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# On the International Front by The Editor



## WORLD RECOGNITION FOR KAREN AND PAUL

Albeit at No. 50 in an extended revised World classification list, England's **Paul Day** figures in his first ever World ranking as indeed does **Karen Witt** at No. 46 in women's list.

**Desmond Douglas** is moved up three places to No. 8 but **John Hilton**, who defends his European singles title in Budapest this season, drops one place to No. 29. On the distaff side **Jill Hammersley** suffers from her lack of success in the 36th World Championships in Novi Sad and drops from No. 8 to No. 15 but **Linda Jarvis** who makes her debut for Sealink International Ormesby in the ETTA's National League this season, finds herself at No. 41, again in an extended list.

Players from the People's Republic of China swamp the top positions in both categories with Hungary's **Tibor Klampar**, at No. 4, and **Valentina Popova** of the Soviet Union, at No. 9 heading the European contenders.

### NEW RANKINGS

(Previous position in brackets)

#### Men

- 1 Guo Yuehua (CHN) (2)
- 2 Cai Zhenhua (CHN) (7)
- 3 Xie Saike (CHN) (8)
- 4 Tibor Klampar (HUN) (5)
- 5 Dragutin Surbek (YUG) (17)
- 6 Stellan Bengtsson (SWE) (6)
- 7 Shi Zhihao (CHN) (3)
- 8 **Desmond Douglas** (ENG) (11)
- 9 Wang Huiyuan (CHN) (4)
- 10 Istvan Jonyer (HUN) (27)
- 11 Milan Orlowski (CZE) (15)
- 12 Andrzej Grubba (POL) (29)
- 13 Park Lee Hee (KRR) (—)
- 14 Gabor Gergely (HUN) (20)
- 15 Lu Yaohua (CHN) (13)
- 16 Seiji Ono (JAP) (1)
- 17 Jacques Secretin (FRA) (14)
- 18 Mikael Appelgren (SWE) (—)
- 19 Patrick Birocheau (FRA) (31)
- 20 Huang Liang (CHN) (18)
- 21 Cho Yong Ho (KDR) (22)
- 22 Norio Takashima (JAP) (12)
- 23 Hiroyuki Abe (JAP) (19)
- 24 Erik Lindh (SWE) (—)
- 25 Ulf Carlsson (SWE) (23)
- 26 Leszek Kucharski (POL) (33)
- 27 Josef Dvoracek (CZE) (9)
- 28 Li Zhenshi (CHN) (10)
- 29 **John Hilton** (ENG) (28)
- 30 Peter Stellwag (GFR) (32)
- 31 Jindrich Pansky (CZE) (—)
- 32 Christian Martin (FRA) (34)
- 33 Igor Solopov (USS) (—)
- 34 Wilfried Lieck (GFR) (—)
- 35 Ulf Thorsell (SWE) (21)
- 36 Kim Wan (KRR) (—)
- 37 Hong Sun Chol (KDR) (—)
- 38 Ralf Wosik (GFR) (—)
- 39 Massimo Costantini (ITA) (—)
- 40 Atanda Musa (NIG) (—)
- 41 Hong Chol (KDR) (25)
- 42 Danny Semmiller (USA) (—)
- 43 Zoran Kalinic (YUG) (—)

- 44 Teng Yi (CHN) (16)
- 45 Tibor Kreisz (HUN) (—)
- 46 Giovanni Bisi (ITA) (—)
- 47 Chen Xingue (CHN) (24)
- 48 Milivoj Karakasevic (YUG) (—)
- 49 Hideo Goto (JAP) (—)
- 50 **Paul Day** (ENG) (—)

#### Women

- 1 Tong Ling (CHN) (4)
- 2 Cao Yanhua (CHN) (2)
- 3 Zhang Deying (CHN) (1)
- 4 Lee Soo Ja (KRR) (—)
- 5 Qi Baoxing (CHN) (3)
- 6 Pak Yong Sun (KDR) (5)
- 7 Pu Qijuan (CHN) (—)
- 8 Huang Jungun (CHN) (—)
- 9 Valentina Popova (USS) (13)
- 10 Li Song Suk (KDR) (6)
- 11 Kim Kyung Ja (KRR) (15)
- 12 Bettine Vriesekoop (NET) (10)
- 13 Kayoko Kawahigashi (JAP) (12)
- 14 Geng Liiuan (CHN) (9)
- 15 **Jill Hammersley** (ENG) (8)
- 16 Iona Uhlíkova (CZE) (16)
- 17 Ann-Christin Hellman (SWE) (18)
- 18 Beatrix Kishazi (HUN) (—)
- 19 Judit Magos (HUN) (14)
- 20 Rie Wada (JAP) (—)
- 21 Kirsten Kruger (FRG) (—)
- 22 Ursula Kamizuru (FRG) (—)
- 23 Fliura Bulatova (USS) (—)
- 24 Marie Lindblad (SWE) (20)
- 25 Eva Ferenczi (RUM) (—)
- 26 Edit Urban (HUN) (—)
- 27 Zsuzsa Olah (HUN) (21)
- 28 Shen Jiaping (CHN) (11)
- 29 An Hae Sook (KRR) (7)
- 30 Claude Bergeret (FRA) (—)
- 31 Gordana Perkucin (YUG) (19)
- 32 Marie Hrachova (CZE) (17)
- 33 Branka Batinic (YUG) (—)
- 34 Narine Antonian (USS) (—)
- 35 Blanka Silhanova (CZE) (—)
- 36 Sonia Grefberg (FIN) (—)
- 37 Erzebet Palatinus (YUG) (—)
- 38 Hwang Nam Sook (KRR) (—)
- 39 Brigitte Thiriet (FRA) (—)
- 40 Hui So Hung (HKG) (—)
- 41 **Linda Jarvis** (ENG) (—)
- 42 Emiko Kanda (JAP) (—)
- 43 Anneli Hernvall (SWE) (—)
- 44 Monika Stork (FRG) (—)
- 45 Olga Nemes (RUM) (—)
- 46 **Karen Witt** (ENG) (—)
- 47 Anke Olschewski (FRG) (—)
- 48 Kim Bok Yong (KDR) (—)
- 49 Alice Pelikanova (CZE) (—)
- 50 Eva Stromvall (SWE) (—)

### EUROPEAN RANKINGS

In line with the ITTF the ETTU have also extended their revised lists, to thirty in each category, with six English players holding positions, three more than previously.

**Tibor Klampar** takes over the No. 1 spot in the men's list from **John Hilton** who now finds himself at No. 13 with **Des Douglas** also down, by one place, to No. 4. **Paul Day** comes in, as in the World list, propping up at No. 30.

**Jill Hammersley** is jumped two positions in the women's list and now occupies the No. 2 berth behind **Valentina Popova** of the

## SUNSHINE & SHADOW

The sunshine that adorned our efforts with a golden glow in the 24th European Youth Championships in Topolcany, Czechoslovakia, in August, gave way to a chilling foretaste of winter with our disappointing defeat at the hands of Federal Germany in the opening Super Division match of the European League in Saarlouis.

No praise is too high for our Cadet boys' team of **Carl Prean** and **Billy Gleave** in securing our first gold medal in any European Championships team event, both senior and junior, and that covers many years of competition.

Praise too for young **Gleave**, now aged 15, in reaching the final of the Cadet boys' singles event, and for his tremendous start on the home tournament circuit in winning the boys' (under-17) singles at both the Kirklees and Colgate North of England Open championships in which **Lindsay Taylor** of Cleveland was twice the beaten finalist.

And what too of **Gleave's** tremendous performance in the men's singles at Manchester in reaching the final losing 22-24 to **Dougie Johnson** in the third and deciding game of a real cliffhanger?

Is not **Johnson** our fourth-ranking senior and did not **John Hilton**, our reigning European men's singles champion, lose to both **Peter Engel** and **Peter Stellwag** in that initial European League encounter in Federal Germany?

Oh yes, there are shadows on our established seniors who have got so far and no further — **Desmond Douglas** excepted — but always there are bright horizons, a little clouded perhaps when it comes to a matter of temperament, but there nevertheless.

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Soviet Union but now heading the Dutch girl Bettine Vriesekoop and her bogey player Gordana Perkucin of Yugoslavia. Karen Witt, at No. 22 and Linda Jarvis, at No. 28 are among the newcomers. Rankings (previous position in brackets):

#### Men

- 1 Klampar (HUN) (2)
- 2 Bengtsson (SWE) (7)
- 3 Surbek (YUG) (11)
- 4 Douglas (ENG)
- 5 Orlovski (CZE) (6)
- 6 Secretin (FRA) (4)
- 7 Dvoracek (CZE) (5)
- 8 Gergely (HUN) (8)
- 9 Jonyer (HUN) (12)
- 10 Carlsson (SWE) (10)
- 11 Grubba (POL) (13)
- 12 Thorsell (SWE) (9)
- 13 Hilton (ENG) (1)
- 14 Birocheau (FRA) (15)
- 15 Appelgren (SWE) (20)
- 16 Kucharski (POL) (14)
- 17 Martin (FRA) (17)
- 18 Stellwag (FRG) (16)
- 19 Pansky (CZE) (19)
- 20 Lindh (SWE) (—)
- 21 Karakasevic (YUG) (25)
- 22 Kreisz (HUN) (23)
- 23 Kalinic (YUG) (21)
- 24 Lieck (FRG) (18)
- 25 Wosik (FRG) (22)
- 26 Janos Takacs (HUN) (—)
- 27 Solopov (USS) (—)
- 28 Janos Molnar (HUN) (—)
- 29 Zoran Kosanovic (YUG) (—)
- 30 Day (ENG) (—)

#### Women

- 1 Popova (USS) (1)
- 2 Hammersley (ENG) (4)
- 3 Vriesekoop (NET) (2)
- 4 Hellman (SWE) (7)
- 5 Uhlíkova (CZE) (5)
- 6 Magos (HUN) (6)
- 7 Perkucin (YUG) (3)
- 8 Kishazi (HUN) (14)
- 9 Kamizuru (FRG) (—)
- 10 Lindblad (SWE) (9)
- 11 Olah (HUN) (10)
- 12 Hrachova (CZE) (11)
- 13 Silhanova (CZE) (8)
- 14 Kruger (FRG) (16)
- 15 Antonian (USS) (13)
- 16 Ferenczi (RUM) (19)
- 17 Bergeret (FRA) (17)
- 18 Bulatova (USS) (—)
- 19 Palatinus (YUG) (12)
- 20 Batinic (YUG) (—)
- 21 Urban (HUN) (22)
- 22 Witt (ENG) (—)
- 23 Hernvall (SWE) (—)
- 24 Stork (FRG) (—)
- 25 Stromvall (SWE) (21)
- 26 Pelikanova (CZE) (24)
- 27 Grefberg (FIN) (—)
- 28 Jarvis (ENG) (—)
- 29 Thiriet (FRA) (—)
- 30 Nemes (RUM) (—)

Omitted from the previous European listings are: Anton Stipanovic (YUG) (24) and, in the women's list, Ludmilla Bakshutova (USS) (15), Maria Alexandru (RUM) (18), Carole Knight (ENG) (20) and Dubravka Fabri (YUG) (23).

#### EUROPE CLUB CUP OF CHAMPIONS

In the first round of this season's Europe Club Cup of Champions, the English champions, Soham TTC — winners of the National League — are in receipt of a bye and await the outcome of the match between SV Raiffeisen (Austria) and Anahilt TTC (Ireland) to learn who their visitors will be in Rd. 2.

Meantime, in the women's section, Ellenborough TTC, the J. M. Rose Bowl winners, played hosts to Capip Dommeldenge (Luxembourg) and advanced to the second round with a 5-2 win. Angela Mitchell (3) and Helen Williams (2) carried Ellenborough through, Michelle Williams losing to Maryse Risch and Malou Toussaint.

#### Draws:

##### Men's Section

- Bp Spartacus (HUN) v DT Schffleng (LUX)  
 Norway Club (NOR) or Virum-Sorgenfri (DEN) v Banik Ostrava (CZE)  
 Falkenburgs BTK (SWE) v Palette Ham (BEL)  
 S.C. de Portugal (POR) or Pelliege Canelli (ITA) v Heinzelman Reutlingen (FRG)  
 Bp. Vasutas (HUN) v S.S. Pera (GRE) or CSM Cluj Napoca (RUM)  
 Kremlin Bicetre (FRA) v Akademic Swishtov (BUL) or Spartak Subotica (YUG)  
 Soham TTC (ENG) v SV Raiffeisen (AUT) or Anahilt TTC (IRE)  
 KR Reykjavik (ICE) or Tempo Team (NET) v AZS Gdansk (POL)

##### Women's Section

- Statistika Bp (HUN) v Rodopi Momchilgrad (BUL) or Olympiacus SFP (GRE)  
 C.T. Barcino (SPA) v A.L. Bruz (FRA)  
 STK Mladost (YUG) v Fiat Cerrelli (ITA) or C.S. Arad (RUM)  
 Clube Philips (POR) or CTT Corenne (BEL) v Start Praha (CZE)  
 Tolnai v Lobogo (HUN) v Motor Lublin (POL) or Tip 70 (FIN)  
 DSC Kaiserberg (FRG) v TTC Uster (SWI)  
 Ellenborough TTC (ENG) v Atus Judenburg (AUT)  
 Scylla Leiden (NET) or Zero Copenhagen (DEN) v Varbergs BTK (SWE)

#### Completion Dates

- 1st Round — 18/20 Sept., '81  
 2nd Round — 7/8 Nov., '81  
 3rd Round — 19/20 Dec., '81  
 S.F. — 30/31 Jan., '82  
 Final — 6/7 Mar., '82

Winners last season were:

- Men at Gdansk on 17/5/'81  
 Spartacus Budapest (Klampar, Jonyer, Molnar) bt AZS Gdansk (Grubba, Kucharski, Jakubowicz) 5-3.

- Women at Budapest on 16/5/'81  
 Statistika (Magos, Kishazi, Olah) bt Varbergs BTK (Hellman, Lindblad, Stromvall) 5-4.

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#### I.T.T.F. HANDBOOK AND YEARBOOK

1981-83 \*\*

A completely new English edition has now been printed incorporating all the amendments agreed at the 1981 Biennial General Meeting.

#### RULES LEAFLETS \*\*

Two leaflets (reprinted from the new Handbook) are now available. The first gives the up-to-date text of the Laws of Table Tennis and the second gives the Laws plus the Regulations for International Competitions.

#### NEW MEMBER

Formalities have now been completed for the affiliation to the ITTF of the Oman Table Tennis Assn. Total membership of the ITTF is therefore now 126 Associations, although it should be noted that the Associations of Cameroon, Guam, Mali and Sri Lanka will be expelled from membership unless their arrears of subscriptions are cleared before Dec. 31/'81.

#### APPROVAL OF RACKET COVERINGS

The Chairmen of the Equipment and Rules Committees have issued the following announcement. All Associations are requested to circulate it as widely as possible to their players and officials.

As agreed at the 1981 BGM in Novi Sad, the ITTF's approval scheme for racket coverings begins on Jan. 1/'82, from which date only approved racket coverings may be used. It will apply compulsorily to World, Continental and Open International Championships and may apply to any other international competition at the discretion of the organising authority.

Eventually it will be obvious whether a covering is approved, since near the handle of the racket it will carry an imprint of the ITTF logo. Until manufacturers clear their

present stocks, however, many of the coverings in use may not carry this logo. We shall therefore provide Associations with copies of the list of approved coverings, which they can then make available to tournament referees. This list is classified by manufacturer and by trademark. Racket manufacturers and players should be warned that the racket covering when mounted on the blade, must show the ITTF logo or, if the rubber has not been so marked, the trademark. A covering bearing neither the trademark nor the logo will be assumed to be not approved.

As a control procedure we suggest that, when the umpire calls the players for the toss of the coin, he should inspect their rackets. If he has any doubt about the approval of any of the rubber, he should call for the referee's list. (This is also a good opportunity for him to check other aspects of legality, such as continuity of the rubber and the sponge, evenness of the thickness, and so on).

Note that it is not adequate for the referee to examine coverings at the beginning of the event. Since it is not unusual for players to change rackets during a tournament, and even to change coverings on the same blade, the racket must be checked at the beginning of every match.

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The following items have been approved by the ITTF for 1981-1983. A list of ITTF-approved rubber will be published when the rubber approved scheme comes into effect on 1st January, 1982.

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 VEB Schlottheimer (Turnier)  
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- Cor du Buy (Summum)  
 Dunlop (Championship)  
 Hanno (Weltmeister)  
 Imperial (Weltmeister 69)  
 Joola (Europaliga)  
 Schildkroet (Selecta)  
 Stiga (Clipper VM)  
 VEB Schlottheimer (Exclusiv)  
 Tamasu (Butterfly de Luxe)  
 Tamasu Europe (Butterfly Europa)

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 Hanno XXX Extra Prima \*  
 Imperial XXX \*  
 Joola XXX  
 Nittaku XXX \*  
 Peace XXX  
 Schildkroet XXX \*  
 Stiga Alser XXX \*  
 TSP Astoll XXX  
 Urchetti (Montana)  
 YSP Select XXXX  
 Zschopau XXX  
 \* White and Yellow

#### EUROPEAN LEAGUE

#### HOME COUNTRIES FLOP

Apart from England's Super Division defeat at the hands of Federal Germany in

Saarlouis, no better fortune attended the efforts of the other home countries in Division 2 with Ireland, Scotland and Wales all finishing on the wrong end of a 6-1 score-line.

In Londonderry, on Sept. 18, Ireland could only manage to win the mixed doubles when Colum Slevin and Mary Sheehan beat Thomas Busin and Carmen Witte. On the same night at the Tryst Sports Centre in Scotland the home team only tasted success in the last set when Richard Yule beat Pal Guttormsen of Norway, and the solitary win obtained by Wales, against Belgium in Bailleau, was achieved by Alan Griffiths against Thierry Cabrera.

#### SCORES

##### Ireland 1 Switzerland 6

D. Weir lost to M. Hafen -19, 20, -15;  
C. Slevin lost to T. Busin -13, 9, -19;  
L. Gibson lost to C. Witte 14, -18, -13;  
Slevin/Weir lost to Busin/Hafen -12, -13;  
Slevin/M Sheehan bt Busin/Witte -21, 22, 17;  
Weir lost to Busin -8, -17;  
Slevin lost to Hafen -19, 17, -20.

##### Scotland 1 Norway 6

K. Rodger lost to P. Guttormsen -10, 15, -14;  
R. Yule lost to T. Johansen -14, 17, -17;  
C. Dalrymple lost to T. Folkeson -16, -18;  
Rodger/Yule lost to Guttormsen/Johansen -18, -18;  
Yule/Dalrymple lost to Johansen/Folkeson -18, 16, -17;  
Rodger lost to Johansen -16, -9;  
Yule bt Guttormsen 20, 17.

##### Belgium 6 Wales 1

T. Cabrera bt D. Welsman 19, 10;  
R. De Prophetis bt A. Griffiths 16, 22;  
B. Lippens bt L. Tyler 9, 18;  
Cabrera/De Prophetis bt Griffiths/Welsman -17, 20, 20;

D. Leroy/Lippens bt Welsman/Tyler 16, 10;  
Cabrera lost to Griffiths -19, -13;  
De Prophetis bt Welsman 17, -18, 12.

In a more closely contested match in Grevenmacher (Luxembourg) the visitors, Spain, triumphed in the very last set when Ismael Caymel beat Yves Maas to get his team home 4-3.

#### SCORES

##### Luxembourg 3 Spain 4

A. Hartmann lost to I. Caymel -14, -14;  
Y. Maas lost to J. Pales -16, -16;  
C. Risch bt P. Lupon 8, -18, 11;  
Hartmann/Maas lost to Caymel/Pales -17, -16;  
Hartmann/Risch bt Caymel/Lupon -18, 12, 11;  
Hartmann bt Pales 22, 18;  
Yves lost to Caymel -11, -11.

#### SUPER DIVISION

It was in Gottwaldov that France took a 7-0 hammering from Czechoslovakia, the home team using only three players, namely Milan Orlovski, Josef Dvoracek and Marie Hrachova, to do the damage against a French team lacking the services of Jacques Secretin.

#### SCORES

M. Orlovski bt P. Renverse 9, 15;  
J. Dvoracek bt C. Martin 18, 9;  
M. Hrachova bt C. Bergeret 17, 14;  
Dvoracek/Orlovski bt B. Parietti/Renverse 13, 9;  
Orlovski/Hrachova bt Martin/Bergeret 19, 20;  
Orlovski bt Martin 13, 20;  
Dvoracek bt Renverse 12, 11.

Hungary, at home to Poland in Szeged, had to wait until the penultimate set before taking a winning lead when Tibor Klampar beat Leszek Kucharski.

#### SCORES

T. Klampar bt A. Grubba 6, 14;  
J. Molnar lost to L. Kucharski 20, -18, -15;  
Z. Olah bt J. Szatko 17, 17;  
Klampar/Z. Kriston bt Grubba/Kucharski 18, -12, 17;  
Molnar/E. Urban lost to Kucharski/Szatko 16, -19, -18;  
Klampar bt Kucharski 18, 17;  
Molnar lost to Grubba -18, -7.

#### DIVISION 1

In Division 1. Finland beat Greece 7-0 in Helsingfors and, at home to Denmark in Judenberg, Austria were beaten 6-1.

#### SCORES

J. Ikonen bt D. Zikos 9, 17;  
J. Jokinen bt C. Priftis 14, 15;  
S. Grefberg bt Galanou 10, 8;  
Ikonen/Jokinen bt Priftis/Zikos 13, 20;  
Jokinen/E. Malmberg bt Zikos/Galanou 15, -18, 16;  
Ikonen bt Priftis -14, 13, 11;  
Jokinen bt Zikos 17, 13.  
E. Amplatz lost to J. Hansen -13, 17, -17;  
G. Bar lost to C. Pedersen 19, -9, -13;  
D. Fetter lost to A. Larsen -19, -17;  
Amplatz/G. Muller lost to Hansen/Pedersen -18, -18;  
Muller/Fetter lost to Pedersen/Fetter -19, -11;  
Amplatz lost to Pedersen -9, -18;  
Bar bt Hansen 18, -14, 17.

#### THE FRENCH CONNECTION

#### RECORD FOR SECRETIN

by Jean Devys

Jacques Secretin became the men's singles champion of France for a record fifteen times when, at Luneville last May, he beat Patrick Renverse in the final having pre-

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viously ousted Christian Martin in the semis. Winner of the women's singles was **Patricia Germain**, the fourth-ranked French woman, whose final victim was Brigitte Thiriet, ranked No. 3. Top-seeded Claude Bergeret fell in the semis to Miss Germain.

**SCORES**

**Men's Singles Semi-finals:**  
J. Secretin bt C. Martin 12, 8, 17;  
P. Renverse bt P. Birocheau  
-16, -14, 12, 19, 12.

**Final:**  
SECRETIN bt Renverse 19, 8, 10.

**Women's Singles Semi-finals:**  
P. Germain bt C. Bergeret -11, 18, 19, -10, 13;  
B. Thiriet bt M. Gourmelon 17, 16, -4, 18.

**Final:**  
GERMAIN bt Thiriet 19, 18, 19.

**Men's Doubles:**  
B. PARIETTI/RENVERSE bt P. Gernot/  
Secretin 3-2.

**Women's Doubles:**  
S. GRILLET/THIRIET bt C. and P. Germain  
3-1.

**Mixed Doubles:**  
MARTIN/THIRIET bt Secretin/Bergeret  
3-1.

**RANKINGS '81/'82**

**Men**

- 1 J. Secretin
- 2 P. Birocheau
- 3 C. Martin
- 4 P. Renverse
- 5 B. Parietti
- 6 P. Gernot
- 7 J. C. Decret
- 8 F. Vinitzki

**Women**

- 1 C. Bergeret
- 2 N. Daviaud
- 3 B. Thiriet
- 4 P. Germain

# Official News

**SEASON 1981/82**

**APPROVED BALLS**

The following brands and grades of ball are the only ones which are licensed for the 1981/82 season:

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- Halex 3-Star and 2-Star
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## NORWICH UNION ENGLISH CLOSED

The English Championships Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Doreen Stannard, have decided to book the venue at Basingstoke for this season's Norwich Union English Closed (Feb. 18/20, 1982). The following appointments were made: Referee - C. Wright, Asst. Referee - J. Jermyn, Control Table Asst. - L. C. Pilditch, Organiser - Mrs. A. Waters (subject to her acceptance), Asst. Organiser - H. J. Webb.

# SELECTION MATTERS

SEASON 1981-82

by PETER CHARTERS

(Chairman, National Selection Committee)

The Selection Committee structure remains the same as for last season, namely that the committee will be divided into two panels one dealing with ranking, the other with selections. The personnel concerned are:

Ranking Panel - Peter Charters (Chairman), Mike Kercher, Bryan Merrett and Peter D'Arcy.

Selection Panel - Peter Charters (Chairman), Peter Simpson, Donald Parker and Nicky Jarvis. Mike Watts, the E.T.T.A.'s Deputy General Secretary, is the Committee's secretary.

Tony Clayton's retirement from the Ranking Panel, due to lack of committable time, led to the appointment of Peter D'Arcy. Nicky Jarvis takes over the Women's Captain role vacated midway through last season by Jill Hammersley when she returned to the playing arena.

The main innovation for the new season is in the area of ranking — 'Lentec' are making computer services available to the Selection Committee to help the Ranking Panel produce the Senior, Junior and Cadet National ranking lists during the '81/82 season.

The use of the computer allows the panel to cope with more results in the ranking 'hat'. The results from County Championships Premier Division, 2-Star Tournaments and National League second divisions have been added to the list of events that will be used for ranking. A 3-tier weightings system will be used, the top weighting being international results.

Briefly, players will be allocated a number of starting points depending on their current ranking position. They will then win or lose points, the next ranking list being the order of players points score at a certain moment in time. A penalty points system will operate against players not competing in certain events. For seniors these events will be the National Closed Championships, 3-Star Tournaments and any Senior Ranking Trial (if invited). For Juniors and Cadets, it will be the National Closed Championships, 'Select' tournaments and Ranking Tournaments (if invited).

More detail on the computer ranking system will be given in a later article.

## INITIAL RANKINGS SEASON 1981/2

In May of this year the National Ranking Panel issued a final senior ranking list which will remain operative from the start of the 1981/2 season. It reads (previous position in brackets):

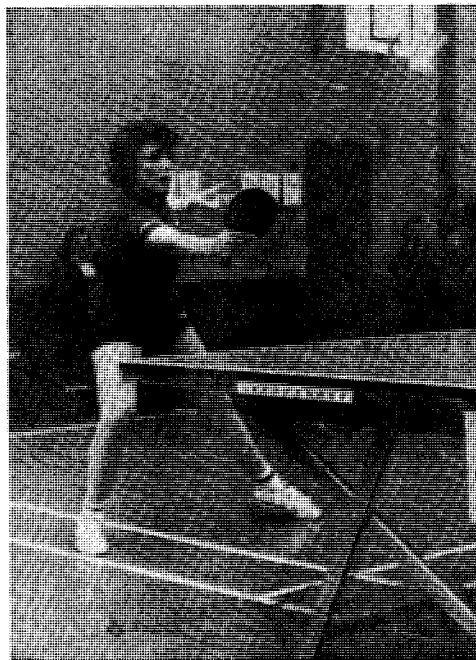
### Men

- 1 Desmond Douglas (Wa) (1)
- 2 John Hilton (La) (2)
- 3 Paul Day (Ca) (3)
- 4 Dougie Johnson (Wa) (4)

- 5 Robert Potton (E) (5)
- 6 Kenny Jackson (E) (8)
- 7 Donald Parker (La) (9)
- 8 Max Crimmins (Sy) (7)
- 9 Graham Sandley (Mi) (6)
- 10 Steven Mills (Y) (11)
- 11 Nigel Eckersley (Ch) (10)
- 12 Nicky Jarvis (Cv) (12)
- 13 Ian Horsham (E) (13)
- 14 John Kitchener (Sk) (17)
- 15 Chris Rogers (Le) (20)
- 16 David Wells (Mi) (19)
- 17 Mark Mitchell (Mi) (18)
- 18 Ian Kenyon (K) (—)
- 19 David Newman (E) (—)
- 20 David Barr (Bk) (—)
- 21 Skylet Andrew (E) (—)
- 22 Andrew Wellman (Bk) (14)
- 23 John Souter (Mi) (15)
- 24 Peter McQueen (Sy) (16)
- 25 Philip Bradbury (Bu) (—)
- 26 Colin Wilson (Mi) (—)
- 27 Andrew Bellingham (St) (—)
- 28 Steven Turner (La) (—)

### Women

- 1 Jill Hammersley (Bu) (1)
- 2 Karen Witt (Bk) (3)
- 3 Linda Jarvis (Cv) (2)
- 4 Carole Knight (Cv) (5)
- 5 Angela Mitchell (Mi) (9)
- 6 Alison Gordon (Bk) (4)
- 7 Melody Hill (Y) (6)
- 8 Karen Smith (Le) (14)
- 9 Jill Harris (St) (—)
- 10 Mandy Reeves (Bk) (—)
- 11 Helen Williams (Mi) (—)
- 12 Anita Stevenson (Le) (7)
- 13 Mandy Smith (Bk) (8)
- 14 Lisa Bellinger (Bd) (11)
- 15 Suzanne Hunt (Li) (12)
- 16 Sarah Sandley (Mi) (—)
- 17 Claire Maisey (Wi) (16)
- 18 Joy Grundy (La) (10)



Alison Barker of Market Drayton, who starts the season as the No. 1 girl cadet.

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## JUNIORS AND CADETS

At the end of his Junior table tennis career, John Souter of Neasden, London, was named as England Junior No. 1 in the final ranking list of the season. Souter, 17, who helped his club, Soham, to victory in the National League last season, regained the top spot from Carl Prean after playing an important part in England's team victory at the English Junior International Championships in Hull, an event held in conjunction with the opening of the Humber Bridge. Prean, 13, from Ryde, Isle of Wight, dropped to No. 3 in the Under-17 list, but retained his No. 1 ranking at Cadet level (Under-14).

