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No one can deny that the Europe Top 12 tournament staged in the Pavilion at Thornaby, Cleveland was anything but an outstanding success from a playing point of view. We had a 14-year-old, Olga Nemes of Rumania, winning the women's competition and our own Desmond Douglas — so long in the running for the top award — finishing in second place to Milan Orlowski of Czechoslovakia.

There were no histrionics to speak of, but commendable sportsmanship and utterly good play throughout which received the plaudits of the crowd and deservedly so.

But, vying as it did with the Birmingham World Championships as a spectacular, one can only mourn the lack of interest shown by the television companies and, to some extent, the media of the press.

Granted the press corps was impressive albeit mainly from abroad but national coverage in this country left a great deal to be desired. National sports editors did not share the same enthusiasm as their reporters.

Missing too were many more spectators to fill those empty seats the moral being if you want top class table tennis in this country you must support it.

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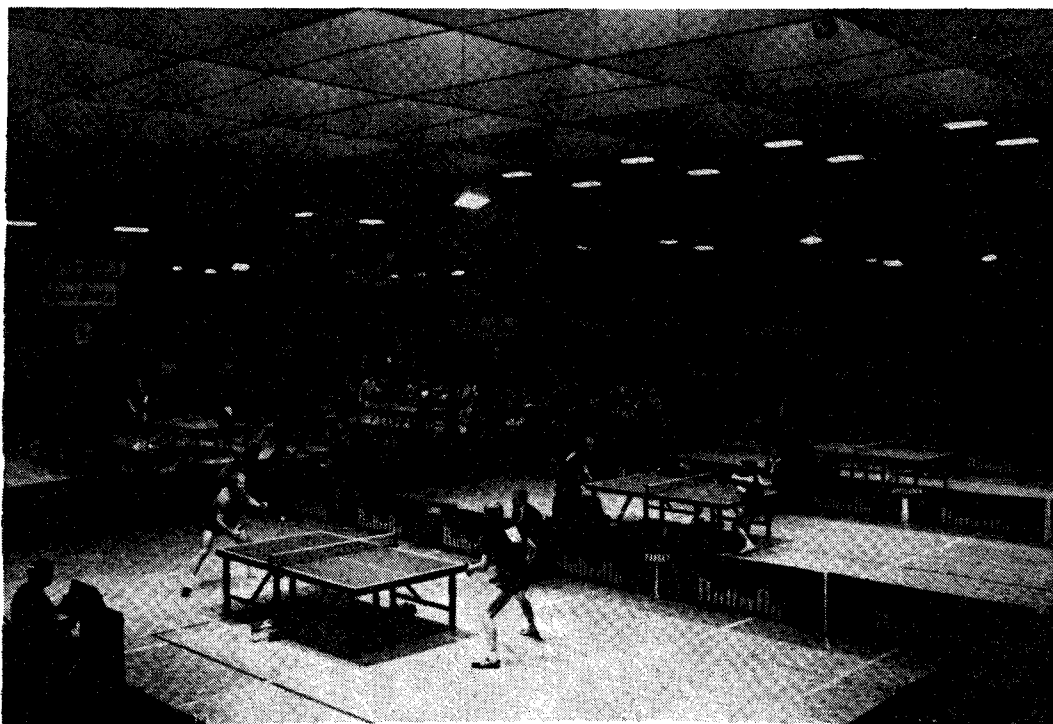
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EUROPE TOP 12



Scene at Thornaby Pavilion.

TOP PRIZE FOR YOUNG OLGA

by GEORGE YATES

Olga Nemes, aged 14, of Rumania, and the youngest player to qualify for the Europe Top 12 tournament set the crowd buzzing at Thornaby Pavilion, Cleveland over the weekend of Feb. 4/6 by coming out top in the women's competition.

This young prodigy, under the wing of Ella Constantinescu (nee Zeller) lost only two of her eleven sets — to England's Jill Hammersley-Parker and Kristen Kruger of Federal Germany — in lifting the top prize of £475.

The Russian, Fliura Bulatova was runner-up and Bettine Vriesekoop of the Netherlands, the defending title holder and reigning European champion, finished third.

Still suffering from back trouble which caused her withdrawal from the Norwich Union Welsh Open in Cardiff, Mrs. Hammersley-Parker had to content herself with ninth position winning only four of her eleven sets.

Top prize of £975 in the men's competition was pocketed by the Czech, Milan Orlowski, with Desmond Douglas of England finishing runner-up after losing to Orlowski, inexplicably to Ulf Bengtsson of Sweden and finally, to the European champion himself, Mikael Appelgren also of Sweden.

Nonetheless it was a fine effort from the Englishman who collected £725 to pip Appelgren and his compatriot Erik Lindh for the second position.

Orlowski, aged 30 and Czechoslovakia's top player for more than a decade suffered but two losses — to Lindh and Jacques

Secretin of France — both in the morning session on Saturday. Subsequently this master of his trade dropped but three games in his remaining six sets — to Appelgren, Jan-Ove Waldner of Sweden and Andrzej Grubba of Poland, his disposal of Douglas being by scores of 13, 17 and 12!

Sweden's former world champion, Stellan Bengtsson, withdrew after the third round, suffering from a throat infection, but at that stage he had been beaten by his namesake, Ulf, and by young Waldner although accounting for Appelgren in Round 2.

Douglas began in most resolute fashion by reversing his loss to Secretin in Cardiff and followed up by the 3-straight dismissal of Jindrich Pansky, the second Czech. In Round 3 the Birmingham left-hander had an equally convincing win over Grubba and sat out the fourth round following the withdrawal of Stellan Bengtsson.

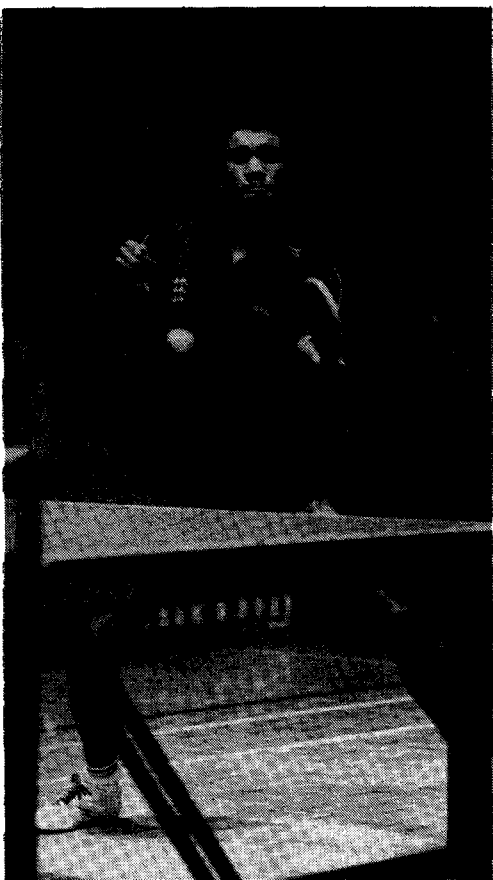
Matters looked exceedingly rosy for the English champion at that stage and still did at the end of play on the Saturday for, despite his loss to Orlowski, Douglas had memorable wins over Lindh and Waldner at which stage he headed the men's field.

The sun still shone on the Sunday morning as, in Round 8, Douglas continued his winning ways with a hard-fought five gamer against the giant penholder, Zoran Kalinic of Yugoslavia.

But matters went awry when, in the ninth round, Ulf Bengtsson brought off that most unexpected of victories only for Douglas to reassert himself in the penultimate round when beating Hungary's Istvan Jonyer, 14 in the fifth.

And so to the climax with Douglas committed to beating Appelgren in the hope, somewhat forlorn, that Orlowski would lose

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Desmond Douglas had his chance.

to Grubba. It did not work out that way with Appelgren not for being beaten and Oriowski, despite a hiccup in the third game, getting comfortably home against the Polish champion.

Ulf Bengtsson managed only one other success and that against his namesake whilst the wooden spoon went to Pansky whose two wins were at the expense of Jonyer and Waldner.

On the distaff side young Olga Nemes gave notice of her intent in the very first session when she came off best in a thrilling counter-hitting set with Valentina Popova, the Russian champion and 1980 European champion.

Not content with this scalp the diminutive Rumanian next disposed of Bettine Vriesekoop, a victory which considerably quietened the Dutch girl's following from her native village in Holland. No stamping of the clogs was to be heard after this setback for the European champion!

Significantly it was only against Jill Hammersley-Parker and Miss Kruger that the Rumanian girl failed as the tactics employed by her western European opponents were somewhat at variance to the all-out attacking methods of those players that bowed the knee to her.

The wooden spoon in the women's competition was picked up by Yugoslavia's Branka Batinic whose two wins were against Kruger and Marie Lindblad of Sweden.

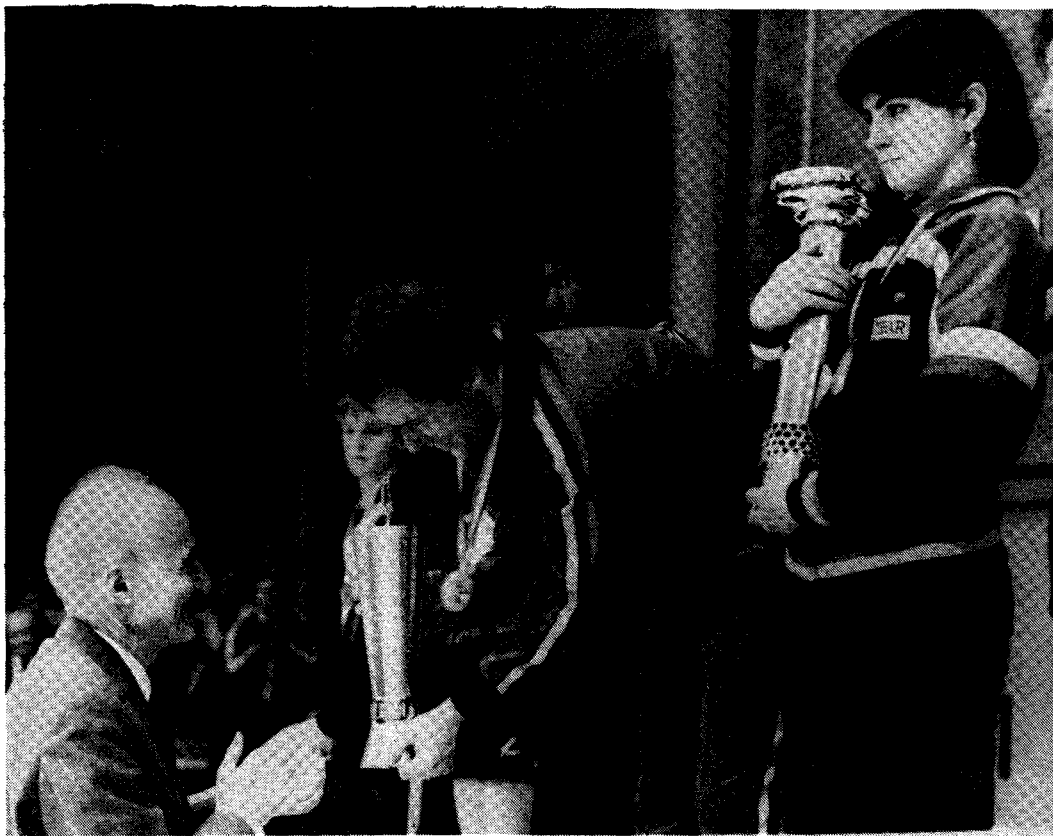
The setting in the Pavilion at Thornaby was ideal and much to the credit of the promoting Cleveland County Leisure Services in conjunction with Cleveland County Table Tennis Association. Sponsorship and equipment was further supplied by Tamasu Butterfly Europa GmbH whose European chief, Dr. Bella Simon, was in attendance as was Annegret Steffien rep-

resenting Schildkrot Sportartikel GbmH & Co KG the suppliers of balls and a hospitality room par excellence in which John Hilton and Nigel Eckersley did yeomen service.

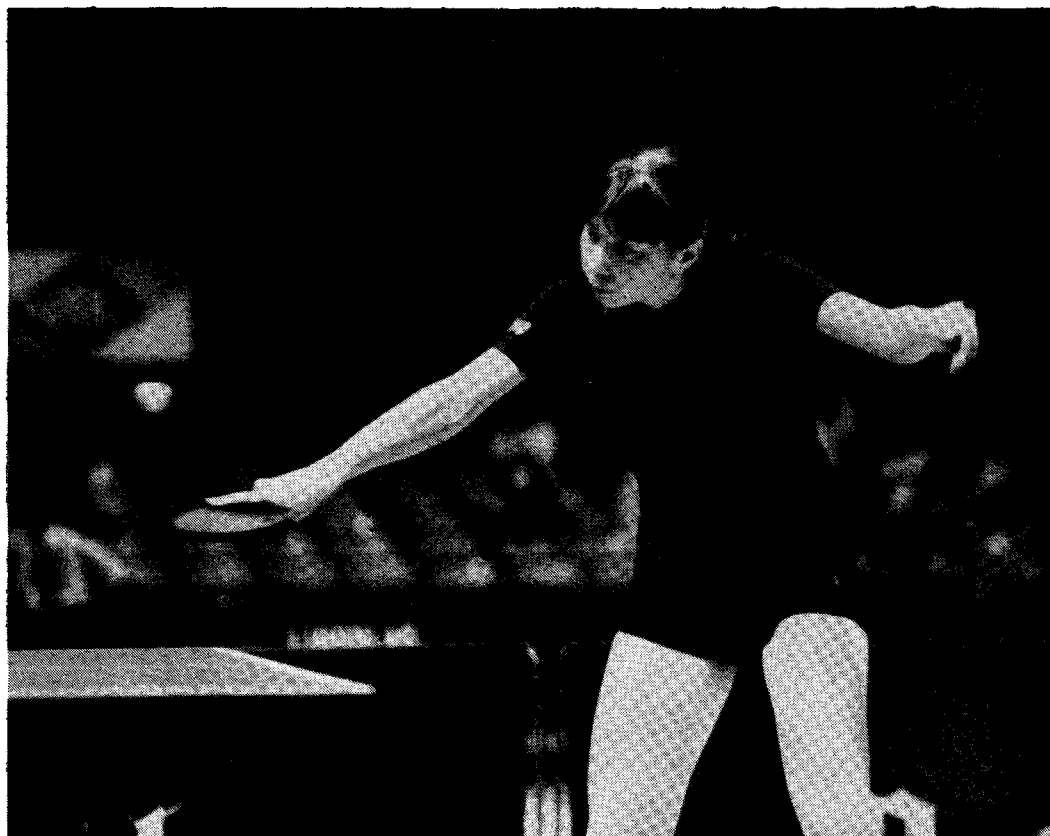
The Executive Committee of the European Table Tennis Union, comprising President Dr. Gyorgy Lakatos, Vice-President Lollo

Hammarlund, Hon. Gen. Sec. Mrs. Nancy Evans and Hon. Treasurer Henk van Dilst could not fail to be impressed, nor indeed could Roy Evans, President of the ITTF who was also in attendance.

Thanks to the overall control of Referee, Tony Chatwin and his band of international umpires the playing aspect was flawless

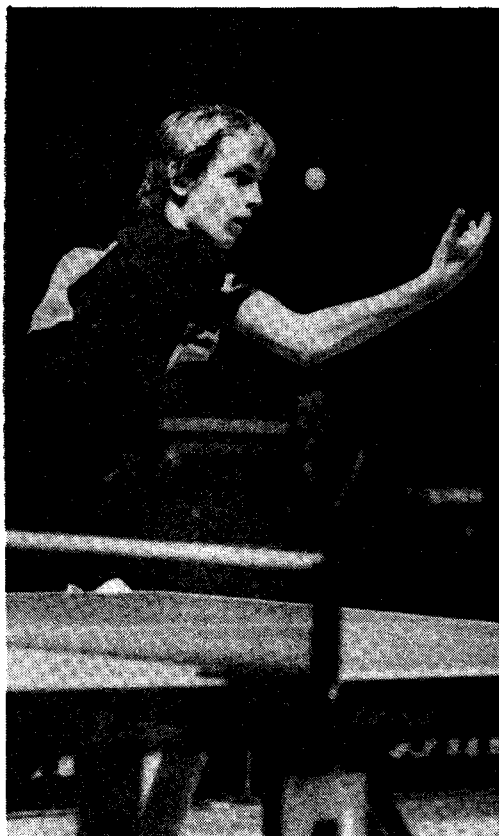


Dr. Lakatos, President of the ETTU, presents the Richard Bergmann Memorial Cup to Milan Orlovski, Olga Nemes proudly holds the Trudi Pritzi Memorial Cup.



A new star from Russia, Filura Bulatova, final position 2nd.

and the press corps was well served by Bob Oldfield, Brian Spicer and Maureen Goosey. All in all a dream come true for organiser Alan Ransome, his wife Josie, and last, but by no means least, Bill Sykes the promoter on behalf of Cleveland County Leisure Services.



Another Swedish star, Erik Lindh, his best European today, final position 4th.

SCORES

FRIDAY EVENING

Round 1 Women

H-PARKER v Batinic 10, 17;
Hrachova v Lindblad 15, 16;
Olah v Szabo -22, 18, 6;
Popova v Nemes -9, 21, -13;
Bulatova v Kovalenko -18, 19, -22;
Vriesekoop v Kruger 14, -14, 11.

Round 1 Men

Appelgren v Grubba 19, -15, 24, 8;
Kalinic v Jonyer -18, -18, -21;
U. Bengtsson v S. Bengtsson -15, 8, 17, 16;
DOUGLAS v Secretin 17, 13, -14, 20;
Waldner v Lindh -19, 16, 19, -16, -23;
Orlowski v Pansky 14, -17, 16, -17, 11.

Round 2 Women

Vriesekoop v Nemes -21, -19;
Popova v Kovalenko 15, -17, -16;
Hrachova v Kruger 11, -15, 19;
PARKER v Szabo -15, -11;
Olah v Batinic 18, 18;
Bulatova v Lindblad -29, 15, 12.

Round 2 Men

DOUGLAS v Pansky 15, 17, 18;
Lindh v U. Bengtsson -16, -16, 19, 11, 15;
Jonyer v Orlowski -20, -16, -18;
Appelgren v S. Bengtsson 16, -13, -17, -18;
Kalinic v Grubba -20, -8, 11, 12, -18;
Waldner v Secretin 19, -17, 19, 9.

SATURDAY MORNING

Round 3 Women

Szabo v Kovalenko 5, 12;
Olah v Lindblad 17, -17, -10;
Popova v Bulatova 11, -12, -10;
Vriesekoop v Batinic 13, 14;
Hrachova v Nemes -18, -16;
H-PARKER v Kruger 21, -20, -14.

Round 3 Men

Waldner v S. Bengtsson -14, -20, 17, 18, 13;
Orlowski v Lindh -17, -12, -15;
Kalinic v Secretin 15, -18, -16, -21;
Jonyer v Pansky -11, -20, 17, -10;
DOUGLAS v Grubba 21, 17, 14;
Appelgren v U. Bengtsson 16, 21, -19, -19, 14.

Round 4 Women

Hrachova v Batinic 15, -15, 16;
H-PARKER v Nemes 14, 14;
Vriesekoop v Szabo -15, -18;

Popova v Kruger 15, 10;
Lindblad v Kovalenko 19, -16, 21;
Olah v Bulatova -13, 14, 15.

Round 4 Men

Orlowski v Secretin 15, -16, -18, 19, -16;
Waldner v U. Bengtsson 17, 12, -22, 9;
Appelgren v Lindh 17, -18, 12, -20, -14;
Jonyer v Grubba 18, -14, -13, 19, -20;
Kalinic v Pansky -18, 18, 15, 15;
S. Bengtsson withdrawn.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Round 5 Women

Olah v Nemes -15, -12;
Vriesekoop v Hrachova -18, 19, 17;
Kovalenko v Kruger -19, -8;
H-PARKER v Bulatova 14, -14, -20;
Szabo v Lindblad 11, -9, -23;
Popova v Batinic 19, 9.

Round 5 Men

DOUGLAS v Orlowski -13, -17, -12;
Pansky v Grubba 20, -8, -15, -18;
Kalinic v U. Bengtsson 13, 7, 22;
Appelgren v Waldner -18, 20, -20, 18, 18;
Jonyer v Secretin -18, -12, 15, -17.

Round 6 Women

Batinic v Kruger 18, 12;
Popova v Szabo -18, 9, 19;
Lindblad v Nemes -13, -17;
Hrachova v Olah 17, 16;
Vriesekoop v Bulatova -13, -12;
H-PARKER v Kovalenko 18, -16, -17.

Round 6 Men

Appelgren v Grubba 7, -7, -15, -19;
U. Bengtsson v Secretin -20, -9, 10, -19;
Waldner v Pansky -19, -19, -10;
Kalinic v Orlowski -14, -13, -16;
DOUGLAS v Lindh 22, 18, 19;

Round 7 Women

Vriesekoop v Popova 17, 15;
Olah v Kruger -20, -18;
H-PARKER v Lindblad 19, 18;
Szabo v Bulatova 14, -13, 18;
Batinic v Nemes -14, -17;
Hrachova v Kovalenko 16, 12.

Round 7 Men

Appelgren v Orlowski 16, -18, -13, -14;
Grubba v Secretin 23, 20, -21, -8, -14;
Jonyer v Lindh 18, -17, -12, 12, 21;
Waldner v DOUGLAS 17, -16, -17, -17;
Pansky v U. Bengtsson -19, 12, -21, -19;

SUNDAY MORNING

Round 8 Women

Hrachova v Szabo 21, 17;
Vriesekoop v Olah -19, -17;
Bulatova v Batinic 10, -19, 6;
H-PARKER v Popova 11, -22, -17;
Nemes v Kovalenko 10, -11, 13;
Lindblad v Kruger -17, -18.

Round 8 Men

Kalinic v DOUGLAS -21, -18, 18, 19, -14;
Waldner v Orlowski 21, -17, -19, -14;
Lindh v Secretin 16, -21, -15, 15, 17;
Appelgren v Pansky 13, 18, 21;
Grubba v U. Bengtsson -20, -20, 17, 17, 19.

Round 9 Women

Nemes v Kruger -14, -19;
Szabo v Batinic 18, 14;
Vriesekoop v Kovalenko 18, 25;
Hrachova v Bulatova -15, -17;
H-PARKER v Olah 12, 26;
Popova v Lindblad 22, 8.

Round 9 Men

Lindh v Grubba -15, 19, 19, -13, 17;
Pansky v Secretin -21, 21, -10, -16;
Waldner v Jonyer -13, 20, 6, 19;
DOUGLAS v U. Bengtsson -19, -20, -19;
Appelgren v Kalinic 16, 9, 19.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Round 10 Women

Vriesekoop v Lindblad 19, 13;
H-PARKER v Hrachova -15, -19;
Popova v Olah 12, 12;
Szabo v Kruger -17, 16, 17;
Bulatova v Nemes -15, -19;
Batinic v Kovalenko 13, -20, -18.

Round 10 Men

Appelgren v Secretin 20, 22, -6, 12;
Waldner v Grubba 18, -12, -19, -18;
Kalinic v Lindh 15, 15, 15;
DOUGLAS v Jonyer 18, 12, -18, -17, 14;
Orlowski v U. Bengtsson 12, 17, 9;

Round 11 Women

Vriesekoop v H-PARKER -15, 11, 19;
Popova v Hrachova 14, 13;
Olah v Kovalenko 19, -27, -15;
Szabo v Nemes -9, 16, -21;
Bulatova v Kruger 19, 11;
Batinic v Lindblad 17, -16, 18.

Round 11 Men

Appelgren v DOUGLAS 15, 19, -17, 12;
Waldner v Kalinic 15, -13, -17, 10, -20;
Jonyer v U. Bengtsson 11, -17, 16, 16;
Orlowski v Grubba 18, 18, -16, 17;
Lindh v Pansky 18, 12, 11.

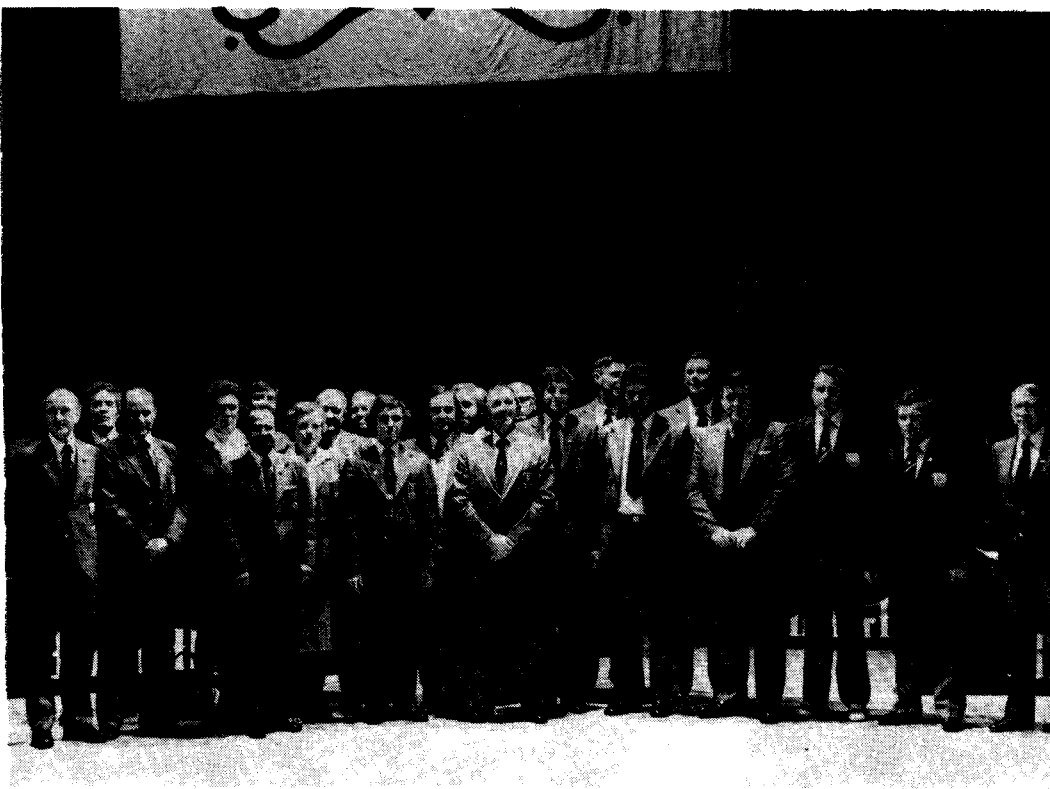
Women

FINAL PLACINGS

	W	F	A
1 Olga Nemes (ROM)	9	18	7
2 Fliura Bulatova (URS)	8	18	11
3 Bettine Vriesekoop (NET)	7	14	11
4 Valentina Popova (URS)	7	17	10
5 Marie Hrachova (TCH)	7	15	10
6 Gabriella Szabo (HUN)	6	16	12
7 Kirsten Kruger (FRG)	5	13	13
8 Inna Kovalenko (URS)	5	12	17
9 JILL H-PARKER (ENG)	4	13	14
10 Marie Lindblad (SWE)	3	8	19
11 Zsuzsa Olah (HUN)	3	9	17
12 Branka Batinic (YUG)	2	7	19

Men

1 Milan Orlowski (TCH)	8	25	11
2 DESMOND DOUGLAS (ENG)	7	23	15
3 Mikael Appelgren (SWE)	7	25	16
4 Erik Lindh (SWE)	7	23	19
5 Jacques Secretin (FRA)	6	23	20
6 Andrzej Grubba (POL)	5	21	23
7 Istvan Jonyer (HUN)	4	19	22
8 Zoran Kalinic (YUG)	4	17	21
9 Jan-Ove Waldner (SWE)	3	18	24
10 Ulf Bengtsson (SWE)	2	15	25
11 Jindrich Pansky (TCH)	2	12	25



Referee, Tony Chatwin and his team of officials at Thornaby.

TECHNICAL NOTES

1. The Tournament will consist of the first 12 men and first 12 women in the European Classification list. Any vacancies in either the men's or women's event will be filled from the Classification list in descending order. All 12 players in each tournament will all play each other, for a total of 11 matches each. The men's matches will be the best of 5 games, and the women's matches the best of 3 games.

2. Equality: If 2 players finish with equal matches won, the player who won when they played each other will finish highest. If 3 or more players finish with equal matches won, only the results between those tied players will be taken into account to decide which player finishes highest between the tied players. First the differences in wins and losses of games will decide, and if still equal, differences between points won and lost will decide.

3. Players from the same Association: Matches between players from the same Association must be played first.

4. Withdrawals: If a player withdraws from the Europe Top 12 Tournament before the commencement of the 6th round of matches, the results of any matches played will not be counted. If a player withdraws after the commencement of the 6th round of matches, the matches played will stand and any opponent that the withdrawn player has not played will be given a walk-over, counted on the basis of 1 win by a score, in the case of men, of 3 games to 1: 21-15, 15-21, 21-15, 21-15, and in the case of the women, 2 games to 1: 21-15, 15-21, 21-15.

5. Awards: The winner of the Men's Singles will be entitled to hold the Richard Bergmann Memorial Cup for 1 year. The winner of the Women's Singles will be entitled to hold the Trudi Pritzi Memorial Cup for 1 year. In addition, the top 4 men and top 4 women will each receive medals for their permanent retention.

6. Prize money: Total Swiss Francs 21,000 (almost £7,000).

The prizes are paid in Swiss Francs. The English equivalent at the time the programme went to press is detailed for information in brackets.

MEN		WOMEN	
1.	S.F. 3,000 (£975)	S.F. 1,500 (£475)	
2.	2,250 (£725)	1,150 (£375)	
3.	1,750 (£550)	900 (£300)	
4.	1,300 (£425)	700 (£225)	
5.	1,100 (£350)	600 (£200)	
6.	950 (£300)	500 (£160)	
7.	750 (£250)	450 (£145)	
8.	700 (£225)	400 (£130)	
9.	600 (£200)	350 (£110)	
10.	500 (£160)	300 (£95)	
11.	450 (£145)	250 (£80)	
12.	350 (£110)	200 (£65)	

Players withdrawing before the completion of the 6th round will not receive any prize money.

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COVER PICTURE

Czechoslovakia's Milan Orlovski, with the Richard Bergmann Cup, and Olga Nemes of Rumania, with the Trudi Pritzi Cup, on the rostrum at Thornaby Pavilion. Extreme left England's Desmond Douglas who finished in second place in the men's competition ponders on what might have been.

DISENCHANTED

Lancashire's Shaun Browne, disenchanted by his performance against Mark Mitchell at the Premier Division weekend in Bristol took his leave of his teammates and thumbed his way home to Culcheth overnight on the Saturday.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

ENGLAND SECURE

by The Editor

Beating Denmark 7-0 in Copenhagen on Feb. 9 England made sure of their Super Division standing for next season at the same time plunging their hosts back into Division 1 after but one season's stay among the elite.

Only two of the seven sets in Copenhagen needed a third game decider — the first in which Graham Sandley beat Claus Pedersen 19 in the third and the fifth in which Desmond Douglas and Karen Witt were extended by Pedersen and Annie Ramberg.

RESULTS

C. Pedersen lost to G. Sandley 16, -15, -19; K. Kartholm lost to D. Douglas -8, -16; A. Ramberg lost to L. Bellinger -17, -16; L. Hauth/Pedersen lost to D. Johnson/Sandley -17, -17; Pedersen/Ramberg lost to Douglas/K. Witt -16, 10, -14; Pedersen lost to Douglas -16, -13; Kartholm lost to Sandley -14, -5.

Meantime Yugoslavia, the defending title holders, after their 4-3 win over England in Pula on Jan. 11, accounted for Hungary 5-2 in Zrenjanin on Feb. 9 to maintain their unbeaten record with one match to play, away to Sweden on March 9.

In Zrenjanin the Yugoslavs took a winning 4-0 lead when Dragutin Surbek and Zoran Kalinic won their opening singles, as did Branka Batinic, with the former pair also successful in their doubles encounter. Janos Takacs later had the satisfaction of beating Surbek after the visitors had won the doubles.

SCORES

D. Surbek bt Z. Kriston 19, 19; Z. Kalinic bt J. Takacs 18, 16; B. Batinic bt I. Balogh 17, 11; Kalinic/Surbek bt Kriston/Molnar 10, -20, 8; Kalinic/E. Palatinus lost to Molnar/Balogh -14, -15; Surbek lost to Takacs 11, -14, -13; Kalinic bt Kriston -19, 19, 13.

Poland secured their second win of the season in beating Denmark 7-0 in Wroclaw on Jan. 12 but, away to Czechoslovakia in Pribram on Feb. 9, they suffered a 5-2 defeat which kept their hosts still breathing down Yugoslavia's neck. Now, with an expected 7-0 win over Denmark in their final match, Czecho can await the Sweden/Yugo result with more than a passing interest!

