first win at this level for two years.

After Alden had taken the opening singles in straight games, Northants did not lead again until Miss Wallis comfortably disposed of Linda Phelps in the penultimate set, and then Steve Lyon completed the victory with a runaway win against A. Pratt. Earlier Alden had completed an unbeaten performance by narrowly outstaying Robert Harman 11, -24, 17, while Northants other points came from the doubles in which Alden partnered Lyon, and Mandy Wallis joined forces with Margaret Maltby.

Northants Juniors undaunted by the journey to Worcester, promptly reeled off the first six rubbers, before finally clinching a 7-3 success. Steve Kendall made a triumphant debut by winning both his singles and sharing a thrilling 23-21 doubles victory decider with Ian Hawes.

Sue Nannery also opened her representative career on a high note, when she and Jane Nicoll captured seven successive points to convert a 15-20 deficit into a dramatic straight games doubles win, while Northants other points came from two singles from Graeme McKim and one from Hawes.

The County Veterans, now competing in a higher division, met their match against Hertfordshire, although Alan Print played superbly at the start of his debut, to take the first and lead 20-17 in the second against Derek Somers. Joyce Porter lost her unbeaten record at this level, and Northants' only points came from Dave Marsh who beat Geoff Bax 12, -13, 17 and the Dennis Millman doubles combination which got home 23-21 in the third.

The St. Neots Winter League has made an early start, with Kettering, obvious favourites for the Senior title, once again failure to field its strongest side and virtually falling at the first hurdle — in this case Cambridge 'A'. Let us hope that Wellingborough, who have the players available to win the Junior League, do not make the same mistake.

The three main leagues in the county, Northampton, Kettering and Wellingborough, promise some intriguing battles before the season is through, and an early top-of-the-table clash at Northampton saw last season's champions Y.M.C.A. 'B' narrowly beaten by last season's runners up A.C.C. 'A', while many times winners Y.M.C.A. 'A' made a late withdrawal from the action, only for all the players, including the venerable Dick Ingle, to re-appear for other outfits.

The Y.M.C.A. 'B' versus A.C.C. 'A' match saw Steve West make his debut for the latter, and he won twice beating David Gallo and John Horne, as did John Sanders. Brian Wooding also won twice, losing to David but accounting for Romano Gallo, before the Gallo brothers reduced the deficit by taking the doubles.

Kettering's Premier Division is stronger

than it has ever been, with Rothborough 'C's Alden, Keith Nicoll and England cricketer David Steele favourites for the title. However in a recent fixture they were somewhat surprised by the quality of the Keystone opposition, which included England's Nos 10 and 11, Steve Mills and Nigel Eckersley. In the event Eckersley's standing was indisputable, but Mills, taken to deciders by Alden and Nicoll seemed strangely lethargic, an attitude he had obviously dispensed with when he re-appeared the following week to confront Kettering Town 'A'. On this occasion his devastating attacking play was so brilliant that one wondered why he had travelled so far, to play so well for so little obvious reward.

Meanwhile Wellingborough Town's new look side of Ian Hawes, Alan Hawes and Steve Kendall have shot to the top of the

table, and with Mandy and Anne Wallis in reserve, could well stay there if the Kettering League's Executive Committee accept the registration of Keystone's galaxy of stars.

Wellingborough's return to a twelve-strong Premier Division, and Rothborough's departure from the scene, have strangely brought about a stronger and more interesting league structure, with five sides — Burton Britannia, Chapmans, Electricity, Rushden W.M.C. and Wellingborough Town in contention for honours.

Early results give Britannia the edge, for in a four hour marathon, John Sanders, Dennis Millman and Frank Bahr got the better of Electricity's Steve West, John Palmer and Mark Cole, with Sanders treble just holding off a side which had earlier accounted for Rushden by seven games to three.

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County Championships Round-up

by PHILIP REID

TWO WEEKENDS IN PREMIERS

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Les Smith is the new Administrator, in succession to Aubrey Drapkin the other appointments being Press Officer - Phil Reid, Staged Matches - Stan Parr and Referee - Len Pilditch.