The biggest jump in the rankings was by the previously unranked Gareth Spencer of Sydenham, London. Spencer, in his last year as a Junior, came straight into the final 1980/81 list at No. 8, due to wins over highly-ranked players in late season tournaments.

In the girls', the Bellinger sisters from Dunstable, Bedfordshire, made the biggest improvements. Jackie, 16, moved up 13 places to No. 4, and her young sister, Lisa, 14, went back to No. 2 position and was confirmed as the leading Cadet player in the country.

## JUNIOR RANKING LISTS

(to 30th June, '81)

(Previous position in brackets)

### Boys

- 1 John Souter (Mi) (4)
- 2 Philip Bradbury (Bu) (2)
- 3 \*Carl Prean (IOW) (1)
- 4 Mark Oakley (Sy) (3)
- 5 \*Adrian Moore (Sx) (5)
- 6 Paul Rainford (La) (6)
- 7 Tony Sanderson (Y) (8)
- 8 Gareth Spencer (K) (—)
- 9 \*Alan Cooke (Dy) (11)
- 10 \*Nicky Hoare (Sy) (7)
- 11 \*Jeremy Duffield (Wo) (9)
- 12 Stuart Palmer (Sk) (12)
- 13 Paul Namdjou (K) (16)
- 14 \*Lindsay Taylor (Cv) (20)
- 15 \*Iain Fullerton (Bk) (28)
- 16 \*Raymond Namdjou (K) (13)
- 17 Ian Smith (Wa) (14)
- 18 \*David Dodd (K) (15)
- 19 Adrian Pilgrim (Wa) (10)
- 20 \*Andrew Sexton (Sy) (—)
- 21 \*Billy Gleave (Ch) (17)
- 22 Kevin Green (Cv) (19)
- 23 \*David Illingsworth (Y) (27)
- 24 \*Steven Dettmar (E) (26)
- 25 \*Steven Sharpe (Y) (21)
- 26 \*Michael Hammond (Sy) (—)
- 27 \*Philip Gunn (Wa) (—)
- 28 \*Stuart Worrall (Li) (—)
- 29 Darren Griffin (Gs) (22)
- 30 \*Paul Jackson (Av) (23)
- 31 Anthony Stark (Mi) (25)
- 32 \*Michael O'Leary (Mi) (30)

### Girls

- 1 Joy Grundy (La) (1)
- 2 \*Lisa Bellinger (Bd) (6)
- 3 \*Jean Parker (La) (3)
- 4 \*Jackie Bellinger (Bd) (17)
- 5 Helen Williams (Mi) (2)
- 6 Sarah Sandley (Mi) (5)
- 7 Gina Pritchard (Dv) (4)
- 8 \*Helen Bardwell (He) (9)
- 9 \*Melanie Seaton (Y) (14)
- 10 Susan Blackburn (Bk) (16)
- 11 \*Josette Ryalls (Y) (18)

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- 12 \*Nina Tsakarisianos (Gs) (23)
- 13 Jennifer Collins (Bk) (7)
- 14 \*Susan Collier (Bk) (8)
- 15 Julie Speight (Y) (10)
- 16 Lorraine Garbet (Sy) (—)
- 17 \*Michael Williams (—)
- 18 \*Lesley Broomhead (Y) (15)
- 19 \*Mary Denbow (Ox) (19)
- 20 \*Vickie Bellingham (St) (—)
- 21 \*Fiona Elliot (St) (11)
- 22 \*Tracy Lightfoot (Ch) (22)
- 23 \*Amanda Judd (Ca) (24)
- 24 \*Nikki Hamilton (Bu) (25)
- 25 \*Rebecca Russe (Av) (—)
- 26 Karen Burrows (Y) (—)

\* Indicates Junior for Season 1981/82.

### JUNIOR SEEDING LIST (from 1st July, '81)

#### Boys

- 1 Carl Prean (IOW)
- 2 Adrian Moore (Sx)
- 3 Alan Cooke (Dy)
- 4 Nicky Hoare (Sy)
- 5 Jeremy Duffield (Wo)
- 6 Lindsay Taylor (Cv)
- 7 Iain Fullerton (Bk)
- 8 Raymond Namdjou (K)
- 9 David Dodd (K)
- 10 Andrew Sexton (Sy)
- 11 Billy Gleave (Ch)
- 12 David Illingsworth (Y)
- 13 Steven Dettmar (E)
- 14 Steven Sharpe (Y)
- 15 Michael Hammond (Sy)
- 16 Philip Gunn (Wa)
- 17 Stuart Worrall (Li)
- 18 Darren Griffin (Gs)
- 19 Paul Jackson (Av)
- 20 Michael O'Leary (Mi)

#### Girls

- 1 Lisa Bellinger (Bd)
- 2 Jean Parker (La)
- 3 Jackie Bellinger (Bd)
- 4 Helen Bardwell (He)
- 5 Melanie Seaton (Y)
- 6 Josette Ryalls (Y)
- 7 Nina Tsakarisianos (Gs)
- 8 Susan Collier (Bk)
- 9 Michelle Williams (Mi)
- 10 Lesley Broomhead (Y)
- 11 Mary Denbow (Ox)
- 12 Vicki Bellingham (St)
- 13 Fiona Elliot (St)
- 14 Tracy Lightfoot (Ch)
- 15 Amanda Judd (Ca)
- 16 Nikki Hamilton (Bu)
- 17 Rebecca Russe (Av)

### CADET RANKINGS

(to 30th June, '81)

(Previous position in brackets)

#### Boys

- 1 \*Carl Prean (IOW) (1)
- 2 Billy Gleave (Ch) (2)
- 3 David Rook (Y) (3)
- 4 Ivan Smith (Sp) (4)
- 5 Darren McVitie (Du) (10)
- 6 Michael Thomas (Wa) (6)
- 7 Andrew Dodd (K) (—)
- 8 Andrew Barker (E) (8)
- 9 Ian McLoughlin (La) (5)
- 10 \*Martin Firth (Y) (14)
- 11 Ian Davies (Wa) (12)
- 12 Nigel Tyler (Mi) (18)
- 13 \*Murray Jukes (Wo) (7)
- 14 \*Stuart Craggs (Cv) (—)
- 15 David Blackburne (Nd) (—)
- 16 \*Jimmy Stokes (Bk) (9)
- 17 \*Andrew Syed (Bk) (—)
- 18 \*Adrian Dixon (St) (19)
- 19 \*Richard Hayward (St) (—)
- 20 \*Andrew Cunningham (K) (—)
- 21 \*Sean Groom (Sp) (—)
- 22 Philip Logsdon (Nk) (15)
- 23 \*David Williams (Sp) (11)
- 24 \*Matthew Syed (Bk) (—)

#### Girls

- 1 Lisa Bellinger (Bd) (1)
- 2 Susan Collier (Bk) (2)
- 3 Laura Goldsmith (Mi) (3)
- 4 Amanda Heggarty (St) (6)
- 5 \*Alison Barker (Sp) (4)
- 6 Teresa Moore (Sx) (7)

- 7 Jane Mills (Sy) (15)
- 8 Melanie McHale (Wa) (8)
- 9 Lynne Bennett (Sy) (19)
- 10 Tracey Fisher (Ca) (5)
- 11 \*Lisa Haydon (E) (20)
- 12 \*Leslie Popkiewicz (Sy) (9)
- 13 Crale Hunter (Wi) (10)
- 14 \*Clare Mouzon (Nd) (—)
- 15 \*Louise Forster (Le) (—)
- 16 \*Deborah Simmonds (Bu) (13)
- 17 \*Alison Boxall (He) (11)
- 18 To Thuy Dung (Dy) (17)
- 19 Carol Wickstead (Sp) (—)
- 20 \*Diane Malpass (Y) (16)
- 21 \*Joanne Shaw (Y) (—)
- 22 \*Rachel Knight (Mi) (12)
- 23 \*Debbie Soothill (Cu) (14)
- 24 Julie Ballard (Sp) (18)

\* Indicates Cadet for Season 1981/82.

### CADET SEEDINGS

(from July 1st, '81)

#### Boys

- 1 Carl Prean (IOW)
- 2 Martin Firth (Y)
- 3 Murray Jukes (Wa)
- 4 Stuart Craggs (Cv)
- 5 Jimmy Stokes (Bk)
- 6 Andrew Syed (Bk)
- 7 Adrian Dixon (St)
- 8 Richard Hayward (St)
- 9 Andrew Cunningham (K)
- 10 Sean Groom (Sp)
- 11 David Williams (Sp)
- 12 Matthew Syed (Bk)
- 13 Mark Randle (Wa)
- 14 Tony Suggitt (Cv)
- 15 Mark James (Co)
- 16 Paul Savins (Bk)

#### Girls

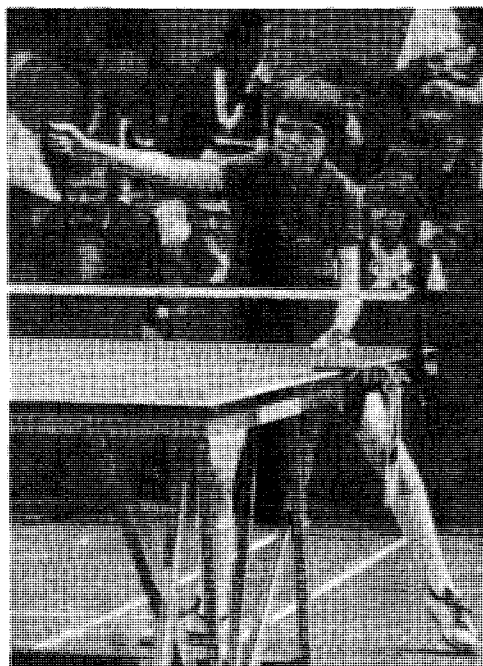
- 1 Alison Barker (Sp)
- 2 Lisa Haydon (E)
- 3 Lesley Popkiewicz (Sy)
- 4 Clare Mouzon (Nd)
- 5 Louise Forster (Le)
- 6 Deborah Simmonds (Bu)
- 7 Alison Boxall (He)
- 8 Diane Malpass (Y)
- 9 Joanne Shaw (Y)
- 10 Rachel Knight (Mi)
- 11 Debbie Soothill (Cu)
- 12 Michelle Cohen (Av)
- 13 Karen Testa (Av)
- 14 Ruth Baxter (Y)
- 15 Claire Potts (Ch)
- 16 Helen Perrott (Av)

### NATIONAL GILLETTE 1981/82 CADET TRIALS

Final placings were:

#### Boys

- 1 Martin Firth (Y)
- 2 Andrew Syed (Bk)
- 3 Richard Hayward (St)
- 4 Adrian Dixon (St)
- 5 Sean Groom (Sp)
- 6 Andrew Cunningham (K)
- 7 Matthew Syed (Bk)
- 8 Mark Randle (Wa)
- 9 Stuart Craggs (Cv)
- 10 Tony Suggitt (Cv)
- 11 Jimmy Stokes (Bk)
- 12 Mark James (Co)
- 13 Paul Savins (Bk)
- 14 Bernard Lazarus (E)
- 15 Ian Sharpe (Cu)



Clare Mouzon of Ashington, Northumberland, winner of the Gillette Trials at Tilehurst.

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# SCOTTISH NEWS

by DENIS GEORGE

## SCOTTISH NATIONAL LEAGUE 1981

The final table for the first season of the League reads:

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Murrayfield Joola .	6	5	0	1	40	20	10
College Rosslyn ...	6	3	1	2	35	25	7
Tynecastle .....	6	2	2	2	30	30	6
Central .....	6	2	1	3	32	28	5
Stirling .....	6	1	0	5	14	46	2
Fife .....	6	0	0	6	15	45	0

In the absence of a sponsor the STTA put up the prize money. The play off between the top two teams was something of an anti-climax as it was played very late. However, NEIL FOLEY SPORTS were once again victorious and firmly established as undisputed No. 1 team.

The 1982 League will commence in January and it is confidently expected that there will be enough interest to create a second division.

### S.T.T.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The only changes at the AGM held on May 31 were the retirement of Michael Thomson — our President for the last six years — and John Wilson as Vice-Chairman (Coaching), John however remains on the Executive Committee. Robert Murray, sometime STTA Director of Coaching and Deputy Chairman, returns to the NEC as Vice-Chairman (Coaching).

### S.T.T.A. RANKING LIST - June 1981

Following his victory over Richard Yule in the final of the SCOTTISH CLOSED in March and his fine aggressive play in the World Championships in Novi Sad David Hannah became the new Scottish No. 1 in the end of season ranking list published in June. So comes to an end Richard Yule's long run — not only as Scottish Champion — but as No. 1, a position he has held with honour since 1972 on the retirement of Malcolm Sugden. Richard has given sterling service to Scotland over the years, possibly his best performance was his 21 wins out of 23 in the team event at the European Championships in Duisburg in 1978. Richard is not yet 'dead' by a long way and Keith Rodger is also champing at the bit.

throughout Scotland fans will be watching with interest the battle for supremacy between 'the men of Novi Sad' in the coming season.

In the Ladies list young Valerie Thomson, after her fine performances in Novi Sad, replaces Patrice Fleming at No. 2.

### Men

- 1 David Hannah (Surrey) (3)
- 2 Richard Yule (Abdn) (=1)
- 3 Keith Rodger (Edin) (=1)
- 4 Anwar Majid (Edin) (4)
- 5 John Broe (WoS) (8)
- 6 Bert Kerr (Edin) (6)
- 7 Jim Graham (Lan) (7)
- 8 David Campbell (Edin) (10)
- 9 Norman Lovie (Edin) (—)
- 10 Kenneth McLean (Lan) (9)

### Women

- 1 Carole Dalrymple (Stir) (1)
- 2 Valerie Thomson (WoS) (3)
- 3 Patrice Fleming (WoS) (2)
- 4 Kay Mackay (Stir) (6)
- 5 Isobel Ferguson (WoS) (5)
- 6 Elizabeth Robb (Fife) (4)
- 7 Lynn Johnston (Stir) (—)
- 8 Aileen Bennett (Stir) (—)

### S.T.T.A. JUNIOR CLASSIFICATION TOURNAMENT, June 1981

West of Scotland's David Fletcher had not enjoyed the confidence of the selectors when the team for Topolcany was decided, however he made a point when winning the Boys' event in the Junior Classification tournament held in Edinburgh on June 14. Scottish No. 1 — David Campbell failed to qualify for the 'top group of 8' after a surprise defeat by Brian Wright in a qualifying group. Valerie Thomson won the Girls' section.

### E.T.T.U. COACHING & COACHES COURSE, FALKENBURGH, SWEDEN, July 1981

National Coach Graham Davies, Valerie Thomson and David Campbell were Scotland's participants in this ETTU-sponsored course which they all considered to be very worthwhile.

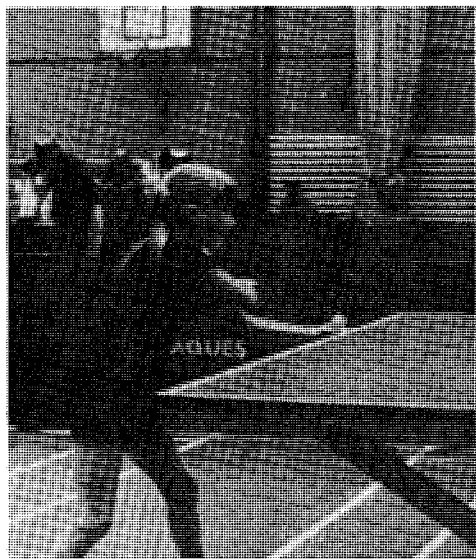
### EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, TOPOLCANY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, August 1981

Scotland was represented in the Junior events by David Campbell, Graeme Docherty, Colin Gray, Valerie Thomson and Lynn Johnston with Graham Davies as NPC and Team Manager.

- 16 Adam Bennion (La)
- 17 Rodney Thomas (Do)
- 18 David Williams (Sp)
- 19 Bernard O'Grady (K)
- 20 David Baker (Sy)
- 21 Leon Jose (Co)

### Girls

- 1 Claire Mouzon (Nd)
- 2 Lisa Haydon (E)
- 3 Alison Barker (Sp)
- 4 Debbie Simmonds (Bu)
- 5 Louise Forster (Le)
- 6 Alison Boxall (He)
- 7 Diane Malpass (Cu)
- 8 Joanne Shaw (Y)
- 9 Rachel Knight (Mi)
- 10 Michelle Cohen (Av)
- 11 Karen Testa (Av)
- 12 Ruth Baxter (Y)
- 13 Debbie Soothill (Cu)
- 14 Claire Potts (Ch)
- 15 Helen Perrott (Av)
- 16 Jane Kimber (Av)
- 17 Karen Wilde (Sy)
- 18 Angela Wattis (Nd)
- 19 Dawn Wickstead (S)
- 20 Julie Stocks (Y)
- 21 Jane Neale (Wi)



Clare Potts, the pocket dynamo from Crewe, Cheshire.

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Debbie Soothill, from Melling, Nr. Carnforth who carries Cumbria's colours in the cadet lists.

Photo by Leo Black, London, W11.



On the streets of Belgrade during the period of the World Championships (from l to r): Norman Sloan (Ireland), Harry Baxter (Scotland) and the two English delegates at the BGM of the ITTF Albert Shipley and George Yates.

Photo by B. D. George.

In the team events both teams finished in 21st place. The initial reaction may be that of disappointment, but in truth we realistically could not have expected any better. All players played up to their ability and we did not in fact lose any matches which we should have won. Our best performances were reserved until the final days when first David Campbell and Graeme Docherty reached the last 16 in the Junior Boys' Doubles, then David Campbell fought his way through to the semi-finals of the Consolation Singles.

#### JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL v WALES at Bridgend, August 1981

This was the first event of the new season in return for the match in Scotland last November. On that occasion honours were shared but this time Scotland won 5-3.

#### WALES v SCOTLAND

C. Phillips lost to S. Rennie -17, -12;  
P. Griffiths bt B. Wright 19, -22, 16;  
D. Griffiths lost to D. Fletcher -22, 12, -15;  
A. Jones bt G. Clancey -14, 20, 17;  
Phillips lost to Wright 20, -12, -20;  
P. Griffiths lost to Rennie 17, -11, -15;  
D. Griffiths lost to Clancey -19, -21;  
Jones bt Fletcher 11, 16.

RESULT — Wales 3 Scotland 5

The following day in the Bridgend Junior Open, Scott Rennie (Edinburgh-Murrayfield), won his first open title in the boys' singles whilst Dave Fletcher and Gordon Clancey reached the final of the boys' doubles.

## WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

### 1981

#### October

- 10/11 Stamco Sussex 2-Star Open, Whiterock Pavilion, Hastings.
- 10/11 Modern Maintenance Products North Yorkshire Junior Open, The Leisure Centre, Boroughbridge.
- 16/18 Italian Open, Venice (Norwich Union Grand Prix).
- 17 North Middlesex 2-Star Open, Alexandra Palace, London.
- 17/18 Kent Junior 2-Star Open, Marine Pavilion, Folkestone.
- 17/18 Grove School 1-Star Junior Open, Market Drayton.
- 18 National League (4).
- 18 Marton 1-Star Open, YMCA Winton, Bournemouth.
- 24/25 47th Humberside 3-Star Open, YPI Ferens Recreation Centre, Chanterlands Avenue North, Hull.
- 25 Aberdare Open, Michael Sobell Sports Centre.
- 30/31 Connaght Open, Galway.
- 31 Hartlepool 1-Star Open, Rossmere Centre.
- 31/Nov. 1 Wiltshire 2-Star Open, Caine Sports Centre.
- 31/Nov. 1 Woodfield 1-Star Open, Woodfield Sports & Social Club, Penn Road, Wolverhampton.
- 31/Nov. 1 Junior Ranking Tournament (South Brent TTC, Aylestone School).
- 31/Nov. 2 Belgium Open, Brussels (Norwich Union Grand Prix).

#### November

- 1 Scottish Midlands Open, Dundee.
- 7 County Championships (2).
- 7 European League, Division 2, IRELAND v WALES (Dublin).
- 8 West Yorkshire 2-Star Open, Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Odsal, Bradford (Closing date: 17/10/81 to Mr. S. Nunn, 42 St. Matthews Road, Bradford 5. Phone: 0274-32438).
- 11 European League, Super Division, ENGLAND v Yugoslavia, Cliffe Pavilion, Westclife-on-Sea, Essex (7 p.m.). Tickets from Cliffs Pavilion Box Office or B. H. Moon, 17/19 Windermere Avenue, Hullbridge S55 6JR. Phone: 0702-232050. Prices: £5, £4 and £3.
- 12 Friendly International, ENGLAND v Yugoslavia, Hatfield Polytechnic, Balls Park College, Mangrove Road, Hertford (7 p.m.).
- 12/14 Irish Open, Newtownards.
- 14/15 Midland 3-Star Open, Alumwell Centre, Primrose Avenue, Walsall (Closing date: 14/10/81 to Mr. M. Goldstein, 31 Blenheim Road, Birmingham. Phone: 021-449 7047).
- 15 Hastings Tigers 1-Star Open, Bexhill Youth Centre.
- 21/22 County Championships, Junior Premier, St. Neots TTC, Herts.
- 21 County Championships (3).
- 22 LAMBERT & BUTLER INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT, Wembley Conference Centre, Wembley, Middlesex (3 p.m.). Tickets from ETIA, 21 Claremont, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1HA. Prices: £4.50 and £3.50.
- 28/29 8th County of Cleveland 2-Star 'Select' Junior Open, Eston Leisure Centre, Normanby Road, Eston, Cleveland. Closing date: 2/11/81 to Mr. R. Scruton, 'Nimbus', 2 Newlands Road, Skelton Green, Saltburn by the Sea, Cleveland TS12 2DR. Phone: Guisborough 51897 (h), Middlesbrough 223333 (b).
- 28/29 County Championships, Premier Division Weekend.

## NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

by KEITH PONTING

In an effort to save costs the finals of the 1980/81 season were not staged at one central venue. Congratulations to Dagenham, Leicester and Dunstable for retaining their trophies, the results of the finals being:

#### Wilmott Cup

DAGENHAM 5 Northumberland 4  
K. Caldron lost to I. Robertson -15, -14;  
D. Newman lost to Chu Van Que -10, -18;  
I. Horsham bt A. Clark 15, 15;

Caldon lost to Chu Van Que -21, 21, -17;  
Horsham bt Robertson 26, 17;  
Newman bt Clark 13, 15;  
Horsham bt Chu Van Que 13, 19;  
Caldon lost to Clark -17, -20;  
Newman bt Robertson 16, 16.

#### Rose Bowl

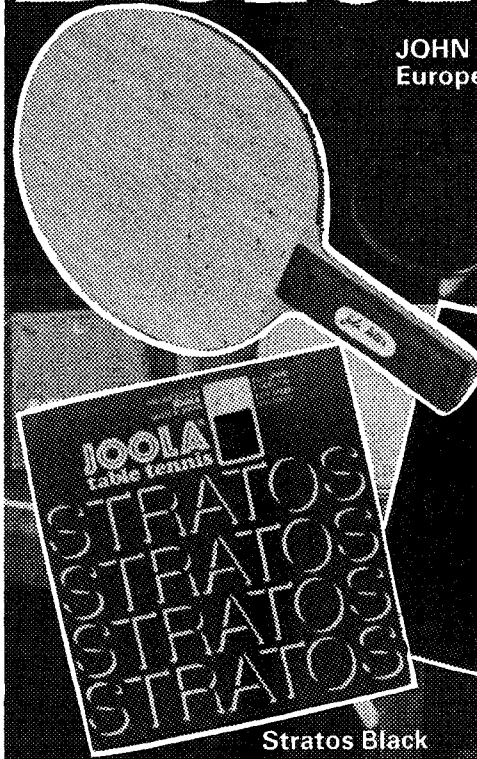
LEICESTER 5 Swindon 1  
K. Smith bt T. Watkins 9, 9;  
A. Stevenson bt J. New 9, 12;  
S. Hunt bt C. Maisey -15, 18, 13;  
Stevenson bt Watkins 10, 10;  
Smith lost to Maisey -19, -19;  
Hunt bt New 13, 14.

#### Carter Cup

THAMES VALLEY 5 Ormesby 4  
A. Sexton lost to K. Green -15, 15, -15;  
N. Hoare bt D. Polasek 16, 17;

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M. Hammond bt L. Taylor -17, 20, 15;  
 Hoare bt Green 16, 16;  
 Sexton lost to Taylor -18, 14, -14;  
 Hammond bt Polasek 23, -18, 15;  
 Hoare lost to Taylor 16, -18, -19;  
 Hammond lost to Green -12, 12, -9;  
 Sexton bt Polasek 6, 9.

**Bromfield Trophy**

**DUNSTABLE** 5 North Middlesex 3  
 J. Dimmock lost to S. Williams -22, -17;  
 J. Bellinger bt S. Sandley 17, 18;  
 L. Bellinger lost to H. Williams -13, -20;  
 J. Bellinger bt S. Williams 9, 10;  
 Dimmock lost to H. Williams -15, -22;  
 L. Bellinger bt Sandley 12, 16;  
 J. Bellinger bt H. Williams 12, -19, 12;  
 L. Bellinger bt S. Williams 10, 7.

**NATIONAL CLUB K.O. CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Ellenborough Club, from the North Middlesex League, became the second club to win the double since the competitions were started in 1969, thus emulating Ormesby who did it in 1977.

The results of the past season's finals were:

**Men's Event**

**ELLENBOROUGH** (Nth. Middx) 5  
 South Yardley (B'ham) 3  
 G. Sandley bt C. Hughes 11, 14;  
 C. Wilson lost to D. Johnson -15, -21;  
 M. Mitchell lost to B. Johnson -14, 14, -22;  
 Sandley bt D. Johnson 17, -18, 16;  
 Mitchell bt Hughes -17, 16, 17;  
 Wilson bt B. Johnson 8, 12;  
 Mitchell lost to D. Johnson -12, -14;  
 Sandley bt B. Johnson -15, 14, 12.

**Women's Event**

**ELLENBOROUGH** (Nth. Middx.) 6  
 Merton (Bournemouth) 0  
 S. Sandley bt J. Coop 7, 16;  
 A. Mitchell bt J. Smith 7, 6;  
 H. Williams bt J. Reading 18, 13;  
 Mitchell bt Coop 14, 18;  
 Sandley bt Reading 17, 15;  
 Williams bt Smith 10, 8.

**ETTA 100 CLUB**

by Doreen Stannard  
 Hon. Secretary

An excellent evening was spent at the Regent Centre Hotel by 42 club members and guests at a dinner after the Annual General Meeting. A splendid meal in pleasant surroundings followed by dancing was much enjoyed.

At this dinner we said 'Thank you and goodbye' to our Chairman and his wife, George and Doreen Yates, who had reached the end of their term of office. A presentation was made to Doreen on behalf of the 100 Club and we then welcomed our new chairman, Mrs. Jean Clay.

During the A.G.M., honours had been bestowed on 100 Club members; a Life Membership to Arthur Upton and Vice-Presidency to Cyril Burden, so we made presentations to both wives. The Malcolm Scott award had been awarded to our parting chairman, George Yates, and as Harvey Webb had received the Ivor Montagu award for administration, flowers were presented to Mrs. Webb.

The draw was made by Mrs. Doreen Yates and the lucky winners were:  
 £100 Brian Spicer  
 £50 Geoff Daniels  
 £10 Albert Shipley (being the only one present).

Congratulations to the winners, commiserations to the rest; hope to see you at Crawley.

stamping'. This is now on the increase since the introduction of the 'twiddler' bats and is a means of concealing to the opponent which rubber is striking the ball.

On this fact alone it is a method of cheating and is becoming a major concern to both players and officials. I have experienced this phenomena at open international competitions down to local league matches, the latter causing grave concern and thus prompting me to write this letter.

I have canvassed opinions on the subject from International Umpires and they are divided because the Asians and European countries seem to allow it. This does not alter the fact of Law 3.10.1.7 which states that "the rally shall be a let if the conditions of play are disturbed in a way which, in the opinion of the umpire, is likely to affect the outcome of the rally".

If this Law is regarded as open to interpretation then the guardians of the game from the ETTA to the ITTF should consider inserting a clause that would cut this out i.e. AT ALL TIMES, during the rally, no noises shall be allowed apart from the striking of the ball by the bat.

Before the British professional players get up in arms about this letter let me say that I have sympathy with them because to make a living they mostly have to play abroad which means stamping is allowed.

I would like to hear comments on this subject from International Umpires and Referees because 'sitting on the fence' is allowing this great game of ours to deteriorate.

JACK EVANS,  
 National Umpire.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

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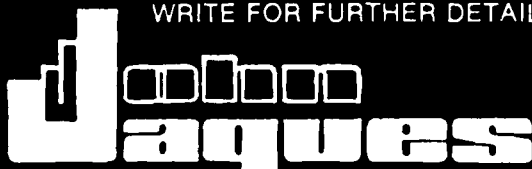
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# Table Tennis and the Press in 1980-81

by **ROBERT OLDFIELD**  
E.T.T.A. Press Officer

For a year in which there were no World Championships in this country, table tennis enjoyed unprecedented national Press coverage and media interest last year.

Was it a growing recognition of the third most popular indoor sport (behind only darts and snooker)? Or was it a unique occurrence, the result of happy coincidences which reinforced each other, that produced maximum news exposure? Certainly exciting developments in table tennis made an atmosphere of interest but the sports writers and editors themselves played an active role in the projection of our sport into the forefront of sports commentary.

There was the advantage of a journalist, closely connected with our game, becoming linked with "The Guardian". In accordance with the style of that newspaper, the game enjoyed regular reporting and several stimulating feature articles. The "Daily Telegraph" pursuing its policy of "Sport in Depth" continued to give good coverage via the pen of John Woodford and despite the shadow of threatened closure, a new policy of sports coverage at "The Times" emerged to add a refreshing perspective to the game in England.