SCORES

Poland v Denmark S. Dryszel bt M. Daugard 17, -21, 10; A. Grubba bt L. Hauth 12, 11; J. Szatko bt D. Hauth -17, 9, 11; Dryszel/Grubba bt Daugard/L. Hauth 14, 12; Grubba/Szatko bt Daugard/D. Hauth 12, 8; Dryszel bt L. Haugh 16, -14, 13; Grubba bt Daugard 12, 8.

Czechoslovakia v Poland

J. Dvoracek lost to Grubba 20, -17, -17; J. Pansky bt Dryszel 12, 19; M. Hrachova bt Szatko 10, 12; Pansky/Hrachova bt Grubba/Szatko 11, -18, 16; V. Broda/Pansky bt Dryszel/Grubba 19, 21; Dvoracek lost to Dryszel -13, 18, -17; Pansky bt Grubba -14, 17, 11.

Czechoslovakia, in their previous match away to Sweden in Karlskrona on Jan. 11, won 5-2 after taking a winning 4-0 lead. Successful only in one of the four men's singles Sweden's only successes came from Mikael Appelgren, who beat Josef Dvoracek, and in the mixed when Erik Lindh and Menni Weizades had a notable win over Jindrich Pansky and Marie Hrachova.

SCORES

M. Appelgren lost to Pansky 14, -13, -12; J-O.Waldner lost to Dvoracek -18, -20; M. Weizades lost to Hrachova -6, -17; E. Lindh/Waldner lost to Broda/Pansky 14, -18, -14; Lindh/Weizades bt Pansky/Hrachova -19, 9, 15; Appelgren bt Dvoracek 21, 24; Waldner lost to Pansky 13, -9, -15.

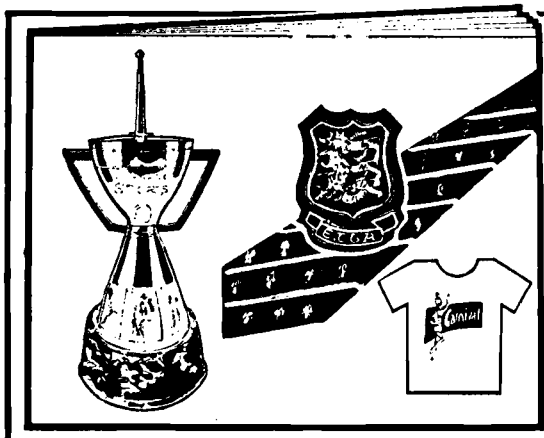
No scores are to hand following Hungary's 4-3 win over Federal Germany on Jan. 12 but in Gottingen, Sweden, on Feb. 9, the Federal Republic were on the receiving end of a 'whitewash' administered by Sweden.

SCORES

M. Plum lost to Lindh -12, -13; G. Bohm lost to Waldner 16, -13, -16; K. Kruger lost to M. Lindblad -20, -18; E. Hugging/Plum lost to Lindh/Waldner -18, -18; Bohm/Kruger lost to Lindh/Lindblad -18, -7; Plum lost to Waldner -8, -8; Bohm lost to Lindh -20, 16, -18.

Fixtures for March 9/83

Poland v Hungary Denmark v Czechoslovakia Sweden v Yugoslavia England v Federal Germany (Eastleigh, Hants)



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SUPER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Yugoslavia *	6	6	0	31	11	6
Czechoslovakia	6	5	1	28	14	5
Sweden	6	4	2	30	12	4
Hungary	6	3	3	17	25	3
England	6	2	4	21	21	2
Poland	5	2	3	17	18	2
Federal Germany	5	1	4	13	22	1
Denmark †	6	0	6	4	38	0

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DIVISION 1

With their sights firmly set on a return to the Super Division, the Soviet Union registered wins over Norway (6-1) in Bergen and, in Moscow on Feb. 5, 7-0 over Finland.

SCORES

v Norway

A. Mazunov lost to T. Johnsen -17, 15;
I. Solopov bt G. Gustavsen 11, 15;
V. Popova bt T. Folkesen 12, 9;
Mazunov/Solopov bt Gustavsen/Johansen

15, -11, 17;
Mazunov/Popova bt Johansen/Folkesson 16, 17;
Solopov bt Johansen 19, 20;
Mazunov bt Gustavsen 21, 14.

v Finland

Solopov bt S. Soderberg 14, 10;
B. Rozenberg bt M. Pyykko 15, 15;
A. Zaharjan bt S. Grefberg 18, 17;
Mazanov/Rozenberg bt Pyykko/Soderberg 19, 21;
Rozenberg/Zaharjan bt Pyykko/Grefberg -14, 22, 15;
Solopov bt Pyykko 17, 13;
Rozenberg bt Soderberg 9, 14.

France, in second place, followed up their 7-0 win over Italy (no scores to hand) by beating Austria 5-2 in Besancon on Feb. 9.

SCORES

P. Renverse bt D. Palmi 18, 13;
F. Farout bt E. Amplatz 17, 13;
P. Germain bt D. Fetter -19, 13, 17;
Farout/Renverse lost to Amplatz/G. Muller

-21, -21;
Renverse/Germain bt Muller/Fetter 23, 19;
Renverse lost to Amplatz -21, 11, -17;
Farout bt Palmi 12, 18.

The Netherlands, in trouble having played former English international Bob Potton against Norway — they have lodged a complaint — beat Finland 4-3 in Helsinki but subsequently lost by a similar score at home to Italy in Heerenveen on Feb. 9.

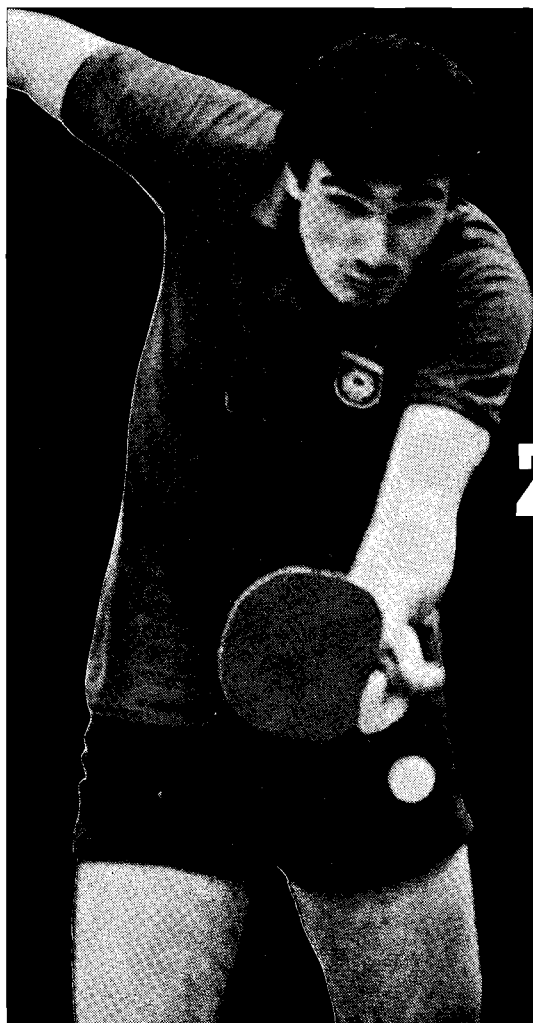
SCORES

v Finland

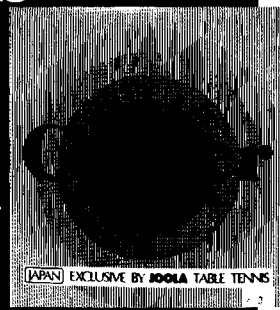
J. Jokinen bt R. Hijne -15, 19, 13;
Soderberg lost to H. van Spanje -20, -16;
Grefberg bt M. Kloppenburg 7, 12;
J. Ikonen/Jokinen lost to H. and R. van Spanje -17, -17;
Jokinen/Grefberg lost to H. van Spanje/Kloppenburg -20, -20;
Jokinen bt H. van Spanje 22, -11, 7;
Soderberg lost to Hijne -21, -10.

v Italy

Hijne lost to G. Bisi -14, 16, -11;



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H. van Spanje lost to M. Costantini -18, 11, -19;
 S. de Kruiff bt M. Cergol 19, 8;
 H. & R. v. Spanje bt Bisi/Costantini -13, 11, 17;
 R. v. Spanje/de Kruiff lost to Bisi/Cergol -18, -17;
 Hijne bt Costantini 19, 16;
 H. v. Spanje lost to Bisi -18, -18.

Belgium, at home to Norway in Herve on Feb. 4, made sure of a retention of their status by winning 4-3 this following their 5-2 defeat by Austria in Ybbsitz on Jan. 12.

SCORES

v Austria

Amplatz lost to T. Cabrera -17, 7, -18;
 Palmi bt R. de Prophetis 16, 7;
 Fetter bt B. Lippens 18, 12;
 Amplatz/Muller bt Cabrera/de Prophetis 14, 18;
 Muller/Fetter bt de Prophetis/Lippens -14, 13, 13;
 Amplatz lost to de Prophetis -11, -18;
 Palmi bt Cabrera 12, 17.

v Norway

Cabrera lost to Gustavsen 17, -18, -14;
 de Prophetis bt Johansen -17, 13, 14;
 Lippens bt Folkeson -23, 17, 9;
 Cabrera/de Prophetis lost to Gustavsen/Johansen -14, -16;
 D. Leroy/Lippens lost to Gustavsen/Folkeson -10, -17;
 Cabrera bt Johansen -16, 17, 16;
 de Prophetis bt Gustavsen 20, 15.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Soviet Union	6	6	0	32	10	6
France *	6	5	1	31	11	5
Austria	6	3	3	18	24	3
Netherlands	6	3	3	18	24	3
Italy	6	3	3	17	25	3
Finland	6	2	4	19	23	2
Belgium †	6	2	4	17	25	2
Norway †	6	0	6	16	26	0

* Demotees † Promotees

Fixtures for March 9/'83

Netherlands v Soviet Union
 Finland v Belgium
 Norway v France
 Austria v Italy

DIVISION 2

Latest results from Division 2 are:

Wales 3 Turkey 4
 Ireland 5 Portugal 2
 Luxembourg 4 Ireland 3
 Scotland 5 Wales 2
 Turkey 6 Switzerland 1
 Wales 6 Portugal 1

TABLE

Turkey *	6	5	1	29	13	5
Luxembourg	6	5	1	28	14	5
Spain	5	4	1	22	13	4
Scotland	6	4	2	27	15	4
Switzerland	6	3	3	22	20	3
Ireland	6	2	4	17	25	2
Wales *	7	1	6	19	30	1
Portugal	6	0	6	4	38	0

* Promotees

Outstanding fixtures

Feb. 9 Portugal v Spain
 Mar. 9 Switzerland v Ireland
 Mar. 9 Spain v Luxembourg
 Mar. 9 Turkey v Scotland

DIVISION 3

Guernsey came out top of the four countries to compete in the Division 3 matches played at La Mare de Carteret School, Guernsey on Jan. 14/15, 1983.

RESULTS

Iceland 3 Malta 4
 Guernsey 5 Jersey 2
 Malta 0 Guernsey 7
 Jersey 3 Iceland 4
 Guernsey 6 Iceland 1
 Malta 4 Jersey 3

TABLE

Guernsey	3	3	0	18	3	3
Malta	3	2	1	8	13	2
Iceland	3	1	2	8	13	1
Jersey	3	0	3	8	13	1

OFFICIAL INFORMATION

AFFILIATION FEE UNIT FOR 1983/84

In accordance with Rule 7.6, the amount of the fee unit under Rule 7.4 for season 1983/84 will be 86p.

The formula used for this calculation is:
 80p x November 1982 R.P.I.

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This becomes:

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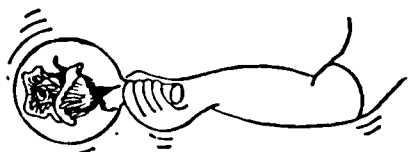
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The Norwich Union Welsh Open Championships

SPECTACULAR BEST

by H. ROY EVANS

Teams from twenty-five countries were at the first Norwich Union Welsh Open, played at Cardiff from Jan. 20 to 22, and the event produced a lot of sparkling play, the televised final between Secretin and Appelgren in particular showing table tennis at its spectacular best.

Regrettably spectator support was far less than budgeted for, a feature unfortunately in line with others at the National Sports Centre recently, and also repeated at other top class table tennis events. Maybe it is in this area that the recession is really biting, with people having money enough for the essentials, but little to spare for entertainment. Those who didn't come missed a treat, with the wily Secretin producing astonishing virility against much younger opponents.

The Team Events

England had a good day in the team events on the Thursday, winning the men's section with a 3-1 victory over France, and being runners-up to Hungary in the women's event.

A splendid doubles win by Duggie Johnson and Graham Sandley over Jonyer and Gergely and a fine final set win by Graham over Kriston were the deciding features of England's 3-2 semi-final win over Hungary, whilst in the Anglo-French final, Desmond beat Birocheau and Martin, whilst Graham bt Martin. Secretin was evidently keeping himself for the individual singles, otherwise the result might have been different.

In the women's team semi-final England beat West Germany 3-2, Lisa Bellinger provided winning performances over Kristen Kruger and Wenzel, and a doubles win with Jill Parker who, already suffering the onset of back trouble, lost both her events.

Karen Witt came into the side for the final against Hungary, but the more experienced Gabriella Szabo, Zsuzsa Olah and Judit Magos proved too strong and England went down to a 3-0 defeat.

The Individual Events

There were shocks throughout the men's singles. Stellan Bengtsson went out in the first round to the Hungarian Kriston, whilst Carl Preat, coming through from the qualifying rounds, beat Josef Dvoracek in Round 2, after eliminating the Frenchman Patrick Renverse. He then lost to Kriston in the third round.

The West German Bohm beat Jonyer in Round 3, and Ulf Carlsson eliminated the other Hungarian Gergely at the same stage.

Johnson made a second round exit to

Engel, whilst Sandley was another Kriston victim in Round 2. Desmond was now the only Englishman left in the quarter-finals.

Jacques Secretin was beginning to serve notice of a firm determination to disprove those who said he was on the decline. After beating Peter Stellwag of Germany in straight games, he put a summary end to Kriston's gallop with another three-straight win to the semi-final. Desmond also advanced to meet Secretin there, but only after a long five game battle with Carlsson.

In the other half it took Appelgren, the No. 1 seed, five games to overcome Bohm, and Jan-Ove Waldner beat fellow countryman Erik Lindh in four. The semi-final was another Swedish battle for Waldner, but he tried unavailingly against Appelgren. It was a good game, but one had the impression that Appelgren was always in command.

The other semi-final produced the long awaited battle between Desmond and Secretin, the latter eager to avenge his Lambert and Butler defeat. It was a tremendous match, Des taking the first game, Secretin levelling, then Desmond winning the third in great style. Secretin took the fourth equally convincingly, and the decider swayed this way and that. Des hit the ball to all corners of the court but Secretin always seemed to be there without much effort. Des was certainly unfortunate when his racket accidentally got in the way of a Secretin hit off the table when the score was 18-all, but when Secretin finally won, one felt it was a just result.

The final between Secretin and Appelgren was a battle between two players taking the ball late. There was not so much atmosphere in it as in the match between Secretin and Douglas, but it was a fine final deservedly won by the "veteran" Secretin, and televised very much to the benefit of table tennis generally.

Jill Parker withdrew from the women's singles, and this let the defensive Russian Kovalenko through to the quarters. Bellinger lost in the first round to the eventual winner Olah of Hungary, and Karen Witt was the second round victim of another Hungarian Szabo.

The quarters were fought out by Kovalenko /Lindblad, won by the former, Kruger who beat Szabo, Olah who accounted for another Russian Bulatova, and Magos who beat Belgium's Barbara Lippens.

The semis saw Kruger, a "twiddler" come through against Kovalenko in five long games, and Olah account for her team mate Magos.

The Final between Olah and Kruger was tame compared with the men's final before it, and Olah eventually won in four.

The Czechs, Orlowski and Pansky, took the doubles, but it was unfortunate that the scratch pairing of Paul Day and Alan Fletcher, which had blossomed so well to an unexpected final, were so outclassed in the end.

The women's doubles saw the elimination of English pairs Witt/Gordon and Moore/Stevenson in Round 2, and the eventual winners Bulatova and Kovalenko had some recompense for some frustrating results in the singles.

The Mixed turned into an all-German affair, Rebel and Wenzel scraping home in a semi-final clash with Lindh and Lindblad, whilst Bohm and Kruger beat Molnar/Magos

more easily. The final was good without being exciting.

Wales's Frustrating end to the European League Season

Wales lost to Turkey in the last game of the last match in Cardiff on Jan. 19, Mark Thomas losing to Cimen 14 in the third with the score 3-all. Alan Griffiths won his two, and Lesley Tyler won her set. The mixed went to Turkey 22-20 in the third, and this was very much the deciding clash. Wales then beat Portugal at Bridgend on Jan. 25, only Lesley Tyler losing her singles in the 6-1 win, which ensured Welsh participation in Division 2 next season, but this was followed by a poor display against Scotland, only a good Gary Wilkins win over Richard Yule and a mixed win for Mark Thomas and Lesley Tyler showing on the Welsh score sheet.

JOHN PREAN AT THE WELSH OPEN

Impressions of a Spectator

This is not a tournament account, just a few recollections which will stay with me for a long time. I did not see everything and too much of one player, but some remarkable things happened in three days of wonderful, sometimes strange table tennis.

Jonyer Returns from the Dead

The scene the team event. Germany lead Hungary 2-1. Stellwag leads Jonyer by one game and 20-7, but Jonyer wins. I only saw the come-back from 20-13 and several people confirmed the 20-7 situation. I still cannot believe it. Jonyer won the third game too, levelled the match at 2-all. Kriston beat Bohm and Germany were out. The greatest reversal of all time? The next day in the Individual Jonyer bowed out tamely to Bohm 3-0.

England Win the Team Event

After some awful moments in International Opens we had something to cheer about — an undoubted and major success. Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, France, Germany were out in force. Excellent play by Douglas, Sandley and Johnson who played in all the doubles.

It might have been a double because the Girls too got to the finals, but Jill Parker's back injury took too much from the side though the Hungarians were always likely to be difficult.

Enthralling Semi-finals

A Hollywood script writer would not have dared to produce two better semi-finals. The first European Nos. 1 and 2 Appelgren and Waldner, the latter a treble victor against the Chinese in the French Open, but not here against his countryman who handled those lethal serves remarkably well and in this match at least held his No. 1 spot. There was a strange incident. Waldner broke his bat and then very deliberately re-lined another blade with new rubber and that now fashionable glue whilst everybody waited for the conclusion of this ritual. Then with his faster or at any rate different bat he proceeded to wipe out his opponent's winning lead only to bungle it all in the last few points. Play was hardly continuous.

Still, an interesting match, but not compared with what was to follow when Secretin defeated Douglas 19 in the 5th in an incredible contest lit up by a piece of remarkable sportsmanship by the English player who unhesitatingly acknowledged a

volley from a ball way off the table which in my view cost him the match.

For some time now the French Master has not been a competitive player. One still saw him at tournaments and he still entertained, his lobbing still unsurpassed, his exhibitions world famous, but he was more likely to depart in Round 1 than later, but here he meant business. He had slimmed down, he looked sharp and determined. He was quite brilliant in the doubles of the team event which is all he played that first day. Could he rise to his former greatness or had he lost the urge to win, if not that to please the crowd?

He answered all these questions conclusively with a marvellous display in the final to which the European Champion had no answer. All points were won with spin and touch, with flair and elan. He needed no special glues and neither did Douglas earlier. I was glad he came back, to see him at his best, as an entertainer certainly, but also a winner.

Bicycle Glue

When I watched the European Youth Championships I first heard the new sound, hollow and unmistakable that heralded a new table tennis stupidity and one perhaps more worthy of attention than the so-called funny, slow rubbers. This glue, a rubber solution, speeds up rubber which is already too fast. Players hit harder, or seem to, and make more mistakes as Waldner and Appelgren certainly showed, class players though they unquestionably are.

If you believe, as I do, that it is the faster rather than the slower rubbers which ruin the game as a spectacle, then the emergence of the 'glue' cannot be greeted with unrestrained joy.

It dries quickly and when it has hardened it loses its effectiveness and another layer has to be applied. Obviously as you apply the layers the blade quickly becomes uneven. Therefore the top players with unlimited supplies of rubber apply the solution only once and then throw or give the rubber away. One well known player was reported as using £1,500's worth of rubber a year. Certainly, when I was in Europe, I could observe the Swedish juniors throwing their sheets (retail value in England about £10) out of the window where the children of underprivileged nations (like England) picked them up eagerly. These rubbers, tossed out of windows with such high spirit and abandon, were but for the layer of 'bicycle glue' brand-new and of quality not often seen by lesser lights, but that one layer had made them unfit for the young aristocrats of our sport.

In this egalitarian age one thing we do not need are different qualities of equipment for the stars and the rest or to keep aspiring players in poverty as they try to match the rubber consumption of the great.

I overheard two young players as they spoke of improving their game. I had expected them to disappear into the practice hall. I was wrong. They were heading for the bicycle shop.

Whether what they find there, intended to mend bicycle tyres, is indeed the mixture used by the Swedes and many other stars I have no means of knowing. The concept I learned some time ago was Chinese. Certainly I had detected that famous sound first of all on Chinese blades. Players genuinely believe that at best this is a new

eldorado, at worst something they cannot afford to be without if they want to hold their place in the rat race.

Our Sport seems engulfed in a deep death wish. Whilst our legislators rush out to ban the bats of Duggie Johnson, Dave Barr and Carl Prean or at least to render them ineffective or useless, the Game's greats are rehearsing a new farce.

Stamping

Talking of farces, the stamping farce too continues unabated. The undisputed lemon must go to Christian Martin who stamped throughout with truly Gallic intensity and must be favourite in the stampede towards the first rheumatic knee. That, however, is his problem. Mine was that the noise was so deafening that I had to leave the arena addicted though I otherwise am to great

defenders. My headache grew too intense.

Throughout that match Martin was not warned. Imagine my surprise when, on another table, I saw a lightweight junior called for stamping as he came down hard on his front foot — as his devoted coach had no doubt told him — and the point he had won honestly and honourably was taken away.

Umpires

All this may be taken as enmity towards umpires. The opposite is the case. England has in fact some superb umpires who know when to be courageous and when to be unobtrusive, but we are now heading in uncertain directions, when different umpires do different things and inconsistency becomes part of the sport. I see further clouds: New, possibly unclear service laws,

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rubber legislation which will be easy to circumvent and leave much bitterness and bickering in its wake.

The Team for Tokyo

We got up early on Saturday to get to the Centre as England's World Championship Team was about to be announced and Carl was anxious to hear his fate. The big moment came (or did it?) when the team was announced — 5 men and 4 ladies. But it never happened. What was announced were 6 men and 5 ladies and most of them will now sweat it out for another month or so to discover which one will be dropped and of course dreadfully disappointed. So pressure was again being exerted on the players, pressure they do not need as they prepare (or do they?) for the big day. My player was in the party, but it was a much diluted pleasure. All that had been bestowed upon him was the right to be suspended on a bit of string a little longer. I report this more in sorrow than in anger. The selectors have done precisely what players are not supposed to do. They have bottled.

The End

So what were my impressions? Nothing but admiration for those responsible for assembling such a stunning event. That a small table tennis country like Wales should have done it borders on the miraculous. I had three wonderful days. Despite the above grumbles, what a time for Table Tennis, what superb matches and of course the memory of Douglas' sportsmanship and Secretin's Indian Summer.

NORWICH UNION WELSH OPEN

RESULTS

Men's Team Event

Round 1:

Ireland 3 Guernsey 0
Hamill bt Powell 20, 18;
Stevin bt Gallienne 11, 7;
Hamill/Stevin bt Gallienne/Powell 14, 18.
Denmark 3 Belgium 0
Portugal 3 Scotland 2
Moriara lost to Broe -20, -16;
Portela bt McIlroy 17, 19;
Moriara/Portela lost to Broe/McIlroy -21, -11;
Portela bt Broe 7, 17;
Moriara bt McIlroy 13, 10.
Malta w.o. Soviet Union scr
Turkey 3 Wales 1 2
Cimen lost to Griffiths -16, -10;
Gurham bt Thomas 18, 9, 11;
Cimen/Gurham bt Griffiths/Thomas -17, 15, 16;
Gurham lost to Griffiths -17, -11;
Cimen bt Thomas -18, 7, 17.
Netherlands 3 Canada 1
Wales II 3 Jersey 0
Wilkins bt Vokins 4, 15;
N. Thomas bt Quinn 16, 7;
Thomas/Wilkins bt Quinn/Vibert 9, 12.
Norway 3 Israel 1
Luxembourg w.o. USA scr

Round 2:

Hungary 3 Ireland 0
Kriston bt Stevin 20, 17;
Molnar bt Hamill 13, 11;
Kriston/Molnar bt Hamill/Stevin 12, 15.
FR Germany 3 Denmark 1
Portugal 3 Malta 0
England 3 Turkey 0
Johnson bt Gurham 19, 13;
Douglas bt Cimen 12, 18;
Johnson/Sandley bt Cimen/Gurham 11, 13.
Sweden 3 Netherlands 0
Poland 3 Wales II 0
Grubba bt N. Thomas 9, 13;
Dryszel bt Wilkins 7, -17, 16;
Dryszel/Grubba bt Thomas/Wilkins 12, 11.
France 3 Norway 1
Czechoslovakia 3 Luxembourg 0

Quarter-finals:

Hungary 3 FR Germany 2
Kriston lost to Stellwag -14, -16;
Jonnyer lost to Bohm -9, -16;
Gergely/Jonnyer bt Bohm/Stellwag 12, -15, 15;
Jonnyer bt Stellwag -17, 21, 13;
Kriston bt Bohm 20, -19, 7.
England 3 Portugal 0
Johnson bt Moriara 11, 9;
Sandley bt Portela 13, 20;
Johnson/Sandley bt Moriara/Portela 8, 14.
Sweden 3 Poland 2
Appelgren lost to Grubba -18, -23;
S. Bengtsson bt Dryszel 14, -16, 11;
Appelgren/Carlsson bt Dryszel/Grubba 14, 11;
Bengtsson lost to Grubba -15, 14, -21;

Appelgren bt Dryszel 17, -21, 14.
France 3 Czechoslovakia 1
Martin bt Broda 16, 17;
Birocheau lost to Pansky -17, 18, -21;
Birocheau/Secretin bt Orlovski/Pansky 10, 19;
Martin bt Pansky -13, 13, 13.

Semi-finals:

England 3 Hungary 2
Douglas bt Kriston -17, 10, 12;
Sandley lost to Jonnyer -18, -11;
Johnson/Sandley bt Gergely/Jonnyer 18, -12, 21;
Douglas lost to Jonnyer -16, -16;
Sandley bt Kriston -18, 17, 18.
France 3 Sweden 1
Birocheau bt Bengtsson -8, 22, 19;
Martin lost to Carlsson -16, -18;
Birocheau/Secretin bt Appelgren/Carlsson -21, 12, 12;
Martin bt Bengtsson -13, 12, 19.

Final:

ENGLAND 3 France 1
Douglas bt Birocheau -19, 11, 14;
Sandley bt Martin -16, 21, 19;
Johnson/Sandley lost to Birocheau/Secretin -16, -18;
Douglas bt Martin 23, 13.

Women's Team Event

Round 1:

Norway 3 Wales II 0
Hagen bt Wright 7, 5;
Folkeson bt Sully 6, 20;
Folkeson/Hagen bt Sully/Wright 6, 15.
Turkey 3 Guernsey 0
Dogan bt Powell 15, 10;
Mustecapli bt Gallienne -10, 10, 19;
Dogan/Mustecapli bt Gallienne/Powell 16, 12.
Ireland w.o. Portugal scr
Canada 3 Israel 1
Wales I 3 Scotland 1
Tyler bt Mackay 16, 16;
Cain bt Thomson 12, 17;
Cain/Tyler lost to Mackay/Thomson -14, 14, -18;
Tyler bt Thomson 16, 23.

Round 2:

Hungary 3 Norway 0
France 3 Turkey 1
Czechoslovakia 3 Ireland 0
Silhanova bt Leonard 14, 18;
Pelikanova bt Sheehan -15, 10, 13;
Pelikanova/Silhanova bt Leonard/Sheehan 6, 17.
Soviet Union 3 Denmark 0
England 3 Canada 0
Witt bt Domonkos 10, 20;
Hammersley-Parker bt Hsu 13, 11;
Hammersley-Parker/L. Bellinger bt Domonkos/Hsu 17, 10.
Sweden 3 Belgium 2
Poland 3 Wales I 1
Pozniak lost to Tyler -19, 11, -11;
Szatko bt Cain 9, 13;
Pozniak/Szatko bt Cain/Tyler -13, 11, 16;
Szatko bt Tyler 18, 17.
FR Germany 3 Luxembourg 1

Quarter-finals:

Hungary 3 France 0
Olah bt Germain 10, 8;
Szabo bt Thiriet 14, 18;
Magos/Szabo bt Germain/Thiriet 11, 20.
Soviet Union 3 Czechoslovakia 0
Bulatova bt Silhanova 10, 7;
Kovalenko bt Pelikanova 11, -20, 14;
Bulatova/Kovalenko bt Pelikanova/Silhanova 18, 16.
England 3 Sweden 0
Hammersley-Parker bt Lindblad 14, 11;
L. Bellinger bt Weizades 14, 16;
Hammersley-Parker/Bellinger bt Lindblad/Weizades 10, 16.
FR Germany 3 Poland 1
Kruger bt Pozniak 20, 11;
Wenzel bt Szatko 15, 17;
Kruger/Wenzel lost to Pozniak/Szatko -13, 17, -19;
Kruger bt Szatko -11, 16, 10.

Semi-finals:

Hungary 3 Soviet Union 2
Szabo bt Kovalenko 10, 16;
Olah bt Bulatova 17, -20, 13;
Magos/Szabo lost to Bulatova/Kovalenko -19, -11;
Szabo lost to Bulatova -16, -19;
Olah bt Kovalenko 11, -20, 17.
England 3 FR Germany 2
Hammersley-Parker lost to Wenzel -21, -16;
L. Bellinger bt Kruger 24, 12;
Hammersley-Parker/L. Bellinger bt Kruger/Wenzel -10, 19, 21;
Hammersley-Parker lost to Kruger -20, -20;
Bellinger bt Wenzel 11, -12, 15.

Final:

HUNGARY 3 England 0
Szabo bt Witt -20, 15, 17;
Olah bt Bellinger 13, 11;
Magos/Szabo bt Bellinger/Witt 13, 14.

Men's Singles Round 3:

M. Appelgren (SWE) bt P. Birocheau (FRA) 15, 16, -17, 17;
G. Bohm (FRG) bt I. Jonnyer (HUN) 18, 15, 15;
E. Lindh (SWE) bt C. Martin (FRA) 17, -10, 18, 14;
J-O. Waldner (SWE) bt P. Engel (FRG) -19, 18, 13, -16, 20;
Z. Kriston (HUN) bt C. Prean (ENG) 12, -19, 19, 14;
J. Secretin (FRA) bt P. Stellwag (FRG) 20, 16, 10;
U. Carlsson (SWE) bt G. Gergely (HUN) 10, 11, -18, 20;
D. Douglas (ENG) bt A. Grubba (POL) 14, -16, -14, 18, 19.

Quarter-finals:

Appelgren bt Bohm -8, 10, 17, -14, 17;
Waldner bt Lindh 20, -19, 16, 16;
Secretin bt Kriston 14, 11, 19;
Douglas bt Carlsson 19, 14, -16, -12, 16.

Semi-finals:

Appelgren bt Waldner 17, -18, 19, 15;
Secretin bt Douglas -16, 15, -10, 9, 19.

Final:

SECRETIN bt Appelgren 14, 13, -18, 16.

Women's Singles Round 2:

I. Kovalenko (URS) bt K. Bogaerts (BEL) 18, 11, 16;
M. Lindblad (SWE) bt G. Fazekas (HUN) -16, -15, 18, 14, 13;
K. Kruger (FRG) bt B. Silhanova (TCH) -13, 12, -17, 20, 7;
G. Szabo (HUN) bt K. Witt (ENG) 13, -18, 18, 13;
Z. Olah (HUN) bt T. Folkeson (NOR) 9, 15, 15;
F. Bulatova (URS) bt S. Wenzel (FRG) 14, -15, 18, 16;
J. Magos (HUN) bt B. Thiriet (FRA) 19, 10, 15;
B. Lippens (BEL) bt M. Weizades (SWE) 11, -25, 7, -18, 21.

Quarter-finals:

Kovalenko bt Lindblad -14, 16, 17, 13;
Kruger bt Szabo 20, -18, 17, 21;
Olah bt Bulatova 14, 18, 14;
Magos bt Lippens 13, 13, 16.