RESULTS

Division 2A

Warwickshire II 3 Staffordshire 7
Yorkshire II 4 Cambridgeshire 6
Derbyshire 5 Lancashire II 5
Worcestershire 3 Leicestershire 7

The experience of Andy Bellingham too much for Warwicks side. Geoff Davies sparked for Cambs and young Alan Cooke shone for Derbys, as did Paul Rainford for Lancs. Leics' three internationals - Chris Rogers, Anita Stevenson and Karen Smith - unbeaten.

Division 2B

Dorset 6 Surrey 4
Devon 4 Essex II 6
Hertfordshire 3 Wiltshire 7
Kent 4 Sussex 6

With Dave Constance, Tony Clayton and Simon Heaps playing, Dorset not surprisingly took 6 men's singles in what could be a championship decider. Stuart Gibbs showed he is anything but a spent force for Essex, with Tony Penny unbeaten. A great -19, 16, 14 win by Richard Jermyn (Herts) over Kevin Satchell to no avail. Similarly Joe Kennedy's duo in vain for Kent against Sussex.

Division 3A

Cumbria 1 Cheshire II 9
Lincolnshire 4 Derbyshire II 6
Leicestershire II 4 Staffordshire II 6

Cumbria's lone win in MD. The two Steves - Yallop and Young - outstanding for Derbys. Leics' first defeat for three years, thanks to brilliance of Mark Evans (Staffs).

Division 3B

Dorset II 6 Avon 4
Cornwall 4 Somerset 6
Hampshire 8 Gloucestershire 2
Isle of Wight 5 Berkshire II 5

Dorset II (Martin Abbott, Jason Creasey and John Robinson) looks pretty useful. Long-serving Somerset skipper, Barry Reeves, the inspiration behind their win over Cornwall who were without John Bassett. Carl Prean (of course!) unbeaten in IOW match with Berks II.

Division 3C

Shropshire 8 Herefordshire 2
Buckinghamshire 4 Northamptonshire 6
Worcestershire II 4 Bedfordshire 6

No one could match Malcolm Green (Salop). What a difference Gary Alden makes to Northants, but Steve Lyon played a real captain's innings with a 12, 13 win over A. Pratt in final set I. Dowty and the irrepressible Bellinger sisters gave Beds their victory over Worcs

Division 3D

Sussex II 7 Kent II 3
Norfolk 3 Surrey II 7
Suffolk 4 Middlesex II 6
Hertfordshire II 5 Cambridgeshire II 5

Roger Chandler, No. 2 for Sussex II, but Peter Puddick starred against Kent. Norfolk and Suffolk without their No. 1's - Doug

Bennett and John Kitchener. Surrey II had D. Harding and A. Sexton and Middlesex II Tony Stark and John Payne unbeaten. Andy Withers and Robert Swift showed experience beyond their years in drawn game with Herts II, including Swift's clincher with Roger Pyle -17, 10, 10.

Division 4A

Avon II 8 Somerset 2
Chris Ross and Jerry Musslewhite unbeaten for Avon.

Junior 2A

Durham 4 Gloucestershire 6
Buckinghamshire 3 Cleveland 7
Yorkshire II 6 Huntingdonshire 4
Lincolnshire 4 Leicestershire 6

Darren Griffin the difference between the two sides, including a 9, 15 win over S. Crosby in vital 10th set. Glenn Skipp and Lindsay Taylor the Cleveland stars in their win over Bucks. Philip Cole on great form to no avail for Hunts, mainly due to Martin Finch (Yorks) also unbeaten. Brilliant Simon Griew inspiration for Leics against Lincs.

Junior 2B

Wiltshire 6 Dorset 4
Glamorgan 4 Devon 6
Essex 8 Avon 2
Berkshire 4 Hertfordshire 6

D. Richards Wilts' hero - unbeaten and included win over Graham Plutz 7, 16 to clinch match. Gary Lambert (Devon) main obstacle to Glamorgan. Essex trio of boys (Paul Sayer, Steve Dettmar and Peter Hayden) each took two against Avon. Keith Samuels showed tremendous composure to come back from 3-10 down to Iain Fullerton of Herts.

Junior 3A

Cheshire 6 Northumberland 4
Cumbria 0 Lancashire 10
Cleveland II 6 Lincolnshire II 4
Nottinghamshire 5 Derbyshire 5

A rare 'whitewash' by Lancs, represented by Philip Huggon, Shaun Browne, Michael Mercer, Caroline Hemming and Wendy Worthington. Neil McMaster (Nthld) won two and finished on losing side - not for first time. Gavin Dickson sparked on debut for Cheshire. Anthony Wattis and Tony Suggett starred for Cleveland. Notts boys (Richard Tilford and David Billings) and Derbys girls (Louise Forster and To Thuy Dung) responsible for drawn match.

