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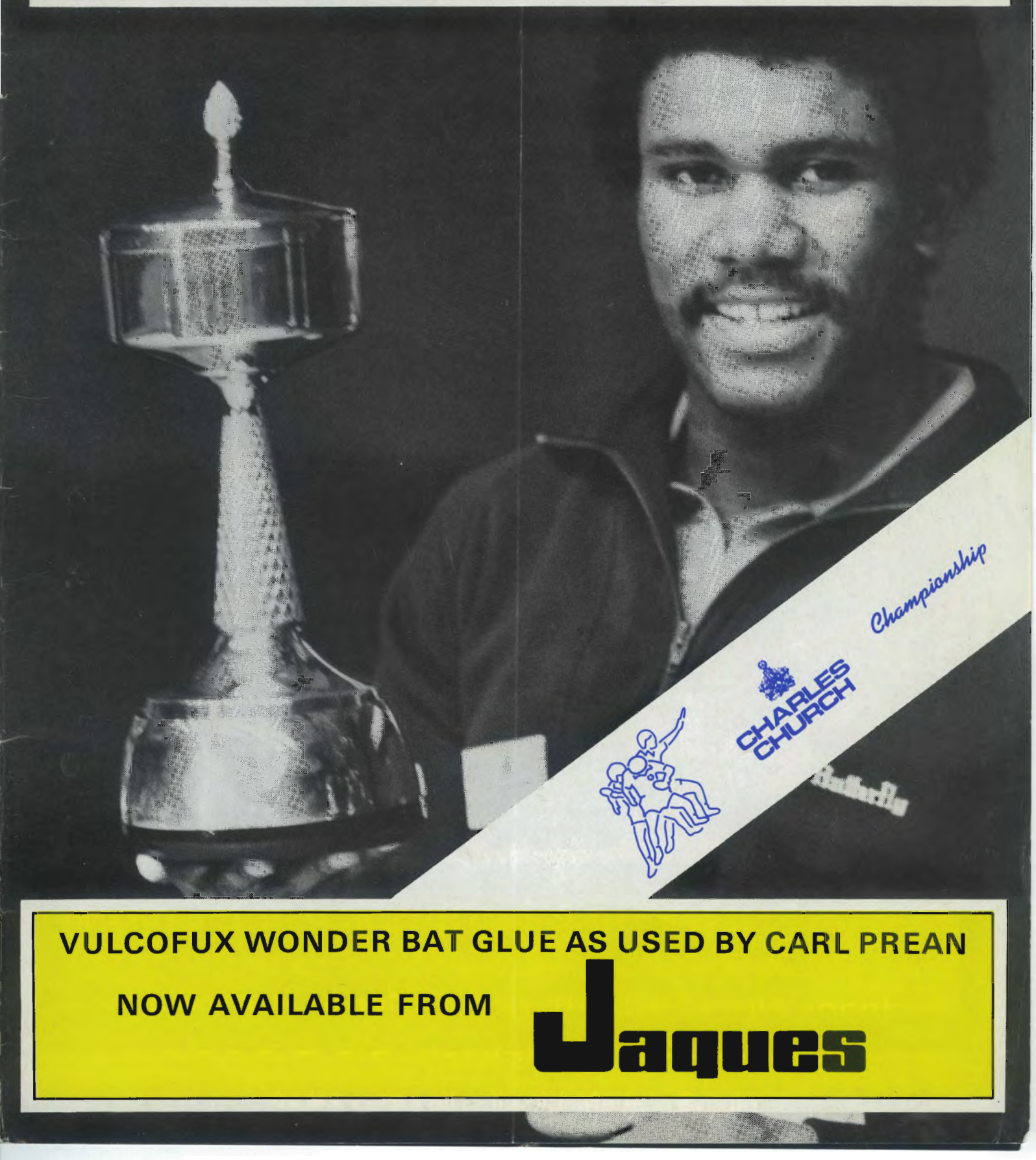

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CAUSE FOR CONCERN

There is no denying that a certain destructive element exists in our midst who try and cock a snook at officialdom at every available opportunity.

This was all too prevalent at the Humberside 3-Star Open but there is also cause for concern at lower levels such as inter-league and local league encounters.

Language more expected in a barrackroom is bandied about to a degree that is quite intolerable and not only is it confined to the male element.

Referees and umpires are being subjected to this abuse and will continue to do so unless the culprits are brought to task and brought before the disciplinary committee of the ETTA.

The time for pussyfooting around is past. Instant dismissal from tournaments and matches should be the order of the day and due note of offenders promptly submitted to higher authority.

Bringing the game into disrepute is punishable and if a player cannot lose without throwing a tantrum then the time has come to cease playing altogether and the choice should not be left entirely to the player.

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ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

by THE EDITOR

ZSOLT FROM THE BLUE

Zsolt Kriston was Hungary's man of the match when engaging England in the Super Division of the European League in Miskolc on Nov 9. Not only did he polish off Graham Sandley and Carl Prean in single combat but also applied his skills in two doubles in partnership with Janos Molnar and Gabriella Szabo leaving Molnar to mop up Prean for a 5-2 win for Hungary.

Zsolt Kriston who masterminded Hungary's 5-2 victory over England in Miskolc.

It was most unfortunate for England that Desmond Douglas had to cry off with an injured shoulder, sustained in a Bundesliga match when playing Mikael Appelgren, but fortunate for Alan Cooke who made his debut. with Prean, in the men's doubles.

But the least said about that the better for the English pair were totally outclassed in this department as indeed were Sandley and Karen Witt in the mixed. Prior too Karen had won her third European League encounter in succession by beating Zsuzsa Olah, this following a tight win for Prean over Molnar which put England 2·1 in the lead, after Sandley had gone down in the opening set to Kriston after winning the first game.

Scores:-

z. Kristan bt G. Sandley -18, 15. 12;
J. Molnar lost to C. Prean -20. 12. ·20;
Z. Olah lost to K. Witt -9. 14. ·17;
Kriston/Molnar bt A. Cooke/Prean 16. 9;
Kriston/G. Szabo bt Sandley/Witt 9, 11;
Kristan bt Prean 18. 19;
Molnar bt Sandley 19. 17.

Meanwhile, in Kalmar, Sweden extended their winning run with a 5-2 victory over France whose Brigitte Thiriet beat Marie Lindblad and Patrick Birocheau succeeded in the last set against UlfCarlsson. Jan-Ove Waldner

won both his singles and shared a men's doubles success with Erik Lindh. Scores:-

J·O. Waldner bt P. Birocheau 15. -19, 22;
U. Carlsson bt P. Renverse 18. 17;
M. Lindblad lost to B. Thitiet 16. -9. -18;
E. Lindh/Waldner bt Birocheau/C. Martin 21. 15;
Lindh/Lindblad bt Martin/Thiriet -16. 18. 11;
Waldner bt Renverse -23. 12. 15;
Carlsson lost to Birocheau 15. -18. -18.

Jan-Ove Waldner who had a triple success against France in Kalmar.

Yugoslavia, without the services of Dragutin Surbek and Zoran Kalinic, brought off a 5-2 victory over Poland in Czestochova where, for the home team, Andrzej Grubba had wins over Milivoj Karakasevic and Bela Meszaros. But that was all the Poles could extract from the defending champions who, like Sweden, are stilt unbeaten. Scores:-

S. Oryszell ost to B. Mesaros 21. -19. -17;
A. Grubba bt M. Karakasevic -13. 13. 18;
J. Szatko lost to G. Perkucin -15. -14;
Dryszel/Grubba lost to Karakasevic/1. Lupulescu -15. -19;
Grubba/Szatko lost to Iupulescu/Perkucin -12. -19;
Dryszell ost to Karakasevic -15. 16. -14;
Grubba bt Mesaros -21. 15. 12.

In Aalen, Federal Germany surrendered a 2-0 lead to be beaten 4-3 by Czechoslovakia, the crowning blow coming in the final set when Jindrich Pansky beat Peter Stellwag after the scores had been tied at 3-all.

Georg **Bŏhm,** the former Rumanian, had opened up the proceedings by beating Pansky to be followed with a Stellwag victory over Miroslav Broda

but it was not until the sixth set that the home side won another when Böhm sharply dismissed Broda for the state of equality that then prevailed. Scores:-

G. Böhm bt J. Pansky 19. -I B. 17;
P. Stellwag bt M. Broda 1B. 14;
S. Wenzel lost to M. Hrachova -16,2O. -11;
Bohm/Steltwag lost to V. Broda/Pansky -18. 15. -21;
J. Rebel/Wenzel lost to Pansky/Hrachova -13. -19;
Böhm bt Broda 13, 12:
Stellwag lost to Pansky -, O. -11

SUPER DIVISION

	P	W	I	F	A	Pt.
Sweden	3	3	0	17	4	3
Yugoslavia	3	3	0	14	7	3
Czechoslovakia	3	2	1	12	9	2
Poland	3	1	2	12	9	1
England	3	1	2	8	13	1
Federal Germany	3	1	2	7	14	1
Hungary	3	1	2	6	15	1
France	3	0	3	8	13	0

Fixtures for Dec 14/83

France	v Hungary
Sweden	v Poland
Czechoslovakia	v England
Yugoslavia	v Federal Germany

DIVISION ONE

Netherlands, with a 6-1 home victory over Belgium in Burgh-Haamstede, maintained their slender lead - one set now separates them from Finland - in Division One. Bob Potton won both his singles as did Henk van Spanje who also figured in a men's doubles success, with his brother Ron, but lost the mixed, with Mirjam Kloppenburg. Ellen Bakker won her singles against Barbara Lippens. Scores:-

R. Potton bt R. de Proohetis -25. 19, 15;
H. v. Spanje bt J. M. Saive 13. 15;
E. Bakker bt B. Lippens -20. 16. 19;
H. and R. v. Spanje bl Prophetis/Saive 15. -19. '8;
H. v. Spanje/M. Kloppenburg lost to Prophetis/Iippens 19. -21. -14;
Potton bt Saive 17, 17;
H. v. Spanje bt de Prophetis 15. 15.

Finland, the other unbeaten team in this division, ran riot against promotees Spain in Kerava winning 7-0 the scores being:-

J. Ikonen bt I. Caymel 11. 15;
J. Jokinen bt J. Pales 8. -22. 13;
S. Grefberg bt M. Sanahuja 15. 13;
Ikonen/Jokinen bt R. Casares/Pales -16, 16. 12;
Jokinen/Grefberg bt Casares/Godes -18, 18, 15;
Ikonen bt Pales 23, 14;
Jokinen bt Caymel 17. 20.

In the only other match - the Soviet Union having withdrawn - Austria picked up their first point by beating Denmark 5-2 in Modling where the scores were:- .

G. Bar bt F. Jacobsen 17, 20;
D. Palmi bt I. Hauth -21, 12, 14;
B. Wiltsche bt K. Kruse 8, 10;
P. Gockner/G. Muller lost to Hauth/Jacobsen -15, -16;
Muller/Wiltsche bt Hauth/Kruse 13, -17. 18;
Bar lost to Hauth -15, -17;
Palmi bt Jacobsen 16. 16.

At a meeting of the Executive and Management Committees of the E.T.T.U. held in Miskolc it was resolved, re promotion and relegation. that even if there are withdrawals - such as the U.S.S.R. - the team finishing bottom will be relegated. and two teams will be promoted from the Second Division. The same procedure will apply to Division 2 - the actual bottom team to be relegated, and as many teams taken up to restore the division to 8 teams.

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Netherlands	3	3	0	17	4	3
Finland	3	3	0	16	5	3
Italy	2	2	0	9	5	2
Austria	3	1	2	9	12	1
Denmark	3	0	3	8	13	0
Belgium	2	0	2	3	11	0
Spain	2	0	2	1	13	0
USSR withdrawn						

Fixtures for Dec 14/83

Denmark	v Netherlands
Belgium	v Spain
Finland	v Italy

Open date: Austria

DIVISION TWO

Now with two teams to be promoted, both Norway and Switzerland must be viewing their future with fond hopes. Norway, the current leaders had a 5-2 win over Ireland (no scores to hand) and Switzerland inflicted a similar defeat on Scotland who, like promoted Guernsey, have yet to taste success.

Scores from Reussbuhl where the Swiss chalked up their third successive victory were:-

T. Busin lost to D. Hannah -14. 17. -20;
T. Miller bt J. Brae 14. 12;
B. Witte bt J. Smith 19, 11;
Busin/Miller bt Brae/Hannah 12, 22;
Miller/Witte bt Hannah/Smith 5. 25;
Busin bt Broe 12, -17, 9;
Miller lost to Hannah -12, -17.

Wales, at home to Luxembourg in Cardiff, shattered their pre-match publicity by losing 0-7 (see Welsh Corner). Scores:-

M. Thomas lost to A. Hartmann -16, -15;
G. Wilkins lost to Y. Maas 15. -18. -14;
S. Williams (Cain) lost to C. Risch -10. -12;
Thomas/Wilkins lost to Hartmann/Maas -19, -17;
Wilkins/Williams lost to Hartmann/Risch -20, -8;
Thomas lost to Maas -13, -18;
Wilkins lost to Hartmann 18: -19, -16.

Guernsey added to their one previous set won by adding two more in their 5-2 defeat by Turkey at La Mare de Carteret School when Ian Powell beat Bahatann Erkan and J. Powell and Mark Pipet won the mixed. Scores:-

M. Pipet lost to T. Erbil -17. -20;
I. Powell bt B. Erkan 17. 19;
J. Powell lost to S. Dogan -12, -10;
Pipet/Powell bt Erbil/Erkan 10. -20, 16;
Powell/J. Powell lost to Erbil/S. Mustecapli -14, -19;
Pipet lost to Erkan -19. -11;
Powell lost to Erbil -18. 15. -18.

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	I	F	A	Pt.
Norway	3	3	0	16	5	3
Switzerland	3	3	0	15	6	3
Luxembourg	3	2	1	17	4	2
Turkey	3	2	1	12	9	2
Ireland	3	1	2	9	12	1
Wales	3	1	2	7	14	1
Scotland	3	0	3	5	16	0
Guernsey	3	0	3	3	18	0

Fixtures for December

Turkey	v Ireland
Guernsey	v Switzerland
Scotland	v Luxembourg (Dec 10 at Grangemouth)
Wales	v Norway

NEUTRAL UMPIRE

As from the January 1984 matches, the umpire appointed by the ETTU will act as Referee and Umpire throughout all seven matches in both the Super Division and Division One.

DEFECTION

Whilst attending the Swiss Open in Olten, Rumania's Olga Nemes - she won the European Top 12 in Cleveland last season - defected to Federal Germany and is reported to be now living in Stuttgart.

GET WELL SOON

News is to hand of Bela Simon (Butterfly Europe) and Siobodan Jeremic (Gen. Sec. Yugoslav TIA) both having serious illnesses. We wish them both well and a speedy recovery.

RETIRED

During the Hungarian Open in Miskolc presentations were made to Judit Magos and Beatrix Kishazi on their retirement from international play meaning they will no longer don the red shirt of Hungary. ETIU President Dr. Gyorgy Lakatos - he is also the President of the Hungarian TIA, made the presentations.

Beatrix Kishazi who has called it a day for Hungar.

GRAND PRIX CREDIT AGRICOLE

England's Desmond Douglas was the winner of the International Grand Prix Credit Agricole played in Paris on Oct 3/4 beating Poland's Andrzej Grubba 19 and 16 in the final. (Writes Jean Devys).

In the semi-finals Douglas accounted for Christian Martin (-17, 16, 9) whilst Grubba beat Jacques Secretin of France (16, 12). Martin landed third place beating Secretin 14 and 17.

The women's event was won by Zsuzsa Olah of Hungary who beat England's Karen Witt 15 and 17 in the final. In the semis, third and fourth places went to Patricia Germain and Nadine Daviaud, both of France.

Results of the 1st preliminary round of the National Individual Championships were:-

Men	Wins
1 J. Secretin	9
2 P. Renverse	8
3 P. Birocheau	7
4 C. Martin	6
5 M. Hoffstetter	4
6 B. Parietti	4
7 F. Farout	4
8 J. C. Decret	2
9 E. Guilbert	1
10 R.Hatem	O

Women	Wins
1 N. Daviaud	7
2 C. Bergeret	4
3 L. Saunot	4
4 B. Abgrall	4
5 P. Germain	4
6 C. Germain	4
7 C. Schultze	1
8 C. Delhay	O

28th SWISS OPEN

PATTERN REPEATED IN OLTEN

Just as it was in Tokyo six of the seven titles at stake in the Sporthalle Kleinholz, Olten, Switzerland, overthe period Oct 28/30, were captured by players from the People's Republic of China whose only falter was in the men's doubles won by Sweden's Ulf Bengtsson and Ulf Carlsson.

He Zhiwen. a newcomer to Europe, took the men's singles title with a final victory over Tibor Klampar whilst the counterpart women's title was captured by the former world champion, Tong Ling. who beat her compatriot Dai Lili in the final.

The latter, in partnership with Li Huifeng. won the women's doubles and He Zhiwen and Li Huifeng the mixed. And all this following a double success for the Chinese in the team events with Sweden (men) and the Soviet Union playing second fiddle in the respective finals.

Eight strong was England's squad in these championships, four men and four women, with Keir Donaldson taking his place as a private entry. But it was far from a happy return to Switzerland where, in Berne, John Hilton had set the phone lines buzzing.

Of England's four men only Carl Prean succeeded in reaching the last sixteen losing out to Jonny Akesson (SWE) following victories over Michael Plum (FRG) and Ivan Minkevitsch (URS). Skylet Andrew had a first round success over Remo de Prophetis (BEL) before losing to former world champion Stellan Bengtsson (SWE) -17 in the fifth!

Both Paul Day and Nicky Mason were eliminated in the first round, the former by Jindrich Pansky (TCH) and the latter by Andrzej Grubba (POL) whilst Donaldson, who should have played the No.3 seed, Zoran Kalinic (YUG) was seen off by the Yugoslav substitute Dejan Kukin.

All four English girls failed to clear their first hurdles, Lisa Bellinger losing to Barbara Wiltsche (AUT) and sister, Jackie, to Beatrice Witte (SUI) whilst Alison Gordon fell to Jiao Zhimen (CHN) and Sarah Sandley to Ivana Masarikova (TCH). A truly dismal performance.

Nor were matters any better in the women's doubles with the Bedfordshire sisters ousted by Marianne Domonkos and Thanh Mach of Canada and Gordon/Sandley by Beatrice Abgrall and Laurence Saunot of France. And these disasters too in the first round.

In the men's doubles Mason/Prean managed two rounds with wins over Al-Anbar and Al-Nejedi of Saudi Arabia and, notably, over Janos Molnar/Zsolt Kriston (HUN) before falling to Chen Longcan and Cheng Yinghua predictably. Andrew and Day had the misfortune to meet a Chinese pair in the first round and fell to Fan Changmao and He Zhiwen 9 and 16.

Only two of the four English pairs in the mixed survived the first round, Andrew and Jackie Bellinger beating Peter Becker and Dagmar Solja-Andruszko(ERG) subsequently losing to He Zhiwen and Li Huifeng.

Our top pairing of Prean and Lisa Bellinger were in receipt of a first round bye but, in the interim, they must have nodded off for they lost on their first visit to the tables in this event to the Italians Massimo Costantini and Giorgia Zampini (-14, 18, -15).

Mason and Sarah Sandley fell to Klampar and Edit Urban (HUN) and Day/Alison Gordon to Patrick Renverse and Patricia Germain (FRA).

Hungary's Tibor Klampar back to his best in the Swiss Open reaching the final of the men's singles.
Photo by Don Morley, Morden.

Surrey.

Taking in our team defeats at the hands of France, in the men's, and Belgium (women's) nothing was set on fire in Olten but who can hold a candle to the Chinese?

Results:-

Men's Singles: Round 4:
He Zhiwen (CHNI bt S. Dryszal (POI) 12. 11. 13;
J. Pansky ITCH) bI H. van Spanje (HOI) 11. -17. 11, -23. 16;
J. Akesson (SWEJ bI C. Pre.n (ENG) 20. 18, 14;
Chen Xinhua ICHN) bt J. Persson (SWE) 19. -14. 23, -16.13;
T. Klampar (HUN) bt U. Carlsson ISWE) 18. 14. 13;
Chen Longcan (CHNI bI V. Broda ITCH) 20. -16. -19. 12. 14;
P. Birocheau (FAA) bI S. Bengtsson ISWE) 20. 16, 19:
Fan Changmao (CHN) bt Z. Kriston (HUN) 15. 8. 13.
Quarter-finels:
He Zhiwen bI Pansky 14. -23. 17, 18;
Cheng Yinghua bt Akesson -19, 16, 21. 19;
Klampar bt Chen Longcan 19, 11, -21, -19, 12;
Birocheau bt Fan Changmao 11. 17. 13.
Semi-finals:
He Zhiwen bt Cheng Yinghua 14. 9, 17;
Klampar bt Birocheau -9. -18. 16, 15, 18.
Final:
HE ZHIWEN bt Klampar 15. -17. 15. 20.

Women's Singles: Round 4:
Tong Ling (CHN) bt G. Perkucin (YUG) 12, -14, -13,15, 17;
E. U,ban (HUN) bt M. Lindblad (SWE) 20. 18.21;
Jiao Zhimin (CHN) bt R. Kasalova (TCH) -15. 11, 8, 11;
V. Popova (URS) bt B. Thiriet (FRA) 12. 14. '3;
M. Hrachova (TCH) bt li Huifeng (CHN) 16, 13. -9, -21, 19;
B. Botinic IYUG) bt Z. Ol.h (HUN) -23. 16. 19. 21;
I. Danilavitschute (URS) bt G. Szabo (HUN) 18, -17, -9, 18.18;
Dai Lili (CHN) bt M. Weizades (SWE) -21. 19. 10.17.
Quarter-finals:
Tong ling bt Urban 10, -18. 12. 12;
Jiao Zhimin bt Popova -15. 10,9, 11;
Hrachova bt Batinic 8, -16,15, -16, 18;
Dai lili bt Danilavitschute 16, 12, 14.
Semi-firtals:
Tong Ling bt Jiao Zhimin 20, 17. 13;
Dei lili bt Hrachova 18, 19, 13.
Finel:
TONG LING bt Ooi Lili 18. 17. ,0.

Men's Doubles: Quarter-finels:
He Zhiwen/Fen Changmeo bt Z. Kaposztas (HUN)/I. Kucharski (POL) 9. -18. 17;
IU. 8engtsson/Carisson bt H. v. Spanje/ R. v Spanje (HOL) 9, 11;
Chen Longcan/Chen Xinhua bt N. Mason (ENG)/Prean 8, 16;
Akesson/ Klampar bt V. Broda (TCH)/ Pansky 18. 19.
Semi-finels:
Bengtsson/Carisson bt He Zhiwen/Fan Changmao 19, 20;
Chen Longcan/Cheng Yinghua bt Akesson/Klampar 12, 14.
Final:
BENGTSSON/CARLSSON bt Chen Longcan/Chen Xinhua 19, -, 2. 12.

Women's Doubles: Quarter-finals:
Jiao Zhimin/Tong ling bt lindbladlWeizades -13, 11. 17;
P. Germain (FRA)/Thiriet bt M. Domonkos/ T. Mach (CAN) -18. 14. 9;
F. Hasanova (URSI/Popova bt Hrachova/Kasalova 11, -16. 17;
Dai Lili/Li Huifeng (CHN) bt K. Solvari (HUN)/Olah 16. 15.
Semi-finals:
Jiao Zhimin/Tong Ling bt Germain/ Thiriet 12, -19, 13;
oai Lili/Li Huifeng bt Hasanova/ Popova 12. 11.
Finel:
DAI L1L1/L1 HUIFENG bt Jiao Zhimin/ Tong ling 16, 18.
Mixed Double.: Quarter-final.:
Fan Changmao/Tong ling bt W. Schewtschenko (URSI/ Popova 15. ,2;
Chen Longcan/Jiao Zhimin bt Kriston/Szabo 10, 13;
He Zhiwen/li Huifeng bt A. Mazunov(URS)/ Oanilavitschute -22, 12.15;
Pansky/ Hrachova bt Cheng Yinghua/ Oai lili -13, 17, 19.
Semi-final.:
Fan Changmao/Tong ling bt Chen Longcan/ Jiao Zhimin 15. -11. 19;
He Zhiwen/li Huifeng bt Pansky/Hrachova 6. 13.
Finel:
HE ZHIWEN/LI HUIFENG bt Fan Changmao/Tong Ling 15, 19.

MEN'S TEAM
Round 1
Canada 3 Luxembourg 0
Austria 3 Switzerland II 1
Belgium 3 Saudi Arabia 0
Round 2
China 3 Canada 0
Poland 3 Italy 1
France 3 Netherlands 0
England 3 Austria
P. Day bt H. Schicht 15, 10; C. Prean bt G. Muller 16. 14; N. Mason/ Prean bt MiHier/ Schicht -16. 8, 17.
Hungary 3 Switzerland I 1
Soviet Union 3 Yugoslavia 1
Czechoslovakia 3 Fed Germany 1
Sweden 3 Belgium 0
Quarter-finals:
China 3 Poland
France 3 England 0
C. Martin bt S. Andrew 17, 11; P. Birocheau bt Prean 12 -11 11;
Birocheau/ P. Renverse bt Mason/ Prean 13, 22.
Hungary 3 Soviet Union 1
Sweden 3 Czechoslovakia 2
Semi-finals:
China 3 France 0
Sweden 3 Hungary 1
Final:
CHINA 3 Sweden 0
Fan Changmao bt U. Carlsson 9. -13. 14;
He Zhiwen bt S. Bengtsson 11. 15;
Fan Changmao/ He Zhiwen bt Bengtsson/ Carlsson 13, 16.

WOMEN'S TEAM
Round 1
Switzerland I 3 Luxembourg 1
Poland 3 Switzerland II 0
Canada 3 Italy 1
Round 2
China 3 Switzerland I 0
Rumania 3 Sweden 0
Belgium 3 Netherlands 0
England 3 Austria 0
L Bellinger bt V. Kottek 18, -16, 14; A. Gordon bt B. Wiltsche 15, 15; J. Bellinger/ Bellinger bt KottellWilrsche 16, 19.
Czechoslovakia 3 Poland 0
Hungary 3 France 0
Yugoslavia 3 Fed Germany 0
Soviet Union 3 Canada 0
Quarter-finals:
China w.o. Rumania scr
Belgium 3 England 2
B. Lippens bt Gordon -8, 9, 9; K. Boggaerts lost to L Bellinger -11, -16; Boggaerts/Lippens bt Bellinger/ Bellinger -12. 32.14;
Boggaerts lost to Gordon 19, -12. -20; Lippens bt Bellinger 12. 10.
Hungary 3 Czechoslovakia 2
Soviet Union 3 Yugoslavia 1
Semi-final.:
China 3 Belgium 0
Soviet Union 3 Hungary 0
Final:
CHINA 3 Soviet Union 0
Tong Ling bt F. Hasanova 14. 18; Oai lili btV. Popova -17, 16. 13;
Oai Lili/li Huifeng bt Hasanova/ Popova 16, 18.

13th HUNGARIAN OPEN

JACQUES SHOWS 'EM HOW

From a star-studded field headed by China's Xie Saike, French ace Jacques Secretin (34) came through to recapture the men's singles title of the Hungarian Open - a title he had last won in 1975.

And, for good measure, in the Varosi Sportcsarnok, Miskolc over the period Nov. 11/13, Sweden's Erik Lindh and Jan-Ove Waldner captured the men's doubles title with a final victory over their compatriot Mikael Appelgren paired with Zoran Kalinic of Yugoslavia.

But. back to the men's singles, in which Secretin finally accounted for Lindh, This was a magnificent performance for in reaching the final the Frenchman had put to the sword Chang Hak of North Korea, Jonny Akesson (Sweden), Janos Molnar (Hungary), Vladislav Broda (Czechoslovakia) and, in the semis, China's Chen Longcan.

Lindh too had performed wonders in disposing of Xie Saike, 20 in the fifth and his compatriot, Ulf Carlsson who had eliminated He Zhiyen. Reigning European champion, Appelgren, lost to Molnar whilst other notables to fall included Tibor Klampar, Xie Saike, Gabor Gergely, to Eric Boggan, Milan Orlowski to Chen Longcan and Kalinic to Ulf Bengtsson.

What then of England's trio in this formidable company? Carl Prean, in receipt of a first round walk-over - Leszek Kucharski being a non-arrival- was despatched by Vladislav Broda (14, 19, 17) whilst Graham Sandley was beaten by Gergely (-19,16, 14, 18) and Alan Cooke by Klampar (12, 12, 12). Young Cooke had come through two qualifying rounds beating two Hungarians, Krenhardt and Attila Bathory.

We fared much better in the men's doubles with Sandley/Cooke beating Meszaros (YUG)/Scheveleit (GDR) and Christian Martin/Bruno Parietti (FRA) before falling to Prean, paired with Gergely, the Anglo/Hungarian pairing losing in the quarters to Xie Saike/Fan Changmao.

Although Chinese players swamped the women's events England's Karen Witt claimed some notable scalps including those of Beatrice Abgrall and Patricia Germain (FRA) and Marie Hrachova (TCH) - these in the team event - Ilona Balogh (HUN) and Wenzel (AUT) before falling to Bulatova (URS) in the 3rd round of the women's singles. Lisa Bellinger also reached the third round losing to Szonja Szigeti (HUN) a controversial point being wrongly awarded to her opponent by an Italian umpire.

In the mixed doubles Cooke had Abgrall of France as his partner and they progressed to the third round losing to Chen Longcan and Li Huifeng following a fine win over Kriston/Szabo of Hungary. Carl and Lisa reached the same stage losing to Lindh and Marie Lindblad whilst Graham and Karen fell in the first round to Ulf Bengtsson and Wiktorsson of Sweden. Karen and Lisa were beaten in the second round of the women's doubles by Hungary's Olah and Batorfi.

After a first round walk-over, against Poland, in the men's team event we crashed 1-3 to Federal Germany Sandley claiming the one success against Raleley Wosik whilst our girls, after beating France 3-1 lost to Czechoslovakia by the same score, China, of course, won both titles 3-0. Oai Lili had the distinction of winning four gold medals.

Results:-

TEAM EVENTS
MEN
Round 1
U.S.S.R. 3 Hungary "S" 2
Rumania 3 Denmark 0
Austria 3 East Germany 1
Round 2
China 3 U.S.S.R. 0
U.S.A. 3 France 0
Federal Germany 3 Yugoslavia 1
England w.o, Poland
Hungary "A" 3 Italy 0
Bulgaria 3 Rumania 0
North Korea 3 Austria 0
Sweden 3 Czechoslovakia 0
Quarter-finals:
China 3 U.S.A. 0
Federal Germany 3 England 1
G. Böhm bt A. Cooke 12. 11; bt Sandtey 17. 19.
Wosik lost to Sandtey -15, 12, -14.
Böhm /Wosik bt Cooke/Sandley -17,18,18.
Hungary "A" 3 Bulgaria 0
Sweden 3 North Korea 2
Semi-finals:
China 3 Federal Germany 0
Sweden 3 Hungary "A" 0
Final:
CHINA 3 Sweden 0
Xie Saiki bt J-Q. Waldner 14, 19;
He Zhiyen bt M. Appelgren 12, 19;
He Zhiyen/Fan Changmao bt E. Lindh/Waldner 18. 20.