In the tabloids the "Chester Barnes Column" in "The Sun" continued to provide wit and contention on every Thursday and, in "Britain's fastest growing daily" — "The Star" — a staff reporter was assigned to have responsibility for table tennis. Increased coverage too at "The Daily Mirror" whose Terry Smith escaped from the river bank and the snooker hall to create more space for table tennis. Projection in the popular dailies is vital for our sport and "The Daily Express" brought in their top writer to cover a vacancy. And to provide a back-up service to national and regional newspapers and radios, the Press Association and Exchange Telegraph were always close at hand.

The difficult nut to crack is Sunday newspaper coverage although "The News of the World" continued with their successful "Johnny Leach column" and "The People" ran a short coaching strip by Desmond Douglas. Meanwhile "The Observer" gave bottles of champagne to our top players, "The Sunday Times" provided a coaching series to supplement their reports and features and "The Sunday Telegraph" complimented the reports of its daily sister paper.

Thus the sport had fuller coverage than ever before but, in no small way, this was a reflection of our players' achievements. The year started with John Hilton's historic European Championships victory and the retirement of Jill Hammersley. After Hilton's move to Germany, came the first European League match, where a 4-3 victory at Bristol began England's best-ever campaign. A new dimension of table tennis promotion was heralded with the Lambert and Butler Championship at the New London Theatre and Jill Hammersley's triumphant return to competition spurred England into the year of 1981.

It was then the turn of the spotlight to fall on Desmond Douglas whose fine team record has played such a part in England's successes. 2-0 down to Czechoslovakia at Belper and in stepped Douglas with three wins — taking the score to 4-2! A Europe

Top 12 victory for Hammersley and four journalists travelled to Sweden to see Douglas recover from 19-16 in the final game of the vital set in the European League match.

The names of Bob Potton and Carole Knight courted controversy as the time for the World Championships selections drew near. As well as Karen Witt reaching the final of the Czechoslovakia Open, the interest now was in the European League decider against Hungary at Ipswich. A 'cliff-hanger' in the final set saw England's wishes dashed but a sponsor for Hammersley and the youngest England Junior No. 1, Carl Prean, breathed hope for the future. Then came Douglas' phenomenal run of success in Novi Sad and four medals at the European Youth Championships in Topolcany.

It was therefore, a year in which stories abounded, success escalated and controversy was rife. And, when events occurred, there were two essential ingredients, apart from interest. Telephone and time. Different time scales gave overseas news a precious hour to filter back before deadlines were reached. Early finishes to matches and tournaments. And the facility to quickly relay the news to the copy-takers in Fleet Street. As John Woodford said in his articles on the same subject last year, "The same golden rule applies throughout all sections of the press, national, regional and local — a good supply on a regular basis of material as quickly as possible after the event". That, in what is often regarded as a minor sport, is our only chance.

## Honours at A.G.M.

Top honour at this year's A.G.M. of the E.T.T.A. went to Lancashire's Chairman, Arthur E. Upton, namely Hon. Life Membership, more particularly for his work as chairman of the E.T.T.A.'s Disciplinary Committee and as a past member of the Management Committee. The blue-riband award was presented by the E.T.T.A. President, Maurice Goldstein, O.B.E., amidst acclaim to which Arthur responded in his own inimitable way.

So too did the three newly-elected Vice-Presidents — Frank Briggs (Yorkshire), Cyril Burden (Kent) and Bert Fretwell (Sussex). Re-elected for a further term of

three years as Vice-Presidents were: Miss I Moss, Mrs. S. (Barna) Sandor and Messrs. R. Billson, A. D. Brook, W. G. Goldfinch, C. Kitchenside, J. A. Leach, M.B.E., J. P. Mulcahy, G. A. Owen, H. Pearce, D. W. Poupard, D. S. Purr, J. Siddron, A. W. C. Simons, A. A. Wall and R. Williams.

The Ivor Montagu award was presented to Harvey H. Webb and the Malcolm Scott award to George R. Yates, both making suitable response.

## LAMBERT & BUTLER CHAMPIONSHIPS

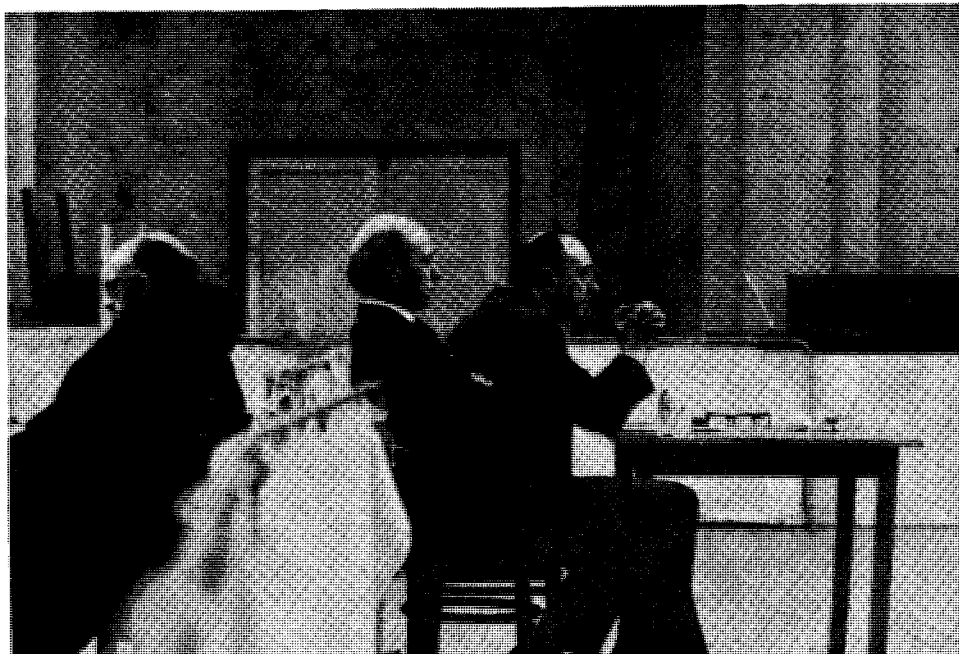
One of China's most spectacular players will be challenging the best in Europe at the Lambert and Butler Table Tennis Championship at Wembley Conference Centre on Sunday, Nov. 22, 1981. High-serving Liang Geliang is among six players competing for a first prize of £1,500. The total prize fund is £3,550.

Mr. Peter Dyke, Head of Sponsored Events for the sponsors W. D. & H. O. Wills, said: "Following the success of the first Lambert & Butler Championship last year, we are delighted to continue our sponsorship with the English Table Tennis Association in staging this spectacular event".

English champion Desmond Douglas will be hoping to go one better than last year when he finished runner-up to the Hungarian Tibor Klampar. England's European champion John Hilton, now resident in Federal Germany, will also be after the Lambert & Butler crown. Klampar defends his title, and also planning to be at Wembley are Sweden's Stellan Bengtsson and Poland's Andrzej Grubba.

The six players will compete in two groups of three with the top two in each group going forward to the semi-finals and final. The move to the 2,000 seater Wembley Conference Centre follows the sell-out at the New London Theatre, Drury Lane. The draw will take place at the Regent Centre Hotel, Carburton Street, London on Thursday, Nov. 5th, at 11.30 a.m.

Further information available from Don Whiting, Assistant Sponsored Events Manager, W. D. & H. O. Wills (0272-641111) or Robert Oldfield, E.T.T.A. (0424-433121 or 0273-834774).



Lancashire's new Hon. Life Member of the ETTA, Arthur E. Upton, is no stranger to life at grass roots level. Our picture shows Arthur, with hands clasped, umpiring at Darwen with fellow Liverpoolian John O'Sullivan the timekeeper. Back to back with John is Eddie Brown, the Stockport veteran.

# CURRENT AFFAIRS

by TOM BLUNN

Chairman, E.T.T.A.

First let me welcome all readers to a new season, and may it be a successful one for players, clubs, leagues and counties alike. Nationally too, I am hoping we can maintain our success in European competition

Next a word for our editor, George Yates, who has now joined the ranks of the retired. Here's best wishes for a happy retirement for George and Doreen. We are very thankful that George is just retiring from his job with British Rail and not with table tennis. In fact we are hoping he will be devoting a little more of his spare time to table tennis activities — we need all the help we can get. Do not jump to conclusions and write George off as an old age pensioner, not yet, as he retired early from his job — the first time for years that British Rail has been early!

But what about the current season? After a great recovery from our financial setback in 1979/80 we are now on course for a complete recovery by the end of this season. This is due to many reasons but the most important of course, is the increase in affiliation fees voted in by the members of the A.G.M. last July. It was very encouraging to receive the backing of such a large proportion of the members with a 76% vote in favour of the increase and I am very grateful to the members for that vote of confidence. I am also grateful for the other personal vote of confidence given to me by the members in electing me again as chairman for the fourth year.

I have recently been to the Sports Council and have had a personal discussion with the Chairman, Dickie Jeeps and the Director, Emlyn Jones. Emlyn is an old friend but this was my first meeting with Dickie Jeeps who I found to be a very charming person and very conversant with the affairs of the E.T.T.A. He was very impressed with the progress made by the E.T.T.A. in the efforts to increase the income from its own members. It is the policy of the Sports Council to encourage national bodies to increase their subscriptions and this is consistent with the declared intention of the Sports Council to reduce the grant aid for administration from 75% to 50% over the next three years. The effect of this will be to reduce the grant aid receivable by the E.T.T.A. by £23,000 in the final year. This is far more than the increase in fees approved at the A.G.M. and this point was made to Dickie Jeeps. It is pleasing to note that he was very sympathetic to the position and he has no intention of forcing the issue without full consultation with the national bodies. This eases the position for the time being but the problem will have to be faced eventually.

The principle involved is that the national bodies should regulate the income from their own members so as to pay for the basic cost of administration and so reduce the grant aid obtained from the Sports Council. The amount so saved would be used by the Sports Council for other purposes and not given back to the government. The other purposes would include assistance towards capital programmes proposed by clubs and leagues. Assistance would still be given on the same scale for coaching, team training and overseas travel for international competition. The money would not be lost to sport but just re-distributed. It would be those sports showing initiative and

a desire to progress that would benefit. There would be no reward for sitting back and doing nothing.

It is with this spirit of progress and initiative in mind that the E.T.T.A. has taken up the opportunity offered under the Sports Council scheme for the concentration of resources.

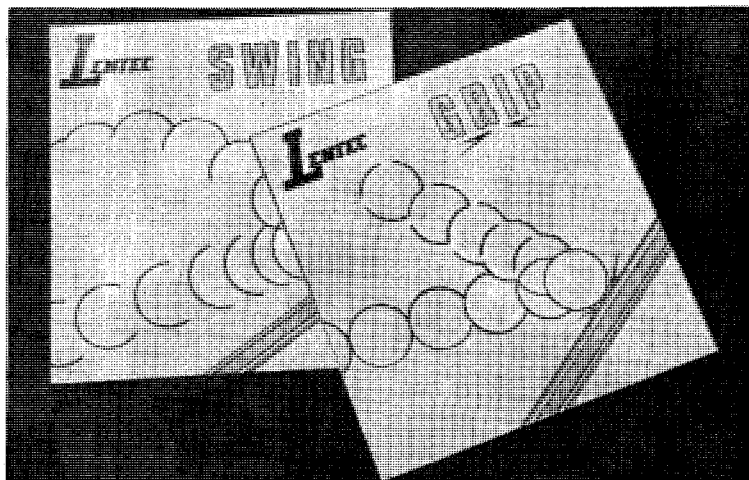
The details of the scheme have already been explained and a national conference was held in Leicester last month to explain the scheme in more detail. Regional development committees have been set up covering the whole area of the country and every county is represented on these committees.

The aim is to bring to the attention of all clubs and leagues, the various ways by which they can benefit from the resources which are available. The development of the scheme will cost money and this cost is being borne by the E.T.T.A. and by the Sports Council. The scheme has now got off the ground but there is a lot of work to be done before positive results can be obtained.

It is up to the clubs and particularly the leagues to find out just what assistance is available to them by making contact with their regional development committee. The easiest way is to contact the county councillor. Full details of the composition of these committees are available from the E.T.T.A. and regular reports will appear in this magazine.

## MIKE MOVES

Mike Watts, Deputy General Secretary of the English Table Tennis Association, has finally cut his way out of Sycamore Road, Canewdon and now resides at 53 Solway, Hempstead Park, Hailsham, East Sussex BN27 3HB. (Phone: 0323-845583).



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## YORKSHIRE

### THIRD TERM

At the AGM of the Y.T.T.A. Mr. Geoff Scruton of Harrogate was elected for a third term of office as Chairman of the County Association.

Also re-elected were:

Hon. Gen. Sec.: Frank Briggs  
Hon. Treasurer: Maurice Pennock  
Coaching Sec.: Sheila Atkinson  
County Teams Sec.: Eric Hall  
Development Officer: Tony Ross  
Minutes Sec.: Evelyn Hart  
Press Officer: Les D'Arcy  
Social Sec.: John Hardcastle  
Tournament Sec.: Rea Balmford

John Holmes replaced Rod Hullah as the new Competitions Secretary.

Players and officials throughout Yorkshire and, in many cases, further afield, will wish to join me in congratulating Frank Briggs the Yorkshire T.T.A.'s General Secretary for the past 12 years and Chairman of the Bradford T.T.L. on being elected as a Vice-President of the E.T.T.A. Well done Frank and may you continue your good work for many years to come.

### YORKSHIRE LEAGUE

As stated in our last "Notes" Bradford 2nds became the Yorkshire League Div. 1 Champions and will be the team to beat in this season's newly-formed Yorkshire League Premier Division which also contains Bradford's 1st and 3rd teams.

Other divisions produced some worthy champions. Div. 2 winners were Dewsbury 1, last season's Div. 2 winners. David Hope and Stewart Milnes were given extra fire-power by anti-loop expert and ex-county player, David Lamb who had helped Wakefield 1 gain promotion to Div. 1 the previous season. Barnsley 2 came second.

Division 3 was a very close struggle between Wakefield 2 and Rotherham who lead the division throughout the season until a 7-3 reverse to the winners who had lost to Harrogate 2, but came through on sets average.

After taking the Division 5 title the previous season Sheffield DWSA showed great consistency to take the Div. 4 championship — two points ahead of Huddersfield 2.

Wharfedale/Airedale took the Div. 5 title one point ahead of Wakefield 3. The Ladies' title went to Hull by the same margin over Sheffield. Barnsley were five points clear of Wakefield to take Div. 2.

Brian Starkie lead Barnsley Veterans to victory in Vets'. 1 (53 sets, 7 against). An extremely close contest in Div. 2 saw Huddersfield snatch the title by one set from Pontefract/Castleford John Walton for the losers had the consolation of winning the merit award.

In the junior play-off Bradford defeated Sheffield 5-4. Leeds 2 J. Div. 2 and Dewsbury 2 J. Div. 3 were clear winners of their divisions.

Bradford were successful in Cadets Div. 1 and Sheffield Cadets were outstanding in Div. 2 to win with 70 for 2 against.

### MERIT AWARD WINNERS

#### Men

Div. 1 T. Sanderson, M. Illingsworth (joint).  
Div. 2 D. Lamb. Div. 3 M. Farnhill, S. Element (joint). Div. 4 M. Hall. Div. 5 F. Yeung.

#### Women

Div. 1 J. McLean, Div. 2 E. Starkie, M. Gott (joint).

#### Junior Boys

Div. 1 T. Dyson. Div. 2 P. Snelson. Div. 3 S. Stringer.

#### Junior Girls

Div. 1 M. Seaton. Div. 2 R. Baxter. Div. 3 N. Tomes.

#### Cadet Boys

Div. 1 D. Rook. Div. 2 R. Thompson, J. Greaves (joint).

#### Cadet Girls

Div. 1 J. Shaw. Div. 2 D. Malpass.

### YORKSHIRE SUMMER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Men's Singles:

N. BAILEY bt S. Milnes 19 in the third from 16-19 deficit.

#### Men's Doubles:

T. DYSON/S. BRAILSFORD bt L. D'Arcy/

A. McMurchie.

#### Handicap Singles:

M. EMMERSON bt N. Thorn.

#### Consolation Singles:

THORN bt Emmerson.

#### Under-20 Singles:

BAILEY bt T. Dyson.

### LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Div. 1 Tinsley Sports/W.L.D. Textiles = 1st (to be decided by play-off). Div. 2 Sturge 'A', Runners-up A.C.A. 'A'. Div. 3 A.C.A. '3', Runners-up Sturge 'B'. Div. 4 Black Knights 'B', Runners-up Hanging Heaton 'B'.

### COACHING

One of the highlights of a coaching course for young table tennis players at Ossett School during the School holidays was a visit from former England International, Alan Hydes. Alan gave the players some valuable advice and gave several prizes for the course competitions. Ages of the players ranged from seven years to seventeen.

In the boys' handicap competition, two nine-year-olds, Michael O'Driscoll and Nicholas Ryder, both off eight points, proved too good for their much older opponents. In an equally contested final in which both boys showed some sparkling play, Nicholas just held on to defeat Michael 19 in the decider. Deborah O'Driscoll off scratch defeated Karen Gilding (plus 8) in the girls' competition.

Two unusual features of the week's course, which was free to the fifty youngsters who attended, were video films taken of them and played back by Mr. Martin Hemingway, the School Technician, and parents' evenings, when mums and dads could join in the fun. Coaches R. Fullen, M. Finnerty, D. Lucas, S. Brown, R. Ryder, D. Ellison and G. Rothery gave their services voluntarily and made my task as organiser an easy one. Mr. D. Jowett, Vice-Chairman of the Wakefield Advisory Sports Council, presented the prizes.

### MR. NEIL ROBERTS

Many people in Yorkshire, will wish to send their good wishes to Neil Roberts of the Yorkshire and Humberside Sports Council who has worked very hard for table tennis during his stay at the Leeds Office. Thanks Neil, and may you find the things you are looking for in your next job.

### SEALINK SPONSORSHIP

Sealink U.K. Ltd., Europe's largest car ferry operator have increased their sponsorship in table tennis this season to include the Youth Cup which has become the U.K.'s biggest National Tournament at Under-13 and U-15 for boys and girls.

As in previous years, the tournament will be played in six regions throughout the U.K. during the Christmas School holidays with boy and girl singles winners qualifying for the National Finals to be held early in 1982. A new addition to the championships this year are U-13 and U-15 team events.

Regional venues will be Grangemouth in Scotland, Cardiff in Wales, Bradford, Market Drayton, Luton and South London. Sealink U.K. Ltd.'s sponsorship also ensures that all regional winners together with their parents will get free return rail travel to the National Finals. In all there will be £5,000 worth of prizes mainly in the form of Butterfly playing kits whilst National winners also receive a week's coaching at Tees Sport Summer School.

Sealink's Public Affairs Manager Jim Hannan said, "A progression into sponsorship that includes players of a young age is right for us because we are in the business of carrying families and the Sealink Youth Cup should prove an ideal way of gaining national exposure in this section of the market".

Entry forms and further information can be got by phoning 0642-217844 or 01-387 1234 Ext. 2498.



Yorkshire's hard-working chairman, Geoff Scruton, flanked by the short-haired Helen Stephenson and Susan Meal at the 1981 North Yorkshire Closed at Selby High School.

# COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

Geoff Waters reports from . . .

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE

### PYRAMID FORMATION

Cambridgeshire have again entered four teams in the County Championships, two at senior level and two junior. Both senior teams won their respective divisions last season with the first team just failing to gain promotion to the Premier Division in the final set of the final match of the play-offs. So they will again play in the Second Division but against stronger opposition now that the County Championships have been streamlined into a pyramid formation.

They will play in the northern section of the two second divisions and meet three of the Premier Division second teams in Warwickshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire and the first teams of Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire.

The second team, who have won Div. 3 East for the last two seasons without dropping a point also have a completely new fixture list. Although still in Div. 3 they play in a South East section that includes Norfolk and Suffolk first teams and second teams of Hertfordshire, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex. So we shall be in for an interesting season with plenty of new faces on view.

The juniors after a promising start last season with five points from three matches faded in the end and finished next to the bottom of Junior 2 East. So they will play in Div. 3 along with the first teams of Norfolk and Suffolk and second teams from Kent, Sussex, Essex, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

Junior II play in the only fourth division with counties as far apart as Cumbria, Hampshire and Shropshire. Along with these counties' second teams our juniors will meet Leicestershire II, Norfolk II and Essex III.

In the National League, champions Soham keep their top four players Paul Day, Kenny Jackson, John Souter and Dave Wells but make changes at reserve. Carl Prean finds the travelling from the Isle of Wight a bit much without the guarantee of a place, while Keith Richardson has moved to nearby St. Neots in the second division.

Dougie Bennett, the Norfolk No. 1 has signed for Soham and will be a useful replacement for any of the top players when they are unavailable.

Regrettably the South East Midlands League has gone out of existence once again and leagues in this area will have to look elsewhere for their inter-league battles.

Fortunately St. Neots have come forward with the offer of an invitation league. Cambridge have entered two men's teams and a veterans, but the Ely League, so often champions of the S.E.M. men's division have opted to enter the East Anglian League for the first time.

During the close season there has been a bit of action within the county. The Cambridge Summer league was won by Cambridge Police, winners two seasons ago. They beat last season's winners Wesley 5-4 in the final. Steve Stafford and Dave Brammer two each and Pat O'Bryne one were winners for Police while Keith Lloyd and Martin Livermore won two each for Wesley.

The Keke Mistry trophy was resurrected after a few seasons neglect with a triangular tournament between Wisbech, March and Ely at under-14 level. The Ely

League staged the event at Soham Church Hall and the trophy was won by Wisbech. The results were Wisbech 7 Ely 2; Wisbech 9 March 0; March 6 Ely 3.

Nicky Ashman, the youngest son of John Ashman who launched Paul Day and Keith Richardson on their respective careers, went through the competition unbeaten as the Ely No. 1, but he lacked support from his team-mates. For Wisbech Nicky Raynor and Tony Taylor lost only to Ashman, while Helen Smith was easily the best girl on view. I particularly liked the look of the Wisbech No. 3 ten-year-old Johnny Collins. He was unbeaten and looks a good prospect for future county junior teams.

Ken Green reports from . . .

## HUNTINGDONSHIRE

### NEW FACES

With the approach of yet another season, the composition of County Teams and County Committee will show several changes from those of a year ago. The successful Junior Team of 1980/81 loses key players, but more about our Juniors later.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Silent Channel, Huntingdon in June with no more than existing Committee Members present. With five Officers indicating they did not wish to continue, a long Meeting was anticipated. However, four positions were filled with only Tournament Secretary remaining vacant. Of the five vacancies, perhaps the most important was that of General Secretary and it was nice to see one of the younger and newer members volunteering for this position. To Roger Hover of the Hunts Central League we give our best wishes and feel sure that he can do an efficient job for a few years at least. At the same time our thanks go to David Morley the retiring Secretary for his efforts over recent years. As newly appointed Press Secretary the first thing I must do is to pay tribute to my predecessor David Deller to the vast amount of work he put in over several years. David could always be relied upon to produce first class reports of interesting reading. However, due to various reasons beyond his control, David found that he was unable to continue and I would like to thank him on behalf of the Committee for his efforts over many years. The elected Officers for 1981/82 are:

President: Mappin Webb  
Chairman: Cliff Olver (St. Neots)  
Vice-Chairman: Bill Walker (Peterborough)  
Gen. Secretary: Roger Hover (Hunts Cen.)  
Treasurer: Roy Fisher (Peterborough)  
Coaching Secretary: Cliff Olver  
Umpires' Secretary: Ken Green (Hunts Cen.)  
Press Officer: Ken Green (Hunts Cen.)  
Nat. Counc.: Ken Chamberlain (St. Neots)

The County Championships Fixture List was received and immediately resulted in the summoning of Special General Meeting to discuss the problems concerning the long journeys to away fixtures. Only ourselves to blame for not attending the County Championships A.G.M.!

Now back to our Juniors mentioned earlier. In all the years our County has been involved in Table Tennis, no team, Senior, Junior or Veteran has achieved success. There have been odd occasions when the Seniors have been unlucky to lose out but for the most part we have been the also-rans. This last season however changed all that and we are justifiably proud of the success our Junior Team of Phillip Cole, Richard Wells, Paul Rogers, Alison Hillard and Janet Randall who won their Division without losing a match. Out of the five matches played, four were won and one drawn. Phillip, Alison and Janet lost only one singles during the season, the boys won four doubles and the girls were even more successful winning all five. Ken Chamberlain, the Team Captain is over the moon

with the success and I know moves were afoot to reward the successful team in some way. However, looking forward to 1981/82 both Wells and Rogers no longer qualify for the Team and it will be left to the likes of Richard Ballard from Hunts Central and Paul Saywell of St. Neots to fill the vacant places. We wish Ken and the Team all success again for the coming season.

The Senior Team without Alan Gray will not seem the same. Alan, our Team Captain and No. 1 Player could always be relied upon to turn in a good performance with the bat but now that he has left to take up an appointment in his native area of Manchester the overall strength of the team is somewhat diminished. With a new Team Captain in the experienced Syd Burgess and a very keen and enthusiastic Mike Kennedy we hope to do well.

Lastly a word on the Veterans. It's going to be tougher now to qualify for the Team since our former County Senior No. 1 Gus Albon has attained the magical age of 40. Perhaps in this day and age where players seem to be playing that much longer we could perhaps have a Super Veteran League for over 45's or 50's? With their baptism in the Premier League we shall perhaps be looking for survival as a priority. Good luck to Di Bushby and the senior citizens.

On the coaching front it was agreed at a recent County Meeting that all top players Senior, Junior and Veterans be invited to a pre-season get-together at St. Neots on Friday, Sept. 25.

### AROUND THE LEAGUES

The St. Neots League recently held their A.G.M. The elected Officers are as follows:  
Chairman: Ken Chamberlain  
General Secretary: David Morley  
Treasurer: Tony Mann  
Press Secretary: Cliff Olver  
League Team Secretary: Roger Howard  
Fixture Secretary: Chris Shurlock

The St. Neots Team will again be competing in the second Division of the National League having just failed to clinch the title last season. The squad will be strengthened this time with the acquisition of Keith Richardson from Soham and will be financially secure from the sponsorship of M.B.S. Engineers Supplies of Kings Lynn. Best of luck to Mick Harper and the lads.

The Hunts Central League also had their A.G.M. recently and the elected Officers are as follows:  
Chairman: Chris Stanton  
General Secretary: Roger Hover  
Treasurer: Roger Fensom  
Fixture Secretary: David Heasman

The Hunts Central League as always run a pre-season Tournament and this will be held at the St. Ivo Recreation Centre on Oct. 1.

The Peterborough League Officers are as follows:  
Chairman: David Heffernan  
Vice-Chairman: Bill Walker  
General Secretary: Mr. & Mrs. T. James  
Treasurer: P. Ward  
Fixtures & Publicity Secretary: Martin Cook

Finally, let me say, that over the years the County, despite their lack of success on the table, have always been able to stage matches to a very high degree and now with the acquisition of the splendid facilities at St. Neots we are able to do it that much better. To this end we not only require adequate changing facilities, willing helpers on the catering side and help with transport but also need responsible Officials to see the matches through. These include Umpires and whilst we have 12 qualified County Umpires we are always looking for more. Anyone interested in becoming qualified as a County Umpire should contact me on St. Ives 68747. Umpires' Seminars have been arranged over recent years with a high degree of success; such Seminars can be arranged in your area thus avoiding the need to travel.

Mick Miles reports from . . .

## BEDFORDSHIRE

### SAD NOTE

I have to start this season off on a sad note, by reporting the death of the Luton League's Deputy President, Dennis W. Ironmonger, on June 29.

Dennis was a founder member of the all conquering "Saints" Team, which formed in the 1920's and won the Division One Championship every year from when the Luton League restarted after the war, until they disbanded in 1964, when Dennis retired from match play.

Dennis represented Luton and Bedfordshire as player on numerous occasions, but he will perhaps be most remembered for his unique service as an administrator. His 50 years as an official of the Luton League (including 20 years as Chairman) will probably never be surpassed, and at various times, Dennis also held every County Office.

Sympathy is extended to his widow — "Trudie" — who is also a former Luton League Officer.

All four Leagues are now under way with 8 Divisions at Bedford, 3 at Dunstable, 10 at Luton, and 3, plus 1 Junior Division at Leighton Buzzard.

The County Selectors have issued the first ranking list of the Season and it is as follows:

#### Men

1 Gavin Booth, 2 Steven Barby, 3 David Sharpe, 4 Ian Doughty, 5 David Cartwright, 6 Colin Luscombe, 7 David Beddall, 8 Jim Wooliscroft, 9 Martin Verdon, 10 Andy Conquest, 11 Reno Phyo, 12 David Hyde.

#### Women

1 Lisa Bellinger, 2 Jackie Bellinger, 3 Julie Dimmock, 4 Audrey Robinson, 5 Dawn Campbell, 6 Julie Miles, 7 Lyn Robinson, 8 Janet Roberts, 9 Mary Jarrett, 10 Lisa Robbins.

#### Veteran Men

1 Jim Wooliscroft, 2 Peter Cutting, 3 Colin Gill, 4 Duncan Clayton, 5 Garry Sharpe, 6 Ken Jordan, 7 Derrick Harris, 8 Frank Nelson.

#### Veteran Women

1 Audrey Robinson, 2 Mary Stuppel.

#### Boys

1 David Sharpe, 2 Ian Doughty, 3 Colin Luscombe, 4 Andy Conquest, 5 Andy Fordham, 6 Andrew James, 7 Mark Andrews, 8 Lee Holmes, 9 Peter Edwards, 10 Neil Stanley, 11 David Murgatroyd, 12 Warren Hadfield.

#### Girls

1 Lisa Bellinger, 2 Jackie Bellinger, 3 Julie Dimmock, 4 Julie Miles, 5 Mary Jarrett, 6 Lisa Robbins.

Belated congratulations to the Dunstable Girl's team of Jackie and Lisa Bellinger and Julie Dimmock for winning the Bromfield Trophy for the second successive year and to Jackie and Lisa for their successes in overseas competitions during the Summer, may they continue to be such fine ambassadors, thro' Table Tennis, of their town, county and country for many years to come.

John Prean reports from . . .