Junior 3B

Staffordshire II 6 Shropshire 4
Buckinghamshire II 4 Warwickshire II 6
Worcestershire 3 Northamptonshire 7

Richard Haywood starred for Staffs Warwicks II took 6 BS (I. Davies, Clive Geelan and M. Randle). Two from Graham McKim and Steve Kendall enough to give Northants the points.

Junior 3C

Hampshire 7 Cornwall 3
Dorset II 6 Avon II 4
Surrey II 10 Somerset 0
Middlesex II 7 Berkshire II 3

Tony Mogg on form for Hants, but N. Fletcher toiled in vain for Avon. A 'whitewash' by Surrey II (Robert Campbell, Lionel Faure, David Dewsbury, Lesley Popkiewicz and Lyne Bennett) but Middlesex relied on D. Topiwala for their win over Berks.

Junior 3D

Norfolk 6 Suffolk 4
Kent II 7 Cambridgeshire 3
Bedfordshire II 3 Essex II 7
Hertfordshire II 5 Sussex II 5

Chris Rayment and Chris Moffett the stars for Norfolk in local derby. Paul

Stephens (Essex) also on form and G. Turner responsible for Herts point.

Junior 4

Norfolk II 1 Essex II 9
Cambridgeshire II 1 Shropshire II 9
Leicestershire II 5 Cumbria II 5

Norfolk unable to stop Essex whose A. Barker and S. Dorking especially good. Peter Holliday set Cambs off to a promising start but then Dean Pountney and Peter Hyde struck for Salop! Leics trailed 1-4 and 2-5, but drew, with Marcus Bellot the star for Leics, winning two.

Veterans Premier Division

Middlesex 8 Lincolnshire 1
Essex 7 Dorset 2
Cheshire 8 Huntingdonshire 1

Middlesex showed championship form, especially M. Adedayo and D. Smith. Essex took all MS against Dorset (Steve Battick, R. Murray and F. Lockwood), but XD (Bush/Mrs. Coop) again triumphed for Dorset. Derek Schofield and Peter D'Arcy too strong for Hunts.

Veterans Division 2A

Northamptonshire 2 Hertfordshire 7
Avon 2 Nottinghamshire 7
Buckinghamshire 6 Oxfordshire 3

Northants came unstuck against D. Somers and G. Tyler. Notts, particularly Alf Saunders and Ron Bolton, too good for Avon. A. Watson and L. Pratt the architects of Bucks win.

Veterans Division 2B

Middlesex II 6 Essex II 3
Kent 4 Berkshire 5
Wiltshire 1 Hampshire 8
Dorset II 2 Sussex 7

Henry Buist's forehand the feature of Kent-Berks match but unsupported. Middx had J. Smith to thank for their win over Essex. A. Rowden and G. Batt-Rawden, Sussex match winners. Hants stars were G. Holley and M. Shave.

Veterans Division 3A

Bedfordshire 7 Hertfordshire II 2
Leicestershire 8 Cumbria 1

Jim Wooliscroft and P. Cutting starred for Beds. New look Leics side too strong for Cumbria, especially debutants Allen Crowson and Colin Truman.

Peter Taylor reports from ...

LINCOLNSHIRE

BAD START

The County teams had a bad start to the season with all 4 teams losing their matches. The seniors went down 4-6 to Derbyshire II with only David Skerratt winning a singles for the men, beating S. McCarthy 11, 13. Chris Bryan was unlucky to lose 19 in the third to McCarthy in the last set, after the women, Cheryl Buttery and Sue Radley, had taken their 3.

The Junior 1st team went down 4-6 to Leicestershire with the boys each winning a singles and Cathy Bryan taking her singles. Stuart Worrell had a very good set against Simon Griew only losing 19 in the third, the boys doubles was lost 19 in the third and the girls doubles combination of Rachel Pickwell and Cathy Bryan were beaten 22-20, 23-21. Russell Hodson had an excellent debut for the county, beating C. Jones and only losing 15 in the third to S. Wilford.