WOMEN
Round 1
Italy 3 Austria 0
Hungary "B" 3 Turkey 0
Round 2
China 3 East Germany 0
Hungary "A" 3 Sweden 2
Finland 3 Bulgaria 2
U.S.S.R. 3 Rumania 1
Czechoslovakia 3 Italy 0
England 3 France 1
K. Witt bt S. Abgrall 12, 18; bt P. Germain -17, 12, 13.
L. Sellinger lost to Germain 19, -16, -10.
Bellinger/Witt bt Abgrall/Germain 15. -17, 12.
Hungary "B" 3 Yugloslavia 2
Federal Germany 3 North Korea 2
Quarter-finals:
China 3 Hungary "A" 0
U.S.S.A. 3 Finland 1
Czechoslovakia 3 England 1
S. Silhanova bt Bellinger 12, -14, 10;
M. Hrachova lost to Witt -14, -17; bt Bellinger 8, 7.
Kocova/Pelikanova bt Bellinger/Witt -18. 19, 13.
Hungary "S" 3 Federal Germany 1
Semi-finals:
China 3 U.S.S.A. 0
Hungary "B" 3 Czechoslovakia 0
Final:
CHINA 3 Hungary "B" 0
Oai Lili bt Z Olah 9, 15; Tong Ling bt G. Szabo 15 10·
oai Lili/Li Huifeng bt Szabo/E. Urban 21, 14.

Men's Singles: Round 3:
Xie Saike (CHN) bt T. Klampar (HUN) 7, 12, 15;
E. Lindh (SWEj bt F. Farout (FAA) 11, 12, 11;
U. Carlsson (SWE) bt Chong In Chol (PRK) 16, 15, -16, 21;
He Zhiyen (CHNI bt U. Bengtsson (SWE) 8, 10, 12;
V. B'oda ITCH) bt Hong Chol (PRK) 19. 20. 18;
J. Secretin (FRA) bt J. Molnar (HUN) 18. -15, 18. -12, 13;
Chen longcan (CHN) bt Z. Kaposztas (HUN) 11, IB, 10;
Cheng Yinghua (CHN) bt E. Boggan (USA) 10, 9, 13.
Quarter-finals:
Lindh bt Xie Saike -10,20, 20. -14, 20;
Carlsson bt He Zhiyen -16. 20, 11. IB:
Secretin bt Broda 15, -17, 9, 10;
Chen Longcan bt Cheng Yinghua 17, 1a, 16.
Semi-finals:
Lindh bt Carlsson 14, 17, 16;
Secretin bt Chen longcan -13, 21, -8, 17, 18;
Final:
SECRETIN bt Lindh 16. -14. 12. 1B.

Women's Singles: Round 3:
Tong Ling (CHN) bt Iim Jong-hwa (PAK) 9, 12, 14;
Z. Olah (HUN) bt O. Badeseu (ROM) IB. f' 9. -IB. 21. 15;
F. 8ulatova (URS) bt K. Witt (ENG) 15, 19, 11;
M. Hrachova (TCH) bt E. Urban (HUN) -20, 20, -19. 18, 12;
S. Szigeti (HUN) bt L. Bellinger (ENG) 19, 18, -16. 19;
li Huifeng (CHN) bt G. Szabo (HUN) 11. 18. 13;
V. Popova fURS) bt Cho Jong-hui (PAK) 15, 12, 16;
Oai Iili (CHN) bt K. Bolvari (HUN) 11, 10, 16.
Quarter-finals:
Tong Ung bt Dlah 7. 16, 11;
Hrachova bt Bulatova 18, -19, 9, 14;
Li Huifeng bt Szegeti 5. 19, 8;
Oai lili bt Popova 19. -19, -16, 15,20.
Semi-finals:
Tong Ling bt Hrachova 11. 11, 17;
Dai Lili bt li Huifeng 17, 15, -11, 13.
Final:
DAI IILi bt Tong Ling 13, 16. 14.

Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:
M. Appelgren (SWE)/Z. Kalinic (YUG) bt Klampar/Z. Kriston (HUN) -14. 19.21:
Chen Longcan/Cheng Yinghua bt J. Akesson (SWEj/Carlsson 13. -18. 15;
lindh/J.D. Waldner (SWE) bt J. Ovoracek/M. Orlowski (TCH) 14, 16;
Fan Changmao (CHNI/Xie Saike bt G. Gergely (HUN)/C. Prean (ENG) -15. 11. 14.
Semi-finals:
Appelgren/Kalinic bt Chen longcan/Cheng Yinghua -10, 14. 16;
lindh/Waldner bt Can Changmao/Xie Saike 16, 20.
Final: LINDH/WALDNER bt Appelgren/Kalinic -1a, 7, 14.

Women's Doubles: Quarter-finals:
Dai Lili-Tong bt Hrachova/B. Silhanova (TCH) 17, -15, 19;
Bulatova/1. Kovalenko (URS) bt C. Batorli (HUN)/Olah 13, 15;
Szabo/Urban bt M. Kocova/A. Pelikanova (TCH) 14, 8;
Jiao Zhimin (CHN)/Li Huifeng bt Popova/A. Zaharian fURSj 9, -9, 14.
Semi-finals:
Oai Lili/Tong ling bt Bulatova/Kovalenko IB, 20;
Jiao Zhimin/li Huifeng bt Szabo/Urban 9, 13.
Final: DAI L1L1/TONG LING bt Jiao Zhimin/li Huifeng 19, -19, 16.
Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:
Lindh/M. Lindblad (SWE) bt B. Frank/Csik (HUN) 15, 16;
Chen longcan/Li Huifeng bt Secretin/Popova 20, 19;
J. Pansky (TCH)/Hrachova bt Kalinic/G. Perkucin (YUG) -16, 10, 9;
He Zhiyen/Oai Lili bt Klampar/Urban 7, 16.
Semi-finals:
Chen longcan/Li Huifeng bt lindh/Lindblad 16, -19, 19;
He Zhiyen/Dai Lili bt Pansky/Hrachova 17. 14.
Final: HE ZHIYEN/DAI LILI bt Chen longcan/Huifeng 15. -18. 14.

Jacques Secretin, Maestro of Miskolc.

NEW PINGPONG RULES SPELLBIND CHINESE PADDLERS

by He Zhou
Sportswriter of China Features

For some 20 years since their magic ascent to the world's table tennis throne in the early 1960's, Chinese paddlers had never failed to capture medals at any international competitions they participated in. But their apparently unbeatability seemed to be broken when two Chinese top players finished only ninth and tenth, far from the expected front three places, at the Fourth World Cup Table Tennis Tournament in Barbados in September.

And these two players were none other than Cai Zhenhua and Jiang Jialiang - the former an ace singles paddler who snatched the silver only four months before at the 37th World Table Tennis Championships (WTTC) in Tokyo and is now China's No. 1 hopeful forthe men's singles title after world champion Guo Yuehua's retirement last October, and the latter a top-notch fast attacker who helped China sweep the men's team title atthe same WTTC.

"This is the biggest loss our men have ever suffered in the singles at any major international competition since 1959," said Zhuang Jiafu, coach of China's national team.

Is it because the Europeans have turned much stronger? Yes, for they made a clean sweep of the top three places at the last World Cup. But that is only one side of the coin. The other side seems to be some new table tennis rules.

The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) last May adopted a number of significant amendments to the rules that require that the racket be covered with distinctly different colours on both sides, the serving hand be above the table so it can be seen by the opponent, the player to make no stamping in service, the pen-grip holder make no use of the non-striking side of the racket, and so on.

"It's really awful," said Cai Zhenhua after the World Cup, "I sometimes felt I was unable to serve,"

And his problems are not over yet. At China's Fifth National Games table tennis competition from Sept 19/27, he lost to many opponents, including some newcomers in the men's team event and finished nowhere near the front ranks in the singles. He staged a face-saving come-back to capture the men's singles title at the First Asian Cup Tournament held from Oct 8/11 in China, only by taking up his old uniform-coloured racket covered on one side with sandwich rubber and on the other with anti-loop. But the impact of the new rules will come upon him again when he picks up a racket of "clearly different colours."

Also affected by the enforcement of the new rules, especially those concernng the colour of the racket and stamping in service, are a number of China's best combination-racket users. Although the colour-related new rules will come into effect from Jan 1, 1984, China has decided to enforce them right away and to test the effect at the Fifth National Games table tennis competition.

"As far as I know, China is the only country to enforce them now," said Cheng Jiayan, vice-president of the management committee of the competition and also a member of ITTFs Rules Committee. "It is true that I have some reservations about them, but now that they have been passed, I think immediate enforcement is wise for China if it hopes to maintain its lead in the pingpong world:'

Difficult to defeat their opponents with the different-coloured rackets that cannot baffle the opponent in service, combination-racket users felt that they have lost their original psychological and technical edge, Some of them gave up, some were withdrawn by their coaches and some fought doggedly, but to no avail. Not a single former combination-racket user had pushed his or her way into the top three ranks at the world-championship-like competition.

It is also a challenge to pen-holders like world champion Cao Yanhua, who, using a same-colour racket covered with sandwich rubber on the ball-striking side and pimpled rubber on the other, could serve with either side of the blade and that made some of her services extremely difficult to return. Although she succeeded in capturing the national women's singles title and her squad in taking the women's team title, she fought a tough battle and suffered some upsets, partly due to the loss of initial advantages in service.

"The new amendments to the rules concerning the racket and service will surely affect the Chinese team," observed ITTF president H. Roy Evans after seeing much of the recent competitions.

Most of China's top players like world champion Guo Yuehua, a pen-holder using only one side of his racket in play, will not be affected by the new rules technically, but psychologically, they also suffer a blow. At the recent national table tennis competition, the adjust-ourselves-to-new-rules atmosphere made all the contestants feel the spirit-sagging impact,

"It's a pity to see my teammate Cai Zhenhua play awkwardly with the new racket," commented world champion Guo Yuehua.

Moreover, the strength of the Chinese paddlers lies in part in the fact that they act as a diversified team with players adopting various styles as "secret weapons" to beat different opponents.

"The Chinese are not inventors of combination rackets," said coach Zhuang Jiafu in an article entitled "The Future of Chinese Paddlers after the Amendments to Rules Concerning the Racket and Service." "But the new rules seem to aim at us, and there is good reason."

Although the Chinese dominated the pingpong world for more than 20 years, what seemed most discouraging and intolerable to players in other countries was their clean sweep of all seven titles at the 36th WTTC and six gold medals at the 37th WTTC. The performance of China's combination-racket user Cai Zhenhua was even more baffling and irritating to both opponents and some spectators, whose complaints joined forces with others to push the ITTF to make a once-for-all decision.

Cai Zhenhua was something of a scapegoat. Actually, when he was only nine years old, French player Jean-Paul Weber took up a racket covered with heavy-spin rubber on one side and anti-spin rubber on the other to beat China's top player Xi Enting at the 31 stWTTC in1971. The English player, John Hilton, also used a combination-racket to capture the men's singles title at 1978's European Championships and then to beat China's strong man Wang Huiyuan at the 35th WTTC.

"As far as I know, no one then raised the question of racket colour," said coach Zhuang Jiafu. "Only after we Chinese became an 'all-attempt-to-shoot target' did the new rules come out:'

The Chinese ambivalence to the new rules - feeling sad and proud at the same time of being shot as a target for all - though, has not prevented them from taking a positive attitude and specific steps to maintain their superiority in the sport. Besides the immediate enforcement, China's combination-racket users have begun to train themselves to suit the new rules.

The scapegoat-type Cai Zhenhua is now experimenting with a new racket covered on the back side with pimpled rubber instead of anti-loop covering.

"The Chinese are creative", said ITTF vice-president Atsushi Goto, "You limit them in this respect and they would bring forth new things in that:'

Cai Zhenhua, now China's No. 1 hopeful, may be greatly affected by the new IITF rules.

HIS POINT

CHARLES CHURCH Championship

Once again Wembley Conference Centre was the venue for our annual invitation event, this year sponsored by Charles Church Developments Ltd., from Camberley in Surrey, builders of quality homes of character. The event was played on the evening of Friday 18th November, a change from the previous timing of a Sunday afternoon and made at the request of BBC Television in order that the transmission could be broadcast on the following day, rather than one week later. Whilst this made it inconvenient for spectators living a fair distance from London to attend, itwas pleasing to note that the size of the audience was no less than last year. However, the recording by television of an evening performance did give some cause for concern over the time of finish as the BBC technicians were contracted to work until 10.30 pm and no later. The first two matches in the groups proved to be closely fought three-game affairs taking over half an hour longer than anticipated. This gave rise to great consternation behind the scenes as to whether or not the final would be played on time, for without it there would have been no television programme and therefore no publicity for the sponsor or the game of table tennis. Fortunately, the law of averages took over for the subsequent matches in the groups and by cancelling the two planned intervals, we were able to commence the final at 1O.OOpm which finished with just 23 seconds to spare.

Other worries concerned with the staging of this event came on Thursday afternoon when we learned that Park Lee Hee of Korea was ill and unable to come. A series of telephone calls to Germany, Holland and France finally secured the services of Patrick Birocheau who flew in from Paris with Jacques Secretin on the Friday afternoon. November is notorious forfog, a possible cause of one more wrinkle to the brow which thankfully did not arise on this occasion. These were some of the backstage problems but in the arena the players had perfect conditions in which to perform.

Group 1 commenced with a match between Secretin (France) and Grubba (Poland) which Secretin should have won comfortably after taking the first game 21-17 and holding a good lead in the second; but all credit to Grubba who fought back to win a close second game 25-23 and the third by 21-19. He continued his winning ways by beating an out of sorts Desmond Douglas, who was suffering a slight stomach upset at the time. This win meant that Grubba had won the group and a place in the semi-finals whilst Douglas and Secretin were left to battle for that all important second place in the group. Defending a record of having appeared in nine consecutive invitation event finals. Des managed to concentrate enough to beat Secretin 22-20,21-12.

Group 2 opened with a long three game match between UlfCarlsson (Sweden) and the last minute entrant Patrick Birocheau (France) and against the European rankings Birocheau emerged the winner. He then took on Carl Prean. whose preparation of an early night must have been counteracted by his taking of '0' level examinations for Birocheau found no opposition at all, winning 21-12, 21-8. That left Carl only one chance of reaching the semi finals by beating Carlsson, but in spite of a few rallies in his old style, the Swede also was given a very easy victory. It must be a long time since anyone beat Carl by two scores under ten but he seems to have lost his edge in recent weeks.

In the first semi final. Douglas finally halted the progress of Birocheau but not before he had given his supporters cause for concern by losing the first game. The other semi final produced some spectacular table tennis, Grubba often using his unusual backhand stroke with the wide follow-through but once Carlsson had taken the first game 22-20 he was in command throughout the second.

The final started slowly, Douglas winning the first game 21-18. Midway through the second game a high side-spinning return from Carlsson landed just over the net and Des, coming to the side of the table, found the ball going out of his reach and in his attempt to follow it he crashed into the net projection. This caused him to lose concentration a little and the second game slipped away 21-14. The final

Jacques Secretin (France).

Andrzej Gubba (Poland).

Ulf Bengtsson (Sweden).

game, seen on television, saw Des back doing what he does best, reflex blocking, and in spite of some good angled shots from Carlsson, Des won the third game 21-15 and thus completed a hat-trick of wins in this event, adding another £1,600 to his bank balance.

Before the presentations were made, Tony Gubba, the BBC commentator, interviewed Des at the table via a public address microphone during which he poured scom on his computer ranking of No. 2 to Carl Prean, feeling that by his victory he had made his point. Looking at the record books for this event at least. he certainly had.

SCORES
Group 1:
Grubbs bt Secretin 17·21. 25-23. 21-'9.
Grubba bt Douglas 21-17. 21·15.
Douglas bt Secretin 22-20. 21-' 2.
Group 2:
Birocheau bt Carlsson 21·17, 1S·21, 21-17.
Birocheau bt Prean 21-12, 21-8.
Carlsson bt Prean 21-8. 21-8.
Semi Final:
Carlsson bt Grubba 22-20. 21-16.
Semi Final:
Douglas bt Birocheau 13-21 . 21·14. 21-16.
Final:
Douglas bt Carlsson 21·18, 14-21. 21-15.

John Duggan, Deputy Managing Director of Charles Church Developments Ltd., presents England's Desmond Douglas not only with his company's trophy but a cheque for £1,600 as well!

The Corporate Approach or despite what's best I do it my way

By Lousy Coach

Do you play for yourself or for the team? I pose this question as Table Tennis is one of those sports which provides for both aspects of play. On one hand you find yourself in a tournament having a very single minded approach only to find your next game involves you in a tight match situation where the team result is of paramount importance rather than your own individual performance. Of course, your contribution to the match is vital but if you lose your match are you big enough as a player to inspire the rest of the team? - maybe not.

The opposite can apply of course, one thinks of D. Douglas and his superb performances when playing for England only to find for some reason he is unable to maintain that consistency in international tournament play. However, to deal with the first part of my text, it may be players are unable to make the transition from individual to team play because they are quite unaware of the different approach required.

Do coaches set a bad example? I remember Murray Corbin writing sometime back (I do so enjoy your articles Murray, I'm sure if I were a junior and received a mention you would inspire my game by 3 points) and I quote "I do not know a really bad coach but..... I endorse that remark wholeheartedly but do not coaches themselves adopt the single minded approach rather than work within a team?

Most coaches seem to cover most aspects of the game fairly well, and in addition, more often than not there is a part of coaching which they enjoy and seem to be particularly good at. This is generally the aspect which enables them as an individual to put their own expertise to; I have observed a number of such individual coaches.

It would seem to me that if a Coaching Course is held in an appropriate area/region it would be ideal to run a course involving coaches which enables them to contribute the best of what they do.

For example
Coach 'A' Mr. Reliable - venue always available. Tables, nets all set up.
Coach 'B' A good organiser, co-ordinator, course planner, good communicator.
Course 'C' Excellent on theory, tactics, course content
Coach 'D' Ideal for warm ups/ physical, good demonstrator and motivator.

I have listed only four examples which could be consolidated to say three coaches or increased to five depending on course objective and expertise available.

It means good teamwork of course. which players would, I think, be very aware of and respond to; furthermore each coach on the course although very different in their approach is vital in linking with the others if the course is to be of the quality you hope for.

I wouldn't dare suggest that this is a better method of coaching but if nothing else it offers an 'Alternative Approach',

NORTH YORKSHIRE UNDER-15 OPEN

TITLE FOR THE PRINCIPALITY

John Ellis of Wales was the winner of the U-15 boys' singles event at Boroughbridge Leisure Centre on Oct 8, his final victim being Lancashire's Sean Gibson.

Cheshire's Claire Potts took the U-15 girls' title in addition to the U-13, beating Andrea Holt of Lancashire in both finals. Together the pair were beaten in the girls' doubles final by Derbyshire's Julie Billington and Kerry Hall whilst the Rochdale brothers Lee and Simon Brown were victorious in the U-15 boys' doubles. Results:-

Nail Pickard of Norlolk took the boys' U-13 title beating Chris Oldfield of Yorkshire.
Under-15 Boys' Single.
Quarter Final:
S. Gibson (La) bt A. Bassano (Y) 16. 16;
J. BulIIY) bl G. Waddell (SCOl) 10. 19;
J. Elli' (Wal) bl N. Pickard INk) 17. 1B;
B. Billington (Oy) bt N. Carr (Yl 13. 19.
Semi Finals:
Gibson bt Bult 17. -14.18;
Ellis bt Billington 11. 19.
Final: ELLIS bt Gibson 18, 11.

Under-15 Girls' Singles:
auarter Finals:
C. Polts ICh) bl R. Bray IYJ 17. 21;
H. Kavanagh (Y) bt A. Evans (Yl-12, 12, 21;
E. Wright (Wall bt J. Roberts (V) 7, 14;
A. Holl (La) bl K. Roge" lSI) 21. ,18. 17.
Semi Finals:
Potts bt Kavanagh 19, 15:
Holt bt Wright 12, 9.
Final: POTTS bt Holt 18. -15, 22.

Und.r-13 Boys' Singles:
Qu. rter Finals:
Billington bt N. Simms (V) -16, 9, 19;
Pickard bt W. Hollingworth (Oy) 19. -12. 16;
C. Oldfield IY) bl A. Eden (La) 15. 14;
J. Backhouse (Cu) bl M. Widdall (Oy) 9, 9.
Semi Finals:
Pickard bt Billington -g, 16. 14;
Oldfield bt Backhouse 8. 12.
Final: PICKARD bt Oldfield -1 1, 19. 9.

Under-13 Girls' Singles:
Final: POTTS bt Holt -20, 19. 15.

Under-11 Boys' Singles:
Final: EOEN bt Widdall 3. 11.

Under-11 Girls' Singles:
Final; C. BUCKLEY IBd) bl E. Medding, (Y) 1,. 12.

Under-15 Boys' Doubles:
Semi Final:
A. Bolton/T. Sheppard INg) bt Oldfield/ Simms 19, 21;
L Brown/ S. Brown (La) bt Bult/ Carr 20. 11.
Final: BROWN/BROWN bt Bolton/ Sheppard 14. 15.

Under-15 Girls' Doubles:
Semi Finals:
Holt/Potts bl K. Bray/ A. Bray IVI 13. 9;
J. BillinglOn/ K. Hall (Oy) bt Evans/ Kavanagh -20. 15. 15.
Final: BILLINGTON/ HALL bt Holt/ Potts 17, -19, 10.

EUROPEAN MACCABI GAMES

By Alan Shepherd

During the summer I had the great pleasure of captaining the Great Britain contingent which took part in the table tennis events at the above. There were in fact nine sports and the venue was the charming city of Antwerp in Belgium. For those to whom the name "Maccabi" sounds strange I should explain that this is the name of a Jewish youth movement with Clubs all over the world. Every four years there is held a "Maccabiah" in Israel which is in the nature of an Olympiad and Jewish sportsmen and women from every corner of the earth come together. The only qualification is to be Jewish. In table tennis our greatest years were when we could field the likes of Jeff Ingber, Stan Jacobsen and Irene Ogus, all of whom were of course full English internationals. I have been lucky enough to go to Israel and take part in thes.e Games on six occasions, mainly as a team official but on one marvellous occasion I played for the Great Britain cricket team and when table tennis captain (twice) I persuaded the Organisers to let me play in the Men's Singles! Last time (1981) I did not extend Israeli No.1. Dror Pollak in the slightest!

These European Games are not anything like as extensive as the Maccabiah but there were still teams from 18 countries there, including Israel, U.S.A. and Australia on special invitations. In these Games, unlike the Maccabiah, all competitors had to be bone fide members of a Maccabi Club. Over 1000 players and officials were accommodated in the Crest Hotel, (no, Albert Shipley did not arrange it) and there was a very tight security net outside. Antwerp has in the past seen some rather horrific terrorist actions, and the Belgian Army and Police made quite sure that there was no Munich type tragedy in their town. One incident early on in our stay illustrated this; a motorist parked his car near to the Hotel in a restricted zone, everybody was put on a red alert inside, and shortly afterwards we heard an explosion - the Police had blown up the car!!

I was in command of Senior Men and Junior Boys' teams. The seniors had four players, none England-ranked, but all with a lot of County and Tournament experience. The most experienced was undoubtedly Derek Somers, the Herts Veteran, who has chopped back more loops with his strange combination bat than most people have had hot dinners. Then there was Stuart Greenberg, once a Middlesex junior, but more famous recently as a correspondent in "Table Tennis News", arguing with great ingenuity that the combination bat is ruining the game, and saying various things that a lot of people agree with. My third man was not among them, as he is an arch combination battwiddler, namely Jonathan Samuel, who represented Berkshire in last season's County Premier Division, and is a disciple of David Barr. He reckoned that all matches at his Sonning Common club where his colleagues are the dreaded Wally Allanson and Brian Halliday, are scheduled to last until 1 a.m.!! Last, but by no means least, we had Perry Somers, son of Derek, a regular Herts County junior recently, and probably our best player.

Our junior squad suffered a very serious blow only one week before we left England when Martin Schapira, the Northumberland junior county player, dislocated a shoulder, and had to be left behind. A second player, Danny Scheinmann, of Manchester, the Maccabi champron, was found to be just over the age limit, and needed to be replaced at the last minute by Daniel Parnes, a Middlesex cadet,' and at 12-years-old one of the youngest to take part in these Games. Our leading players thus became Daniel Corby, a Middlesex-ranked junior, and Damien Linskill, from Newcastle, unknown until being referred to in the prestigious John Prean column (November Table Tennis News).

If I could digress for a moment, the mention of John Prean causes me to query something that. has baffled me for many months. We have been regaled each time John writes with every last detail of what Carl has been doing, whom he has been playing, why his funny rubber game is so exciting to watch, and why he occasionally gets beaten due to the inept E.T.T.A. travelling or other arrangements. However my researches have failed to trace onesingle reference in all the Prean writings to the fact that Carl is Jewish. His meteoric rise to the eminence of being No.1 in England, No. 12 in Europe, and No. 25 in the World, means that Carl can now be regarded in the same light as the other great Jewish/English players such as Richard Bergmann and Victor Barna. The big difference is that Carl is English born and I am a bit surprised that John has not broadcast the fact that his son might well be the greatest Jewish player of all time. I only hope that one of these days I can take Carl to the Maccabiah so that we can stuff everybody else out of sight with his help!!

Now back to the actual play in Antwerp. This took place in a magnificent sports complex belonging to the Antwerp Maccabi Club. It boasted some six splendid all weather lawn tennis courts, a beautiful clubhouse and bar with modern changing rooms and other facilities, squash courts and a huge domed building containing three indoor tennis courts. It was here that we played our competition in perfect conditions. (Behind this building incidentally was a football stadium where Antwerp Maccabi play Belgian League matches).

There were 10 countries in the Men's Team Event. We were in Group A along with Sweden, Denmark, Austria and Belgium. The first three were beaten fairly comfortably but then a big problem came up. In Group B we observed that Federal Germany (the holders) had been beaten by Israel so that as Group winners we would have to win a cross-over match against Federal Germany if we were to reach the final. We figured that we had a slightly better chance against Israel, who had a junior at No. 3 against whom we could win all three, leaving only two sets to be obtained from the No.1 and No.2. So we had a big team conference and decided to "throw" our last group match against Belgium. This might sound easy on paper, but I can assure you it is not. I wonder whether Peter Simpson ever has this trouble? At any rate when we got into the match we discovered that the Belgian No.1 Alex Rosmarin (a former World Championships colleague of Norbert Van der Wolle) was not playing and had been replaced by a schoolboy. Could it be that Belgium were also throwing the match? As I watched Derek playing the schoolboy I realised that if the ball was returned to him Derek could hit it off. Unfortunately the boy kept hitting it into the net. Somehow, however, Derek managed to lose - a great performance. Jonathan got extremely upset and almost refused to have anything to do with our plans. I didn't know that Berkshire players were so morally minded. It must be the influence of Peter Charters! Still, eventually we did lose, and succeeded in getting to face Israel.

The match against Israel was probably the best ourteam played, and we almost pulled off a miraculous win. Jonathan Samuel lost a tremendous battle - 17-24 against Greenberg (No. 4 in Israel and according to Stuart his cousin!) following which Perry completely outgunned their No. 1 Leif Merhof (from Sweden, but temporarily living in Israel). At this point we might have been 3-1 up but stood at 2-2. Jonathan beat the No.3 to make the score 3-3. Then, in the decisive set of the match Perry lost 13 -1 3 -1 6 to Greenberg. Had we won, we would have taken the match 5-4 - in the event we lost 3-5.

In an anti-climactic reprise against Belgium for the 3/4 positions, we lost, but still gained bronze medals.

Our juniors with their under strength team actually did wonderfully well to come away with third place in a six country pool and win bronze medals.

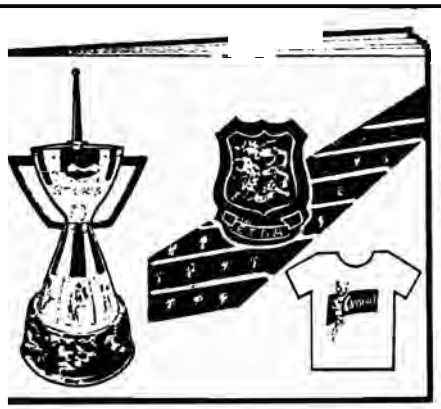
Early on we hammered Federal Germany 5-0, but they proceeded to beat Belgium 5-4. The Belgians, however, beat everybody else and deservedly won the gold medals.

In the individual events our juniors all made fairly early departures, but by some behind the scenes diplomacy with my pal Leif Merhof I paired our Daniel Parnes with the No. 1 seed from Israel in the Boys' Doubles. This enabled them to win bronze medals, as did our other pair, Damien Linskill and Daniel Corby.

I do not know how to report the Senior Men's Singles, as it is a little embarrassing. Once more I managed to get put into the draw and a bye saw me in Round 2. Unfortunately Derek, Perry and Stuart departed in this round, all beaten by pretty brilliant players. Jonathan had similarly gone in Round 1. My opponent was the Norwegian No.1. Actually Norway only had one player- him. Somehow I beat him and became the sole G.B. player in Round 3! There I was forced to play Michael Martin, the holder, and a Bundesliga player. He had little trouble, I must admit. He went on to lose in the semis to Merhof, who actually won the event and the individual gold medal. Perry Somers was the only player to beat him the whole week.

We had little time to explore Antwerp, but did manag.e to have a look round the red light district. which we agreed was disgusting, and had a day out in the main shopping area. I personally fell in love with Antwerp - it is really a fine old town with beautiful shops and restaurants. I would recommend it to anybody travelling in Europe.

Our next expedition is going to be Israel in 1985 and I will soon be involved in early arrangements for that trip. Carl. I shall be in touch with you soon - don't go away!!



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E.T.T.A. Chairman TOM BLUNN reflects on.....

THE FIRST 25 YEARS

During a short period of recuperation following another minor operation , began to think back over the first twenty-five years during which I had held office at national level. This was from 1956/7 to 1981/2 and covered both my positions of honorary treasurer and chairman.

A lot of things have happened but the underlying problem, the lack of money, has remained the constant factor. Be that as it may, much has been achieved in that period and it is not always possible to measure achievements in terms of international success or even in monetary terms.

Much that has been done has been for the benefit of many rather than of the few. The domestic calendar must have doubled or even trebled and although this has created its own problem no one can deny that the ETIA fulfils its prime objective - to provide table tennis throughout the country.

It is difficult to think in 1956 there was only the English Open as a national competition for individual players, supported by the two national competitions, the Wilmott Cup and the J.M. Rose Bowl for leagues. There were no junior open tournaments and only a small number of senior open tournaments.