## ISLE OF WIGHT

### ISLAND HERO

The whole Island was thrilled about that Gold Team medal that Billy Gleave and Carl won in this year's European Youth Championships when they defeated Russia 3-0 in the Cadet Finals, the first ever junior team medal for England in these championships. Phone calls and letters of congratulations kept coming, but from the E.T.T.A. . . . nothing.

The singles proved a tragedy for Carl. In a mixed doubles the previous evening he hit his thumb on the table and it swelled up to twice its normal size. At home a chipped bone was diagnosed following X-rays. Carl went out to the eventual winner, the Russian boy Mazunov who he had beaten in the team events and so disappeared our hopes of an all-English Final. The score-line was 18, 18 and it was all rather sad. The Cadet Team events started in 1969, the Juniors in 1955. Let us hope we shall not have to wait so long till it all happens again, but having heard many reports about the remarkable professionalism of the leading nations, our prospects must remain dim, until there are radical changes of heart and a completely new spirit takes root. Some of our problems are long-term and stem from the Cinderella image of our Sport and the resulting lack of finance, others are self-inflicted and therefore avoidable. No junior team should arrive at half past two in the morning, least of all youngsters of 14 and that is only the beginning of a catalogue of mistakes about which more will be said of a later date.

I hope the time will come when more of our Island players take the road to National Tournaments. In the meantime I can only summarise the activities of the one who does. Carl's record in last season's Junior Tournaments was remarkable by any standards and he won 7 out of the 10 Under-17 Events in which he played. This included 3 out of 5 'Select'. He won the English Schools and the English School International Under -16. The latter I regard as being close to the best junior tournament of the season and cannot understand why it is not considered for ranking lists. It includes the best from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland and often Continental players.

Carl defeated 4 ranked seniors last season. Another notable win was against the English Junior Open Champion Knut Gollnow whom he beat on his home-ground in the German Junior Open.

Our National Councillor and I attended the County Championships Conference. It was a case of travelling hopefully being better than arriving, because our proposals were soundly defeated. We felt particularly that the current programme, when you added it to the long, long tournaments and 14 National League fixtures was much too long and fewer County matches would restore some distinction to representing one's County, making it a rare honour, rather than a frequent duty. Though grasping that nettle in the Premier sections, the lower divisions remain as before with too many matches leading to conflicts of interest, too much travel, too little play. Our other proposal also failed. We suggested that teams should consist of 3 men and only 1 lady, a truer though still not accurate reflection of the sexes in table tennis. We failed, but were in good company. Victor Barna went further than we did — some 20 years ago.

My longer notes on this subject earned me inclusion in the Buckinghamshire Notes, possibly a unique honour for an Isle of Wight correspondent. I cannot take the red herring of the single lady needing a chaperon too seriously, not least because single ladies have travelled unmolested with three men in the Premier League for quite some time. Mr. Hedley's other comment implied that the whole proposal was inspired by our own lack of lady power. When we try to introduce something we do so because we think it is in the interest of the whole Sport rather than a blinkered vision of narrow local considerations, but for Mr. Hedley's guidance our ladies won rather more than they lost in last season's county campaign and this factor in no way influenced us one way or another. What we wanted were more equitable representation of the sexes, lower travelling costs (for instance one car instead of two), better matches. There never was any earthly reason why counties with

two strong ladies could not enter two teams. We might have been one.

I am, in short, a strong supporter of the County game. We were surprised and delighted at the success of our teams in our first season. 8 wins out of 11 is remarkable by any reckoning. I am sad that we shall not be running a Veteran Team, particularly having gained admission to the first ever Premier section for the Veterans.

It would have been great to share a table with the giants, the D'Arcy's, Stan-the-Bats, Don Smiths and all those ex-internationals, but it was not to be. With Jim Daly needed by the Senior Team and my own retirement plans firm after many come-backs we did not feel we had the depth to enter into such a long commitment.

I have been asked why I have hung up my bat when still able to stumble to the odd victory, particularly at 4-all. Somerset Maugham suggested it was a sign of middle age when the policemen started looking rather young. I have known that feeling for some time. It was when my fellow-veterans also started looking young that I knew my time had come. It is absurd for juniors to go into battle without practice, for veterans to do so is to invite not merely disaster but humiliation and time is what is short. I have found Coaching interesting and satisfying for many years. I want to give more time to Administration. Nothing quite beats winning 21-19 in the third at 4-all, but apart from that plenty remains to be done. Carl's progress has been a great inspiration to me especially in the face of the discouragement from which all the outlying areas in general and he in particular have suffered and on both fronts we have now got the message that we shall have to march on alone. We are grateful for the crumbs that have come our way, but the cake will have to be baked with ingredients of our own.

The 1st division of our local league was won by Columbia who held on to the one point lead they had established when these notes were last written. The winners' team was any 3 from these four: Neville Allen (his first ever medal though a veteran), Steve Harris, Simon Lamb and Carl). Ryde were second with Jim Daly, John Stacey and Fred Sillwood. It was all very exciting.

The Columbia Club staged a hard bat tournament which was an enormous success. We do not differ from other Associations in the sense that practically everybody plays with sponge and no more than perhaps half a dozen with hard bats. Nevertheless the ancient weapons appeared in great numbers and the entry was bigger than that of the Island Closed as bats were bought, borrowed and sometimes shared. Though a fun event it turned out a fascinating occasion in which the sponge players had a good passage, though the winner proved a specialist, Graham Brimson. I was never a hard bat player, but the charm of the Sport in the pre-sponge era became clearer and I warmly commend such events to local associations both as a good social evening and as a fund raiser. Indeed, I can see a future for the hard bat game as a parallel Sport. It has a lot going for it.

Another season starts and it is time to look to the future. Our members have pointed out with increasing frequency that they now pay more to the E.T.T.A. than they pay to their local Association, County, League put together, from whom they get so much more. As I travel the country I hear sentiments more and more insistently. The feeling of isolation, of neglect which is felt in so many areas is not good for the Game. Only this Magazine gave us a sense of involvement and contact and not long ago there were faint hearts preparing to abandon it. In twenty years I can recall only 3 visits from a National Coach. The fees are fixed at levels that are totally prohibitive in a Sport that generates little

money. No-one seems to realise the intangible benefits and the stimulus of such ventures. We have never seen a National official on our home ground, although we have paid large sums to the E.T.T.A. over the years. Our Sport has practically disappeared from Television except as disjointed miniatures generally featuring players from other lands, highly skilled no doubt, but lending no sense of national involvement and offering poor entertainment. Never have the grass roots, the local leagues felt so isolated, cynical and neglected. In time the wrath of the Establishment will again descend on my head. It will not be an unusual experience, but nevertheless one I can do without, but these County Notes should reflect not merely local statistics (well covered by our local Press) of what happens on the tables, but also what is in our hearts and minds.

Iris Moss reports from . . .

## MIDDLESEX GREAT SADNESS

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of "Ted" (E. R. A.) Connell during the summer. Although Ted was probably not as well known outside Middlesex as some other members of the Committee, he was always a tower of strength within the County. Apart from being a Founder Member and Chairman of Middlesex from 1948 to 1976, where he acted as peace-maker on many occasions, he was Chairman of Staines & District League from 1947 to 1978. Our sympathies go to his widow, Marjorie, and to all his family.

The Middlesex Executive Committee has had a few changes. At the dictates of her medical adviser, Alma Reeve has had to give up her work for table tennis. Alma served for 20 years on our Committee, the last 15 of which were as Inter-League Secretary and she will be missed by us as well as by Wembley & Harrow League where she performed the task of Secretary/Treasurer for even longer. We hope that her sacrifice in giving up the work she enjoyed will result in better health. Needless to say the Leagues and the Executive Committee could not let her go without expressing our appreciation of her hard work, and a presentation was made to her at our Annual General Meeting.

There have, as a result, been 2 new "importees" to the Committee as well as some re-arrangement of duties. Doris Moors, while continuing to act as Minutes Secretary, has taken on the Inter-League Championships. Don Smith, who was co-opted last season, becomes a full member of the Committee, and George Walsh of Wembley has joined us and is going to run the Senior 2nd team in the County Championships. Michael Close, our Deputy Chairman, is running the Representative Matches Sub-Committee with the able help of Len Pilditch (Premier team), George Walsh (Senior 2nd), David Howes (Junior 2nd) and Don Smith (Veterans). Michael will continue to run the Junior Premier team and act as Coaching Officer. The Sub-Committee has not yet published Ranking Lists, but we hope they will be available for the next report.

Thanks to the efforts of David Howes, we have been able to get some sponsorship from Levomex for our 3-Star Open. Although the amount is not sufficient to enable us to increase the prize money (which was substantially increased last year) it will enable us to go ahead and run the event. As it will be our Silver Jubilee event, we are extremely grateful to all concerned that it can take place and if any of the entrants in the 1957 Championships would like to contact us, I am sure we could arrange a free entry. (We still have the entry lists from 1957!).

Sadly, however, we were unable to obtain

sponsorship for the Under-15 and Under-13 Open and that will have to be abandoned. I hope the people who have phoned or written for entry forms will read these notes and understand why they have not received them.

Two of our Leagues are having problems this season. At the time of writing Acton & District are without a Secretary and the Chairman, Jack Randall, is struggling to produce a Handbook and EDWASCA are having problems because their parent Association has decided to wind itself up. We hope both of them will solve their difficulties and continue to function.

Philip Reid reports from . . .

## LEICESTERSHIRE INCAPACITATED

The writer wishes to thank those who have contacted him during his recent "illness". A stroke at Trearddur Bay has incapacitated me but visits from Tony Lillierapp, Tony Lapworth, Ron Emerton and Harry Ward were very encouraging — as were letters of encouragement received from Roy Stevens, Mike Watts, Aubrey Drapkin and George Yates — who says that sentiment is dead in table tennis?

On the County front an extra team — the Junior 2nd team — has been entered and Ian McKelvey has agreed to captain this side. The enthusiasm of Keith Fellows and Stuart Wilford resulted in the County juniors going to Guernsey, in collaboration with Horace Mallett, President of the Lions TTC. It was, by all accounts, a thoroughly enjoyable trip, not only socially but also result-wise.

The hospitality the Magpie Club received in their going again next year. The smart tracksuits which the team wore — and which were donated to the Leicestershire TTA Junior team — were sponsored by Midfish. I suspect John Heath — himself no mean sportsman — was responsible for this most generous gesture.

On August 31 there was another red-letter day at Magpie when the Leicestershire Open was finally run. Chris Rogers beat Paul Randell in an exciting final whilst Simon Griev finally ousted Colin Jones. The gilt on the gingerbread was provided by Jill Hammersley who beat Anita Stevenson after losing the first game. A memorable evening was compered by the intrepid 'Chalky' White who said "Phil Reid himself — happily with us — doesn't know what a backhand looks like" — I've got news for you, 'Chalky' — just at the moment I don't know what a forehand looks like either!!

All readers will wish Phil a speedy recovery to full health after convalescing at Overstrand Convalescent Home, near Cromer, Norfolk and returning to his home in Leicester on Thursday, Sept. 17.

Ed.

Mary Rose and  
Ray Barton report from . . .

## WARWICKSHIRE WIDER COVERAGE

To ensure a wider coverage of Warwickshire events Ray Barton has agreed to join with me in recording the Warwickshire Notes for the coming season. It is hoped by both Ray and myself that members of the Associations within the Warwickshire area will help by reporting all items of interest. Ray can be reached on 021-777 6185 and myself on 021-743 7773, my address is Miss M. I. Rose, 45 Springfield Crescent, SOLIHULL, West Midlands B92 9AE.

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our teams are to be congratulated on a

very successful season and it is hoped that their success will be continued during the coming programme.

The Senior 'A' team finished as runners-up in the Premier Division, our best performance for many years, and was a fitting reward for loyalty of the players. Home matches were staged at the West Warwickshire and Handsworth Victoria clubs — both excellent venues.

After finishing runners-up in Div. 2 Midland the previous season, the 'B' team were undefeated last season, and of course won their Division very comfortably.

The Junior 'A' team also won their Division, with an unbeaten record, despite the distances involved in Div. 2 West, and went on to compete in the Junior Challenge matches at Coventry against other 2nd Division winners. Of the 4 matches played, they won 3, losing only to Essex — but gained promotion to the Junior Premier Division.

The performance of the Cadets team in Div. 3 (Midland) did not match that of the other teams — but our youngsters continue to progress with indications of a very promising future in the Junior ranks. John Chandler's captaincy and enthusiasm is beginning to bring rewards.

County Badges were awarded to: Senior 'A' - B. Johnson, B. Hayward. Senior 'B' - L. Bertie, A. Cockerill. Junior 'A' - P. Gunn, I. Smith, D. Rudge, Miss F. Sutton, Miss H. Rainbow.

Thanks are due to Coventry, Leamington, Rugby and Birmingham for staging home matches and to those members who assisted and transported the teams.

The final National Rankings of season 1980/81 included the following Warwickshire players: Junior - 17 I. Smith (Birmingham), 19 K. Pilgrim (Coventry), 27 P. Gunn (Birmingham). Cadets - 6 M. Thomas (Coventry), 11 I. Davies (Coventry), 8 Miss M. McHayle (Coventry). Congratulations go to all these players, keep up the good work.

## WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE

Success last season when ALL matches were played, over 2 Sundays, between the 6 teams. Matches were played at the West Warwickshire Club and the teams competing were from Nuneaton, Leamington, Stratford, South Birmingham League, East Birmingham League, Birmingham Business Houses League. The new style of playing these matches overcame all the usual problems associated with the arranging of home and away games and was welcomed by both players and officials alike, even though the South Birmingham League side dominated the competition yet again.

## WARWICKSHIRE CLUB COMPETITION (B. MACKIE CUP)

The interest in this competition continues, 46 entries from Birmingham and Coventry Leagues and some support from Nuneaton and Stratford. Brian Lloyd is to be congratulated on his competent handicapping and the competition was successfully completed with the final at the West Warwickshire Club — where Britannic (Birmingham) beat Peak Engineering (Stratford) by 19 points.

Entry forms for this season's competition will be circulated shortly.

## COACHING

The Squad Training Sessions that proved so successful last season are to be repeated this season, more details of these sessions will be reported later.

## UMPIRES

Geoff Taylor is to be congratulated on passing the National Referee's Test and Lila Beesley has successfully completed the County Umpires test.

## COVENTRY GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR

The Coventry Association celebrated their

Golden Jubilee year with the staging of two International matches.

To commemorate the event, the County presented a Golden Jubilee trophy to the League, at a special dinner at the end of the season.

### COUNTY TRIALS

Trials at both Senior and Junior level are being held within the next few weeks, and reports of these trials will be recorded in our next report.

### NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - CUP FINAL

South Yardley (B'ham) v Ellenborough

Drawn at home to play the mighty Ellenborough, in the Final of the National Club Competition, Chris Hughes, opened for South Yardley, against Graham Sandley.

Graham's speed around the table enabled him to take full advantage of his severe top spin loop drive and take the match 11, 14.

Dougie Johnson levelled the score for the home side with a win over Colin Wilson 15, 22.

Barry Johnson, had a superb win over Mark Mitchell, winning the first 14, and losing the second by the identical score. From 13-17 down in the third and final game, Barry carried the attack to Mitchell, caught him at 20-all, and then edged his way to a fabulous 24-22 win amid tumultuous applause.

The Dougie Johnson/Sandley clash was a table tennis classic.

In an electrifying atmosphere, Sandley took the first game at 17, Johnson the second at 18, and so the scene was set for a tremendous third game decider. Such was the strength of the Ellenborough side, Dougie just had to win his three sets to give South Yardley a chance of winning the match, and with it a place in the Europe Club Cup for the 1981-82 season.

Johnson to serve, but even after three tremendous retrieves from incredible positions, the acrobatic Dougie changed service 1-4 down.

With grim determination, Sandley took four of the next five points, but Johnson fought back, 4-8, 5-8, 6-8, but Sandley took the next vital point to lead 9-6.

Ends were changed with Sandley leading 10-6. Again Johnson came back, 10-7, 10-3, 10-9, and again the vital point eluded Dougie.

"Johnson to serve, 9-11", Dougie won three of his services to creep to 12-13, but again Sandley widened the gap to lead 15-12. Again Johnson came back, 15-13, 15-14, and once more Sandley took the vital pressure point to lead 16-14.

The tension by now was absolutely terrific, with the partisan supporters urging Dougie's seemingly winged feet into even greater efforts, he fought back once more 15-16, and then incredibly 16-11!

The walls of the school hall, seemed set to crack at the sound of the thunderous applause. Arms and voices were raised in salute to the resilient little fighter.

But Sandley was not to be denied, and as so often happens in this crazy game of ours, took the next six points to take the set and the match 21-16, and ensure Ellenborough a place in Europe.

Chris Hughes put up a very creditable performance in his match with Mitchell, taking the first at 16, against all the odds, but losing the second -16. Although Mark was always in trouble against the dual purpose bat he took the third game at 17.

Barry Johnson found great difficulty playing the left-handed Wilson, losing -6, -12.

Dougie Johnson stemmed the tide of defeat by beating Mitchell. Playing well within himself he took the first game at 12, and the second at 14.

In the set with Sandley, Barry Johnson played a superb combination of defence and attack to take the first game at 15, but Barry never recovered from a deficit of 1-6, and although he contained Graham's ferocious top-spin loop drive attack, he was unable to make any inroads to the deficit, losing the second -14, and the third and final game -12.

E.T.T.A. President Maurice Goldstein presented the trophy to the winning team captain, Graham Sandley, thanking both teams for a very sporting match, played in the very best traditions.

The Birmingham & District T.T.A. can feel proud of the achievements of the South Yardley Club whose devotion and dedication can be measured by the fact that the No. 4 player in England is still prepared to push a table 50 yards across a playground, in rain, snow and sleet, to play table tennis in a school hall.

To complete our first report we would like to wish everyone a very successful and enjoyable season, and please remember we would like to hear about any Functions, Tournaments or any general items of interest to be included in future Notes.

Pauline Long reports from . . .  
(née Jackson)

### NORTHUMBERLAND

#### PLUNGE TAKEN

No, the Northumberland County Association has not got a new Publicity Officer! During the close season, I finally took the plunge and married Graeme Long on July 28. However, I still hope to pursue my table tennis and publicity activities as far as possible.

By now, most of the County happenings which just missed the deadline for the May/June issue will be post history, but they are worth mentioning just the same. The first team of Chu Van Que, Andrew Clark, Ian Robertson and Barbara Kearney travelled to St. Neots for the play-offs, and duly gained promotion to the Premier Division by beating Dorset (8-1), Leicestershire (7-2) and Cambridgeshire (5-4), and only losing to the eventual winners, Berkshire, by 4-5.

Further success followed for the City of Newcastle National League team (Chu, Clark, Robertson and Keith Paxton), who achieved an aggregate 17-3 victory over Bristol Cashmans in the promotion challenge, and thus gained promotion to the Premier Division. However, the Northumberland League representative side, after beating the Ely League 5-4 in the semi-final, just failed to make it a notable treble in the Wilmott Cup final when they went down 4-5 to the Dagenham League. Chu had wins against Dave Newman and Kevin Caldon, and Clark and Robertson were both successful over Caldon, but with Ian Horsham taking all three of his sets, it was not quite enough. Nevertheless, everyone involved in these tremendous efforts is to be congratulated on an excellent team performance in all cases.

The end of season County Association dance and presentation of trophies held in May returned to its former venue at Parrish's "Hi-Lite Suite", and a good time was again had by all who attended. Thanks as usual go to Bill and Lily McMaster for organising the event. The men's Knock-Out Cup final, which just missed the deadline for the May/June issue, was narrowly won by Gladstone Terrace when they defeated North Shields YMCA in an exciting match by 5-4. Nigel Jobling (2), Bob Dodds (2) and Jimmy Scope (1) got the sets for the winners, while Ian Robertson was undefeated and Terry Wilkinson won one for the losing side. The women's Knock-Out Cup Competition was held over until the Tyneside Summer League tournament, an

account of which appears elsewhere in this magazine. This former event certainly provided the shocks at the semi-final stage, when John Boste saw a 2-0 singles lead slip from their grasp when Shirley Laver and Lindsey Jackman lost their doubles against Denise Campbell and Judith Drapkin of Delaval 'B'. Judith then beat Shirley to square the match before Lindsey eventually put John Boste into the final with a win over Denise. The Electricians team of Christine Burke and Caron Buglass beat Delaval 'A' 3-1 in the other semi-final, having survived the shock of Christine losing to Susan Norris. More shocks were in store for Electricians in the final, with Caron losing her singles to Shirley and the doubles going to John Boste. Christine had won both of her matches, and it was left to Caron to play Lindsey in the deciding match. Lindsey had a tremendous win to give John Boste the cup for the first time.

Meanwhile, Clare Mouzon is rapidly making a name for herself at cadet level, and is the latest player from the area to have success nationally this year. Following her remarkable performance at the Gillette National Cadet ranking trials, in which she was unbeaten throughout the day, she was included at No. 14 in the final cadet rankings issued by the England selectors. As only three of the girls ranked higher than Clare will be eligible for cadets during this season, the opportunity is obviously there for the Ashington girl to make her mark. She has already overtaken Christine Burke as the new No. 1 junior girl in the County, and should also feature prominently in the Women's ranking list when it is eventually issued.

The Tyneside Summer League season has just about finished at the time of writing, although there are still a few matches outstanding in the Premier Division, and Div. 1A and 2B. Leading teams in these Divisions are as follows: Premier - Washington 'A' and New Collingwood, Div. 1A - Whitehouse Lane 'A' and DHSS 'A', Div. 2B - John Boste 'A' and West Avenue 'B'.

The other Divisions have already been decided, and these are as follows: Div. 1B - Winners: Great Lumley, Runners-up: Ashington Leisure 'A', Div. 2A - Winners: Ouston C.C. 'A', Runners-up: DHSS 'B', Div. 3A - Winners: Thompson's, Runners-up: Ouston C.C. 'B', Div. 3B - Winners: Ashington Leisure 'B', Runners-up: West Allotment, Div. 3C - Winners: Whitehouse Lane 'C', Runners-up: Visionhire, Div. 4A - Winners: Ouston C.C. 'C', Runners-up: John Boste 'B', Div. 4B - Winners: Byker C.C. 'E', Runners-up: R.G.S. 'B', Cadets Div. - Winners: Byker C.C. 'A', Runners-up: Blaydon Y.C. 'A'.

The final of the handicap Knock-Out Cup Competition will be between Delaval 'D' (Duncan Hindmarch, Fred Hill and Paul Beadling) and the winners of the Visionhire v Washington 'D' semi-final.

All this activity now takes us up to the start of another new season, with first the good news. The City of Newcastle team have received a tremendous boost in their considerable efforts to bring top-class table tennis to the city. After struggling along financially during the first two years of the National League, they have now negotiated a sponsorship deal with local firm Mayfair Wallcoverings. This deal will ensure that they will remain free of any financial worries for their first season in the Premier Division, and they will now be known as Mayfair Wallcoverings, Newcastle. The side will again rely on the same players who won promotion last season, namely Chu Van Que, Ian Robertson, Keith Paxton, Andrew Clark and Dave Svenson.

The bad news is that there will be no second senior team in Div. 3 (North) of the County Championships this season. The success of our first team in their various competitions has meant an even greater increase in travelling to away matches. This

burden, which is already considerable due to our geographical position, has stretched our financial resources to such an extent that the teams had to be limited to one senior side in the Premier Division and a junior team in Div. 3 (North). No doubt other Counties will find themselves in similar circumstances, but it must be said that this will obviously give little incentive to those promising players just out of junior level, especially the girls, who are not good enough for the first team, but who might given time perform reasonably well in the second team. Outstanding juniors can play in a senior team, but a young player of say between 17 and 21 would in our County's case have little left to aim for other than good performances at local tournaments, unless someone was suddenly to break through to the Premier Division standard of the current senior team.

Among all the success that has come to the area in the playing arena during the past season, it would be very easy to overlook the administrators. Alan Morpeth's considerable work in the County field — he has been Match Secretary for the County teams since 1958 — was recognised at national level recently when he received the Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy at the County Championships Conference in London in appreciation of his efforts.

The first junior trials of the season were held at Scotswood Sports Centre, and the results were used to formulate the ranking lists. Only those players who attended were considered for ranking, and consequently there are some notable omissions. Neil McMaster retains the top spot on the junior boys' list, but as previously stated, Clare Mouzon has now taken over the No. 1 position from Christine Burke. Full lists are as follows:

#### JUNIOR BOYS

1 Neil McMaster, 2 Martin Tate, 3 Martin Schapira, 4 Alan Matthewson, 5 David O'Neill, 6 Nicholas Jeffreys, 7 Wasim Shakoor, 8 Thomas Blackman, 9 Peter Curry, 10 Eddie Smith.

#### JUNIOR GIRLS

1 Clare Mouzon, 2 Christine Burke, 3 Lindsey Jackman, 4 Denise Campbell, 5 Tanya Cramman, 6 Julie Robson, 7 Judith Drapkin, 8 M. Shukla, 9 J. Smith, 10 E. Hopper, 11 D. Smith.

#### CADET BOYS

1 Blackman, 2 Curry, 3 David Watson, 4 Stephen Waugh, 5 Jonathan Miller, 6 David Linskill, 7 Darren Shaw.

#### CADET GIRLS

1 Mouzon, 2 Drapkin, 3 Shukla, 4 J. Smith, 5 Hopper, 6 D. Smith.

All good wishes to Graeme and Pauline for a truly happy marriage.

Ed.

Alan Shepherd reports from . . .

## ESSEX

### EXCITING SQUAD

Once again players all over the country will be dusting off their favourite bats and preparing for the new season. On behalf of Essex may I wish a happy and successful winter to all of our friends and rivals, including even those in Middlesex! We cannot understand how we failed to retain the County Championship last term but we are determined to wrest it back from the Tykes. I hope that our showman star Bob Potton will be able to represent us on the two weekends and if Kenny Jackson can be persuaded to add his talents to those of Bob, David Newman, Ian Horsham, Elaine Foulds and maybe Skylet Andrew, that would be quite an exciting squad to turn out.

Our Juniors suffered the great disappointment of returning from the Promotion Challenge at Coventry last April as wooden spoonists but hope springs eternal

and we must strive to win the strange looking Division 2B, which sees us visiting such outposts as Glamorgan and Wiltshire and acting as hosts to Avon and Devonshire. Maybe we might get some after-shave and clotted cream out of them even if we can't beat them!

I should imagine that our Veterans, after their great triumph last year in becoming Champion County, are raring to go, and I am sure that Middlesex will find them pretty anxious to hang on to their title. When you come to think of it, Chester Barnes will be a veteran in the not too distant future, and he could just about edge Stan the Bat out of the team.

The County Executive Committee has two new faces this season, although one of them is more of a "golden oldie" than a new entry! I am referring to former Senior Match Secretary Ron MacKenzie, now back with us as Umpires Supremo. Ron Fosker, whose name is not unknown in the pages of table tennis publications, has become Press and Publicity Officer and eventually will take over the writing of this column, so you can look forward to a more professional effort at that time, and I will have to cross swords elsewhere with John Woodford.

Gerald Green reports from . . .

## SHROPSHIRE

### GROVE GO NATIONAL

The Grove Table Tennis Association have taken a major step forward by entering a team in the English National League. In Division 2 (North) The Grove, managed by County Coach Ian Marshall will be really hoping to put Shropshire in general and their Club in particular on the table tennis map.

Grove will be led by two former Junior Internationals in Manchester-based Tony Boasman and Shrewsbury-based Malcolm Green who has been Shropshire's leading player since 1975. The team will further comprise Lancashire County player Phil Bowen and Mark Hankey the current Cheshire No. 1. The rest of the squad, as ranked are: Trevor Manning (Wrexham), Paul Barnett (Newcastle-under-Lyme), Terry Turner (Wrexham), Ivan Smith (Pontesbury - Shropshire's No. 1 Junior), Keith Sillitoe (Market Drayton), Sean Groom and David Williams (Market Drayton) both the latter being England-Ranked Cadets.

They made a promising start by winning their first match at March 5-3. Bowen won his two, with Tony, Malcolm and Mark contributing one each. A good 'team' performance, but none of them played anywhere near his usual form and I know they can — and if Ian Marshall has anything to do with it — will, improve.

Shrewsbury League, whose programme will open during the week commencing Oct. 5, will be operating with 82 teams as against 89 last season. There will be one less Division and the new format has a Premier and First Division each with 11 teams and five other Divisions with 12 teams each.

The reduction is due to the formation of the new league at Market Drayton with the loss of 7 teams from Grove and 3 less teams from Harlescott. The 3 teams from Belmont Youth Centre have withdrawn. Hope has dropped out, Church Preen are unable to raise a team while Woodfield will not be functioning although one of their teams has joined Tele Post en bloc.

Had the Drayton League not been formed, however, there would have been a bigger Shrewsbury League this season for there are extra teams from Ticklerton (3), Saints (2) and Belle Vue Youth Club, DHSS, NALGO and Tele Post one each. The management committee also admitted a new Club, George Hotel, Oswestry, who will be playing

at Knockin, and re-admitted Job Centre, who had suspended activities for two years.

As a result of the team withdrawals and new admissions, some teams will find they have not been relegated as their league positions last season warranted, while a few teams have been promoted two instead of one division and some have received unexpected promotion.

### DRAYTON CASH CHASE

The Market Drayton League have started what will be the most exciting season in the League's brief history with over £1,000 worth of prizes at stake in the five Divisions.

Undoubtedly there will be intense competition for the Premier Division, which carries a top prize of £300. Three teams from the Stoke-on-Trent area should figure in the final run-in, with Bradwell Cavaliers led by Steve Rowe and Paul Barnett and the James Birks team who include the highly-rated Greg Hallam and talented Mark Evans both looking good. Brothers Stan and Joe Deakin from Norton Nomads also look a strong combination while the Rosebank Sports team from Wrexham, led by the ranked Welsh player Trevor Manning will be a difficult side to beat.

The Shrewsbury sides, too, look promising with Harlescott 'A' team comprising No. 1 Senior Malcolm Green, No. 1 Junior Ivan Smith and County - ranked Martin Chambers. Salopian Sports, led by brothers Les and Ian Baker, will also prove stern opposition.