The Veterans were convincingly beaten 8-1 by Middlesex in their first Premier Division match, Brian Allison winning the only set. The Junior 2nd team travelled to Cleveland and considering the fact that 4 out of the 5 players concerned were making their debut, a loss by 6 sets to 4, against a strong Cleveland side, was quite good. Julie Shippey playing at No. 2 looked a very good prospect and together with Joanne Craik took all the girls' sets with Andy Kelly taking the other singles, but some good

performances from Pete Mackie and Gary Moran despite losing both their singles.

INTER-TOWN COMPETITIONS

With Wyberton dropping out of the scene, having disbanded their league, the Haigh Cup competition looks a very interesting competition especially if centres play their strongest teams. However, Grimsby must be classed as favourites, especially now that Louth appear to have lost two of their players Marcus Emmerson, through retirement, and Matt Sheader due to his involvement with the National League.

The Butlin Cup is also interesting as Cheryl Buttery is playing for Lincoln when available. The first encounter between Grantham and Lincoln took place with both centres being without their No. 1's. Grantham emerged the victor 7-3 with Sue Radley taking all three singles against Jane Wingad, Cathy Bryan and Carol Exton. One interesting fact from this match was that Rachel Pickwell lost all three, two of them -20 in the third to Cathy Bryan and Carol Exton.

RESULTS

Haigh
Gainsborough 5 Scunthorpe 5
Grantham 7 Lincoln 3
Boston 0 Gainsborough 10
Louth 0 Scunthorpe 10

Butlin
Grantham 7 Lincoln 3
Grimsby 10 Scunthorpe 0
Spalding 10 Grantham 0
Scunthorpe 1 Lincoln 9

Butcher
Boston 10 Spalding 10
Gainsborough 6 Scunthorpe 4
Grantham 1 Lincoln 9
Mablethorpe 1 Grimsby 9
Boston 7 Gainsborough 3
Louth 0 Scunthorpe 10
Lincoln 8 Mablethorpe 2

Veteran
Grantham 2 Lincoln 8
Grimsby 7 Louth 3
Louth 1 Grantham 9

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Ruston Bucyrus of Lincoln have become the first Lincolnshire team to enter the National League, playing in Division 3. The team consists of Brian Allison, Matt Sheader, Peter Taylor and Stuart Worrell with Dennis Worrell and Peter Wilkins doing the necessary administration and organisation and of course 'Wiry' Will, better known as Bill Morgan acting as referee and umpire at the home matches. After a bad start, losing their first two matches 2-6, the team is beginning to play well, gaining a draw against Ormesby III and in their last match a win against Billingham.

RANKINGS

The selection committee issued the ranking list based on results last season and the junior ranking tournament held this season. Personally, I think I am a bit high, Matt and Brian playing far better than myself and getting better results. Julie Shippey comes in at No. 2 in the girls' having beaten Joanne Craik and Cathy Bryan in the trials. One young lady to keep an eye on is 11-years-old Sharon Harvey who comes in at No. 5. For her age she looks very promising.

Men
1 B. Hill, 2 D. Skerratt, 3 P. Taylor, 4 B. Allison, 5 M. Sheader, 6 C. Bryan, 7 M. Emmerson, 8 N. Parkin, 9 C. Tay, 10 S. Worrell.

Women
1 S. Hunt, 2 C. Buttery, 3 G. Sharpe, 4 S. Radley, 5 C. Moran, 6 J. White, 7 M. Burgess, 8 J. Wingad, 9 R. Pickwell, 10 K. Fisher.

Boys
1 S. Worrell, 2 C. Bryan, 3 R. Hodson, 4 P. Mackie, 5 A. Kelly, 6 G. Moran, 7 A. Burwell, 8 I. Walker, 9 D. Fraser, 10 D. Colam.

Girls
1 R. Pickwell, 2 J. Shippey, 3 J. Craik, 4 C.

Bryan, 5 A. Wadsworth, 6 S. Harvey, 7 S. Jackson, 8 L. Thompson, 9 L. Baker.

Veteran Men
1 M. Sheader, 2 B. Allison, 3 B. Edlington, 4 W. Moran, 5 G. Plaskitt, 6 A. Patrick, 7 F. Lovatt, 8 A. Black, 9 E. Edmonds, 10 B. Johnson.