The European League had not been created and the only international competitions were on a friendly basis consisting of two or three matches at home and abroad. Entry into open tournaments abroad was strictly limited by finance and there was the one goal for all players to strive for - the annual World Championships - the European and the European Youth Championships came later.

The Umpires scheme was just six years old and coaching was in the hands of Jack Carrington on a part-time voluntary basis. There was no deputy chairman and the governing committee, the national executive committee, totalled under twenty.

The total assets of the association amounted to £3,000 and the annual affiliation fees brought in just under £3,000 each season. The county championships was run by a separate body and there was no national league. There was no training camps and players were expected to make their own arrangements during their spare time from work.

There were no cash prizes for winning anything though players could earn what they could from any activity other than playing for their country. Attendance at the annual World Championships was usually done during a holiday period or, in some cases, by giving up one's job.

Sponsorship was minimal and television had very little impact. In fact we could not accept any offer from the BBC for the English Open until we had almost sold all the seats at Wembley!

The general secretary was still a volunteer, there was no official press officer and the magazine had an independent professional editor.

So, it has been easier to set out the limitations of 1956 rather than try to relate all the achievements since. But briefly the most notable has been the vast extension in competitions for the members and the incidence of television. The professional staff now stands at fourteen, which is good evidence of the extent to which activities have increased.

A comparison of the finances shows the total cost of the 1957 English Open was £2,200 compared with the estimated cost of the 1984 championships of over £30,000. Teievision and sponsorship contribute greatly towards these expenses but unfortunately the 1957 crowds of 9,000 at Wembley are a thing of the past.

This to me is really the only disappointment in our progress over the last 25 years and I will only consider the next 25 years to be successful if the crowds return to watch the game because they enjoy the entertainment. I would like to see some movement in that direction before I eventually sign off. But don't worry, I am not planning for a second stint of 25 years.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND-UP

by Murray Corbin

Last month I was present at a number of County Games and made many observations, a few of which I am now going to share with you. (1) Disappointment at not seeing sound presentations of the proceedings by some home officials. Imagine going to the pictures and the film starting without seeing the full complement of stars or supporting cast. (2) On one occasion, the Referee arrived five minutes before the starting time. His Assistant followed within five more minutes. As a result, the match started twenty minutes late. (3) The Teams changed into their County Colours, but the 'non-playing-Captains' remained in their travelling attire, which in many cases, was not smart enough. It could also be viewed as a discourtesy to their teams, and (4) Teams did not give sufficient support to their players at the table during the play. This can be done without offending the opposing player/team. This enthusiasm raises the standard of play; adds excitement and increases the competitive element between teams.

Not only am I concerned about the presentation of County Games, but also that of Open and Closed Championships. In this area, one has to admit that the National League do try to put on a 'show'. We must put on as good or better a 'show', if we expect players to remain eager and willing to play in the County Games.

I now take pleasure in giving the results of recent games, and perhaps I could express my thanks to the Captains or Referees, who took the time and interest to write notes on some of the matches. Taaah!

VETERAN PREMIER DIVISION

Leics 2 Middx 7
Notts 1 Cheshire 8
Berks 4 Kent 5
Lincs 6 Essex 3

VETERAN DIVISION 2A

Worcs 8 Clwyd 1
Cheshire 'B' 3 Hunts 6
Oxon 4 Avon 5
Northants 4 Beds 5

Worcestershire's Janet Hunt, Mervyn Wood, Brian Belcher and Malcolm Dicks, found little resistance from Clywd's Mrs. S. Rogers, Jim Bishton, Peter Williams and Keith Fitzsimmons, who defeated Dicks, to register the only victory for his team. Nice one, Keith! The Match Referee was Miss V. Royal.

VETERAN DIVISION 28

Herts 6 Dorset 3
Middx. 'B' 3 Sussex 6
Kent 'B' 7 Berks 'B' 2
Essex 'B' 9 Hants 0

VETERAN DIVISION 3A

Herts 'B' 7 Cumbria 2
Wilts 2 Bucks 7
Hunts 'B' 0 Cheshire 'C' 9

VETERAN DIVISION 38

Dorset 'B' 7 Herts 'C' 2
Hants 'B' 5 Surrey 4
Sussex 'B'/Wilts 'B' postponed until April.

Surrey's Vera Beasley, Frank Hams, John Garland and Mike Pearson, on their first outing, narrowly missed victory over Hampshire's Ann Abrahams, Ken Giles, Maurice Shave and Anthony Nixon. It would appear that R. Yates had a very good match to Referee.

JUNIOR DIVISION 2A

Cambs 4 Leics 6
Cheshire 4 Warwicks 6
Derbys 9 Lancs 1
Beds 3 Yorks 'B' 7

Owlstone Croft, Cambridge was the setting for an exciting match between the home team - Louise Ward, Helen Gipp, Tim Ashman, Peter Holliday and Nicky Ashman, and Leicestershire's Joanne Murray, Tracey Clark, Paul Bumpus, Marcus Bellot and David Grundy. G. Waters iNas the Match Referee.

JUNIOR DIVISION 28

Sussex 9 Middx 'B' 1
Herts/Essex postponed

JUNIOR DIVISION 3A

Lincs 'B' 1 Lincs 9
Northumberland 10 Cheshire 'B' 0
Cleveland 'B' 6 Cumbria 4

Cleveland, represented by Anne Pashley, Clare Metcalf, John Healy, Andrew McKeown and Stuart Miller, just had that extra skill to keep control over Cumbria'S Karen Backhouse, Claire May, John Griffiths, Derek Irving and Chris Brockbank, who should turn out to be a pretty good side in the near future. John Lawton was the Referee and the Match was played at Ormesby TIC.

JUNIOR DIVISION 38

Warwicks 'B' 9 Herts 1
Northants 9 Cambs 'B' 1
Cambs 'B' 6 Oxon 4
Worcs 5 Berks 'B' 5

Tracey Green, Lisa Spilsbury, Nick Felton, David Thomas and Sion Simon of Warwickshire, were too talented on this occasion for Herts' Sally Rees, Heather Tomkins, Paul Bridges, and Andy and Chris Cooke, whose one win derived from Sally beating Tracey, 16, -14, 15. The match was played at Park House, Nuneaton, where Referee - T. Hue, witnessed a very competitive game, in spite of the score.

Northamptonshire, very ably represented by Maxine Shears, Donna Furniss, Andrew Trott, Richard Bashford and Andrew Edmonds, nearly stopped all the advances of Denise Hinks, Ruth Hutchinson, Nicky Rayner, Paul Oldroyd and Mark Hutchinson of Cambridgeshire, whose only win came when Rayner skilfully overcame Trott with a 19, -17, 17 result. The setting was at Wellingborough and the Referee - Arthur Palmer, saw fair play.

Honours were shared after a most competitive match at Cripplegate Pavilion, Worcestershire, when the home team in Helen Jones, Lisa Hunt, Dean Kloos and Tim Holder were trailing 4-5 and depending on Mark Roden to even the score in the final game of the match against Stuart Champion of Berkshire, who took the first at 16, but then Mark composed himself well by winning the second at 14 and then scraping home at 21 in the third. Everyone must have been on the edge oftheir seats during this match, especially with five of the previous sets having gone to three. In addition to Stuart, Berkshire were also proudly represented by Julie Brion, Rachel Watts, Paul Savins and Graham Kemp. Thank you, Referee - Ian Hunt for staging such an epic.

JUNIOR DIVISION 3C

Cornwall 'B' 4 Avon 6
Cornwall 'B' 7 Wilts 'B' 3
Wilts 'B' 1 Wilts 9
Avon 'B' 0 Cornwall 10
Cornwall 5 Wilts 5

Cornwall 'B', with Karen Broczek, Lindia Jewell, Anthony Vingoe, Malcolm Peters and Phong Tran, had a chance to even the match score against Avon, when Phong met James Fletcher in the last set of the match, but James just held him off in the third. Karen Testa, Jane Kimber, Paul Lewis and Robert Chandler made up the Avon team, while Pat Archdale was the Referee.

Julie Mills, Karen Richards, Howard Phillips, Raymond Powell and Martin Edwards - the Wilts 'B' Team, were given a good spanking by their'A' Team, in the guise of Claire Hunter, Jenny Neale, Andrew Oxley, Jon Hook and Ian Neate. Howard Phillips of the 'B' Team, recorded a narrow but well deserved win over Jon Hook. Allan Duke was the Referee.

JUNIOR DIVISION 3D

Kent 'B' 9 Herts 'B' 1
Norfolk 7 Suffolk 3
Norfolk 4 Essex 'C' 6

Essex 'B' 7 Norfolk 3
Kent 'B' 3 Essex 'C' 7
Surrey 'B' 7 Sussex 'B' 3
Essex 'C' 8 Norfolk 'B' 2
Essex 'B' 10 Norfolk 'B' 0
Surrey 'B' 6 Essex 'C' 4
Herts 'B' v Sussex 'B' postponed.

Referee and non-playing Captain Les Rayment prepared the Norman Centre, Norwich, for his Team - Norfolk 'A' of Susan Jenkinson, Rachel Wilson, Simon Steward, Chris Rayment and Paul Rich, to take on the visiting Suffolk, in the talented forms of Julie Mortimer, Sylvia Kenyon, Paul Gooding, Richard Hutchinson and Darren Jones. Four sets went to three and with a little luck, Suffolk, who put up a very good fight, might have claimed a 'draw', and must have felt 'hard done by', on that occasion.

I was present at Tweeddale School, Carshalton, for the fixture between Surrey and Sussex. The highlight ofthis being the battle of the number ones - Julian Dudman of Surrey and Robert Warner of Sussex. I was thrilled continuously throughout this exhibition of abundant skills, artistic and majestic rallies. Both players thoroughly deserve the long appreciative applause from all points of the hall which they received after this duel ended, in the third, in favour of Dudman, who squeezed home 23-21. Supporting Dudman for Surrey were Karen Wilde, Claire Brooks, Neil Davis, who listens well to good advice, and David Hodson, who is improving and doing a fine job. In addition to Warner, were Nina Williams, Lynne TrusseL Robert Watt and Howard Nevill, for Sussex.

County Championships - Round-Up Junior Division 3D: Robert Warner of Sussex shapes up to Julian Dudman of Surrey in a pre-match bid for supremacy at Tweeddale School, Carshalton, Surrey.

SENIOR DIVISION 2A
Warwicks 'B' 9 Derbys 1
Suffolk 8 Lanes 'B' 2
Yorks 'B' 5 Cambs 5
Staffs 'B' 6 Worcs 4

Staffordshire, comprising of Janet Dunning, Pat Brookes, Mark Evans, Stan Deakin and Shaun Rochelle, did not come out of this 'dust-up' with Worcestershire smelling of roses nor free from bruises. Five sets went to three, and in conclusion, with a little more skill or luck, Louise Davies, Manoy Mitten, Murray Duke, Trevor Washington and Steve Dunning, could have created victory. The battle was fought at Woodfield and the Referee was D. Sherratt.

Julie Dowsett, Sue Welham, John Kitchener, Stuart and Mick Palmer of Suffolk really got it together at Ipswich, where the competent and popular Joyce Love was the Referee. Lancashire's Amanda Goodwin, Paula French, Keith Williams, Peter Flint and Phillip Aspinall did their best but simply could not contain Suffolk, in this low scoring match. However, Aspinall and Williams showed some class in defeating Mick Palmer and Kitchener, respectively.

SENIOR DIVISION 28
Dorset 4 Berks 6
Avon 3 Devon7
Kent 10 Sussex 0
Wilts v Middx 'B', as below.

Regarding the Wilts/Middx match, this is being claimed by Middlesex, because, I understand that on account of the Wilts 2-Star Open, which was held during the weekend when this match was scheduled, Wiltshire could not scrape up enough officials for the County Game. Too many things seem to be wrong here, so I better give you some more information, as soon as I have done some inves!igating.

Dorset, with Miss L. Harman, Mrs. Cheryl Skevington - nee Creasey, John Robinson, Martin Abbott and Jason Creasey, put up a reasonable show against Misses T. Napier-Vallis and Jennifer Collins, David Barr, Andy Wellman and J. Samuel of Berkshire. W. Postlethwaite was the Referee.

It takes a very good team to "whitewash" a Sussex team, comprising the three Moores, Ms S. Weston and Phil Smith. So full marks to Kent's Julie Houghton, Carol Spain, Ian Kenyon, Diddy David Dodd and John Burleton. The amiable and competent Trevor Openshaw - the Referee, witnessed the 'bathing' of Sussex.

SENIOR DIVISION 3A
Notts 2 Durham 8
Cheshire 'B' 4 Leics 'B' 6
Northumberland 6 Leics 'B' 4
Sir Clywd 7 Cheshire 3
Sir Clywd 7 Cheshire 'B' 3
Notts 4 Lines 6

Nottinghamshire, with Cheryl Buttery, Gloria Stocks, Trevor Kerry, Richard Tilford and Lee Neil, could not suppress the superior skills of Lyn Yarnell, Joan Suddick, Anthony Gelder, David Blackburn and the industrious Darren McVitie of Durham, at the Sycamore Centre, Notts, where B. Draycott, the Referee, had the stage set for a fine match. It was observed by the Durham Captain, that the non-striking side of Gloria Stocks' bat was neither mat nor dark. This was soon put right and the match was continued.

At Macclesfield, S. Sherlock - the Referee, witnessed a most competitive match between Cheshire's Debbie McGuire, Ann Williams, Tony Worthington, Malcolm McAvoy, Keith Deaville and Leicestershire's Yvonne Hall, Jane Heath, Martin Pickles, Keith Fellowes and Phil Smith. In this hard and tactical battle for supremacy, six sets went to three, but with Ann Williams being unregistered, the outcome was made easier for Leicestershire.

Clywd's Sue Roberts, Karen Buckle, Terry Turner, John Hook and Paul Griffiths must have cast a spell over the two Cheshire Teams, because when the three met at Millers Cottage Leisure Centre, Nr Rhyl, Clywd turned out two marvellous performances, winning both 7-3. The Referees in charge of these two matches were A. G. Smith and R. Williams.

SENIOR DIVISION 38
Somerset 7 1.0.W. 3
Hants 7 Somerset 3
Somerset 'B' 2 Wilts 'B' 8
Berks 'B' 6 Dorset 'B' 4

Hampshire, with Jill Green, Barbara Clark, Graham Toole, Chris Shelter and the experienced Derek Holman, going by the scores, dominated their fixture with Somerset's Rebecca 'Lovely' Russe, Judy Craig, Brian Reeves, David Lee and Lee Sadler. Somerset's three successes resulted in victories for Reeves and Lee over Shelter and Holman, respectively, and also in the Men's Doubles. Mick Strode was the Match Referee.

Peppard Memorial Park, Sonning Common, is the home base for Berkshire's Ruth Purseglove, Ruth Champion, Michael Childs, Simon Rowland and Syd Montgomery. It was therefore up to Pat Baldwin, Hazel Feltham, Rodney Thomas, Steve Davies and Martin Hughes of Dorset, to take the game to them. On the day, both teams appeared nearly equal in skill, but Berkshire eventually showed a little more determination and turned the tide their way. R. A. Lockwood was the Referee.

SENIOR DIVISION 3C
Bucks 6 Northants 'B' 4
Northants 5 Oxon 5
Hunts 5 Herefords 5
Gloucs 6 Beds 4
Beds 7 Northants 'B' 3
Worcs 'B' 7 Hunts 3
Worcs 'B' 6 Glamorgan 4
Northants 1 Bucks 9
Oxon 7 Herefords 3

Buckinghamshire seem to be having a good run with their Linda Phelps, Jacquie Farwell, Peter Simmonds - the product of a very nice and dedicated n Family, Karl Bushell and Les Wooding, who, clinched victory in the last set against John Sanders. Poor John! he did his best but his Northants team mates - Margaret Maltby, Connie Bane, Brian Wooding and Brian D'Hooghe must have had their fingers crossed, hoping for a 'draw'. The match was played at Burnham, Bucks, and the Match Referee was B. P. J. Webb.

Shared Honours were recorded by Referee – A. Walker at St. Neots nC, when Huntingdonshire, with the gracious Helen Bardwell and the competitive Alison Hillyard, Phillip Cole, Keith Lakin and Colin Carslake, tried to out-gun Herefordshire's Linda Morse, Janet Jones, Mark Owen, Michael Owens and Andrew Castle. Six sets went to three, including the last, when Michael levelled the match score by beating Carslake 18, -10 and 13.

Nina Tsakarisianos clinched victory

for Gloucestershire in the last set of the match against Julie Dimmock of Bedfordshire. Both teams have some very talented players" and Julie's team-mates - Dawn Campbell, 'David Sharpe, Ian Doughty and Andrew Conquest, would have been happer if the points were shared on this occasion. The full complement of Gloucestershire's strike force consisted of Christine Iacopi, Darren Griffin, Andrew Golding and Paul Jackson. The Referee for this match at C.E.G.B., Gloucestershire, was the hard working Leslie Smith.

SENIOR DIVISION 3D
Cambs 'B' 3 Sussex 'B' 7
Norfolk 4 Surrey 'B' 6
Essex 'C' 5 Norfolk 5
Sussex 'B' 4 Kent'B' 6
Cambs 'B' 5 Herts 5
Essex 'C' 10 Norrolk 'B' 0
Suffolk 'B' 3 Kent 'B' 7
Surrey 'B' 10 Suffolk 'B' 0
Norfolk 'B' 2 Essex 'B' 8
Herts 4 Essex 'B' 6

When Sussex's Sheila King, Zarina Hussein-Ellis, Mick Browne, Paul Rowden and Dave Jemmett travelled to Soham to take on Hilary Finch, Alison Edge, Martyn Livermore, the bubbling and energetic Julian Wheel, and Trevor Smith, they must have thought that they were on 'to a roasting', after Julian and Trevor went two-up for Cambridgeshire by spanking Browne and Jemmett, respectively. However, Cambridgeshire sagged completely after this, and were only able to record another victory in the Men's Doubles. Well done, Sussex! G. Waters was the Referee.

I am grateful to Norfolk for the typed details on their score-sheets. This has not gone unnoticed.

It was Surrey's turn to travel to the Miller Hall, Norwich, and they snatched victory in the second last set of the match, when the adorable Michele Hams easily out-played Joy Dixon. Until then, Joy's cOITlpatriots of the 1st Team - Janet Faiers, Philip Lodsdon, Richard and Martyn Stevenson, were obviously hoping for victory. However, after Joy's loss, Martyn brought respectability to the final score by beating Surrey's Andrew Sexton, who, in addition to Michele, were supported by Jane Barella, Michael Hammond and the competitive Brian Garroway. Dennis Calver was the official in charge here.

Norfolk's 'B' team of Mary Ashmore, Maureen Wilson, Trevor Bunn, Mick Broughton and David Smith, suffered some discomfort as a result of the skills of the visiting demolition squad from Essex, in the form of the industrious and most likeable Kim Mudge, Yvette Brown, Les Eadie, Des Charlery and Steve Dettmar. Five sets went to three, in spite of the score and Norfolk 'B' recorded victories derived from Broughton's defeats of Eadie and Dettmar. Well done, Mick! The competent Ray Hogg was the Referee on this occasion.

Next month, with the help of my statistician - Doug Moss of Worcester, I will bring you the tables, showing the 'placings', hopefully for all matches played up to and including December. In the meantime, on behalf of every one of us on the County Championships Committee, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

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COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

Mary Williams reports from.....

BEDFORDSHIRE

100% RECORD

Bedfordshire Veterans maintained their 100% record by beating Northants 5-4 at Wellingborough. The match was clinched on the last set of the evening when Peter Cutting won the deciding game. The other players for Bedfordshire were Jim Wooliscroft, Doug Folds and Mrs. Audrey Robinson.

The junior team of Peter Edwards, David Murgatroyd, Neil Stanley, Ruth Forrester and Joyce Mitchell lost 3-7 to Yorkshire.

After leading 3-0 the senior team of David Sharpe, Ian Doughty, Andy Conquest, Dawn Campbell and Julie Dimmock lost 6-4 after travelling to Gloucester.

The same senior team won 7-3 at home to Northants II in a later match.

Julie Dimmock who plays for Lewsey Centre and represents Bedfordshire took the bronze medal for the third consecutive year in the National Association of Youth Clubs Championship. The standard of competition is extremely high in this event and congratulations go to Julie on a marvellous achievement.

Another up-and-coming young player in the Luton & Dunstable leagues is Caroline Buckley. Caroline has recently won the under-11's in the North Yorkshire 2 Star - Well done Caroline.

Congratulations are also extended to the Bedfordshire County Secretary and International umpire Gerald Hammond on being nominated to officiate at the Scandinavian Open to be held in Gothenburg during early December. Officials normally take a back seat, but Gerald's selection gives an ideal opportunity to reflect on the extent and additional involvement which is, perhaps not widely recognised.

The County's top international players Lisa & Jackie Bellinger made their National League debut on Sunday Nov 6, playing for Dunstable and AHW against Nittaku Bourne of Ruislip. Playing with Lisa and Jackie were David Sharpe and Les Wooding. The Bourne team was John Burleton, Les Edie, Richard Beckham and Viv McCartney. The audience were treated to some exceptionally good play and some extremely good shots. Dunstable and AHW won 5-3.

A Disabled Superstars competition was held recently at the Luton Regional Sports Centre with around 50 competitors taking part in 10 different sports. About half of these competitors took part in the table-tennis competition. Although it was such a dreadful day weatherwise all those taking part, the officials, helpers and onlookers had a most enjoyable day. B. Keen won the men's final against D. Hatton both representing Tamworth Terriers. In the ladies' final J. Cichockyj (Kirklee) beat L. Rose (Red Diamond). Keen won the challenge match between both the men's and ladies' winner.

Brian Halliday reports from....

BERKSHIRE

LITTLE DOUBT

That the County Championships are the poor relation in the heirachy of competitive table tennis there is little doubt. The Berkshire ,Committee sat with fingers crossed o'n the day of the second series of matches as our two decimated senior sides struggled to victory by very slender margins. With star players either unavailable, or resting prior to competing in an Open tournament on the Sunday, it was gratifying to report the loyalty shown by Andy Wellman and Dave Barr. Their participation undoubtedly won the match against Dorset and meant that a reasonably strong second team was able to get home against Dorset 2.

The increasing demands on top players is something all counties now have to accept, although the strength in depth in Berkshire means that up until now anyway we can at least paper over the cracks left by absent stars in crucial matches.

The veterans continued their poor start with both teams going down again - this time to Kent. Henry Buist stole the honours for the visitors in a very close encounter with Berkshire 1. Your ageing scribe did manage a couple of wins which was some compensation for a disappointing day.

The junior 2nd team are showing useful form now. Paul Savins continues to show dramatic improvement as do Ruth and Stuart Champion The Champions both try a little too hard at times which is inhibiting their progress, however with more top line experience they could well live up to their names.

The continued success of the leading Berkshire players is almost taken for granted in the county. That remarkable trio of Alison Gordon, Mandy Sainsbury, and Karen Witt has now been joined by Maidenhead's Sue Collier. Sue, who won the Wiltshire Open, beating Mandy in the final, seems to save her best performances for the tournament circuit and is fast becoming a name to be feared at the highest level.

Gillette-Reading continue their up and down form in the National League. The 1st team, with everyone on form at the same time, won easily in Birmingham, but then dropped an unexpected point to Unity Bradford. Highlight for the second team recently was two fine wins for Jimmy Stokes over Peter Taylor and Steven Moore of St. Neots. The match resulted in another point lost, however Simon Rowland scored a maximum against Witham Town to give the 3rd team a useful 5-3 victory, and so ease those relegation worries. The next series of home matches is on 1st January, when Gillette hope to attract a bumper crowd for the visit of John Hilton. It is also hoped that Jaques Generation will include Carl Prean in their team to ensure that Reading will have the chance of seeing these two top stars at the same venue at the same time.

The Bracknell League have been having a fair share of internal administrative problems recently, but nevertheless organised the very successful Ken Fellingham Memorial Grouping Tournament. The format of ensuring that every player gets at least 8 matches is an excellent one, and other leagues and tournaments could well benefit from this type of event. There were shocks galore including a big surprise winner in Barry Piercey. Malcolm Hayes was runner-up and Cliff Putterford in 3rd place with the Nos. 1 and 2 seeds nowhere. While dealing with Bracknell matters, congratulations to Helen and Cliff Putterford who have produced an interesting and controversial Newsletter.

The Maidenhead Premier Division has already developed into a three horse race. Cippenham Spartans have made the early pace but are closely followed by Springfield Kestrels who defeated last season's champions Castle Hill in a 5 hour marathon recently. The signing of hard bat player Dave Jones has given the Kestrels an added dimension and they look strong challengers for the title.

The Omega Club look to be favourites again in Reading, although their 'A' side may have to bow to the 'B' team. Team selection will play an important part in the destination of the title, especially with three other sides in with a shout.

Newbury held a Junior Invitation Team Tournament recently and attracted teams from far and wide. Congratulations are due to Newbury for their initiative and all credit to Keith Jones and his band of helpers for their efforts.

Finally a suggestion. I am sure it must be the ambition of all table tennis players to gain a 'representative' honour of some description. Unfortunately the County is sometimes guilty of forgetting the players who play in the 3rd Divisions and below. Perhaps the County might like to organise special lower division challenge matches between the four leagues in Berkshire. Anyway if you think the idea is worthy of further consideration, write or phone the Chairman Robin Lockwood on Reading 478228. He ,is waiting to hear from you.

Les Wooding reports from .

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

STILL ALIVE!

Contrary to any impression we may have given due to the absence of any

news in the last two issues, we are in fact very healthy and full of vigour. The season started for us on a low key when, for the first time for many years, we were unable to field a Junior side due to the lack of any girls approaching County junior standard; (oh! for the glorious days when Tony Pacitto, Bill Wooding and Leo Thompson were vying with one another producing a seemingly endless supply).

However, our senior side and veteran team have partly made up for this by giving us one of our best ever starts to the season. With wins away against Herefordshire (7-3), Northamptonshire I (9-1), and home against Northamptonshire II (6-4) we must be leading the table. Karl Bushell, Peter Simmonds, Jonathon Bradbury, Jackie Farwell, Linda Phelps, Sylvia Coombs and myself have all contributed to the victoriesand with Philip Bradbury also keen to represent us, we shall take quite a bit of stopping. Sylvia Coombs has also helped Alec Watson, Frank Earis, Len Pratt, Brian Savage and Anne Catchpole to victories over Hertfordshire II (5-4) and Wiltshire (7-2) to challenge for the Veterans' title.

Most of our top players are also playing for National League sides, two of which, Cippenham of Slough and AHW of Milton Keynes are Bucks sides. With Nittaku Bourne and Ashford also using Bucks players the 3rd Division South has a 'homely' look about it.

Conscious of the need to promote Table Tennis at grass roots level throughout the County we have for the first time ever promoted two team competitions. The Premier Division Challenge Cup is restricted to any team playing in any of the top divisions of the six legal Leagues; (Buckingham, unfortunately, still continues to refuse to affiliate to us or the E.T.T.A.); and the Knock-Out Cup is restricted to any team not playing in the top division of any of the six Leagues. The object of the competitions is to bring players and Clubs closer together and considering this is the first season the response has been up to expectation.

Draw: 1st Round (Premier Division Challenge Cup).
Calor 'A' (Slough v AHW Comets (Milton Keynes)
Flackwell Heathens (High Wycombe) v Molins 'A' (Aylesbury)
Cippenham Outlaws (Slough) v Hazlemere 'A' (Chiltern)
Thame 'A' (Aylesbury) v Cippenham Buccaneers (Slough)
County Arms Hammers (Milton Keynes) v Den Club (Chiltern)
AHW Crusaders, AHW Sapphires (Milton Keynes) and Apollo 'A' (High Wycombe) Byes.
1st Round (Knock-out Cup)
Denham Green (Chalfont) v AHW Invaders (Milton Keynes)
Cippenham Rogues (Slough) v Verco 'A' (High Wycombe)
Quarter-Finals
Denham Green or AHW Invaders vWard House (High Wycombe)
Cippenham Rogues or Verco 'A' v County Arms Choppers (Milton Keynes)
Hazlemere 'B' (High Wycombe) v High Precision Harriers (Milton Keynes)
Apollo 'C' (High Wycombe) v Manor Lords (Milton Keynes)
County Rankings are:-

Men
1. Philip Bradbury (A)
2. Karl Bushell (HW)
3. Les Wooding (MK)
4. Peter Simmonds (HW)
5. Jonathon Bradbury (A)
6. Colin Luscombe (MK)
7. Mark Butler (S)
8. Darryl Windsor (S)

Women
1. Linda Phelps (S)
2. Jackie Farwell (S)
3. Debbie Simmonds (HW)
4. Julie Richards (MK)
5. Dawn Robbins (HW)
6. Sylvia Coombs (MK)
7. Jackie Thomas (S)
8. Carole Brown (S)
9. Lesley Harris (S)
10. Julie Robbins (HW)

Veteran Men
1. Alec Watson (HW)
2. Frank Earis (S)
3. Len Pratt (A)
4. Gerry Robbins (HW)
5. Brian Savage (HW)
6. Alan Catchpole (HW)

Veteran Women
1. Sylvia Coombs (MK)
2. Anne Catchpole (HW)

Key:
A - Aylesbury; HW - High Wycombe; MK - Milton Keynes; S - Slough.

Geoff Waters reports from .

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

FIRST POINT DROPPED

The senior first team dropped their first point in three encounters with Yorkshire II, when they drew 5-5 in their Division 2A match at Bradford.

Cambridgeshire had won the two previous matches against Yorkshire II in this division 6-4 and with these two counties occupying second and third positions last season, another close match was expected. In the main Cambridgeshire had to thank Keith Richardson, who followed up his double against Suffolk with two more wins against Steven Sharpe and Joe Naser. He also partnered Andy Withers to victory in the men's doubles against the same Yorkshire pair. Mandy Judd and Joanne Palmer also won the women's doubles against the formidable duet of Julie McLean and Lesley Broomhead. The match all hinged on the final set with Withers earning Cambridgeshire a point with a win over David Indriks.

Now :that bogey county Leicestershire have been promoted to the Premier Division, there is a feeling that Cambridgeshire have a good chance of winning the division this season. It is to be hoped that the dropped point at Bradford won't prove crucial. The second team also drew in their Division 3D match against Hertfordshire at March. John Taylor and Keith Samuels won all five for the visitors, but they sadly lacked support.

Home county women Hilary Finch and Alison Edge won all three women's sets for the second time this season, while Trevor Smith and Julian Wheel, both beat Hertfordshire No.3 Michael Gaunt. This team are showing much improvement on the last two seasons and their three points acquired so far are as many as they gained in the 81/82 and 82/83 seasons added together.

The juniors missed a good opportunity of opening their account in Junior 2B, when they led 4-2 against Leicestershire at Cambridge. Singles wins from Peter Holliday and Nicky Ashman, plus the two doubles had put them in this happy position, but alas they failed to win another set and went down 4-6. The chances of survival in this division do not look good and with fixtures against Derbyshire, Cheshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire II ahead, one wonders where points can be obtained unless it is against Bedfordshire, who are also currently pointless.