Semi-finals:

Kruger bt Kovalenko -21, 20, 15, -14, 17;
Olah bt Magos 20, 14, 16.

Final:

OLAH bt Kruger 22, -17, 18, 19.

Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:

Appelgren/Carlsson bt Bohm/Stellwag 8, 15;
M. Orlovski/J. Pansky (TCH) bt J. Molnar (HUN)/Kriston 24, -9, 11;
P. Day/A. Fletcher (ENG) bt S. Dryszel (POL)/Grubba 13, 17;
V. Broda/J. Dvoracek (TCH) bt Gergely/Jonnyer -14, 18, 18.

Semi-finals:

Orlovski/Pansky bt Appelgren/Carlsson 17, -18, 12;
Day/Fletcher bt Broda/Dvoracek 13, 19.

Final:

ORLOWSKI/PANSKY bt Day/Fletcher 8, 7.

Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:

Fazekas/Szabo bt A. Gordon (ENG)/Witt 13, 15;
A. Pelikanova (TCH)/Silhanova bt C. Moore/A. Stevenson (ENG) 17, 13;
Bulatova/Kovalenko bt P. Germain (FRA)/Thiriet 19, 16;
E. Pozniak/J. Szatko (POL) bt M. Domonkos/G. Hsu (CAN) 12, 7.

Semi-finals:

Fazekas/Szabo bt Pelikanova/Silhanova 12, 16;
Bulatova/Kovalenko bt Pozniak/Szatko 17, 19.

Final:

BULATOVA/KOVALENKO bt Fazekas/Szabo -20, 10, 18.

Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:

Molnar/Magos bt Grubba/Szatko 16, 10;
Bohm/Kruger bt Birocheau/M. Monteux (FRA) -14, 9, 16;
Lindh/Lindblad bt Pansky/Pelikanova 18, 17;
J. Rebel (FRG)/Wenzel bt Martin/Thiriet -13, 18, 22.

Semi-finals:

Bohm/Kruger bt Molnar/Magos 14, 16;
Rebel/Wenzel bt Lindh/Lindblad -17, 19, 21.

Final:

REBEL/WENZEL bt Bohm/Kruger 16, 16.

Men's Consolation Singles Quarter-finals:

J. Souter (MI) bt J. Hamill (IRL) -13, 13, 9;
D. Barr (BK) bt D. Dodd (K) 17, 17;
J. Bogan (ISR) bt A. Jones (WAL) 16, 21;
A. Rosenbaum (ISR) bt A. Moore (SX) 18, 19.

Semi-finals:

Barr bt Souter 16, 12;
Bogan bt Rosenbaum 15, 10.

Final:

BOGAN bt Barr 20, -19, 10.

Women's Consolation Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Ramberg (DEN) bt L. Hershkovitz (ISR) 13, 15;
Pozniak bt M. Sheehan (IRL) 9, 10;
N. Deltour (LUX) bt L. Tyler (WAL) 10, 11;
S. Dogan (TUR) bt E. Wright (WAL) 18, 17.

Semi-finals:

Ramberg bt Pozniak 10, 15;
Deltour bt Dogan 18, 18.

Final:

DELTOUR bt Ramberg 21, 19.

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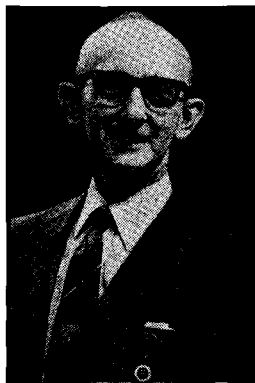
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'LET'S GET ON WITH IT, THEN'



by TOM BLUNN
Chairman, ETTA

The older generation will recognise the wartime radio catch phrase but the younger ones will see that it is a simple call for action.

I have warned about the sliding image of the game and the falling sales of equipment, so when are we going to do something about it?

Well, we have made a start. The National Council has given the go-ahead for two major steps forward as set out in a project entitled "Table Tennis to 1990". The first is approval to appoint a chief executive to take over the day-to-day direction of all aspects of administration, and the second is approval for the formation of nine regional co-ordinating committees to work with groups of counties in the promotion of all aspects of the game in the regions.

Both decisions will take time to implement, particularly as regards the cost. A chief executive will be a well qualified person of experience in business life and a good knowledge of the game and its administration. The Sports Council has been asked for grant aid and although the matter is being given sympathetic consideration, there is no possibility of any additional grant aid in 1983.

The regional co-ordinating committees will require financial support and this could happen in the near future as there is the possibility of support from the regional Sports Councils.

This is all right for the future but what can we do in the meantime?

We have been given the red light by the trade suppliers who inject nearly £50,000 each year into the game at all levels. One manufacturer has stopped making tables and another is keeping going more for sentimental rather than economic reasons. But they have said it cannot go on much longer. One recent four year agreement with Jaques and Dunlop, which is worth £80,000, may well be the last of its kind unless the sales of equipment improve over the four year period.

Do we have the time to wait for the appointment of a chief executive? Or do we have to go ahead now and hope such a person will be self-supporting in a short time?

It is again a question of finding the money. Whilst I do not favour an increase in the present fee of 80p per team place (86p for 1983/84), a specific levy on the membership is a possibility but I believe we should try to find the money from sources other than the general membership. There are ideas about but these have yet to be developed.

In the meantime, is there anything else we

can be doing? We are still getting a feedback from the recent televised exhibition by Secretin and Purkart. This made a greater impression on the regular television viewer than anything since the Worlds in 1977. It was followed by the Norwich Union Trophy and the Lambert & Butler Invitation events. With the Norwich Union Welsh Open and the Norwich Union English Closed also due in the new year, we seemed to be back in business and ordinary people were talking about the game again. Regrettably, the television companies failed to grasp the opportunity to televise the Europe Top 12 from Thornaby and the impetus was lost.

We cannot get all we want from television; we have to take what is offered. A chief executive should be able to spend more time and effort to convince the television companies that table tennis has much to offer and can compete with most alternative sports that are now monopolising the small screen.

The exhibition convinced me that there is still a great entertainment element to be exploited. We must not forget that it was the Barna, Zabados, Bellak circus in the 1930's that generated interest in the game all over the U.K. So why not try it again. The ETTA is investigating the possibility for Secretin and Purkart to tour with their exhibition in 1983 and we are also considering exhibitions by our own players, in their time off from training and competing, who have already demonstrated their talents and skill in such a project.

In April, the National Council will decide on whether or not to support any change in the laws of the game at the I.T.T.F. Congress in Tokyo. This is a very emotive issue and there are two schools of thought, which have been raised in this magazine. It will be up to the Council to decide which line to take. The I.T.T.F. Congress represents world opinion and their decision will be conclusive. The members of the ETTA will have a final say when the adoption of the new law is put to the AGM in July.

Whatever changes and decisions we make, we must be courageous and even adventurous. I am not known for taking risks but bold action is called for and we do not have sufficient time left to pursue the matter in the traditional manner.

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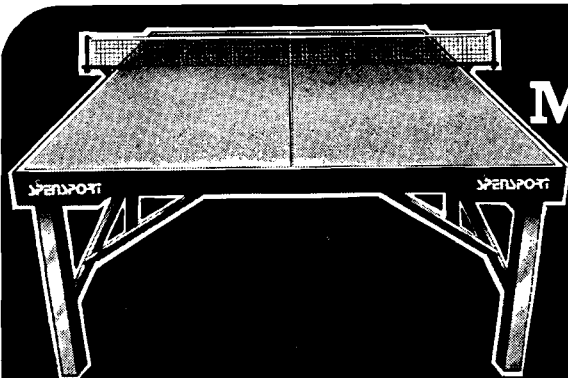
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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

INTER-LEAGUE AT SOHAM

The first half of the Bucks Inter-League competition, for men, took place at the Montem Sports Centre, Slough in November.

After failing to enter teams in the competition last season, Milton Keynes League entered two of the strongest teams that have been in the competition for many years. Slough and High Wycombe also had strong teams and an exciting competition was in prospect, although it was unfortunate that Aylesbury were unable to raise a team.

In the 'A' division, Milton Keynes 'A' proved too strong for the opposition. David Sharpe (Beds No. 2) ended the day with a maximum nine wins. Unfortunately David and his teammate Johnathan Wright were not so popular for their antics on and off the table. Les Wooding (M.K. 'A') and Karl Bushell (H.W. 'A') are in second place with six wins out of nine. Milton Keynes 'B' are lying in second place equal on points with Slough 'A'.

The 'B' division is being run in two sections with four teams in Group 'A' and three in Group 'B'. Slough 'C' are the only unbeaten side in Group 'A' with two wins. In the 'B' Group High Wycombe 'C' and Maidenhead 'C' have both beaten Chalfont and the group will be decided when these teams meet.

Division 'A'	P	W	L	P
Milton Keynes 'A'	3	3	0	20
Milton Keynes 'B'	3	2	1	14
Slough 'A'	3	2	1	14
High Wycombe 'A'	3	1	2	12
Maidenhead 'A'	3	1	2	12
Slough 'B'	3	0	3	9

Division 'B' (Group A)	P	W	L	P
Slough 'C'	2	2	0	10
High Wycombe 'B'	2	1	1	10
Maidenhead 'B'	2	1	1	9
Chiltern	2	0	2	7

Division 'B' (Group B)	P	W	L	P
High Wycombe 'C'	1	1	0	7
Maidenhead 'C'	1	1	0	6
Chalfont	2	0	2	5

Unfortunately the venue has come in for even more criticism and more players are saying that they will not play at "Montem" again. As at least six tables are required very few venues in the county are suitable and those that are cost far more than can be afforded.

HIGH WYCOMBE LEAGUE

In response to a request by the 'Mayor' the league decided to run a tournament to raise money towards the Mayor's Appeal, which is to provide equipment for cancer research at Wycombe Hospital. The tournament consisted of three events, handicap singles, consolation singles and mystery

doubles. The mystery in the doubles was that each entrant was drawn a partner and each winning pair went into a draw for each round, including the final.

Unfortunately the entries were half of the hoped for number but an excellent day was had by all who entered. In the handicap singles the first round was best of five and over 50% of the sets went the whole distance. The semi-finals were contested by P. Unwin (Div. 9) v D. Morris (Div. 2) and R. McMurdo (Div. 7) v B. Avory (Div. 11). Unwin had an easy win over Morris and McMurdo defeated Avory 20, 20 in a most exciting set. In the final McMurdo proved too strong for Unwin running out a comfortable winner.

In the consolation singles final G. Robbins (Div. 1) won a tense battle with P. Gallier (Div. 3) in the third. The doubles final climaxed an event that most players appeared to enjoy and it gave every player a chance of reaching a final. The eventual finalists were J. Dodds (Div. 3) and M. Ainsworth (Div. 1), playing together for the third time, against K. Norris (Div. 4) and D. Hurst (Div. 2). The pairs were very evenly matched with Dodds/Ainsworth running out narrow winners in the third.

The event raised £111.65 towards the 'appeal' and the league are indebted to all people and companies who helped, especially Haylemere Community Centre who donated £45.

CIPPENHAM

In the Halex National League, Cippenham gained their first ever away win at the expense of Waveney. Ray Tilling showed a return to form to win both his sets and Viv McCarthy succeeded in gaining his first maximum — long overdue. Peter Simmonds accounted for his third chopper this season but the normally dependable Frank Earis must have been feeling the effects of a long 5-hour journey. 5-3 was the score that consolidated Cippenham's position fourth in the table.

Meanwhile good local results have forced Cippenham selectors to add 18-years-old Mark Butler to the HNL squad. Competition for places in the team is now really hot as, apart from Tilling, all the players are of fairly similar standard.

In the National Club Championships Cippenham have (again!) drawn near neighbours Maidenhead Y and CC — comprising players who oppose us many times a season. The draw is almost predictable — could the ETTA not widen the zonal system? It is, after all, a national competition and teams do not enter such to play players who live next door. Will somebody explain also how it is that the number of teams vary so much from one zone to another?

The new year brought two tough matches for Cippenham in the 3rd Division East of the Halex National League. On Jan. 2 the Slough club travelled to Crystal Palace to take on Abeng and shook the division leaders by emerging with a share of the points. Tilling needed to save set points in his second game against junior Facey but then produced some superb shots to account for John Burleton. Simmonds did extremely well to beat John Dennison "deuce" in the third and Earis accounted for Paul Colvin. Butler, a promising local, made his HNL debut in this match but could not reproduce the form that had won him selection.

A week later Cippenham played hosts to

Colne Valley, lying second in the table, and with their strongest team on show. The match was lost 2-6 Cippenham's only successes being victories for Tilling and McCarthy over Nick Standen.

Two of the three Slough teams engaged in first round matches in the National competitions won through to the next stage. The men's team are perhaps fortunate that Staines were not at full strength but what a match it turned out to be. After four and a half hours of thrilling table tennis in the closest match anyone can remember Slough won 5-4 with eight of the nine sets requiring a deciding game and five sets being won by a player who had first to survive set point against himself — including all of Slough's first four successes. McCarthy and Earis won two each for Slough while Butler added another.

Mandy Reeves made a welcome return to Slough colours and won her three sets comfortably against a surprised Reading side. Linda Phelps and Jacquie Farwell added one each to give Slough a 5-4 victory.

Only losers in the first round were the boys who went down 3-6 to Watford. Tyrone Silcott won two and Daren Butler one.

FALLERS

After having overcome first round hurdles Slough's Wilmott Cup team fell at the second fence when beaten 6-3 by Milton Keynes while the women suffered a 5-2 reverse to a strong Newbury side. Mandy Reeves won twice in this latter match.

Meanwhile Cippenham's team in the Club Championships overcame local rivals Maidenhead Y & CC in Rd. 1 allowing the visitors only Iain Fullerton's three sets. Then came a visit to Bristol and a 5-2 defeat to an Andy Creed-inspired Knowle and Brislington. Simmonds won both of Cippenham's sets.

Following on from the 50th anniversary celebrations last season the Slough League held another hard bat tournament recently. After an enjoyable day of good fun and humour the final was contested between two players who use the 'old chopper' every week in the league. Pat Maher won the final "deuce" in the third, against Brian Wrightson.

The Slough Closed takes place on Saturday/Sunday, March 6/7 at Montem Sports Centre. Last year the Slough League published a booklet entitled "50 Years of Table Tennis in Slough" in celebration of the half century. A few copies are still available and can be obtained from Graham Trimming, 61 Salt Hill Way, Slough, SL1 3TS for the sum of £1.50.

Colin Taylor reports from . . .

CUMBRIA

LITTLE BRIGHTER

Things are looking a little brighter after the latest County matches. The Senior side scored a good 6-4 win over Northumberland II. After losing the first three sets, a fine team effort gave Cumbria the next six. Debbie Soothill (W) and Mary McPortland (B) were unbeaten in singles and doubles while Neil Smith (M) and Tim Pachul (M) won their doubles plus a singles each. David Hillbeck (W) playing his first match narrowly lost to his opposite No. 3 -19, 18, -19.

The Junior I team beat the Junior II team

10-0 as expected. Ian Sharp (M), Stephen Holland (W) and Debbie Soothill (W) proved too good for the second teamers, winning their sets comfortably. Chris Brockbank (B) however was given a testing by Norman McLeod (B) and Stephen Parker (B).

The top positions at the start of January in the Barrow League, 1st Division are as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Vickers	12	12	0	0	100	20	45
Millom F.P. . .	12	11	0	1	101	19	43
Vickers 'A' . .	13	10	1	2	97	33	41
Glaxo	13	9	1	3	84	46	38
St. Pat's	12	8	0	4	77	43	32

Things are tight at the top but it looks as if Millom F.P. will have to beat Vickers next time around, to be in with a good chance of the League title. Alan Fay leads the averages with 35 wins out of 36 sets, followed by Neil Smith with 30 wins out of 33.

	P	W
Alan Fay (Vickers)	36	35
Neil Smith (Millom F.P.)	33	30
Tim Pachul (Millom F.P.)	33	29
Neil Yardley (Vickers)	33	28
Stan Halesworth (Vickers 'A')	39	32
Andrew Murphy (Vickers) ...	33	26

Fay's only loss so far has been to his clubmate from Vickers 'A' Stan Halesworth. Vickers have three teams already out of the 13 teams in Division One and Millom F.P. have two, but next season they could be increased to four and three teams respectively, for Millom F.P. 'B' lead the Division Two table on sets over Vickers 'C', both teams having 42 points. 3rd placed Furness C.C. are a long way behind on 31 points.

Millom F.P. beat Vickers 6-4 in the Barrow League to take a slender lead at the top of Division One. Neil Smith was the main reason for Millom's success with three singles wins and a doubles with Tim Pachul to his credit. Tim and Andrew Pachul both added a singles win for Millom. For Vickers Alan Fay and Neil Yardley scored two good wins each. Early in the match Yardley had performed miracles to beat Tim Pachul -21, 17, 19 after losing 2-10 and 16-19 in the third game. In the final set Smith gave Millom victory with a 14, 14 win over Fay.

Geoff Waters reports from . . .

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

HOPES SHATTERED

Cambridge were without Keith Richardson, Mandy Judd and Julian Wheel, all No. 1's in their respective categories, for the last series of County Championships matches and all three teams were beaten.

The senior team, even with Keith and Mandy available, would have been hard pressed to extract any points from their top-of-the-division clash with powerful Leicestershire, so without them the task was even more formidable. In the event they were beaten 8-2 and with this defeat any chance the county may have had of gaining promotion to the Premier Division is virtually ended.

Chris Rogers, Paul Randall, Anita Stevenson and Karen Smith were always too good for the home county and their successes both came against Dave Gannon, who was beaten by both Andy Withers and Robert Swift, deputising for the injured Richardson.

The second team were also beaten by the same score against Hertfordshire at Soham.

For the second successive match, the men failed to win a single set and it was left to the women to save them from complete disaster. Alison Edge and Val Parkes, both playing in their first county match of the season, won their respective singles. Alison beat Linda Walters 20, -11, 12, while Valerie gave her usual solid fighting display with a straight games win 17, 19 against Karen Morton.

The juniors, still without Wheel, recovering from an appendicitis, travelled to Norwich to play Norfolk II and were beaten 6-4. Cambridgeshire had previously beaten the Norfolk first team 7-3, but for some extraordinary reason, the second team appear to be much better than the first.

According to Team Captain John Ashman only Samantha Wales played to her full potential and she was rewarded with a singles win over M. Jones.

She also won the girls' doubles in partnership with Helen Smith. Cambridgeshire's other wins came in the first and last set of the match when Tim Ashman beat D. Pickard 20, 12 and Peter Holliday beat P. Rich 16, 21.

Hassy Soham had two successive wins in the Halex National League to keep up the pressure on the two teams above them in the Premier Division, Ormesby and Thorn EMI Ellenborough. On Jan. 2 they completed a double over Dunlop Birmingham with a 7-1 away win.

Soham lost the first set when John Souter went down in straight games to Steve Mills, but were in complete control from then on.

RESULTS (Soham names first)

- K. Jackson bt I. Horsham -18, 10, 18;
bt S. Mills 12, 16.
- J. Souter lost to Mills -20, -17;
bt B. Johnson 14, 19.
- N. Mason bt B. Hayward 15, 12;
bt Horsham -21, 9, 12.
- D. Hannah bt Johnson 24, -15, 8;
bt Hayward 17, 17.

A week later they beat Newcastle 6-2 at Soham. Paul Day replaced Hannah, on Scottish international duty, but he was beaten by Chu Van Que as was Jackson. These two were to be Newcastle's only successes however.

RESULTS (Soham names first)

- P. Day bt P. McQueen 18, 17;
lost to Chu Van Que -14, 21, -18.
- Jackson lost to Chu Van Que 22, -19, -11;
bt I. Robertson 17, 12.
- Souter bt A. Clarke 9, 11;
bt McQueen 15, 19.
- Mason bt Robertson 16, 13;
bt Clark 15, 15.

In the Newmarket Construction County League, Ely are still undefeated but they had a close call against Cambridge winning only 5-4. Cambridge led 3-2 and 4-3 thanks to three wins from Martyn Livermore and a Peter Melton success over John Ashman. However, in the final set Melton was unable to beat Clive Woollard and Ely scraped home. Woollard and Trevor Smith won two each and Ashman one for Ely.

Ely had it a little easier against March and ran out 7-2 winners. Ashman won three for Ely, with Smith and Joanne Palmer losing only to Paul Stacey.

Andy Withers won his usual three for Haverhill against March but as usual he had

no support and they lost 6-3. Paul Holmes, Paul Stacey and Peter Holliday won two each for March.

Gerald Green reports from . . .

SHROPSHIRE

BAD START TO NEW YEAR

There was a disappointing start to the New Year for Grove in their encounter with Jacques Generation. The Market Drayton side lost 1-7 to be ousted from top place in Division One of the Halex National League. John Hilton gave Grove the start they needed, beating Ian Kenyon, but from that moment on things turned sour for the Shropshire side.

The long journey to Brighton to play Dolphins promoted a return to winning ways against a spirited South coast team. The Grove raced into a 5-0 lead with Hilton in commanding form beating both Adrian and Stephen Moore, while good support came from Steve Scowcroft who beat Adrian Moore, Malcolm Green at the expense of Mick Brown and Andrew Bellingham over John Green. However, all credit to Dolphins who won the last three sets.

Meanwhile the second team maintained their challenge for honours with two wins. They turned in a good performance to beat Tarmac 2 of Wolverhampton 6-2. Paul Barnett led the team in fine style and debut boy Colin Wilson was unbeaten in a convincing performance. Further wins came from Peter D'Arcy and Keith Sillitoe.

A full strength team of Barnett, D'Arcy, Stan Deakin and Bill Bridgeman then travelled to Launceston, Cornwall and showed tremendous form, returning 8-0 winners.

MIDLAND LEAGUE

It was a disappointing weekend for The Grove in the Midland League. A weakened men's team were beaten 3-7 by Leamington. Sillitoe recorded two wins and Wilson added another. The women also found life equally tough with Grove 'A' losing 0-10 to a strong Birmingham side and Grove 'B' losing 1-9 against Derby despite an excellent performance from Carol Wickstead who beat England-ranked Thuy Dung in the opening set.

The Grove girls have however made an excellent start to their campaign in the Bromfield Trophy. In the second round they beat Nottingham 5-0. The Nottingham side having to answer to the talented Drayton trio of Alison Barker, Julie Ballard and Denise Boughy, who won all their sets with ease.

TELFORD RANKINGS

Dave Elkin heads the Telford TTA January rankings after winning 30 of his 33 sets this season.

1 D. Elkin, 2 S. Cullis, 3 W. Herbert, 4 M. Hughes, 5 M. Beaman, 6 G. White, 7 G. Cheetham, 8 M. Langford, 9 A. Horobin, 10 G. Clibborn.

TELFORD HANDICAP EXPERIMENT

The handicapper will literally have the final say in deciding results in Telford TTA's forthcoming knock-out competition.

That is because opposing teams will not know what their handicap is until after the game, when a sealed envelope will be opened to reveal what, for some, could be the awful truth.

The Association's Press Officer, Alan Pritchard said the system — adopted for the first time this year — was thought to be fairer and would encourage the maximum effort from competing teams. It would also remove the niggling feeling from teams before matches that they had been given too small — or too large — an advantage over their opponents.

There would also be the safeguard that, if a team had been given a too large or small handicap this could be adjusted for the next round.

"I think it will help everybody all round and give a true result at the end of the match", said Mr. Pritchard.

The Association has taken steps to make sure the envelopes are not opened before matches, although a lot depends on trust. Clubs found to have opened their envelopes before matches will, however, be disqualified from the competition.

Mary Rose reports from . . .

WARWICKSHIRE

POUNDS AND INCHES

Now that the Christmas break is over I am sure everyone will be rushing back to the table tennis table in the hope of getting rid of those extra pounds and inches put on over the festive season, and I would like to wish you all a very happy and successful new year.

The County Championships Senior Premier weekend took place at Salford where Warwickshire were represented by Duggie Johnson, Barry Hayward, Barry Johnson, Carl Morgan and Karen Groves. The one match won was against Yorkshire (5-4) but the same scoreline applied in the matches against Berkshire and Middlesex although in reverse. Subsequently, however, the scoreline in the Middlesex match was reversed to a win for Warwick as Middlesex played their team out of ranking order.

Morgan, making his debut against Yorkshire, started nervously when playing Alan Fletcher, but then came back to defeat Kevin Beadsley in the third game to win the match. Carl also had a fine win in the Middlesex match beating John Souter and looks a fine prospect for achieving many successes in the future. Karen Groves, playing exceptionally well, won two of her three singles beating Helen Williams (Mi) and Melody Hill (Y) only losing to Mandy Smith (Bk) in the third.

After having their match against Derbyshire awarded 10-0, when Derbyshire failed to arrive, the senior 2nd team played away to Leicestershire winning 7-3. The Junior 'A' team gained a creditable draw 5-5 and this despite the services of Phil Gunn against Yorkshire.

The Junior 'B' team entertained and beat Hampshire 6-4. As Randle had been moved up to the 'A' team Swallow (Stratford-on-Avon) played in his first county match but, despite a good performance, lost both his singles. In the match away to Worcestershire the Junior 'B' side were too strong for the home team winning 7-3. Mark Randle, Simon, Campbell, Dawn Bromley and Tina Brown were our representatives. Randle won both his singles and Dawn had a good win against Louise Davis winning 23-21 in the third.

It is good to report that our Senior 2nd

team and the Junior 'A' and 'B' sides are at present top of their respective divisions.

The Warwickshire Club Competition (B. Mackie Cup) handicap is now at the 2nd round stage. The closest results from Rd. 1 were between BTS and British Telecom (M/R) — BTS received a start of 135 and won 353-352 — and Serck lost to Coleshill after the latter had received 46 pts. start winning 346-300. In all cases the handicap is sealed until the finish of the match.

WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE

First round matches in the Warwickshire League were played on Dec. 12 at the West Warwickshire Club.

RESULTS

Nuneaton 3 Rugby 6
Stratford 2 Birmingham BH 7
Leamington 3 East Birmingham 6
South Birmingham 6 Nuneaton 3
Rugby 7 Stratford 2
Birmingham BH 6 Leamington 3
Leamington 2 South Birmingham 7
East Birmingham 6 Nuneaton 3
Birmingham BH 1 Rugby 8

Table

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Rugby	3	3	0	21	6	6
South Birmingham	2	2	0	13	5	4
Birmingham BH	3	2	1	14	13	4
East Birmingham	2	2	0	12	5	4
Stratford	2	0	2	4	14	0
Nuneaton	3	0	3	9	18	0
Leamington	3	0	3	8	19	0

Rugby caused the biggest shock of the day. They have a very young side and the matches between themselves and South Birmingham and East should prove very interesting — perhaps the South have a real challenge on their hands, we shall see. Jean Hewer of South Birmingham caused the biggest upset of all when she beat Lynn Brison, Leamington's county-ranked No. 4 in straight games. Well played Jean. The second session of matches will be on Sunday, March 27 at the same venue.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Birmingham Closed Champs — Sat./Sun, Mar. 12/13 (Rover Solihull TTC).
Warwickshire Closed Champs — Sat./Sun., Apl. 23/24 (Rover Solihull TTC).

A tournament is being organised for the unemployed, sponsored by Sandwell Corporation, at West Bromwich Baths on Friday, Mar. 18. Details can be supplied from Mr. Neville Jackson, 'Phone: 021-525 8498.

Birmingham were successful in two national competitions. In the Wilmott Cup the men's team of Hayward, Morgan and Richard Tanner beat Northampton 7-0 and, in the Rose Bowl, Karen Groves, Sandra Peakman and Di St. Ledger beat Leamington 5-0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Dunlop Birmingham suffered their third successive defeat at Ellenborough losing 2-6. Steve Mills had an outstanding win over Graham Sandley the Yorkshireman winning 18 in the third. Ian Horsham was Dunlop's other winner beating John Kitchener. Derek Munt came into the side for his first match of the season, in place of Hayward, and had set point against Nigel Tyler but faded. It was a disappointing result after our earlier match with Ellenborough which produced a 4-4 draw.

The second 2-day Solihull School of Sport for schoolchildren, sponsored by Solihull

Education Committee will be held at Lyndon Road School, Olton on Mon./Tues., Feb. 21/22. Nominations to Maurice Goldstein at 31 Blenheim Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9TY. (021-449 7047).

To end on a happy note I would like, on behalf of the Association, to send congratulations and best wishes to Alan Fletcher and his wife, Susan, on the birth of their first child on Christmas Eve — a girl, Amy Holly.

Doug Moss reports from . . .

WORCESTERSHIRE

SUCCESSFUL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The County Closed Junior and Cadet Championships were played at Christopher Whitehead School, Worcester on 2nd Jan. and were very successful. There was an excellent entry with 50 Juniors and 35 Cadets and only 11 girls, but the standard was quite high.

Amongst the entries were Louise Davis (Kidderminster), who is ranked No. 2 Cadet in England, and Murray Jukes (Kidderminster), now out of the cadet category but has a national ranking of No. 22 junior. These two players dominated the championships. Jukes won the boys' title and Louise Davis the girls' and they combined to win the doubles event. The Cadet singles championship, open to boys and girls, was won by Louise Davis.

Lewis Siket (Worcester) played well to reach the boys' final beating Tim Holder (Bromsgrove) and David Taylor (Worcester). He put up a spirited performance in the final playing some brilliant shots and bringing out the very best from Jukes. In the girls' singles Helen Jones (Kidderminster) beat the No. 2 seed, Lisa Hunt, to reach the final. There were some very close sets in the earlier rounds. P. Smith (Dudley) bt N. Betteridge (Evesham) 19, -16, 20 and then later beat P. Canavan (Dudley) -16, 18, 20! In the girls' singles the closest set was between Karyn Hunt (Kidderminster) and Shelley Hope (Worcester) with Karyn winning 23, -10, 20.

RESULTS

Boys' Singles:

M. Jukes bt L. Siket 12, 13.

Girls' Singles:

L. Davis bt H. Jones 8, 19.

Cadet Singles:

Davis bt P. Blackford 10, 14.

Doubles:

Jukes/Davis bt D. Kloos/M. Jones 15, 13.

The County teams were all in action on Jan. 8. The I team travelled to Glamorgan and achieved a great 9-1 win. Sandra Roden made her first team debut and put up a good performance although losing narrowly at "deuce" in the third. Jukes also stepped into the 1st team with Simon Claxton not being available. However, the week before, in a Worcester Premier Division match, Murray beat Simon for the second time this season. Murray also won his two singles in the County match. The Veterans visited Kettering and came away with a 7-2 win. The Juniors were without Jukes' services and lost 3-7 to Warwickshire II but put up quite a good performance. Lisa Hunt (Kidderminster) did very well to beat Tina Brown (Warwickshire) and teamed up with Louise Davis to win the girls' doubles. Louise was surprisingly beaten in her singles set although only at "deuce" in the third. Dean Kloos kept up his good County

performance by winning one of his singles. The County II team travelled to Norwich to play Norfolk and were without the services of Nick Bottomley. This gave opportunity to introduce Willy Ahern (Malvern) into the team. A setback occurred on the morning of the match when Annette Snee (Malvern) had to cry off because of illness. Stella Henbury (Dudley) stepped into the breach and with ½ hrs. notice was on the 200 mile journey to Norwich. Ken Walton (Dudley) won one of his singles and Barbara Jukes, promoted to No. 1 lady, played very well to win her singles. Norfolk won 8-2.

The County Association has an excellent coaching project in hand for mid-February. Arrangements are being made for Dave Constance to visit Worcester for coaching sessions over 2 days at Christopher Whitehead School. He will be concentrating on about 12 of the top juniors and the Selection Committee has wisely selected juniors who will qualify for Junior status again next season. It should prove to be very worthwhile not only for the players concerned but also for those Coaches who are able to attend.

At this stage of the season most Leagues are involved in Team Handicap competitions. These always seem to be very popular and create a good deal of interest. The competitions also serve the purpose of players meeting others from different Divisions who they would not normally meet. The County Team Knock-Out also, of course, brings together teams from the different Leagues. Although it is never possible to be perfect in handicapping, there are often close finishes with teams winning by as little as 1 point.

There is a good deal of discussion these days about our game of table tennis and the present trends. It seems nationally there has been a falling off in the number of players in affiliated Leagues. At our next County Executive Meeting we shall be making a review and it will be interesting to make comparisons of the number of players with those in previous seasons. Various reasons are suggested for players giving up the game. I would think this arises in certain areas such as the West Midlands because of redundancies and factories closing and consequently Works facilities not being available. There is also concern regarding the apparent lack of spectator appeal and some blame is placed on "funny bats" with comment made that points are often won by deceit rather than skill. However the main point seems to be the lack of rallies which could well stem from the very fast rubbers and the speed of the ball. Looking at other games which are popular on T.V. such as Snooker and even Darts, there is an element of suspense and this is what seems to be lacking with the short, sharp rallies which make up the game these days. Any comments, views, on these points would be welcome. I shall, in fact, be having a discussion on these points on Local Radio in the near future.