The Grove School teams from Market Drayton will give good opposition with the 'A' team led by Tony Boasman, the 'B' by Mark Hankey and the 'C' by Phil Bowen.

In the first division teams from the Potteries and the Elephant and Castle in Market Drayton will take some beating, whilst in Division two it could be anybody's title with Ravens perhaps slight favourites following a large number of signings by captain Ray Bloore.

The Division three title looks to be open with all the teams not yet showing any form. In the Youth Division Salisbury Road Club from Whitchurch could be the outfit to watch.

The Schools Division will be run for a third season and starts with six, four-player teams of Junior School pupils.

John Woodford reports from . . .

## SUSSEX

### WANDERER RETURNS

Malcolm Francis, the only Sussex player in the Top Fifty has returned home. Following a lengthy trial marriage with the Kent administration, he is now available for Sussex in the County Championships and has also made a shift in the National League, from Ormesby to Dolphins, formerly Seagulls.

Controversy and Francis go hand-in-hand. Only an unbeaten performance by the 19-year-old Uckfield player will be good enough at the Sussex trials. That means he will have to start the campaign by flooring the still up-and-coming Bexhill brothers Stephen and Adrian Moore, 12-times Sussex champion Roger Chandler, Horley counter-hitter but not former Sussex champion Graham Gillett — he has retired, at least for the time being.

Sussex selectors have decided not to run women's trials again and they have issued already a new ranking list. Fine for the ladies at the top, but not encouraging for the rest — three girls from the Crawley and Horsham League Sally Weston, Juliet Williams and Diane Phur find themselves in the last three places, without an early opportunity to have a crack at "the old fuddie-duddies" — quote by Mrs. Pat Wales,

of Worthing who hammered the county at the recent A.G.M., mainly because younger players were not given a chance to compete in the Nicholls Cup last April. Mrs. Wales's theory is that when the Top-8 was reduced to four, people from outside the ranking list should have been invited.

But, despite the fact that she thought "womens table tennis was always sat-on", she could find no support at the A.G.M., mainly because the format of the event is for the top players. Chairman Bert Fretwell's view of not going outside the county list was unanimously supported — apart of course, from Mrs. Wales.

Rather more encouraging news is that all the top men are expected to appear at the trials and Dolphins, seeking again to challenge for National League promotion can call on all of them.

Although many leagues and counties are obviously reluctant to make the admission, fewer lower division players are registering — both Brighton and Eastbourne to name but two are leagues where the recession has caused players who indulge in several sports to make economies — both towns have lost a division.

There are also signs that the players ambitious enough to travel to tournaments are cutting down their local league commitments — some only appearing in sufficient league games to qualify for various other events. New Sussex trialist Paul Rowden and leading Sussex veteran Alan Rowden are to spend more money this season on tournaments and only appearing locally in less than half the local league programme.

**SUSSEX WOMEN'S RANKINGS**

- 1 Rachel Mackriell (Eastbourne), 2 Carol Hewett (Brighton), 3 Teresa Moore (Bexhill), 4 Diane Griggs (Eastbourne), 5 Sheila King (Hastings), 6 Christine Randall (Brighton), 7 Angela Maskell (Eastbourne), 8 Susan Haffenden (Bexhill), 9 Sally Weston (Horsham), 10 Juliet Williams (Crawley), 11 Diane Phur (Crawley).

**Brian Halliday reports from . . .**

**BERKSHIRE**

**TWO GO NATIONAL**

Two clubs from the Reading League have entered the National League this season. The Maidenhead League have lost last season's Macleans team but the same squad, with the exception of Max Crimmins who has gone to pastures new in the West, have teamed up under the Omega flag. Their first match saw them hold powerful Bristol to a 4-4 draw.

The other Berkshire representatives are the newly-formed Gillette-Reading team and they also made a fine start with a close 5-3 win over South Bank. Jim Stokes and Simon Rowland collecting maximums. An intensive local Press and publicity campaign and good local radio coverage only attracted about 80 spectators, but the club report that they expect to attract in excess of 150 before long. The match set a high standard in presentation with a professional announcer and live entertainment from a Country and Western singer during the interval. The Mayor and Mayoress of Reading attended the match which certainly got the season off to a splendid start.

There were a number of surprises in the Berkshire trials held recently. Newbury's Richard Kozlowski came out in the No. 1 spot and Martin Bartholomew eased out Derek Basden for 2nd position.

In the Ladies' event Jenny Collins was in her best form and chopped off European Junior Bronze Medalist Sue Collier to take the premier position. Impressive wins for Gail Davies were rewarded by selection for the county side to visit the Isle of Wight.

Another to show marked improvement was Sue Kilford whose recent form has resulted in her highest county ranking to date.

In the junior events several key players were absent but the boys' competition was dominated by the Syed brothers, Andrew and Matthew.

A number of the veterans were also absent, however the trials provided another triumph for Dave Jones who seems to make a habit of winning this event.

Following the trials the Ranking and Selection Committee sat for six hours and produced the following lists:

**Men**

- 1 A. Wellman (R) (1), 2 D. Barr (N) (—), 3 D. Reeves (N) (3), 4 S. Stokes Snr. (R) (4), 5 I. Fullerton (M) (5), 6 J. Stokes Jnr. (R) (7), 7 D. Basden (R) (—), 8 R. Kozlowski (N) (6), 9 M. Bartholomew (M) (—), 10 S. Rowland (R) (8), 11 W. Allanson (R) (—), 12 D. Pountney (M) (—), 13 V. McCarthy (M) (—), 14 D. Rose (R) (19), 15 G. Outtrim (B) (13), 16 R. Chester (R) (11), 17 D. Gilham (B) (14), 18 S. Montgomery (M) (17), 19 S. Everard (B) (16), 20 D. Wise (N) (9).

**Women**

- 1 A. Gordon (R) (1), 2 M. Smith (N) (2), 3 C. Stevens (N) (3), 4 S. Blackburn (M) (4), 5 J. Collins (R) (7), 6 S. Collier (M) (5), 7 G. Davies (R) (14), 8 S. Kilford (R) (13), 9 T. Vallis (R) (6), 10 R. Purseglove (R) (8), 11 S. Richardson (N) (15), 12 S. Bruton (B) (—), 13 P. McKenzie (B) (—), 14 G. Knightley (M) (11), 15 C. Harmer (B) (—), 16 R. Champion (R) (12), 17 L. Green (R) (9), 18 D. Cooper (M) (—), 19 Z. Rowe (M) (—), 20 P. Duncan (N) (—).

**Boys**

- 1 Fullerton (1), 2 Stokes (2), 3 A. Syed (R) (11), 4 A. Nash (B) (6), 5 P. Halliday (R) (5), 6 M. Syed (R) (16), 7 M. Childs (R) (4), 8 L. Russell (M) (10), 9 P. Andrews (R) (17), 10 S. Miller (M) (7), 11 P. Savins (R) (12), 12 I. Davenport (N) (15), 13 M. Hetherington (M) (18), 14 S. Champion (R) (—), 15 R. Martin (M) (—).

**Girls**

- 1 Collier (2), 2 Harmer (—), 3 Champion (6), 4 Creep (5), 5 Cooper (10), 6 Rowe (14), 7 Duncan (15), 8 W. Godfrey (B) (—), 9 S. Holmes (M) (12), 10 J. Spindlow (—), 11 T. Lillington (N) (16), 12 K. Osmond (N) (—), 13 S. Garside (M) (—), 14 J. Norman (N) (—), 15 R. Wood (N) (—).

**Veteran Men**

- 1 A. Foster (R) (1), 2 Allanson (—), 3 B. Halliday (B) (4), 4 D. Jones (R) (2), 5 C. Finden (R) (5), 6 E. Cripps (R) (8), 7 K. Underwood (R) (10), 8 C. Dyke (M) (7), 9 B. Halliday (R) (12), 10 R. Wells (N) (—).

**Veteran Women**

- 1 S. Bruton (B) (2), 2 E. Foster (R) (1), 3 P. McKenzie (B) (3), 4 V. Harmsworth (R) (4), 5 A. Jackson (R) (5).

B—Bracknell, M—Maidenhead, N—Newbury, R—Reading.

Last ranking position in parenthesis

There is likely to be strong competition for places in the county sides this season. With players such as Dave Pountney, Derek Basden and Wally Allanson available, Berkshire should be able to give a reasonable account of themselves. The prospects for our first team also seem set fair with Andy Wellman, Dave Barr and Dave Reeves all available.

The Reading League go from strength to strength and the 1st Division looks to have the best line-up of players ever. The all-round ability and strength in depth of Woodland T.T.C. could pose problems for Omega who have signed on Sid Montgomery to back Iain Fullerton and the improving Andy Syed, Rabson, Post Office, and Sonning Common all have useful teams in the most open competition for years.

Wokingham are favourites to retain their Bracknell title, but could be pressed by Gillette.

In Maidenhead the first division also looks very open with most of the top Reading, Wycombe, and Slough players all signed on. Springfield Kestrels could spring a surprise or two here.

The Newbury big two Thatcham and Woolton Hill should again fight out the championship of their top division. Newbury staged a cadets trials event on behalf of the county and also were hosts at Newbury Sports Centre for a special junior inter-town event which replaced the Newbury Junior Open.

May I end with a request to League Press Officers to send me information and news from around the county.

Finally I have been asked by our Senior Match Secretary to report on the annual table tennis all-stars cricket match held during the close season. Brian Latham again held the team together saving the side for the second successive year with another peerless display of the art of batsmanship. For the record his ageing team crushed Woodland T.T.C. by eight runs.

**David Cosway reports from . . .**

**HAMPSHIRE**

**HANGOVER EVENTS**

One town committee complained that they would like a mention in my notes! That, gentlemen, is in your hands. Send me details of the happenings in your league and I will try to include them — what I do not receive I cannot include!

For those who want to make a note of my address, to flood me with reports, it is 54 Channels Farm Road, Swaythling, Southampton.

In the Aldershot Closed the No. 4 seed, Graham Outtrim, beat No. 2 seed Andy Thomas 19-19, 21 after being 16-20 down in the final game. Previous winner and No. 1 seed, Rhamish Bhalla, went out in the 1st round to Mike Barrett. Andrea Seager won the women's singles beating Mary Clegg. For the third year in succession the Div. 1 title went to M.G.T.B. 'A' although their team of Outtrim, Dave Gilham, Ian Schwartz and Collin Payne, were twice beaten 7-3 by R.C.T. 'A' who had been strengthened by Andy Thomas. The K.O. cup was won by R.C.T. 'A' who beat Frimley 'B' 6-3, with Mark Oakley winning the Frimley sets. I know Aldershot was disappointed at again finishing second in the inter-town men's division despite not losing a match. Their sole "defeat" was when they had to concede the match against champions Bourne-mouth. To be fair to the Hampshire-committed however, I feel that for a town with over 40 players registered it is hardly sufficient reason, to cancel a match, if one player is unavailable!

In Gosport and Fareham, the sponsorship of the Trustee Savings Bank ensured the success of the closed held at St. Annes School, Fareham. Graham Toole beat his club mate from Generation 2, Steve Bilmore 17, 19 in the men's singles while Anne Abraham of Fareham T.T.C. beat Samantha Lewis of Crofton 15, 12 in the women's. Andy Broughton combined with Nick Webb to beat Tony Holt and Alan Long 12, -13, 15 in the open doubles. Broughton gained his second doubles title when he joined sister Mandy to win the mixed 17, 12 against Mick Reekie and Jo Richards. Toole beat Broughton 12, 13 in the juniors while Brian Pitcher beat Gosport Borough club mate Nick Allum 5, 11 in the veterans. In the league the Generation 2 "galaxies" team of Charlie Childs, John Dubber, Toole and Bilmore won Div. 1 from Fleetlands Gazelles.

Moving to Portsmouth the closed resulted in Toole repeating his Gosport men's singles finals win over Bilmore, this time by 13, 15. Serina Sinanan beat Tracey Knellor 19, 8 in the women's. In the junior singles Toole

beat Mark Wilding 14, 12 with No. 2 seed Broughton going out early to Colin Rand. Norman Stagg beat Ged Holly -11, 12, 16 in the veterans. Norman gained his second title when he combined with Toole to beat Bilmore and Adrian Lee 11, -21, 15 in the men's doubles. Serina and Tracey won the women's doubles against Sally Carver and Samantha Lewis. Serina gained her third title with brother Micki when they won the mixed over Toole and Tracey Knellor 17, 19. A new name on the Div. 1 championship trophy, De La Rue 'A', but it's the same team, formerly Wyeth 'A', with Martin Gilbert, Len Plant and George Clay who lift the title for the 7th successive time, again V.R.S. being runners-up. I was pleased to hear of the success of former Town player Allan Wilcox with the coaching of 90 or so keen youngsters at Horndean Comprehensive school. Unfortunately the usual Local Authority cut backs means he is short of tables for the coaching — any one got an old spare table they do not want?

In Southampton, Snows 'A' retained the John Jaques Premier Division A title, again from Lyndhurst 'A', with Post Office 'A' winning the B division. The closed championships were a bit of a financial disaster with increased costs added to a strange lack of entries giving almost a three figure loss. Lack of assistance to the organisers both from within the S.T.T.A. committee and from the general public means a bit of a re-think for this season. I have always been a supporter of a staged finals night but the table tennis produced at the finals was, to be kind, mediocre. In the men's singles No. 1 seed Chris Shetler beat Jason Creasey early on before having a close call to John Robinson, in the quarters. Toole had a comfortable win over Phil Brown. Gary Longland the No. 4 seed also had a close quarter-final win over Norman Stagg. He won the first 19 and it looked all over at 18-12 in the second but Norman won that at 19 and came back to lead 18-13 in the third. This time it was Gary's turn to recover to lead 20-18 but lost the next three points. At match point he put his bat out more in hope than conviction and the ball went over to give him the faintest of edge points to level at 21-all and eventually took the game at 27-25.

The surprise package Micki Sinanan knocked out No. 2 seed Simon Douglas then, in the quarters, thrashed Chris Wilshire 14, 10. I felt with Micki so "on song" that if the semis and final had been played through he could well have won the title. However, a week later he was not the same player. He did however take Longland a bit close. He lost the first at 20, won the second at 12 and led 10-4 at the change and then 20-15 in the third, before he lost conviction in his game and let Gary in to win 23-21. Two close games in the other semi with Shetler winning the first at 20, Toole the second at 19 but the third was an anti-climax with Chris comfortably winning 21-10. The final was also a disappointment with Shetler gaining his fourth title with an 18, 13 win over Longland who was making his first final appearance.

Serina Sinanan was in a class of her own in the women's singles beating Sarah Hammond 8, 2 in the semi. Ann Longland returning to the game only 2 months after producing son Craig was out of practice but still reached the final with a -20, 19, 17 win over Vanessa Matthews in the semi. She was no match in the final for Serina who retained her title with a 6, 8 victory. The junior singles showed the low ebb of youngsters in a town renowned in the past for the junior players its coaching has produced.

With all due respect to the Gosport and Fareham league surely they should not produce the two finalists in a closed tournament in a City the size of Southampton. However, Toole again got the better of Broughton 14, -21, 13. Tony Nixon had a good win over Norman Stagg in one veteran singles semi-final while Maurie Shave beat

Des Ely in the other. Maurie comfortably won the first game of the final 21-10 trailed 16-19 in the second but won 19 to gain his fourth title. The men's singles finalists Shetler and Longland combined to beat Wilshire and Douglas 19, 13 in the men's doubles. Similarly Serina Sinanan and Ann Longland beat Sarah Hammond and Vanessa Matthews 22, 11 in the women's doubles. Serina gained her third title when she joined Micki to beat the proud parents Gary and Ann Longland 12, 13, in the mixed final.

Moving to Winchester, Hursley 'A' retained their championship despite losing their second half match to runners up Winnall 'A' 3-7. They gained revenge for this defeat in the team eliminating competition when they beat Winnall 6-4 in the semi-final. Longland and John Roberts have been the back bone of this team but in this knockout semi Rowe Bennett and Peter Parsons were the stars winning their four singles. Hursley 'A' predictably went on to win the final against their 'B' team 6-0. In the closed Tournament Longland beat George Philpott in the semi at which stage John Roberts beat Andy Whitcher. Andy had sprung the major surprise of the day by beating holder John Sumerbell in the quarters. In the final Gary lost the first at 15 and won the second at 19. With the third a seesaw affair, John seemingly had it won on numerous occasions but Gary never knows when to give up and fought back to win at 22-20.

In the women's singles Christine Davies beat Ann Longland in the semi with Kathy Conlon beating Beverley Nicholson.

The final I heard described by the Winchester chairman Don Kendall as the best for years. I would not disagree and certainly considered it one of the best sets of women's table tennis I saw last season at local level. Kathy won the first at 15, lost the second easily at 12, but led all through the 3rd to win at 15.

The veterans semi saw the exit of No. 1 seed George Philpott beaten 19 in the 3rd by Tony Nixon. Harry Spraggs beat Doug Balchin at the same stage. Tony took his first title with a -16, 17 15 win over the No. 2 seed Harry. Simon Jackson did it the hard way in the junior singles beating No. 2 seed Graham Balchin in the semi and No. 1 seed John Vinnell in the final 19, -13, 17.

An upset for the seedings but 14-year-old Simon looks a good prospect. Philpott and Spraggs combined to take a good men's doubles against Jeff Mitchell and John Roberts -12, 13, 19. The mixed looked out of the hands of the No. 1 seeds Spraggs and Christine Davies. After losing the first to John Preston and Kathy Conlon -20 they took the second at 16, but trailed 15-20 in the third, only to reel off 7 successive points to take the title. After the dismal Southampton finals night I thought this Winchester event was one of the most interesting and competitive evenings of table tennis I have witnessed. Not a dud game and the quality of play did the league credit before a good crowd. John Williams the hard working organiser must take credit for the smooth running of this tournament.

Viv Bennett reports from . . .

## NORFOLK

### SILVER AWARD FOR NEVILLE

The only change in the County camp is the position of Secretary now taken over by "yours truly". The outgoing Secretary, Nev Graver, received an engraved silver tankard for work towards our cause. Good to see a few new faces on the committee and, above all, a new league joining the fold. Here is wishing secretary Geoff Keer well with his launch of the Diss League.

New member Alan Pickard should do a good job for the 2nd Junior team with his

two lads, David and Neil in contention for team places. He looks like having a lively season. Alan's club, Reepham, set the ball rolling with a select tournament that was unique bringing together mixed groups of the County's best players, senior and junior of both sexes. Winners: Group 1 D. Bennett, Group 2 D. Shaw, Jnr. Group D. Pickard, Women's Group 1 W. Hogg, Group 2 R. Hogg. General opinion by the players was favourable indeed.

On the coaching front it is hoped that this can be expanded as facilities at Wall Road School have improved considerably over the last 6 months. The decision at the A.G.M. to purchase a Robot should go a long way to assist our hard-pressed and only too few coaches.

Glad to hear Karen Burkett is back in training again after a painful experience. Karen, one of our most promising players, broke down in the last few seconds of the third game of a girls' singles encounter in February and has spent the intervening time recovering from a cartilage operation.

Although a shortage of girls being coached, this is not the case with the boys. Suddenly we have a batch in the 13-14 age group taking up the challenge. I suppose there isn't a whisker between them, so Steven Fox, Simon Steward, David Pickard, Paul Rich and David Honor will continue to make life difficult for the ranking committee.

Last season's Norfolk/Broadside Sports team K.O. was won by Sprowston defeating Downham 5-3. Veteran Dave Hardy being undefeated made victory possible particularly the first set on against junior Jamie Frost, Downham's best player, with Dave being well down, then staging a remarkable comeback.

In the Norwich Schools team championships, Wymondham 'A' became the winners over a young Hewett team. In the individuals R. Sapey (Costessey), who hadn't played too consistently in the team event, played brilliantly to overcome T. Hudson (Wymondham) who suffered his only defeat of the day. C. Chamberlain (Hethersett) was the girls' winner over A. Smith (Wymondham).

With the closed championships in mind the Senior date, U.E.A., is Sunday, Dec. 20 being again sponsored by Broadside Sports (Norwich). The Junior event will be on Sunday, Feb. 7/82 at Netheand School, Dereham for which a sponsor is being sought. On the financial front, all eyes are on the newly formed Fund Raising Committee — Joyce Nichols, Derek Wortley and Doug Bennett. We wish them well as theirs must be the trickiest job of all.

Ray Simpson reports from . . .

## DURHAM

### FALL FROM GRACE

The annual County trials were held at Easington District Leisure Centre on Sunday, Sept. 6, and there were a few surprises. Both the senior No. 1's in the previous rankings, Nigel Jobling and Lynne Bainbridge, fell from grace and had to be content with a much lower ranking. John Crawford ranked No. 4 last season, dropped only one set on his way to the No. 1 slot in the men's, while the best performance in the women's came from last season's top junior, Lyn Yarnell, who carried all before her on her way to the top senior spot.

In the boys', Darren McVitie, as expected, took the honours, and Elaine Blackburne overcame her nerves to take the girls'.

The rankings are as follows:

#### Men

1 John Crawford, 2 Tony Gelder, 3 Dave Svenson, 4 Bill Reay, 5 Ian Svenson, 6 Nigel Jobling.

## Women

1 Lyn Yarnell, 2 Julie Smith, 3 Shirley Gelder, 4 Lynne Bainbridge, 5 Joan Suddick, 6 Sonia Proctor.

## Boys

1 Darren McVitie, 2 David Blackburne, 3 Stephen Crosby, 4 Gary Webstell, 5 Martin Gent, 6 Neil Herrington.

## Girls

1 Elaine Blackburne, 2 Lorna Wilson, 3 Andrea Davison, 4 Paula Liddle, 5 Julie Mallin, 6 Debra Armstrong.

The county matches this season are:

## Seniors

Oct. 3 v Notts (H), Nov. 7 v Cumbria (A), Nov. 21 v Cheshire (H), Dec. 19 v Leics (H), Jan. 23 v Derby (A), Feb. 27 v Staffs (A), Mar. 13 v Lincs (H).

## Juniors

Oct. 3 v Gloucester (H), Nov. 7 v Cleveland (A), Nov. 21 v Lincoln (A), Dec. 19 v Yorkshire (A), Jan. 23 v Huntingdon (H), Feb. 27 v Bucks (H), Mar. 13 v Leics (A).

In the National League, South West Durham remain in the Second Division North, but a tough season lies in store. Australian Greg Horne has signed for the club, and will play at No. 1, with Crawford and Gelder probably at two and three. However, last season's problem position, No. 4, still remains and this is up for grabs between the junior trio of David Blackburne, Webstell and Gent, who all need to find some measure of consistency. SWD have also changed their venue from Cleveland Bridge in Darlington to St. Peter's Church Hall, Bishop Auckland.

It is hoped that the new Regional Development Officer will be seen quite regularly in County Durham this season. Unfortunately, Mrs. Goosey opted to attend a re-arranged meeting in Hartlepool instead of the September meeting of the Durham County Executive, of which she had received at least six weeks' notice. We hope to see her in the near future.

Hopefully more leagues will communicate with me this season. As well as receiving publicity in this magazine, regular articles will be written in the Durham Advertiser Series — so the publicity potential is quite big.

Will all correspondents please note that I was married during the summer, and with my wife Audrey now live at 65 Albert Street, Shildon. 'Phone: Shildon 4456.

## Roy Williams reports from . . .

### NORTH WALES

#### EUROPEAN LEAGUE AT COLWYN

The Wales versus Spain European League Division 2 match will be played at the new Colwyn Bay Leisure Centre on Saturday, Dec. 12/81. The match will be organised by the Llandudno League who, last season, made the arrangements for the successful Wales versus Ireland Junior match at Llandudno.

At the North Wales Counties T.T.A. meeting in August, it was announced that the East Flint League would not be affiliating. In consequence, Mr. Dave Tapp, a member of the East Flint committee, resigned as Chairman of the NWCTTA the position being taken over by Mr. Les Jones of Llandudno.

The committee decided that East Flint teams would not be able to compete in the Welsh League (North). No individual registrations would be accepted and teams outside the Association will not be able to compete in the North Wales closed or team competitions. A North Wales inter-league competition is to be formed.

The Anglesey League should remain as two divisions and Llandudno, with five divisions again, look forward to a successful season. Four teams have been lost but there may be newcomers to compensate.

Rhyl battle on in an effort to return to the glory days of the past, still trying to court the breakaway players of last season who have now formed the St. Asaph League seeking affiliation to the TTAW. Wrexham should be at full strength if their summer league programme is any indication to go by. This summer competition, known as the East Denbighshire Summer League, has once again been successful due to the efforts of Charlie Bayliss, the organiser.

To put the record straight Les Jones (Llandudno) finished second in the Welsh League (North) veterans' division individual averages and not third.

Results of the East Denbighshire Summer League individual tournament were:

#### Men's Singles:

C. Powell (Tunnel) bt S. Roberts (Plasmadoc) 12, 19.

#### Women's Singles:

S. Rogers (Dobson/Crowther) bt M. Turner (Wrexham Vic) 16, 10.

#### U-21 Boys' Singles:

P. Stanley (Tunnel) bt Roberts 15, 12.

#### U-21 Girls' Singles:

K. Buckle (Wrexham Vic) bt S. Hewitt (Wrexham Vic) 14, 14.

#### U-17 Boys' Singles:

S. Conway (Tunnel) bt Roberts -16, 21, 17.

#### U-17 Girls' Singles:

K. Buckle bt M. Stevens (Wrexham Vic) 17, 9.

#### U-14 Boys' Singles:

T. Turner (Wrexham Vic) w.o.

#### U-14 Girls' Singles:

K. Buckle bt S. Buckle (Wrexham Vic) 4, 14.

#### Veteran Singles:

P. Williams (Queens Pk.) bt S. Rogers (D/C) 11, 14.

## Dennis Millman reports from . . .

### NORTHANTS

#### SURVIVAL

The Northamptonshire T.T.A. survives yet again, after the A.G.M., and a subsequent Executive Committee Meeting had provided nominations for three of the four administrative vacancies.

John Worrell, of the Northampton League with former Middlesex connections, was elected Chairman. Shirley Everard, a Kettering League Committee member for many years, accepted the position of Treasurer, and the new Secretary is Wendy Church, a newcomer to the local table tennis scene. With Peter Kendall continuing as Match Secretary, and Christine Price committed to maintaining the increased status of the County League, the coming season seems well catered for, despite one anticipated non-starter.

Although the much vaunted and apparently universally popular Super League survived its original crisis, and found a worthy and enthusiastic organiser in Geoff Atkinson, it ultimately failed to overcome the apathy of several suitable clubs, and with only six genuine entries it failed to come under starter's orders. However 'hope spring eternal', and a further concerted effort is to be made to get it off the production line in readiness for the 1982-83 season.

One of the final events last season was the Tina Coleman Memorial Trophy, a Ladies' Doubles Handicap, which always attracts the best and the youngest players in the county. Last season was no exception, with Anne Wallis making her first appearance of the season to such good effect, that together with Marg Chambers, she reached the final, only to fall victim to sister Mandy's loop, partnered by a Julia Kendall determined to hold onto the fine Silver Rose Bowl she had won the year before.

Once again the South East Midlands League has quietly disappeared without trace, only for the St. Neots League to step partially into the obvious breach. This time

however, local leagues were less anxious to participate, although Northampton, Kettering and Wellingborough will compete at Junior level, Kettering and Northampton (with two entries) in the Senior League, and only Northampton, willing or able to raise an entry for the Veterans section.

On the local league front, the Kettering Town Club, for many years the largest in the county, has fallen on hard times, and will only field nine teams next season, while the Rothborough Club, continuing to progress at all levels, now has eight teams, with all of these competing in the Kettering League. This of course ensures that Rothborough, for so long unparalleled and unchallenged at the head of the Wellingborough League, will not be on hand to defend their title. Strangely enough the likely, yet so unlikely consequence may well be a strengthening of the top division, as clubs improve their sides in the hope of a Premier Division Championship no-one had anticipated as a remote possibility only a few weeks ago.

However Rothborough now have a particularly strong hand in Kettering's Premier Division, with a trio of powerful sides.

Sadly however, one familiar face will be absent next season, for former County Treasurer Frank Clowes passed away early in the close season, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Frank inaugurated the Wilson's teams in the Northampton League, of which he was a Vice-President, and continued to be the mainspring of the club throughout his playing career. For several years he was County Treasurer, rarely missing a meeting in times when County fortunes were at a low ebb. He presented meticulous balance sheets with a quiet sense of humour, yet an obvious dignity that illustrated his dedication to the task in hand. To his widow Peggy — our deepest sympathy.

## Malcolm Allsop reports from . . .

### DERBYSHIRE

#### NEW PRESIDENT

The Derbyshire Association were shocked at the Annual General Meeting by the retirement of President, Fred Moody, who has contributed so much to Derbyshire Table Tennis; but the Meeting elected 'Danny' Blair as President; and Derbyshire can feel proud that they have such a worthy successor to step into Fred's shoes.

The Derbyshire Committee remains much the same as last season, and the only new face is Bill Druce who has taken over as Junior Team Captain.

Alfreton won the Derbyshire Inter-Town League for the first time led by Stuart Morris and Graham Gill, and the Competition seems to be getting closer each year.

#### LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Alfreton	5	3	2	0	36	14	8
Derby	5	2	2	1	29	21	6
Burton	5	3	0	2	21	29	6
Matlock	5	2	1	2	29	21	5
Eastwood	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Buxton	5	0	0	5	7	43	0

Eastwood won Div. 2 and the Junior Division of the League, ahead of Derby in both Divisions on sets average alone.

After an absence of one season, the Derbyshire Challenge Cup returns and Malcolm Hearn will be organising the Competition providing that enough entries are received.

The Derbyshire Closed Championships are scheduled for Jan. 17 at Alfreton Sports Centre, and it is hoped that a sponsor will be found to enable the Derby Junior 2-Star Open to be run at Moor Lane Sports Centre, Derby on April 4, 1982.