In the meantime, the junior second team are doing far better than one would have expected. After beating Warwickshire II 6-4 in the opening match, they took a 9-1 beating against Northamptonshire at Wellingborough but bounced back a week later to beat Oxfordshire 6-4. Their one success against early leaders Northants was when Nicky Rayner beat No.1 Andrew Trott. Nicky did even better in the Oxfordshire match at Wisbech winning both his singles and also the boys' doubles with Paul Oldroyd, who also had a couple of singles wins. Twelve-years-old Johnny Collins was the other winner on his debut.

Hassy Soham dropped their first point in the Halex National League Premier Division when they drew with Ormesby at Middlesbrough.

Soham showed great fighting spirit, for incredibly they lost the first game of every set and four times were behind, but always won the following set. John Souter was again the Soham strong man beating Richard Yule and Nigel Eckersley to keep his 100% record. However, perhaps he was lucky not to meet Donald Parker and Netherlands champion Henk Van Spanje, who won the Ormesby four between them. Paul Day also beat Eckersley, but lost -21 in the third to Parker.

This narrow defeat was reversed, however, when Nicky Mason scraped home 25-23 in the third against Yule in the final set that earned Soham their point.

There has not been much joy for the Soham second team in Division 3 East, where they have won only one match in five. Their two latest defeats were against MBS St Neots II and Playrite Northampton, both by a 6-2 margin.

After a promising start, when they won three of their four opening matches, March Halex suffered two heavy defeats in a row, at home.

They went down 7-1 toTargetGold, Salford and once again they found themselves facing ex-Premier Division players', Kevin Beadsley and Billy Gleave, at one and two. "What is the pull of the second division?" asks March skipper Geoff Davies. Five of the eight sets went to three games but only the captain won, beating Mike Stead 22-20 in the third.

Robert Swift could consider himself a little unlucky, losing 18 in the third against both Stead and Brian Johns. They were also beaten 7-1 by leaders Chan Construction, after Stuart Palmer had given them a 1-0 lead by beating Lester Bertie. March have now lost to the three top teams, which probably puts them out of the promotion hunt.

In the Newmarket Construction County League, Cambridge followed up their 8-1 win over Haverhill with a 6-3 victory over March. Peter Holliday won all three of March's sets, which included a thriller over Martyn Livermore -14, 18, 19. In addition to Livermore, David Leader and Mandy Judd had wins over both Paul Oldroyd and Paul Holmes. Ely came back from 1-3 and 3-4 down to beat Haverhill 5-4. Andy Withers, predictably, won three for Haverhill, while Dave Hinks also beat Jonathan Audus. Trevor Smith and Joanne Palmer won two each for Ely, while Audus also beat D. Leonard.

The John Jaques Cambridgeshire Closed Championships will be played in the new Soham Sports Hall on Saturday Jan 28'84. The previous

venue at Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall, Cambridge appear to have priced themselves out of the market. The county can no longer afford to pay the ludicrous increases that the Sports Hall inflicts on the sporting Cambridge public. Their rates have gone up 65% in the last three years and the county committee have decided to move to Soham where their day rate for the main hall is one third of that in Cambridge.

Jeremy Williams reports from.....

CORNWALL

NICELY POISED

Looking back at the opening couple of months of the 1983/84 season, Cornwall cannot be too disgruntled at the performances of its players in external competition. Cornwall's Junior 1st team lie at the top of Division 3C and are nicely poised for promotion if they maintain their form and the Junior 2nds are at last holding their own in the same division. The Senior team is also reasonably placed in Division 3B. Launceston Kernow, the county's only Halex National League team have also made a good start to the season - they lie in the top half of the 3rd division (West) although opportunities to keep up with the front runners have been squandered slightly.

The most encouraging news in Cornwall to date however, must surely be that five of our players qualified for the National Ranking tournament at Middlesbrough on Nov 26/27. Mark James, Graham Reed and Alison Clemens qualified at Junior level while in the Cadet section it was Du Ly and Karen Broczek. Another Cadet, Leon Jose would certainly have made it had he attended the regionals. Jose, who was Cornwall's best ever prospect only a matter of two years ago, has rather tragically prematurely retired; for the time being at least.

At time of writing, Cornwall's Juniors had yet to compete in the National Ranking tournament but hopefully by the next issue some high England rankings will have been obtained.

COUNTY MATCHES

Seniors:
Cornwall 6 Somerset II 4

Juniors:
Wiltshire II 3 Cornwall I 7
Cornwall I 5 Wiltshire I 5
Avon II 0 Cornwall I 10
Wiltshire 110 Cornwall II 0
Cornwall II 7 Wiltshire II 3
Cornwa<1l II 4 Avon I 6

On the whole, some good results for the three county teams. The seniors struggled but managed to clock up their first win of the season against Somerset II at Bodmin. Despite rather poor domestic form, Barry Cornelius played well to win his two singles and Ian James was recalled and played well enough to retain his place against Hampshire. For Somerset, however, it was that wily defender John Crabtree that caused Cornwall the problems.

The Junior teams continue to play well - the first team have 7 points out of a possible 8 which could have been a maximum, had a 5-2 lead against Wiltshire not been squandered. The seconds have at last adjusted to County table tennis and had a very creditable 7-3 win over Wiltshire II with Anthony Vingoe, Malcolm Peters and Phong Tran particularly impressive.

CORNISH INTER-TOWN LEAGUE

This season's Cornish League follows the more popular National League playing format and after two rounds of matches only Falmouth and St. Austell remain unbeaten.

Falmouth are the early leaders by virtue of a superior sets difference after defeating champions St. Ives and Truro but St. Austell still look to be strong contenders this season and only a fool would write off St. Ives, at this stage.

There have certainly been some interesting results so far..... most improved team must surely be Launceston who nearly snatched a draw at Camborne without Jon Woollins or Gary Marquand and then trounced Helston still without Woollins.... St. Austell have had a couple of narrow escapes. At home to Truro, Ronnie Hill's opening set victory over St. Austell No.1 Cornelius almost allowed them to snatch a draw but recalled veteran Tim Wiltshire remained undefeated to ensure victory for the Saints. They were also up against it at Redruth when Ritchie Bartlett's flat tyre prevented him from getting to the venue - St. Austell won 5-3 with just 3 players....

.....Falmouth's defeats of St. Ives and Truro outlined their challenge but to be fair St. Ives were without last season's hero Nigel Cock. Despite strong pressure from Jeremy Williams and Graham Reed against Falmouth and Mark James againstCamborne, John Bassett's 100% record still remains intact.... at the other end of the table poor old Helston are the early strugglers - not 'surprising though after losing Keith Songhurst, Graham and Neville Reed from last season's squad..... Camborne too, could soon be in trouble with Leon Jose now retired and rumours of Mark James' departure imminent. John Menzel will have to put his thinking cap on.

The Cornish League table stands as follows:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Falmouth	2	2	0	0	11	5	4
St. Austell	2	2	0	0	10	6	4
Launceston	2	1	0	1	10	6	2
Redruth	2	1	0	1	10	6	2
St. Ives	2	1	0	1	9	7	2
Camborne	2	1	0	1	7	9	2
Truro	2	0	0	2	5	11	0
Helston	2	0	0	2	2	14	0

Results: Camborne 5 Launceston 3; St. Austell 5 Truro 3; Falmouth 5 St. Ives 3; Helston 1 Redruth 7; St. Ives 6 Camborne 2; Redruth 3 St. Austell 5; Launceston 7 Helston 1; Truro 2 Falmouth 6.

LAUNCESTON KERNOW

Ree,ent Results:
Launceston Kernow 4 W.W. Solihull 4
Grove II 4 Launceston Kernow 4
Launceston Kernow 3 Pengeley Torbay 5

Cornwall's only Halex National League team have aquitted themselveswell in recent matches, although the draw at home to Solihull was a bit disappointing. A result was at last achieved against bogey side Grove II - Bassett had a fine win over Stan Deakin but in turn lost to his brother Joe. The inclusion of Bassett at No. 1 for Launceston has certainly paid dividends this season - pity he didn't play against Tarmac Ladies though! In the local derby against Pengeley Torbay he had a good win over Gary Wilson with Jon Woollins and Jeremy Williams recording the other wins over an unlucky Paul Giles.

Match Scores:- Launceston Kernow v Pengeley Torbay

J. Bassett bt G. Wilson 10, 16.
lost to G. Lambert -14, -16.
B . Cornelius lost to Lambert -18, -14
lost to M. Ellett -9, -16.
J. Williams bt P. Giles 18, -19, 21
lost to G. Wilson 19, -16, -17.
J. Woolins lost to Ellett -13, -9
bt Giles 18, 12.

NEWS IN BRIEF

.....John Bassett who has not lost a West Cornwall League match for a year loses two in one week against Roger Jacobs (Truro) and Graham Reed (Falmouth)

.....Sheila Rapsey reaches the semi-final of the Kingswood Ladies team tournament at Bristol and Cornwall finish in 3rd place..... The County Closed will this year take place at the Walker Lines Hall, Bodmin on the weekend March 17/18. Likewise the Cornish Junior 2-star will take place at Carn Brea Leisure Centre, Redruth on Sat. March 3. Entry forms available from John Crocker, 'Falaise', Cliff View Road, Camborne, Cornwall.

Malcolm Allsop reports from.....

DERBYSHIRE

REMARKABLE RISE

Pride of place this month must go to Alan Cooke upon his selection for the European League match against Hungary - the first time Derbyshire has been represented at this level. It is a remarkable rise to fame of the Chesterfield youngster, and reward for the hard work which also saw him win the Men's Singles at the Humberside Three-Star tournament.

The Derbyshire Junior Team continued their successful run with a 9-1 victory over Lancashire at Burton on Oct 29; and the team spirit and performance appears to be improving on every outing.

Andrew Henry and Nigel Adams were particularly impressive both in singles and doubles where they attacked with some venom. Paul Harvey suffered the only loss in the opening set; but from that point Derbyshire Juniors did not drop another game.

SCORES: Paul Harvey lost to Colin Hogarth -19, -19; Nigel Adams bt Philip Crankshaw 16, 13; Andrew Henry bt Sean Gibson 13, 21; Louise Forster & Joanne Weightman bt Lynn Harnden & Lindsey McEwen 11, 11;

Adams & Henry bt Hogarth & Gibson 20, 15; Harvey bt Crankshaw 10, 11; Weightman bt Harnden 21, 14; Henry bt Hogarth 14, 16; Forster bt McEwan 12, 8; Adams bt Gibson 17, 19.

The Burton Officials, connoisseurs of the Junior Scene, were disappointed that Andrea Holt, the England Cadet No.1, did not play for the Lancashire team but gave sporting support to both teams.

The Senior team had the opposite fortune at Birmingham against Warwickshire when they won the opening set but lost the remainder! Alan Cooke was the victor in the opening set, but the team had slumped to 1-6 before he played and lost to Barry Johnson.

SCORES: Alan Cooke bt L. Bertie 19, 23; Philip Vickers lost to P. Gunn -10, 11, -8; Stephen Yallop lost to B. Johnson -11, -10; To Thug Dung & Marilyn O'Sullivan lost to S. Peakman & D. St. Ledger -18, -10; Cooke & Yallop lost to Johnson & Gun -16, -16; Vickers lost to Bertie -19, -19; O'Sullivan lost to St. Ledger -21, 19, -12; Cooke lost to Johnson 17, -1 7, -1 7; To Thuy lost to Peakman -16, -11 ; Yallop lost to Gunn -18, 18, -20.

The Eastwood Junior team had an outstanding 10-0 victory over Kidderminster in the Midland League. The early season form of Stephen Taylor has a revelation, and he could be the find of the season. Competing in the Derby, Eastwood and Mansfield Leagues, he is getting plenty of competition. With Adrian Weightman and Stephen, both only thirteen-year-olds, in the Junior team the future looks bright for the Eastwood League.

Another young team doing well in the Eastwood League are Jacksdale, where the coaching of Colin Barton is paying dividends.

As an experiment this season the Eastwood League have combined their Junior Division with Division Three and it will be interesting to see which teams come off best.

Another hotbed of Junior talent is Burton where the Coaching activities are going well. The Burton League has entered a Junior team in the Midland League for the first time and are competing in Division Three: They visited Worcester for their debut match and suffered a 4-6 defeat with 10 years-old Garry Knights winning two singles and combining with Ian Stewart to win the doubles, with David Brightman gaining the other success.

Burton have made a magnificent start in the East Midlands Cadet League winning their first three matches. Gary Knights, David Staniforth and the unbeaten Robert Birchall gained 10-0 wins over Nuneaton and Lincoln and a 7-3 success against Loughborough.

Burton Champions, Granville Aces, who had not dropped a point during the past three seasons and in the process won Divisions Three, Two and One had an early setback when they were held to a draw by Ind Coope White for whom Alan Copestake and B. Bakerwon 2 singles apiece. Veteran of the Granville team, 16 year-old Nigel Adams won his 3 singles and combined with Garry Knights to win the doubles as Granville fought back from 1-4 down to earn a draw. Ten year-old Robert Birchall failed to score for Granville upon his debut.

The Burton League are receiving a large amount of publicity every week in the Burton Daily Mail with two photographs of League teams featured most weeks in addition to a large amount of information. The Burton League have a representative of the local newspaper on their Committee and this is obviously paying dividends. In addition someone sends me copies of the articles. A lesson here for all Leagues?

Belated congratulations to Colin McLean upon passing his International Umpires Examination: a vital member of the Derbyshire Umpiring Fraternity, Colin will be the Referee of the Derbyshire Closed Championships atAlfreton Leisure Centre on Sunday, Jan 15. Your entries are due this month, so avoid any Christmas postal holdup and get your entries in early.

In the Chesterfield League, Champions Activity Centre 'A' should not only retain their title but represent the Town well in the National Club Championship.

The Activity Centre 'E' team in Division Three catches the eye with 11-years-old Kerry Hall, 10-years-old Julie Billington and the experienced Pat Thorley showing the rest of Division a clean pair of heels.

The Derbyshire Inter-Town League has a completely new look this season with extra Divisions for Ladies and Veterans started to cater for the increased interest.

The ladies' Division has teams from Burton, Chesterfield, Derby and Matlock; whilst the Veterans' Division will have teams from Burton, Buxton, Chesterfield, Derby and Eastwood.

This heralds a return of the Buxton League to the Derbyshire Table Tennis Association with teams in Division Two and the Veterans' Division; and it will be nice to meet up with some old friends again.

The credit for these two extra Divisions must go to the Organiser Brian Smith together with the Burton League for their pioneering work. The competition in the Veterans' Division could be of a higher standard than the men's division - the enthusiasm is certainly there.

Joyce Coop reports from.....

DORSET

Dorset, although a fairly large County has few sizeable towns, therefore it is very short of Leagues. This causes several difficulties, one that of funds which in the main have to be raised by the players themselves, another the lack of town teams to form a good league. A meeting was held with members of Hampshire with a view to forming a joint Hants & Dorset town league. Howeverthe Hants AGM turned it down, mainly, I understand, because of distances in travelling. This was a great disappointment to the Dorset committee. However, Mr. A. Wettstein, our coaching officer, is going ahead with a Senior and Junior League, trying to bring together our smaller leagues and this will commence in the New Year.

This season Dorset are running 2 senior teams, 2 veterans' and 1 junior. Due to the lack of junior girls, one junior team had to be dropped.

RANKING LISTS

SENIOR

MEN	WOMEN
L. Clayton	C. Skevtngton
S. Heaps	J. Reading
M. Werner	L. Harman
J. Robinson	J. Coop
M. Abbott	S. Hegarty
R. Thomas	S. Scott-Pawson
J. Creasey	P. Baldwin
C. Pickard	T. Scott-Pawson
S. Davies	D. Robins
Ma Hughes	S. New
	H. Feltham

VETERANS

MEN	WOMEN
C. Bush	J. Coop
D. Joyce'	J. Applin
R. Ellis	P. Baldwin
M. Tools	D. Robbins
R. Fairhall	C. Reid
D. Woodcock	P. New
E. Buckley	
S. Brice	
B. Bickell	
H. Davies	
H. Feltham	
M. Pope	

Jolliffe Poole, Dorset's National League team, have had' an average start to the season, playing in Third Division South. Of the four matches played, there has been one win, one draw and two defeats.

In their last game on Oct 16 at home to Dunstable, a very evenly contested match resulted in a 4-4 draw with each of Jolliffe's players winning one.

Jolliffe's team this season is Rodney Thomas, John Robinson, Jason Creasey, Steve Davies, Martin Hughes and Bunny Ellis who all represent Dorset.

On the coaching scene, sessions are being held throughout the season at the Kingsleigh Sports Hall and those interested should contact Mr Wettstein, 15 Guildhill Road, Southbourne. It is also hoped to run more sessions in Weymouth after the successful one last year.

The Dorset Closed will be held at the Winton Y.M.C.A. on Sunday, Feb 26 and Poole are holding their Individual Championships on Dec. 6/7/8 at a new venue, the Longspee School, Canford Heath.

New county umpires are always required and anyone wishing to try should contact W. Postlethwaite of Poole who will be pleased to give them all the details.

Harry Black reports from .

DURHAM

NOT SO SHINEY

Durham opened their County Championships season with a narrow 4-6 defeat at home to Lincolnshire at Shiney Row. Even splendid performances from David Blackburne and Darren McVitie were not enough to prevent this defeat.

Durham started well in establishing a 2-0 lead, with wins by Blackburne and McVitie, but lost their early advantage to go 2-3 behind before Blackburne won his second singles to equate the scores.

Thereafter Lines. took command with Jane Wingad beating Joan Suddick and Dave Skerratt accounting for Tony Gelder and the visitors made sure of 2 pts. when Suzanne Hunt outplayed Lynne Yarnell. McVitie won his final set against Stuart Worrall for a final score of 6-4 to Lines.

In an unchanged side for their visit to Notts, Durham returned with a victory. It was good to see Gelder back to the form he is known to be capable of with, at times, some brilliant play both in defence and attack.

McVitie had little trouble in disposing of his opponents without reaching his peak and Blackburne also won his singles too. The men's doubles combination of Blackburne and McVitie brought another success when they beat Richard Tilford and Lee Neil. Notts had their first success in the women's doubles in a set that could have gone either way, .but Cheryl Buttery proved to be their winner.

In the women's singles Lynne Yarnell gave an inspired display against Buttery but, altogether, it was a great team performance.

At the first local tournament of the season, the Maureen Kerry Memorial Tournament, at Consett Sports Centre on Nov 6, McVitie made a clean sweep of affairs by winning four titles. He beat Blackburne, the top seed, in both the Junior and men's singles. In the men's doubles he succeeded with Tom Robson in beating Brian McAllister and Paul Watkins in the final and completed his winning ways in the mixed when, with Joan Suddick, the pair accounted for the Sunderland pairing of Neil Harrington and Lynne Yarn'ell.

Results:–

MS: D. McVitie bt D. Blackburne 14, ·19, 16.
WS: L. Yarnell bt L. Bainbridge 18, 19.
MD: McVitie/T. Robson bt B. McAllister/P. Watkins 16. 10.
WD: S. Gelder/Yernell bt L. Spensley/Suddick 16, 19.
XD: McVitie/Suddick bt N. Herrington/Yarnell 15, 17.
JS: McVitie bt Blackburne 17, 13.

Trophies were presented by Mr. David Mcintosh of Swan Chemicals, Kendal, the sponsors, to whom we are indebted.

McVitie picked up another trophy when he was the first-ever winner of the Crowtree Award for table tennis. This was Darren's 83rd trophyfort.t. in six years when he first took up the sport. The Crowtree Award Scheme, sponsored by Crowtree Leisure Centre, Sunderland, the North of England Building Society and the Sunderland Echo is aimed to help talented youngsters in indoor sports.

Darren wins £30 and qualifies with eleven other winners of the monthly award for the overall 1983 Crowtree Award. The eventual winner will receive a £700 sports scholarship, and £200 and £100 scholarships go to second and third.

Runner-up in the monthly award was Lynne Yarnell, the Sunderland women's singles champion who is also the No.1 Durham County woman. Philip Stafford of Sunderland gained third place. Philip has twice won the Sunderland Schools League U-1 6's singles and doubles titles and last season played for Durham County Juniors in the County Championships.

Durham County Closed Championships this season will be held at Easington District Leisure Centre on Saturday, March 31, 1984 and the Durham County 2-Star Open will be held at the same venue on Sunday, Api 1, 1984. Entry forms will be available soon.

John Holland reports from.....

ESSEX

Kim Hayden was surprised to read of her wrist injury in my last notes since she hasn't suffered Sorry Kim - another "impeccable source" bites the dust.

The Veterans' ranking lists have now been issued.

MEN	WOMEN
1. S. Battrick (Oag)	1. M. Pemberton (Bas)
2. F, Lockwood (Bre)	2. H. Cathcart
3. J. Holland (Oag)	3. S. Carroll (Ch)
4. B. Parrish (Oag)	4. P. Rogers (Ilf)
5. R. Murray (Thu)	5. P. Anker (1lf)
6. L. Fountain (Oag)	
7. A. Stallard (Oag)	
8. R. Herber (Oag)	
9. G. Booth (Ch)	
10. P. Morris (Ilf)	

I make no comment on them lest I suffer instant demotion.

Our teams have continued to make satisfactory progress in the County Championships with the odd hiccup. One of the latter was the Veterans I visit to Lincolnshire. 'Stan the Bat' scored a treble - including a men's doubles win with Fred Lockwood - but the remaining six sets went to the home side. The Vets second team made up for this lapse by trouncing Hampshire 9-0 on the same day (Oct 29) with Alan Stallard a most convincing debutant.

The only other defeat for our teams was inflicted by Surrey lion our Junior 111,4-6 at Carshalton. The crucial factor here was the strength of the much-improved Clare Brooks, and Karen Wild. The Surrey girls were too much for our two cadets, Joanne Cook and Sarah George. Otherwise our juniors have been in dominant mood. The third team defeated Norfolk I 6-4 and Norfolk II by 8-2. The second team beat the same teams by 7-3 and 10-0 respectively. In their key game at Fellows Cranleigh on Nov 5, the second team also beat Kent II 7-3. Catherine Thompson and Gill Patten were unbeaten in singles and doubles. This fine win opens up the prospect of promotion for the second team. Paul Amos was in good form forthe visitors, taking a singles double.

Our senior second and third teams also clashed with Norfolk I and lion Oct 29. The seconds travelled to defeat Norfolk II 8-2 - Des Charlery, Yvette Brown and Kim Mudge were unbeaten. The thirds held Norfolk I to 5-5 at Cranleigh. Sandra Alborough and Stuart Gibbs were unbeaten.

On Nov 5 the senior seconds just held off the strong challenge of Herts!. Success in both doubles and the continuing dominance of Yvette and Kim (Mudge) gave us the edge.

On the 'Open' tournament front the most notable effort has come from Skylet Andrew (you know, the big lad with the Yorkshire accent), in reaching the Men's Singles final at the Humberside and losing fairly narrowly to high-riding Alan Cooke. Kenny Jackson hasn't found his best form in tournaments and has drifted down to 16th spot in the latest ranking list.

The youngsters haven't set the world on fire so far this season in their tournaments. Steve Dorking looked sharp at the Wiltshire 2-star, reaching the quarter-finals of the boys' before falling, in three, to the eventual winner, David Rook. Lisa Hayden and Tanya' Holland reached the same stage of the girls' singles at Caine. Damian Holland reached the semi-final of the cadet boys' singles, losing to beaten finalist, Bradley Billington. Tanya lost to Claire Potts in the last eight of the cadet girls' but, at least, had the satisfaction of having earlier beaten the surprise cadet champion, Kerry Hall, in her group in the 7 singles.

There was a small Essex contingent at the Grove 2-Star. Most successful was Damian who lost to Michael O'Driscoll in the quarter-final of the cadet boys' singles and to Andrew Eden in the semi-final of the under-12's.

In the National League Div. 2 (S), Dagenham F.C. are pulling clear of the pack. After 5 matches they had an impressive sets average of 36-4, and a three point lead over Dolphins Brighton whom they entertain in their next home match on Dec 18. So come on all you Essex table tennis fans, come to Victoria Road, Dagenham, at 3.30 pm on that date. It promises to be a cracking game and excellent refreshments are provided. The last two home games yielded 8-0 and 7-1 wins. Gillette Reading III were white-washed 8-0 on Oct 23. Their young side lost every set 2-straight. The Spicer New Malden line-up of Steve Holloway, Martin Shuttle, Andy Sexton and Neil Sutton looked more formidable, but

they were dispatched 7-1. Dave Newman, Tony Penny and Kevin Caldon retained their unbeaten records.

After winning the first end, Steve Dettmar was mastered by the more patient Sexton. The penultimate set, between Caldon and Shuttle was a curious affair. Kevin took the first 21 -5 and Shuttle was not disguising his lack of interest in the proceedings. Somewhere in the middle of the second game Shuttle became more committed to competitive table tennis and shaded that one 21-1 9. The third was a see-saw affair in which the Jekyll and Hyde efforts of Shuttle failed to disturb the consistent Caldon, who won 21-15. The audience at Dagenham are used to commitment from both players. They certainly received it from Caldon.

Witham F.C. are still fighting hard but without that elusive first victory. After 5 matches they have achieved three 4-4 draws and two defeats. At New Malden, on Oct 16, 16-years-old Steve Tilson from Wickford snatched a draw in the final set by defeating Wild 15, 17. Peter Hayden had a double over Wild and Shuttle and Nicky Standen excelled to beat Holloway.

After that, Witham travelled to Gillette Reading on Nov 6 with the highest hopes. Unfortunately, Hayden was violently sick on the way and they were without a travelling reserve. Despite a double from Standen over Michael Childs and Matthew Syed, they could win only one more set, a fine victory by Tilson over Paul Savins 16, 14. Young Steve very nearly beat Rowlands too, standing 20-17 up in the third but losing 20-22. The ailing Peter lost to both Savins and Childs, and Robin Lang again failed to break his duck, losing to Syed and Rowlands.

In November Notes I mentioned some combination bat defenders who had returned to sponge. It I was wrong again about two of them. Matthew Syed is now chopping with long pimples. He did change to all sponge in the summer but has apparently had a re-think. He seems better than ever and good luck to him. ,Billy Gleave played at Humberside with an old style black anti-spin combi so he's not on the sponge trail either. However, if I was wrong on the detail I was right on the principle that choppers need combis to stand a chance. The top class game desperately needs choppers to help enhance spectator appeal.

At the Midland 3-Star Playrite had the bright idea of showing videos of the Tokyo worlds, including full coverage of the Swaythling Cup FinaL and ·semis and finals of the individual singles events. Colour and clarity were excellent in this Nittaku production. Unfortunately, the matches were almost uniformly abysmal - short and 'brutish rallies unfolding at frenetic pace and a multitude of seemingly elementary errors. The best moment was when Andrew Dodd had the bright idea of increasing the speed. The Women's Singles final had Tong Ling chopping faster than Carl Prean's loop!

Of course, there are more conventional ways of making table tennis a spectator sport again: reduce the frictional coefficient of sponge (say, to the level of Cobra 3-star); allow no sponges thicker than 1.5mm; raise the net by 1". Perhaps then we would see rallies again?

But I digress. Entry forms are now available for the Martin/Essex 3-star 'Open' Championships which are being held at the Harlow Sports Centre on Feb 11/12 1984. The total prize fund has been increased to £1 ,285 with £300 going to the winner of the Men's Singles title.

Applications for forms should go to Peter Roden, 5 Bridge House Close, Wickford, Essex SS1 2 OBE. The closing date is Saturday Jan 1st 1984.

Stop Press - Congratulations to Richard Darnell of Brentwood on lifting the Boys' Doubles title, partnered by Philip Logsdon (Norfolk) in the Kent Junior 2-Star. Their victims in the final were that trusty Essex pair Andrew Barker and Steve Dorking.

Alf Pepperd reports from.....

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

APPREHENSION

The ultimate structional future of table tennis in the not too distant future presents one with certain feelings of apprehension; an excellent couple of columns in October's T.T.N. by Stan Proffitt and headed, "T.T. at the Crossroads", must have made seriously minded enthusiasts to at least ponder upon Mr Proffitt's words.

Many others have written along similar lines. My own feelings are those of a person well into the autumn of wh.at has been to me a glorious sport. I review the future of our game with considerable change, ie "Computers", and possible payment for top ranking officials to come, being in the future commonplace, and the accepted thing. It is only too evident that in T.T. today a very small minority of HARD WORKING NON PAID WORKERS, all over the country, CARRY THE DAY. Lots of those workers are either getting old, leaving the game, or plainly fed up to the teeth. Are they being replaced? That's the 64,000 dollar question. I admit to not knowing the answer. It looks to me that drastic measures, hitherto of, will have to be sanctioned by the E.T.T.A. to keep our sport wholly operative in the not too distant future.

PARENTS IN TABLE TENNIS

This is a subject which no doubt can be classified as highly controversial. Some parents may well take umbrage at what I am about to say but after about three and a half decades in the game I have had the opportunity to study many cross sections of T.T. parents. The following report is an analysis of parental facts personally observed within the past decade. Pushy and doting parents, of which fortunately there are not many around these days, view their youngster as "God's gift to table tennis". The poor youngster, of course, bears the brunt of having parents like this and inevitably becomes frustrated and never gets very far. Then there are the parents who are instrumental in getting their offsprings to the big Tourney and fail to realise that little Johnny or Joanie get nervous when Daddy/Mummy insist upon watching from very close proximity. Far better if this is evident, that the parents watch from the background.

Perhaps in our modernQ.ame one of the most famous parents in T.T. today are the Preans. I'll bet my last dollar John that despite all your great efforts you would be the first to admit that you could not have got Carl to where he is today unless the necessary potential talent was there in the first instant.

Your unmitigated success with Carl reflects the latter's great natural talent and progression not over the past year only, but I suspect a series of build-up years.

final word on parents:- You are doing a great -job. After all, who else would do it? Weekend after weekend, munching crisps and biscuits (perhaps in some draughty haH) going through mental anguish watching your kids win or lose in a blaze of glory, or humbly suffer defeat amidst a shower of tears. Many years ago I also fell for severaI of the pitfalis that have been mentioned; you see I also am a parent.

A.G. MEETINGS

It i's highly likely that if the average League Players' thoughts were canvassed regarding going to Town/City or even County A.G.Ms the general reply would be,"I couldn't care less".

Judging by the number of players in the Gloucester League and the number that attend the A.G.M. that would appear to be possibly general throughout the entire Country, (I know it applies in Cheltenham). What I want to dwell on is, "THAT PERSON OR PERSONS" who usually do come to A.G.Ms, but does not serve on the committee but makes a genuine effort to come aiong with unfaiUngregularity even only to criticise the work done by the Committee.

That Person should not be criticised, because it's such people who often keep a committee on their toes.

One of the great problems with T.T. Committees is that many are often top heavy with very experienced long-standing members hanging on like grim death to their exulted positions and totally devoid as to what is going on today in modern table tennis. Many of these Officials are seldom seen at Town/City or County matches. I personally have no axe to grind with any long-standing Official providing that

he or she is still with it table tennis wise, but if they are not, then they should seriously think of slinging it in to make way for others that are with it.