Dolly Harmer reports from . . .

BEDFORDSHIRE

DTTC POISED TO COME OUT CHAMPS

With the second half of the Dunstable and District Table Tennis League season getting under way Division One looks like being a straightforward battle between DTTC and

AC Delco who are separated by only seven points.

Since last winning the championship in season 1979-80 DTTC have had two lean years but are now in a strong position to regain the title.

Only a dramatic slump in form can now prevent AC Delco 'A' from taking the 2nd division title as they currently hold a 23 point lead over second-placed Dunstable Town Cricket Club.

With only 28 points separating the teams from second to ninth positions there will obviously be a lot of jockeying for positions in the second half of the campaign.

Although DTTC Tigers are the present leaders in the junior division, it is the second-placed Lions who are dictating events here being only two points behind with a match in hand.

Having gone through the first half of the season so far undefeated, they look quite capable of keeping that record intact up to the end of the season.

David Cosway reports from . . .

HAMPSHIRE

MIXED RESULTS

A mixed set of results from the most recent county matches, three wins, one draw and two defeats. The senior 'A' team again went down heavily 2-8 to Surrey but some consolation was good wins from Graham Toole over Mark Oakley and Serina Barfoot over Lorraine Garbet. The draw by the second team was a pity as they fielded two reserves. A win would have taken them to top spot over their Berkshire II opponents. Chris Shetler and Chris Wilshire each won a singles and combined to take the doubles but both were frustrated by 'funny bat' merchant Jonathan Samuel. Steve Snow making his senior debut was a disappointment. Barbara Clarke won her singles and combined with Aldershot partner Andrea Seagar to take the doubles.

The Junior 'A' team beat Avon 8-2 with Tony Mogg winning two and Mark Wilding and Richard Waters one each of the boys' singles. Sarah Hammond and Kate Lines won their singles and both doubles events went our way. The Junior 'B' team beat Dorset II also by 8-2. Ian Whyton, Dominic Evans and Colin Oh, making his Hampshire debut won two singles each, while Ian and Dominic combined for the doubles. Caroline Jenvey won her singles but Samantha Scott-Pawson beat Hayley Barker and combined with Hazel Feltham to win the girls' doubles for Dorset. Jed Holley won the veteran 'A's' only set against Berkshire in a 1-8 defeat. The veteran 'B' team's win over Somerset saw Norman Stagg win his two sets with John Harvey, George Philpott and Mary Clegg winning one and again both the doubles were won.

The county Junior closed held at Redbridge Sports Centre, Southampton, showed a slight increase in entries over last year, an encouraging feature. The Under-12 boys' event was as last season, dominated by the Walhampton School from Lymington with three of the four semi-finalists. At that stage Edward Westmacott beat Southampton's Duane Sherrott and Robert Magill beat David Swaine. Edward had a convincing 5 and 7 win over Robert in the final. In the girls' event Claire Winmill of Gosport and

Fareham beat Walhampton's Jan Salakshana 18, -16, 17. The U-14 boys' was run in groups with the final group of three all coming from Basingstoke, Jason White winning both of his group matches to finish top with James McFarlane second and Phillip Davenport third. Only 4 entries in the girls' event which was also played on a group basis. Sarah Hammond of Southampton won her three sets, Caroline Jenvey of Southampton two and Claire Winmill one. The U-17 boys' had three of the top four seeds lined up in the semi-finals. At that stage Wilding beat Mogg of Basingstoke, and Waters beat Ian Davenport also of Basingstoke who had knocked out number 4 seed Whyton of Andover earlier. In the final South East Hants Wilding had a 13 and 20 win over Waters of Basingstoke. The U-17 girls' final saw Sarah Hammond beat Kate Lines of Aldershot 15 and 10. In the open doubles Wilding and Whyton beat Waters and Mogg -18, 8 and 17.

After December's setbacks, Generation II came back into contention for the Halex National League Championship of Division 1 and promotion with a 7-1 win over close rivals Grove, Carl Prean again beating John Hilton. They followed this with an 8-0 defeat of Omega II. Sets average could now decide this division but all now appears set for a decider against Wolverhampton in April.

A new format for the Southampton Closed, with earlier rounds played on Wednesday and Thursday evening and a Friday finals night. Again however a low entry and it certainly seems players are not tournament orientated these days. Early shocks for seeded players in the men's singles with Rowland Bennett taking out Simon Douglas and Nigel Maguire beating Andrew Ely.

Two University Students 'Joe' Okosieme and Simon Fletcher beat Gary Longland and Geoff Mitchell respectively. In the quarter-finals Toole beat Bennett, Snow beat Okosieme, Wilshire beat Maguire and Shetler beat the other giant killer Fletcher. The major upset however was still to come with Snow beating the holder and No. 1 seed Toole in the semi-final 19, -17, 16. In the other half Shetler easily beat Wilshire 17 and 14. Only one player in the final with Shetler winning his fifth title with a 12 and 16 win over his Snows club mate Steve. Chris now joins veterans Bill Draper and Don Cartridge on 5 wins and can chase Wally Mullers record of seven Southampton championships.

With the absence for various reasons of past champions Serina Barfoot, Christine Davies and Ann Longland there was poor support for the women's singles. Two cadets reached the semi-final but at that stage experience told. Kathy Conlon beat Caroline Jenvey and Sarah Hammond showed her vulnerability against choppers by losing a 20-16 lead in the third to go out to veteran Mai Allen. Kathy justified her No. 1 seeding with an 18, 9 win over Mai to take her first Southampton title in her first season playing in the league. Kathy went on to a hat-trick of wins when joining Sarah Hammond to win the women's doubles and Ken Giles to win the mixed. The men's doubles put some new names on the trophy with the University pairing of Okosieme and Fletcher knocking out the top two seeded pairs in the semi and final. The top two seeds out in the semi-finals of the veterans singles with Denis Elkins beating Maurice Shave and Eddie Milsom

beating Tony Nixon. Eddie gained his first title with a 17 and 20 win in the final.

Tim Gray beat Alpha club mate Gareth Mullins 9 and 13 in the Junior final.

In the Southampton Premier division Snows 'B' lead their 'A' team and have the top three players in the half way averages. But in a postponed first half match the 'A' team beat their 'B' team 9-1. The championship is now wide open with Four T's Eagles coming into the reckoning with the two Snows teams. A close exit for the Southampton Rose Bowl team by 4-5 to Bournemouth. Serina Barfoot won two, but lost to Leanne Harman while Sarah Hammond beat Leanne but lost the other two. All depended on the last set with Leanne beating Christine Davies 14, -10, 18. Elsie Carrington and Leanne won two sets each while Joyce Coop won one.

Nothing to report from other leagues simply because no one has sent me any information. I receive criticism at times about what I put into these notes but what I do not receive I can not include and if no one bothers to send me news of their own leagues please do not complain if my notes are sometimes Southampton biased!

I will continue my 'advert' for the European Super League Match, England v Germany at Fleming Park Sports Centre, Eastleigh, on Wednesday, March 9th at 7.30 p.m. This match is part of Southampton's Golden Jubilee programme and is to be sponsored by I.B.M. (United Kingdom) Limited, which should ensure its financial success. Tickets can be obtained from Chris Sims at Woodbury, Bakers Drive, Rowhams, Southampton, priced at £3 and £4 (including programme).

I have just heard from Di Winmill regarding the Inter-town matches and all appears to be going well. In the veterans 'A' Division Aldershot are top with an unbeaten run of four matches. Promoted Winchester had a good draw with Portsmouth 'A'. In the 'B' Division Southampton 'B' and Bournemouth 'C' have each won their two matches to date. The two Southampton teams head the men's division with the 'B' team unbeaten after four matches and the 'A' team having won their three matches so far. Aldershot are having some problems running their team. The junior divisions both run on a block basis with Harold Pearce firmly in control of the proceedings. This system appears to suit both players and officials but Di Winmill comments that with Junior teams it is important that towns have an adult in charge rather than just a chauffeur! Bournemouth 'A' won all five matches losing only 7 sets to finish top of the 'A' division with Southampton 'A' second after losing only to Bournemouth. Aldershot top the 'B' division with four wins followed by Southampton 'B'. Nothing to report on the mixed division with some cards very late arriving with the match secretary as they had been accumulated by one person and not delivered! The moral post them yourselves (preferably with a stamp).

Leslie Constable reports on the . . .

ST. NEOTS WINTER LEAGUE

In the Senior Section of the League Ely now have a commanding lead over their next two rivals North Herts 'A' and Bedford and it will take a great effort by the latter teams to overhaul the leaders who have 62 points from 9 matches. Northampton 'B' are

playing well and could finish runners-up should they collect some valuable points in their next few games. Cambridge 'B' and Northampton 'B' are at the foot of the table but are still striving to improve their position before the end of the season. R.A.F. and Wellingborough who have played the least amount of matches to date are in good positions and either of them may rise dramatically in the table.

In the Veterans' Section Barnet, in their first season, are top of the table with a four point lead over St. Neots 'A' who in turn are only one point ahead of Cambridge. In the remaining fixtures Barnet have to play Hunts Central and Cambridge so that the latter team could decide whether or not Barnet will be successful at their first attempt. St. Neots 'A' on the other hand have to play North Herts and Hunts Central so that a very interesting position has arisen at this late stage of the season as the last series of matches will be due on Jan. 22. All in all the League seems to be running very smoothly and I am sure that all the players have enjoyed their matches and that new team Barnet in the Veterans Section will be very happy at their performances.

Leading Positions

Senior Section	Played	Points
Ely	9	62
North Herts 'A'	8	45
Bedford	8	45
Northampton 'A'	7	39
Cambridge 'A'	9	38
Kettering	9	37
R.A.F.	6	35
Wellingborough	6	35
Veterans Section		
Barnet	7	54
St. Neots 'A'	7	50
Cambridge 'A'	7	49
Bedford	7	41
North Herts	7	33
Hunts Central	7	31

Our sympathy is extended to Leslie who, on Nov. 26 last, lost his dear wife in hospital.

Ed.

Pauline Long reports from . . .

NORTHUMBERLAND

STRENGTHENED TEAM

The County junior team was strengthened by the inclusion of Clare Mouzon for their match against Cleveland II at Byker Community Centre on Dec. 18 and the No. 13 England-ranked girl had little difficulty in winning her singles and the doubles with Denise Campbell. Peter Curry and Thomas Blackman played very well to win all their singles sets and Steven Pearce won one to make the final score 7-3 to the home side.

RESULTS

Northumberland 7 Cleveland II 3

Peter Curry bt Paul Brown -14, 21, 12;
bt Andrew Watson 16, 17.
Steven Pearce lost to Watson 19, -11, -12;
bt David Pashley 11, 14.
Thomas Blackman bt Brown 17, 18;
bt Pashley 6, 9.
Pearce/Blackman lost to Brown/Watson
-12, -13.
Clare Mouzon bt Susan Richmond 6, 5.
Denise Campbell lost to Ann Pashley -16, -9.
Mouzon/Campbell bt Richmond/Pashley
9, 15.

The senior matches were played on Jan. 8, with the first team entertaining Derbyshire at Byker, and the second team travelling to meet Cumbria at Natland, near Kendal. The first team, with Chu Van Que and Ian Robertson back in the side, gained their first points of the season with a 6-4 victory. All of their sets were won by the men, with Chu and Andrew Clark each winning twice — the latter's scores being 23 in the third and 19 in the third — Robertson winning one, and Chu and Robertson taking the men's doubles. Both teams including Vietnamese players, with Chu representing the home side, and To Thuy Dung playing for Derbyshire. The latter had a shock win over Clare Mouzon, who is ranked six places above her in the Lentec junior ranking list. Christine Burke was beaten by Marilyn O'Sullivan, and the home side also lost the women's doubles.

The second team had hoped for a victory over Cumbria, but instead suffered a 4-6 defeat. This was especially disappointing as at one time they led 3-0 through victories by Martin Young over Tim Pachul, Tom Trewhitt against David Hillbeck, and Neil McMaster over Neil Smith. The men's doubles involving Young and McMaster was lost at 19 in the third when they looked to be in a winning position, and Pauline Long lost 19, -18, -18 to Mary McPortland in the second women's singles. Caron Buglass had an excellent game against England-ranked junior Debbie Soothill, but unfortunately lost in straight games. The fourth set was not won until the very last game, when McMaster beat Hillbeck to win his second singles of the evening.

New senior men's and boys' ranking lists were issued for January 1983, and these are as follows:

Men

1 Chu Van Que, 2 Ian Robertson, 3 Andrew Clark, 4 Martin Young, 5 Neil McMaster, 6 Fred Short, 7 Tom Trewhitt, 8 Ronnie Scott, 9 Dave McAllister, 10 Alan Matthewson, 11 Martin Moore, 12 Peter Whiteman, 13 John Burke, 14 Micky Grimes, 15 Glen McCardle, 16 Malcolm Aitchison, 17 Steve Robinson.

Boys

1 McMaster, 2 Peter Curry, 3 Eddie Smith, 4 Thomas Blackman, 5 Steven Pearce, 6 Steven Waugh, 7 Jonathan Miller, 8 Paul Walters, 9 Wasim Shakoor, 10 Dave Watson, 11 Keith Patterson, 12 Rob Hall, 13 Andrew Drapkin, 14 Darren Shaw, 15 Damien Linskill, 16 John Fairbairn.

It was decided to leave the women's and junior girls' ranking lists unchanged.

The Northumberland League men's representative side defeated the Stockton League in the Wilmott Cup by 5-2, thanks to three wins by Robertson. Clark and Young won one each to complete the scoring, while Malcolm Corking won both of Stockton's sets. Meanwhile the boys also met the Stockton League in the Carter Cup, and had an even more convincing victory, beating the opposition 6-0. McMaster, Curry and Smith (on debut) were the successful players.

Newcastle have at last gained their first point in the Premier Division of the Halex National League after a 4-4 draw with Letchworth Corporation. Chu Van Que won both his sets, and Peter McQueen and Clark one each to lift them off the foot of the table.

Byker, however, after looking practically invincible for most of the season in Div. 3 (North), really blew it over the Christmas

holiday period. On Dec. 19, they lost 3-5 at home to their closest challengers Wharfedale Hermits, with only Young showing anything like his true form by beating Steve Wathey to win the other set. Worse was to follow when, on Jan. 2, they lost 2-8 to Grantham All Stars, with the only success coming from McMaster, who beat Robert Watson, and Young, who was victorious over Suzanne Hunt. It should be mentioned, however, that Young's defeat by Maurice Newman was the first set that he had lost all season. However, they returned to form with a vengeance in their next match, when they trounced Lincoln Crusaders 8-0, with Dave Godbold, McMaster, Cliff Olsson and Mathewson (on his debut) all gaining maximums.

Finally, congratulations to Ron Wilson, former Northumberland National Umpire now living in Leeds, on becoming probably the first Northumberland player or official to pass the International Umpire test. This must be considered the ultimate achievement in umpiring, and is a tribute to his dedication and skills.

Jeremy Williams reports from . . .

CORNWALL

DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE WEST

Casting an eye over the latest Lentec National Ranking Lists, it is once again disappointing that no Cornish player appears in either senior list. Unfortunately, what with Halex National League and County commitments our top players are finding it increasingly difficult to get to the top tournaments and as the lower divisions of the National and County Leagues are not considered in the points system, our players must sit back and be content for the time being.

However, our juniors have battled against all odds by attending ranking tournaments and assessments hundreds of miles away. Alison Clemens is now ranked 37 in the junior girls' list and looks to be on the way up but Leon Jose by not attending one assessment slipped from number 10 to 29 in the Cadet Boys' list.

Mark James (Camborne) is Cornwall's best bet for a junior ranking, having emerged from the lower divisions of the West Cornwall League last season to the Premier division where he now has over 80% in the averages. His latest victories have included Matthew Syed, Roger Jacobs, Ron Hill, Jeremy Williams among others and his heavy loop shots from both flanks are causing havoc within the county.

COUNTY MATCHES

After a rather mediocre start to this season's campaign, Cornwall's senior and junior teams acquitted themselves well in their last matches. The seniors achieved a hard-earned victory over a strong Dorset II with Jon Woollins' victory over John Robinson being the highlight of the encounter.

The juniors faced the long haul to Surrey II and although losing 3-7, showed some promising signs. Alison Clemens proved how strong she is at this level by recording a 20, 11 victory over Lesley Popkiewicz and our boys were not overawed either, winning the doubles and a singles from Mark James.

CORNISH LEAGUE

The Inter-Town League is rapidly becoming

a 2 horse race with St. Austell and St. Ives dropping only one point between them all season. St. Austell maintained their position at the top with an 8-2 win at lowly Launceston — a fixture which put together county players Barry Cornelius and Woollins. Cornelius, in a hitting mood had a resounding straight games victory over his rival.

However, St. Ives kept up the pressure with a 7-3 win in an awkward fixture at Redruth with Stephen Lobb (Redruth) having a notable victory over Nigel Cock (St. Ives). John Bassett was again undefeated for the visitors and one wonders how much longer he can keep it up.

The following players are still on 100%: Bassett (St. Ives), Cornelius (St. Austell), Trevor Kemp (St. Austell) and Keith Songhurst (Helston).

LAUNCESTON KERNOW

Launceston have been faced with all sorts of players of varying standards in the Halex National League this season and recently have been up against some of the strongest teams in the league.

The 5-3 defeat at Pengeley Sports Torbay saw another 2 wins from Bassett with Woollins adding to the score by beating a slightly out of touch Tony Sweet. However, Trevor Taylor and Paul Whiting emphasised their superiority for Torbay by not conceding a single end.

Undoubtedly the best match of the season was the away fixture at Jolliffe Poole which ended in a 4-4 draw but could quite easily have been 7-1 either way. The constant outbursts from some of the players which interrupted the match were perhaps a reflection of the tension rather than the attitudes of the players.

In contrast, Grove II have the honour of being the only side to "whitewash" Launceston both times this season. Paul Barnett and Bill Bridgeman caused the most problems for Launceston giving the home players no chance to dictate the play and were certainly far faster than what the Cornish players were used to.

TOURNAMENTS

Few tournaments have been reached this season due to the hectic schedule but Cornish players have played in a few in groups using the White Hart minibus. At the Woodfield 1-Star, Woollins had a fine win over Andrew Dixon taking him into the last 16 and the Cornelius/Jeremy Williams partnership reached the quarters of the doubles at Woodfield and Aberdare.

Other good performances included Phong Tran and Karen Broczek (Launceston) reaching the quarters and semis of their respective cadet singles at the Wiltshire 2-Star. It is doubtful, though, whether any more open tournaments will be attended this season.

Alf Peppard reports from . . .

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

REFLECTIONS ON '82

Readers will, I hope, forgive me if I lapse into a little sentimental nostalgia but in this second year of County press reporting it has been my privilege to meet some very nice people, some indeed in high places, and others (many like myself) a little further down the rungs of the table tennis ladder.

I write these notes in early January. The new year and all it holds lies ahead of us, but the memories of the year just gone still remain rather vividly in ones memory. For instance, the journey to Crawley with Bryan Merrett in early January to see the English Open and to meet Rob Oldfield the ETTA's Press & Development Officer. Rob and I have met upon more than one occasion since then and his help to me in the ways of the news media has been very instrumental indeed. Thank you Rob.

Next came the Cotswold Junior 'Select' Bryan, Jack Reeves, William Dawe and myself, spent long hours getting the tables from Mike Lewis's home at Bristol. Fortunately we had plenty of helpers back at the Gloucester Leisure Centre to help unload and erect. Well the tourney with about 400 entries was a great success, the aftermath however, for us table humpers, proved a little hectic, we had to take them all down to Swindon. Jack and I performed this task of endurance minus Bryan. He had flown off to Bombay for the Commonwealth Championships, and from certain reports that came from him later, I think Jack and I came off best.

Then came the Gloucester City Closed where, in the final of the men's singles, Martin Lane, after being two games down to William Dawe, simply produced out of this world table tennis to beat young William, 13, 14, 16, to take the title that he first won in 1979.

In April Stroud honoured me by inviting my presence at the Stroud Closed to present the trophies. It was a most enjoyable evening, Andrew Golding won the men's singles and his mother Jean (also a stalwart working administrator on the County Committee) took the Women's singles. And so from there somewhat late in early summer (or not to offend LATE Spring) I popped over to the Cheltenham Closed. Dave Harvey with a 100% League singles record (played 50 won 50) beat Steve Moreman in the singles final, and Cathy Robb won the Women's singles.

For a six weeks period table tennis, apart from City and County meetings, became somewhat static then out of the blue, in June, I received an invitation from Pat Archdale in Keynsham, to attend an informal get-together at which the guest speaker was the ETTA's Chairman, Tom Blunn. As I wrote in October my only regret was that I did not take my tape recorder along to record many of the interesting topics of conversation that took place that day, the memory of that superb turkey lunch still lingers, thank you, Pat and Bob Archdale.

A short pause of about a fortnight then bang in the middle of summer. The Stiga Schools International was staged at Gloucester. I had a live Radio broadcast lined up for 4.20 p.m. on the Saturday but, regrettably, I also had a close friend's wedding to attend that same afternoon. As there was considerable doubt that I might not get there on time, Eddie Mitchell the chief Tournament Organiser did the broadcast for me, another person to well remember in 1982. Thanks Eddie.

After the Schools' Championships a brief respite, a holiday in Ibiza, then back to work and the start of the 1982-3 season, with all three leagues, Gloucester, Stroud and Cheltenham firing on six cylinders. Well not quite, in the case of Cheltenham, they were only going on four, having dropped a whole

division, and in effect are eleven less teams than last season.

November was an exceptional busy month. Apart from my regular weekly radio broadcasts, Roy Morley & Molly Hawkins (nee Jones), kindly obliged me with personal interviews over local Independent Radio Severn Sound. My thanks to you both.

On Nov. 27, Peter Cruwys of Cheltenham and I took off in the early hours for Torquay, to attend the South West Region Development Conference. I cannot speak for Peter, but I found it both interesting and educational. To the vast majority of players (the rank and file), it might appear somewhat boring, but in an International Sport such as ours one has to have, Communications, Coaching, Sponsors, Development, and many other factors. It's these things that all come together, for without them there would be no TTA.

I know it's quite a while since Christmas, but knowing full well how my table tennis orientated mind works. Two days prior to the great day, my Wife delivered an ultimatum, "Spend Christmas with the family", so on Dec. 24, I carefully packed my typewriter away, plus pens, and notes for future reference, AND BECAME OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD A COMPLETE TABLE TENNIS CELIBATE. Has it done me any good? Yes I think so. Indeed I also believe that it does players a lot of good to take short breaks from playing, that is to say where and when possible.

The administrator also gets pressure brought on his/her shoulders, but can quite often take it better than the player, it's all a facet of life that we have to learn to live with.

The County Closed this year moved its venue to the little market town of Newent. Run on eight tables at the Sports Complex and Leisure Centre it proved a great success for the Organisers who were, David Colwill and Graham Lee. George Payne from Cheltenham did sterling work as Head Referee, greatly assisted by John Cooper of Gloucester.

The Chairman of the Sports Complex, Mr. Blackman, kindly presented the cups and trophies to the respective winners and runners-up. They were:

Men's Singles:

Darren Griffin (Glos) bt Andrew Golding (Stroud) -19, 17, 19.

Women's Singles:

Nina Tsakarisianos (Glos) bt Jean Golding (Stroud) 8, 4.

Cadet Girls' Singles:

Jenny Ellery (Glos) bt Anita Wyman (Glos) 10, 9.

Cadet Boys' Singles:

Lawrence Symonds (Glos) bt Craige Saunders (Glos) 17, 15.

Girls' Singles:

Tsakarisianos bt Ellery 10, 4.

Boys' Singles:

Griffin bt Aaron Beckett (Glos) 10, 20.

Veteran Singles:

The Holder Bryan Merrett (Glos) bt Duncan Hall (Chelt) 12, 13.

Women's Doubles:

Ellery/Tsakarisianos bt J. Golding/C. Iacopi 16, 14.

Men's Doubles:

Golding/S. Moreman bt W. Dawe/Griffin 22, -20, 13.

Mixed Doubles:

Tsakarisianos/Dawe bt J./A. Golding 24, 18.

When the first list of County rankings was published they created quite a lot of interest and also involved players from all over the County in considerable controversy (possibly the County Selectors as well).

The Selection Committee are hoping that this second list will perhaps have the same effect, but it should be well emphasised that these lists reflect players efforts outside their local league and County, and not just results between each other in domestic competition.

Here are the very latest rankings, and the first ten players have been registered with the ETTA for the 1st of January 1983.

Code:

G—Gloucester, S—Stroud, C—Cheltenham.

Men

1 Paul Jackson (G), 2 Andrew Golding (S), 3 Richard Russell (C), 4 Darren Griffin (G), 5 William Dawe (G), 6 David Harvey (C), 7 Martin Lane (G), 8 Steve Morman (C), 9 Stuart Beattie (C), 10 Frank Jones (G), 11 Sylvester Callum (G), 12 Paul Glead (C).

Women

1 Nina Tsakarisianos (G), 2 Christine Iacopi (G), 3 Jean Golding (S), 4 Cathy Robb (C), 5 Julie Towie (G), 6 Julie Bearcroft (C), 7 June Hall (C), 8 Jenny Ellery (G), 9 Heather Colwill (G), 10 Clare Symonds (G), 11 Julia Evans (C), 12 Wendy Ruffles (C).

Boys

1 Griffin (G), 2 Aaron Beckett (G), 3 David Smith (G), 4 Ian Heskins (S), 5 Anthony Wilson (G), 6 Lawrence Symonds (G), 7 Winston Thomas (G), 8 Jonathan Greenwood (S), 9 Craige Saunders (G), 10 Martin Stephenson (C), 11 Dale Saunders (G), 12 Howard Williams (S).

Girls

1 Tsakarisianos (G), 2 Ellery (G), 3 Colwill (G), 4 Symonds (G), 5 Evans (C), 6 Suzanne Webley (S), 7 Carole Slack (C), 8 Dawn Bowles (C), 9 Nicola Clark (C), 10 Emma Sprawson (S).

John Robinson reports from . . .

DORSET

LEAN TIME

Dorset are having a rather lean time at the moment with only the Junior 1st Team winning consistently. In their last match, the Junior side defeated Wiltshire 6-4. This was a good win for the Dorset side as they weren't at full strength. Graham Plutz played particularly well and won his two singles. This win keeps Dorset at the top of their division but their big match comes on 19th February when they play Surrey who are also unbeaten.

The Senior 2nd side are struggling and were defeated 6-4 by a much improved Cornwall side in their last match. Jason Creasey played well and won his two singles.

Both Veteran sides are without a win this season and are finding it tough against the best Veterans in the country.

The Senior 1st team will be hoping to improve on their results at the last premier weekend when the second weekend is held in February but as it looks as if both Dave Constance and Simon Heaps will be unavailable again, they will be up against it.

The latest Dorset ranking list is as follows:

Senior Men

1 D. Constance, 2 L. Clayton, 3 M. Werner, 4 S. Heaps, 5 J. Robinson, 6 M. Abbott, 7 R. Thomas, 8 J. Creasey, 9 S. Davies, 10 G. Hill, 11 Ma. Hughes, 12 G. Plutz, 13 C. Bush, 14 J. Russell, 15 Mi. Hughes.

Senior Women

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

Veterans Men

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

Veterans Women

1 Coop, 2 Robbins, 3 Baldwin, 4 C. Reid, 5 P. New, 6 C. Milton, 7 D. Hunt.

Junior Boys

1 Plutz, 2 R. Thomas, 3 R. Fairhall, 4 M. Poulson, 5 J. Joynes, 6 M. Heasman, 7 J. Hegarty.

Junior Girls

1 Harman, 2 Hegarty, 3 Scott-Pawson, 4 T. Scott-Pawson, 5 H. Feltham, 6 A. Russell, 7 D. Applin.

Dorset's Halex National League side Jolliffe Poole were successful in their last match away to Bridgend despite George Evans winning two. The Dorset side of John Robinson, Jason Creasey, Rod Thomas and Steve Davies won the rest.

Malcolm Allsop reports from . . .

DERBYSHIRE

WELL DONE ALAN

Congratulations to Alan Cooke upon his moving up to No. 27 in the England Senior Rankings. All Derbyshire supporters are hoping the 16 year-old Chesterfield star will rise even higher.

When informing players in Derby of Alan's England Ranking, the cry went up, 'But what England Ranking has P.K. got!'. Parduman Kumar Gupta, known to everyone as P.K. has been having a fine season. At 44 years of age, he continues to improve playing for YMCA 4th in Division Four of the Derby League. P.K. has not been beaten by any player in the England Computer Rankings, and has been unbeaten against such notable teams as Lancaster 4th and Derwent Scouts 1st!

'What more need he do to get into the Rankings!' I hear you cry. Isn't it obvious! What does a Computer know about table tennis? A Computer cannot understand the finer points of the sport, like team work, team spirit. When they invent a Computer which can appreciate team work, then we may see P.K. challenging for a place, because it is players like P.K. who are the backbone of the local Leagues.

Derbyshire has boasted good junior girl players over the past 15 years, many of whom have gained England Junior Rankings, but the present senior female strength makes that hard to believe.

County Women's Champion, Jackie Billington, does not make herself available to the Derbyshire selectors to give the younger players a chance, but with the exception of Marilyn O'Sullivan, the selectors are having to rely upon the junior girl who fortunately have strength in depth.

Juniors To Thuy Dung, Clare Bentley, Louise Forster and Joanne Weightman can be relied upon, but will they go the way of their predecessors? And if so, when?

The outstanding junior girls of the past have left the Sport admittedly some after getting married, but surely we are the only County to have so little senior female talent to show for the amount of junior talent produced.

In Division One of the Derbyshire Inter-Town League, Alfreton 1st made a successful start in their bid to retain the title by beating Burton 1st 7-3, and Eastwood 1st by 8-2 with Geoff Gill remaining unbeaten. Dave Fearn won 3 for Matlock 1st in their 6-4 win over Derby 1st.

In Division Two, Derby 2nd gained their second win by 8-2 over Chesterfield 1st, with Martin Simpson unbeaten. Burton 2nd gained their second win by 6-4 over Eastwood 2nd, but M. Pearson stole the honours with 3 singles wins for Eastwood.

Will Doxey won 3 for Matlock 2nd, only to be thwarted by the all-round team effort of Alfreton 2nd with Clive Holmes, Ivan Holmes and Mark Starr 2 each, and the Holmes' combined to win the doubles in a 5-5 draw.

In the Junior Division, Derby gained a 7-3 win over Burton with Alan Hearn continuing the good form since his comeback. Chesterfield 1st won their opening two matches by 7-3 scorelines. Warren Slaney won his 3 singles for Matlock, only for Richard Francis, Kevin Cauldwell and Lee Day to win 2 each for the spire town. Kurt Hutson won all 3 for the Chesterfield junior team against Alfreton, who replied with 2 from Mark Pacey and 1 from R. Smith.

The Burton League Championships are being held on Sunday, February 20th at Granville School, and on the following Sunday, 27/2/83 the Derby League stage their Championships at the Lancaster Sports Centre.

John Woodford reports from . . .

SUSSEX

"MAN OF THE MONTH"

Keith Horton became the "man-of-the-month" in Sussex when in the Wilmott Cup, he up-ended the entire Hastings' trio of Stephen Moore, Adrian Moore and the former Sussex champion Graham Gillett.

But Hastings still staggered through 5-4 against Crawley as Andy Meads (36) could not match the pace of the 35-year-old Horton. Both men are Sussex selectors!

Crawley, expected to dominate the imminent West Sussex championships, struck again when Phil Smith, made an astonishing recovery from football injuries and a kidney problem to take the Seaman Cup from the evergreen Roger Chandler in the final. Chandler still turns the top-spin screw tightly on occasions — in the semi-final against Horton Chandler missed four match-points in the fifth before sinking the huge figure of Horton. But, in the final, Chandler could not match the speedy and rested Smith.

Rachel Mackriell, coming to the end of her career as a P.E. student at Eastbourne took the Nicholls Cup for the first time after changing her tactics from one of her usual generosity to a serious attempt to win. Sheila King the Hastings and Eastbourne champion came back strongly in the second game but the Sussex champion managed to stifle the challenge of the quick-hitting Miss King.

As Dolphins sink towards relegation, there is a big clash of events on March 6th — the all-Sussex championships clash with the Halex National League.

If TCB Dolphins have to play Jacques Generation on that day, four of the eight seeds will be out of the tournament, a good example of how tournaments clash with the National League on Sundays throughout the season.

County Championships Committee Chairman Ian Whiteside (Essex) has put the question on my views of the championships being reduced to two week-ends as one that has not been put on behalf of Sussex at the correct time.