# 24th EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS MEJ '81 TOPOLCANY

## ROLL OF HONOUR

### Boys' Team

SWEDEN

### Cadet Boys' Team

ENGLAND

### Boys' Singles

JAN-OVE WALDNER  
(Sweden)

### Boys' Doubles

JONNY AKESSON  
and JAN-OVE WALDNER  
(Sweden)

### Mixed Doubles

JURGEN REBEL and SUSANNE WENZEL  
(Federal Germany)

### Cadet Boys' Singles

ANDREJ MAZUNOV  
(Soviet Union)

### Girls' Team

SOVIET UNION

### Cadet Girls' Team

HUNGARY

### Girls' Singles

FLIURA BULATOVA  
(Soviet Union)

### Girls' Doubles

IOLANTA DANILIVICHUTE  
and ELENA VECHEROK  
(Soviet Union)

### Cadet Girls' Singles

OLGA NEMES  
(Rumania)

who retained the Girls' team title at the final expense of the Czechs.

Praise indeed for England's Cadet Boys and to Hungary's Katalin Bolvari, Szonja Pircsak, Krisztina Gal and Gabriella Bohm who triumphed over the Soviet Union in the Cadet Girls' team final.

Jan-Ove Waldner of Sweden was the winner of the Boys' singles with a final 18, 19 win over Miroslav Broda of Czechoslovakia the counterpart Girls' event being won by Fliura Bulatova of the Soviet Union who beat another host nation player, Marie Hrachova, -10, 17, 18 in the final encounter.

Sweden's Johnny Akesson and Waldner retained their Boys' doubles title by beating the Czechs Miroslav and Vladimir Broda 19, 19 in the final whilst the Girls' doubles title was captured by the Soviet Union's Danilivichute and Vecherok.

The Federal German pairing of Jurgen Rebel and Susanne Wenzel sparkled in winning the Mixed title with a final victory over the luckless Czechs this time represented by Vladislav Broda and Marie Hrachova.

Russia's Andrej Mazunov was the winner of the Cadet Boys' singles beating England's Gleave 19 and 17 and in the counterpart Cadet Girls' event the promise of Rumania's Olga Nemes as displayed in the World Championships in Novi Sad was adequately fulfilled by her final victory, by 12 and 13, over Eva Malmberg of Finland.

From England's point of view there was an excellent atmosphere created throughout the championships with the support afforded by the parents present and also the umpires. Gerald Hammond, Peter Roden, Les Smith and Peter Thorne, who took all the players out for a meal one evening, an evening all the players thoroughly enjoyed and a splendid gesture.

## GOLDEN DAYS

by George R. Yates  
collated from reports by  
Peter Simpson and Donald Parker

For the first time ever in the history of the European Championships, both Youth and Senior, England achieved a gold medal in the team events, this by Billy Gleave and Carl Preat in the Cadet Boys' in Topolcany, Czechoslovakia over the period July 31 - August 9, 1981 in the 24th European Youth Championships.

Additionally, three further medals were won, a bronze by Lisa Bellinger and Susan Collier in the Cadet Girls' team event, a silver by Gleave in the Cadet Boys' singles and a bronze, by Joy Grundy, in the Girls' singles.

As well as these excellent achievements there were several narrow misses. The Girls' team had just to beat Rumania for a medal and narrowly lost 3-2, John Souter lost in both the quarter-finals of the Boys' singles and doubles, while Lisa Bellinger lost in the quarter-final of the Cadet Girls' singles.

The most convincing gold medal won in the whole championships was unquestionably by the England Cadet boys who only dropped one set, and that 19 in the third, when Preat lost to Vasile Florea of Rumania. Gleave was quite superb throughout with no player looking like taking him to three. In the singles he sailed through to the final and was unlucky to lose.

The Boys' team played extremely well and were very ably led by Souter. They improved considerably on performances in the Austrian Junior Open, back in June, and narrowly lost to both Federal Germany and Hungary.

There was also an admirable performance by the Cadet Girls' in the team events with Lisa Bellinger proving herself an excellent

No. 1 and Sue Collier backing her up tremendously beating several notable players. Joy Grundy played extremely well losing only one set in the team events, to Eva Malmberg of Finland, and reaching the semi-final of the singles losing to Marie Hrachova of the host nation.

But all credit to the various winners: to Sweden's Erik Lindh, Jan-Ove Waldner, Niklas Persson, Jonny Akesson and Jorgen Persson who reversed the previous year's defeat in Poznan by beating Czechoslovakia in the Boys' team event and to the Soviet Union's Fliura Bulatova, Iolanta Danilivichute, Elena Vecherok and Irina Zapevalova

## TOPOLCIANSKE TOPSPINY \*

IMPRESSIONS OF AN  
"UNTOUCHABLE'S" JOURNEY TO THE  
EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS  
IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
by ERICA PREAN

Having been to Poznan last year, the first thing that struck me was that the standard in playing depth had improved so much that there is now hardly a gap between the top seniors and the top juniors. For in-



Mrs. Nancy Roy Evans, Hon. General Secretary of the ETTU presenting the Cadet Boys' team medals moving on to the Russians after adorning the chests of Billy Gleave and Carl Preat with n.p.c. Donald Parker holding the coveted trophy.

Photo by Edo Manina, Topolcany.

stance, Erik Lindh who had beaten Xie Saike in Novi Sad was eliminated in the quarter-finals. The Czech boy Javurek, ranked No. 8 among Czechoslovakian Men won "only" the Consolation. The Swede Waldner, winner of the Boys' Singles, was beaten several times in the team event. He is only 15 and made the Semi-finals of the Swedish Closed. The Dutch boy Van Spanje beat all three Czech boys in the team event and the three Czechs are already ranked among the Czechoslovak Seniors.

The second noticable change was that there are more defenders than previously. The Russian Abzhigitov and the Hungarian Leinweber were superb players and our own Billy Gleave had a magnificent tournament in the Cadets.

The third and most important point is that we do not treat the junior game in the professional manner of other top countries. Video machines were in frequent use, trained on likely opponents, and I know that the findings were minutely analysed and absorbed. Notebooks abounded providing a wealth of information both for the present and future. The host nation had leading ranked senior players (Pansky, Ezr, Rak, Pelikanova and others) in the Practice Hall, providing a stream of top class practice for their players, not only sharpening them up but simulating the opponents they were likely to meet. In short they showed the most superb professionalism.

Dates of Championships are known well in advance. To have Junior players arriving at their destination at 2.30 a.m. is disgraceful. The hours on Thursday have to be spent practising and adjusting to the heat which was frequently in the 90's Farenheit. There follows a generally tough opening match on Friday. If you fail to win that match your chance of a medal in the team events will often sink without trace. Last year our Girls' Team of Alison Gordon & Co. won every match bar the second and came ninth!

Juniors have to survive nine gruelling days of play, practice, tension and heat. They get one day off on the Wednesday when they are taken out (though they might just like to rest!). They deserve to arrive at a civilised hour and having given of their best I think departing at 3 a.m. and travelling all night is also unsatisfactory.

We had two Coaches, Peter Simpson doubling as Team Leader. They were over-worked and outnumbered. Once the individual events start there may be three matches and only two Coaches. One of our players started a match without anyone on the bench. This may have been decisive. A third Coach would have been able to step in, he could have taken video film to use at the championships and for our players to learn for next year. By false economy we deprive juniors of reaching their full potential during this learning phase and perhaps undermine their future in the senior game. At the final training camp too there were 19 players and only 2 Coaches. Once again the juniors got nothing like enough play against the seniors.

You might ask why the parents who were present could not step in and perform some of the lesser duties such as running errands and other donkeywork, taking video pictures, making notes, lending vocal and moral support in the arena. After all they had several years of experience as players, officials etc. in the game. Well that is a thorny one . . . For the unenlightened: Parents are non-persons. We are the Untouchables of table tennis.

The English contingent were the only supporters who were not put on the official list — which meant that our letters to Czechoslovakia were ignored, one of our group had visa difficulties, we were completely isolated in that we had no official identification, we made a journey of 35 kms (one hour) twice daily by bus or very expensive taxi if finals finished after 8 p.m.

Czech officials were embarrassed and apologetic. They altered our tickets so that we could use either entrance. There was no way of getting from one side to the other upstairs in the sports centre. We should have counted how many times we climbed up and down the stairs and walked round the outside of the building in 94° Farenheit so that we could watch one of our players.

Before venturing into a foreign country whose language none of us could speak, without the normal backing given by other Associations to their supporters, I asked the E.T.T.A. for a covering letter asking for assistance should we experience any difficulties (I am General Secretary for the Isle of Wight and a National Councillor). Even this small courtesy was refused but in the event the difficulties we owed to our own Association and the Czechs could not have been more pleasant, helpful and puzzled.

Meanwhile the supporters of other countries were accomodated in the local hotel (which we could have been), they waved cheerily to us from the floor of the arena (not for them the tedious climbing up and down several flights of steep stairs), they sat on team benches for finals (ours were sometimes occupied by the "opposition"). Ye Gods — parents on benches? Our children were barely allowed to talk to us.

Because of this blinkered attitude by some of our elected representatives English table tennis is the loser. The parents of the top juniors are "professionals". No one reaches the summit of this competitive sport without thorough training, sacrifice of time and a lot of hard cash. How do you imagine our top players "make" it? By the full backing of their parents and all that entails. Occasionally by other dedicated individuals. The parents of junior players have my admiration — it is time the shabby treatment stopped. There was a time that parents were neither downtrodden nor despised but were appreciated for their contribution. I was interested to read recently an article by Dianne Rowe (in Table Tennis February 1961), I quote "As there was no play during the day we left the hotel to spend it with our parents". On that occasion the twins won the World title.

To return to Topolcany, playing conditions were excellent and so was the organi-

sation. Spectator facilities were not as comfortable as in Poznan. Seating tiers were very steep, legroom was lacking and there was no way of getting from one side to the other. If you were on the right side you got a good view of play. Finals and presentations were very well staged.

We were all extremely proud of our players. Their team spirit was fantastic and this was reflected in their success. When Billy and Carl played in the final against Russia the atmosphere was like a football match. Our Umpires led the chant of "England", "England", and our friends from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and many other countries joined in. Spectator figures often topped 3000.

As for me, I also sacrificed and worked all year to go to Topolcany and untouchable parent I may be but I saw those boys on the rostrum receive their gold medal, watched them raise the Union Jack for the first time in a Junior Team Event, unashamedly sang the National Anthem with Maureen Bradbury, waved my flag as our youngsters won Gold - Cadet Team Event: Billy Gleave & Carl Preatn,

Silver - Cadet Individual: Billy Gleave,  
Bronze - Cadet Team Event: Lisa Bellinger & Susan Collier,

Bronze - Girls' Individual: Joy Grundy.

There were other triumphs like John Souter's and Phil Bradbury's play in the Team Events, Adrian Moore beating Aronyosi, etc. From my seat in the leper colony I was proud of them all and glad that in the face of so much official discouragement I journeyed to Topolcany in the year 1981.

\* title taken from the Czech newspaper "Sport".

## RESULTS

### Boys' Singles Round 4:

N. Persson (SWE) bt A. K. Fejer (RUM) 13, 15;  
M. Broda (CZE) bt J. Persson (SWE) 18, 19;  
M. Abzhigitov (USS) bt J. Akesson (SWE) 17, 15;  
J. Souter (ENG) bt E. Guilbert (FRA) 21, -19, 19;  
V. Broda (CZE) bt D. Palmi (AUT) 16, 19;  
J-C. Waldner (SWE) bt T. Nagy (CZE) 16, 13;  
V. Dvorak (USS) bt P. Krosiak (CZE) -17, 19, 9;  
E. Lindh (SWE) bt E. Florescu (RUM) 16, 15.

### Quarter-finals:

M. Broda bt Persson -12, 14, 13;  
Abzhigitov bt Souter 11, 9;  
Waldner bt V. Broda 18, 24;  
Dvorak bt Lindh -11, 13, 16.

### Semi-finals:

Broda bt Abzhigitova 16, 15;  
Waldner bt Dvorak 19, 14.

### Final:

WALDNER bt Broda 18, 19.

### Girls' Singles Round 3:

M. Hrachova (CZE) bt E. Vecherok (USS) 18, -16, 11;  
S. Wenzel (GFR) bt B. Lippens (BEL) 15 15;  
J. Grundy (ENG) bt C. Batorfi (HUN) 19, 16;  
S. Grefberg (FIN) bt B. Wiltche (AUT) 19, 16;  
I. Zapevalova (USS) bt A. Ullmann (GFR) -20, 18, 17;  
D. Guergueltcheva (BUL) bt R. Pravdikova (CZE) 19, 16;  
I. Bolvari (HUN) bt M. Kocova (CZE) 16, 18;  
F. Bulatova (USS) bt A. Leitgeb (AUT) 15, 12.

### Quarter-finals:

Hrachova bt Wenzel 11, 8;  
Grundy bt Grefberg 17, 17;  
Zapevalova bt Guergueltcheva 18, 19;  
Bulatova bt Bolvari 9, 10.

### Semi-finals:

Hrachova bt Grundy 19, 16;  
Bulatova bt Zapevalova 17, -21, 11.

### Final:

BULATOVA bt Hrachova -10, 17, 18.

### Boys' Doubles Quarter-finals:

Akesson/Waldner bt Abzhigitov/I. Nazarchuk (USS) 21, 13;  
J. Javurek (CZE)/Krosiak bt J. Rebel/B. Sonntag (GFR) 16 18;

K. Gollnow/F. Heggenberger (GFR) bt P. Aranyosi/  
Z. Kaposztas (HUN) 12, -17, 12;

M. and V. Broda bt P. Bradbury (ENG)/Souter 12, 13.

### Semi-finals:

Akesson/Waldner bt Javurek/Krosiak 20, -18, 14;  
Broda/Broda bt Gollnow/Heggenberger 14, 18.

### Final:

AKESSON/WALDNER bt Broda/Broda 19, 19.

### Girls' Doubles Quarter-finals:

Grefberg/E. Malmberg (FIN) bt T. Krsnik/V. Ojstersek  
(YUG) 16, 20;

I. Danilavichute (USS)/Vechorok bt M. Albou/O. Nemes  
(RUM) 18, 12;

Bolvari/Wenzel bt Guergueltcheva/V. Staleva (BUL)  
14, -17, 16;

Hrachova/Kocova bt Lippens/K. Van Camp 15, 15.

### Semi-finals:

Danilavichute/Vechorok bt Grefberg/Malmberg 14, 17;  
Hrachova/Kocova bt Bolvari/Wenzel -17, 15 21.

### Final:

DANILAVICHUTE/VECHEROK bt Hrachova/Kocova  
-14, 16, 16.



All hands on the trophy won by England's Billy Gleave and Carl Preatn under the captaincy of Donald Parker on the rostrum at Topolcany.

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**Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:**  
V. Broda/Hrachova bt E. Svetlichny/F. Khasanova (USS) 19, 9;  
S. Soderberg (FIN)/Grefbeg bt Nagy/G. Navarova (CZE) 20, -18, 11;  
Rebel/Wenzel bt Krosiak/Kocova 15, 11;  
Abzhigitov/Bulatova bt M. Pyykko (FIN)/Malmberg 5, 6.

**Semi-finals:**  
Broda/Hrachova bt Soderberg/Grefberg 15, 9;  
Rebel/Wenzel bt Abzhigitov/Bulatova 17, 18.

**Final:**  
REBEL/WENZEL bt Broda/Hrachova 17, 19.

**Cadet Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:**  
T. Miller (SWE) bt A. Thulin (SWE) 17, -19, 9;  
W. Gleave (ENG) bt C. Toma (RUM) 8, 11;  
I. Lupulesku (YUG) bt A. Krenhardt (HUN) 21, -17, 18;  
A. Mazunov (USS) bt V. Florea (RUM) 14, -14, 17.

**Semi-finals:**  
Gleave bt Miller 18, 10;  
Mazunov bt Lupulesku 19, 9.

**Final:**  
MAZUNOV bt Gleave 19, 17.

**Cadet Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:**  
Nemes bt Ojstersek 18, 13;  
K. Bolari (HUN) bt L. Bellinger (ENG) 14, 14;  
T. Krsnik (YUG) bt K. Gal (HUN) 18, 19;  
Malmberg bt Khasanova 13, 18.

**Semi-finals:**  
Nemes bt Bolvari 12, 13;  
Malmberg bt Krsnik 10, -13, 16.

**Final:**  
NEMES bt Malmberg 12, 13.

**Boys' Consolation Singles Quarter-finals:**  
D. Campbell (SCO) bt E. Noor (NET) 2-1;  
T. Cabrera (BEL) bt M. Frommel (AUT) 2-0;  
J. Javurek (CZE) bt T. Karner (AUT) 2-1;  
C. Prean (ENG) bt D. Kabacinski (POL) 2-0.

**Semi-finals:**  
Cabrera bt Campbell 2-1;  
Javurek bt Prean 2-0.

**Final:**  
JAVUREK bt Cabrera 2-0.

**Girls' Consolation Singles Semi-finals:**  
S. Dahl (SWE) bt M. Weizades (SWE) 2-0;  
Alboiu bt M. Kloppenburg (NET) 2-0.

**Final:**  
DAHL bt Alboiu 2-1.

### ENGLISH RESULTS

**Boys' Singles Round 1:**  
A. Moore lost to Z. Podlesnik (YUG) 18, -14, -19;  
P. Bradbury bt D. Vejnovic (YUG) -20, 9, 13;  
J. Souter bt S. Renold (SWI) 15, 10;  
M. Oakley bt N. Berberidis (GRE) 5, 14.

**Round 2:**  
Bradbury lost to D. Palmi (AUT) -22, 20, -14;  
Souter bt T. Altinok (TUR) -11, 12, 12;  
Oakley bt E. Angenent (NET) 12, 16.

**Round 3:**  
Oakley lost to E. Florescu (RUM) -16, -14;  
Souter bt Z. Stepanek (CZE) 15, 24.

**Round 4:**  
Souter bt E. Guilbert (FRA) 21, -19, 19.

**Quarter-final:**  
Souter lost to M. Abshigitov (USS) -11, -8.

**Cadet Boys' Singles Round 1:**  
C. Prean bye;  
W. Gleave bye.

**Round 2:**  
Prean lost to A. Mazunov (USS) -18, -17;  
Gleave bt P. Von Heiroth (FIN) 9, 16.

**Round 3:**  
Gleave bt T. Von Scheele (SWE) 10, 19.

**Quarter-final:**  
Gleave bt C. Toma (RUM) 8, 11.

**Semi-final:**  
Gleave bt T. Miller (SWI) 18, 10.

**Final:**  
Gleave lost to Mazunov -13, -17.

**Boys' Doubles Round 1:**  
Moore/Oakley lost to J. Javurek/P. Krosiak (CZE) -13, -19;  
Bradbury/Souter bt G. Casey/A. Walshe (IRE) 9, 17;  
Gleave/Prean bt V. Florea (RUM)/Florescu 14, -10, 17.

**Round 2:**  
Bradbury/Souter bt R. Garcia-Ziensen/H. Wirkner (GFR) -10, 14, 11;  
Gleave/Prean bt T. Nagy (CZE)/Stepanek 9, 18.

**Round 3:**  
Gleave/Prean lost to Abzhigitov/I. Nazarchuk (USS) -11, -19;  
Bradbury/Souter bt D. Campbell/G. Docherty (SCO) 12, -20, 20.

**Quarter-final:**  
Bradbury/Souter lost to M. Broda/V. Broda (CZE) -12, -13.

**Mixed Doubles Round 1:**  
Prean/L. Bellinger lost to S. Soderberg/S. Grefberg (FIN) -11, -17;  
Bradbury/J. Parker lost to J. Persson/B. Wiktorsson (SWE) -17, -18;  
Moore/S. Collier lost to W. Wielgosinski/J. Kawalek (POL) -9, 13, -17;  
Souter/J. Bellinger bt D. Kabacinski/M. Wojcik (POL) -14, 19, 20;  
Oakley/J. Grundy bt G. Yaldiz/S. Dogan (TUR) -18, 14, 12.

**Round 2:**  
Souter/J. Bellinger bt J. Harkamp/C. Frederiksen (DEN) 16, 18;  
Oakley/Grundy bt T. Cabrera/K. Bogaerts (BEL) 16, 16.

**Round 3:**  
Souter/Bellinger bt Angenent/D. Keen (NET) 12, 16;  
Oakley/Grundy bt J-O. Waldner/M. Svensson (SWE) 19, 16.

**Round 4:**  
Souter/Bellinger lost to V. Broda/M. Hrachova (CZE) -19, -20;  
Oakley/Grundy lost to J. Rebel/S. Wenzel (GFR) 19, -19, -11.

**Girls' Singles Qualifying Round:**  
J. Bellinger bt M. Olsthoorn (NET) 19, 12.

**Round 1:**  
J. Bellinger lost to M. Monteux (FRA) 16, -5, -16;  
J. Parker lost to D. Guerscheltcheva (BUL) -14, -9;  
J. Grundy bt P. Eliasson (SWE) -11, 15, 13.

**Round 2:**  
Grundy bt G. Navarova (CZE) -14, 20, 17.

**Round 3:**  
Grundy bt C. Batorfi (HUN) 13, 16.

**Quarter-final:**  
Grundy bt Grefberg 18, 18.

**Semi-final:**  
Grundy lost to Hrachova -19, -15.

**Cadet Girls' Singles Round 1:**  
S. Collier bt R. Schaus (LUX) 7, 9.

**Round 2:**  
Collier bt Z. Valentova (CZE) -17, 10, 20;  
L. Bellinger bt G. Zampini (ITA) -16, 21, 17.

**Round 3:**  
Collier lost to K. Gal (HUN) -14, -15;  
Bellinger bt N. Dekein (GFR) 18, 17.

**Quarter-final:**  
Bellinger lost to K. Bolvari (HUN) -14, -14.

**Girls' Doubles Round 1:**  
Collier/Olsthoorn lost to S. Eriksson/B. Wiktorsson (SWE) -19, -17;  
Grundy/Parker lost to K. Bolvari/S. Pircsak (HUN) -18, -10;

Bellinger/Bellinger bt S. Dahl/Svensson (SWE) 14, -16, 20.

**Round 2:**  
Bellinger/Bellinger bt M. Erentsen/A. H. Skutle (NOR) 16, 12.

**Round 3:**  
Bellinger/Bellinger lost to I. Bolvari (HUN)/Wenzel -9, -20.

# Cover Picture

Cheshire's Sale Moor starlet Billy Gleave who, with Carl Pream of the Isle of Wight, took the Gold Medal award for England in the Cadet Boys' team event in the 24th European Youth Championships at Topolcany.

Gleave went on to take the Silver Medal in the Cadet Boys' singles being beaten 19, 17 in the final by Andrej Mazunov of the Soviet Union.

## WELL DONE

Congratulations to Gordon Shields, table tennis secretary of the Jubilee Social Club — they run three teams in the Bolton League — who, at Stoke Mandeville in the National Games for the disabled, won three gold medals for the North-west area. They were for wins in table tennis, the 60 metres dash and weighted club throwing — all from the confines of a wheelchair! Well done, Gordon.

## COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

During the 36th World Championships in Novi Sad, India was given the option to hold the 6th Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships. In pursuance of this decision the Table Tennis Federation of India will organise the Championships in Bombay from Feb. 3rd to 9th, 1982 subject to the entry being worthwhile.

## MIKE DOWN UNDER

Mike Johns, the former English international of Cheshire fame and currently Australia's national coach, now resides at 46 Hotham Grove, Elsternwick, Victoria 3185. Evidently there are vacancies for qualified English T.T. coaches who should contact Mike.

## CADET GIRLS

- 1 HUNGARY (3)
- 2 Soviet Union (1)
- 3 Yugoslavia (7)
- 4 England (10)
- 5 Rumania (2)
- 6 Czechoslovakia (5)
- 7 Sweden (4)
- 8 Federal Germany (13)
- 9 Poland (11)
- 10 Netherlands (8)
- 11 Italy (18)
- 12 Belgium (17)
- 13 Finland (15)
- 14 Austria (6)
- 15 France (14)
- 16 Denmark (16)
- 17 Norway (19)
- 18 Luxembourg (—)
- 19 Spain (20)
- Nil Entry
- Turkey (9)
- Bulgaria (12)
- Nil Entry Previously (Poznan)
- Greece (15)

## ENGLISH TEAM RESULTS

### BOYS

- v Italy (won 3-0)**
- P. Bradbury bt S. Pero -19, 11, 12;
- J. Souter bt S. Lama 20, 12;
- M. Oakley bt A. Silveri 14, -14, 18;
- Souter bt Pero 20, -15, 19;
- Bradbury bt Silvero 19, 13.
- v Federal Germany (lost 3-5)**
- Bradbury bt F. Heggenberger 20, 19;
- Souter bt B. Sonntag 17, -16, 19;
- Oakley lost to J. Rebel 16, -14, -11;
- Souter bt Heggenberger 18, -15, 14;
- Bradbury lost to Rebel -13, -22, -14;
- Oakley lost to Sonntag -16, -18;
- Souter lost to Rebel 16, -14, -15;
- Oakley lost to Heggenberger -17, 15, -17.
- v Belgium (won 5-1)**
- Bradbury bt L. Cabrera 11, 16;
- A. Moore lost to T. Cabrera -14, 19, -13;
- Souter bt M. Rosseel 16, -15, 11;
- Bradbury bt T. Cabrera 13, -20, 13;
- Souter bt L. Cabrera 12, 16;
- Moore bt Rosseel -15, 11, 18.
- v Hungary (lost 4-5)**
- Bradbury lost to J. Leinweber -15, 16, -22;
- Moore lost to Z. Kaposztas -11, -8;
- Souter lost to P. Aranyosi -11, -24;
- Bradbury lost to Kaposztas -18, -8;
- Souter bt Leinweber -15, 10, 11;
- Moore bt Aranyosi 17, -20, 12;
- Souter bt Kaposztas 18, -19, 19;
- Bradbury bt Aranyosi -5, 20, 12;
- Moore lost to Leinweber -12, -4.
- v Sweden (lost 1-5)**
- Oakley lost to N. Persson -15, -13;
- Souter lost to J-O. Waldner -19, -20;
- Bradbury lost to E. Lindh -16, -17;
- Souter bt Persson 14, 10;
- Oakley lost to Lindh -16, -21;
- Bradbury lost to Waldner -16, 12, -20.
- v Finland (won 5-0)**
- Bradbury bt S. Soderberg 20, 11;
- Souter bt M. Wahlstrom -18, 13, 20;
- Oakley bt M. Pyykko 16, -14, 19;
- Souter bt Soderberg -19, 11, 12;
- Bradbury bt Pyykko 19, 14.
- v Yugoslavia (won 5-0)**
- Bradbury bt M. Maran 9, 18;
- Souter bt D. Vojnovic 15, -21, 15;
- Oakley bt Z. Podlesnik 15, 22;
- Souter bt Maran 11, -15, 19;
- Bradbury bt Podlesnik 10, 16.

### GIRLS

- v Italy (won 3-1)**
- J. Bellinger bt M. Cergol 15, -9, 16;
- J. Grundy bt R. Mauriello 11, 19;
- Grundy/J. Parker lost to Cergol/Mauriello -19, -17;
- Grundy bt Cergol 26, 16.
- v Sweden (won 3-2)**
- Grundy bt M. Weizades -18, 17, 16;
- Bellinger bt P. Eliasson -18, 18, 18;
- Grundy/Parker lost to S. Dahl/Weizades -16, 12, -16;
- Bellinger lost to Weizades -16, -15;
- Grundy bt Eliasson 12, 17.
- v Turkey (won 3-0)**
- Parker bt S. Dogan 13, 10;
- Bellinger bt N. Kabadayni 18, 16;
- Grundy/Parker bt Dogan/Kabadayni 9, 12.
- v Bulgaria (won 3-2)**
- Parker lost to D. Guergueltcheva -19, -20;
- Grundy bt V. Staleva 8, 14;
- Grundy/Parker lost to Guergueltcheva/Staleva 16, -12, -10;
- Grundy bt Guergueltcheva 18, 19;
- Parker bt Staleva 17, -15, 17.
- v Rumania (lost 2-3)**
- Parker lost to M. Alboiu -11, -14;
- Grundy bt J. Borbely -19, 16, 16;
- Grundy/Parker lost to Alboiu/Borbely -13, -13;
- Grundy bt Alboiu -17, 15, 19;
- Parker lost to Borbely -8 -14.
- v Finland (lost 0-3)**
- Grundy lost to E. Malmberg -19, -17;
- Parker lost to Grefberg -8, 18, -17;
- Grundy/Parker lost to Grefberg/Malmberg -17, -19.
- v Hungary (lost 0-3)**
- Parker lost to E. Urban 15, -18, -5;
- Bellinger lost to I. Bolvari -2, -9;
- Grundy/Parker lost to Bolvari/Urban -16, -15.

### CADET BOYS

- v Ireland (won 3-0)**
- C. Pream bt G. Casey 10, 6;
- W. Gleave bt C. Inglis 21, 10;
- Gleave/Pream bt Casey/Inglis 9, 11.

- v Czechoslovakia (won 3-0)**
- Gleave bt R. Cinner 15, 11;
- Pream bt M. Bezicek 21, 10;
- Gleave/Pream bt Bezicek/Cinner 20, 19.
- v Austria (won 3-0)**
- Pream bt T. Bauer 4, 8;
- Gleave bt H. Seyer 10, 15;
- Gleave/Pream bt T. Bauer/W. Bauer 5, 11.
- v Spain (won 3-0)**
- Gleave bt J. Pi 9, 18;
- Pream bt S. Llaveria 18, 13;
- Gleave/Pream bt Llaveria/Pi 12, -14, 13.
- v Rumania (won 3-1)**
- Gleave bt C. Toma 7, 4;
- Pream lost to V. Florea -18, 17, -19;
- Gleave/Pream bt Florea/Toma 16, -18, 13;
- Gleave bt Florea 10, 19.
- v Federal Germany (won 3-0)**
- Gleave bt H. Wirkner 9, 8;
- Pream bt M. Stephen 12, 18;
- Gleave/Pream bt R. Garcia-Ziemsens/Wirkner 15, 18.
- v Soviet Union (won 3-0)**
- Gleave bt E. Svetlichny 11, 14;
- Pream bt A. Mazunov 22 18;
- Gleave/Pream bt Mazunov/Svetlichny -13, 17, 19.