Not so long ago table tennis flourished mainly in the larger towns of Gloucesters.hire and indeed Gloucester City itself. It still does, but one also notices great strides going on in the game elsewhere particularly, "West of the River Severn". For example:- Cinderford have six teams in the City League, Hartpury have three, Tibberton & Taynton two, Highnam two, Newent Town have four and topping the lot are Rudford and Highleadon with eight teams.

It is indeed a sad fact that Cirencester and Tewkesbury have no official league at all. Both towns have the necessary population to form a league, but the players from these towns go elsewhere.

Table tennis today is far removed ,from the grotty self-imposed image of not so long ago. Then it was not uncommon to see a player turn up for his weekly match in boots and braces. Those days are now gone, a neat track suit and shorts are much more the modern scene in today's game, and not before time either.

WARNER SHIELD

This Tournament is between the three Gloucestershire Leagues Cheltenham, Stroud and Gloucester. First round draw was Stroud v Cheltenham, Stroud won 5-4, scores (Stroud names first):-

Andrew Golding v Sylvester Callum, 16, -12, 10.
Andrew Golding v Graham Slack 24, 25.
Peter Harris v Callum -17, 18, -10.
Peter Harris v Slack -14,18, -10.
Alan Giles v Frank Jones -18, -15.
Alan Giles v Paul Tsakarisianos -22, 16, -23.
Alvin Thomas v Jones -20, -12.
Alvin Thomas v Tsakarisianos 16. 19.
Doubles:- Golding/Harris v Callum/Slack 17, 16.
Current holders are Gloucester City.

COUNTY MATCHES

To date only two matches on which to report. Our Senior team in Div 3C travelled to Neath on Oct 15 to play Glamorgan. Nina Tsakarisianos was to have made her first appearance for the County as a Senior in this match but unfortunately she was unable to play because of a back injury and her place was taken by Cheltenham's Cathy Robb. The team, otherwise comprising Darren Griffin, Andrew Golding, Paul Jackson and Christine Iacopi, after leading 5-1 seemed to get in a bit of a rut. However they did manage to pull off one more set and ran out winners 6-4.

Gloucestershire v Bedford. This was the Seniors' first home match of the season, and was played at C.E.G.B., Barnwood.

The visitors got away to a flying start and were 2-0 up, with Bedford's David Sharpe taking Golding 19 and 18. This was followed by Andy Conquest's two straight conquest of Jackson. Then came the turn of the tide when Griffin beat Ian Doughty 16 and 10, but we slipped badly with the Women's Doubles, Christine and Nina were unable to hold Julie Dimmock and Dawn Campbell and the visitors easily ran out winners 18 and 13.

At this stage it appeared that Bedfordshire were all set for a big win. We were trailing 1-3 and indeed looked hard-pressed even to force a draw. Then came the men's doubles and the combination of Golding and Jackson proved a little too strong for the visitors, eventually winning at 23-21 in the third. A real nail-biter was this one. In his second singles Golding beat Conquest 14 and 15, to level the match score. Nina beat Julie, Christine beat Dawn and Bingo, suddenly we were up 6-3. In the final set Jackson, playing far below his best known form, lost to Ian Doughty 13 and 18.

FINAL RESULT:- Gloucestershire 6 Bedfordshire 4.

Footnote: It was so poorly attended that after the match was over I heard two high-ranking County Officials discussing the possible merits of taking some County matches away from Gloucester. Newent and Cinderford were mentioned as future possible venues, more news on this matter as and when it becomes available.

"007½", my special agent from Stroud (Allan Lardner) reports that they are exceedingly well off for Juniors, and attributes this success to the hard work put in by Nailsworth's Trevor Golding. Not only is Trevor a very good coach, he is also well known as a County Umpire of some distinction, but whichever way one looks at Trevor his ability at coaching and umpiring is universal.

STROUD JUNIOR TRIALS

Despite being the only girl taking part in the Trials, Suzanne Webley upstaged all the current Stroud team by remaining unbeaten on the day. Phillip Simmonds pressed his claim for selection and Paul Vick also finished above several more experienced players.

Official rankings: Those marked with an 'Asterisk', denotes current Stroud Team Members.

1. Suzanne Webley
2. Howard Williams *
3. Neil Gingell *
4. Phillip Simmonds
5. Paul Vick
6. Keith Rodway *
7. Ralph Pobjoy
8. John Pobjoy
9. Andrew Neider
10. William Greenwood

KINGSWOOD LADIES'TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, HELD AT DOWNEND, BRISTOL.

Organised and run by that hard working lady Mrs. Pat Archdale, this year's tournament was won by Gloucestershire's:- Christine Iacopi, Cathy Robb, Jenny Ellery and team Captain Jean Golding. Last year Glo'shire were second from the bottom, well done Ladies. This Tournament consisted of teams from, Avon, Hants, Somerset and two entries from Cornwall. The sponsors were Kingswood Council and they entered a team called Page.

LOCAL INDEPENDENT RADIO, SEVERN - SOUND

To date I have broadcast seven weekly table tennis news reports and so far managed two interviews, one which was reported last month and more recently I had a most interesting interview on the airwith Cheltenham's John Boyd. John and his Committee Associates have formed a new venture in Gloucestershire, it's a "County Premier League", mainly for the BEST PLAYERS in the County THAT ARE WILLING TO PLAY AND ARE AVAILABLE.

I understand that these players stand as 18 in number and are put into six teams. There are of course other players available but these will play the role of reserves.

A meeting was held at Chosen Hill School, Churchdown on Nov 4 to iron all C.P.L. matters out. It was attended by 14 players, and the actual draw for teams was done in the players' presence.

Play will at present be at Chosen Hill on three tables, and the newly formed League was due to commence on Friday, Nov 18.

Each team will have a name - this left to the respective Captains. The mind boggles at what names may come up. More on this in the next edition. The teams are:-

Sylvester Callum, Graham Slack and Paul Tsakarisianos. Andrew Golding, David Shill and Peter Wood. Paul Jackson, Paul Gleed and David Smith. Martin Lane, Frank Jones and Simon Moysey. Steve Moreman, Alan Giles and Richard Pepperd. Mark Owen, Colin Grundy and Dave Partridge.

,John Prean reports from.....

THE ISLE OF WIGHT

BEYOND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

'You are remarkably silent about the latest ranking list .. ' I keep hearing on my many trips, 'Now that Carl is No.1. . . .' I did not mention this fact in my last notes, although an achievement by an Isle of Wight player. I was being kidded along. I never liked the principle of ranking players and adding to their rivalries. I preferred the Chinese system where everybody pulls together to produce a good national team. Where I part company from the Chinese is in the Individual Events which I like to see decided ON the table.

The implication was that I had swallowed my opposition to the ranking principle now that my player had moved up the list. I have not changed my mind, but I am full of admiration for my good friend Stan Lenton who with others and that famous computer has given the Sport a publicity opportunity which so far is has failed to grasp.

I was glad to read ETTA Treasurer Aubrey Drapkin's letter (TT News Nov.) and my reply is in the Post Bag. I hope

,this will become a constructive search for answers to current dilemmas, rather than a debate. Though we have had our differences in the past, it is good to be able to say that the Association is lucky to have this Treasurer whose presentation of the Accounts at the AGM was masterly. I now want him to have a rather larger budget to supervise. It is a tough job to bring the ship home and the books without red ink and I do understand a certain irritation if one has the daily worry of an underfunded organisation and then gets criticism as well. So let me say that there is no conflict. We all want this Sport which is a big part of our lives to amount to something.

Nevertheless there is much the ETTA could do better. I may return to my orginal theme of 'Top Players in the Poverty Trap' in the future. Here I merely say that, as so often before, ETTA bodies appear in conflict with each other. The Development Committee in its '1 990' Document stressed the importance of a strong National Team (to attract TV and Sponsors and to improve the Image). The Chairman pledged his support for England's young players who has done spectacularly well in Tokyo. Thereafter the Selection Committee cut their pay (which is now £5 to £10 when on England duty, i.e. below dole levels) and presumably th is was forced on them because the Finance or Management Committee had not allocated enough funds or had allocated them to something else. I am not versed in such matters and perhaps I have mistaken some of the actors in this drama for other, butthere can be no doubt about the ending which was not a happy one.

Ken Jukes (TT News Nov.) highlights yet another fixture clash, example of an ETTA right hand not knowing what the left hand is doing, two committees dancing out of harmony, or are they?

As the late Al Jolson would have said: 'You ain't seen nothing yet, Ken'. ... The Midland 3 Star clashes with the Hungarian Open which deprives the former of the whole England Team. The Junior Closed clashes with the big Scandinavian Open for which reason our top juniors presumably have not been picked for the latter; the Cotswold Junior Select, also part of the highly publicised Junior Grand Prix, clashes with the European Top 12. The Cleveland Junior Select clashes with the National League (so you see, Ken, it is not just the County Championships). The Essex Junior Select clashes with the European Championships. Clashes galore. Do I share the conspiracy theory often put to me, that it was all a sinister plot to deprive Carl of the first prize in the Grand Prix? No, not at all. There was no ill will: Just incompetence. The result? He will not be playing in ANY Grand Prix events. Financially it will be a rewarding decision. I accept the figure of around £1,000 to keep a junior on the circuit. Actually it costs us more- because of the sea-crossing. Deduct the £400 victory money and winning the Grand Prix would have involved us in a loss of at least £600. That we shall now be spared, but we shall miss our friends.

I read my friend John Holland's Essex notes with pleasure and amusement. He writes of the panic among combination bat players who seem to be doing strange things. Nearer home our Carl abandoned his long pimples in the Humberside 3 Star, using sponge on both sides. Exit in round 2 was his reward, losing to the eventual winner Alan Cooke (to whom best wishes). Ironically Carl played well on the backhand and badly on the forehand where he had his usual rubber. A game and 11 -6 up he could have won. It was an inconclusive experiment. The consolation of an early boat, too, did not materialize. We rushed to catch the 7 o· clock, got to Portsmouth on time, but the car ferry was full and we waited another two hours. A day to forget.

Another excellent leading article drew attention to the problems of the Magazine, the struggle for circuJation, for advertisers. The former, mainly players are getting fewer, the latter, mainly suppliers therefore have fewer customers. It is an achievement to survive at such a time. But need it be? It really is a good product and only 60p. Is it not time the Association threw its support behind the Magazine?

As the leading article showed, there are 7,079 Clubs. Surely each one should take a copy. What other way is there of establishing contact and a regular dialogue with the grass roots? That itself is a desperate necessity if only because the members will not finance the ETTA if they think nothing is being done or happening.

Therefore I think that this should be a condition of membership or, if you like, that fees should be so structured that this is possible. This is already the case in Germany. Have they lost members? They have ten times our numbers and a better informed, more involved membership as a result.

Our county side did not add to its victory in the season's first match, being well beaten in Somerset. Our victors were C.P(2) who shared the men's doubles with Jim Daly whose famine in away singles continues.

Our local league may see new champions as Sandown after some selection traumas have already lost to Shanklin A and Wroxall A. This leaves Ryde very much in the driving seat following a 6-4 win against Shanklin (Jim Daly 3). No fireworks from Columbia whilst C.P. is resting, but Philip Nicholls is keeping them out of the relegation zone single-handed.

A new event, The County Press Trophy, a handicap event for teams of 2, was won by the Ryde duo Mike Turner and Darren Read who seemed undaunted by the starts they kept giving. I marked Turner down as a future county player if he keeps improving and winning. It was good to see our local newspaper sponsor the event. They really support our Sport and we support them.

Doreen Levey reports from.....

KENT

UNEXPECTED VICTORY

Kent's senior team in the County Championships had an unexpected 10-0 victory over Sussex 1st at Kings Park, Eltham where John Burleton, David Dodd, Ian Kenyon, Carol Spain and Juliet Houghton did us proud. Despite the scoreline I hear that play was of a high standard with Dodd the only player not to be taken to three, the final result hardly doing justice to the opposition. Nevertheless, congratulations to the team.

On the same day a Wiltshire Open-weakened second team travelled to Bexhill and managed to beat Sussex II 6-4. Thanks to a sound captain's display by Richard Beckham, who got two wins, and also two from Gareth Spencer which included a comeback from 11-20 in the 3rd against Graham Gillett who must have dozed off! Phil Saxby made a promising debut getting a singles and debutant Caroline Chivers paired up with Karen May to get the doubles.

The 2nd Juniors against Herts II had a fine 9-1 win when represented by K. Ball (2), R. Levett (2), M. Rutherford (2), and Tracy Ashdown (1) with Ball/Rutherford winning the boys' doubles and Tracy, with Elizabeth James, the girls' doubles. Prior to this the team had suffered a 3-7 defeat at ,the hands of Essex II with Paul Amos (2) and Karl Ball (1) securing our wins but nothing from C. Barden, Susan Brame and Tracy Ashdown.

The veterans' 1st had a four hour battle at Reading where they managed a 5-4 win over Berkshire. Henry Buist got two, Ron Etheridge one whilst Pam Butcher got her singles and, with Tom Adams, the mixed.

What a splendid job the veterans' second team made of their match against Berkshire II at Milton Ba'rracks, Gravesend winning 7-2. J. White won both his singles, and the doubles with J. Bromley who also won a singles as did B. Maxted, plus the mixed with Margaret Dignum who won her singles.

The four Junior Kent League divisions have all got well under way playing at theirvarious central venues. Tunbridge Wells ''A'' have taken the lead in Div. 1, Mark Williams, for Wells, only dropping one set to date. Woolwich are running second with Jonathon Huckle beaten only once. The surprise result must have been the win of 12-years-old Andrew Houghton (playing for Tonbridge with his sister Juliet) over Michael Rutherford of Dover. Rutherford is nationally ranked

at No.3 in the cadet boys' list, Andrew at No.9!

In Div. 2 Thanet are in the lead with John Ferguson and Ian Mileham both boasting 100% records. Maidstone are 2nd with Chris Young and Darren Boyce both doing well.

At Gravesend on Nov 6 a Regional (Inter-County) Cadet tournament took place with 20 boys taking part, each playing 8 sets. Philip Szekeres (Middx) took top place with 20 pts. Kent claimed the next four places with M. Rutherford (19 pts), D. Fulton (18), M. Harrison (17) and Andrew Houghton (16). Kent took the team winning position with 70 pts followed by Essex (43), Middlesex (40) and Surrey (35).

Roy Pugh (Kent Development) has started his coaching sessions for the Kent women's and girls' squads. They take place over seven Sundays during the season and help Club Coaches with improvement.

The Tonbridge and District Junior League has once again started its matches up, this encourages and provides competitive play for players under 15 who are fairly new to the game. These matches are all played at a central venue with a tournament to round off the proceedings on the last date. The Kent Schools Team event has been planned for Nov 26 and individual event for Feb 11, 1984 at Maidstone. Please contact me for details at 63 Knighton Road, Otford, Sevenoaks.

Philip Reid reports from .

LEICESTERSHIRE

MIXED RESULTS

Mixed results in the county sphere so far. The second team have won one and lost one of their two encounters. Keith Fellows was the star at Newcastle, being involved in three of the team's four wins, the other success being credited to Martin Pickles. Oddly enough, when the team went to Macclesfield to play a depleted Cheshire II side (whom they beat 6-4) Fellows was on the losing side three times!

The juniors were beset with disaster but, to their credit, they overcame this to win against Cambridgeshire. The first disaster was before the match started- David Aldwinckle, for so long a pillar of strength in this team, announced his premature retirement, owing to conflicting interests. Fortunately he announced this in good time which enabled skipper Harry Ward to get a very able replacement - David Grundy of Hinckley - to play. David in fact lost two but showed enough promise and temperament to enable him to have further outings. Paul Bumpus was, as usual, unbeaten and with Marcus Bellot his early promise - at last, the team were able to get home by the narrowest of margins. One must not forget the considerable contribution made by the two girls, Joanne Murray and Tracey Clark.

The veterans went under to Middlesex by the tune of 7-2, after at one time being level at 2-all. I was very impressed with the agility and sportsmanship of'Babs' Adedayo, who really plays table tennis for fun. At 51 years of age he is fitness personified. Expedite ace umpire, Mike Jackson, would .have been just as impressed with Middlesex newcomer A. Taylor who pushed - successfully - for expedite against Colin Truman, reaching this stage at 8-10 in the second, having lost the first. Choosing his hits carefully, he won this crucial set.

Geoff Aldwinckle had more success in the Midland League where his trio of wins, backed up by a commendable performance by Phil Overend, resulted in Leicester narrowly defeating Leamington. Two excellent magazines 'Top-Spin' (Leicester) and 'Loop' (Hinckley) are again being published and are a credit to their respective editors, Terry Bown and John Shade. Speaking about publicity, as an ex-County Championships Publicity Officer before this spot of bother I've had, I was very impressed with Murray Corbin's contribution, very thorough and concise. Keep it up Murray and I know all the hard work involved! No news of Inter-Town events or the Rose Johnson Bowl but I'm still hoping.

Finally (and I hate to keep on about it) - my health. Improving nicely, thanks. The swelling has gone down and the ulcer is starting to look promising.

Leicestershire Veterans 2 Middlesex Veterans 7
J. Iliffe lost to M. Adedayo -13. 15. -13 bt D. Smith 15. 19
C. Truman lost to Adedayo -1 7. -16. lost to A. Taylor 8. -22. -12
G. Aldwinckle lost to Smith -16. -14. lost to Taylor -10. -7
Mrs. P. Kilsby lost to Mrs. M. Symes 10, -17, -11
Truman/Aldwinckle lost to Smith/Taylor -14, 16, -17
Iliffe/Mrs. Kilsby bt Adedayo/Mrs. Symes 15. 16.
Leicestershire 2nds 4 Northumberland 1st 6
M. Newman lost to I. Robertson -18. -17. lost to McMaster -18, 11, -20.
M. Pickles lost to Robertson -16, 18. -8. bt A. Matthewson 11. -19.12.
K. Fellows bt McMaster 18, 13, bt Matthewson 17. -14. 15.
Miss Y. Hall lost to Miss C. Mouzon -20. -19.
Miss J. Heath lost to Miss C. Buglass 17, -19, -14.
Newman/Fellows bt Robertson/Matthewson 13. 12.
Miss Hall/Miss Heath lostto Miss Mouzon/Miss Buglass 16. -13. -12.
leicestershire Juniors 6 Cambridgeshire Juniors 4
P. Bumpus bt T. Ashman 17. 15. bt P. Holliday 10. 18.
M. Bellot bt T. Ashman -13. 18. 13. bt N. Ashman 13. 16.
D. Grundy lostto Holliday -8. -15. lostto N. Ashman -21.16. -16.
Miss J. Murray bt Miss L. Ward 5. 7.
Miss T. Clark bt Miss H. Gipp 19. 17.
Bumpus/Bellot lost to Holliday/I. Ashman -1,9. -13.
Miss Murray/Miss Clark lost to Miss Ward/Miss Gipp 16. -19. -10.
leicestershire II 6 Cheshire II 4
P. Smith bt K. Deaville -19. 9. 18. bt M. McAvoy 8. 14
M. Pickles bt A. Worthington 20. -15. 12. lost to McEvoy 12. -17. -11
K. Fellows lost to Worthington -14. -16. lost to Deaville -20. 19. -16.
Miss Y. Hall bt Miss D. Maquire 19. 1,.
Miss J. Heath bt Miss A. Williams w.o.
Fellows/Smith lost to Worthington/Deaville 7. -13. -19
Miss Hall/Miss Heath bt Miss Maguire/Miss Williams w.o.

P. Taylor reports from.....

LINCOLNSHIRE

SUCCESSFUL MOVE FOR CLOSED

The change of venue from North Hykeham to Clee Sports Hall, Grimsby proved to be very successful for the Lincolnshire Junior Closed, each of the 10 tables having its own playing area enclosed by surrounds. 71 competitors were involved in 11 events each being run on a group basis so as to ensure each player got as many sets as possible.

Ian Walker and Pete Wilkinson reached their allotted places in the U-17 boys' events with Ian winning the singles and taking the doubles with Peter. Peter in fact did well to reach the final for in his semi Chris May put up a tremendous struggle before going down -20 in the third.

12-years-old Wayne Noon created the greatest impression for as a result of his success in this tournament he was ranked No.6 junior. In the boys' singles quarters he lost to May, 19 in the third, gained his revenge in the Mixed Class singles by beating Chris 13 in the third to reach the final, won the U-13 boys' singles and lost in the semis of the U-15's to Dale Allison.

Mark Arnold from Spalding was another player to make his mark. He won the Mixed Class singles without the loss of a single game and reached the semi-final of the U-1 7 boys' singles beating Martin Burwell en route. His defeat by Walker still impressed for he proved the only player to take a game off Ian throughout the tournament.

The girls' section was dominated by the Caistor girls, all four reaching, their allotted semi-final and final places in both the U-17 singles and doubles. Linda Thompson repeated her previous successes over Sharon Harvey to take the title and combined with Sharon to beat Lesley Baker and Rachel Bemrose in the doubles final.

The girls' U-11 was won by Sally Johnson (Lincoln) who also reached the U-13 final, the winner being Helen Stephens 'from Grantham. The only real problem about the tournament was the lack of umpires. Despite being given 10p per set, volunteers were scarce and it was only when special rates were introduced - after 3 sets the rate went up to 20p - that the problem was lessened. Is this a sign of today's generation?

Results:

BOYS
U-17
I. Walker (GYI bt M. Arnold (Spl ••, -18, 16;
P. Wilkinson (GYI bt C. May (Gral -12, 17. 20.
Final: Walker bt Wilkinson 6. 8.
U-15
M. Burwell (li) bt V. Carthew (Gra) 15, 13;
D. Allison (Lo) bt W. Noon (R) 11. 11.
Final: Burwell bt Allison 11. 15.
U-13
Noon bt S. Pexton(Gra) 3. 6;
M. Warren (Ga) bt P. Mills (Gra) 19. 9.
Final: Noon bt Warren 9. 17,
U-11
M. Jackson (Gra) bt P. Weston (Gra) 17. 15;
A. Weaver (Gra) bt M. King (Gra) 19, 15.
Final: Jackson bt Weaver 8. 1.
GIRLS:
U-17
S. Harvey (R) bt L. Baker (R) 11. 13;
L. Thompson (R) bt R. Bemrose (R) 9. 14.
Final: Thompson bt Harvey 11. 11.
U-15
Harvey bt H. Stephens (Gra) 9. 13;
Bemrose bt J. Mole (Gra) 13. 8.
Final: Harvey bt Bemrose 11. 18.
U-13
Stephens bt C. Oldman (Ga) 6. 3;
S. Johnson (Li) bt L. Keeling (Gra) 13. -22. 7.
Final: Stephens bt Johnson 14. -21. 13.
U-11
Johnson bt L. Booth (Gra) 10. 6;
K. Brooks (Gra) bt D. Lee (Gra) 14, 13.
Final: Johnson bt Brooks 14. 12.
Mixed Class Singles:
Noon bt May -19. 17. 13; M. Arnold (Sp) bt Allison 12. 15.
Final: Arnold bt Noon 17, 5.
Boys' Doubles:
Walker/Wilkinson bt Burwell/N. Cook (Ga) 9. 13.
Girls' Doubles:
Harvey/Thompson bt Baker/Bemrose 16. 13.

Key: Ga - Gainsborough; Gra - Grantham; Gy - Grimsby; Li- Lincoln; Lo - Louth; R - Rasen; Sp - Spalding.

Iris Moss reports from.....

MIDDLESEX

WELL DONE ALL

Congratulations go to Middlesex players for their performances in Open Tournaments. In both the Sussex 2-Star and the Wiltshire 2-Star, 3 of the 4 serrli-finalists in the Men's Singles came from our County, namely Graham Sandley, David Wells and Colin Wilson. Other Middlesex players who appeared in semi-finals and finals - some of whom also won titles - were John Souter, Sarah Sandley, Mandy Reeves and Helen Williams. I also understand that congratulations are due to Nigel Tyler who has been picked to play in his first senior European League match - representing Wales, of course - and has been ranked as 'Welsh No. 1 Junior. Well done, all of you.

Entries for the Middlesex 3-Star Open came in thick and fast and the "new" Referee, Len Pilditch, could not even accept all those received by the closing date. On the basis of "last in, first out" he had to turn down all the entries received on the final day which, as Treasurer, I found a very painful experience. We will have to ask our friends at Picketts Lock to stretch their Hall somewhat to accommodate more tables but in the meantime we apologise to those players from whom we could not accept entries.

In contrast, the entry for the Middlesex Senior Closed was disastrous. Although Ellenborough is a bit on the fringe of our area, it is a good venue and compared with the distances players have to travel in other counties, it is not all that far from anywhere in "Middlesex". Yet one of the largest counties has an entry of 72 people for its Senior Closed! It was only by a small margin that the Committee did not decide to abandon it completely - and I can see that happening next season if entries do not improve. From those who did bother to enter, the final results were:-

M.S.: David Tan (N. Mi) bt Nigel Tyler (N. Mi)18. 17.
W.S.: Rachel Knight (W & H) bt Jean Allinson (Acton) –16, 17, 13.
M.D.: Percy Collino (Cent)/Michael O'Leary (N. Mi) bt Tan/Shamus Abraham (N. Mi) 11. 16.
W.O.: Knight/Lesley Souter (N. Acton) bt Allinson/Katrina 8aker (Acton) 16, 8.
KO.: Tan/Souter bt John Smith (N. Acton)/Knight 13. 17.
M.V.S.: Tony Taylor (W & H) bt Smith 16. -19. 8.
W.V.S.: Mary Symes (W & H) bt Babs Blanch (Acton) 13. 16.

Pauline Long reports from .

NORTHUMBERLAND

COUNTY RANKINGS

As promised in the November issue of "Table Tennis News", the latest available 'County ranking lists have now been released, and are:-

Men	Women
1. Peter McQueen (Washington)	1. Clare Mouzon (Wansbeck)
2. Ian Robertson (North Shields YMCA)	2. Caron Buglass (Byker CC)
3. Andrew Clark (Electrics)	3. Christine Burke (Byker CC)
4. Neil McMaster (Byker CC)	4. Pauline Long (DHSS)
5. Fred Short (Tyne Dock)	5. Karen Wilkinson (Jarrow CC)
6. Eddie Smith (Byker CC)	6. Denise Wilkinson (Dunston Hill)
7. Alan Matthewson (BykerCC)	7. Lily Aust (Newcastle YMCA)
8. Tom Trewhitt (Tyne Dock)	8. Denise Campbell (Byker CC)
9. Dave McAllister (High Pit SC)	
10. Peter Curry (Byker CC)	
11. Peter Whiteman (Newcastle YMCA)	
12. Micky Grimes (Tyne Dock)	
13. Keith Patterson (Byker CC)	
14. Malcolm Lusk (Cullercoats Meths)	
15. Martin Moore (Byker CC)	

Boys	Girls
1. E. Smith	1. C. Mouson
2. P. Curry	2. D. Wilkinson
3. K. Patterson	3. D. Campbell
4. Thomas Blackman (North Shields YMCA)	4. Elaine Hopper (Byker CC)
5. Steven Waugh (Byker CC)	5. Brenda Grice (Byker CC)
6. Martin Schapira (Newcastle YMCA)	6. Tracy McMaster (Byker CC)
7. David Watson (Byker CC)	7. Lisa Redhead (John Boste YC)
8. Darren Shaw (Maccabi)	
9. Damien Linskill (Maccabi)	
10. Andrew Drapkin (St. Charles)	

Cadet Boys	Cadet Girls
1. D. Watson	None
2. D. Shaw	
3. Lee Morton (Byker CC)	
4. Kevin Shakesheff (Electrics)	
5. Ray Fairbairn (Blyth Town BC)	
6. Paul McKenna (Byker CC)	

In addition, Peter McQueen and Ian Robertson are at Nos. 51 and 65 respectively in the Men's Lentec computer ranking list, and Clare Mouzon and David Watson continue their steady climb up to No.10 in the junior girls' list, and No.8 in the cadet boys' list respectively. It is good to see six of the juniors already making the breakthrough ,into the senior ranking lists, although unfortunately our top junior boy Eddie Smith is not available for County play at present because of work commitments. The Byker Community Centre club provide no less than sixteen players in one or more of the lists - no wonder secretary Bill McMaster has his hands full looking after the largest club in the Northumberland League with ten teams to field every week. However, it has also been noticed that several other familiar names are missing, either because they have lost interest or worse still their teams have folded up for various reasons, and they have been unable to break through into another club side.

The juniors were the only team with a County fixture in a rearranged match against Cheshire II on Nov 5 at Byker and they were certainly firing on all cylinders, with Peter Curry, Keith Patterson, Thomas Blackman, Clare Mouzon and Denise Wilkinson all gaining maximums in a 10-0 victory.

Results:
Northumberland Juniors 10 Cheshire II Juniors 0
P. Curry bt B Wentworth -19.19.19; bt S. Colclough 18, -10,18.
K. Patterson bt Wentworth 12. 13; bt A. Taylor 10, -21, 12.
T. Blackman bt Colclough 10. 19; bt Taylor -11, 13. 14.
Curry/Blackman bt Wentworth/Colclough 8. 18.
C. Mouzon bt M. Welch 9. 8.
D. Wilkinson bt J. Hope 13, 16.
Mouzon/Wilkinson bt Welch/Hope 15. 11.

Eddie Smith and Clare Mouzon were invited to the England junior ranking trials at the end of November, and David Watson and Darren Shaw were to participate in the cadet trials on the same weekend. By the time this issue of the magazine is in print, the results will, of course, be known, but nevertheless we all wish them the best of luck and hope that they will have done well.

Success is still continuing to elude the two Byker Newcastle National League teams. The first team have obviously suffered from the loss of Chu Van Que, now transferred to South Yorkshire, and are currently languishing at the foot of Div. 1, having lost all four matches played to date. Consequently, the second team performances have also been affected by having to move up their best players to the higher team, and the former team now consists mainly of the leading County juniors. However in the circumstances, they have not done too badly, having won one, drawn one and lost two out of four matches played in .Div. 3 (North).

Finally, would everyone please note that because of a change in the Tyneside area to seven-figure telephone numbers, my home number is now Tyneside (091) 285 4827. For the benefit of any written contributions, my home address is still the same-97 Park Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2LD.

Gerry Chapman reports from .

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

LANDED WITH JOB

Since I posed the question why no news from Notts? I seem to have landed myself with the job of County $cribe. Please keep the news coming, it is yourfault ify.ourtown or association is not mentioned. My address is:- 1 Troutbeck Crescent, Bramcote, Notts. NG9 3BP. 'Phone: 257230.

Our senior county side has been without our No.1 player Robert Watson through glandular fever. Robert, ranked No. 85, has missed at least three matches. Initially, against Cheshire we lost 10-0 and the same team of Trevor Kerry, Richard Tilford, Lee Neil, Cheryl Buttery and Gloria Stocks were again beaten 8-2 at home to Durham. The next match could have much closer losing 4-6 to Lincolnshire. Mike Bishop replaced Tilford (injured), the men winning one set each and the doubles.