That could be so, because my views do not necessarily represent Sussex, although I have reason to believe that following further heavy financial losses on travelling costs once again, my suggestion of cutting away some of the dead wood (reserve matches with no spectators etc.) is beginning to be considered. I can fully understand the concern of county officers throughout the land realising that even streamlining the championships is undermining their own personal positions because the sport in England is structured by counties.

Within a week-end I recently attended a Division 2 (South) match where there was one (real) spectator and a National League match where there were 40 watchers; I have little doubt that this sort of picture applies in many counties.

Only about three or four years ago, there were signs that table tennis could become a major sport, but one of the criteria is television — our screens are dominated by snooker, darts and now basketball. There is no question at all about it — we have been pushed back into being a MINOR SPORT!

If Alan Ransome has failed to sell the European Top 12 to television — I'm polishing my golf clubs!

Roy Williams reports from . . .

NORTH WALES

VETERANS TITLE

Clwyd have at last won a divisional title in the English County Championships. Their veteran team clinched Division 3A with a final win at home against Hertfordshire III. Herts took the lead at Kinmel Bay but then the home team went into a 6-1 lead before winning 7-2. The team of Roy Williams, Peter Williams, Ray Howland, Jim Bishton, Don Hobbs and Sheila Williams are to be congratulated on their efforts.

NORTH WALES COUNTY LEAGUE

With Rhyl and Wrexham to play the final fixture in the Senior Division the title will go to the winners in this closely contested competition.

Rhyl beat Llandudno in their final fixture to win the Veteran Division and the team of Roy Williams, Ray Howland and Meiron Williams completed their matches having only dropped five sets. In the Women's Division Wrexham easily outclassed their rivals to retain their title. Sheila Rogers, Karen Buckle and Joyce Jones all played on top form.

The Junior section champions are Wrexham who proved a strong team for the rest of the field. Anglesey, Rhyl and Llandudno look as if they have to start from

scratch to produce players who, in the past, have represented their leagues.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The quarter-final of the G. S. Radcliffe Cup produced two close results with Clwyd 'A' (John Hook, Meiron Williams and Tony Smith) just winning by 6-4 against Schooner 'A' who were represented by Howland, Geoff Hollis and Ian Preston.

Lansdowne 'A' also won by 6-4 against Llandudno Junction 'A' and have Llandudno champion, Glyn Gibbons, to thank for winning all his singles. Max Shone won 2 sets and Graham Gibbons one. For Junction Arthur Roberts won two whilst Sue Roberts won one. Arthur and Sue won the doubles.

Wylfa Power Station strolled into the semi-final led by Hobbs against St. Mary's, Holyhead by 9-1. Malpas had a walk-over. Semi-final draw:

Malpas v Clwyd 'A'
Lansdowne 'A' v Wylfa P.S. 'A'

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Nancy and Roy Evans, the secretary and president of the Table Tennis Association of Wales who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the 31st of January, 1983.

Vic Bennett reports from . . .

NORFOLK

SEASON'S FIRST

The month of December was indeed very kind to the county of Norfolk, that started with the first win of the season for the seniors at Cambridgeshire. Following this, on the 19th, all eyes were on the weather forecasts — remembering the snowbound roads of last year, however the good weather stayed with us except for a deluge of rain later in the day. Even this did not alter what was probably one of the best County Closed Championships at the University of East Anglia, for many a year.

With the normal surprise results during the days play, all the shocks came at the end, with Doug Bennett losing his title to Martyn Stevenson in a three set cliffhanger. Doug started in grand style to take the first set 21-10, but Martyn gradually came back into the game winning the second then the third at 19. Wendy Hogg predictably because the ladies, six times winner, against Veteran Joy Dixon, looks a good bet to topple Betty Casseus record. Other results also told a story and if there is enjoyment and emotion to winning — a title — let's have more, please! This certainly applied to the North Norfolk ladies Sally Shaw and Mary Ashmore who overcame Wendy and Ruth Hogg, J. Dixon and G. Pearson to gain the trophy.

Doug Bennett/Paul Durrant beat the Stevenson twins in doubles.

January will be well remembered — by me — if only to be able to write on my press report that all the four county teams had actually won all their matches. Pride to the first team's win over the league leaders Essex, who came back from 2-0 down to a lead of 6-2 with the final result 6-4. Doug Bennett and Joy Dixon being in good form in their singles and respective doubles.

Senior 2 are consolidating with 8-2 win over visitors Worcestershire, while Junior 2 following the surprise win against the 1st team, continue this against Cambs 6-4, and

the 1st had a successful journey to Suffolk winning 7-3.

In the Norfolk/Broadside 3-a-side tournament, two of the four results are:

British Sugar (Kings Lynn) 9
Telephones 'B' (Norwich) 0
Telephones (Norwich) 3
Gothic (Norwich) 6

Jack Chalkley reports from . . .

STAFFORDSHIRE

RESUME

Without George Yates at the helm, my notes for January failed to reach their destination, and those for February only managed to make a paragraph in the combined Jan./Feb. issue. I don't know how or why this happened, but I can only apologise and, to make amends, try and give a brief resume of the last two months' now.

The results of the matches played in the first of the Premier Division weekends have already been recorded, but I would like to add one or two comments. Jill Harris made a major contribution, winning two out of her three singles — losing only to Melody Hill "deuce" in the third — and two out of the three mixed — once again a "deuce" in the third defeat in partnership with Andy Rich by the Middlesex pair, Colin Wilson and Miss Williams. The 5-4 win against Dorset gives us a chance to keep our place in the Premier Division, and this win was a fine team effort. Tony Clayton was in great form for Dorset, winning his singles and, with Abbott, the men's doubles, but the key match was the decider between Craig Bakewell and Martin Abbott. Playing his first season with the first team, it was understandable that he was overawed by the top class opposition he had faced against Yorkshire and earlier against Clayton, and it was more than we could expect for Craig to gather in the points for Staffordshire. But "Cometh the hour, cometh the man" (or whatever the expression is) and certainly Bakewell was our man. He took a little time to settle, but from being 9-6 down he took control and gave a sound performance to win the first game 21-14. The second game was a little more nerve-racking as hopes of a win began to materialise, and although Abbott levelled at 15-all, Bakewell pulled away to win 21-17. With a win such as this under severe pressure, Bakewell's stature in table tennis has gone up several notches and he should prove a useful member of the squad at the second weekend. The second weekend will have been played by the time this is read but we have some justification in approaching it with a measure of optimism.

In the first County match played at Leek for thirty years, Staffs II had a good 6-4 victory over Northumberland, relegated from the Premier last season but without their England-ranked Chu Van Que. Paul Barnett had two fine wins, but many of the matches were close, Mark Evans in particular making a fantastic retrieve on "deuce" in the second set against Neil McMaster to stay in the game and then go on to take the third on "deuce" also. The young visitor, Clare Mouzon, playing with a combination bat came out on top against our ladies, Janet Dunning and Fiona Elliot, although Fiona could have taken the singles if she had maintained her confident aggression of the

first set. Greg Hallam was the other member of the side with a singles win.

In the next match, the Seconds travelled to Yorkshire with a weakened side and were soundly beaten. It is very necessary to say that we will not hold our place, nor will we deserve it, in the higher divisions if we do not turn out our strongest team regularly. We do not have players in depth as do some of the larger counties and we need the loyalty of all players if we are to stay at the top level. Having said that, I am pleased to be able to report that Bill Bridgeman (Stafford), playing in his first match for the County this season, was the star of the side with a win against Mark Illingsworth and, with Evans, a win in the doubles. Both Bridgeman and Evans can consider themselves unlucky not to have beaten the Yorkshire No. 1, Tony Sanderson, who enigmatically seems unwilling to use fully his undoubted talents. In the end, Yorkshire ran out winners 8-2.

Both our junior sides suffered setbacks to their promotion hopes. After good wins by the 'A' team away to Lincolnshire (9-1) and the 'B' side at home to Cumbria II (10-0), the 'A' team dropped a point at home to Durham — due to the strength of the visitors' two nationally-ranked boys — and the 'B' team conceded their first points in four matches by losing narrowly to Derbyshire, their close rivals in Div. 3A. This match was excellently staged by the Lichfield Association, and it must be said that the various leagues around the County have responded in tremendous fashion to our request for them each to stage one of our matches during the season.

County ranking lists for February are as follows:

Men

1 A. Bellingham, 2 C. Bakewell, 3 A. Rich, 4 P. Barnett, 5 G. Hallam, 6 W. Bridgeman, 7 M. Evans, 8 R. Williams, 9 D. Hanney, 10 S. Rochelle, 11 J. Hancock, 12 An. Dixon, 13 P. Dawes, 14 R. Murray, 15 R. Hayward, 16 Ad. Dixon.

Women

1 J. Harris, 2 F. Elliot, 3 J. Powis, 4 J. Dunning, 5 S. Cain, 6 L. Burgess, 7 A. Hegarty, 8 T. Spencer, 9 R. Roberts, 10 C. Rowe, 11 P. Brookes, 12 S. Hadley, 13 J. Chubb.

Boys

1 Hayward, 2 Dixon, 3 K. Cartwright, 4 M. Harvey, 5 N. Harris, 6 K. Lawrence, 7 A. Hough, 8 S. Meigh, 9 C. Burgess, 10 R. Heap.

Girls

1 Elliot, 2 Powis, 3 Hegarty, 4 Spencer, 5 Roberts, 6 A. Sanders, 7 Hadley.

Cadet Boys

1 Dixon, 2 Harvey, 3 Lawrence, 4 S. Slater, 5 N. Tongue, 6 K. Grey, 7 A. Till, 8 M. Stretton, 9 J. Cooper, 10 R. Shelton.

Cadet Girls

1 Powis, 2 Sanders, 3 K. Rogers, 4 H. Lower, 5 J. Dixon, 6 T. Pennington, 7 J. Harris, 8 L. Sherratt, 9 A. Flaherty.

The use of combination bats is not only a dominant subject in 'Letters to the Editor', it is also an important talking point at county level. Our National Councillor, Geoff Williamson, introduced the subject at a recent meeting, and we all agreed that a change in the law is necessary. The most favoured, and perhaps most reasonable, suggestion is that all bats must have different coloured rubbers on each side, but

it is obvious that this would be a considerable cost to the ordinary player, playing at club level, the innocent victim of the deceit which has been brought into the game. Maurice Thorne, the Potteries County Representative, is one of many who hold strong views on the matter, and if I could refer to a letter in last month's issue, Mr. Lenton does not help his case by his attack on Albert Shipley, who, contrary to Mr. Lenton's view, represents a large number of players who are concerned about the future of table tennis. In any case, the suggestions which are being discussed by the ETTA — and let's hope they produce a decision for next season — do nothing to affect the efforts of Lentec to compete with the Japanese, efforts which many of us admire and applaud. What is wanted is the removal of what amounts to trickery and cheating, but to avoid the cost to the club player it is worth considering that, at local level, individual exemptions might be granted within a league. Players with bats which are obviously not combination would then avoid the cost of a different coloured rubber. Mind you, we ordinary club players have come across, in our time, a number of 'old faithfuls' with perished surfaces, many of which could be regarded as the fore-runners of the combination bat.

Now to turn back to County Matters. In the final match in Div. 1, Stafford 'A' needed a 7-2 win against the leaders Potteries 'A' to force a play-off for top position, but although the Stafford team of Bob Murray, Bill Bridgeman, Phil Birchall and Lynn Burgess managed to win 5-4, they will have to be satisfied with runners-up spot for the second year running. Potteries thus retain the Div. 1 title. Stone 'A' are promoted from Div. 2, but in another close finish Walsall 'A' beat Stafford 'B' 5-4 to accompany them into the top division. Stafford had better luck in Div. 4. Stafford Veterans beat Wolverhampton 'D' 6-4, and although Tamworth 'A' had a good win 7-3 against Lichfield 'B', the Veterans topped the division with a better sets average. Leek 'D' still have to play Potteries 'D' to decide Div. 5, but both teams will gain promotion. Div. 3 remains undecided at the top, and at the bottom Cannock have put in their worse performance for many a year.

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Potteries 'A'	5	4	1	32	13	8
Stafford 'A'	5	4	1	28	17	8
Wolverhampton 'A' ..	4	2	2	21	15	4
Potteries 'B'	4	2	2	16	20	4
Leek 'A'	4	1	3	10	26	2
West Bromwich 'A' ..	4	0	4	10	26	0

Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Stone 'A'	3	3	0	16	11	6
Walsall 'A'	4	3	1	22	14	6
Stafford 'B'	4	2	2	20	16	4
Wolverhampton 'B' ..	3	1	2	14	13	2
Wolverhampton 'C' ..	4	0	4	9	27	0

As a postscript, may I send greetings to a colleague from my Gloucester days, Alf Peppard, now going into print with the news from Gloucestershire. I'm glad to see he is still in good form with the pen and bat. Please give my good wishes to all my friends in the Gloucester Association. Many will remember Mike Leach who was with me at Gloucester and is now general secretary at Wolverhampton and a fellow member of the County Committee. I am sure he joins me in sending greetings.

Philip Reid reports from . . .

LEICESTERSHIRE

PRODUCTIVE WEEKEND

Leicestershire had a productive weekend in the County Championships weekend, winning three and losing one match. The first team beat a weakened Cambridgeshire 8-2, David Gannon being the only loser. Warwickshire II carried too much power for Leicestershire, for whom only Martin Pickles and Julie Revill looked good. Northamptonshire, without McKim, were beaten 7-3 for Leicestershire Juniors' first win of the season, David Aldwinckle shining. The veterans continue to amaze everybody with their success. They beat Cheshire II 8-1, losing only the final set when Geoff Aldwinckle was beaten by Mike Tew. Earlier Colin Truman had crushed the opposition and it was pleasing to see that game trier Pat Kilsby win her first set of the season. Two seasons ago Leicestershire Veterans were struggling for a team and a set — next season if they can surmount the challenge of Worcestershire they should reach the dizzy heights of Premier Division play — how times have changed! The Rose Johnson Bowl, happily re-instated this season, has attracted a good entry and as usual, many close games have been witnessed. Organised by the Leicestershire TTA as a 4-a-side Handicap Competition, this event is open to all clubs affiliated to the LTTA. Most exciting finishes involved Midland International, who beat Sawley II 305-299 and British Shoe Corp's IV victory over Bentley Engineering by 279 points to 272. The Old Chestnut of county umpires figured prominently at a recent county meeting. A concerted effort is to be made. Leading the potential county umpires are Bryan Hall (County President), Geoff Aldwinckle (County Chairman), Peter Cadewell (Melton) and David Green (Loughborough) are the foremost candidates, although there may be others.

Tony Carey reports from . . .

SOMERSET

FREQUENT REUNIONS

Since my last report there has been a considerable amount of competitive activity by Somerset Juniors with frequent reunions of the Table Tennis Motoring Club at various venues.

The first competition was a local Derby for our junior team against Avon at the Page Club, Bristol, on 8 January, the teams being: Lee Sadler, Mark Bryant, Philip Payne, Melonie Carey and Fiona Stuart against Nicky Fletcher, Martin Cole, Shahn Kahn, Michelle Cohen and Dawn Whittaker. The match began well for us with Lee beating Nicky, but then we suffered two defeats by Philip and Mark losing to the more experienced Martin and Shahn.

Our girls then restored the balance by winning their doubles and the combination of Lee and Mark won also against Shahn and Martin to put us in a 3-2 lead. But this did not last long, as the next match was between Philip and Nicky, which went, as expected, to the more experienced Nicky. This made it all square at 3 all and when we looked at the rest of the games we were feeling confident of winning at least 3 more matches to give us a win. But table tennis,

as most of my readers will know, is very unpredictable. This was emphasised in the next match in which Fiona met Dawn. Fiona lost the first and was showing signs of resignation in the second until she was urged from the side lines to dig in and work. This must have broken through her sub-conscious, as she pulled back to win the next two games, much to our relief, to make the score 4-3 to us. The next match, also between Lee and Shahn, proved a cliff-hanger and one which we thought would give us a win. But we did not take into account the greater experience of Shahn who gave us a display of his old self which I remember from when he used to be a regular competitor at all the tournaments into which we were making our tentative steps. Welcome back, Shahn!

This win by Shahn put the match on a knife-edge with only two to play, the first being the two No. 1 girls, Melonie and Michelle. This, for us, was a difficult one to assess, as they had not met each other in competition for quite some time. Melonie was enjoying a run of improved play and Michelle was coming back to her old self after a lean spell. The first game went to Melonie and our hopes were high, but then Michelle showed her greater experience in the second and third to win. This left the emphasis on Mark in the last game against Martin to re-balance the situation and give us a draw. But it was not to be with Martin playing very well to win.

South of England Junior 2-Star — Woking Jan. 15

This competition proved to be very popular and rewarding to the Somerset Junior contingent who competed there. The hall was very well set out, both for spectators and players. There were spare tables for knocking up on — albeit slightly inferior to the tournament ones — but still a welcome sight to those players who need to get their rhythm going after a long drive and enable them to start their matches in their best condition and perform well. Well done, the organisers! It was also refreshing to see a good turn out of official umpires in my favourite colour and providing that professional touch. Now on to the competition.

The boys and girls U-12 event could have been a triumph for Somerset if we could have put the clock back a year, but as it was, we did not enter as many as I would have liked to see there, considering the strength in depth we seem to have at the Somerset Training Centre sessions.

But this was redressed by the commitment of our U-14 boys and girls in their respective events. One of our boys' doubles combinations of Paul Smith and Paul Fowler won their first round match and then had the good fortune (or misfortune, dependent on whichever way one looks at it) of meeting those two wonderful Syed brothers, Matthew and Andrew, who gave a tremendous display to our lads of what heights they have to attain in the future to play in their company. All good education for them. But all was not lost, as they still had good matches in their groups, winning some and losing some, but still showing that their progression is on the right track. The girls also had their moment of glory and in some cases disappointment, but they took it well. The success of the day was Melonie having a fine win over the England Cadet No. 4 ranked player, Angela Saunders. This was a complete surprise to myself, Melonie and

our coaching mentor, Les Bridges. We based our assumptions on the hard hitting of Angela and her position in the ranking which she well earned at Ipswich in the Trials. All credit, though, to Melonie, who stuck to her task and won through. Then came the crunch match against her old but friendly rival, Helen Perriot from Avon in the quarter-final. This match was a tight affair with both girls sparring for a vital opening and the coaches on the side-lines having their own private mental battles to inspire their charges; these being Paddy Jackson for Helen and Les Bridges for Melonie. The tension was increased in the third game when at the turn-round point Melonie held a 10-2 advantage and we thought the vital breakthrough had come. But we had not got into our minds the fact that Helen can fight as well as Melonie. This she did to win 21-19, and if all the matches between these two are as good, we can look forward to some exciting games in the future, with the results swaying both ways. Helen followed this match with a fine semi-final against Lesley Souter, losing, but putting up a good performance. Well played, Helen!

Wales Rules O.K.

Somerset travelled to the Welsh dragon's lair to try and gain a final win for this season of trips across the bridge, which we have not had since the Bridgend tournament at the start of the season, although our youngsters have fought well against all odds.

The competition this time was the Glamorgan Open and we took our usual flock of youngsters. We had high hopes, mixed with some trepidation, when we saw the draw for the different events.

The U-14 girls looked, on paper, to be a straight run through for Fiona Stuart to the final against either Evelyn Wright, Melonie or Sarah, but we did not allow for the fact that Joanne Lee, the No. 2 seed, would play an inspired game and put out Fiona. This left the onus on Sarah and Melonie to try and redress the balance by beating Evelyn Wright. We still had high hopes of this when we remembered that Sarah had achieved this at the Cardiff Open, but Evelyn played an entirely different game against her to win and go forward to meet Melonie in the Semi-final. This proved to be the best Melonie had played against Evelyn in all their contests together, showing that she is absorbing experience. It was a long, hard battle of different styles but Evelyn clinched it in the 3rd. Just prior to this match, Melonie had won a three-game match against Rachel Roberts of Wales, which was a good win; she had also taken Jane Sully to 3 games again.

Iris Moss reports from . . .

MIDDLESEX

MOVE COMPLETED

Well, as announced in the January/February edition, I have moved and although I am far from straight, I have at least got a desk at which I can work, so perhaps I will be able to keep my correspondence up-to-date, including regular contributions to Table Tennis News.

I will not say much about the Middlesex 3-Star Open Championships, which were fully covered by Ken Muhr, but I would like to express my personal thanks to Doris

Moors, Doreen Stannard, Geoff James and Ken himself who between them took over the jobs I have done in the past apart, of course, from continuing with their own jobs. When one person has to withdraw from a small Committee the additional burden laid on the remainder can be onerous but with everyone else pulling their weight, things got done. At the "post mortem" held after the event, some improvements were suggested which we hope to put into effect next season provided the necessary sponsorship is forthcoming.

Sadly I have to report that after our Premier Division team had won all their matches over the week-end 27th and 28th November it was discovered that they had played out of order. In consequence the results were amended making the match against Warwickshire a 4-5 loss (instead of a 5-4 win) and the matches against Dorset and Staffordshire into 6-3 wins.

Our Junior Premier Division team did well over their week-end, beating Devon 7-3, Bedfordshire 9-1 and drawing 5-5 with Kent. At the moment they are second behind Yorkshire with a further week-end to look forward to.

We seem to be having troubles with our Closed Championships. We think we have solved our problems and hope that the Junior Closed will be held at Ben Johnson School, Stepney, on 15th May with the Senior Closed over the preceding week-end (7th and 8th May) at Ellenborough Club. What with having to find dates on which we will not lose most of our entrants to Open Championships and needing to find venues which will not bankrupt us, we found the only answer was to play late in the season, which in the past has not been very popular with our players. We hope that we will be able to find more suitable dates next year.

Philip Reid reports on the . . .

EAST MIDLANDS CADET LEAGUE

CONFRONTATION

The long-awaited confrontation between Chesterfield I and Worksop — both unbeaten in group B of the East Midlands Cadets League — resulted in a 7-3 win for the crooked spire town. Worksop had lost by the eighth set when they trailed 6-2 but the two individual 100% — Bradley Billington (Chesterfield) and Anthony Parkin (Worksop) was reserved for the final set and what a set it turned out to be! Both showed temperament and attacking strokes beyond their years, Billington winning -14, 15, 16. Leicester had two wins to take them into fourth place, their trio of Mark Laywood, Paul Henry and Joanne Murray being steady rather than spectacular. Stratford had Stewart Shanley — who scored a maximum — to thank for their win over Grantham, a win which keeps the newcomers in fifth position. The highlight of Grantham's exciting draw with Coventry II was a maximum from Vernon Carthew. At the lower end of the chart, Nuneaton recorded their first win over Coventry II thanks to Steven Moses, but Coventry with two each from Chris Fisher and Richard Crosbie took them all the way.

In Group A Nottingham are ahead of the field, the only unbeaten side, but only two

points separate the next six teams, six matches having been draws. One of these draws involved Coventry and Burton where the Staffordshire side had Garry Knights and Stewart to thank, but neither could manage to beat Richard Todd, who recorded a maximum. Lincoln beat Burton 8-2 however with Martin Burwell taking three for Lincoln. Back in Group B, Anthony Parkin took three for Worksop against Derby 1, who had William Hollingsworth on form whilst in Group A luckless Leamington and Gainsborough are pointless, but are fighting gamely on and doubtless they will be rewarded for their perseverance.

TABLES

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nottingham I ...	5	5	0	0	46	4	10
Burton	5	3	1	1	34	16	7
Chesterfield II ...	6	2	3	1	35	25	7
Derby II	6	2	3	1	32	28	7
Lincoln	5	2	2	1	30	20	6
Loughborough ..	6	2	2	2	32	28	6
Coventry I	5	2	1	2	29	21	5
Leamington	5	0	0	5	2	48	0
Gainsborough ...	5	0	0	5	0	50	0

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chesterfield I ...	6	6	0	0	52	8	12
Worksop	6	5	0	1	43	17	10
Derby I	6	4	0	2	36	24	8
Leicester	5	3	0	2	32	18	6
Stratford	5	2	0	3	21	29	4
Grantham	5	1	1	3	14	36	3
Coventry II	5	0	2	3	18	32	2
Nuneaton	5	1	0	4	17	33	2
Nottingham II ...	5	0	1	4	7	43	1

Leading Combined Averages (Qualification - 3 matches)

Bradley Billington (Ch)	18	18	100
Tim Sheppard (No)	15	15	100
Anthony Parkin (Wo)	18	17	94
Adrian Bolton (No)	15	14	93
Ian Stewart (Bu)	14	13	93
William Hollingsworth (De) ...	12	11	92
James Lawson (Ch)	12	10	83
Robert Fearn (No)	15	12	80
John Cauldwell (Ch)	15	12	80
Richard Grimley (Lo)	18	14	78

Ron Fosker reports from . . .

ESSEX

NEW CAPTAIN

Essex have a new county captain. Ian Horsham, who has been in one county team or another for some 15 years, was chosen to fulfil the role in the second County Championship premier division weekend (which takes place after my deadline).

Stuart Gibbs has filled the role for a number of years, latterly in a non-playing capacity, but it was felt that Ian now has the experience and quality of leadership to make the luxury of a n.p.c. one the county no longer needs to afford.

Ian impressed all those present at last year's A.G.M. with his eloquent appeal to senior match secretary Dick Roffe not to carry out his intention to resign. In that he succeeded. One hopes he has similar success with the team.

In the new ranking list Ian has moved back above Dave Newman to No. 2 although he is behind a different name at the top. Kenny Jackson has agreed to return to Essex's colours (although Skylet Andrew apparently has not, despite his original

willingness to play in the first weekend) while Bob Potton has been out of contact in the Netherlands and is therefore omitted.

There is a change too at the top of the Women's list where 13-year-old Lisa Hayden takes over from Elaine Foulds at No. 1.

Lisa defends her hat-trick of cadet, junior and senior county titles at the Charles Church Essex Closed at Basildon in May. The championship will be one of the first major events to be held at Basildon's new sports centre. Charles Church Development are once again the sponsors.

DUNLOP PONTEFRAC T 1-STAR OPEN

BEADSLEY AGAIN

by R. B. Govan

Outstanding player in the Dunlop Pontefract 1-Star Open, played at Featherstone Sports Centre on Jan. 22, was Mark Emmerson of Selby who reached the semis of the men's singles losing out to Peter McQueen. Mark played extremely well, better in fact than the scoreline suggests. En route he beat three seeded players namely, Derek Schofield, in the quarters, Matt Shearer of Grimsby and David Rook of Bradford.

Kevin Beadsley reached the final for the third year taking the title for the second year running. Melanie Seaton, unranked and unseeded in the women's singles, accounted for Helen Shields, Julie McLean and Lancashire's Chris Peacock beating Lesley Broomhead in the final. It was one of three titles won by Melanie the others being the girls' singles and the women's doubles in partnership with Miss Peacock.

In the Girls' singles Melanie beat the up-and-coming Joanne Shaw in the semis and had a reasonably easy victory over Rachel Brook in the final. No. 1 seed Rook lost in the boys' singles semis to J. Murdoch (Runcorn) who went on to lose to Neil McMaster a reversal of their men's singles 4th round meeting.

Young Murdoch had another good run in the men's doubles reaching the final with Phil Aspinall of Oldham only to lose out to top seeds Beadsley and McQueen. Emmerson also had a good run reaching the quarters with his brother losing to Aspinall and Murdoch.

Beadsley took his third title of the day in the mixed with Sandra Peakman of Birmingham. Cheshire's Schofield lost his hold of the veterans' title when beaten in the final by Shearer.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

K. Beadsley (Y) bt B. Allison (Li) 13, 9;
M. Stead (Y) bt D. Skerratt (Li) 18, 7;
M. Emmerson (Y) bt D. Schofield (Ch) 13, -19, 9;
P. McQueen (Nd) bt S. Madden (Y) 20, 8.

Semi-finals:

Beadsley bt Stead 15, 18;
McQueen bt Emmerson 13, -21, 11.

Final:

BEADSLEY bt McQueen 10, 18.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

L. Broomhead (Y) bt S. Peakman (Wa) -13, 19, 15;
M. Seaton (Y) bt C. Peacock (La) 16, -8, 14.

Final:

SEATON bt Broomhead 12, 10.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:
 Beadsley/McQueen bt A. Fullen/
 A. Petersons (Y) 11, 7;
 P. Aspinall (La)/J. Murdoch (Ch) bt
 T. Donlon (Ch)/Schofield 19, -11, 10.

Final:
 BEADSLEY/McQUEEN bt Aspinall/Murdoch
 20, 17.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:
 Peacock/Seaton bt K. Groves (Wa)/
 Peacock 17, 20;
 J. McLean/H. Shields (Y) bt R. Baxter/
 J. Shaw (Y) 17, 15.

Final:
 PEACOCK/SEATON bt McLean/Shields
 -16, 13, 16.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:
 Beadsley/Peakman bt R. Priestley (Y)/
 Shields 19, 14;
 McQueen/Groves bt Stead/R. Brook (Y)
 14, 14.

Final:
 BEADSLEY/PEAKMAN bt McQueen/Groves
 9, -17, 16.

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
 Murdoch bt D. Rook (Y) 18, -8, 17;
 N. McMaster (Nd) bt D. Lake (Y) 16, 14.

Final:
 McMASTER bt Murdoch 16, 15.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:
 Seaton bt Shaw 9, 9;
 Brook bt M. Holmes (Y) 15, 17.

Final:
 SEATON bt Brook 14, 15.

Veteran Singles Semi-finals:
 Schofield bt Allison 6, 17;
 Shearer bt M. Dainty (Y) 16, 12.

Final:
 SHEARER bt Schofield -16, 17, 19.

John Morris reports from . . .

WEST MIDLAND CADET LEAGUE

The second of three sessions of the newly formed West Midland Cadet League was held at the Mary Webb School, Pontesbury on Dec. 18, and, as the league table shows, a great battle for honours should take place at the final session on March 12.

Performance of the day was surely provided by Telford led by the Holding brothers, Robert and Nigel, heavily defeated the young talented team from Pontesbury by 8-2. This after Pontesbury led by unbeaten 11-years-old David Morris had beaten Gloucester 6-4. Ellesmere Port, meanwhile showed their undoubted class with two 10-0 victories and must surely be the first champions of the league.

Associations interested in joining for the 1983/84 season should apply to Pontesbury TTA Chairman, John Morris (Shrewsbury 790303 (b) Minsterley 340 (h) or John Cooper (Shrewsbury 790221 (h)).

Second session results:

Lichfield 9 Shrewsbury 1
 Ellesmere Port 10 Gloucester 0
 Pontesbury 2 Telford 8
 Pontesbury 6 Gloucester 4
 Telford 9 Shrewsbury 1
 Ellesmere Port 10 Lichfield 0

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Ellesmere Port	4	4	0	35	5	8
Telford	3	2	1	20	10	4
Gloucester	4	2	2	21	19	4
Pontesbury	4	2	2	20	20	4
Lichfield	4	2	2	20	20	4
Shrewsbury	3	0	3	3	27	0
Grove	2	0	2	1	19	0

DUNLOP LANCASHIRE 2-STAR OPEN

BARNES EMULATED

by George Yates

It was back in 1971 when last an Essex player won the men's singles event in the Lancashire Open but on Saturday, January 29, at British Aerospace Dynamics, Lostock nr. Bolton, Kenny Jackson emulated the deeds of Chester Barnes in winning the coveted title.

Jackson, seeded No. 7 in a star-studded field, disposed of the top seed, John Hilton, the former European champion, at the quarter-final stage and went on to beat the defending champion, Kevin Beadsley, in the semis and Steve Mills in the final.

Donald Parker, seeded No. 2, was also taken out in the quarters by Philip Bradbury who, in turn, lost to the "spiderman" Mills.

The Red Rose blossomed in the women's singles when Joy Grundy beat the defending champion, Anita Stevenson, in the final and Parker, with his Preston teammate, Steve Turner, won the men's doubles at the final expense of Welsh internationals Mark Thomas and Gary Wilkins.

The women's doubles title went to the Birmingham pair, Karen Groves and Sandra Peakman, and Derek Schofield triumphed once more in the veterans singles beating Peter D'Arcy in the final to claim the title for the third successive year and for the eighth time overall. En route Derek had beaten his own wife, Doreen (10 and 14) whilst D'Arcy had more of a struggle to dispose of Diane Johnson (-22, 16 and 16).

Two former English internationals met up at the Lostock venue when Mike Symonds dropped in en route from South Africa to New York and "Connie" Warren made the trip from the Metropolis to display his Playrite wares and to complete a trio of former celebrities Jack Clayton journeyed over from Blackpool.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

K. Jackson (E) bt J. Hilton (La) 19, 12;
 K. Beadsley (Y) bt N. Mason (Sy) 12, 12;
 S. Mills (Y) bt M. Thomas (Wal) 8, 16;
 P. Bradbury (Bu) bt D. Parker (La)
 -19, 17, 17.

Semi-finals:

Jackson bt Beadsley 20, 13;
 Mills bt Bradbury 13, 14.