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

Two closed tournaments coming up are Nov. 29 - Junior Closed, and Jan. 3 - Senior Closed. Forms are available from your general secretary. Finally, congratulations to Dennis Worrell who is now a 3-star coach — an award which he fully deserves. Well done Dennis.

Vic Bennett reports from . . .

NORFOLK

DEPLETED TEAMS

Not much to cheer about in the opening matches of the season — with depleted teams by the absence of top players being the major cause — but hopeful of better results in the future. The loss of Doug Bennett to National League Champs, Soham, has given other players a chance to stake a claim in the teams with Trevor Bunn, David Smith and fast-improving Phil Logsdon being apt challengers.

First team Juniors defeated Suffolk and a good debut by newcomer Chris Moffett is reported. While the eyes must be on the second string, who, despite losing to a good Essex team by 1-9, it is fair to point out four of the five Norfolk players were making their debut, also under 15, and four sets lost on the third leg, three at -17 and one at -21.

The arrival of the robot has certainly awakened a bit of interest among the juniors and hope that the seniors will get acquainted with our new "signing" soon. Clubs interested in short term hire please contact me.

The Norfolk County/Broadside Sports Team Championships have commenced and I must confess a little bit disappointed at the number of entries. However, those

received should provide a good competition.

1st Round

Fourways (Norwich) v Telephones 'B' (Norwich)
Telephone 'A' (Norwich) v British Sugar (Kings Lynn)
Middleton Y.C. (Kings Lynn) v Taverham (Norwich)

2nd Round

Gothic (Norwich) v Sprowston (Norwich)
Thetford British Legion v Downham (Kings Lynn)
Bye Electricity (Kings Lynn)

On the tournament scene, Phil Logsdon is out to improve on his National Ranking now out of the U-14 grade. It appears another young lad is now on his way up, that is 10 year old Neil Pickard, having had a good day at Folkestone.

Entries for the County Closed, Sunday, Dec. 20, 1981 at the U.E.A., must soon be in. by Nov. 30. Forms have been sent to District League Secretaries.

WHERE IS OUR HISTORY

asks **PAT ARCHDALE**

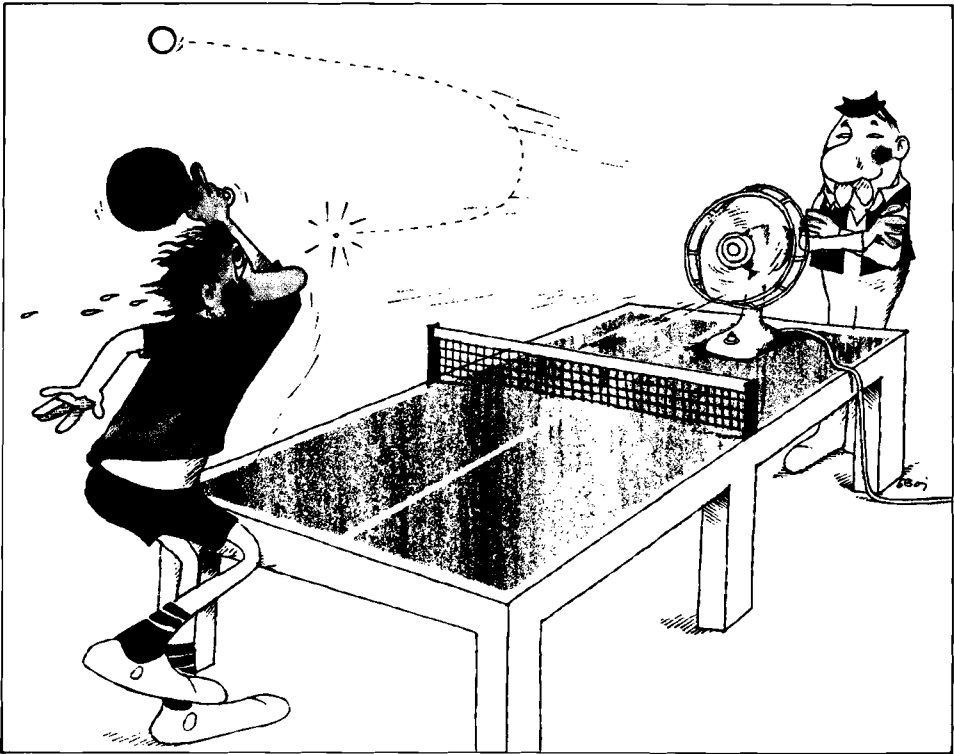
Packed away in cupboards and lofts, gathering a thick coating of dust and acting as a playground for spiders . . . there must be hundreds of pre-war bats and nets.