## CADET GIRLS

- v Italy (won 3-0)**
- L. Bellinger bt L. Vignola 7 17;
- S. Collier bt G. Zampini 12, 14;
- Bellinger/Collier bt Vignola/Zampini 19, 11.
- v Norway (won 3-0)**
- Bellinger bt L. Mani 11, 8;
- Collier bt A. H. Skutle 7, 11;
- Bellinger/Collier bt Mani/Skutle 13, 17.
- v Soviet Union (lost 1-3)**
- Collier lost to E. Kovtun -21, -16;
- Bellinger bt F. Khasanova 20, -14, 16;
- Bellinger/Collier lost to Khasanova/Kovtun -16, -16;
- Bellinger lost to Kovtun -15, 18, -15.
- v Netherlands (won 3-2)**
- Bellinger lost to D. Keen -19, -22;
- Collier lost to E. Bakker 11, -12, -11;
- Bellinger/Collier bt Bakker/Keen 11, 11;
- Bellinger bt Bakker 12, 14;
- Collier bt Keen 13, 18.
- v Czechoslovakia (won 3-1)**
- Bellinger bt D. Egidova 18, -18, 14;
- Collier bt Z. Valentova 17, 14;
- Bellinger/Collier lost to Egidova/Valentova -13, -14;
- Bellinger bt Valentova 18, 12.
- v Sweden (won 3-1)**
- Bellinger bt Wiktorsson 15, 16;
- Collier lost to M. Svensson -14, -17;
- Bellinger/Collier bt Svensson/Wiktorsson 9, 13;
- Bellinger bt Svensson 16, 21.
- v Yugoslavia (lost 2-3)**
- Collier lost to T. Krnsnik 22, -15, -13;
- Bellinger bt V. Ojstersek 17, 14;
- Bellinger/Collier lost to Krnsnik/Ojstersek -16, -15;
- Bellinger bt Krnsnik 12, 17;
- Collier lost to Ojstersek -13, -12.

## ENGLAND INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

### BOYS

Souter	Bradbury	Oakley	Moore	F	A	Opponents
2-0	2-0	1-0		5	0	Italy
2-1	1-1	0-3		3	5	Federal Germany
2-0	2-0		1-1	5	1	Belgium
2-1	1-2		1-2	4	5	Hungary
1-1	0-2	0-2		1	5	Sweden
2-0	2-0	1-0		5	0	Finland
2-0	2-0	1-0		5	0	Yugoslavia
13-3	10-5	3-5	2-3	28	16	

### GIRLS

J. Grundy	J. Bellinger	J. Parker	Grundy/Parker	F	A	Opponents
2-0	1-0		0-1	3	1	Italy
2-0	1-1		0-1	3	2	Sweden
2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Turkey
2-0		1-1	0-1	3	2	Bulgaria
2-0		0-2	0-1	2	3	Rumania
0-1		0-1	0-1	0	3	Finland
	0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3	Hungary
8-1	3-2	2-5	1-6	14	14	

### CADET BOYS

W. Gleave	C. Pream	Gleave/Pream	F	A	Opponents
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Ireland
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Czechoslovakia
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Austria
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Spain
2-0	0-1	1-0	3	1	Rumania
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Federal Germany
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Soviet Union
8-0	6-1	7-0	21	1	

### CADET GIRLS

L. Bellinger	S. Collier	Bellinger/Collier	F	A	Opponents
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Italy
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Norway
1-1	0-1	0-1	1	3	Soviet Union
1-1	1-1	1-0	3	2	Netherlands
2-0	1-0	0-1	3	1	Czechoslovakia
2-0	0-1	1-0	3	1	Sweden
2-0	0-2	0-1	2	3	Yugoslavia
10-2	4-5	4-3	18	10	

# Tyneside Summer League Closed

by Pauline Long

The men's title went to Tony Gelder, who defeated Northumberland's Martin Young in the final. Martin had beaten the No. 1 seed, Nigel Jobling in the semis, while Tony had got the better of Phil Stewart. Dave Godbold and Cliff Olsson took the men's doubles with a narrow victory over Jobling and Young. The women's singles final became an all-Durham affair when Margaret Morley (née Cuthbertson) defeated Pauline Jackson and Julie Smith beat Clare Mouzon in the semi-finals. Margaret went on to narrowly beat Julie in two close games, and the same two women combined to win the doubles over the two losing singles semi-finalists. The men's team event also became an all-Durham affair, with Godbold and Olsson just beating Gelder and Alan Thompson in an exciting match.

## RESULTS

### Men's Singles:

A. GELDER bt M. Young -14, 15, 9.

### Women's Singles:

M. MORLEY bt J. Smith 18, 18.

### Men's Doubles:

D. GODBOLD/C. OLSSON bt Young/  
N. Jobling 18, -14, 18.

### Women's Doubles:

MORLEY/SMITH bt P. Jackson/C. Mouzon  
11, 19.

### Men's Team:

GODBOLD/OLSSON bt Gelder/  
A. Thompson 2-1.

### Div. 1 Singles:

D. WILLIAMSON bt M. Tate -17, 17, 15.

### Div. 2 Singles:

A. MATTHEWSON bt R. Scott 15, 14.

### Div. 3 Singles:

P. SOLOMON bt J. Bradley -12, 19, 21.

### Div. 4 Singles:

R. HURREN bt P. Curry 19, -14, 17.

### Junior Boys' Singles:

MATTHEWSON bt D. Maughan 20, 21.

### Junior Girls' Singles (Group):

1 J. DRAPKIN, 2 D. Campbell.

### Junior Doubles:

MAUGHAN/TATE bt Matthewson/  
G. Watson 12, 22.

### Junior Team:

1 MAUGHAN/TATE, 2 Matthewson/Watson.

### Cadet Boys' Singles:

CURRY bt A. T. Drapkin 19, 15.

### Cadet Girls' Singles (Group):

1 DRAPKIN, 2 Campbell.

### Cadet Doubles:

CURRY/D. WATSON bt W. Shakoor/  
E. Smith 20, -18, 19.

### Cadet Team:

CURRY/WATSON bt Shakoor/Smith 2-0.

### U-11 Singles (Group):

1 WATSON, 2 P. Potts.

and then Kings Lynn and so on. Unfortunately, the Germans proved to be too strong on the day and ran out winners 10-3. So far, in four meetings for this Trophy, it has been won by the home side — perhaps there is some significance in that!

Sunday morning we were taken to a new .22 rifle range built to Olympic standards and which has only just been opened. We were only allowed to use the 25M range but there were some quite good results. After lunch we were given the chance to see the town from the air with the local Gliding Club, and this was very enjoyable particularly with the good weather. In the evening we played another T.T. match but this time it was a friendly when all the players in the party had a game, but once again we were taken apart.

However, the disappointment in the results is soon forgotten, as on both evenings we were taken out and entertained until the early hours of the mornings. One thing we did manage to win, however, was a drinking contest and that we were very pleased and surprised about!

The hospitality we receive in Emmerich is absolutely marvellous and we always have a great time. Although we always hope to win the Trophy each year, and the rivalry and competition on the table between the two teams is very keen, the friendship that has built up between the two groups is tremendous, and it's this which really makes the exchanges worthwhile. I am sure and certainly hope that there are other clubs or associations in England who have had similar experiences to us.

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## Letter to the Editor

### WORTHWHILE EXCHANGE

On Friday evening, May 8, a party from Kings Lynn T.T.A. set off from Kings Lynn and arrived in our twin town, Emmerich, in West Germany at about noon on Saturday: about two hours late. This was the third visit for some of us, but the first for others and one thing which struck the latter particularly was the cleanliness of the town.

The afternoon, after lunch with our hosts, was quite relaxing as the weather was hot, and most of us went bowling. In the evening, the match for the "Wanderpokal" was played. This trophy was donated by the Stadtdirector of Emmerich Dr. H. Ebben, to be played for annually, once in Emmerich

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Due to the non-availability of the venue on the intended dates at the end of August the 2nd WORLD CUP T.T. CHAMPIONSHIP was brought forward by three weeks, which caused the withdrawal of the Novi Sad semi-finalists Stellan Bengtsson and Dragutin Surbek and also Desmond Douglas to severely weaken the European challenge as John Hilton had not accepted the original invitation as he was moving house to Germany during August. Mikael Appelgren (Sweden), Kumeda Yoshitaka (Japan) and Xie Saike (China) were drafted in as their replacements. The many changes necessitated a re-drawing of the preliminary groups:

#### Group A

Guo Yuehua (China)  
Andrej Grubba (Poland)  
Mikael Appelgren (Sweden)  
Paul Pinkewich (Australia)

#### Group B

Tibor Klampar (Hungary)  
Milan Orlovski (Czechoslovakia)  
Park Lee Hee (Republic of Korea)  
Eboh Sunday (Nigeria)

#### Group C

Xie Saike (China)  
Istvan Jonyer (Hungary)  
Kumeda Yoshitaka (Japan)  
Aristides Franca (Brazil)

#### Group D

Shi Zhihao (China)  
Seiji Ono (Japan)  
Zoran Kosanovic (Canada)  
Tay Tong Kee (Malaysia)

The venue was the National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia. It was a circular stadium with steeply rising seating, individually air-conditioned in the VIP and top priced (£4) blocks. The fans high up in the roof did little to ease the stifling equatorial heat and humidity for the players out in the centre under the TV lights.

The playing format was four groups of four with the top two in each group going forward to the knock-out Quarter-finals to contest the top 8 places and the bottom two in each group playing off for places 9 to 16. There were six long sessions of 8 matches on one table with each of the 16 players participating in one match. All matches were 'best of 3' except for the semi-finals and final which were 'best of 5'.

The first day went as expected but on the second day Andrej Grubba caused a sensation by defeating the holder — World Champion Guo Yuehua -20, 11 and 18. The four group winners were Grubba, Klampar, Xie Saike and Shi Zhihao with Guo Yuehua, Orlovski, Jonyer and Ono as runners-up. These 8 players were re-drawn into the Quarter-finals and by a remarkable coincidence this resulted in the 1st and 2nd in each group playing each other again for

the 4 semi-final places. The young Polish star — Grubba — could not repeat his victory over Guo Yuehua, going down -16, 16, -14, but the other group winners went through.

Kuala Lumpur was en fete on Sunday, 2 August, the citizens celebrating Hari Raya Puasa — the major Moslem festival of the year at the end of the Feast of Ramadan, as in the blazing heat of mid-afternoon Tibor Klampar played Shi Zhihao in the first semi-final. The Hungarian was in good form and took the first two games at 17, then dropped the third; however he ran away in the fourth to 12-4 but the Chinese narrowed the gap to 16-13 before Klampar won a place in the Final 21-15. In the other semi-final Guo Yuehua and his compatriot Xie Saike battled out the full 5 games; Guo, 1-2 down, won the fourth 23-21 from 17-20 down, but Xie Saike overwhelmed the World Champion in the fifth to win 21-10.

The Final in the evening was a pulsating affair with the predominately Malaysian Chinese crowd, wanting to see a Chinese victory at all costs, vociferously supporting the 19-year-old left-handed pengripper Xie Saike whilst only your scribe and a few others endeavoured to give the European some encouragement. The first two games went quickly to Xie 10 and 13 with Klampar vainly trying to find the sureness of touch he had shown in the afternoon against Shi. Into the third game with Klampar getting more of the play and managing to keep up with Xie. At 18 all Klampar's '3rd ball' smash hit the post and flipped off — 18-19. A brief rally, Klampar smashes, Xie's return goes away — 19-19. Then a weak Klampar backhand return of service flies off the end and the first match point to Xie — 19-20. Tibor serves a chopped backhand down the centre, Xie hits to the Hungarian's body, Klampar snaps a backhand which Xie returns wide to Klampar's forehand, the crowd roaring at every Chinese stroke,

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Klampar jumps across and smashes straight down the line well out of Xie's reach — 20-all.

The atmosphere is now electric. Xie serves short and Klampar's defensive push rears up and off — 20-21. Another match point to Xie. Klampar serves cross court, Xie returns to the backhand, Klampar drives to Xie's forehand, Xie returns high and off — 21-all. Xie serves again and hits the '3rd ball' which Klampar backhands into the net — 21-22. The Hungarian serves amidst the deafening clamour of the partisan crowd. Xie drives wide to the forehand but Klampar counter-hits and Xie puts the ball into the net — a third match point saved — 22-all.

It was now the critical point in the match and the greater experience of the Hungarian — playing shots which only he is capable of — forced his young opponent twice into error to win the game 24-22. Xie Saikie led early in the Fourth but Klampar, now inspired, countered all Xie could throw at him, and snap hitting down the sidelines with great accuracy raced away to 20-14 and took the game at 21-17 to level the scoreline.

Xie again got away to a good start in the Fifth to lead 7-2 but Klampar could not be denied and he equalised at 11. The crucial point came when Klampar won all five serves to go from 12-13 to 17-13 with Xie making the errors as his nervousness became apparent. Klampar kept up the pressure to lead 19-14, three smashes by Xie and a cross court drive by Klampar failing to find the table brought Xie Saikie back into contention at 19-18 Klampar serves into Xie's body, Xie nets the return — 20-13. Klampar serve a high one down the left-hand side to within an inch of the sideline, Xie pushes back short, Klampar does the same, then Xie's second push falls beyond the table — 21-18. Tibor Klampar had won the title and the MS 30,000 (£7500) prize which he celebrated with ecstatic leaps high into the air.

END NOTE: The Bahasa Malay for 'TABLE TENNIS' is 'PING PONG'!

## RESULTS

### SESSION 1

Group	Match	Game
A	Guo Yuehua bt Appelgren 15, 16;	
B	Klampar bt Orlovski 12, 11;	
C	Xie Saikie bt Yoshitaka -21, 7, 15;	
D	Shi Zhihao bt Ono 9, -11, 17;	
B	Park Lee Hee bt Sunday 15, 10;	
C	Jonyer bt Franca 15, 12;	
D	Kosanovic bt Tay Tong Kee 12, 11;	
A	Grubba bt Pinkewich 18, 16.	

### SESSION 2

B	Klampar bt Sunday 15, 7;
C	Franca bt Yoshitaka 18, 15;
D	Shi Zhihao bt Kosanovic 11, 16;
A	Grubba bt Guo Yuehua -20, 11 18;
B	Orlovski bt Park Lee Hee 15, 18;
C	Xie Saikie bt Jonyer 11, 17;
D	Ono bt Tay Tong Kee 17, 15;
A	Appelgren bt Pinkewich 14, 16.

### SESSION 3

C	Xie Saikie bt Franca 9, 12;
D	Ono bt Kosanovic 11, 17;
A	Guo Yuehua bt Pinkewich 10, 11;
B	Klampar bt Park Lee Hee 16, 17;
D	Shi Zhihao bt Tay Tong Kee 16, 20;
A	Grubba bt Appelgren 14, -17, 18;
B	Orlovski bt Sunday 8, 7;
C	Yoshitaka bt Jonyer -7, 19, 13;

### RESULTS OF GROUP MATCHES SESSION 1, 2 & 3

Group A	1	2	3	4	Match Game				Pos.
					W	L	W	L	
1 Guo Yuehua		1-2	2-0	2-0	2	1	5	2	2
2 Grubba	2-1		2-1	2-0	3	0	6	2	1
3 Appelgren	0-2	1-2		2-0	1	2	3	4	3
4 Pinkewich	0-2	0-2	0-2		0	3	0	6	4

Group B	1	2	3	4	Match Game				Pos.
					W	L	W	L	
1 Klampar		2-0	2-0	2-0	3	0	6	0	1
2 Orlovski	0-2		2-0	2-0	2	1	4	2	2
3 Park Lee Hee	0-2	0-2		2-0	1	2	3	4	3
4 Sunday	0-2	0-2	0-2		0	3	0	6	4

Group C	1	2	3	4	Match Game				Pos.
					W	L	W	L	
1 Xie Saikie		2-0	2-1	2-0	3	0	6	1	1
2 Jonyer	0-2		1-2	2-0	1	2	3	4	2
3 Yoshitaka	1-2	2-1		0-2	1	2	3	5	4
4 N. A. Franca	0-2	0-2	2-0		1	2	2	4	3

Group D	1	2	3	4	Match Game				Pos.
					W	L	W	L	
1 Shi Zhihao		2-1	2-0	2-0	3	0	6	1	1
2 Ono	1-2		2-0	2-0	2	1	5	2	2
3 Kosanovic	0-2	0-2		2-0	1	2	2	4	3
4 Tay Tong Kee	0-2	0-2	0-2		0	3	0	6	4

### PRELIMINARY ROUND POSITION

Group	Positions
A	1 Grubba
A	2 Guo Yuehua
B	1 Klampar
B	2 Orlovski
C	1 Xie Saikie
C	2 Jonyer
D	1 Shi Zhihao
D	2 Ono

These players go into Final Round for placing 1-8.

Group	Positions
A	3 Appelgren
A	4 Pinkewich
B	3 Park Lee Hee
B	4 Sunday
C	3 Franca
C	4 Yoshitaka
D	3 Kosanovic
D	4 Tay Tong Kee

This group competes for positions 9-16.

### SESSION 4

Q1/Shi Zhihao bt Q2/Ono 18, -20, 17;
Q4/Klampar bt Q3/Orlovski 18, 15;
Q6/Guo Yuehua bt Q5/Grubba 16, -16, 14;
Q8/Xie Saikie bt Q7/Jonyer 12, 18;
B3/Park Lee Hee bt A3/Appelgren 12, 12;

D3/Kosanovic bt C3/Franca 14, 16;  
B4/Sunday bt A4/Pinkewich 23, 14;  
C4/Yoshitaka bt D4/Tay Tong Kee 18, 16.

### SESSION 5

Orlovski bt Ono 15, 6;
Grubba bt Jonyer 19, 16;
Klampar bt Shi Zhihao 17, 17, -17, 15;
Xie Saikie bt Guo Yuehua -18, 11, 18, -21, 10;
Pinkewich bt Tay Tong Kee 20, 13;
Sunday bt Yoshitaka 18, -20, 13.

### SESSION 6

Appelgren bt Franca -15, 11, 13;
Park Lee Hee bt Kosanovic 11, 14;
Ono bt Jonyer 17, -15, 12;
Orlovski bt Grubba 19, 19;
Guo Yuehua bt Shi Zhihao -18, 18, 18;
KLAMPAR bt Xie Saikie -10, -13, 22, 17, 18.

### FINAL POSITIONS

1	TIBOR KLAMPAR (HUN)
2	Xie Saikie (CHI)
3	Guo Yuehua (CHI)
4	Shi Zhihao (CHI)
5	Milan Orlovski (CZE)
6	Andrezey Grubba (POL)
7	Seijo Ono (JAP)
8	Istvan Jonyer (HUN)
9	Park Lee Hee (KOR)
10	Zoran Kosanovic (CAN)
11	Mikael Appelgren (SWE)
12	Aristides Franca (BRA)
13	Eboh Sunday (NIG)
14	Kumeda Yoshitaka (JAP)
15	Paul Pinkewich (AUS)
16	Tay Tong Kee (MAL)

# NATIONAL LEAGUE

## DIVISION OF THE SPOILS

Clubs in the National League will have more to fight for this season with the dropping of the doubles set, resulting in 2 pts. for a win and 1 pt. for a draw.

Omega and Bristol & West had to content themselves with a division of the spoils in their opening encounter at Reading on Sept. 13 on which date defending champions, Soham, had a 6-2 win over Larkhall at Clapham.

Newly-promoted Mayfair Wallcoverings (formerly City of Newcastle) were 'white-washed' 8-0 by Sealink International Ormesby whilst Ellenborough beat Bradford's Unity 5-3 at Enfield.

In the second series of matches on Sept. 27 the results in the Premier Division were: Soham 8 Omega 0; Mayfair Wallcoverings 4 Larkhall 4; Unity 1 Sealink Int'l Ormesby 7; Bristol & West 2 Ellenborough 6.

### CURRENT TABLES

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sealink Ormesby ...	2	2	0	0	15	1	4
Soham .....	2	2	0	0	14	2	4
Ellenborough .....	2	2	0	0	11	5	4
Bristol & West .....	2	0	1	1	6	10	1
Larkhall .....	2	0	1	1	6	10	1
Omega .....	2	0	1	1	4	12	1
Mayfair Wallc'gs ...	2	0	1	1	4	12	1
Unity .....	2	0	0	2	4	12	0

### Division 2 South

Larkhall II .....	2	2	0	0	12	4	4
Generation .....	2	2	0	0	10	6	4
Butterfly Cardiff ...	2	1	1	0	10	6	3
Dunlop Birmingham	2	1	0	1	11	5	2
Dolphins .....	2	1	0	1	9	7	2
Gunnersbury Tri'gle	2	0	1	1	4	12	1
Graham Spicer .....	2	0	0	2	4	12	0
Lansdown Medway .	2	0	0	2	4	12	0

### Division 2 North

Tarmac W'hampton	2	2	0	0	14	2	4
Grove .....	2	2	0	0	12	4	4
Sealink Ormesby II .	2	1	0	1	9	7	2
Salford .....	2	1	0	1	9	7	2
March .....	2	1	0	1	8	8	2
Stockton .....	2	1	0	1	6	10	2
MBS St. Neots .....	2	0	0	2	4	12	0
S.W. Durham .....	2	0	0	2	2	14	0

### Division 3 South

Dagenham F.C. ....	3	3	0	0	18	6	6
SIB Bath .....	3	2	1	0	18	6	5
Cranfield Cls Gwent	3	2	1	0	17	7	5
Gillette Reading ...	3	2	1	0	14	10	5
Pengeley S. Torbay	3	1	0	2	10	14	1
Prudential Ibis .....	3	0	1	2	7	17	1
South Bank .....	3	0	0	3	7	17	0
Cippenham .....	3	0	0	3	5	19	0



Tibor Klampar, Hungary's World Cup winner in Kuala Lumpur coming back from a 0-2 deficit to triumph 3-2 over Xie Saikie of the People's Republic of China.

'Photo by Karola Kiesslich, Hamburg.'

Division 3 North	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wharfedale Hermits	3	3	0	0	17	7	6
Unity II	3	3	0	0	16	8	6
South Yorkshire	3	1	1	1	14	10	3
Sealink Ormesby III	3	1	1	1	14	10	3
Salford Select II	3	1	1	1	12	12	3
Bill'm JD White Gp.	3	1	0	2	9	15	2
R'ton Bucyrus Linc.	3	0	1	2	8	16	1
Tarmac W'mpton II	3	0	0	3	6	18	0

In all some 40 teams, playing in 5 divisions, will be competing this season as compared with 23 teams in 3 divisions last season.  
A fuller coverage will appear in November.

## KIRKLEES 2-STAR OPEN

### TWO TITLES FOR GLEAVE

by S. E. Sherlock, Referee

The new season started with the Kirklees tournament, and always the first major tournament provides both surprises and pointers for the forthcoming events. The organising committee from the Dewsbury League once again swung into action like a well-oiled machine. It really was a referee's dream, everybody on hand, no job too small or too large.

For the second year running the tournament ran early, yes early for most of the two days. The first day was completely dominated by the up-and-coming Cheshire starlet Billy Gleave, who played some excellent table tennis to capture both the boys' and mixed Class 2 titles.

**RESULTS**  
**Men's Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 C. Wilson (Mi) bt A. Wellman (Bk) 19, 16;  
 K. Rodger (Sco) bt A. Sanderson (Y) 17, 13;  
 R. Yule (Sco) bt D. Barr (Bk) 17, 7;  
 P. Bradbury (Bu) bt P. Bowen (La) 10, 13.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 Wilson bt Rodger 14, 7;  
 Bradbury bt Yule 17, 15.  
**Final:**  
 WILSON bt Bradbury 6, -19, 18.  
**Women's Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 J. Hammersley (Bu) bt C. Witte (Swi) 8, 8;  
 A. Mitchell (Mi) bt V. Thompson (Sco) 16, 16;

L. Jarvis (Sy) bt C. Maisey (Wi) 20, 12;  
 K. Witt (Bk) bt M. Hill (Y) 11, 16.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 Hammersley bt Mitchell 8, 7;  
 Jarvis bt Witt 17, -12, 17.  
**Final:**  
 HAMMERSLEY bt Jarvis 14, 10.  
**Men's Doubles Semi-finals:**  
 P. Namdjou (K)/D. Parker (La) bt  
 A. Bellingham/A. Rich (St) 10, -13, 12;  
 Rodger/Yule bt Bradbury/Wellman  
 9, -19, 19.  
**Final:**  
 NAMDJOU/PARKER bt Rodger/Yule 9, 17.  
**Women's Doubles Semi-finals:**  
 Hammersley/Jarvis bt C. Dalrymple (Sco)/  
 Thompson 8, 10;  
 J. Grundy/J. Parker (La) bt Hill/H. Shields  
 (Y) 19, -14, 17.  
**Final:**  
 HAMMERSLEY/JARVIS bt Grundy/Parker  
 16, 19.  
**Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 L. Taylor (Cv) bt P. Jackson (Av) 15, 12;  
 D. Illingsworth (Y) bt I. Smith (Wa)  
 19, -18, 21;  
 W. Gleave (Ch) bt F. McEwen (La) -14, 7, 9;  
 S. Sharpe (Y) bt D. Rook (Y) 18, 15.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 Taylor bt Illingsworth 13, 9;  
 Gleave bt Sharpe -19, 16, 14.  
**Final:**  
 GLEAVE bt Taylor 14, 12.  
**Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 Parker bt T. Lightfoot (Ch) 19, 17;  
 C. Peacock (La) bt N. Tsakarisanos (Gs)  
 -20, 18, 18;  
 R. Brook (Y) bt J. Ryalls (Y) 14, -13, 18;  
 M. Seaton (Y) bt L. Broomhead (Y) 18, 17.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 Parker bt Peacock 14, 18;  
 Seaton bt Brook 18, 16.  
**Final:**  
 PARKER bt Seaton 17, -19, 15.  
**Mixed Class 2 Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 Taylor bt Smith -23, 11, 19;  
 Rich bt P. Randall (Le) 19, -13, 13;  
 M. Illingsworth (Y) bt McEwen 19, 13;  
 Gleave bt A. Creed (Av) 16, 17.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 Rich bt Taylor 15, 17;  
 Gleave bt Illingsworth 7, 18.  
**Final:**  
 GLEAVE bt Rich 15, 9.

# STIGA SCHOOLS' INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by David Lomas

Although the Individual titles went almost as expected there were some surprising results in the team events when the seventh Stiga Schools International Championships took place at Gloucester Leisure Centre on July 3/4/5.

Both Junior team events were won by England's 'B' teams. Although they were unable to defeat their supposedly superior England 'A' colleagues their better showing against other opponents gave them victories.

But England 'A' won the other events and again won the Stiga Team Trophy. England 'B' were second, Ireland third and Scotland fourth.

Switzerland were represented in the Championships for the first time and they merited an entry in the record books because Thierry Miller became the first non-English player to win an Individual title when he won the Junior Boys' event. This was hardly surprising because Miller is ranked No. 1 Swiss Junior and No. 4 senior and played for his country in the Novi Sad World Championships.

When the first schools international was staged in Middlesbrough in 1975 a young lad named John Souter competed for England in the Junior Boys event. Since that debut Souter has played in every international and won three Individual titles. He was hoping to bow out with another victory but went down in the Senior Boys' final to Skylet Andrew. But Joy Grundy — also ranked No. 1 England Junior — made no mistake, beating Lisa Bellinger in the counterpart girls' event with Lancashire neighbour Jean Parker the Intermediate Girls' crown.

Carl Prean repeated his success over Billy Gleave and Lisa Hayden kept out a strong Irish challenge and came from behind to win the Junior Girls' event.

Over 150 players were involved in these Championships which have gone from strength to strength over the past seven years. They are organised by the English Schools' Table Tennis Association and sponsored by Stiga (U.K.) Ltd.

Even though the England players didn't entirely make a clean sweep of the titles the added ingredient of stronger continental opposition would give the event a big boost.

## NEWS FROM THE E.S.T.T.A.

The 1981-82 season gets under way this term with the preliminary stages of the National School Team Championships. These Championships are open to all affiliated schools and colleges and consist of 4-a-side teams competing in eight events for girls and boys ranging from Under-11 to Under-19.

County winners are determined by December 17 and the schools concerned compete in twelve area finals which are scheduled for January 23/24 with the winners going forward to three Regional Finals on Sunday, February 21 and thence the National Finals at Lea Green, Matlock on Saturday, March 20, 1982.

Then comes the Stiga Individual Championships at Gloucester provisionally arranged for July 2/3/4.

Full details about all ESTTA activities are contained in the 1981-82 Official Handbook which is available now from the Association's General Secretary, Mike Vickers, 214 Toft Hill, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 0JF — 40p (incl. postage & packing).

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# NORWICH UNION MASTERS

## CHINA'S SUPREME CHAMPION by The Editor

World champion Guo Yuehua of the People's Republic of China carried on his winning ways at Novi Sad by taking the Norwich Union Masters crown at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Hong Kong, on June 14, on which date he was also holder of the ITTF's World Cup subsequently won by Hungary's Tibor Klampar at Kuala Lumpur in August.

But it was by no means an easy passage for the reigning world champion as he strove to achieve the triple crown for in the initial stage groupings he was taken to three games by Erik Lindh of Sweden, England's reigning European champion John Hilton and Istvan Jonyer of Hungary.