Final:

JACKSON bt Mills 17, 18.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Stevenson (Le) bt L. Broomhead (Y)
 12, 13;
 J. Parker (La) bt K. Groves (Wa)
 19, -16, 18;
 J. Harris (St) bt C. Peacock (La) 18, 15;
 J. Grundy (La) bt J. Shaw (Y) 14, 20.

Semi-finals:

Stevenson bt Parker 21, 16;
 Grundy bt Harris 18, 16.

Final:

GRUNDY bt Stevenson 18, 14.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Thomas/G. Wilkins (Wal) bt C. Bakewell/
 G. Hallam (St) 14, 7;
 Parker/S. Turner (La) bt Beadsley/N.
 Eckersley (Ch) 24, -15, 13.

Final:

PARKER/TURNER bt Thomas/Wilkins
 -20, 9, 12.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Harris/Stevenson bt C. Clarke (Ch)/
 Peacock 10, 10;
 Groves/S. Peakman (Wa) bt D. Johnson
 (Ch)/J. McLean (Y) 13, -17, 11.

Final:

GROVES/PEAKMAN bt Harris/Stevenson
 -6, 21, 14.

Veteran Singles Quarter-finals:

D. Schofield (Ch) bt Mrs. D. Schofield (Ch)
 10, 14;
 W. Powell (Ch) bt J. Evans (La) -12, 15, 20;
 E. Griffiths (Ch) bt T. Donlon (Ch) 14, 14;
 P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt Mrs. D. Johnson (Ch)
 -22, 16, 16.

Semi-finals:

Schofield bt Powell 12, 16;
 D'Arcy bt Griffiths 20, 16.

Final:

SCHOFIELD bt D'Arcy -9, 14, 8.

BATH 1-STAR OPEN

WELSH INVASION

by George O'Brian

Held at the Bath Sports Centre on the 16th Jan., the strong Welsh contingent dominated the day's play and eventually made off with four of the six titles.

Leading the charge was evergreen George Evans who reached the semi-finals of the Men's Singles with a string of low score victories. In the semis he met Malcolm Francis who eventually threw in the towel at 5-10 in the third. In the other semi Paul Whiting unceremoniously disposed of Tony Healan the holder of the title, in straight games. The final produced superb table tennis with the advantage swinging from one player to the other and with George, surviving match points, getting home 24-22 in the third.

In the Men's Doubles the Welsh pairing of Evans and Healan coasted through the tournament without dropping a game beating Martin Pickles and David Gannon in the final.

In the Women's Singles Elaine Short proved too strong and experienced for the opposition although Lynn Brison battled hard in the semi. In the other half young Helen Perrott did extremely well to reach the final, beating Jayne Sully and Claire Hunter on the way. In the final however, she had no answer to the experienced Elaine.

Elaine, partnered by Debbie Lott also reached the final of the Women's Doubles but they were unable to hold Tracy Watkins and Claire Hunter.

Both Junior events were won by Welsh youngsters. Jayne Sully reversed a result in the Women's Singles, beating Helen Perrott in the Girls' Singles final with a very elegant display of controlled attacking play. In the Boys' Singles, Kevin Davies (Llanelli) retained his title with a two-straight victory over Andrew Oxley (Swindon).

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

P. Whiting (Dv) bt A. Healan (Wal) 10, 11;
 G. Evans (Wal) bt M. Francis (Sx)
 -19, 15, 5.

Final:

EVANS bt Whiting 10, -14, 22.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Evans/Healan bt Whiting/M. Short (Dv)
 14, 19;

M. Pickles/D. Gannon (Le) bt Francis/
R. Cosens 16, 11.

Final:
EVANS/HEALAN bt Pickles/D. Gannon
15, 15.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:
E. Short (Dv) bt L. Brison (Wa) 22, 19;
H. Perrott (Av) bt C. Hunter (Wi)
16, -18, 18.

Final:
SHORT bt Perrott 16, 18.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:
Short/D. Lott (Dv) bt K. Withyman/J. Ellery
19, -10, 17;

T. Watkins/Hunter bt Brison/J. Green
16, 8.

Final:
WATKINS/HUNTER bt Short/Lott 11, 19.

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
A. Oxley bt E. Martin 11, 11;
K. Davies bt D. Richards 14, -13, 17.

Final:
DAVIS bt Oxley 15, 19.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:
Perrott bt Hunter 19, 16;
J. Sully bt Green 14, 9.

Final:
SULLY bt Perrott 16, 16.

NORTH BOURNEMOUTH 1-STAR OPEN

REPEAT FOR FRANCIS

by C. B. Cashell

Malcolm Francis again won the men's singles title at the North Bournemouth 1-Star Open, played on Feb. 6, defeating Derek Holman in a hard-fought final. Barbara Clark beat the greatly improved Leanne Harman in the women's final. Alf Brindle and his helpers worked hard throughout a well organised tournament.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

M. Francis (Sx) bt G. Toole (Ha) 18, 9;
D. Holman (Ha) bt S. Moreman (Gs) 23, 10.

Final:
FRANCIS bt Holman 21, 11.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

B. Clark (Ha) bt J. Barella (Sy) 10, -16, 11;
L. Harman (Do) bt D. Simmonds (Sy)
15, 14.

Final:
CLARK bt Harman -18, 19, 16.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

M. Abbott/J. Creasey (Do) bt R. Bhalla
(Ha)/Holman -20, 9, 19;
Francis/C. Tucker (Sx) bt R. Rowland/
A. Walker (Sx) 14, 12.

Final:
ABBOT/CREASEY bt Francis/Tucker 15, 14.

Women's Doubles Final:

BARELLA/SIMMONDS bt Harman/
S. Hegarty (Do) 19, 15.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Francis/Barella bt R. Thomas (Do)/
Harman 11, 17;
Toole/Clark bt Tucker/Simmonds 18, 17;

Final:
FRANCIS/BARELLA bt Toole/Clark 8, 9.

Boys' Singles Final:

THOMAS bt C. Holley (Av) 12, 10.

Girls' Singles Final:

BARELLA bt Simmonds -19, 7, 20.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND 3-STAR OPEN

by NORMAN HOOPER

Tournament Organiser

The Surrey Table Tennis Association are pleased to confirm that the first ever South of England Three-Star Open Tournament will take place over the weekend of 19th and 20th March, 1983 at the Woking Leisure Centre. The late Trevor Channing was responsible for reviving the South of England as a two-star tournament in 1980, after a lapse of nearly twenty years. Right from the start it was Trevor's dream that this tournament should achieve the highest possible status, and we are delighted that after just three years his dream has come true.

A major factor in gaining Three-Star status has undoubtedly been the authority and experience which our referee for the past three seasons, Chris Wright (NR), has brought to the tournament. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, Chris is not able to take charge this year, but we are most fortunate that he persuaded Len Pilditch (NR) to take over the hot seat.

No article about this tournament would be complete without a mention of sponsorship, and following the pattern established

over the past two seasons the necessary financial backing has been obtained on a sponsorship by event basis. There is a change in the format of the tournament this year with the two under-21 singles events being replaced by the popular restricted singles (class 2 mixed). The full list of events, with their sponsor, is as follows:

Stewart Wrightson Men's Singles
Mann & Co. Women's Singles
Hogg Robinson Travel Men's Doubles
Foxgrove Construction Women's Doubles
Playrite Sports Veterans' Singles
Unigate Dairies Restricted Singles

The total prize fund is £1,200, with the winner of the men's singles receiving £225 and the women's singles winner receiving £125. The tables and other equipment to be used is being provided free of charge by Jaques.

Entry forms have been sent to players who entered the tournament in 1982, to County Championships team secretaries, to Halex National League club secretaries and to the organisers of tournaments being played in January and February. Further copies can be obtained from Jimmy Anderson, telephone no. Farnham (0252) 722712. The closing date for entries is Tuesday, 22nd February.

12th International Club Hard Bat Tournament

BURLETON DEMANDS BRILLIANCE

Some 80 players, old and young, took part in an enjoyable day of table tennis at the Barnet Centre on Jan. 30.

Surprise of the tournament was the Kent County player John Burleton, playing with a hard rubber bat for the first time. He defeated a former winner and last year's finalist Laurie Landry who is also secretary of the International Club.

Burleton strode on to the final and what a final! Stuart Gibbs won the title for the second time (he won three years ago) but not before he had been forced away from the table. He had to produce shades of the brilliance that made him one of England's top players in the late sixties.

Young players also had a look in. Colin Wilson, champion in singles in 1981, secured both doubles titles. Men's with Mark Mitchell and mixed with Helen Williams, both Middlesex colleagues.

Thanks go to Barnet TT Centre who did the Club proud, and to Pat and Bernard Chatterley for organising the show on the day.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

S. Gibbs (E) bt J. Kennedy (K) 20, -19, 17;
J. Burleton (K) bt I. Kenyon (K) 10, -18, 15.

Final:

GIBBS bt Burleton -17, 15, 19.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

M. Reeves (Mi) bt E. Foulds (E) 18, 16;
S. Prowen (Mi) bt M. Symes (Mi) 14, 21.

Final:

REEVES bt Prowen 17, 21.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

M. Mitchell/C. Wilson (Mi) bt L. Adams/
L. Landry (Mi) 19, 12;

J. Payne (Mi)/C. Warren (Sy) bt Gibbs/
F. Lockwood (E) -13, 13, 14.

Final:

MITCHELL/WILSON bt Payne/Warren
13, 10.

MANCHESTER CLOSED

by Les Jones

Ron Weatherby, holder of the men's singles title in the Manchester and District League, lost his hold on the trophy at Stretford Sports Centre on Jan. 30 when beaten in the semis by Tony Taylor who went on to capture the title with a final win over Tim Hatton.

Ron, with brother John, were also deprived of their men's doubles title when beaten in the final by Taylor and Tony Worthington. But, in the mixed, Ron, with Doreen Schofield, retained their title at the final expense of Taylor and Gary Whitehead.

A similar occurrence in the women's singles saw Mrs. Schofield losing her grip on the trophy when beaten in the semis by Caroline Hemming who went on to beat Cary Whitehead in the final. Caroline and Cary also figured in the women's doubles final beating Andrea Kennedy and Pam Murphy.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

T. Taylor bt R. Weatherby 11, 15;
T. Hatton bt T. Worthington 18, 19.

Final:
TAYLOR bt Hatton 10, 10.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

C. Hemming bt D. Schofield 18, -6, 12;
C. Whitehead bt A. Kennedy -14, 10, 10.

Final:
HEMMING bt Whitehead 4, 6.

Men's Doubles:

TAYLOR/WORTHINGTON bt J. & R.
Weatherby 16, 13.

Women's Doubles:

HEMMING/WHITEHEAD bt Kennedy/
P. Murphy 19, 17.

Mixed Doubles:

R. WEATHERBY/SCHOFIELD bt Taylor/
Whitehead -17, 14, 15.

Junior Singles:

P. ASPINALL bt H. Leigh 14, 10.

Veteran Singles:

D. SCHOFIELD bt T. Donlon 14, 17.

Men's Consolation Singles:

D. MAYALL bt P. Biggs 15, 17.

Women's Consolation Singles:

KENNEDY bt S. Gill 12, 14.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Prown/Symes bt B. Andrews (He)/

H. Santon (Mi) 14, 18;

L. Barrow (E)/Foulds bt P. Challis (E)/

H. Williams (Mi) -20, 14, 17.

Final:

PROWEN/SYMES bt Barrow/Foulds 12, 12.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Wilson/Williams bt S. Willis (E)/Foulds

-19, 15, 8;

Lockwood/Challis bt Mitchell/G. Davies

(Mi) -15, 19, 17.

Final:

WILSON/WILLIAMS bt Lockwood/Challis

-23, 18, 13.

Men's Consolation Singles Final:

R. Beckham (K) bt M. O'Leary (Mi)

16, -19, 16.

Women's Consolation Singles Final:

Santon bt S. Kilford (Bk) 14, 15.

Laurie Selby reports from . . .

WILTSHIRE

SWINDON DEBUT FOR MERRETT

A former England table tennis champion has made his debut in the Swindon league.

Bryan Merrett, English closed champion in 1959/60, is playing for Ferndale in Division one.

Bryan, national coach for the Midland and South West, is so far undefeated and has guided his team to top spot in the league.

Swindon now boast two former English champions in its league. The other is Janet Parker who, as Janet New, won the English girls' title in 1966/67.

Top of table — that's Alison Boyce who won the Devizes league singles championship for the 10th time when she defeated Brenda Lee in the final.

Michael Oxley (sen) chalked up a hat-trick of titles, winning the men's singles, the veterans' singles and, partnered by David Richards, the men's doubles.

Richards also won the boys' singles and Jenny Neale took the girls' singles.

Julie Mills and Helen Webb were the women's doubles champions with Alan Duke and Brenda Lee teaming up to win the mixed.

Salisbury teams swept to victory in all three sections of the Wiltshire Schools TTA team tournament.

Bishop Wordsworth School dropped only one point to take the Under-13 section with Kingsdown School, Swindon, in second place.

Highbury Secondary School finished the day undefeated to win the U-19 division, two points ahead of Kingsdown School, Warminster.

Bishop Wordsworth won the second title when they took the U-19 section, ahead of Kingsdown School, Swindon.

Salisbury will be the venue for this year's Wiltshire Closed championships.

They are being staged at the Sports Centre, Westwood St. Thomas School, Bemerton Heath. The juniors are on Saturday, March 19, and the seniors the following day. Closing date is Feb. 26.

Tony Phillips is organising the tournament and Alan Duke is the referee. Entries should be sent to Mr. Smith at 38 Lady-smith, East Gomeldon, Salisbury SP4 6LE.

Michael Oxley (jnr.) gave himself a good Christmas present by winning the Cardiff Under-14 title.

He defeated Anthony Jones 9, 11 in the final. Michael's elder brother Andrew

reached the final of the U-17 singles but lost to John Ellis -15, -15.

There was trouble all the way for Wiltshire's senior team when they played against Sussex in Division 2B.

One of their players, Alison Boyce of Devizes, was involved in a car crash on her way to meet her team mates to make the trip to Bexhill.

Her car was a write-off. Alison, a former Wiltshire champion, was taken to hospital but not detained.

But she was unable to play and Wiltshire had to concede the two rubbers she would have played in.

To cap a really cruel day, Wiltshire were pipped 6-4.

Now they have only one win from their four matches but should be safe from relegation if they win one of their two remaining matches.

The visitors made a brave start against Sussex with Kevin Satchell beating Stephen Moore in the opening rubber.

Steve McBean fought well to put Wiltshire 2-0 ahead but then Sussex snatched the next three sets.

Satchell made it all square again when he defeated Malcolm Francis who is ranked 43 in the national list, 11 places below Satchell.

Wiltshire, having to give away one women's singles and the women's doubles, needed to win the next two sets for a draw.

Claire Maisey beat Teresa Moore to give Wiltshire a chance but Jonathan Chandler, back after injury found his task too great and lost the final rubber.

There was brighter news from the Wiltshire veterans' team who just scraped home against Huntingdonshire 5-4 in a tense battle.

It was neck-and-neck all the way and the match was poised at 4-4 with the final rubber to play.

John Cleveland clinched it to give Wiltshire the points.

Wiltshire juniors suffered a double dose of the blues.

The first team went down 4-6 to Middlesex II and the seconds also lost when they travelled to Dorset.

Two of the county's top U-14's clashed in the Middlesex match when Wiltshire's Michael Oxley (jnr.) met Jonathon Goode in the opening set.

Goode, ranked 25, sprang a surprise when he beat Oxley, ranked seven, in straight games.

The next two sets went to Middlesex but Wiltshire came roaring back to 3-3 after Oxley had beaten Kevin King.

Again Middlesex applied the pressure to forge a two rubber advantage.

But a great performance by Swindon's Helen Wilson who beat Lesley Souter, the No. 5 England cadet, gave Wiltshire a chance to pick up a point.

It looked good for Wiltshire when David Richards won the opening game against Chris Herbert. But the Middlesex player fought back to give his side victory.

Wiltshire seconds started brilliantly against Dorset and opened up a 2-0 lead. But this was soon swallowed up as the home team won the next six rubbers.

Although it was too late to save the match, Helen Wilson (Swindon) found the inspiration to beat Leanne Harman who is 29th in the English junior rankings.

RESULTS

Wiltshire I v Sussex I

K. Satchell bt S. Moore 18, 15;

S. McBean bt P. Rowden 13, -19, 19;

J. Chandler lost to M. Francis -6, -14.

Satchell/Chandler lost to Francis/Moore -16, -20.

McBean lost to Moore -13, -14;

C. Maisey bt T. Moore 7, 16;

Chandler lost to Rowden -18, -13.

Wiltshire Veterans v Huntingdonshire

J. Ford bt R. Fisher 16, 8;

D. Waters lost to K. Green -18, -17;

J. Cleveland lost to S. Burgess -8, -13.

Waters/G. Hazell bt Green/D. Wakefield 19, -17, 14;

Ford/Cleveland bt Burgess/Fisher 12, 16.

Mrs. Hazell lost to Mrs. Wakefield -9, -20;

Waters bt Fisher 18, -12, 19;

Ford lost to Burgess -15, -13;

Cleveland bt Green 13, 8.

Wiltshire I v Middlesex II

M. Oxley lost to J. Goode -15, -18;

D. Richards lost to K. King -17, 18, -20;

A. Oxley bt C. Herbert 16, 14.

Helen Wilson/Michelle Cook lost to Lesley

Souter/Gillian Blanch 15, -14, -13;

M./A. Oxley bt King/Goode 19, 21.

M. Oxley bt King 13, 18;

Miss Cook lost to Miss Blanch 19, -17, -15;

A. Oxley lost to Goode -19, 19, -9;

Miss Wilson bt Miss Souter 16, 17;

Richards lost to Herbert 15, -16, -16.

Wiltshire II v Dorset

J. Hook lost to R. Fairhall 16, -16, -18;

I. Neate bt M. Poulson -13, 19, 16;

R. Vowles lost to G. Plutz -13, -18.

Claire Hunter/Karen Richards lost to

S. Hegarty/L. Harman -15, -12;

Hook/Vowles lost to Plutz/Fairhall -15, -14.

Neate lost to Fairhall -16, -18;

Miss Richards lost to Miss Hegarty -7, -11;

Hook lost to Plutz -16, -18;

Miss Hunter bt Miss Harman 19, 14;

Vowles lost to Poulson -18, -14.

Wiltshire players clocked up six titles in the British Horological Association's championships at Barnet.

Playing under the banner of Blick International, Swindon, they won every event except one.

Father and son Michael Oxley (sen) and Michael (jnr.) carried off no fewer than five titles between them.

Michael (jnr.) won the men's singles by beating P. Stevens 19, 18 — and young Michael went on to defeat the same player 19, 13 to take the junior singles.

Not to be outdone, his father won the veterans' singles, defeating C. Bryan in the final, and then teamed with Karen Titcombe to win the mixed in a marathon final 22-20, 28-26!

Karen chalked up another title when she won the women's singles against Mrs. C. Bagnal 6, -17, 17.

The team event was a real family affair with the Oxleys — Michael (sen), Michael (jnr.) and Andrew who beat the London Clock Company 5-3 in the final.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be no Under-13 ranking tournament this season.

The inclusion of the English Schools' International Championship results and the finals of the Sealink Youth Cup both weighted as (x1) on the "Lentec" Computer System will provide sufficient results for producing a starter list of Cadets for season 1983/84.

YORKSHIRE

NATIONAL HONOURS FOR YORKSHIRE PERSONALITIES

Two of Yorkshire's outstanding table tennis personalities, Maurice Shaffner, ETTA Vice-President, the County's record breaking long serving President with thirty-two years' service and Bradford's hard working tournament organiser and Youth Leader, Steve Nunn have both received honours for outstanding service.

Maurice received the O.B.E. in the recent New Year's Honours List. Steve is recipient of the National Association of Boys' Clubs Gold Keystone Award for 30 years' service to youth.

For many years I have known Maurice who always gives a mixture of dignity and humour to all his activities which he performs with sincerity and distinction.

As a player his attacking penholder style was too much for most of us in the Wakefield League during the early days and it was with some relief and satisfaction that I found myself in the same team and his doubles partner at Yorkshire League level where he could be relied upon to give 100% at all times.

Born at Charlston, near Wakefield, where his father was headmaster of the local school, Maurice moved to Belle Vue Grammar School, Bradford and then on to Leeds University. A member of the legal profession for the last 38 years, Maurice has been West Yorkshire County Prosecuting Solicitor since 1973 and before that fulfilled the same role for the West Riding from 1966. Last year Maurice was President of the Wakefield Rotary Club and is deeply involved in its work. He is also Chairman of the Wakefield branch of the British Heart Foundation and President of the local operatic society. With so many pressing commitments he has little time for playing these days and has not played in the local league for several years, however, if ever he decides to make



Mr. George Turton passes on a few tips to some of the younger members of his coaching club.

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a comeback — and I hope he does — look out for there will be no half measures.

Your friends in Wakefield and in the rest of the country are proud of you and your achievements Maurice and, I'm sure, join me in sending sincere congratulations.

Steve Nunn first sampled table tennis at Bradford Sedberg Boys' Club which he joined in 1935 as a 12-year-old, but spent most of his free time in athletics and football. Long distance running was Steve's forte and in one of his early competitions he came 6th out of over 150 in a National Association of Boys' Clubs event. When not

running, he was usually found training or playing football for the Sedberg football team, a nursery team for Bradford Park Avenue. Steve admired Bradford's professional stars of those days: Len Shackleton, Chic Farr and Billy Elliot, but found himself being inevitably drawn to the fascination of table tennis. He played some table tennis during the 2nd World War and then restarted in earnest when he played his first match for Sedberg in Division 3 of the Bradford League in 1946. He helped his team to the divisional championship that season and the following season gained promotion with them to Div. 1 and has played regularly in those two divisions ever since. Wishing to pass on his skills to others Steve became a qualified table tennis coach and a part time youth leader.

In 1962 he started coaching at Parkside Way Youth Club which in those days was the Table Tennis Coaching Centre for the N.E. of England. The Centre became known nationally and attracted top coaches of the calibre of Jack Carrington, Peter Simpson, Peter Hirst and Brian Starkie to give Yorkshire players the value of their experience and expertise. Players who gained from the Parkside Centre's coaching scheme were Denis Neale, Nicky Jarvis, Linda Bashford, Jimmy Walker and later, Melody Hill and others. Steve added further to his commitments by becoming Yorkshire Coaching Secretary for five years and represented county table tennis on the Regional Sports Council where he did valuable work in the development of one of the county's leading table tennis clubs. Not content to rest on his laurels, Steve qualified as a T.T. umpire and also as a T.T. referee. In the meantime he gained several veterans' championships, including the Northumberland Open in 1967, the Pontefract Open, three times; the Bradford Closed, three times and has had many near misses. He has also represented Bradford Veterans on numerous occasions.



Photograph shows (2nd left) Steve Nunn of Bradford, youth leader, TT coach, tournament organiser and referee, receiving long service to youth award from National Association of Boys' Clubs Officer, Mr. Keith Darlow.

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Now, although he is still active with his club, Steve concentrates on organising and refereeing table tennis tournaments, helps local charities and runs his own business.

Keep up the good work Steve Nunn and Maurice Shaffner, O.B.E., Table Tennis and life in Yorkshire would be poorer without you.

ENCOURAGING

It was encouraging to read Philip Reid's account of the Leicestershire v Yorkshire 2nds match in his report in the December issue of the Table Tennis News. It was an interesting coincidence that although I have never had the pleasure of meeting Phil, I had just finished reading a section of his interesting book on the legendary Victor Barna when I came across his recent county notes. What was so refreshing about Phil's report was his complete impartiality and positive approach. His praise for the Yorkshire Team: Mark Illingsworth, Tony Sanderson, Julie McLean, Helen Shields and particularly Steve Sharpe for his temperament and good sportsmanship was a delight to read. For those who missed Phil's report I quote two of his closing sentences. "These Yorkshire players were a credit to their county", and finally, "Thank you Yorkshire for giving me and the crowd assembled there an evening to remember!". Thank you Phil, may all our players strive to emulate the example of those you have quoted.

Congratulations to the Junior Premier Squad: Sharpe, Jeff Thatcher, David Rook, Martin Firth, Melanie Seaton, Josette Ryalls, Rachel Brook and Joanne Shaw on a splendid performance at the Junior Premier Weekend in St. Neots. 10-nil wins over Cleveland and Sussex followed by a 7-3 victory against Kent put these talented juniors in top place in the Junior Premier Championship. With the County Senior Premier Team in the same happy position, County Championships Secretary, Eric Hill, has good cause for optimism, although he is not one to under rate the nation's top opposition in both competitions.

The senior 2nd team: Sanderson (2), Sharpe (2), Illingsworth (1), Julie McLean (1), Helen Shields (1) and together the women's doubles were in dynamic form in an 8-2 win over Staffordshire, with only one set going to three. The junior 2nd team were also impressive in their 9-1 result against Lincolnshire. Newcomers to the team Russell Thompson and Clive Guest (both Sheffield) and Ruth Baxter (Leeds) showed excellent promise. The three were unbeaten, with Thompson's win over the powerful S. Worrell being particularly praiseworthy. Joanne Shaw gave her usual fluently aggressive performance to win her singles and the doubles with Ruth Baxter. Worrell saved the 'white wash' for Lincolnshire with a 17 in the 3rd win over Firth who had previously defeated R. Hogson in two straight in this 9-1 Yorkshire success.

Coaching

Bob Ryder continues his rapid progress in the coaching scene. Bob, who hails from the Dewsbury League has risen from student to 1-Star diploma coach in charge of a feeder squad at the Leeds Centre of Excellence in less than two years. Well done Bob.

Another diploma coach and qualified umpire who is doing much to ensure the future of table tennis is George Turton of Pontefract. George, who is assisted by his wife, Joyce and Regional Coach Rowden

Fullen, puts in hours of voluntary work every week at the coaching club which he has built up over the years at the Pontefract Girls' School.

Several county and county-ranked players have attended coaching courses at the Pontefract Centre: Julie Speight, Joanne Shaw, Karen Burrows, Ruth Baxter, Mandy Holmes, Steve Emmerson, Craig Render and current West Yorkshire mixed doubles champion Deborah O'Driscoll have all benefited from coaching and training sessions organised at the Centre. Star guest coach on one of the courses was Carole Knight (now Moore). Mandy and Deborah assisted by George and Rowden are in close contention with Y.E.B. for the Pontefract/Castleford League first division title and the way the two girls are improving could emerge as the new champions.

Rowden Fullen has wasted no time after becoming the coaching organiser for the West Yorkshire Region and has already held his first regional coaching squad at the Wakefield Sports Centre for twelve cadet girls aged 8 to 13. The standard was surprisingly good with eleven-year-old Janine Harrison of Leeds finished top on the day, but J. Bowlby, R. Tennyson and D. Toole were in close contention. Rowden was much impressed with Miss Toole who although only 10 was the only player to defeat the course champion. Further regional courses are already in the pipe-line.

The new year ranking lists for the county are as follows:

Men

1 S. Mills, 2 K. Beadsley, 3 A. Fletcher, 4 T. Sanderson, 5 S. Sharpe, 6 M. Illingsworth, 7 D. Illingsworth, 8 M. Stead, 9 D. Rook, 10 R. Whiteley.

Women

1 M. Hill, 2 H. Shields, 3 J. McLean, 4 L. Smith, 5 M. Seaton, 6 L. Broomhead, 7 R. Brook, 8 J. Ryalls, 9 J. Shaw, 10 J. Speight.

Boys

1 Sharpe, 2 Rook, 3 J. Thatcher, 4 M. Firth, 5 R. Thompson, 6 D. Lake, 7 C. Guest, 8 N. Newton, 9 S. Emmerson, 10 N. Wesson.

Girls

1 Seaton, 2 Brook, 3 Ryalls, 4 Shaw, 5 R. Baxter, 6 M. Holmes, 7 K. Arnold, 8 J. Stokes, 9 R. Beaumont, 10 A. Huitt.

Spotlight on the Leagues

Judging by the newspaper cuttings I have seen about table tennis from several of the leagues our sport is receiving excellent coverage every week in local newspapers: Rea Balmford (Hull), Chris Elliott (York), John Hatfield (Sheffield), Keith Hurley (Wakefield) are doing tremendous work in their respective leagues. Doncaster, Harrogate and Huddersfield who, according to one of their outstanding veterans, Howard Birch, are preparing for the League's Golden Jubilee with a special handbook, and Castleford/Pontefract, who this season have enthusiastic newcomer, Tony Trigg as press officer are all in good hands.

Although Barnsley is not listed as having a press officer the league is up with the front runners according to Brian Isam, a modest and popular ambassador for table tennis in four leagues where he continues to amaze opponents with his defensive skills. The Bradford League is lucky to have a professional of superb calibre in Malcolm Hartley giving comprehensive coverage of county and local table tennis. I'm sure that there are other leagues who have hard working press secretaries who have not yet

had the time to submit material to me for publication in this column. Look forward to hearing from you. Telephone 0924-366420.

50 PLUS AND ALL TO PLAY FOR CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN YORKSHIRE by LES D'ARCY

The 13th of January saw the launching of the Yorkshire and Humberside "50 plus and all to play for" Campaign at the Armley Sports Centre in Leeds.

It is the aim of the Sports Council, as part of its Ten-Year Strategy to increase the number of British sports people by 5.6 million. During the next five years the Sports Council aims to attract 1.8 million more women and 0.5 million more men to play sport regularly. The target for 45 to 59 year olds being 140,000 new sportsmen and 180,000 sportswomen.

Civic heads from 27 of the 30 Councils in Yorkshire and Humberside gave the "launching" an enthusiastic send off with many of them joining in the sports and other activities provided. Several super fit veterans from a number of sporting pursuits demonstrated their skills and encouraged the dignitaries and other spectators to join in. It was very enjoyable being part of the team promoting table tennis with English Schools TTA President, Tom Matthews who continues his excellent work in different spheres of table tennis in a very active retirement. I received a few tips on fitness from co-demonstrator, multi world record breaker, Albert Rayner.

Father of nine children, ex boxing and running champion, Albert was also a former professional rugby league referee until his retirement at 50 when he was then able to concentrate on breaking world records at skipping and club swinging. His most recent world record of a phenomenal 128 skips in ten seconds may also qualify for two more world titles (a) the fastest human propelled object. The rope is travelling at 200 mph and (b) the oldest person to have this type of record or possibly any other athletic world record. Albert's expertise will not be lost to table tennis. This week he is attending a coaching session at the Wakefield Sports Centre by invitation of Rowen Fullen, W. Yorks. T.T. Coach for the Region, to show the youngsters how to achieve fitness the skipping way. Albert, with the help of the Wakefield Sports Centre Manager, Mr. Alec Thompson, is hoping to popularise skipping for the general public who use the Centre.

Cyril Villiers, Regional Director for the Yorkshire and Humberside Sports Council and an enthusiastic table tennis player of inter league standard himself, and his staff did a marvellous piece of work in organising and in presenting this giant "50 plus" project launching which was a credit to all concerned with Sports Council P.R.O., Nick Magoolagan making sure that the event received maximum publicity from T.V., press and radio.

One of the "50 plus" circulars points out that table tennis is one of the sports very suitable for the Campaign. If you and your organisation are keen to promote table tennis for the older player why not contact your Regional Sports Council Director for details of the scheme and the help available.

County Championships Round-up

by AUBREY DRAPKIN

VITAL DECISION

The second and decisive round of the Premier Division matches takes place on 19th/20th February at Bristol. I understand that Middlesex have appealed against the decision to take matches from them for playing 'out of order' in the first series of matches which resulted in them losing their match with Warwickshire. At present the title race is wide open with five of the eight counties level on four points. If, however, the Middlesex appeal is upheld they could start the second session clear of the field. A decision **must** be made before play commences in order to avoid further controversy.

DIVISION 2A

Northumberland 6 Derbyshire 4
Cheshire 7 Lancashire II 3
Cambs 2 Leics 8
Yorks II 8 Staffs II 2

Leicestershire remain undefeated and leap frog over Lancs II into top spot. Shock defeat for Lancs at hands of their neighbours Cheshire. First points for Cheshire and also for Northumberland who had Chu Van Que in good form.

DIVISION 2B

Kent 7 Middlesex II 3
Devon 8 Bedfordshire 2
Sussex 6 Wilts 4
Hants 2 Surrey 8

Surrey maintained their 100% record whilst Kent and Devon stay in contention at the top of the table.

DIVISION 3A

Cumbria 6 Northumberland II 4
Leics II 3 Warwickshire II 7
Notts 6 Derby II 4

Warwickshire now well clear at the top of the table after their win over Leics II who were in second place. Surprise win for Cumbria against Northumberland thanks to their ladies. Derbyshire still struggling and in great danger of relegation.