BUT . . . HOW MANY WILL BE PRESERVED.

A couple of months ago a friend — quite a good table-tennis player, brought me a couple of articles he thought could have bells attached and be used for percussion instruments. He completely failed to recognise them as a superb pair of 1909 ping-pong raquets, complete with a leather loop to hang on a hook (thoughtfully provided by the manufacturer) under the table.

At a Stiga tournament many of the youngsters had never seen any pre-1920 equipment, and, if such equipment had not been clearly labelled and alongside a modern Stiga bat, they would, doubtless, have passed by without looking.

Books, too, are being thrown away — a 1901 "Laws of Ping Pong" was rescued from



HUMOUR FROM YUGOSLAVIA

By Budimir Vojinovic

a Scout Jumble Sale, just as the covers were about to be torn off and the pages put in the sack of waste paper . . . it could never be replaced.

There is no room at the Office to start a Museum, so as I feel very strongly that somewhere there should be a collection of these relics, which should be available for special events, I would be willing to buy and attempt to mount Mobile Display Units.

At present I have one easily transported unit of half a dozen 1901-1912 raquets, a cork-surfaced and a sand paper-surfaced bat, plus a 1937 Barna.

It also shows the construction of a modern bat.

In the process of being constructed, is a collection of early nets and posts. One beautiful brass pair of posts feature naked cherubs climbing heavenwards!

So, if you have any relic you think should be preserved and you are willing to sell, please contact me (c/o E.T.T.A. Office), giving details, price, and, if possible, the History.

Likewise, if you want to borrow any articles, contact me, as above, giving details of what you would like and the dates you would need.

Perhaps in fifty years time, some of the present day juniors can look back and say "I used to play with one of those".

I hope they will not get the reply I got at Gloucester.

We were discussing the shape of the handles of the 1902-6 raquets and one person said "Of course you used to play with one of those" . . . to which another replied "That was for your first veterans match".

Roy Williams reports from . . .

NORTH WALES

SEALINK SPONSOR HOLYHEAD

This season Holyhead's three teams are being sponsored by Sealink Ferries and will now be known as Sealink Holyhead. Their 'A' team have yet to play, but the 'B' and 'C' sides have both started with victories.

The Anglesey League, even at this early stage, still have Wylfa Power Station 'A' on top of Div. 1 led again by that wily old campaigner Don Hobbs. Llangefni 'A' and R.A.F. Valley are in second and third spots.

In Div. 2 Wylfa P.S. 'B' lead followed by Llangefni 'B' and Ysgol Gyfron. Nineteen teams are competing in two divisions.

The Llandudno League have five divisions comprising 44 teams with a total of 173 players registered to date.

Once again the doubles trophy will be awarded to the team who retain a 100% doubles record in any division — in league matches. In the event of a team not attaining the 100%, the highest percentage will be declared the winners.

A number of well known names have disappeared from the league this year — teams such as North Western, K.L. Sports and Presbyterians, and players such as Roger Isherwood, Alf Hardman, Emllyn Williams, Dil Jones. But new faces like Woodlands School, Technical College and extra teams at Llandudno Junction are welcomed.

Lansdowne 'A' are already the main challenge to Colwyn Bay Cricket Club for the Div. 1 leadership and Cricket Club 'B', relegated last season, head Div. 2 in a bid for a speedy return. Llandudno Junction 'C' are in contention in Div 3. Colwyn Bay Fire Service 'B' won their first match in twelve months in Div. 4, an example of a team who have plodded on. Players like these firemen are the backbone of any league. Cartref Melys and Doetra 'C' lead in Div. 5.

Rhyl with only two divisions (a total of twelve teams), commenced their league

programme and Clwyd 'A', the champions, drew with Schooner 'A' in their first match. a dress rehearsal from last season when both teams were in contention all through. Ex I.C.I. Lostock player Jimmy Nevin making his debut for the pub team, Schooner 'B', won against Clwyd 'B'.