The juniors- Tilford, Tim Sheppard, A,lan Dion, Kay Mayhall and Rachael 'Cartledge - were also beaten 8-2 by Cheshire with Sheppard and Kay Mayhall claiming the wins. Tilford, recently recovered from illness, started out at No. 21 in the Lentec rankings.

David Fairholm started coaching Notts youngsters which has now been taken over by Ralph Green and we have had tremendous success in the cadet field and a special pat on the back to Adrian Bolton, Robert Fearn and John Holland, who have "whitewashed" Chesterfield, Nuneaton and Lincs. The cadet "B" side of Robert Young, Ashley Hews and Tommy. Oldham won their first match 8-2 against Derby "B" but then lost 4-6 to Derby "A", Young gaining maximums in both matches.

Bolton, now ranked No.7 nationally, partnered by Sheppard reached the final of the North Yorks tournament only to be thwarted by the Brown brothers. And, at the Grove tournament, Adrian reached the quarter-final stage of the boys' singles losing to Chris Bartram.

On the veteran front Notts lost to Kent 4-5 after leading 4-2 but were slain 8-1 by Cheshire. These two teams were champions and runners-up last season. I have considered the Notts side of Alf Saunders, Ron Bolton, Alan Jesson and Pat Hammond to be better than 1-8 losers and, indeed Derek Schofield will admit he was rather lucky to beat Alf on "deuce" in the final set after being 17-20 down.

At the County Committee meeting held on Nov 7, the chairman, Tony Rusinowski thanked the Notts Asscn. for hosting an inter-town team tournament. Nottingham "A" won the event with Nottingham "B" second followed by Mansfield and Worksop. Personally I think it would have been much better had Retford and Newark sent a team; the object of all associations must be to endeavour to improve the standard of play and this cannot be achieved unless you compete.

MANPOWER SERVICE COMMISSION

During the summer a pilot scheme backed by the M.S.C. was introduced, the aim being to encourage more people to play, especially the recreationally deprived groups of the community. The district co-ordinator is Gordon Fearns who tells me he has been more successful in the schools and over 50 age group. It would be remiss of me not to mention Jeff Huckstep from Notts County Council whose job it was to get this venture off the ground.

I have left the best news until last for Nottingham's first ever National League side of Brian Hill, Watson, Kerry, Bishop, Davis, Sheppard and Bolton, managed by Terry Bull, have won four matches on the trot and are heading for the Division 3 East title.

T.T. enthusiasts are urged to come and see the top players in the European League match, England v Yugoslavia, on Wednesday, Jan 11/84 at Mansfield Leisure Centre. Tickets are priced at £3.50 (£2.50 for under-16's and senior citizens). Party bookings for 20 or more can claim one free ticket. Apart from the Leisure Centre tickets may also be obtained from Nottingham Racket Sense, 8 Broad St., Hockley, Nottingham. See you there!

Gerald Green reports from.....

SHROPSHIRE

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pride of place this month must go to the Grove National League side who, with two tremendous team performances, maintained their unbeaten record and therefore lead the first division. '

First of all they hammered the strong SIB Bath side 7-1 on the West Country outfit's own table. John Hilton returned to the team after a two match absence, but it was Steve Scowcroft who gave Grove the start they needed when he beat Bath's top player, Kevin Satchell. Hilton then proved far too experienced for Adrian Moore to give Grove a 2-0 advantage. Malcolm Green then underlined his recent good form by beating Andy Creed, before the only reverse of the day came when Kevin Edwards beat Phil Bowen in a battle of the left handers. Hilton then returned to the fray to beat Satchell and comfortable wins by Scowcroft over Creed, Bowen (back to superb form) over Moore and Green over Edwards, clinched an outstanding performance.

An even better result, led by Hilton, saw Grove beat Tarmac Wolverhampton 5-3 in a tense match at Market Drayton - with, it is pleasing to report, both teams well supported from a spectator point of view. Hilton was in superb form to give Grove the best possible start by beating Andrew Bellingham. Douggie Johnson dealt just as comfortably with Scowcroft to level matters, then Bowen restored Grove's fortunes with a superb display against Tony Isaac. Tarmac came back, with Carl Morgan hitting spells of brilliance to beat a determined Green. The match was evenly balanced when Hilton returned to the table to give a masterly display in beating Johnson. Scowcroft then found Morgan in devastating form to once again level the score. Bowen then won the "match of the day" against Bellingham. Fighting back after an opening deficit and 10-5 down in the second he carried on to win at 18 and, in a nerve-tingling decider gained the verdict at 19. Green then returned to the table to face Isaac and Shropshire's top player was in excellent form as he emerged a comfortable victor to give Grove the win they so richly deserved.

GROVE OPEN

The annual Grove Open Junior Championships proved to be a great success with a record entry of 250 players in 10 events (and it finished on time).

U-17 Boys. A win for Chris Bartram of Bromley over Coventry's Mark Randle in the final, with Bartram's spin serves a telling factor. The best local performance came from Steven Meigh (Grove) who reached the last 16 before losing in three to Bartram.

U-17 Girls. The title went to Joanne Shaw, Yorkshire, who beat Laura Goldsmith, Middlesex in the final. The best local player was:. Carol Wickstead (Grove) who, despite a broken finger, beat England-ranked Sally Weston before losing in the Quarters to Welsh No.1 Evelyn Wright.

U-17 Boys' Doubles. Won by Coventry duo Mark Randle and Michael Thomas over the scratch pairing of Phillip Crankshaw (Blackpool) and David Rook (Bradford). Pontesbury players Peter Thomas and Steven Morris fought hard before losing in the last 16. David Morris and Simon Cooper gave a splendid display before losing at the same stage.

U-17 Girls' Doubles. Top Welsh girls Hedi Cotter and Wright won the event, beating Shaw and Goldsmith. Alison Barker (Grove) teamed with Wolverhampton's Angela Saunders to reach the semis.

U-14 Boys. Yorkshire's talented Michael O'Driscoll won, beating England No.2 Bradley Billington, Chesterfield. Simon Cooper (Pontesbury) went out to O'Driscoll in the semis.

U-14 Girls. Chester's Claire Potts was the winner, with victory over Bury's Andrea Holt in the final. Louise Sherratt (Grove) reached the quarters. Dawn Wickstead (Grove) the last 16.

U-14 Boys' Doubles. No. 1 seeds Sean Gibson (Lancashire) and Billington were the winners, with Lancashire's David Carse and Lee Brown runners-up. The Pontesbury pair Simon Cooper and David Morris got to the quarters.

U-14 Girls' Doubles. Potts and Holt were the winners, beating the Chesterfield duo of Julie Billington and Kerry Hall in the final. The best local performance came from Victoria Boyd and Joanne Dyke (Grove) who reached the quarters.

U-12 Boys. Won by O'Driscoll, with Lancashire's Andrew Eden runner-up.

U-12 Girls. Won by Hall, with Billington runner-up.

MIDLAND LEAGUE

Telford 'B', hoping for their first point, entertained Loughborough but lost 4-6 with D. Russell winning two. The Telford team was R. Fettes, Russell and G. Clibborn.

Telford 'A' - G. White, M. Langford and D. Russell, won their second match, this time against Burton, in convincing manner 9-1.

Telford Veterans - M. Beaman, J. Holding and N. Maycock won 6-4 at Stratford-on-Avon, with Holding winning his three.

SHROPSHIRE INTER-CLUB LEAGUE

Sean Groom (Grove Longford) maintained his 100% record as, together with David Williams, he went to the top of Shropshire Star-sponsored Division One.

Meanwhile BJM Heating-sponsored Division Two is a close race, with only one point separating Stafford, Minsterley Garage, Pontesbury and Pontesbury Pirates.

In the Kayvale Finance Company-sponsored Division Three Grove Ashley are an impressive two points clear with 4-0 wins over Grove Walkmill and Grove Hinstock, thanks to unbeaten displays by Nicola Thorneycroft and Julie Bloore.

GRADED SINGLES TOURNAMENT

The second Grove School graded singles tournament at Market Drayton proved to be an immense success with a massive entry for the Hand E Scaffolding-sponsored competition.

Grade A - The Section proved to be a fiercely fought contest, with Steven Meigh the winner.

Grade B - Grove's Tony Harrison stamped his authority on the com-

petition being unbeaten in a hard day's play.

Grade C - An excellent performance by Neil Martin (Grove) enabled the Market Drayton player to clinch the title.

Grade D - Oswestry's Gary Doyle completed a successful day by winning the title after beating Grove's Giles Davis in an excellent final.

Grade E - The competition was dominated by Oswestry with David Powell the eventual winner after beating Desmond Brayne.

AND FINALLY

And finally, how sad that the Shrewsbury League should appear to be left out of these notes after their players show little or no interest in 'outside' competition - even with 'outside' meaning still within the County.

What we need is a budding 'Paddy Jackson' to stimulate some interest and get them competing against now 'big brothers' Grove and Pontesbury.

Where is he?

Ian Bullock reports from ....

SUFFOLK

COUNTY SENIORS

As expected, our second team are finding life very difficult in Division 3D and are still awaiting their first win of the season. However, we must keep our heads up, continue to learn from new experiences and look to the future by introducing new and younger players when the opportunity arises. Surrey II put out a very strong team without losing a set although Julian Hall and Terry Dowsett did manage to take a game off Michael Hammond and David Harding. Malcolm Davis, making his county debut in this match, gave Harding something to think about eventually going down 19 and 14. Perhaps our luck will change in the next match against Hertfordshire!

Scoresheet (Surrey names first):-

Andrew Sexton bt Julian Hall 12. 17; bt Malcolm Davis 9. 16.
David Harding bt Davis 19. 14; bt Terry Dowsett -20. 12. 9.
Michael Hammond bt Dowsett 17.16; bt Hall 17. -17.11.
Michelle Hams bt Kathy Brierley 17. 13.
Linda Clemett bt Dawn Harvey 6. 11.
Hams/Clemett bt Harvey/Brierley 13. 14.
Hammond/Sexton bt Hall/Dowsett 18. 19.

Score: Surrey II 10, Suffolk Ii 0.

In their next fixture on Nov. 26, Suffolk I entertain Yorkshire II in Ipswich, and this should be a highly competitive fixture and is eagerly awaited by myself, being a native of the visiting county!

COUNTY JUNIORS

At the time of writing the Junior team have just entertained the accomplished Essex II team in their third fixture of the season. The greater experience of our visitors was soon felt and they possessed steadier finishing power in tense situations. The Essex girls made good use of their attacking strokes, particularly on the forehand against somewhat tentative defensive play by Suffolk. Julie Mortimer and Richard Hutchinson were unlucky not to win a game. Suffolk were represented by Shaun Caraccio, Paul Gooding, Richard Hutchinson, Julie Mortimer and Sylvia Kenyon. The match score was Suffolk 0, Essex 10.

EAST ANGLIAN LEAGUE

The newly-promoted Ipswich "A" team played their first match against King's Lynn "B" in Div. I. Ipswich were represented by John Kitchener, Chris Shepherd, Malcolm Davis, Kathy Brierley and [}awn Harvey. Shepherd went down in straight games but the scores were quickly levelled by Kitchener in the second contest but Davis was unable to continue the momentum eventually losing out in his third game. At this point there appeared to be more conviction about our play with the ladies coming out on top in a closely fought doubles. This was followed by fast hitting and entertaining rallies in the men's doubles and Kathy and Chris combined well in the mixed to make it a clean sweep in the doubles for Ipswich. Dawn excelled herself by beating J. Thurston and Shepherd made amends for his earlier defeat by disposing of G. Ridley. Davis then managed to beat S. Barber in a very closely fought contest but the best table tennis of the evening was produced in the last set between Kitchener and C. Hewitt with John stamping his authority by winning in straight games.

Scoresheet (King's Lynn first):-

C. Hewitt lost to J. Kitchener-14. -15; bt C. Shepherd 18. 16.
G. Rudley lost to Shepherd -15. -16; bt M. Davis -12. 11. 17.
S. Barber lost to Davis -19.22. -19; lost to Kitchener -4. -13.
J. Thurston lost to D. Harvey -18. -21.
Hewitt/Barber lost to Kitchener/Davis -12. -11.
Thurston/S. Barrett lost to K. Brierley/Harvey -21. -16.
Rudley/Barrett lost to Shepherd/Brierley -10. -13.

Match score: King's Lynn 2, Ipswich 8.

The Ipswich "A" Junior team were entertained by Wisbech in the East Anglian League. As three of our players were at an England Training Camp in Derbyshire, the County called' on the services of Darren Jones, Wayne Shaw, Nigel Howe and Jayne Mitchell.

Jones, playing at No.1, won all his sets comfortably with some fine attacking play. Shaw followed in similar fashion and must have been especially pleased with his win against Nicholas Rayner. Howe was involved in two very close sets and Jayne Mitchell was more successful when playing with Howe in the doubles. The final score was Wisbech 3 Ipswich 7 which was a particularly pleasing result and our thanks go to Dave Howe for providing the transport.

Scoresheet (Wisbech first)

Mark Hutchinson lost to Wayne Shaw -18. -12; lost to Darren Jones -8. -5.
Nicholas Raynerbt NigelHowe 21.18; lostto Shaw-17. -15; lost to Jones -15, -8.
Graeme Atkin lost to Jones -9. -10; lost to Howe -20. -16;
Ruth Hutchinson bt Jayne Mitchell 17. -16. 15.
Hutchinson/Graeme Atkin lost to Mitchell/Howe -18. 16. -15.
Hutchinson/Hutchinson bt Shaw/Mitchell 15. 19.

TOURNAMENTS

(i) Wiltshire 2-Star Oct. 29

It certainly was a refreshing sight to see Suffolk enter nine players at Caine. Playing conditions were good and they had the added luxury of official umpires for all sets. Two Ipswich cadets Chris Nicholls and Richard Hutchinson played well in both the cadet and junior sections. Richard reached the quarter-final in the Cadet section losing to Damian Holland. In the Junior event Richard won his preliminary group but was then beaten by Andrew Syed.

Nicholls reached the last sixteen in the cadet section losing to P. Szekeres. Both Chris Nicholls and Andrew Hutchinson fell to J. Hook in the Junior Section, Shaun Caraccio made the most progress finally going out to no. 3 David Rook but managed to reach the ¼ final of the boys' doubles with Paul Gooding before losing to Rook and M. Firth who also accoun-' ted for Keith Norman and Richard Hutchinson 19 in the third.

Sylvia Kenyon met England No. 4 Cadet Lisa Robins and was only narrowly beaten 17 and 17. Claire Nicholls, also a group winner, fought well and attracted a lot of attention but eventually found the expertise of No.7 seed I. Hayden, too difficult to overcome. Karen Perkins found her first tournament heavy going but managed to improve on all her scores in the second game.

(ii) Kent Junior 2-Star Folkestone Nov. 12

With most of the other juniors indisposed it was the turn of the girls to show us their ability. the groupings in the U-13 were somewhat unkind to us in that Karen Perkins and Rosemary 'Bullock were drawn against the No.1· and No. 3 seeds respectively in the preliminary round. Karen really had her opponent in trouble in the first game scoring 18 points but faded somewhat in the second to lose -15. Rosemary struggled to adapt to the increase in pace but has learned from the experience. Andrea Ambrose, tasting the pressure of her first tournament started well winning the first set in her group but bowing out to the greater experience of her Essex opponent in the next. There was an element of international flavour in Sylvia Kenyon's group. Sylvia's first opponent was a Belgian girl and it was good to see 3 or4 of them at the tournament fostering good international relationships. "How different from the recent football hooliganism in Luxembourg! Both girls were wary of their opponent's counterhitting and tended to play long defensive rallies with the young Belgian girl emerging as the winner 17 and 19.

Keith Norman, our only boy present, came very close to winning his group beating one player easily and only narrowly losing in three to his Essex opponent. I understand that the standard of umpiring left a great deal to be desired in this group and whilst appreciating the difficulty of finding qualified officials feel that some sort of compromise needs to be sought.

Nevertheless, all our players enjoyed a pleasurable weekend of competitive table tennis played in the right spirit by a collection of enthusiastic youngsters.

SCHOOLS' NEWS

The middle of November saw the staging of the preliminary rounds of the National Team Championships. The County is divided into 3 zones based on Ipswich (S. Area), Lowestoft (N. Area) and Bury St. Edmunds (W. Area). I can only report on the information which is received and as far as the schools are concerned at the moment this comes from the Ipswich area.

The schools which will go forward to the County Finals on Dec. 4 at Orwell Park School, Ipswich, with the number of entries (in parentheses) is as follows:-

	Boys	Girls
U-19	(1) Ipswich School	(1) Ipswich High School
U-16	(6) Thurleston High	(1) East Bergholt High
U-13	(4) Orwell Park	(3) Thurleston High
U-11	(4) Orwell Park	(2) Dale Hall Primary

It is noticeable that the entries are higher where children are able to receive qualified coaching. It is hoped that in the future more P.E. and other staff will become interested in obtaining a teaching qualification, becoming active and then working towards a coaching award as courses are readily available in the area. If the game is to prosper we must look after the youngsters who will be the players of tomorrow.

Mike Green reports from.....

SURREY

MARCHING ON

The Surrey Senior Second County team goes marching on.... Three victories ina row have set them up for an extremely promising season in Division 3D. They have beaten Kent 2 away 6-4, Norfolk away 6-4, and Suffolk 2 at home 10-0. The victories in Kent & Norfolk owe a great deal to the three females in the squad, Jane Barella, Michele Hams, and Linda Clemett, all of whom have yet to be beaten in any County match ·this season.

Likewise, the Junior Second team has also got off to a storming start. Who was it who said they'd be struggling this season? Again, three victories at the start of the season is a pretty good base to work from. The wins were at Herts 2 10-0, and at home to Sussex 2,7-3, and Essex 3,6-4.

Five County Junior badges have been awarded this season so far. The recipients were Julian Dudman, Neal Davis, David Hodson, Claire Brooks, and Karen Wilde. In the Sussex match, one learned onlooker tells me that the girls were extremely disappointing.... A point to prove here I think. The match between Dudman and Robert Warner was apparently a tremendous spectacle with Julian triumphing 23-21 in the third. Note to Julian..... You need to learn to kill the ball. You've got good tactical awareness but no power....

The only defeat for the County so far was our Veterans' 5-4 setback at the hands, of Hants 2 away. The Surrey old'uns (sorry.....) to appear in the first match were Frank Hams, John Garland (he can't be a Veteran.....) Mike Pearson and Vera Beesley whose husband Tony acted as chauffeur. We picked up four of the six men's singles, but lost both doubles and·the one women's singles. Vera certainly enjoyed her outing so good luck to her, but she will no doubt find the going tough..... Can Jill Mills be persuaded to playa few games? Apparently, Frank is hoping to fit Brian Simmonds in to the next match against Wiltshire on Dec 5.

I've heard one or two comments that the fairer sex is hard done by in County games as they don't get so many sets as the men. Blatant discrimination.... Mrs. Ransome's attempt to put pressure on the E.T.I.A. has obviously fizzled out.

Max Crimmins is supposed to be making appearances for the Senior Seconds shortly. What a team we'd have then.... Very nearly unbeatable.

Jack Dawson tells me that the Guildford League is to stage a European League match between England and France at Guildford Sports Centre on March 6th next year. Guildford are, however, still short of a sponsor for this event. The Guildford Treasurer, Fred Drinkwater, is currently taking a fond look at the present healthy state of the League's finances and hoping that they might stay that way. Do you know, Fred, that the University of Surrey, which has hosted the Guildford League Tournament for years, has sharply increased its fees forthe use of the superb Sports Hall? It's not easy being a Treasurer.....

There is more exciting news from Cornilleau, the table manufacturers and sponsors of The South of England Junior. Cornilleau are giving an opportunity to four Surrey juniors to visit France atthe end of this season to receive coaching from the great French star Jacques Secretin. Cornilleau will make the awards based on reports by a team of assessors who will be present at a number of named junior tournaments. Cornilleau want every Surrey Junior & Cadet to feel that they have a chance. The assessors will be looking for dress, keenness, personality, behaviour, endeavour and potential as well as performance. Award winners will be announced at the end of May.

While we are on the subject of Monsieur Secretin, it is now extremely likely that he will be performing at the South of England Two-Star at Woking on Jan 7/8. (Not as a competitor I might add.....) Please spread the news. We need a high quality entry (phone Norman on 01-397 9533) and plenty of spectators.

The buffet at Cornilleau's launch was superb..... David Taber is a bloke who will inspire anybody. He'll be great for the game in Surrey and the U.K.

The entry for the Surrey Junior Closed, played on Nov 19/20 was 50% up on last year at 188 with over 40 in the U-12 Boys and 14 in the U-12 Girls. A substantial improvement. Well done Johnny Sommerville.

Will Murray Corbin pass his Diploma One-Star Coaching Award? Will Peter Corner actually try for the Diploma Two-Star? Gail McCulloch will be after you if you don't.....

As usual, Mike Pantin needs some new tables at the Croydon Y.M.C.A. Try using the tables at the Kingston V.M.C.A. They are terrible.....

Ted Simpkin has dropped me a line about Guildford..... The League has retained all its teams from last season and the total number is a pleasing 128 divided into eleven divisions. Guildford is continuing to run nine knock-out cup competitions and their annual tournament will again comprise twenty events. In addition, they run a Handicap Pairs and Singles tournament over a weekend in January. Guildford are certainly proving that the secret of success is hard work..... Ted has now completed a History of the First Fifty Vears of the League which should be published in time for the A.G.M. in May.

In the Thames Valley League, Chessington 1 who haven't lost for 4½ years, are at last receiving opposition from Graham Spicer. The forthcoming clash between the two should be interesting. Have Chessington got some Ashford National League players up their sleeves? Ah..... That would be telling.....

The South Of England Three-Star, scheduled for 17/18 March, will now almost certainly take place due mainly to the hard work and dedication of Norman Hooper.

John Woodford reports from.....

SUSSEX

CLEARLY SUPERIOR

For the first time in thirty years a full-strength Sussex team was totally destroyed 10-0 by Kent in the County Championships. Kent were also what I would consider to be fielding their best team - Kenyon, Dodd and Burleton - a combination clearly superior on the night to the Stephen and Adrian Moore.

Young players in sport usually proceed with alternate bursts of success followed by a run of mediocre results - it's happening to Carl Prean at the moment, after beating a number of "heads of state" he is losing to players of much lower grading. It's also happening, to the Moore family - the tree-pulling has ceased, hopefully just for the time being and again hopefully, there is a period of consolidation present, which will again develop into further progress on the national ranking lists.

Malcolm Francis, far too immersed in the business world of sports

equipment, coaching and exhibitions to shine for Sussex, did however reach the semi-finals of the Merton Open. So who have Sussex got left at the top? Phil Smith continues to fight hard and is quite a force for Dolphins in, the National League. Richie Verner the young Crawley and Horsham league champion has made his Dolphins debut - floored Derek Holman but failed to the wil iest veteran against youngsters Gordon Chapman.

Maggie Leeves, the Haywards Heath player who lives in Hove, currently ranked No.7 in Sussex reached a new peak in a recent Sussex inter-league women's championship match when she overpowered the Sussex champion Rachel Mackriell.

The winds of change have blown right through women's team events throughout the county. Previously dominant Eastbourne now without the maternally motivated Diane Griggs are struggling - they lost to Haywards Heath and now Hastings are returning to the limelight poised for a big run in the J.M. Rose Bowl-they have Teresa Moore, Sheila King and now' Sue Haffenden returning after a rest from the sport.

In addition to the improving "Maggie Leeves, Haywards Heath have acquired the services of Carol Hewett and with Sally Weston moving up to No. 1 rating in the Crawley and Horsham area, the whole scene in the women's matches is changing.

Dolphins' player-manager Keith Horton, who perhaps too modestly dropped himself from the National League side against Larkhall, again showed his strength for Brighton in the Sussex men's inter-league championships match when Brighton dismissed Eastbourne 6-3. Horton was the only player to contain Paul Rowden, whose best win was against Robin Stace.

Mary Rose reports from ....

WARWICKSHIRE

SENIOR TRIALS

The County senior trials were held at the Birmingham Athletic Institute on Oct. 9. Although satisfactory and played under first class conditions it was disappointing that once again some of the leading players failed to attend. The men's trial was won by Phil Gunn, and the women's by Sandra Peakman. New ranking lists were drawn up following the trials and came into effect as from Nov. 1. They are:-

Men		Women	
1	D. Douglas	1	S. Peakman
2	D. Johnson	2	K. Groves
3	C. Morgan	3	D. St Ledger
4	P. Gunn	4	F. Sutton
5	D. Munt	5	J. Harden
6	B. Johnson	6	L. Sibley (Brison)
7	L. Bertie	7	S. Culbertson
8	A. Pilgrim	8	M. McHayle
9	P. Glynn	9	A. Lloyd
10	P. Demetrius	10	D. Bromley
11	I. Gunn		
12	R. Tanner		

COUNTY MATCHES

What a great result for our seniors who beat Derbyshire 9-1. The match was highlighted by Barry Johnson's win over Alan Cooke, the highly-rated England youngster, but mainly it was an excellent team effort from Johnson, Phil Gunn, Lester Bertie, Sandra Peakman and Di St Ledger.

Once again our Junior "A" side were in winning form beating their Cheshire opponents 6-4 and in a one-sided encounter our Junior "B" team beat Herefordshire 9-1, Tracey Green being our only loser, and this to a more experienced opponent.

Representing the side were Nicky Felton, on debut, Dave Thomas, Sion Simon, Lisa Spilsbury and Tracey Green.

AREA REGIONAL TRIALS

The finishing positions of the County players in the area regional trials were:-

Cadet Girls: L. Spilsbury (4). C. King (7) and L. Poole (8).
Cadet Boys: D. Thomas (4). N. Felton (7). A. Moses (11) and R. Todd (14).
Boys: N. Mayo (6). Felton (7) and M. Campbell (10).
Girls: M. McHayle (3). T. Brown (5) and D. Bromley (7).

NATIONAL TRIALS

Invitations have been extended to compete in the 1st National Ranking Trials at Cleveland on Nov. 26/27 to the following juniors and cadets:-

Boys: M. Randle and M. Thomas (both Coventry).
Girls: M. McHayle (B'gham).
Cadet Boys: D. Thomas (Coventry).
Cadet Girls: L. Spilsbury (B'gham).

LILLESHALL WEEKEND

Birmingham have held a very successful course at Lilleshall under Donald Parker's control whose contribution was much appreciated. Unfortunately three places were not filled, only 20 pupils attending but it was agreed to run a similar course next October, but in conjunction with the County (priority being given to Birmingham players).

COTSWOLD LADIES LEAGUE

Birmingham Ladies have entered a team in the Cotswold Ladies League forthe second season afterfinishing in 3rd place last season when represented by Anne Lloyd, Doreen Haggard and myself with Sue Culbertson coming in for the last match.

Two matches have been played so far, Birmingham losing 4-6 to Worcester, last season's champions, and beating Leamington 6-4.

MIDLAND 3-STAR

These championships, the 55th, were held at the Alumwell Centre, Primley Avenue, Walsall over the weekend of Nov. 12/1 3. The entry was good both in quality and quantity with most ranked players in the country competing in a total entry of 270.

The singles' titles were won by Max Crimmins and Alison Gordon. In a tight men's singles final Crimmins defeated his fellow Londoner, Dave Wells, 17 in the third after the Surrey man had come through a tough semi-final against Anglo-Scot Dave Hannah.

The women's singles winner, Alison Gordon, defeated Carole Moore, the beaten semi-finalists being Fiona Elliot and Jill Harris.

To conclude this month's news I would like to remind the Stratford, Leamington and Rugby Leagues that I' am still looking for news from them via anyone who has an interest in the Warwickshire scene in general.

Laurie Selby reports from.....

WILTSHIRE

BACK FROM DOWN UNDER

Swindon's Claire Maisey is coming back from Down Under to go top of Wiltshire's rankings.

Claire - the county's top woman player for many seasons - was temporarily deposed from her top spot when she went to Australia.

But the news that she could be back shortly moved the Wiltshire Association to put her straight back at No.1 for the November rankings.

There is no change at the top of the men's rankings where Kevin Satchell reigns supreme.

And in the juniors Andrew Oxley and Claire Hunter still rule. Full rankings:-

Men	Women
1. Kevin Satchell (WW)	1. Claire Maisey (Sw)
2. Kevin Edwards (WW)	2. Janet Parker (Sw)
3. Eddie Roofe (Sw)	3. Helen Wilson (Sw)
4. Steve McBean(Sw)	4. Alison Boyce (Sw)
5. Brian Powell (Sw)	5. Brenda Lee (Sw)
6. Roy Smith (WW)	6. Claire Hunter (Sw)
7. Andrew Oxley (Sw)	7. Jenny Neale (Sw)
8. Steve *Davies* (Sw)	8. Debbie Aldridge (SW)
9. Michael Oxley sen (Sw)	9. Alison Morse (Sw)
10. Jon Hook (Sw)	
11. David Richards (D)	
12. Alan Duke (Sw)	

Boys	Girls
1. A. Oxley	1. Hunter
2. Hook	2. Neale
3. Ian Neate (Sw)	3. Julie Mills (D)
4. Howard Phillips (Sa)	4. Karen Richards (D)
5. Ray Powell (Sw)	5. Lorraine Cox (Sw)
6. Martin Edwards (Sw)	6. Sue Vowles (Sw)
7. Richard Vowles (Sw)	7. Fiona Hopkins (D)
8. Paul Tuck (Sw)	
9. Mark Powell (Sw)	
10. Martin Page (Sw)	
11. Mark Colyer (D)	

Key: D - Devizes; Sa - Salisbury; Sw - Swindon; WW - West Wilts.

Two wins, a draw and two defeats- that was the outcome of Wiltshire teams' opening matches in the County Championships.

The wins came from the No.1 junior team who swamped Cornwall seconds 10-0 and from the veterans' second team who inched home 5-4 against Hampshire seconds at Swindon.

The draw was earned by the senior seconds who staged a dramatic fight back to finish 5-5 against Berkshire seconds.

And the defeats were suffered by the Wiltshire senior firsts who went down 3-7 against a strong Berkshire side and by the junior seconds who lost 3-7 against Cornwall firsts.

Berkshire turned out a team of all-"England ranked players in the clash of the first team at Sonning.

Wiltshire had an outside chance of saving a point.

In the men's doubles the Wiltshire

pair of Satchell and Edwards were a game and 18-12 up before losing.

And Helen Wilson seemed set for victory when she led by a game and 14-6 against Sue Collier but again Berkshire came out on top. Wiltshire's best victory came from Miss Wilson and Janet Parker in the doubles where they beat Mandy Sainsbury and Miss Collier.

A great recovery by the senior seconds gave them a point against Berkshire seconds who were 5-2 up before the home side roared back.