DIVISION 3B

Cornwall 6 Dorset II 4
Gloucs 5 Avon 5
Isle of Wight 4 Somerset 6
Hants II 5 Berks II 5

All close matches in this division including a draw in the match between the top two teams, Hants and Berks. The win for Cornwall lifts them off the bottom of the table.

DIVISION 3C

Glamorgan 1 Worcs 9
Hereford 6 Oxon 4
Wilts II 7 Northants 3
Bucks 9 Hunts 1

Northants lose their 100% record and the leadership of the division as they slip to third place on set difference. Bucks and Worcs are now above them and both have identical records.

DIVISION 3D

Cambs II 2 Herts 8
Kent II 3 Suffolk 7
Norfolk 6 Essex II 4

Surrey II 5 Sussex II 5

Essex shock defeat at the hands of Norfolk means that Suffolk now two points clear.

DIVISION 4

Norfolk II 8 Worcs II 2

Second win for Norfolk by this score-line.

JUNIOR DIVISION 2A

Warwicks 6 Lancs 4
Leics 8 Northants 2
Staffs 5 Durham 4
Yorks II 9 Lincs 1

Important win for Staffs who are behind Warwickshire only on set difference. Lincs are finding the going tough and are still looking for their first points.

JUNIOR DIVISION 2B

Kent II 1 Essex 9
Wilts 4 Middlesex II 6
Herts 8 Gloucs 2
Berkshire 6 Glamorgan 4

Essex run of wins continues whilst Herts and Berks have only dropped one point each. Wiltshire slip into the basement spot after their narrow defeat at the hands of Middlesex.

JUNIOR DIVISION 3A

Cumbria II 1 Lincs II 9
Northumberland 7 Cleveland II 3
Cumbria 3 Notts 7
Staffs II 4 Derbyshire 6
Cheshire 10 Lincs II 0
Cumbria II 0 Cumbria 10
Cleveland II 2 Notts 8
Cumbria 4 Lincs II 6
Cumbria II 3 Notts 7

Notts three wins take them to the top of the table but they have played two games more than their nearest rivals. Derbyshire, in third place, are still unbeaten.

JUNIOR DIVISION 3B

Hants II 8 Dorset II 2
Worcs 3 Warwicks II 7

Warwicks now top and it looks likely that their match with Bucks will decide the title.

JUNIOR DIVISION 3C

Berks II 5 Cornwall 5
Hants 8 Berks II 2
Surrey II 6 Cornwall 4
Avon 6 Somerset 4
Dorset 6 Wilts II 4

6-4 wins by each of the top teams, Dorset and Surrey II, against lowly opposition means that they are still locked together with 100% records and identical set differences.

JUNIOR DIVISION 3D

Cambs 4 Essex II 6
Norfolk 3 Norfolk II 7
Essex III 7 Suffolk 3
Suffolk 3 Norfolk 7
Norfolk II 6 Cambs 4

Essex II still top of the division ahead of Norfolk II and their own third team.

VETERAN PREMIER DIVISION

Lincs 3 Cheshire 6
Kent 6 Middlesex 3

Cheshire won the top of the table clash with Lincs and Kent stay in contention after their defeat of Middlesex. It is clearly a three way battle for the title between Cheshire, Lincs and Kent.

VETERAN DIVISION 2A

Oxon 3 Herts 6
Bucks 3 Avon 6
Leics 8 Cheshire II 2
Northants 2 Worcs 7

Leicestershire maintain their 100% record. Herts, Worcs and Avon have lost only once each.

VETERAN DIVISION 2B

Middlesex II 7 Dorset II 2
Bedfords 2 Sussex 7
Hants 1 Berks 8

Sussex go top of table with Berks in second place on set difference but Essex II and Kent II each have a game in hand.

VETERAN DIVISION 3A

Sir Clwyd 7 Herts III 2
Hunts II 4 Wilts 5

Sir Clwyd complete their programme with an emphatic win to stay 100%. Herts III likely to be runners-up.

VETERAN DIVISION 3B

Sussex II 7 Wilts II 2
Herts II 8 Berks II 1
Hants II 7 Somerset 2

Hants II still 100% and two points clear of Herts II with one match to play.

County secretaries are reminded that they should telephone the result of each home match to Hastings (0424) 433121 where an answerphone is available to record the message at any time throughout Saturday night and Sunday.

I have heard rumours that sponsorship has been obtained for this seasons County Championships but that it has not been passed on to the counties. I shall conclude by putting on my ETTA Treasurer's hat and assuring counties that I have not hidden it away in a numbered account in Zurich or anywhere else for that matter — it simply does not yet exist! Efforts are, however, continuing in the hope that something may come to fruition for next season.

County Championships Tables 24/1/83

SENIORS

DIVISION 2A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Leicestershire ...	4	3	1	0	31	9	7
Lancashire 2	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Yorkshire 2	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Cambridgeshire .	4	2	0	2	18	22	4
Derbyshire	4	1	0	3	16	24	2
Cheshire	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Northumberland .	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Staffordshire 2 ...	4	1	0	3	11	29	2

DIVISION 2B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Surrey	4	4	0	0	28	12	8
Devonshire	4	3	0	1	27	13	6
Kent	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
Middlesex 2	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Sussex	4	2	0	2	18	22	4
Wiltshire	4	1	0	3	21	19	2
Hampshire	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Bedfordshire	4	0	0	4	9	31	0

DIVISION 3A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warwickshire 2 ...	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Nottinghamshire .	4	2	1	1	18	22	5
Leicestershire 2 .	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Northumberland .	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Lincolnshire	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Cumbria	3	1	0	2	9	21	2
Derbyshire 2	3	0	0	3	6	24	0

DIVISION 3B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Berkshire 2	4	2	2	0	24	16	6
Hampshire 2	4	2	2	0	23	17	6
Somerset	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
Avon	4	1	2	1	21	19	4
Gloucestershire .	4	1	2	1	19	21	4
Cornwall	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
Isle of Wight	4	1	0	3	18	22	2
Dorset 2	4	1	0	3	17	23	2

DIVISION 3C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Buckinghamshire	4	3	0	1	28	12	6
Worcestershire	4	3	0	1	28	12	6
Northamptonshire	4	3	0	1	23	17	6
Herefordshire	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
Wiltshire 2	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Glamorgan	4	1	1	2	14	26	3
Oxfordshire	4	1	0	3	18	22	2
Huntingdonshire	4	0	0	4	7	33	0

DIVISION 3D

Suffolk	4	4	0	0	30	10	8
Essex 2	4	3	0	1	28	12	6
Surrey 2	4	2	1	1	17	23	5
Hertfordshire	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Norfolk	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Sussex 2	4	1	1	2	21	19	3
Kent 2	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Cambridgeshire 2	4	0	0	4	8	32	0

DIVISION 4

Norfolk 2	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Sir Clwyd	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Worcestershire 2	2	0	0	2	4	16	0
Northamptonshire	1	0	0	1	2	8	0

JUNIORS

PREMIER DIVISION

Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Middlesex	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Surrey	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Devonshire	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Kent	3	1	1	1	17	13	3
Sussex	3	1	0	2	7	23	2
Bedfordshire	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
Cleveland	3	0	0	3	3	27	0

DIVISION 2A

Warwickshire	4	3	1	0	30	10	7
Staffordshire	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Yorkshire 2	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
Durham	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
Lancashire	4	2	0	2	24	16	4
Northamptonshire	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Leicestershire	4	1	0	3	11	29	2
Lincolnshire	4	0	0	4	7	33	0

DIVISION 2B

Essex	4	4	0	0	37	3	8
Hertfordshire	4	3	1	0	28	12	7
Berkshire	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Gloucestershire	4	1	1	2	13	27	3
Middlesex 2	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Glamorgan	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Kent 2	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Wiltshire	4	0	1	3	12	28	1

DIVISION 3A

Nottinghamshire	6	4	1	1	37	23	9
Staffordshire 2	4	3	0	1	29	11	6
Derbyshire	4	2	2	0	26	14	6
Northumberland	4	3	0	1	23	17	6
Lincolnshire 2	6	3	0	3	27	33	6
Cheshire	3	2	1	0	25	5	5
Cumbria	4	1	0	3	21	19	2
Cleveland 2	3	0	0	3	8	22	0
Cumbria 2	6	0	0	6	4	56	0

DIVISION 3B

Warwickshire 2	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Buckinghamshire	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Hampshire 2	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Oxfordshire	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Worcestershire	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Dorset 2	3	0	0	3	9	21	0

DIVISION 3C

Dorset	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Surrey 2	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Hampshire	4	3	0	1	26	14	6
Avon	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Somerset	4	1	0	3	17	23	2
Berkshire 2	4	0	1	3	12	28	1
Cornwall	3	0	1	2	10	20	1
Wiltshire 2	4	0	0	4	6	34	0

DIVISION 3D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essex 2	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Norfolk 2	5	4	0	1	30	20	8
Essex 3	4	3	0	1	23	17	6
Norfolk	5	2	0	3	23	27	4
Cambridgeshire	4	1	1	2	20	20	3
Sussex 2	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Suffolk	4	1	0	3	16	24	2
Huntingdonshire	3	0	1	2	8	22	1
Hertfordshire 2	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

VETERANS

PREMIER DIVISION

Cheshire	4	4	0	23	13	8
Lincolnshire	4	3	1	27	9	6
Kent	4	3	1	21	15	6
Middlesex	4	1	3	18	18	2
Essex	3	1	2	13	14	2
Huntingdonshire	3	1	2	11	16	2
Nottinghamshire	3	1	2	9	18	2
Dorset	3	0	3	4	23	0

DIVISION 2A

Leicestershire	4	4	0	27	9	8
Hertfordshire	4	3	1	27	9	6
Worcestershire	3	2	1	19	8	4
Avon	3	2	1	15	12	4
Cheshire 2	4	2	2	16	20	4
Oxfordshire	4	1	3	13	23	2
Northamptonshire	4	1	3	9	27	2
Buckinghamshire	4	0	4	9	27	0

DIVISION 2B

Sussex	4	3	1	25	11	6
Berkshire	4	3	1	24	12	6
Middlesex 2	4	2	2	20	16	4
Essex 2	3	2	1	13	14	4
Kent 2	3	2	1	13	14	4
Hampshire	4	2	2	14	22	4
Bedfordshire	4	1	3	13	23	2
Dorset 2	4	0	4	13	23	0

DIVISION 3A

Sir Clwyd	4	4	0	24	12	8
Hertfordshire 3	3	2	1	15	12	4
Cumbria	3	1	2	11	16	2
Wiltshire	3	1	2	10	17	2
Huntingdonshire 2	3	0	3	12	15	0

DIVISION 3B

Hampshire 2	4	4	0	26	10	8
Hertfordshire 2	4	3	1	25	11	6
Sussex 2	4	2	2	20	16	4
Berkshire 2	4	2	2	17	19	4
Somerset	4	1	3	12	24	2
Wiltshire 2	4	0	4	8	28	0

CLEVELAND 3-STAR OPEN

FOREIGN DOMINATION

by Alan Ransome

Eastern European visitors Andrzej Grubba (Poland) and Milan Orlovski (Czechoslovakia), dominated the men's events in the Cleveland Three-Star Open at Thornaby Pavilion on Sunday, 16th January, 1983.

Winner of the men's singles was Grubba, who added the Cleveland title to the World Student Games men's singles that he won at Thornaby in 1981.

In the final, Grubba beat Orlovski in two close and entertaining games. Both players have attractive, attacking styles and the crowd thoroughly enjoyed the match.

Grubba's hardest match was in the semi-final, when the Ormesby and England player Duggie Johnson took the first game 21-15. But the Pole settled down and over-

came the difficulties of Johnson's combination racket to win the next two.

Johnson won two tough matches to reach the semi-final against David Wells and Nigel Eckersley by very narrow margins.

Orlovski paved an easier path to the final beating Skylet Andrew and Graham Sandley comfortably. Andrew did well to save five match points and beat former European Champion John Hilton in the quarter-final.

Grubba and Orlovski also combined to win the men's section of the Butterfly international team event, winning comfortably in the final against the England pair of Johnson and Sandley.

Johnson and Sandley gained some revenge in the men's doubles when they beat the Eastern European visitors at "deuce" in the third after coming from behind.

The women's singles was won by current England No. 1 Karen Witt who surprisingly beat Jill Hammersley-Parker comfortably in the final.

Mrs. Parker, now from Lancashire, playing her first open tournament of the season looked out of touch. Nevertheless, Miss Witt played well to beat the former European Champion as well as her Berkshire team mate Alison Gordon in the semis and local hope Carole Knight-Moore in the quarters.

Mrs. Parker also came unstuck in the doubles when she partnered Miss Witt. They were surprisingly beaten in the final by two up-and-coming players from Bedfordshire, Jackie and Lisa Bellinger.

However, Mrs. Parker and Miss Witt enjoyed a comfortable win in the final of the women's section of the Butterfly international team event, defeating Denmark 3-0.

The prizes were presented by Mr. Alan Alden, Arts and Leisure Officer for Cleveland County Council who sponsored and co-organised the championship, and Chairman of the ETTA, Mr. Tom Blunn.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

M. Orlovski (TCH) bt G. Sandley (ENG) 11, 8;

S. Andrew (E) bt J. Hilton (La) -16, 10, 20;
D. Johnson (ENG) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) -12, 20, 15;

A. Grubba (POL) bt J. Ng (CAN) 9, 16.

Semi-finals:

Orlovski bt Andrew 12, 11;

Grubba bt Johnson -15, 12, 11.

Final:

GRUBBA bt Orlovski 19, 18.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

J. Hammersley-Parker (ENG) bt L. Bellinger (Bd) 15, 12;

J. Bellinger (Bd) bt S. Hunt (Li) 8, 14;

A. Gordon (Bk) bt A. Ramberg (DEN) 17, 13;

K. Witt (ENG) bt C. Moore (Cv) 16, 18.

Semi-finals:

Hammersley-Parker bt Bellinger 12, 6;

Witt bt Gordon 16, 13:

Final:

WITT bt Hammersley-Parker 18, 12.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Grubba/Orlovski bt Hilton/K. Jackson (E) 14, 14;

Johnson/Sandley bt Andrew/P. Bradbury (Bu) 19, 17.

Final:

JOHNSON/SANDLEY bt Grubba/Orlovski -20, 18, 20.

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Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Hammersley-Parker/Witt bt Gordon/

M. Smith (Bk) 18, 19;

Bellinger/Bellinger bt M. Domonkos/G. Hsu (CAN) 16, 13.

Final:

BELLINGER/BELLINGER bt Hammersley-Parker/Witt 18, 19.

Mixed Class 2 Singles Quarter-finals:

G. Baker (Sy) bt A. Rich (St) 15, 16;

A. Cooke (Dy) bt S. Browne (La) 18, 16;

D. Dodd (K) bt P. Gunn (Wa) -22, 15, 18;

P. Collino (Mi) bt I. Robertson (Nd) 15, 19.

Semi-finals:

Cooke bt Baker 13, 18;

Dodd bt Collino 9, 19.

Final:

DODD bt Cooke 19, 18.

Butterfly International Team Events

Men's Final:

Czecho/Poland (Orlowski/Grubba) bt

England (Johnson/Sandley) 3-0.

Women's Final:

England (J. Hammersley-Parker/K. Witt) bt

Denmark (L. Jacobsen/A. Ramberg) 3-0.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOC.

by David Lomas

The seventeenth annual National School Team Championships (sponsored by Stiga) are well under way with all twelve Area Finals successfully staged on the weekend of Jan. 22/23.

The winners go forward to the three Regional Finals, due to be played on Sunday, Feb. 27, with the winners qualifying to compete in the National Finals on Saturday, March 26th, 1983, at the familiar venue of Lea Green Sports Centre, Matlock, Derbyshire.

Several well-known former national finalists were amongst the list of Area winners. Goff's School, Cheshunt are making a strong bid to make it three wins on the trot in the Under-19 Girls' event.

The Regional Finals take place at Moor Grange High School, Leeds (North), Stroud Leisure Centre (Midlands & West) and The Walnuts Sports Centre, Orpington (South & East).

RESULTS

NORTH REGION

Area 1 (at Thornaby, Cleveland)

B19 St. Mary's VI Form College,

Middlesbrough (Cleveland)

B16 Newcastle Royal Grammar (Tyne & Wear)

G16 Lawrence Jackson, Guisborough (Cleveland)

B13 Bishop Barrington, Bishop Auckland (Durham)

G13 Bishop Barrington, Bishop Auckland (Durham)

B11 Hartburn (Cleveland)

G11 Wold Junior High, Hull (Humberside)

How times flies! Last time I recall St. Mary's involved in the honours was in 1972 when Nicky Jarvis was England No. 1 Junior and in that team. Organiser Vicki Nicholson reckons that Newcastle RGS (Boys' U16) should do well at Leeds.

Area 2 (Leeds)

B19 Oulder Hill Upper, Rochdale (Gtr. Manchester)

G19 Amy Johnson, Hull (Humberside)

B16 Bury GS (Gtr. Manchester)

G16 Castleford High (West Yorkshire)

B13 Archbishop Cranmer, Leeds (West Yorkshire)

G13 Wold Junior High, Hull (Humberside)

B11 Wold Junior High, Hull (Humberside)

Boys' U16 very tight with Bury GS drawing 4-4 with Kettlethorpe but going through. Strongest teams appear to be in U-13 categories. Archbishop Cranmer convincing winners, 7-1, 8-0, 8-0. Amy Johnson beat Buttershaw (Bradford) 5-3 in G19. Organiser ESTTA Chairman John Arnold "warmed-up" before acting in the same capacity and at the same venue for the Regional Final.

Area 3 (Fleetwood)

B19 Fleetwood Hesketh High (Lancashire)

G19 Dean Row, Wilmslow (Cheshire)

B16 Hutton Grammar, Preston (Lancashire)

G16 Coppenhall (Cheshire)

B13 Park View, Barrow (Cumbria)

G13 Lancaster Girls' GS (Lancashire)

B11 Mawdesley CE, Chorley (Lancashire)

G11 Highfield, Chorley (Lancashire)

Five Lancashire teams through reports Organiser & ESTTA Treasurer, Bob Wood. Lancaster Girls' GS look strong in U13. But no success for the once formidable Millom teams (in B16 & G16). Donald Parker's old school in B16 (Hutton GS). Locals Fleetwood Hesketh are also through.

Area 4 (Grantham)

B19 Robert Pattinson, Lincoln (Lincolnshire)

G19 Boston High (Lincolnshire)

B16 Fairham Comprehensive (Nottinghamshire)

G16 Caistor Grammar (Lincolnshire)

B13 Gosforth, Dronfield (Derbyshire)

G13 Kesteven & Grantham Girls' (Lincolnshire)

B11 Great Gonerby, Grantham (Lincolnshire)

Stuart Worrell (B19) heads the Lincolnshire challenge. I also hear that the Boys' U11 team is a force to be reckoned with.

MIDLANDS & WEST REGION

Area 5 (Wolverhampton)

B19 Kings Heath, Birmingham (West Midlands)

G19 The Grove, Market Drayton (Shropshire)

B16 Colton Hills, Wolverhampton (West Midlands)

G16 Highfields, Wolverhampton (West Midlands)

B13 Mary Webb, Pontesbury (Shropshire)

G13 The Grove, Market Drayton (Shropshire)

B11 Market Drayton (Shropshire)

No phone call from Organiser Ann Durnall. Perhaps she was being rather modest because I see that her own team (Highfields) are through in G16, and husband Roy has a team through in B16 (Colton Hills)!

Area 6 (Northampton)

B19 Lawrence Sheriff, Rugby (Warwickshire)

G19 Northampton School for Girls (Northamptonshire)

B16 Christopher Whitehead, Worcester (Hereford & Worcester)

G16 John Kyrle High, Ross-on-Wye (Hereford & Worcester)

B13 Blackminster Middle, Evesham (Hereford & Worcester)

G13 Sladen CE Middle, Kidderminster (Hereford & Worcester)

B11 Sladen CE Middle, Kidderminster (Hereford & Worcester)

Almost a clean sweep for Hereford & Worcester teams but their President forecasts none of them finishing better than third in the Regional stage. And he should know! (He's ESTTA Competitions Secretary, Eddie Mitchell!).

Ably organised by Glennis Hooper, Hon. Sec. of Northants Schools' TTA.

Area 7 (Plympton)

B19 Exmouth Comprehensive (Devon)

G19 Hayesfield, Bath (Avon)

B16 Camborne (Cornwall)

B13 St. Ives (Cornwall)

B11 Holymeard Junior, Bristol (Avon)

Organiser Graham Pearson sends me a comprehensive report for which there is insufficient space. He tells me that Exmouth's outstanding player is Mark Ellett. Outstanding players for Camborne are Mark James and Leon Jose. St. Ives (B13) face one of the longest journeys. Holymeard (Avon B11) have big hitters in their quartet. Many thanks to the Plymouth League for loan of tables.

Area 8 (Bournemouth)

B19 Bournemouth School for Boys (Dorset)

G19 Talbot Heath, Bournemouth (Dorset)

B16 Glen Eyre, Southampton (Hampshire)

G16 Talbot Heath, Bournemouth (Dorset)

B13 St. Michael's, Wimborne (Dorset)

G13

B11 Walhampton, Lymington (Hampshire)

Closest competition was in the Boys' U13 event. All three teams drew 4-4. But St. Michael's ratio of 19-18 (games) was marginally better. One day somebody, somewhere might even have to count up points!

Organiser Bill New is looking to Bournemouth School for Boys (B19) to make another trip to Lea Green and perhaps go one better than their runners-up spot last year.

SOUTH & EAST REGION

Area 9 (St. Neots)

B19 Bedford Modern (Bedfordshire)

B16 Bedford Modern (Bedfordshire)

G16 Putteridge, Luton (Bedfordshire)

B13 Bedford Modern (Bedfordshire)

G13 Stopsley (Bedfordshire)

B11 Orwell Park, Nacton (Suffolk)

Only Orwell Park (Suffolk) stemmed the Bedfordshire tide. Can Bedford Modern get three teams through the Regional stage? Well organised by Cliff Olver.

Area 10 (Maidenhead)

B19 Oxford School (Oxfordshire)

G19 Goff's, Cheshunt (Hertfordshire)

B16 Maiden Erlegh, Reading (Berkshire)

G16 St. Bartholomew's, Newbury (Berkshire)

B13 Wallop, Weybridge (Surrey County)

B11 Wallop, Weybridge (Surrey County)

A "first" for Organiser Kath Fullerton, supported by a willing band of helpers. Goff's look likely to retain their national title. But Alison Boxall lost to Sarah Cresswell (Bishop Reindorp, Guildford). Wallop (yes) wallopped their opponents 8-0, 8-0, in B13 and B11. Maiden Erlegh (Syed brothers Matthew and Andrew at 1 and 2) dominant. Some concern expressed at the standard of "services".

Area 11 (Barnet)

B19 Brentwood School (Essex County)

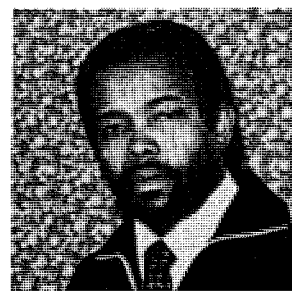
G19 Brampton Manor, Newham (Essex Metropolitan)

B16 Stepney Green, (Inner London)

G16 St. Martin's, Brentwood (Essex County)

THIS & THAT IN SURREY

by MURRAY CORBIN



**CHARLES CHURCH SURREY
SENIOR CLOSED**

These Championships were held near the end of January at Elmbridge Leisure Centre and attracted quite a few players, but I would like to see a lot more seniors next year, because without the support of so many enthusiastic juniors, the show would have been a shambles. My main disappointment arose late in the evening when the finals were being played and the Consolation and Restricted Singles were still in progress. Unfortunately, young Phil Cooper, the Referee, made a blunder in thinking that he would run these two competitions along with the main Singles events, value for money one could say. Under the circumstances, Phil has my sympathy, but I do hope that it has taught him a lesson. I now have pleasure in informing you of the final results.

Rea Balmford (Humberside) (Chairman)
Eddie Mitchell (Hereford & Worcs) (Sec.)
Ann Durnall (West Midlands)
Phil Burwell (West Midlands)
Bob Wood (Lancashire)
Denis Worrell (Lincolnshire)

Qualification for consideration for selection remains unchanged: a player must have taken part in some stage of the National School Team Championships or the Stiga English Schools Individual Championships.

County secretaries are reminded that the closing date for entries for the Stiga English Schools Individual Championships (Mansfield, April 30) is March 22nd, 1983. **There can be no late entries accepted.**

Congratulations to Eddie Mitchell on his election as Honorary Treasurer of the National Council for Schools' Sports. Read his "pen-portrait" in the current issue of "Sports Teacher".

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B13 Lyndhurst House, Hampstead (Inner London)

G13 Mayflower, Billericay (Essex County)

B11 Buttsbury Junior (Essex County)

Close result in G16 where St. Martin's edged out Brampton Manor in a doubles "tie-breaker". Lisa Hayden at No. 1 for St. Martin's. Disappointing "nil" entry from Middlesex. Organiser Alan Shepherd ruled Woolwich Polytechnic runners-up to Brentwood by virtue of having used an ineligible player. This ruling later confirmed.

Area 12 (Croydon)

B19 Rutlish High, Merton (Surrey Metropolitan)

G19 Willows High, Morden (Surrey Metropolitan)

B16 St. Joseph's College, Croydon (Surrey Metropolitan)

G16 Tamworth Manor, Merton (Surrey Metropolitan)

B13 Ifield, Crawley (West Sussex)

G13 Hillcross Middle, Morden (Surrey Metropolitan)

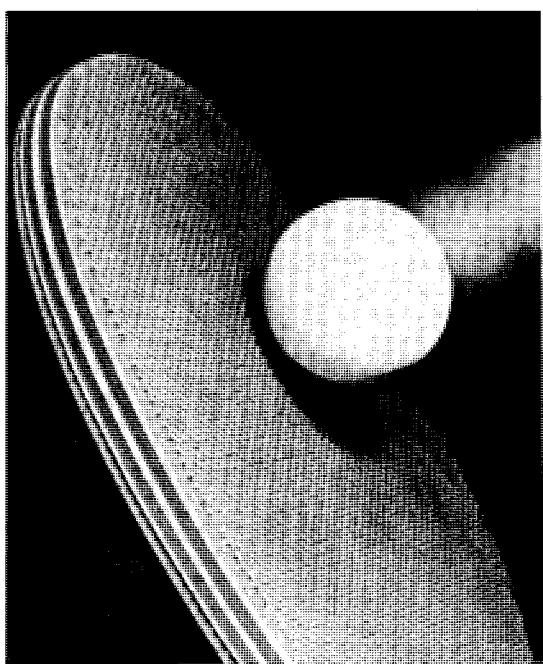
B11 Otford County Primary (Kent County)

Good performances by Surrey Met. schools. After loading twelve Stiga Expert tables on to a lorry the Organiser (D. A. Lomas) tried his luck on the Monks Hill Sports Centre's heart-monitor machine. "Inactive" it said. I don't believe it!

GENERAL

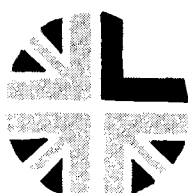
At the last Executive Council meeting of the ESTTA the following selectors were elected for the Stiga Schools International Championships which are due to take place at Gloucester Leisure Centre on July 1/2/3, 1983:

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Men's Singles

MARK OAKLEY defeated Martin Shuttle rather too easily. I understand that Martin's legs just could not see him through this final because he had had such a demanding day. Mark, on the other hand seemed fitter than I have seen him for some time and played some great stuff all during the day. To be quite fair to Martin, he did have to work extremely hard in earlier rounds particularly in those where he put out the defending champion STEVE HOLLOWAY, and quickly followed this with another very exciting match against the still-sometimes — too noisy MICHAEL HAMMOND. A great talent is our Martin.

Women's Singles

A very exciting match with LINDA 'Thunderthighs' CLEMETT getting the better of Michele Hams, who seems to have lost her way again. I am sorry but I will be more careful in praising Michele in the future. Her game seems to be another Jekyll and Hyde story.

Men's Doubles

MARK OAKLEY/GLEN BAKER seem to have beaten Mike Hammond/Andrew Sexton without a drop of perspiration forming.

Women's Doubles

JOAN "Playrite" WARREN/LESLEY POPKIEWICZ pulled themselves together admirably in the second and third, after losing the first at 11 to Heather Payce-Drury/Linda Clemett.

Mixed Doubles

MIKE HAMMOND/JANE MILLS took control over Mark Oakley/Kerry Merritt.

Restricted Singles

FARHAT RASUL cruised to victory over Graham Bateman.

Veteran Singles

FRANK HAMS had all of the answers to the questions asked by Mike Hollaway. Well done Frank!

Men's Consolation Singles

DAVID DEWSBURY had things his way this time against Farhat Rasul, to whom he lost in the Restricted.

Women's Consolation Singles

LESLEY POPKIEWICZ had a run away victory over her doubles partner Joan Warren. Joan had a fine day. She is such a nice and warm lady.

COUNTY GAMES ON 19/2/'83

Our Senior 1st Team of NICHOLAS HOARE, STEVE HOLLOWAY, MARK OAKLEY, MICHELE HAMS and LORRAINE GARBET had a 6-4 victory over the Sussex 1st Team of Steven Moore, Phil Smith, Keith Horton (for Mal Francis, who dropped out at the last minute, I am told), Teresa Moore and Rachel Mackriell. Our ladies lost all of their matches, so this is a very good result after the resultant pressure that was placed on our men, plus the fact that Horton's backhand was going like a 'dream'. He caused Holloway quite a few bad moments before losing in the third. However, he pipped Oakley at the post in the third, to record the only win amongst the Sussex men.

Our Junior 2nd Team entertained DORSET and had to be satisfied with a 5-5 draw. Julian Daniels, in his previous match against Cornwall, won his two: this time he lost them. It was therefore left to NEIL SUTTON, GRAHAM BATEMAN, JANE MILLS, LESLEY POPKIEWICZ and CLAIRE BROOKS, who accompanied Lesley in the Doubles, to salvage a draw. Dorset's team was of Graham Clutz, Rodney Thomas, Ray Fairhall, Leanne Harman and Suzanne Hegarty.

BITS AND PIECES

I am sorry for missing last month's issue. Many of you did notice. Well thank you . . . STEVE HOLLOWAY took a game off Graham Sandley in the Essex 3-Star. Sorry mate, I can not pat you on the back for this; it simply is not good enough . . . JULIAN DUDMAN seems to be playing rather well, or should I say much better. If he can keep whipping the likes of JULIAN DANIELS and STEVEN CARPENTER, then he will be on his way . . . My Westminster Correspondent MIKE 'Radio' LOVEDER was showing great concern over the form of MARK

OAKLEY, whose average in the North Mid League is 66.7%. However, with his recent performances in the Welsh Open and the Surrey Closed, Mike's heartbeat is now near normal . . . It could be a great year for LINDA CLEMETT, who, besides winning the Surrey Closed, thrashed off PETER MATTHEWS in the Central League and when in partnership with SALLY PROWEN and KAREN 'The Loop' MAY, dismissed Bracknell's MAUREEN ALLCHURCH, CAROL HARMER and SYLVIA BRUTTON in the ROSEBOWL COMPETITION . . . RUPERT BOLE, PETER HARRY, GORDON HOLMES and PAUL COLVIN of the London Business Houses League are through to the next round of the WILMOTT CUP and will meet Central's PERCY COLLINO, BABS ADEDAYO and JOHN 'The Pain' PAYNE, who, last year, reached the semis against POOLE . . . It is always nice to see HEATHER PAYCE-DRURY. She and Linda make a formidable 'pair' . . . I heard two players discussing the 'snobbery' of certain players, particularly those who play on the ground floor table at LARKHALL. If this snobbery exists, what have these so called great players have to be snobbish about, Gordon? . . . I understand that the Surrey Schools were played recently, but like every year, I have not been sent any information about the outcome . . . To avoid clashing with other dates, I will be holding the WANDSWORTH LEAGUE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS on Saturday, 9th April (Junior Singles and Division 7 to 12 Knockout Singles, starting at midday) and all other events at DEVAS CLUB, Clapham Junction, on Saturday, 30th April/Sunday, 1st May, commencing at 9.30 each morning . . . I have not forgotten you SALLY BICKELL. Please send me some more THAMES VALLEY news every month . . . Thank You All.

DEATH OF LIFE MEMBER

It is with profound regret that we learn of the death of Edgar Reay, an Hon. Life Member of the ETTA and a former stalwart of long standing stature in both Durham county and Sunderland. Edgar, aged 77, died suddenly in hospital over the weekend of Feb. 19/20 and our sympathy goes to his widow, Sally, at 11 Elm Road, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Northants.

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Gateshead Challenge

by ALAN RANSOME

Eric Boggan, dubbed the John McEnroe of table tennis, was the first winner of the new Gateshead Challenge Tournament played on Monday, January 17.