Rhyl Youth Club returning to the league after many years, won their opening fixture with Labour Jnrs. 'B' in Div. 2. Clwyd 'C' won their second match and look to be the main challengers with Rhyl Youth.

Wrexham with three divisions and 34 teams are well into their stride for the new season. Malpas top Div. 1 followed by Caergwrle and Llay B.L. In Div. 2 Kent 'A' are the joint pace setters with Telecomms 'A' followed by Metal Box and Graval 'A'. Maelor General Hospital have a slight lead over Milk M.B. followed by Queens Park Y.C. and Wrexham Victoria. Gwersyllt W.M.C. with new signing Derek Stanfield joining Haydn Young and Peter Williams should make rapid progress in the top division.

LLANDUDNO CLOSED

The first Closed championship of the season will be the Llandudno Closed to be held at Quinton Hazell, Mochdre, Colwyn Bay on Saturday, Nov. 28. Top seed for the Men's Singles will be John Hook (Cricket Club).

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

The Wales v Spain European League Division Two match at Colwyn Leisure Centre, Colwyn Bay, looks like being a sell out at this early stage. The match is to be played on Dec. 12. Tickets £2.00 Adults, £1.00 Children.

Ronald Hedley reports from . . .

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

GIRLS COME GOOD

When I first took over the position of County Match Secretary for Bucks, a comment from one of the junior boys stuck in my mind and has done ever since. The comment "the trouble is the boys have to carry the girls as they never win matches".

Unfortunately that boy was not playing in the first round of this season's County matches when the girls of Bucks came good. The Junior 1st team entertained Cleveland, who travelled down on the Friday evening and we provided accommodation. Due to this the match was played in the morning so that the Cleveland team could make an early start back.

In our team were four of last season's successful Junior 2nd team. However, the boys found the going tough and succumbed in all seven sets. But Dawn Robbins and Debbie Simmonds both won their singles and combined to win the doubles, making the score a 7-3 win for the visitors.

The Senior 1st team were without Philip Bradbury and Peter Simmonds but put up a most creditable performance against Northants going down 4-6. Robert Harman and reserves Mark Butler and Alex Pratt all won once and Dawn Robbins had her second county win of the day to record the Bucks successes.

Yet again it was the girls who triumphed for the Junior 2nd team, Frances Beales and Carol Brown winning their singles and combining to win the doubles against Warwicks II. With three inexperienced boys they could only manage one win, a victory for Darren Butler in the final set, so Warwicks II ran out 6-4 winners.

The Veterans recorded our only win of the day with a 6-3 success over Oxfordshire. Strengthened this season by the presence of Alec Watson the men won five of the singles, Watson (2), Leckie (1) and Pratt (2) and they were supported by Anne Catchpole who won her singles. Both

doubles were lost and it is that part of the veterans' game that we need to improve.

SLOUGH LEAGUE

The most important thing to happen, for seasons, in the Slough League is the entrance of Cippenham TT Club into the National League. Cippenham won the Slough League last season with John Barton, Viv McCarthy, Dave Pountney and Frank Earls. To this squad they have added former County player and many times Slough champion Alec Watson. To date they have yet to record a win but I understand that the results have been close and they hope that the first win is not far off.

Unfortunately the Slough team are the only Bucks team in the National League with the loss of the Sealink team from Milton Keynes.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

The details given below are for the guidance of intending entrants. The referee reserves the right to modify them in the light of entries received.

Saturday, 5th December

0900 Mixed Doubles, round 1 to SF
1115 Boys' Doubles, round 1 to SF
1300 Girls' Doubles, round 1 to SF
1430 Cadet Boys' Singles, round 1 to SF
1530 Cadet Girls' Singles, round 1 to SF
2000 Finals of these 5 events in order CGS, CBS,
GD, BD, XD

Sunday, 6th December

0900 Boys' Singles, round 1 to QF
1000 Girls' Singles, round 1 to SF
1730 Boys' Singles, semi-finals, GS FINAL, BS
FINAL

DIRECTIONS

(a) by Road

The Leisure Centre is situated in the middle of Hinckley, which can be reached via Exit 1 of the M6 or by the A47 from Leicester.

(b) by Rail

There is a railway station which is about ten minutes' walk from the venue. Trains run fairly frequently from Birmingham New Street or if travelling from North or South change at Nuneaton.

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