Results:-

Wiltshire I v Berkshire I
K. Satchell bt D. Reeves 20.17; E. Roofe lost to I. Fullerton -19. 15. -15; K. Edwards lost to D. Barr -15. -19.
J. Parker/H. Wilson bt M. Sainsbury/So Collier -16, 20. 16; Satchell/Edwards lost to Barr/Reeves 21. -19. -19.
Roofe lost to Reeves -14. -10; Miss Wilson lost to Miss Collier 19. -17. -15; Mrs. Parker lostto Mrs. Sainsbury-14. -10; Edwards bt Fullerton 17. 12.
Wiltshire 2nds v Berkshire 2nds:
B. Powell lost to S. Rowland -11. -14; S. Davies lostto S. Samuel -9. -11; S. McBean bt S. Everard 20.19.
B. Lee/C. Hunter bt T. Napier-Vallis/L. Green 15. -19. 18; McBean/Davies lost to Rowland/Everard 19. -23, -16.
Poweillostto Samuel-13. 21. -1 0; Miss Hunter lostto Green -19, 14. -19; McBean bt Rowland 14. 11; Miss Lee bt Napier-Vallis 13. -18.20; Davies bt Everard 20. -10.18.

JUNIORS
Wiltshire 1sts v Cornwall 2nds:
J. Hook bt A. Vingoe 13. 8; I. Neate bt P. Tran 9. 11; A. Oxley bt M. Peters 10, 12.
C. Hunter/J. Mills bt K. Broczek/L. Jewelill. 12; Oxley/Hook bt Vlngoe/Peters 15. 13.
Hook bt Tran 17, -19, 19; Miss Mills bt Miss Jewell 19. 18; Oxley bt Vingoe 14, 5; MiSS Hunter bt Miss Broczek 2. 10; Neate bt Peters 14, 9.
Wiltshire 2nds v Cornwall 1sts:
M. Edwards lost to M. James -14. -18; R. Morgan lost to A. Hunt -14. -11; H. Phillips lost to G. Reed -13,14, -19.
K. Richards/L. Cox lost to A. Clemens/E. Stevenson -14. -13; Phillips/Edwards bt James/Reed 19. -16, 17.
Edwards bt Hunt 18, 19; Miss Cox lost to Miss Stevenson 17, -18. -8; Phillips bt James 20. 10; Miss Richards lost to Miss Clemens -8. -10; Morgan lost to Reed -16. -10.

VETERANS
Wiltshire 2nds v Cornwall:!
J. Bright lost to R. Powell -16, -19; B. Thompson bt K. Giles 10, 16; B. Freeman lost to J. Harvey -11. -8.
Bright/S. Morse lost to Harvey/A. Abraham -15, -17; Freeman/Thompson bt Powell/Giles 16. 14.
Mrs. Morse bt Mrs. Abraham 18. 16; Bright bt Giles 17, 11; Freeman bt Powell 12. 14; Thompson lost to Harvey -17. -15.

Wiltshire's two junior teams made the long jaunt to Launceston to play Cornwall and returned with just one point from their endeavours.

The point came from a 5-5 draw in the clash of the first teams. Wiltshire 2nds went down 7-3 to Cornwall 2nds.

But at least two players in the Wiltshire first team thought the long trek was worthwhile after scoring fine victories over England-ranked players.

Claire Hunter, who is unranked, notched an emphatic straight-games victory over Alison Clemens, who is ranked 30. And Andrew Oxley, ranked 55, beat Mark James (38) in a three-game tussle.

Wiltshire, at one point -5-2 down, staged a good recovery and now have three points from their opening two matches.

The second team got away to a bad start and never recovered. Raymond Powell marked his debut with an exciting match but finally lost 24-22 in the deciding game.

RESULTS
1st team: A. Oxley bt G. Reed 16. 2; I. Neate lost to A. Hunt -12. -15; J. Hook lost to M. James -16, -14.
C. Hunter/J. Neale lost to E. Stevens/A. Clemens -17. -15; Oxley/Hook lost to James/Hunt 18. -12. -15.
Neate bt Reed 15. 18; Miss Neale lost to Miss Stevens -11, -22; Oxley bt James 20. -1 7, 16; Miss Hunter bt Miss Clemens 9. 14; Hook bt Hunt 17, 15.
2nd team: H. Phillips lostto M. Peters -17. -11; M. Edwards lost to Phong Tran -16,19, -18; R. Powell lost to A. Bingoe 10. -19. -22.
J. Mills/K. Richards lost to K. Broczec/L. Jewell -12. 17. -13; Phillips/Powell bt Vingoe/Peters 11. 21.
Edwards lost to Peters -11. -13; Miss Richards lost to Miss Jewell-16. -14; Phillips bt Vingoe 12.18; Miss Mills bt Miss Broczec -9. 7. 11; Powell lost to Phong Tran -1 5. -11.

Clash of the two Wiltshire sides resulted in a 9-1 victory for the first team over the seconds.

The second team's only success came from Howard Phillips who beat Jon Hook.

Only three other second team,players Jenny Neale, Karen Richards and Martin Edwards - managed to win a game. The match was played at Caine.

Results:-
Second team players first: Powell lost to Oxley -16. -9; M. Edwards lost to Neate -17. -19; Phillips bt Hook 18, 20.
Powell/Phillips lost to Oxley/Neate -15. -15; Mills/Richards lost to Hunter/Neale -22, -9.
Powell lost to Neate -9. -15; Miss Richards lost to Miss Neale-9, 16. -13; Miss Mills lost to Miss Hunter 20. -13. -13; Edwards lost to Hook -16. 16. -19.

A Wiltshire player was just three points away from causing a major upset in a top tournament.

Andrew Oxley, playing in the third round boys' singles, missed an opportunity to score what would have been a great win over England No.6 Mark Randle in the Market Drayton tournament.

Andrew let a good lead slip to lose the opening game -18 but went on to win the second 14.

The Swindon player was 19-20 down in the decider when he had an easy "kill" but hit his shot off.

Andrew and Jon Hook reached the semi-finals of the boys' doubles following a good win over England-ranked Chris Bartram and his partner.

But they lost to David Rook, the England No.7, and P. Crankshaw -21 -18 in the semi-final.

Another Swindon player, Mark Powell, who is in the national cadet ranking list, won his group in the Cadet singles but went down -16, -17 to Damain Holland.

Martin Edwards also won his group.

Andrew Oxley won the U-1 7 section of the South West regional assessments which included players from Cornwall, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Devon and Wiltshire.

Lorraine Cox of Swindon finished fifth in the Cadet group. Other Swindon players to do well were Claire Hunter who was seventh in the U-17's, Ian Neate (eighth) and Jon Hook (10th).

Swindon table tennis teams chalked up a hat-trick of victories in the Newbury team championships.

They walked away with the under .19 mixed section and also picked up the boys' and girls' U-17 trophies.

There wa's a nail-biting finale to the 19 mixed section and also picked up the boys' and girls' U-17 trophies. Reading to be sure of victory and got them with a 3-3 draw.

The U-17 girls' section also had a thrilling finish. Swindon had to win their final match 6-0 - and did it with some superb play.

The U-17 boys' team put up a super smooth performance to win their section with the loss of only two points.

One defeat put the U-1 5 boys' team in runners-up spot and in the U-13 section Swindon finished sixth.

The Swindon teams were: U-19 - Steve McBean, Graham Oxley and Brenda Lee. U-17 boys - Andrew Oxley, Jon Hook, Paul Tuck and Martin Page. U-1 7 girls- Claire Hunter, Jenny Neale and Lorraine Cox. U-15 boys - Ian Neate, Martin Edwards and Raymond Powell. U-13 boys - Mark Nelson, Nathon Pickett and David Belamey.

Doug. Moss reports from....

WORCESTERSHIRE

UNIQUE SITUATION

Good news for Worcestershire over the past month has been of the performance of Murray Jukes, the 15-years-old County Champion, at the Woodfield Open Tournament at Wolverhampton. Murray was in great form to beat Mark Randle (Wa) and then Michael Thomas in the final of the Junior Singles. Both players are well above him in the national junior rankings. Murray then went on to win the junior doubles partnered by Martin Harvey.

To eclispe even that performance Murray then took the Men's Singles title. In the final he defeated Derek Schofield,.who had won the Veterans' title. This was a unique situtation with the winners of the Junior and Veterans championships meeting in the Men's final!

It has also been good to note that, in the unofficial veteran women's rankings, Janet Hunt appears at No.3. Janet is such a sound and consistent player and has served the County well as a player and administrator.

The County II team, with the addition of Simon Claxton, have won their last 2 matches with a 7-3 win over Hunts. and 6-4 over Glamorgan. In this latter match Simon won one singles as did Ken Walton and Steve Horton. Simon and Ken combined well to win the doubles. Lynda Reid joined the team, in the absence of Alison Westwood, and formed a successful partnership with Sandra Roden, and won an important singles.

The County I team had rather a disappointing performance against Staffs. II losing 6-4, although Trevor Washington was unbeaten, winning his 2 singles and teaming up with Jukes to take the doubles.

The Juniors put up a good fight in their match against Berkshire II. With the team 4-5 down Mark Roden played the important last sets. He was 3-10 down in the decider but played with great determination to haul himself back and win 23-21 to secure a draw. Lisa Hunt won her singles and partnered Helen Jones to win the doubles.

The Veterans' team had a very sound 8-1 win over Clwyd A. Malcolm Dicks dropped one singles.

The County Team K.O. Tournaments are now under way with entries for the Handicap and Scratch events at the

usual level. The Handicap competition provides for 3-a-side with 18 games and the highest receiving handicap is 2801 I always feel that entry forms do not get a wide enough circulation by Leagues and a larger entry should be possible.

Worcester's Junior A Midland League team has kept up its winning ways. They recently beat Chesterfield 6-4 with Andrew Bullock getting 100% in singles. The B team has been struggling and has suffered defeats by Stroud and Bromsgrove. There has been difficulty in getting the best team into action.

Kidderminster teams have also 'been active in the Midland League. In their first matches the Juniors lost to Eastwood (Derbyshire) 10-nil. However in their next match Richard Miszkowski was included and won his 3 singles in an 8-2 win over Mansfield. It is interesting that 14-years-old Lisa Hunt has been in the team and acquitted herself quite well.

Kidderminster Veterans have met the Stroud team but lost 8-2. John Simmonds and John Thompson each won a singles.

Worcester Ladies have played just one match in the Cotswold League. The team of Janet Hunt, Lynda Reid and Alison Westwood beat Birmingham 7-3.

The County Junior Closed Championships was due to take place at Christopher Whitehead School, Worcester on Nov. 27, when the usual lgood entry of juniors and cadets was ,expected. Louise Davis was not available to defend her titles as the date of the Junior Ranking Trials has been altered since we made our arrangements. Jukes did, in fact, enterforthis event. This re-arrangement of dates has caused a good deal of dissatisfaction.

Les D'Arcy reports from.....

YORKSHIRE

TOURNAMENT SCENE

Tournaments in Yorkshire deserve better support than they have been receiving in recent months. At Featherstone, the Yorkshire Closed was a case in point, with_ less than a hundred players taking part. Rea Balmford and his Tournament Committee were able to overcome that one from a players' point of view by playing the first round of the men's singles in groups, which proved popular. Andris Petersons, one of Yorkshire's most regular tournament players, thought that it was great to be in a 'tough' four-man group, play three hard sets to be thoroughly warmed up forthe afternoon competitions.

Large entries and shortage of time usually prohibits the use of groups, but if maximum use could be made of empty tables and two or more finals played together, as in the West Yorkshire Open at Bradford, then it may be possible to accommodate the idea in more future tournaments. Playing a number of semi-finals and finals simultaneously could also prevent the highlights of some of our tournaments being played out in front of a handful of very patient and tired enthusiasts who may miss their transport. Thanks to the kindness of Mr and Mrs P. Bray, I was able to catch the last train from one tournament, others may not have been so lucky.

Improving the number of entries at tournaments is not easy in these days of economic restraint, but many more players would attend tournaments if they knew about them. The two main county newspapers will be pleased to print previews and results, if sent in to the sports editor on time. Tournament organisers may also consider an idea used by the North West Region of a tournament fixture card, distributed widely to the players and officials. The one given to me by Stuart Sneyd, hard working Secretary of the North West Development Panel, is a mine of information about tournaments, coaching, E.T.T.A., E.S.T.T.A. and an Address List of key officials in the Region. The Y.T.T.A. White Rose Annual, contains similar fnformation, plus many other facets of table tennis, but it cannot be distributed as widely or as early in the season as a postcard fixture list.

YORKSHIRE CLOSED

There have been many surprising results in recent tournaments, but none to equal the performances of Steve Stringer and Michael Wood who are both enjoying their first season in Dewsbury Division 1 and their second season in the Wakefield Premier.

Choosing the Yorkshire Closed as their first tournament at county level, the two debutants, without a local doubles title to their name, created a sensation by becoming the new county doubles champions at their first attempt. They amazed onlookers by knocking out county players Steve Sharpe and David Illingsworth early on in the competition before disposing of National League player Keith Bell and Cliff Twineham in the semi and county players Richard Priestley and Mick Stephenson 16, -11, 15 in the final- the only set requiring a decider. Throughout the competition Mick Wood opened up the opposition by chopping and blocking 90% of the time with long pimples on his forehand, causing opponents all sorts of problems. Steve, with a big loop on both wings efficiently powered away the many loose balls.

Could be seeing more of these enthusiastic giant killers round the tournaments - I hope so.

In the men's singles, there was no stopping Steve Sharpe who blasted his way through the opposition in top gear. At the semi-final stage he brushed aside county player Richard Whitely 10 and 15 before facing current Hull singles champion, Joe Naser, in the final. Recently signed by Bradford Hermits to strengthen their National League squad, Naser attacked powerfully from the opening point and after some astonishing rallies with both players performing brilliantly took the first at 16. Sharpe fought back to take the second 21 -1 5. Almost submerged by Naser's early blistering attack in the decider, Sharpe staged an amazing escape act from 3-10 at the turn to 10-18 before nonchalently reducing the deficit to 16-1 9. Naser stiI attacked like a demon, but with unbelievable consistency in counter attack, Sharpe drew level at 21-all.

It was all too much for the Hull Champion who fought to the end, but was unable to contain the final onslaught which gave Steve Sharpe the Championship 23-21 in one of the best county finals ever.

Other resu Its:-

W.S: M. Seaton bt A. Huitt 10, 12
Y.S: G. 8rook bt L. D'Arcy -15, 16, 12
8.S: C. Guest bt N. Newton 17, 16.
G.S: A. Evans bt R. 8ray 19, 18.
W.D: K. 8urrows/L. 8roomhead bt A. Evans/ A. Huitt 26, 18.

WEST YORKSHIRE 2* BRADFORD

Yorkshire players took three major titles at the West Yorkshire Open. Kevin Beadsley registered a double over former European Champion, John Hilton in the men's singles final -18, 10, 12 and in the doubles with Alan Fletcher he defeated Hilton and Phil Bowen 17 and 14. Two hundred entrants including thirty England-ranked players attended. Two of the most dynamic and stylish young players reached the final of the girls' singles in which Yorkshire's Joanne Shaw defeated Debbie Soothill 16, -17, 9 to give the White Rose County a well earned hat-trick.

Other results:-

W.S: J. Grundy (La) bt C. Moore (Cv) -18,17, 19.
V.S: D. Schofield (Ch) bt M. Sheader (Li) -19, 9,15
W.D: Grundy/J. Parker (La) bt F. Elliot/J. Harris (St) -13, 14, 18.
8.S: D. Goode (M:) bt J. Goode (M:) 18, 15.

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY CLOSED

Tony Sanderson regained the North Yorkshire County Closed men's singles title at Boroughbridge Leisure Centre on Oct 9, defeating Harrogate's Michael Emmerson in a closely fought semi-final and. Nicky Davies in a one-sided final. This was Sanderson's fourth men's title in the seven year history of the tournament.

Holder Richard Whiteley surprisingly fell in round 2 to York's John Elliott 19 and 21.

Maureen Gott continued her domination of the women's singles event with a straight games win over Sally Downs.

North Yorkshire were again indebted to the Trustee Savings Bank for their support of the tournament and TSB Manager Mr. Don Campbell presented the prizes at the completion of the finals.

MS. SF: N. Davies (H) bt J. Elliott (Y) -15, 9,12.
MS., SF: T. Sanderson (Y) bt M. Emmerson (H) 19, -19,13.

MS. F: Sanderson bt Davies 12, 11.
WS. F: M. Gott (Y) bt S. Downs (Y) 14, 13.
MD. F: Emmerson/R. Whiteley (H) bt K. Bell (H)/P. Cameron (Y) 13, -19,17.
WD. F: Gott/M. Broadbent (Y) bt Downs/L. Clifford (Y) 17, -18, 18.
XD. F: Sanderson/Broadbent bt Emmerson/E. Meddings (S) 17, 16.
JBS. F: K. Rogerson (R) bt D. Westmoreland (H) 11,21.
JGS: 1. Meddings 2. J. Whiteley (H)
CS. F: A. Whiteley (H) bt R. Pike (S) 24, -17, 17.
VS. F: I. Walmsley (H) bt L. Browning (H) 7, 15.
Heap. SF: Pike (+14) bt K. Dodd (Y) (0) 10, 10.

Key: - H Harrogate; R Ryedale; S Selby; Y York.

COUNTY MATCHES

David Indriks, Naser, Sharpe, Lesley Broomhead and Julie McLean each contributed one singles win to Yorkshire 2nds 5-5 result against Cambridgeshire. In the two previous matches against Cambs. Yorkshire lost 6-4. Yorkshire now have the strength to win future encounters, but must pay more attention to the doubles, men's and women's both of which were won by the opposition.

The Junior 2nd team proved too strong for Bedfordshire away and won 7-3. Ruth Baxter and Ruth Bray were unbeaten in singles and doubles and look very promising. John Bult, Alaric Bassano and Nicky Newton each took one of their two singles with Bult and Newton also winning the doubles for a fine team effort.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE LEAGUES - HULL

Pleased to hear from Yorkshire Tournament Secretary, Rea Balmford, who lives in Hull that a new table tennis venture is underway in Humberside; Hull, Grimsby and Scunthorpe Leagues, with sponsorship from the County Council's Leisure Services Department, recently launched the new Humberside League to provide a high standard of competitive play for the top men on both banks of the river.

The three major centres of population will each enter two teams in the new competition, which will be played on five evenings during the season at Hessle Town Hall, home of the Humberside area Advanced Table Tennis Training Centre.

If, as expected, the new League becomes established, it is hoped that the top players will form the basis of a squad to represent Humbersidein the National League.

Hull have named the following squads from which their teams of three will be selected:

Squad 1: Joe Naser; Dave Randerson; John Bult; Ralph Rogers; John Galert; Paul Railton.

Squad 2: Sean Madden; Mike Harrison; Mike Farnill; Darren Parker; Stan Dixon; Roy Storer.

Former Hull star Clive Pollard has come out of retirement to rejoin Judeans "A" in 1 and his three singles win and the doubles with Tom McLocklan played a big part in a 6-4 defeat of Garden Village "A". In the Premier Division Sean Madden's three wins made sure that champions Y.P.1. Spartans did not slip up against club mates Cossacks, who finished last season in third place.

There was a clash of the city's top two cadets when Wold "C" visited Hull Boys Club "F" in Div 6, and Chris Ibson confirmed his No. 1 ranking when he beat Ian Parker in the opening win of a four game maximum which helped his team to a 6-4 success, but the team to watch at the moment are N.W. Bank, who brought their record to 6 from 3 with a win, also over Boys Club "F", in which B. Williams came through undefeated,

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Roy Williams reports from.....

NORTH WALES

Clywd who lost their first match of the season in Div. 3A Senior to Northumberland have since beaten Cheshire II, Cheshire I and Durham to raise the hopes of the squad comprising Trevor Manning, Terry Turner, John Hook, Paul Griffiths, Sue Roberts and Karen Buckle. The veterans' team, away to Worcestershire had Keith Fitzsimmons claiming our only success.

In the North Wales Counties League Rhyl top the veteran division after beating Wrexham with Jim Bishton their only winner in his three sets. For Rhyl Roy Williams, Ray Howland and Meirion Williams all won two. L1andudno are also in contention and Karl Harrison recorded a good win against Anglesey's Don Hobbs.

Rhyl with John Hook, Geoff Hollis and Gareth Williams top the senior division being unbeaten to date. In the junior section Wrexham, with John Ellis and Karen Buckle are proving too strong for the rest,

Wylfa, Holyhead Sealink and St Mary's dominate the Anglesey League and the champions will emerge from this formidable trio. Colwyn Bay TTC have set the pace in L1andudno's top division with Colwyn Bay Cricket Club hot on their heels. Clwyd "A" and Prestatyn "A" are the main Rhyl contenders in what should prove to be a close finish in Div. 1.

Gravel. Malpas and Caergwrle are in the title race at Wrexham but again no clear cut leader at this stage of the championship.

HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

Rhyl held their first of four tournaments of the season on Nov. 20 at Millers Cottage, Towyn. It was well supported, the winners being:-
Handicap Cup (70) Winner: Meirion Williams. R-up: J. Hook. Trophy Handicap (70) Winner: Geoff Hollis. R-up: A. Harrison. Women's Handicap (18) Winner: Ann Young. R-up: Amanda Williams. Division 2 (35) Winner: Perry Lee. R-up: Stephen Parry. Junior Handicap Winner: Leon Bennett. R-up: Malcolm Roberts. Mini (9 & Under) Winner: Natasha Williams, R-up: Natalie Hughes.

The Rhyl League's youngest ever team Prestatyn Juniors who play in Div. 2. From l to r Natasha Williams (7), Stephen Parry (10) and Natalie Hughes (8).

Photo by Alan White, Prestatyn.

Welsh Corner

by H. ROY EVANS

DISASTROUS PERFORMANCES

After an initial win against Guernsey, in which Wales lost only the doubles, subsequent performances in the European League have been poor, even disastrous. Alan Griffiths, our No. 1, living and playing in Germany, is not really available unless we go to a lot of expense and he can get time off to play. So Mark Thomas bears the burden at No. 1, and Mark is taking some time to reach his best form, As a reward for good tournament and National League results, No.1 Junior Nigel Tyler was drafted into the team to play against Switzerland in Geneva. We have a similar problem in our choice for the women's spot, Lesley Tyler having gone to study at University in Angers, France, so Shirley Cain, who has recently become Shirley Williams, deputises.

In the event both our two new recruits found playing in this higher realm a bit frightening, and neither played as well as they could. With Thomas also below his best, we went down 6-1 against a team whose men Busin and Miller could be beaten by our players, although Beatrice Witte is really too good for Shirley. We managed to take the men's doubles at 20-all in the third.

We had a very good Squad Training session on the week-end before our next match - against Luxembourg in Cardiff, but it has to be said that our

poorest ever performance - a 7-0 defeat. hardly suggested our players derived much benefit from the special session.

Gary Wilkins was brought back into the team to replace Tyler. but although he took the first games against both Maas and Hartmann. he fell away and lost disappointingly in the deciders. Mark. continuing his run of poor form, went down two-straight to both the Luxembourg men.

Shirley Williams. still having trouble getting her game under control, was really no match for Carine Risch. but she got it together better in the mixed with Gary, losing a first game at 20-all. but nowhere in the hunt in the second. Mark and Gary lost two-straight in their doubles.

Another unexpected set-back. As in the case of Switzerland, the Luxembourg men are only in the same class as ours, with as little or as much experience as ours. but whereas they seem to have improved, ours seem to have stood still.

We've had two League Open Tournaments - the Swansea and the Aberdare. with both suffering somewhat for lack of quality. It's true that Swansea had a very strong "outsider" in David Hannah. who came back from dead in both semi-final. against Kevin Satchell and in the final against Nigel Tyler. But in the Aberdare there was little outsider opposition. and Alan Griffiths picked up a very easy £100 to cover his holiday expenses. The Swansea event was mostly significant for the almost total elimination ofthe cream of Welsh talent. whilst the Aberdare had consolation that the Welsh junior girls picked up some of the titles.

The Cardiff Open will have been played by the time these notes appear, and it is to be hoped that the quality of entry will show some recovery.

Resuhs:

Swansea Open:

MS: SF: D. Hannah bt K. Satchell ., 5. 13. 15;
N. Tyler bt N. Thomas 17. 20.
F. **Hannah** bl Tyler 17, 20.
WS: SF: L. Tyler bl Clemett **-12**, 20. 10:
H. Perrott bl Short 17. 20.
F. **Tyler** bl Perrott 17. 18.
MD: F: M. and N. Thomas bl **Evans/Healan** 9. 17.
WD: F: Cotter/Sully bl Tyler/Cain 16. ·13. 12.
BS: F: Tyler bl Roberts 9. 13. .
GS: F: Wright bl Cotter 18. 20.
CBS: F: Gaylord bl Rodway 19. 16.
eGs: F: Carey bl Wright 8. 6.

Ab.rd.,. Open

MS: SF: A. Griffiths bl G. Evans 14. 17.
J. Kennedy bl M. Ellett 17. 17.
F: **Griffiths** bl Kennedy 10. 13.
WS: F: J. **Sully** bl H. Cotter 17, ·16, 19.
MO: F: Lambert/ Ellett bl Manning/ Timewell 13. 15.
WO: F: Cain-Williams/ Cathryn Jones bt Stephanie Jones/ Chantal Nicholls 8. 16.
BS: F: Nigel Tyler bt John Ellis ·16. **21**, 13.
GS: F: Cotter bt Wright -16. 15. 18.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Butterfly Cardiff and Cranfield Colours are not doing as well as expected in the First and Second Division South.

Butterfly lost to Tarmac 2-6. Mark Thomas's win over Bellingham and Andrew Jones with a final win over Andy Rich being their only successes.

Butterfly then beat Gillette Reading 5-3. Without Tony Healan or Gary Wilkins it was Nick Williams to make his debut and he won an important set against Mandy Sainsbury. Mark and Nigel Thomas won two each. but Andrew Jones went down to Jimmy Stokes and Alison Gordon.

A 6-2 defeat by Grove followed. Mark Thomas beat Scowcroft and Nigel beat Malcolm Green, but Tony Healan and Williams lost two each. although Nick did go to the third game in both his sets.

Trevor Manning made his debut against Ormesby II. beating Brunskill and Scotland's John Broe in a 5-3 win for Butterfly. Nigel Thomas beat Broe but lost to Taylor, whilst Gary Wilkins beat Taylor and Green. Williams lost two, but again went to three in both.

Butterfly's most recent win was against Newcastle. a side whose loss of two top players means they are hardly strong enough for this Division. As it was Mark Thomas beat Gelder and Robertson, Wilkins beat McMaster and Gelder, whilst Manning's defence was much too good for Jobling and McMaster. Nigel beat **Jobling** but played poorly to lose to Robertson.

Meanwhile **Cranfield** Colours, now strengthened by having signed George Evans. drew with Larkhall and Spicer New Malden. Brian Jeanes won two against Larkhall and one against Spicer. George Evans won one against Larkhall. but two against Spicer. Andrew Evans, the Cranfield captain. won an important set against Larkhall. but lost his both in the second **match. Graham** Sell lost=two against Larkhall. but Warwick Armstrong. making his debut. won the last set in fighting mood to force the draw.

But against Dagenham. the side fancied for promotion, Cranfield went down 1-7, only George Evans winning an event. beating Gibbs. Jeanes, Angie Evans and Armstrong were without a win.

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halex NATIONAL LEAGUE

by Robert Oldfield

DUTCH DOUBLES

Henk Van Spanje, Ormesby's Dutch International, kept his club's hopes of the Premier Division Championship alive by forcing the draw against Thorn-EMI Ellenborough and Hassy Perfection Soham recently. Spanje won two vital sets in both matches while Nigel Eckersley played the fall-guy for Ormesby in the No. 2 spot.

Ormesby's Donald Parker, No. 10 in the country at the time, did his computer ranking no harm in beating the Nos. 7 and 8, Paul Day and Kenny Jackson of Soham, but Ellenborough's Graham Sandley made few mistakes when facing the England Junior Captain.

With draws for Ormesby against two of the most successful teams in the league the Middlesbrough club may have one of their best chances of capturing the title for the first time. Ellenborough are lighting the way at the top of the table and a "Christmas Cracker" seems scheduled for December 18th for the visit of Soham, who, by this time, are likely to be third in the league.

Dunlop Birmingham's hopes of avoiding the drop were punctured by their last two matches, against Gillette Reading and Jaques Fareham, Gillette slashed through the Dunlop team by winning the first six sets on 16th October and a Prean strengthened Fareham lost only two games on November 6th,

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thom-EMI Ellenborough	6	5	1	0	31	17	11
Orme.by	6	4	2	0	33	15	10
Tlbhlr London	5	3	0	2	26	14	6
Hassy Sohlm	3	2	1	0	16	8	5
Jlqui. Fareham	5	2	0	3	22	18	4
Gillette Rllding	6	1	1	4	19	29	3
Unity Brldford	5	1	1	3	14	26	3
Dunlop Birminghlm	6	0	0	6	7	41	0

TARMAC STEAM-ROLLERED

Tarmac Wolverhampton, reading the First Division since the beginning of the season, got flattened by Grove on 6th November. The home team's John Hilton "played out of his skin" said Grove dynamo, Ian Marshall afterwards.

Hilton won two, including a 21-16, 21-19 win against ace defender Douggie Johnson, before Phil Bowen lined the victory up for Grove with the defeat of Andy Bellingham.

"Phil's extra bit of control and touch served him well", reported Marshall, "and then Malcolm Green sealed it up with a win over Tony Isaac. Both teams gave 100% in a great match. At the end the crowd just sat in their seats in appreciation."

The previous match Grove had dismissed the challenge of SIB Bath but the Avon club kept within sight of the leaders after the long trip to Middlesbrough's Thornaby Pavilion to play Ormesby II. Paul Jackson, the visiting No. 3, nosed Bath ahead with his second win of the match (against Kevin Green) before Kevin Edwards clinched the 3-5 victory.

Ormesby II, as a consequence, have slumped from fourth to seventh in the division while Butterfly Cardiff and MBS St. Neots have moved out of the danger relegation zone to the safety of the mid-table.

FIRST DIVISION

Grove Marklt D,.yton	6	6	0	0	37	11	12
Tlrmlc Wolvlrhlmpton	6	5	0	1	36	13	10
SIB Bath	6	4	0	2	30	18	8
Butterfly Clrdiff	5	3	0	2	21	19	6
MBS St Neote	5	2	1	2	19	21	5
Gillette Reading II	6	1	1	4	18	30	3
Ormelby II	6	1	0	5	19	29	2
Byklr NlwcasUe	6	0	0	6	5	43	0

CHAN STILL UNBEATEN

Everything in Second Division North suggests that the Chan Construction v South Yorkshîre match on 18th December is set to be one of the most exciting matches of the season. Chan still lead the Division but their unbeaten record is not due to any secret ingredient says manager, Kwok Wai Chan.

Chan, managing director of the sponsors - a building firm in the West Midlands - attributes their success to 100% effort. "Our team does not have any really great players but everyone tries very hard. Phil Gunn is our leading player but Richard Turner is a great fighter at No. 4."

"The match against South Yorkshire is crucial", says Chan. "We are not confident of beating them. They have a lot of good players with Chu Van Que, Chris Rogers, Keith Rodger and Tony Sanderson, but we will all try our best."