Gateshead, made famous in recent years by the achievements of Brendan Foster and other leading athletes have through their Council's Leisure Services Department taken a decision to expand the range of international sports staged in their town, which is situated on the South Tyne.

The championship was staged in the Gateshead Leisure Centre which was built under the direction of Brendan Foster in his time as the Council's Chief Recreation Officer.

Boggan, seeded third in the competition, did well to take the title. The final against England's John Hilton was the best match of the night. Boggan won the first comfortably 21-14, Hilton the second after building up a big lead and then in the third and deciding game, Boggan built a massive lead of 17-7 before Hilton played himself back into the match, saving several match points before Boggan clinched it nervously at 21-18.

In the semi-final Boggan had no difficulty in beating Andrzej Grubba, who had won the Cleveland Open the day earlier. Grubba was unable to handle Boggan's combination bat and as soon as the Pole played a loose ball, Boggan attacked to win the point. In the other semi-final, Hilton produced one of his best performances to beat Milan Orlovski. Orlovski, known to have trouble against Hilton's combination bat lost tamely

in the first 21-14. The Czech fought well in the second only for Hilton to pinch victory at 23-21.

In the first round matches Hilton was taken to three by Lars Hauth of Denmark, however, the best of the opening four games was Grubba's 21-16 in the third win in an all-out attacking game with Graham Sandley.

Gateshead Corporation were pleased with the event and hope to stage a similar tournament the day after the Cleveland 3-Star Open in future years.

RESULTS

Round One:

Orlovski (TCH) bt Eng (CAN) 14, 14;
Hilton (ENG) bt Hauth (DEN) 15, -17, 12;
Boggan (USA) bt Daugaard (DEN) 11, 10;
Grubba (POL) bt Sandley (ENG) 11, -18, 16.

Semi-finals:

Hilton bt Orlovski 14, 21;
Boggan bt Grubba 17, 10.

Third Place Play-off:

Grubba bt Orlovski 21, 19.

Final:

BOGGAN bt Hilton 14, -14, 18.

1982 U.S. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

by MALCOLM ANDERSON

Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada

December 16-19, 1982

Danny Seemiller regained the U.S. Men's Singles title from Eric Boggan in a frantic five game final. Eric, now our No. 1 rated player and seeded No. 1, took the first game easily at 21-9, and led the second game 20-15. At 20-18 Dan, playing a passive (for him) blocking game until then, took over the attacking role, winning at 22-20, then 21-15, and led 14-12 in the 4th game. Eric then charged to win that game 21-17, and led 19-16 in the 5th — and Danny took over again, winning 21-19!

Semis:

Eric Boggan d. Ricky Seemiller 11, 14, 10;
Dan Seemiller d. Attila Malek 7, 7, 18.

Quarters:

Boggan d. D. J. Lee 5, 12, 13;
R. Seemiller d. Charles Butler 13, 13, 16;
Malek d. Perry Schwartzberg 17, 12, -18, 20;
D. Seemiller d. Brian Masters 12, 18, 13.
(Masters earlier beat defending champion Scott Boggan 15, 19, -19, -8, 13).

Women's Singles Final:

In Sook Bhushan d. Angelita Rosal Sistrunk 7, 4, 13.

Semis:

Bhushan d. Jin Na 14, 12, 4;
Sistrunk d. Kasia Gaca 19, -14, 20, 17.

Men's Doubles:

D. and R. Seemiller d. E. Boggan/Sean O'Neill 12, 17, 15.

Women's Doubles:

Na/Sistrunk d. Bhushan/Gaca 11, 17, -14, -15, 13.

Mixed Doubles:

D. Seemiller/Bhushan d. Scott Boggan/Sistrunk 13, 7, 14.

Men's Amateur Singles Final:

S. Boggan d. O'Neill 11, 14, 13.

Semis:

O'Neill d. Quang Bui -13, 16, 19;
Boggan d. Malek 18, -15, 14;

Women's Amateur Singles Final:

Na d. Sistrunk 17, 18, -20, -15, 14.

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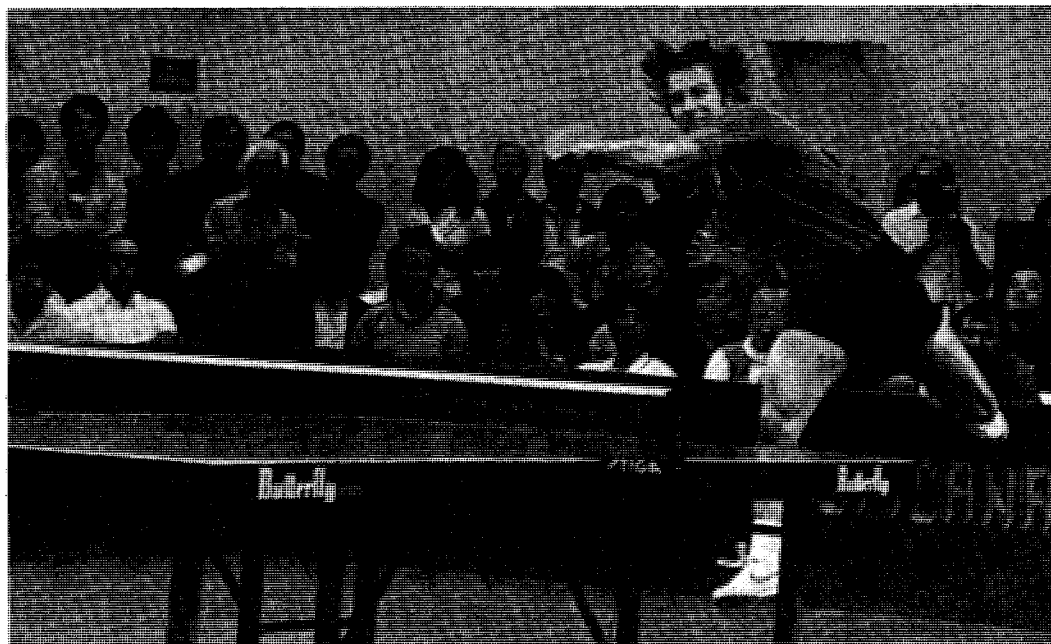
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DAN SEEMILLER

Hard Rubber Singles Final:

S. Boggan d. Dean Doyle 24, -18, -18, 16, 14.

Semis:

Boggan d. Houshang Bozorgzadeh 18, -18, 19;

Doyle d. Schwartzberg 15, 15, -15, 16.

-21 Singles:

E. Boggan d. O'Neill 13, 15, 19.

Boys' -17 Singles:

O'Neill d. Scott Butler 17, 8, 17.

Girls' -17 Singles:

Tieu Len Vuong d. Diana Gee 16, -20, 13, 13.

Men's +40 Singles:

D. J. Lee d. Errol Resek 17, 16, 18.

Women's +40 Singles:

Yvonne Kronlage d. Patty Hodgins 12, -21, 10, 16.

Boys' -17 Doubles:

O'Neill/Brandon Olson d. Steven Rodriguez/Chi Ngo 12, 14, 22.

Girls' -17 Doubles:

Tieu Len Vuong/Ardith Lonnon d. Lisa and Diana Gee -14, -19, 17, 19, 14.

+40 Doubles:

Tim Boggan/Bohan Dawidowicz d. Bob Fields/Ron Von Schimmelmann 7, 6, 12.

Boys' -15 Singles:

O'Neill d. Gene Lonnon 14, 17, 9.

Girls' -15 Singles:

Vuong d. Diana Gee 14, 16, 15.

+50 Singles:

George Hendry d. Tim Boggan 15, -19, -15, 18, 12.

-15 Doubles:

Scott and James Butler d. O'Neill/Gene Lonnon 19, -19, -17, 14, 17.

+50 Doubles:

Bernie Bukiet/M. Blaustein d. T. Boggan/Dick Evans -17, 15, 16, -9, 10.

Boys' -13 Singles:

James Butler d. Chi Ngo 18, -15, 17, 12.

Girls' -13 Singles:

Michelle Mantel d. Stephanie Fox 16, 14, -13, 13.

+60 Singles:

George Hendry d. Bill Hornyak 10, 8, 8.

-11 Singles:

Dhiren Narotam d. Chi-sun Chui 17, 18, 17.

+70 Singles:

Wing Lak Koon d. C. H. McCallister 16, 11, 17.

-9 Singles:

Chi-sun Chui d. Eric Owens 8, 6, 7.

RETURNED UNOPPOSED

Tom Blunn (Chairman), George Yates (Deputy Chairman) and Aubrey Drapkin (Hon. Treasurer) have all been returned unopposed for a further term of office. All three main officers of the ETTA hereby express gratitude for the confidence expressed in them.

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halex National LEAGUE

by ROBERT OLDFIELD

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN

Even a protest by Ormesby manager, Alan Ransome, failed to stop Dunlop Birmingham from snatching a point on 23rd January when they played at home to the Middlesbrough club. Ransome stormed into the arena during the final set of the match when Derek Munt was playing Lindsay Taylor, claiming that Munt's stamping was being used to gain unfair advantage.

But referee John Devey disagreed with Ransome's interpretation; Munt's defence gave Dunlop their second draw of the season; and Thorn-EMI Ellenborough took over at the top of the Premier Division having overhauled Ormesby's one match advantage two weeks previously. Though not before Birmingham's Steve Mills had broken Graham Sandley's undefeated record.

On the same day Karen Witt was winning her first and most crucial set for the club with the abbreviated name — BWF WAMDSAD — and, at 4-3 in favour of the Windsor and Maidenhead club, she faced the twiddling Billy Gleave. The experience of the England international was too much for young Gleave and Witt won an exciting battle 21-15 in the third, further spoiling Unity's record on a day when their star, Skylet Andrew, lost two for the first time this season.

PREMIER DIVISION

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Thorn-EMI Ellenborough	9	8	1	0	58	14	17
Ormesby	9	7	2	0	51	21	16
Hassy Soham	9	8	0	1	50	22	16
Unity	10	3	3	4	40	40	9
Letchworth Corporation	11	3	3	5	40	48	9
Dunlop Birmingham	10	2	2	6	27	53	6
BWF Wamsdad	9	1	0	8	23	49	2
Newcastle	9	0	1	8	15	57	1

COOKE'S CARDIFF CLASH

"Tarmac Wolverhampton versus Jaques Generation would have been a fantastic finale but it looks as if we could lose to clubs where we shouldn't drop points" says Tarmac's Paul Chester. "We probably won't have Alan Cooke for the Butterfly Cardiff match because of this Junior and Cadet ranking tournament".

"It must be hitting all the clubs with top juniors", claimed Chester, "Carl Preat at Generation, Nicky Mason at Soham and Billy Gleave at Unity. I don't think it's fair to ask the kids to choose between the tournament and the National League".

"I agree with the one at the beginning of the season", he went on, "so that you can see how players have improved and how

former cadets get on in the juniors. But three in one season? Surely we have Select tournaments where all the juniors play? Even our second and third teams have been affected".

So, though Tarmac are still in touch with Generation "I think we're struggling in all honesty" said Chester. "Generation must be favourites to win". Having taken over at the top of the table they reeled off two 8-0 wins recently.

FIRST DIVISION

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Jaques Generation	10	8	0	2	61	19	16
Grove	10	8	0	2	55	25	16
Tarmac Wolverhampton	10	7	2	1	53	27	16
Butterfly Cardiff	10	5	2	3	45	35	12
MBS St. Neots	11	4	3	4	43	45	11
Ormesby II	10	1	3	6	29	51	5
TCB Dolphins	10	1	1	8	26	54	3
BWF Wamsdad II	11	1	1	9	16	72	3

LITTLE CHANGE IN TWO NORTH

March — one of five clubs to have accepted terms with the league sponsors, Halex — failed to justify the pessimism of Salford's boss, Harry Shaw, when Target Gold made the trip cross-country on January 23rd. March played without Geoff Davies; Tony Swift and Mick Palmer failed to score; and Salford were on the right side of the 2-6 reversal with Shaun Browne and Trevor Taylor undefeated.

Meanwhile, the leaders, Hermits, put on three extra sets on their advantage and look favourites for the end-of-season battles against Salford and South Yorkshire. The latter slipped on 9th January against Tarmac II, who have now moved up above Unity II.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hermits	10	8	1	1	59	21	17
TG Salford	10	8	1	1	51	29	17
South Yorkshire	10	7	0	3	53	27	14
March Halex	9	3	4	2	37	35	10
RB Lincoln	9	3	1	5	36	36	7
Tarmac Wolverhampton II	10	2	2	6	26	54	6
Unity II	10	1	2	7	29	51	4
Riversley Insurance	10	1	1	8	21	59	3

SPICER PULL THE PLUG ON BATH

Disaster struck SIB Bath on 9th January when, in a surprising match, they suffered a 3-5 defeat at the hands of the victors, Graham Spicer. Though Kevin Satchell won two, both Andy Creed and Jerry Musslewhite ended with a blank scoresheet, and the former leaders slipped down into second place.

Third-placed Gillette Reading also had a shock at the hands of Gunnersbury Triangle. Gunnersbury grabbed a draw thanks to the undefeated Tony Stark and Reading's Simon Heaps lost his third set of the season.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dagenham FC	10	7	2	1	49	31	16
SIB Bath	9	7	1	1	52	20	15
Gillette Reading	9	6	3	0	45	27	15
Larkhall	10	3	3	4	38	42	9
Graham Spicer	10	3	2	5	38	42	8
Gunnersbury Triangle	10	1	5	4	34	46	7
Gwent Halex	10	1	3	6	30	50	5
Halex Medway	10	1	1	8	26	54	3

VICKERS VICTORY

Vickers' first win of the season, playing in Third Division North, came on 9th January against Unity III. Andrew Murphy and Alan Manson both won two for Vickers after Helen Shields had won the first and seventh sets of the match for the victors.

Otherwise, little change, with Byker and South Yorkshire II keeping Halex Crusaders on the bottom.

THIRD DIVISION NORTH

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hermits II	11	8	3	0	65	23	19
Grantham	11	8	2	1	67	21	18
Byker	10	8	0	2	61	19	16
South Yorkshire II	10	4	2	4	41	39	10
Ormesby III	10	3	2	5	34	46	8
Unity III	10	2	0	8	24	56	4
Vickers	10	1	2	7	21	59	4
Halex Crusaders	10	1	1	8	15	65	3

WATSON SETS UP CIPPENHAM

After sixteen months out through illness, Alex Watson made a dramatic return when he inspired Cippenham to a 6-2 victory over MBS St. Neots II on January 30th, as the Slough club clinched its first ever 'double'.

"Watson's two matches could not have been more varied", writes Graham Trimming. "His first appearance at the table came with the match score standing at 1-1 so to win the next set was most important psychologically. His opponent was the veteran defender Roy Norton, so inevitably it would be a long and absorbing contest".

"From 19-16 in the first game, when the expedite law was introduced, Watson went a game point down before accepting his own third game point and then winning the second 21-17".

"By the time Watson appeared again Cippenham were 5-2 up with the points in the bag. His opponent this time was the Huntingdonshire No. 2, Keith Lakin, who was totally perplexed by the variety of spin employed by the Cippenham man. Watson ran out an easy winner 21-11, 21-6".

Said Cippenham Manager, Graham Trimming, afterwards — "After so long out of the game it was most pleasing that Watson should perform so well, and it augurs well for our two remaining matches".

Crimmins bt Jackson 13, 11.
Kennedy bt Hannah 16, -15, 17.
BWF Wamdsad 5 Unity 3
Phillip Bradbury bt Steve Turner 19, 15.
David Barr bt Skylet Andrew 16, -20, 19.
Andrew Wellman bt Billy Gleave 7, 14.
Karen Witt lost to Chris Rogers -7, -21.
Bradbury bt Andrew -6, 19, 9.
Barr lost to Rogers -18, -20.
Wellman lost to Turner -14, -13.
Witt bt Gleave 12, -19, 15.

FIRST DIVISION

9th January 1983
BWF Wamdsad II 0 Jaques Generation 8
Tarmac Wolverhampton 4 MBS St. Neots 4
Butterfly Cardiff 5 Ormesby II 3
TCB Dolphins 3 Grove 5

23rd January 1983
Jaques Generation 8 MBS St. Neots 0
Ormesby II 4 Tarmac Wolverhampton 4
TCB Dolphins 3 Butterfly Cardiff 5
Grove 8 BWF Wamdsad II 0

6th February 1983
MBS St. Neots 5 BWF Wamdsad II 3

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

9th January 1983
Hermits 8 Riversley Insurance 0
South Yorkshire 3 Tarmac Wolverhampton II 5
TG Salford 6 RB Lincoln 2
March Halex 6 Unity II 2

23rd January 1983
Tarmac Wolverhampton II 1 Hermits 7
RB Lincoln 3 South Yorkshire 5
March Halex 2 TG Salford 6
Riversley Insurance 5 Unity II 3

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

9th January 1983
Dagenham FC 6 Gwent Halex 2
SIB Bath 3 Graham Spicer 5
Gillette Reading 4 Gunnersbury Triangle 4
Halex Medway 2 Larkhall 6

23rd January 1983
Graham Spicer 4 Dagenham FC 4
Gunnersbury Triangle 1 SIB Bath 7
Halex Medway 2 Gillette Reading 6
Gwent Halex 4 Larkhall 4

THIRD DIVISION NORTH

9th January 1983
Halex Crusaders 0 Byker 8
Grantham 6 South Yorkshire II 2
Vickers 6 Unity III 2
Hermits II 5 Ormesby III 3

23rd January 1983
South Yorkshire II 7 Halex Crusaders 1
Ormesby III 0 Grantham 8
Byker 8 Unity III 0
Vickers 0 Hermits II 8
Hermits II 4 Grantham 4

THIRD DIVISION WEST

9th January 1983
Tarmac Ladies 0 Chan Construction 8
WW Solihull 3 Pengeley Torbay 5
Cowbridge Bridgend 2 Jolliffe Poole 6
Launceston Kernow 0 Grove II 8

23rd January 1983
Pengeley Torbay 7 Tarmac Ladies 1
Jolliffe Poole 5 WW Solihull 3
Launceston Kernow 6 Cowbridge Bridgend 2
Chan Construction 6 Grove II 2

THIRD DIVISION EAST

9th January 1983
Cippenham 2 Colne Valley 6
Dunlop Waveney 4 Jaques Generation II 4

23rd January 1983
Colne Valley 6 Halex Abeng 2

30th January 1983
MBS St. Neots II 2 Cippenham 6

FIXTURES

PREMIER DIVISION

6th March 1983
Hassy Soham v Thorn-EMI Ellenborough
BWF Wamdsad v Newcastle
Dunlop Birmingham v Unity

12th March 1983
Thorn-EMI Ellenborough v Ormesby

13th March 1983
Hassy Soham v Ormesby

26th March 1983
Ormesby v Thorn-EMI Ellenborough

27th March 1983
Ormesby v Hassy Soham
Unity v Thorn-EMI Ellenborough
BWF Wamdsad v Letchworth Corporation
Dunlop Birmingham v Newcastle

FIRST DIVISION

6th March 1983
TCB Dolphins v Jaques Generation
Butterfly Cardiff v Tarmac Wolverhampton
Ormesby II v BWF Wamdsad
MBS St. Neots v Grove
27th March 1983
Jaques Generation v Butterfly Cardiff
Grove v Tarmac Wolverhampton
TCB Dolphins v BWF Wamdsad II
MBS St. Neots v Ormesby II

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

6th March 1983
March Halex v Hermits
TG Salford v South Yorkshire
RB Lincoln v Riversley Insurance

Tarmac Wolverhampton II v Unity II
27th March 1983
Hermits v TG Salford
Unity II v South Yorkshire
Riversley Insurance v March Halex
Tarmac Wolverhampton II v RB Lincoln

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

6th March 1983
Halex Medway v Dagenham FC
Gillette Reading v SIB Bath
Gunnersbury Triangle v Gwent Halex
Graham Spicer v Larkhall
13th March 1983
SIB Bath v Gillette Reading
20th March 1983
Halex Gwent v Halex Medway
27th March 1983
Dagenham FC v Gillette Reading
Larkhall v SIB Bath
Graham Spicer v Gunnersbury Triangle

THIRD DIVISION NORTH

6th March 1983
Vickers v Halex Crusaders
Ormesby III v Byker
South Yorkshire II v Unity III
Hermits II v Grantham
27th March 1983
Unity III v Grantham
Byker v Vickers
South Yorkshire II v Ormesby III
Halex Crusaders v Hermits II

THIRD DIVISION WEST

6th March 1983
Launceston Kernow v Tarmac Ladies
Cowbridge Bridgend v WW Solihull
Jolliffe Poole v Chan Construction
Pengeley Torbay v Grove II
27th March 1983
Tarmac Ladies v Cowbridge Bridgend
Grove II v WW Solihull
Chan Construction v Launceston Kernow
Pengeley Torbay v Jolliffe Poole

THIRD DIVISION EAST

6th March 1983
Jaques Generation II v Colne Valley
MBS St. Neots II v Halex Abeng
27th March 1983
Cippenham v Dunlop Waveney
MBS St. Neots II v Jaques Generation II

WORLD AND COMMONWEALTH

At a meeting of the National Selection Committee (Selection Panel) held on Jan. 21 at the Crest Hotel, Cardiff consideration of the names of the party to represent England in the forthcoming Commonwealth and World Championships came under prolonged discussion before a short list of 6 men and 5 women was compiled. A final decision on the 5 men and 4 women to travel is to be made after the Norwich Union English Closed. The full list of names is:

Men

D. Douglas (Wa), G. Sandley (Mi),
C. Prean (IOW), J. Hilton (La) and
S. Andrew (E).

Women

Mrs. J. Hammersley-Parker,
Miss K. Witt (Bk), Miss L. Bellinger (Bd),
Miss J. Bellinger (Bd) and
Miss J. Grundy (La).

The 7th Commonwealth Championships are to be played in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from April 17 to 23 and the 37th World Championships in Tokyo, Japan from April 28 to May 9.



NAVAL SUPPORT

John Waterhouse of John Jaques is seen outside Admiralty House with Admiral Sir James Eberle, GCB, President of the RNLT & RNSRA and Commander Brian Tayler, Commanding Officer of the RN PT College, after final discussions of a new form of Sports Sponsorship with the Royal Navy.

LANCS JUNIOR OPEN

Wakefield's Steven Sharpe did well to retain his boys' singles title in the 14th Dunlop Lancashire Junior Open played in Bolton on Feb. 20 when, in the final, he beat the top seed Billy Gleave. Jill Powis of Wolverhampton won both the girls' and cadet girls' singles beating, respectively, Fiona Elliot and Angela Sanders also of Staffs. A full report with results will appear in the next issue.

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Irish Notes

RELEGATION AVOIDED

by Tony Martin

By beating Portugal 5-2 to obtain their second win of the season Ireland made sure of retaining their Div. 2 status in the **European League** mainly due to the form of Colum Slevin.

Slevin was successful in both his singles, against Ivanuel Moreira and Joro Portela, and further figured in two doubles successes when partnered by Kevin Keane and Anne Leonard. Miss Leonard obtained Ireland's other win in beating Anabelle Fernandez.

SCORES

C. Slevin bt I. Moreira 14, 19;
J. Hamill lost to J. Portela -12, -16;
A. Leonard bt A. Fernandez 15, 12;
K. Keane/Slevin bt Moreira/Portela 11, 13;

Slevin/Leonard bt Portela/Fernandez 14, 5;
Slevin bt Portela 10, -18, 12;
Hamill lost to Moreira -16, -11.

Slevin, Ireland's No. 1 player, showed his superiority by winning the men's singles and doubles titles in the **Leinster Open** in Dublin. This tournament produced lots of surprises the main ones being the defeat of Tommy Caffrey, the No. 2 seed, by Brian Larrigan in Rd. 2, and the defeat of Derek Weir, seeded No. 8, by Frank Glynn.

Glynn went on to beat Larrigan to clinch a semi-final spot against Keane. Dave Pemberton got a breakthrough in beating Aidan Walsh and Brian Orr but was no match for Slevin in the quarters. In the semis Slevin accounted for Jimmy Hamill and Keane beat Glyn but the final was all one way traffic with Slevin dominating throughout.

With Anne Leonard resting an injury the women's singles event was wide open. The event was not short of surprises either with

Anna Kelly beating the No. 2 seed Geraldine Leonard and Marie Martin beating the No. 4 seed Mary McMullen. Mary Sheehan, the top seed, accounted for Marie in the semis and went on to take the title beating Louise Gibson in the final.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

C. Slevin bt J. Hamill 13, 18;
K. Keane bt F. Glynn 19, 19.

Final:

SLEVIN bt Keane 11, 6.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

M. Sheehan bt M. Martin 18, 17;
L. Gibson bt A. Kelly 16, 16.

Final:

SHEEHAN bt Gibson 19, -9, 13.

Men's Doubles Final:

KEANE/SLEVIN bt T. Caffrey/B. Larrigan 11, -19, 15.

Women's Doubles Final:

GIBSON/J. REID bt L. Cullen/E. McManus 14, 15.

Mixed Doubles Final:



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1. SCOTLAND

Sunday, 19th June, 1983
(All Scotland)
Grangemouth Sports Complex,
Grangemouth

2. WALES & WEST

(Wales plus Gloucestershire, Avon, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Wiltshire)
Sunday, 5th June, 1983
Thornbury Sports Centre, BRISTOL.
M. Lewis

3. NORTH

(Cumbria, Northumberland, Durham, Cleveland, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire)
Monday, 30th May, 1983 (Bank Holiday)
Richard Dunn Sports Centre,
BRADFORD. - H. Soova

4. MIDLANDS

(Cheshire, Derbyshire, Salop, Staffordshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Leicestershire)
Saturday, 28th May, 1983
Grove School MARKET DRAYTON.
I. Marshall

5. EAST

(Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Huntingdonshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire, Middlesex)
Sunday 12th June, 1983
Bletchley Leisure Centre, MILTON KEYNES. - B. Ashton

6. SOUTH EAST

(Surrey, Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Berkshire)
Saturday, 4th June, 1983
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PROVISIONAL TIME SCHEDULE FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

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 2. Open to all players of British nationality residing in England, Scotland and Wales and born after 30th June, 1966 (events 1 to 4) or born after 30th June, 1963 (events 5 to 8).
 3. Under 13 players may enter Under 16 events additionally.
 4. Group and Knockout System of play throughout. All players must umpire one set per group.
 5. Final date for receipt of entries Thursday, 31st March, 1983.
 6. All players will receive acknowledgement card and time of first match.
 7. No charge for players to venues; persons accompanying players will be charged 25p for admission.
 8. Travelling expenses will not be paid to players for regional tournaments. National finalists will be given return rail tickets to the National Finals.
 9. A parent or guardian must sign the entry form to signify acceptance of the rules.
- Complete rules will be sent to all players.

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3. Under 16 Girls Singles		Fee £1.50
4. Under 16 Girls Team Event	_____	Fee £1.00 (each)
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6. Under 13 Boys Team Event	_____	Fee £1.00 (each)
7. Under 13 Girls Singles		Fee £1.50
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T. HEASLEY/REID bt B. Orr/Gibson
-20, 18, 19.

IRISH RANKINGS

Men

1 C. Slevin, 2 K. Keane, = T. Caffrey, 4 J. Hamill, 5 T. Heasley, 6 J. Robinson, 7 A. Walsh, 8 D. Weir, 9 A. Slevin, 10 B. Larrigan, 11 B. Orr, = F. Glynn.

Women

1 A. Leonard, 2 M. Sheehan, = G. Leonard, 4 L. Gibson, 5 M. McMullen, 6 M. Martin, 7 J. Reid, 8 A. Kelly, = M. McEvoy, 10 A. M. Reilly, = H. Walsh.

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WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

- March 1983
- 5 EUROPEAN LEAGUE: DIVISION 2 TURKEY v SCOTLAND.
 - 5/6 JUNIOR RANKING TRIALS (LILLESHELL).
 - 6 Durham 2-Star Open.
 - 6 Halex National League (12).
 - 9 EUROPEAN LEAGUE: SUPER DIVISION ENGLAND v FEDERAL GERMANY, Fleming Park Sports Centre, Eastleigh, Hants (7.30).
 - 9/13 RUMANIAN OPEN (Bucharest) (Norwich Union Grand Prix).
 - 12 County Championships (6).
 - 12/13 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR PREMIER WEEKEND (ST. NEOTS).
 - 13 East of England 2-Star Open (Grantham Sports Centre).
 - 19 Cornish Junior 2-Star Open (Redruth).
 - 19/20 SOUTH OF ENGLAND 3-STAR OPEN, Woking Leisure Centre, Woking Park, Kingfield Road, Woking, Surrey (9 a.m. each day). Finals: Sunday at 3.30 p.m.
 - 20 Cheshire 1-Star (Birkenhead).
 - 20 Edinburgh Youth & Junior 2-Star (Meadowbank).
 - 25/26 Dunlop Merseyside 2-Star Open, Kirkby Sports Centre, Valley Road, Liverpool. Entries close March 4th to Mr. B. A. Leeson, 16 Avolon Road, Liverpool L12 9ER (051-228 5028).
 - 26 ESTTA NATIONAL TEAM FINALS (Lea Green, Matlock, Derbys).
 - 27 Halex National League (13).
 - 27 Derby Junior 2-Star Open.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

All the first series of matches in the second Premier Division weekend at Bristol were abandoned because of a slippery floor. Subsequently, after a deal of scrubbing, results were:

- Middlesex 6 Lancashire 3
- Yorkshire 4 Berkshire 5
- Staffordshire 1 Essex 8
- Dorset 1 Warwickshire 8
- Yorkshire 7 Dorset 2
- Berkshire 2 Middlesex 7
- Lancashire 6 Staffordshire 3
- Essex 5 Warwickshire 4
- Middlesex 6 Yorkshire 3
- Warwickshire 3 Lancashire 6
- Staffordshire 7 Berkshire 2
- Dorset 1 Essex 8

TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Middlesex	6	5	1	35	19	10
Essex	6	5	1	34	20	10
Lancashire	6	4	2	31	23	8
Yorkshire	6	3	3	33	21	6
Warwicks	6	3	3	29	25	6
Berkshire	6	2	4	21	33	4
Staffs	6	2	4	20	34	4
Dorset	6	0	6	13	41	0

Matches to be played:

- Berks v Dorset, Lancs v Yorks,
- Essex v Middx, Warwks v Staffs.

MARTIN ESSEX 3-STAR OPEN

**Karen wins another!
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Full report and pictures will appear in next issue

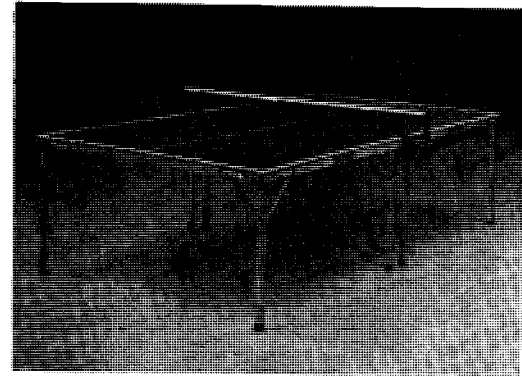
HUNGARIAN RECOVERY

From being 1-2 down Hungary staged a recovery to beat Federal Germany 4-3 in the Super Division of the European League on Jan. 12.

SCORES

- J. Molnar lost to P. Stellwag -16, -18;
- I. Jonyer bt P. Engel -18, 16, 18;
- G. Szabo lost to K. Kruger -16, 12, -14;
- G. Gergely/Jonyer bt Engel/Stellwag -19, 21, 18;
- Jonyer/Szabo bt Stellwag/Kruger 13, 15;
- Molnar bt Engel -20, 17, 20;
- Jonyer lost to Stellwag -20, 13, -15.

News from the Trade



SWEDISH KRONA SMASHES TABLE TENNIS PRICES

The recent devaluation of the Swedish Krona has enabled Rodan (UK) Ltd., the sole distributor of Stiga table tennis equipment, to slash the prices on all of their tables — in some cases by as much as £100. Stiga's best championship table, the Expert VM, has been reduced from £631 to £525 (retail). Interesting too, is the introduction of a new table, the Expert, which has the same performance as the Expert VM, but comes with metal legs and at a snip of the price — only £275. Two roll 'n fold away tables, the Privat S Roller and the New Family Roller, have also had their prices cut, by £104 and £34 respectively. There's price reductions on some bats too, with £5 and more being knocked off the retail price of Stiga's top eighteen bats.

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PRESTON TRIUMPH

In a top-of-the-table clash in Division 1 of the Lancs and Cheshire League, defending champions Preston hammered Bolton 9-1 the one that got away being Shaun Browne's victory over Philip Huggon. Both Donald Parker and Steve Turner were unbeaten.

APOLOGY

Owing to pressure on space, even with regard to the additional pages this issue, the Editor regrets that several letters from readers have been held over until the next issue.

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