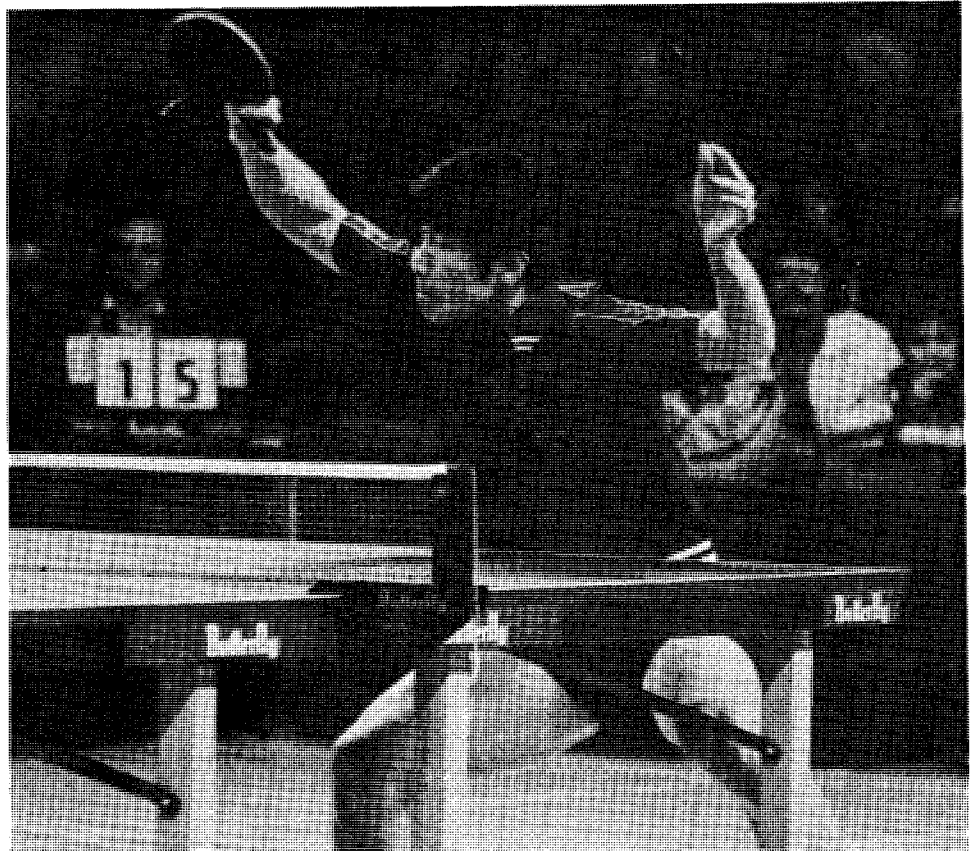
Granted in the quarter-finals he showed scant respect for Sweden's Ulf Carlsson but what a fright he had when, at the semi-final stage, he was opposed by Andrzej Grubba of Poland who, after going down -19 in the first game fought back magnificently to take the next two 19 and 8 (!).

It was at this awe-inspiring stage that Guo reasserted himself to triumph in the next two and, in similar vein, to beat Jonyer 3-straight in the final.

England had two participants in the field in Hilton and Bob Potton, the former finishing in 12th position, with a single victory over Lindh, and the Essex man had nought to show for his labours finishing 16th and last.

**Group A**  
Guo (CHN) bt E. Lindh (SWE) 13, -13, 19;  
bt J. Hilton (ENG) 17, -23, 15;  
bt I. Jonyer (HUN) 13, -17, 12.  
Jonyer bt Hilton -22, 10, 17;  
bt Lindh 17, -17, 14.  
Hilton bt Lindh 17, -12, 17.

**Group B**  
U. Carlsson (SWE) bt R. Potton (ENG) 15, 18;



Three major titles in a row won by Guo Yuehua of the People's Republic of China. Picture by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, London SW17.

bt Z. Kosanovic (YUG) 14, 12;  
bt Lu Yaohua (CHN) 17, -15, 19.  
Kosanovic bt Lu -18, 19, 19;  
bt Potton 14, -14, 17.  
Lu bt Potton 19, 12.

**Group C**  
M. Orłowski (CZE) bt T. Inoue (JAP) 12, -19, 21;  
bt L. Kucharski (POL) 11, 16;  
bt G. Gergely (HUN) 19, 17.  
Inoue bt Kucharski 10, 11.

Gergely bt Inoue 18, 12.  
Kucharski bt Gergely 15, 14.

**Group D**  
A. Grubba (POL) bt Huang Liang (CHN) 11, 14;  
bt D. Surbek (YUG) 15, 13;  
bt Chiu Man Kuen (HGK) 18, 17.  
Surbek bt Chiu -19, 9, 12;  
bt Huang 18, -16, 13.  
Chiu bt Huang 20, -18, 20.

**Quarter-finals:**  
Guo bt Carlsson 11, 9;  
Grubba bt Kosanovic 17, -17, 12;  
Jonyer bt Surbek 15, -17, 12;  
Orłowski bt Inoue -19, 12, 9.

**Semi-finals:**  
Guo bt Grubba 19, -19, -8, 17, 16;  
Jonyer bt Orłowski 14, 12, -12, 10.

**Final:**  
GUO YUEHUA bt Jonyer 13, 22, 12.

**13th to 16th places**  
Lindh bt Potton 15, -18, 19;  
bt Kucharski 17, 19.  
Kucharski bt Huang 8, 13.  
Huang bt Potton 14, 12.

**9th to 12th places**  
Lu bt Hilton 19, 18;  
bt Chiu 12, 21.  
Chiu bt Gergely 19, -17, 19.  
Gergely bt Hilton 19, 16.  
**5th to 8th places**  
Surbek bt Inoue 14, 16;  
bt Carlsson 12, 10.  
Carlsson bt Kusanovic 15, -17, 18.  
Kusanovic bt Inoue 19, 14.

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## UMPIRING IN HONG KONG

by PAT ARCHDALE

Entering my hotel room after a fourteen hour flight and a 24-hour journey the first things to catch my eyes were a large bouquet of flowers, a basket of fruits I had never seen, and several decorative parcels, all "welcome" gifts from various Table Tennis officials. This pattern of gifts was repeated throughout the tournament and helped to make a stranger feel really welcome.

As it was only 8.30 p.m. I went on a quick shopping tour of the area around the hotel. The shops and street stalls were brilliantly lit and stayed open as long as there were customers. Refreshed by a completely unknown menu, eaten with chopsticks, I read the large pile of papers containing details of the tournament.

The one that most interested me was that giving details of the umpires. Each night there would be four on duty and between them cover the eight matches. Each person umpiring two, timing/scoring two, scoring two, and second umpire for two. It sounded a very hectic evening.

The next morning was spent shopping and a short sightseeing tour, by cable railway to The Peak where there were most magnificent views of the harbour, airport and countryside.

Then at 6 p.m. I arrived at the stadium ready for a 7 p.m. start.

The first shock was the actual size of the arena, 84ft x 48 ft. and looking so empty. There was only the table dwarfed by the size of the arena, a dining room-style chair, flanked by two plastic bowls, and on the other side of the table a chair similar to a cut down tennis umpire's chair, and a bright yellow microphone.

Outside the arena were two Japanese scoring machines. These were quite large, 6ft. x 4ft. They displayed all necessary information, and were surprisingly easy to manipulate.

In each top corner was a rectangular space into which the name of the player was slotted. Beneath each of these were five circles, which could be lit up to show which games each player had won.

Beneath these was the actual score, very easy to adjust, you just pressed a switch to the right for addition, to the left to subtract a point — these were capable of showing scores up to 99.

In the middle was the time clock. This was the one part I did not like. The hands were blunt and fairly wide, so that they covered the minute marks for several seconds. Also for 5, 10 and 15 there were figures not marks, so from a distance of 50ft. the umpire had to make his own decision, and perhaps be out by a couple of vital seconds.

It was suggested that I should watch the first match — to which I willingly agreed, and then umpire the second. So, sitting in the front row I watched the procedure.

First a man entered the arena, and sat on the dining room chair. Then wearing navy shirt and slacks and clutching a green leather folder came the umpire. He seized the microphone and announced the match, first in English, then in Mandarin. Great Scott, what did I do? Immediately the two players entered, shook hands with him and went to the table.

From his folder the umpire extracted a red and white disc, spun it in the air, and then gracefully extending his arm caught it with one hand and showed it to the players. At no time was the disc out of sight of the players or audience. Should I try this, or will I drop it — another problem.

He then retired to his high chair, the players started to knock up, the clock started to turn and according to Hong Kong philosophy the match was in progress.

Two minutes later the umpire extended his right hand in front of him, said firmly, "Stop practising, Surbek to serve, love-all", and with no fuss, no returning to their coach, for final advice, no rest for a towel, Surbek served.

He missed the table with his fifth shot so the umpire clenched his left fist, raised it to ear level, and declared 0-1 — perhaps he only did this for the first point. But no, after every point, the umpire clenched the fist nearest the player who had won the point

and raised it level to his ear, and called the score — perhaps if I concentrated I would cope but more was to follow. At each change of service the procedure was hands, voice, and then the hand nearest the player to serve was raised to shoulder level, and fingers stretched and pointed firmly in his direction together with the instruction "X" to serve.

By now I was wondering what I'd let myself in for, so hastily retired outside to practice spinning a coin and catching it only using one hand. This was more difficult than I thought. My left hand automatically came up to have the coin placed on it, but by clutching the side seam of my skirt, mastered the trick. Experimentally clenched my left hand — and wished I'd cut my nails shorter, but with luck might cope.

As the match was coming to a close I advanced on the referee's table and was handed my green folder, two balls and a good luck charm.

The names were easy, Carlsson and Kosanovic, so with slightly renewed confidence I walked alone down the 42ft. of the arena. It was a long way and seemed longer. Sitting on the smaller chair gazing at me with wide open eyes, was a young Chinese boy, looking as worried as I felt. I gave him a smile of what I hoped was confidence and seized the microphone. "Match 2, Carlsson of Sweden against Kosanovic, Yugoslavia". Immediately another Chinese boy shot into the arena, bowed politely and held out his hand. I shook it, but still he held it out, then it dawned on me he wanted the microphone to make the announcement in Mandarin. With a relieved smile he took it and made the announcement. That problem solved, the players were now waiting to shake hands. I hastily touched each hand in turn and walked to the table, put the folder on the table, extracted the disc and sorted out who was red and who was white, clutched the seam of my skirt, spun and caught the disc. Having sorted out who was serving and from which end, gave them a ball, picked up the folder and went over to the umpire's chair. I was just going to sit down when a horrible thought dawned. What did I do with the folder? I needed my hands for scoring, there was no table to put it on — so placed it on the umpire's chair, and sat on it.

How quickly that two minutes had gone. Extend arm forwards "Stop practising", swing arm to right, "Carlsson to serve".

I really had to concentrate now. Provided you got the rhythm of hands and voice, it was fairly easy, but if you called the score before moving your hands, it was more difficult, especially when they reversed the score at change of service you could also reverse your hands.

At the end of the first game, Carlsson put the ball on the table. It was speedily grabbed by the young boy, and given to me with the instruction "You keep". So, at the end of each game there was another activity to remember.

Finally the match was won, and as at home I announced the match score. Normally this is not done in Hong Kong, but with typical courtesy other umpires also announced their match scores.

After collecting the players' signatures I returned the green folder to the referee and was asked "You will time now". Certainly I was willing to try out the machine, so I advanced on machine No. 1. My instructions had been good, and the machine was simple, so even I could cope. With the umpire scoring with his hand there was no possibility of confusion — or mis-hearing the score. Also players officials and spectators all knew the correct score simultaneously.

At the end of that match I scuttled to No. 2 machine, slotted in the new names and prepared for action. This time I also had to work the clock. Although both machines had clocks, to prevent confusion, only the

one opposite the umpire was being used.

Sitting just in front of me was the second umpire. As this would be my job for the next match I watched him closely. Throughout the match he was also scoring with his hands so that if the umpire needed confirmation of a doubtful point he had only to look across the table. Checking afterwards I found that the young man who was my "second" considered it would have been impertinent to offer the English Lady International Umpire any advice so had just sat still. If only he'd known.

Now it was my turn to "second" so I sat down, and put my hands on my knees and each time a point was won clenched the correct hand. Again the arm was raised horizontally for "nets" and service.

I had now filled all four positions and was back to umpiring again. This second match was not nearly so nerve-wracking, and the rest of the evening I actually enjoyed.

By the end of the evening I was more than ready for a break such was the organisation. There was only just enough time between games to dash (at full speed) from one position to another and this added up to four hours continuous concentration compared to the South of England!

Throughout the evenings this pattern was followed, with the exception of the match Grubba v Guo Yuehua. I was specially asked if I would do this match, as it was thought it would be the match of the tournament.

If you saw it on "Grandstand" you can not have failed to appreciate that this was one of the finest matches for many years. Roy Evans, Johnny Leach both agreed that it is many years since they have seen a match of such consistently high standard and skill it was superb.

Throughout the tournament I was impressed by the organisation. No time was wasted, and always matches started promptly. In Hong Kong it is considered that the players are under the umpire's control once he has spun the coin — so there is no lengthy delay between the two minutes knock up and the match. The players enter the arena ready to play and do so promptly.

Spectators, players and coaches all liked the "scoring with your hands" system. A glance at the umpire is enough to tell a player/official who won a point, and language barriers are broken down.

Yes, I thoroughly enjoyed Hong Kong and I think they thoroughly enjoyed English "Opal Fruits".



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Club Secretary Brian Halliday says that the club is under no illusions as to the strength of the competition, but the club are determined to present matches in a way that will attract more spectators and be a real credit to the game. We will watch their progress with interest.



Mr. Ron Larkin, Manager of the Gillette Co. Reading, signing the agreement with the new Gillette - Reading National League team. (l to r): Jim Stokes, Michael Childs, Paul Halliday, seated: Jimmy Stokes, Ron Larkin, Simon Rowland.

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# EUROPEAN LEAGUE

**SEVERE BLOW**  
by Robert Oldfield

England's hopes of a successful European League season suffered a severe blow at the first hurdle in Saarlouis on Wednesday, Sept. 23 when the team that had finished second last season crashed 5-2 to Federal Germany. Inevitably, England's little success was solely due to Desmond Douglas. Douglas took his two singles sets with ease, while his team mates struggled to emulate his example.

England's slide began in the second set, after Douglas had taught the German No. 1, Peter Stellwag, a first game lesson of 21-2! John Hilton's club mate, Peter Engel, knew all the twirls and combinations of Hilton's unorthodox style from many hours of practice — one all. Next, Europe's No. 2, Jill Hammersley, lost two-straight to the No. 14 ranked Kirsten Kruger — her first loss in the European League since January 1978. England were in trouble and, after a narrow loss in the men's doubles, deeper still. Even the mixed failed to prevent a stay of execution — England had lost their first match to Federal Germany in nine years.

Said a bitterly disappointed England captain, Peter Simpson, after the match. "Things just didn't go our way. Des won the first set so easily it was difficult for the team to take the match seriously and we weren't as tight as we could have been". Meanwhile, elsewhere, Czechoslovakia were thrashing England's next opponents, France 7-0, and newcomers, Poland, served a warning to Hungary, holding the champions to a narrow 4-3 victory. But what about Yugoslavia's 4-3 win over Sweden? It could be a tough, let's hope exciting, season.

## RESULTS

Desmond Douglas bt Peter Stellwag 2, 14.

John Hilton lost to Peter Engel -17, -14.

Jill Hammersley lost to Kirsten Kruger

-18, -19.

Douglas/Paul Day lost to Stellwag/Jorgen

Rebel -20, -20.

Douglas/Linda Jarvis lost to Ursula

Kamizuru/Ralph Wosik -16, 17, -14.

Hilton lost to Stellwag 19, -12, -17.

Douglas bt Engel -19, 9, 14.

Subsequent fixtures:

1981

October 7

Hungary v Yugoslavia

England v France (Hinckley)

Sweden v Federal Germany

Poland v Czechoslovakia

November 11

Federal Germany v Hungary

France v Poland

Czechoslovakia v Sweden

England v Yugoslavia (Westcliff-on-Sea)

December 16

France v Hungary

Sweden v Poland

Czechoslovakia v England

Yugoslavia v Federal Germany

1982

January 13

Hungary v Sweden

Federal Germany v France

Poland v England

Yugoslavia v Czechoslovakia

February 10

Czechoslovakia v Hungary

France v Yugoslavia

England v Sweden (Macclesfield)

Poland v Federal Germany

March 10

Hungary v England

Sweden v France

Federal Germany v Czechoslovakia

Poland v Yugoslavia

## Obituaries

### E. R. A. CONNELL

As reported briefly at the Annual General Meeting of the E.T.T.A. "Ted" Connell died on the 16th June, 1981 at the age of 75. He represented the Staines League at the inaugural general meeting of the Middlesex Association in 1946 and became its chairman in 1948, an office he held until his retirement in 1975 when he was elected the County's first and only Life Vice-President. He was chairman of the Staines League from 1947 to 1978. He was also a Vice President of the E.T.T.A.

He was a generous and kindly man whose quiet manner often belied the strength and leadership he provided in some of the crises the county experienced over his long period of office. He never involved himself in the politics of administration but this did not mean that he lacked strong views on what he thought was best for the game in general and Middlesex in particular. He always eschewed national office and was typical of that band of county officials whose devotion to the game is the backbone of table tennis.

In later life he was plagued by a multiplicity of the physical handicaps of old age yet he bore them with surprising good humour. He leaves a wife, Marjorie and a son John and daughter Ruth. G.J.

### ROY STUBBS

St. Neots Table Tennis Club Members and Players and Officials throughout the County were deeply shocked to hear of the passing away, on Sept. 17, of Roy Stubbs at the age of 45. Ever since he moved into the area 15 years ago Roy had been an active member of the St. Neots Club and he was Secretary in 1973 when the Club decided to go ahead and acquire their own Clubroom. To this end he worked untiringly and much of the success the Club enjoys today is due to Roy's guidance. Roy loved his table tennis and represented Hunts County and St. Neots League. He was a fine player but above all a great sportsman and a shining example to all Club members. He will be sorely missed, but the work Roy did for the furtherance of Table Tennis in the area will long be remembered.

As well as Roy's involvement in the affairs of his Club, one would always find his wife Molly and the children, Lloyd and Beverley, giving a hand with the catering and general organisation whenever the Club was booked for a National Event.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to them in their great loss. K.G.

### BOB HARRISON and GRAHAM COLE

Two familiar figures will be missing from future table tennis events in Rhyl following the passing away this summer of Bob and Graham who were both 46 years old.

Graham Cole (Prestatyn Tennis), one of Rhyl's most enthusiastic veteran players, died in June after playing tennis and winning both sets at Brymbo. Always available to play, Graham had represented the County in friendly veteran matches and had been a Rhyl League veteran player for a number of years. He was an all-round sportsman who will be sadly missed.

In July the popular Bob Harrison (Clwyd TTC), who was my life-long friend, died. Bob had represented Clwyd and Rhyl in veteran matches and in past seasons he had been in the Rhyl senior side playing in the Welsh League. At the age of eleven, Bob was the youngest participant in Division 1 of the Rhyl League.

In 1964 he was captain of the Rhyl Labour Club team that broke the world marathon record and, in 1967, he was in the Rhyl

Labour team that won the team championship of Wales. He was also very proud to have been selected to umpire at the Wales versus Scotland Junior International in 1975.

Over the years Bob had assisted at tournaments, fund raising etc., all in the cause of promoting our sport. Through these columns I extend to the families of Graham and Bob our deep condolences to the sad loss which they have sustained. R.W.

George Yates reports from . . .

## LANCASHIRE

### NEW PRESTON STAR

All the officers of the LTTA were returned unopposed at the AGM held in Radcliffe on May 12, the only change of any significance being that of the chairmanship of the selection committee which subsequently passed from the county chairman, Arthur E. Upton, to the president of the county, yours truly.

At the county trials held over the weekend of Sept. 19/20 Stephen Scowcroft did Bolton proud for, in the absence of nationally-ranked Donald Parker, he came out top in the men. And Preston would appear to have found themselves yet another star player in the person of Philip Huggon of Chipping who, in the boys' trial, won all his ten sets without even dropping a game.

Meeting in Bolton on Sept. 22, the selection committee have submitted the following rankings on behalf of Lancashire:

#### Men

1 D. Parker, 2 S. Scowcroft, 3 S Turner, 4 K. Williams, 5 P. Rainford, 6 B. Carney, 7 P. Hutchings, 8 A. Grey, 9 A. Rigby, 10 C. Heap, 11 N. Hallows, 12 K. Eden.

#### Women

1 J. Grundy, 2 J. Parker, 3 C. Peacock, 4 S. Hughes, 5 B. Hoyle, 6 P. French, 7 J. Myers, 8 H. Frost.

#### Boys

1 P. Huggon, 2 S. Browne, 3 M. Mercer, 4 P.

Aspinall, 5 F. McEwen, 6 P. Ashcroft, 7 P. Bevan, 8 P. Walmsley, 9 H. Leigh.

#### Girls

1 Parker, 2 Peacock, 3 C. Hemming, 4 W. Worthington, 5 Myers.

Scowcroft had the distinction of ousting the seeded Scottish international, Keith Rodger, in the Colgate North of England, and Shaun Browne, also of Bolton, captured the scalp of Steve Turner which was no mean feat for a junior.

Missing on the day was Don Parker who was best man at his brother Keith's wedding in Preston where sister Jean was a bridesmaid.

At a recent meeting of the Hyndburn and District TTL the committee decided that the League will not affiliate to the ETTA and the LTTA. This decision could have serious repercussions not only on Hyndburn League players but also on players, registered with other neighbouring leagues and also playing in the Hyndburn League.

## COUNTY CHOICE

Michael Finnerty of Lupset was chosen for the Yorkshire table tennis team which competed in the National Games for the disabled at Stoke Mandeville in early September.

Michael who is training to become a table tennis coach and is captain on one of the Ossett Community teams, was representing his county for the first time. He saw his selection as a big step towards achieving his ultimate ambition — winning a gold medal for England in the 1984 Olympics for the disabled.

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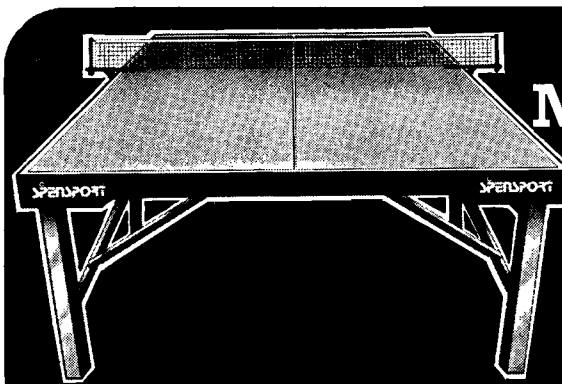
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## Welsh Corner

by H. ROY EVANS

### GREAT VALUE

There was plenty of activity in Welsh junior ranks during the summer. In July Andrew Jones and Gary Wilkins, accompanied by coach Len Elias, went off to the ETTU Training Course at Falkenburg in Sweden, and found it of great value. Certainly Gary seems to have benefitted because he was in splendid form in the European Youth Championships in Topolcany and produced some fine results to help us retain a good final position — sixteenth, one down on last season. Mark Thomas, although not as outstanding as he was in Poznan, had some good wins against some disappointing losses, whilst Andrew Jones won important sets in tight positions.

Apart from a convincing 5-1 win over Scotland, our best performance was only to lose 4-5 to Netherlands, a strong side that eventually finished up in ninth position. Another good performance was a 5-4 win over Denmark, and this was Gary's match for he won all three of his encounters.

Unfortunately we must expect a fall from this sixteenth position next year in Austria, for both Mark and Gary are now no longer juniors, and likely recruits to join Andrew are not appearing at the rate we would like.

Our girls, Susan Jones and Sue Powell, found the whole thing too much for them, and once again did poorly.

Later on, Mark and Nigel Thomas, went off to Sweden to join a training course run by the Stockholm organisation, but they didn't stay long enough to decide whether it would have done them good or not!

The end of August saw the Bridgend League run its first Junior Open Tournament, preceded by a hastily arranged junior international match against Scotland. Both the Scots and we had newish teams out, both having lost stars to the senior ranks, and so chances were even. In the event Wales were beaten 5-3, the Welsh players almost all suffering lack of aggression in crucial moments.

### SCORES

Andrew Jones bt G. Clancy 14, -20, 17;  
bt D. Fletcher 11, 16.  
Paul Griffiths bt B. Wright 19, -20, 16;  
lost to S. Renny 17, -11, -15.  
Ceri Phillips lost to Renny -17, -12;  
lost to Wright 20, -12, -19.  
David Griffiths lost to Fletcher -20, 12, -15;  
lost to Clancy -19, -21.

There were no titles for Wales in the tournament which followed. Andrew Jones was expected to win, but he lost to Scotland's Scott Renny in the semi, whilst David Griffiths did well to beat Gary Lambert in his semi. However, David played with far less spirit to lose to Renny -10, -16, in the final.

### OTHER RESULTS

#### Girls' Singles:

N. Tsakanisianos (Glos) bt M. Schleiter (Germany) 17, 19.

#### Boys' Doubles:

Mark Verner/Graham Plutz bt David Fletcher/Gordon Clancy (Scot) 20, -21, 19.

#### Girls' Doubles:

Schleiter/R. Russe bt Tsakanisianos/M. Denbow 20, 14.

#### Consolation Boys' Singles:

Andrew Cunningham (Kent) bt Adrian Dixon (Staffs) 15, 12.

#### Consolation Girls' Singles:

Debbie Ballard (Crawley) bt Melanie Carey (Bridgwater) 12, 17.

#### Consolation Boys' Doubles:

A. Dixon/J. Bult (North Humberside) bt L. Jose/M. James (Camborne) -15, 13, 17.

#### Consolation Girls' Doubles:

Tracey Scott-Pawson/Fiona Fearn (Bridgwater) bt D. Ballard/J. Dixon 9, 18.

The two Welsh clubs had mixed fortunes in their first matches in the National League. Butterfly Cardiff went to Gunnersbury in Div. 2, and only managed a draw in a match they should have won.

Mark Thomas, playing at No. 2 failed to win either of his sets, but Nigel Thomas won both his at No. 1. Jeff Morgan failed twice, and it was left to Tony Healan to play his best yet in a representative match, winning his first set, and then pulling out a good performance to win the last when defeat was staring Cardiff in the face.

Certainly Cardiff will miss being unable to call on either Alan Griffiths or George Evans who are both involved in Germany.

Cranfield Colours, the Gwent team, beat Prudential Ibis in their first Div. 3 match. John Bloomer and Gary Wilkins both lost to the Ibis No. 1, but those were the visitors' only successes.

After an exhaustive and exhausting squad session, the Welsh Selectors picked the following team to play against Belgium in the opening European League match away on September 19th: Alan Griffiths, Dave Welsman and Lesley Tyler, with Brian Everson as non-playing captain.

## IRISH NOTES

by WILLIE WALSH

The Irish Table Tennis Association A.G.M., was held in Bellingham Castle, Castlebellingham, on Sunday, 21st June, 1981.

The following Officers and Committees were elected:

President: Joe Veselsky.

Vice - Presidents: A. Thackaberry, E. McDowall, Fr. S. Manning, Fr. H. O'Hanlon, J. E. W. Clark, R. O'Connell.

Chairman: Ray O'Connell.

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Hon. Treasurer: Alex Thackaberry.

Hon. Assistant Sec. & P.R.O.: Willie Walsh.  
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Selectors: E. Limberg, K. Strong, J. Hickey, A. Kelly, B. Marshall, J. Flynn.

### IRISH SENIOR RANKINGS

#### Men

1 C. Slevin, 2 P. Glynn, 3 D. Weir, 4 T. Caffrey, 5 T. Heasley, 6 K. Leonard, 7 J. Hamill, 8 J. Langan.

#### Women

1 A. Leonard, 2 L. Sheevers, 3 D. Kilpatrick, 4 M. Sheehan, 5 G. Leonard, 6 P. Hunter, 7 A. Kelly, 8 M. Martin/H. Walsh.

Ireland will again be competing in the Second Division of the European League.

### Fixtures:

EUROPEAN LEAGUE - DIVISION 2

Played on or before

23rd Sept., '81 v Switzerland (Home)

7th Oct., '81 v Spain (Away)

11th Nov., '81 v Wales (Home - Dublin)

16th Dec., '81 v Norway (Away)

13th Jan., '82 v Scotland (Home)

10th Feb., '82 v Belgium (Away)

10th Mar., '82 v Luxembourg (Home - Warren Point)

### Irish Open:

12th - 14th Nov., '81 (Belfast)

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### Inter-provincials:

Under-21 and Senior - Feb., '82 (Leinster)

Junior and Cadet - Galway

The highlight of the season's calendar should be the visit of the People's Republic of China to Dublin in early December. They completely dominated the recent World Championships and as they are coming direct from the Scandinavian Open, they will have their entire World Championship panel.

Trophies awarded as follows:

Rhanbouy Trophy (Outstanding man) - Colm Slevin.

Doggart Cup (Outstanding junior) - Miss L. Gibson.

Eleanor McKee Cup (Outstanding woman) - not awarded.

Ian E. McKelvey reports on the . . .

## EAST MIDLANDS

## CADETS LEAGUE

### RECORD ENTRY

In our fourth season, the membership has risen to a record thirteen teams. Chesterfield, who were champions in 1978-79, have been readmitted. The other new member is Pontesbury. Their admission was a matter of considerable debate at our AGM, for although we expanded a little east two years ago when we took in Lincoln and Grantham, and a little south last year with Leamington Spa, it had not been our intention to embrace more than the East Midlands and its immediate environs. There is, however, no corresponding organisation in Pontesbury's area, and in the interests of their players we decided to admit them to our League subject to annual review. We hope that enough interest will be engendered in the West Midlands to enable the eventual formation of a West Midlands Cadets League, and anyone contemplating such a step would be welcome to draw on our experience. Meanwhile, Pontesbury are very welcome with us.

The leading contenders for the new season are expected to be the present champions, Coventry, Loughborough, and the two new teams, Chesterfield and Pontesbury. Although the whole of Coventry's championship winning team of last year is over age, their second team which was fifth is intact. Mark Randle had 86% last year and should prove a formidable No. 1, with support from Paul Cuzner and David Tucker who both won more than they lost last season.

Derby, Leicester and Nottingham, who were second, third and fourth last time round, seem to have fallen on leaner times, although Derby can still call on Andrew Stills, equal tenth in last year's averages. Loughborough have their whole team intact, and Paul Bumpus and Louise Forster will ensure them a good season though they may still have difficulties at No. 3. Pontesbury and Chesterfield are somewhat unknown quantities, but rumour reaches me that both will be strong.