First, however, on 4th December Chan face the team that took a point off South Yorkshire earlier in the season, Tarmac Wolverhampton.

SECOND DIVISiON NORTH

Chin Construction	6	6	0	0	36	12	12
South Yorkshire	6	4	1	0	34	14	11
Selford TG	6	4	0	2	31	17	8
March Hllex	6	3	0	3	21	27	6
Tlrmac Wolvlrh'pton II	5	2	1	2	17	23	5
Bradford Hlrmits	6	1	1	4	22	26	3
Sincil Uncoln	5	0	1	4	13	27	1
RIS Stockton	6	0	0	6	10	38	0

DAGENHAM IN OVERDRIVE

Away support for Gillette Reading III seems to have evaporated with the new trend of playing matches simultaneously and the amalgamation with Omega has given them two other teams but lost their identity. Dagenham FC turned them over 8-0 on 23rd October with all the spectators present rooting for the home team.

"Not so many clubs can afford to keep a former England player on the subs' bench," said Dagenham press officer, Brian Parrish, "but Stuart Gibbs is under pressure from Steve Dittmar. One of the problems is keeping the players happy with so many attracting offers from other managers but we've got a great team spirit in the club.

Dagenham, winning their match in hand, have replaced TCB Dolphins at the top of Second Division South after the combination-bat players of Larkhall Clapham, Percy Collino and Gordon Chapman, took a 3-5 win back up the A23 from Hurstpierpoint on 16th October.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Olgenham Fe	5	6	0	0	36	4	10
Larkhall Claphlm	6	4	1	1	27	21	9
TCB Dolphins	5	3	1	1	24	16	
picer New Mlldln	6	1	2	3	21	27	4
Gillette Reldlng III	8	2	0	4	16	32	4
Crlnfield Halex	4	1	2	1	14	18	4
Witham FC	5	0	3	2	15	26	3
Gunnersbury Tri ngle	5	0	1		15	25	1

UNITY PUMMELLED

Unity Bradford III, with only one set scored this season, were always unlikely to trouble the table toppers, South Yorkshire II, on November 6th. With their near rivals all dropping sets, South Yorkshire merely increased their lead in Third Division North. It took them only 1 hour 47 minutes for a 0-8 victory.

Washington, therefore, after their 3-5 defeat by South Yorks. III, have slipped down the table with Ormesby III leapfrogging into second place. With prize money as well as prestige for the runner-up position there will be a lot at stake in the local derby when they take on the Ormesby team just before Christmas.

THIRD DIVISION NORTH

South Yorkshlrl II	8	8	0	0	42	6	12
Ormesby III	6	4	1	1	30	18	9
Washington	6	4	0	2	32	16	8
South York.hirl III	6	3	2	1	29	19	8
Unity Bradford II	6	2	1	3	23	26	6
Byklr NIWcIItll II	6	1	1	4	22	26	3
Vicke,. Barrow	6	1	1	4	13	35	3
Uni B..dford III	6	0	0	6	1	47	0

JAQUES SLIP UP

Jaques Fareham II, the only team likely to trouble Tulse Hill Rams in Third 'Division South, slipped up on November 6th when playing at Ashford. Ramish Bhalla won the first of his two sets to open the scoring forthe visitors when they trailed 3-0 but Ashford's Michael Hammond and Daryl Windsor secured the 5-3 home win.

Tulse Hill, meanwhile, were recording an 8-0 win against Lansdown Medway with only Ray Namdjou looking a danger to the South London team. Des Charlery, Andy Cunningham, Alex Facey and John Dennison look favourites to win on December 4th when they visit Jaques Fareham.

THIRD DIVISION SOUTH

Tul.. Hill	8	6	0	0	41	7	12
Jlque. Flreham	6	3	2	1	26	22	8

Bourne Ruislip	6	3	0	3	29	19	6
Ashford	6	2	2	2	23	25	6
Dunstable	6	1	2	3	18	30	4
Jolliffe Poole	5	1	2	2	17	23	4
Cippenham	5	0	3	2	15	25	3
Lansdown Medway	6	1	1	4	15	33	3

GOODBYE GRANTHAM

Hardly a word of disappointment was written by the other clubs when Grantham disappeared from Third Division East. The club's record has been expunged from the league and Nottingham Rackets Sense have taken over from Norwich Foxwood at the top of the table. Worst affected was lowly Halex Lincoln who saw their only point and the majority of their sets vanish into thin air.

Nottingham entertained Playrite Northampton at the Sycamore Sports Centre on 6th November and raced into a 5-0 lead. However, after the clash of the two No. 1's, Brian Hill and Graeme McKim, Northampton won the three dead sets. Iftheir No.3, Rod Marchant, had been the other end of a 27-25 third game against Mike Bishop, the visitors might have squeezed a point.

THIRD DIVISION EAST

Nottingham Racket Sense	6	5	0	0	31	●	10
Norwich Foxwood	5	3	2	0	29	11	8
Playrite Northampton	5	3	0	2	26	15	8
Coles Waveney	5	3	1	2	28	19	6
MBS St Neots II	5	2	1	2	20	20	5
H_ySoham II	6	1	0	6	16	33	2
Hala. Uncoln	5	0	0	6	3	37	0

SALISBURY SIGN SLEVIN

Colm Slevin, the Irish international whose mercurial talents brought him a German national league contract, has been signed by Holts Carpets Salisbury. Holts were already looking good for Division Three West with Dave Constance, Simon Heaps and Mark Werner but their new No.2 made a disastrous start in the crucial match against Pengeley Sports Torbay on 6th November.

Torbay's Gary Lambert dismissed the Irish wizard 21-16, 21 -1 9 and then sets from Gary Wilson and Paul Whiting left Mark Ellett to snatch the draw with a 21-19, 22-20 win over Werner. Pengeley stay top with a two sets advantage over Salisbury.

THIRD DIVISION WEST

Pengeley Torbay	8	5	1	0	37	11	11
Holts Salisbury	8	5	1	0	36	13	11
Hereford Time.	8	3	1	2	24	24	7
	e	2	1	3	21	27	5
Launceaton Kernow	e	1	2	3	20	28	4
WWSolilw1l	5	1	1	3	1526		3
Grove II	6	1	1	4	16	32	3
Global Plymouth	5	1	0	4	16	24	2

FIXTURES

PREMIER DIVISION

Sunday, 18th December
Hassy Soham v Thorn-EMI Ellenborough
Unity Bradford v Jaques Fareham
Dunlop Birmingham v Ormesby
Tibhar London v Gillette Reading

FIRST DIVISION

Sunday, 18th December
SIB Bath v Butterfly Cardiff
MBS St Neots v Grove Market Drayton
Tarmac Wolverhampton v Ormesby II
Byker Newcastle v Gillette Reading II

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Sunday. 11th December
Bradford Hermits v Sincil Lincoln
Sunday. 18th December
Sincil Lincoln v RIS Stockton
Chan Construction v South Yorkshire
Salford TG v Tarmac Wolverhampton II
Bradford Hermits v March Halex

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Sunday. 18th December
TCB Dolphins v Dagenham FC
Witham FC v Larkhall Clapham
Gunnersbury Triangle v Cranfield Halex
Spicer New Malden v Gillette Reading III

THIRD DIVISION NORTH

Sunday, 11th December
South Yorkshire III v Byker Newcastle II
Sunday. 18th December
Vickers Barrow v Unity Bradford III
Unity Bradford II v Byker Newcastle II
Washington v Ormesby III
South Yorkshire II v South Yorkshire III

THIRD DIVISION SOUTH

Sunday. 11th December
Lansdown Medway v Dunstable
Sunday. 18th December
Jolliffe Poole v Ashford
Bourne Ruislip v Cippenham

THIRD DIVISION EAST

Sunday, 18th December
MBS St Neots v Halex Lincoln
Norwich Foxwood v Nottingham Racket Sense
Playrite Northampton v Coles Waveney
Halex Grantham v Hassy Soham II

THIRD DIVISION WEST

Sunday. 18th December
Holts Salisbury v Launceston Kernow
Tarmac Ladies v Grove Market Drayton II
Global Plymouth v Pengeley Torbay
Hereford Times v WW Solihull

PREMIER DIVISION RESULTS

Sunday, 16th October 1983
Thom-EMI Ellenborough 4 Ormesby 4
Graham Sandley bt Nigel Eckersley 14, 10;
Mark Mitchell lost to Donald Parker -14. -17;
Colin Wilson bt Richard Yule -5, 14, 20;
David Tan lost to Henk Van Spanje -18, -15;
Sandley bt Parker 17. 17;
Mitchell lost to Van Spanje -4, 21, -12;
Wilson bt Eckersley 16, 14;
Tan lost to Yule -14,17, -" .

Dunlop Birmingham 1 Gillette Reading 7
Alan Fletcher lost to David Barr -10, -10;
Ian Horsham lost to Philip Bradbury -16, 16. -14;
Barry Johnson lost to David Reeves -14, -11;
Derek Munt lost to Andrew Wellman -1 9. -10;
Fletcher lost to Bradbury -II, -11;
Horsham lost to Wellman -17. -14;
Johnson beat Barr 19, 14;
MUnl lost to Reeves -18. -17.

Tibhar London 6 Unity Bradford 2
David Wells bt Steve Turner 21, -16, 19;
Max Crimmins lost to Skylet Andrew -7, -18;
Richard Jermyn bt Martin Firth 16. 14;
David Dodd bt Steven Sharpe 23. 26;
Wells bt Andrew -17,17,14;
Crimmins bt Sharpe 17, 20;
Jermyn lost to Turner -16, -17;
Dodd bt Firth 14, 9.

Sunday, 6th November 1983
Thom-EMI Ellenborough 5 Tibhar London 3
Graham Sandley bt Max Crimmins " , 11;
Mark Mitchell lost to David Wells -13, 16. -11;
Colin Wilson bt David Dodd 13, 10;
David Tan bt Richard Jermyn 21. 15;
Sandley lost to Wells -21 , -21;
Mitchell beat Jermyn 15, 16;
Wilson beat Crimmins -19,10,14;
Tan lost to Dodd II, -II, -19.
Gillette Reading 4 Unity Bradford 4
Philip Bradbury bt Steve Turner 12. 18;
David Barr lost to Skylet Andrew -21 , 20, -18;
Andrew Wellman bt David Indricks II, 17;
David Reeves lost to Steven Sharpe -21, -19;
Bradbury lost to Andrew 14, -17, -13;
Barr bt Sharpe 13. 18;
Wellman bt Turner 18, 16;
Reeves lost to Indricks -13. -18.
Ormesby 4 Hassy Soham 4
Donald Parker bt Kenny Jackson 14, 18;
Nigel Eckersley lost to Paul Day 16. -II , -21 ;
Henk Van Spanje bt Nicky Mason 10. 11;
Richard Yule lost to John Souter 12. -17, -12;
Parker bt Day 14, -17, 21;
Eckersley lost to Souter II , -16, -15;
Van Spanje bt Jackson 19, 21;
Yule lost to Mason II, -15, -23.
Jaques Fareham 8 Dunlop Birmingham 0
Carl Prean bt Barry Johnson 9. 5;
Alan Cooke bt Alan Fletcher 10, 14;
Ian Kenyon bt Rupert Sterling 15, 19;
Glenn Baker bt Derek Munt 17, -16, 17;
Prean bt Fletcher 9, 16;
Cooke bt Munt 15. 18;
Kenyon bt Johnson 16, -18, 17;
Baker bt Sterling 18, 15.

FIRST DIVISION RESULTS

Sunday. 16th October 1983
Bath 1 Grove 7
Butterfly Cardiff 5 Ormesby II 3
Tarmac Wolverhampton 6 Gillette Reading II 2
Byker Newcastle 1 MBS St Neots 7
Sunday, 6th November 1983
Butterfly Cardiff 7 Byker Newcastle 1
Ormesby II 3 SIB Bath 5
Grove Market Drayton 5
Tarmac Wolverhampton 3
Gillette Reading II 4 MBS St Neots 4

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Sunday, 16th October 1983
Sincil Lincoln 3 South Yorkshire 5
RIS Stockton 3 Tarmac Wolverhampton II 5
Salford TG 7 March Halex 1
Chan Construction 5 Bradford Hermits 3
Sunday, 6th November 1983
South Yorkshire 6 Salford TG 2
March Halex 1 Chan Construction 7
Bradford Hermits 7 RIS Stockton 1

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Sunday. 16th October 1983
TCB Dolphins 3 Larkhall Clapham 5
Dagenham FC 7 Cranfield Halex 1
Gunnersbury Triangle 3 Gillette Reading III 5
Spicer New Malden 4 Witham FC 4
Sunday. 23rd October 1983
Dagenham FC 8 Gillette Reading III 0
Sunday. 6th November 1983
Dagenham FC 7 Spicer New Malden 1
Larkhall Clapham 5 Gunnersbury Triangle 3
Gillette Reading III 5 Witham FC 3

THIRD DIVISION NORTH

Sunday, 16th October 1983
Vickers Barrow 5 Byker Newcastle II 3
Unity Bradford III 1 Ormesby III 7
South Yorkshire II 6 Unity Bradford II 2
Washington 3 South Yorkshire III 5
Sunday. 6th November 1983
Unity Bradford III 0 South Yorkshire II 8
Ormesby III 7 Vickers Barrow 1
Byker Newcastle II 3 Washington 5
South Yorkshire III 6 Unity Bradford II 2

THIRD DIVISION SOUTH

Sunday. 16th October 1983
Jolliffe Poole 4 Dunstable 4
Ashford 4 Cippenham 4
Bourne Ruislip 2 Tulse Hill Rams 6
Jaques Fareham II 5 Lansdown Medway 3
Sunday. 23rd October 1983
Lansdown Medway 1 Bourne Ruislip 7
Sunday. 6th November 1983
Ashford 5 Jaques Fareham II 3
Dunstable 5 Bourne Ruislip 3
Tulse Hill Rams 8 Lansdown Medway 0

THIRD DIVISION EAST

Sunday, 16th October 1983
Halex Lincoln 0 Nottingham Racket Sense 8
Coles Waveney 3 MBS St Neots II 5
Playrite Northampton 6 Hassy Soham II 2
Sunday. 23rd October 1983
Hassy Soham II 2 MBS St Neots II 6
Sunday. 6th November 1983
Coles Waveney 7 Halex Lincoln 1
Nottingham Racket Sense 5
Playrite Northampton 3
Hassy Soham II 0 Norwich Foxwood 8

THIRD DIVISION WEST

Sunday. 16th October 1983
Holts Salisbury 7 Grove II 1
Launceston Kernow 3 Pengeley Torbay 5
Hereford Times 4 Tarmac Ladies 4
Sunday. 30th October 1983
WW Solihull 6 Tarmac Ladies 2
Sunday. 6th November 1983
Pengeley Torbay 4 Holts Salisbury 4
Grove Market Drayton II 3 Global Plymouth 5
Sunday. 13th November 1983
Launceston Kernow 1 Hereford Times 7

POSTBAG

ENFORCED PRIORITIES

In your November issue you make the comment, in regard to the lack of interest in purchasing your magazine, that the vast majority of leagues are insular, parochial and have little interest outside their own backyards.

How right you are - the sheer fact that we are in the main, small local voluntary bodies, with limited resources in both manpower and finances, forces us to have these priorities. That's our excuse, what is yours? As the mouthpiece of our governing body you tend to reflect their attitudes and ideas (if any) and I must say that the same faults that you apply to us, unfortunately seems to apply to the E.T.T.A., an organisation that appears to most people connected with table tennis, to be run by well-meaning, but rather dim ostriches, who are not only wingless, but legless and therefore being unable to move properly, find themselves having to sit heavily in the lap of the manufacturers. The very people, who in their zest to complicate the game whilst relieving us of our money, appear to be killing the goose that lays the golden egg.

I take subscription of your magazine because as Secretary of my League, I feel that I should be aware of National and International affairs, but why should this be of interest to the person that makes up possibly 90% of most leagues? The 'once a week average club player'. May I suggest that you investigate possible m,ethods of becoming more relevant to the majority.

Why are there no regular articles and pictures on coaching tips, player interviews, or even a regular article investigating the claims of equipment manufacturers? Have you ever noticed how most of themail order companies' assessments of blades, rubbers etc. tend to reflect who they are main agents for? All of this I'm sure would be of interest to the 'grass roots' player. Why not have an 'Around the Leagues' item, if we don't come to you, come to us, ask us what makes us tick, what are our problems, how are we intending to solve them, why do we use the playing system we do, what are we doing to attract new players to the game? An article such as this could be of benefit to us all.

Please, a little more thought, a little more imagination, even investment, then perhaps the highlight of your magazine would not be seeing how many things your I.O.W. correspondent has repeated himself each issue.

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CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Despite all Aubrey Drapkin writes (T.T. News Nov.) there IS a gap between the roots and the top in our Sport. I quote from Pat Snoxell's well argued letter in the same issue. "At least 95% of ordinary club members are only interested in their own league match each week and they see no advantage in affiliation with the ETTA." This from the Secretary of what was once a large league which, like all of us, has lost a lot of members over the years. He, too, writes of the membership crisis which John Woodford discovered even earlier than I did. The point that the hundreds of pounds collected (by the ETTA) each year could have been put to better use in building a league club house was made earlier by our own County Secretary in a letter to the ETTA. One could go on almost forever about matters on which the roots and the top are on different wavelengths, but that is not the purpose of this letter.

Neither is Aubrey's own devotion to Table Tennis at local and national level in any doubt. We want the same thing: There is nothing to quarrel about. I therefore accept his challenge: "Oh where, Oh where?" (is the money to come from to pay for the Sport's progress).

There are two main areas: (1) To make (more) money (2) To save it. The former divides into two further areas: (a) From outside activities, such as promotions of NEW events with spectator and media appeal, sponsorship which would follow these, fund-raising schemes, etc. (b) from the membership which numbers, perhaps, 60,000, but was once larger. Currently it appears to pay perhaps £1 per head per year. By the time VAT is added and all the sums are collected, a small league will contribute perhaps £300 which seems a lot to them.

There is scope for (a). The ETIA's own '1990' document acknowledges this. But we need NEW events, not the tired, congested calendar of yesteryear. (b) There is even more scope for affiliation fees IF members feel they are getting VALUE for Money which at the moment they do not. A few years ago an ETIA committee tried to lead us down that road. The Chairman Jeff Sandley was a successful businessman. He saw a membership card that had real value, that would entitle the holder to discounts on anything from bat rubber to insurance, to free tickets perhaps at our main events. Alas the ETTA is a graveyard of good ideas and it all disappeared into the sands of time. Yet the stakes were large: If members contributed £2 per head per year, still a ridiculous sum, a further £60,000 would be available. If it was £10 per head we would talk in terms of half a million pounds assuming no substantial losses of membership. Impossible? In France members pay rather more.

We could mount a membership drive and increase our membership. Impossible? In Germany they have ten times as many members as we have.

But in the end it all boils down to one thing: People will only part with their money IF they think they get value. That is the only problem and the one to which the ETIA has not addressed itself. Scapegoats have rushed at us in great numbers: The recession, the combination bat, poor TV viewing figures, etc. None are of the slightest relevance. Only one thing is: The ETTA's failure to SELL the Sport to the public and the ETTA's failure to sell itself to the membership which gets what it pays for (Very little); the ETTA gets paid for what it provides (Equally little).

The answer is to escape from the Catch 22 situation, the danger the temptation to muddle along for another season amidst the comfort that comes from doing nothing new.

If it is really felt that the ability does not exist to bring in new funds or to serve the membership better, then Alternative (2) must be brought in. This means SAVING money. It would be foolish of me to make recommendations as I have not seen the books, but if Aubrey would send me these, I am confident that I can find savings which will enable us to get better value for our money.

I accept the challenge.

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CONCERNING CLUBS

We are a small club, Vegby SK, who promote a big table tennis competition for women and girls only. This has shown very good results. We are now in our ninth year.

The competition "Flicktraffen 84" is to be played on the 28-29 January 1984 in Ulricehamn, a town which is situated 90 km East of Gothenburg.

1984's competition is one of six, included in "The Ladies Grand Prix". This means that most of the Swedish elite will be playing in Ulricehamn.

We are now hoping to organise the competition on an international basis and now ask for your help to make contact with clubs in your country with women and girls as members.

We would be most grateful for a reply as soon as possible to allow time to send out invitations before the last day of entry which is 19 December 1983.

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TRICKSTERS ALL

Some months ago, I wrote a letter to the ETTA with copies to various National Newspapers, as well as Table Tennis News, in which it was published concerning Combination bats and different types of rubber surfaces generally.

The letter generated a fair amount of response, and even provoked a published reply from John Prean, as well as my being contacted by a reporter from the Daily Telegraph, and various congratulatory and supportive telephone calls etc.

I never pressed forward with my views, because I was beginning to feel that I was banging my head against a brick wall with the bureacracy and personal interests that our sport has now created. (For even with the clear support my letter creates and even with the grumbling I consistently hear from players at league and county level - nothing has been done!) However, I feel that I just cannot let John Prean's article in the recent issue of T.T. News (November) go unanswered.

The basic context of Mr. Prean's article appears to be two-fold.

How can we best advance the claims of table tennis as a National sport, both commercially and attractively, and on the other hand, Mr. Prean's clear support for combination bats and trick serves?

The first part of Mr. Prean's article, I couldn't agree with more, I would fully support anything which furthered the claim of table tennis as a sport comparable to golf, tennis and football, but I feel before one starts pressing those aspects, one ought to take an unbiased view of as Mr. Prean puts it "the grass roots of the game".

Again, I cannot emphasize strongly enough my condemnation of combination bats, and the wide array of differing rubber surfaces that are available.

There is no doubt, with all due respect to Mr. Prean, he has a very personal interest in combination bats, by virtue of the extraordinary talent of his son Carl, having used one, and done so well.

As I have said before, a combination bat is used purely as a trick to confuse the opponent into making an error.

Whilst I have a certain amount of admiration for Carl's talent, I cannot help but wonder just how good he is with, what I would term a "normal" bat, would he be able to consistently beat player's such as Sandley, Douglas, Andrew etc. with one?

It is all very well saying that a player has to have the basic skill to use a combination bat, and equally well, to a good player, a combination bat does not make any difference when playing against it. However, it clearly does make a difference, for I put it to all who understand and appreciate table tennis, would Carl Prean, at this very moment in time, be England No.1, if he were using a normal bat? The answer speaks for itself, and it also answers one of the earlier questions I put in this letter, and that is it obviously does make a difference to a good player when playing against a combination bat - this type of bat clearly has an effect at the highest level and is 'murdering' the game at the lower levels.

I realise the new rule concerning different colour surfaces on each side of a bat is to a certain extent a compromise in my argument against combination bats, but it is only a 25% compromise.

The more I consider the various rules and regulations which govern our game at present, the more disheartened and frustrated I get.

It would seem to me that before John Prean and others start screaming that table tennis is a second class sport, they ought to be looking at basic ways of making the game, not only simpler to understand, but more attractive to watch, and then looking at ways of pushing the PR side.

I list the following aspects of the game, in relation to the current laws, which are ludicrous to say the least,' and again if one looks at it in the cold light of day, how can one push the PR side, when one has these rules in existence:

1. If the rule concerning different coloured bat surfaces applies internationally, why should it not be made mandatory throughout the game, at all standards and levels?
2. How can combination bats whether they be in the same colour, or two different colour surfaces, or whatever, be a legal form of play? How does one logically put forward an argument for table tennis when the game itself is based on pure and utter trickery! It surely is logic for most reasonable players to appreciate this point with the understanding of the different bat surfaces which are available.
3. Again a point raise'd by Mr. Prean, regarding legalities of services. Of course, it is nonsensical to have a law which allows a service to be manipulated on the blind side of the umpire, and even out of view of the opponent. I still believe it possible for a player of Carl's class to produce the sort of fantastic services that he does produce with a service which is viewable for all and sundry to see. If one was to assume an imaginary fixture televised in such a way as to make the Layman interested, how can one logically expect the viewer to understand that not only is the player allowed to use a combination bat with differing surfaces, but is also allowed to use a racket, allowing differing thicknesses of sponge underlay, not only on each side, giving a different effect on the ball spin, but is also allowed to use different types of glue which also have an effect on the way that the ball spins? This of course, coupled with the fact that there are all different types of blades available, ranging from ply to carbon fibre, again all giving a different spin to the ball.

So what is the answer? Surely the only logical and sensible answer, which I am sure would give John Prean a mini heart attack, would be to standardise all rackets. Whether it be a decision to go for hard bats throughout, or sponge or whatever, the decision should be to have a standard racket, made of a standard material, with standard components. That in itself would even the game for all and sundry to play, at all levels.

The rules themselves then should be looked at very closely to ensure a standard of sensibility about them, so that silly rules, such as the ones that currently govern standards of services do not apply.

Then and only then, can consideration be given to ways of selling the game attractively.

Having established the basis, by virtue of the foregoing, at least the game could then be sold on the basis of everybody using standard equipment, and then that in itself would \contribute to orthodox attacking players, playing orthodox defensive players accordingly.

It may also be that to sell the game to TV, because surely that must form the focal point for any P.R. work, a certain razzmatazz must be added to the game. Obviously, this must initially come down to the creation of personalities within the game. Muhammed Ali did a considerable amount of good for boxing, and it is characters that sell a sport. We have the potential to do this, why are we not exploiting it?

It never fails to amaze me the gigantic oversight at the time, by our governing body, in not utilising the great Chester Barnes to his full potential. There was a character who was able to create his own publicity, and who had a marvellous personality, yet ratherthan be utilised to sell the game, he was always at logger-heads with the Authorities, and at times through no fault of his own.

Skylet Andrew is a name that comes to mind in terms of selling a personality to the media, and I am sure that there are others around also, or indeed, others that could be 'created'.

I note that the ETTA are currently trying to engage a P.R. man, and it may be that this gentleman's duties are to include the very point that Mr. Prean and perhaps I, am touching on. For I do tend to agree with the overall context of the comments made, but a more aggressive approach is needed to push the game generally.

It may be that sponsorships generally need some investigation, for one point that seems illogical to me, is the preferential treatment that players currently give to the so called Super League, in relation to the County Championships. Years ago I seem to recollect it was a great honour to be chosen to represent ones County, but nowadays, it seems to be very much

playing second fiddle to playing Super League, and I think sponsorships in this direction should be followed. It may be that this has not been the fault of the ETTA or the sponsors, but the fault of the C.T.T.C. Committee themselves, for not pushing sponsorship for their individual County direct. Surely something in that direction ought to be followed through, with a view to not just Internationals or major tournaments being televised, but also County matches.

Summarising I feel that before anything can be done in the direction of P.R., a major re-look at the basis of how the game is being played 'at the moment needs looking at and hence my comments in relation to doing away with not only the combination bat, but also the other rubbers which do not rely on skill in any way whatsoever (I refuse to be made to believe that they do) but rely purely on trickery, and if that is the side of the game which Mr. Prean or other contemporaries of his wish to push, then I feel that they can keep the game to themselves, for that is what it will end up, a very minority sport, played by tricksters and con-men and run by them, for personal gain by virtue of the money input of the rubber manufacturers as well as the glory of beating someone using a combination bat whom you couldn't beat using a 'normal' bat!

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LANCASHIRE LIFE

by George Yates

DISMAL AWAY DAYS

Lancashire second senior and junior teams took to the road on Oct 29 but returned from both Suffolk and Derbyshire with their tails between their legs beaten, respectively. 8-2 and 9-1 .

Peter Rainford, father of Paul, took the senior seconds on the long haul to East Anglia where only Phil Aspinall of Oldham and Liverpool's Keith Williams tasted success, the former beating Mick Palmer and, the latter John Kitchener. Scores (Suffolk names first) were:-

S. Palmer bt K. Williams 12. 16;
M. Palmer lost to P. Aspinall -g, -, 5;
J. Kitchener bt P. Flint 15. 15;
J. Dowsett/S. Welham bt P. French/A. Goodwin 17. 16;
Kitchener/S. Palmer bt Flint/Williams 12. 13;
S. Palmer bt Aspinall 9. 11;
Wellham bt French 13. -18. 8;
Kitchener lost to Williams -20. 14. -14;
Oowsett bt Goodwin 14. 16;
M. Palmer bt Flint 13. 12.

Roy Frankland undertook the shorter trip to Derbyshire where Colin Hogarth of Fleetwood got the Red Rose county off to the best of starts by beating Paul Harvey in the first set. And that was the sum total of Lancashire's tally, the scores (Derbyshire names first) being:-

P. Harvey lost fa C. Hogarth -19. -19;
N. Adams bt P. Crankshaw 16. 13;
A. Henry bt S. Gibson 13. 21;
L. Forster/J. Weightman bt L. Harnden/L. McEwen 11. 11;
Adams/Henry bt Hogarth/Gibson 20, 15;
Harvey bt Crankshaw 10, 11;
Weightman bt Harnden 21, 14;
Henry bt Hogarth 14, 16;
Forster bt McEwen 12, 8;
Adams bt Gibson 17, 19.

Bolton have got off to a good start in Division 1 of the Lancashire and Cheshire League with victories over Liverpool (9-1), Wirral (8-2) and Stockport (7-3) but complaints are to hand regarding the conduct of Steve Cowley and Billy Gleave in the match against Wirral and against Cowley in the more recent Stockport encounter.

Disciplinary measure are likely to be considered in the near future both by the Lancs and Ches executive and the Bolton League itself. But what a way to carry on!!!

A new signing by Victorians in the Bolton League is that of former English international Susan Lisle who is also playing in the Warrington League. Welcome back Sue.

PRESIDENT

At a dinner at the Pack Horse Hotel on Nov 20 the Bolton League installed their first ever president - David D. Plowes. the Director of Personnel at British Aerospace Dynamics, Lostock. David is also a vice-president of the ETTA.

Four vice-presidents were also created by the Bolton League namely:- Mrs. Doreen Yates and Messrs. A. E. Upton. W. Darbyshire and D. R. Smith.

DALE FARM IRISH JUNIOR OPEN

SUCCESS IN THE EMERALD ISLE

An English trio comprising Bradley Billington of Derbyshire. Sean Gibson of Lancashire and Claire Potts of Cheshire, under the management of Charlie Gibson, Sean's father from Charnock Richard. made the successful trip to Belfast.

The trio won the international team event beating Ireland 6-1 and Scotland 4-0, young cadet Gibson losing to A. Redmond.

In the individual events, played at Loughside Recreation Centre, Claire Potts won both the U-14 and U-17 girls' singles beating. in turn, O. Stevenson and L. Johnson of Scotland.

Billington won the U-14 boys' singles and lost in the final of the U-17's to Inglis of Ireland. Gibson was the beaten finalist in the U-14 boys' and was beaten in the quarters of the U-17's by Inglis.

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KIRKLEES 2-STAR

Graham Sandley with a final win over John Hilton won the men's singles title in the Kirklees 2-Star Open played at Batley over the weekend of Nov. 19/20.

Alison Gordon repeated her women's singles success over Carole Moore to win the women's singles as she did in the Midland 3-Star. Other results:-

MD: S. Andrew/P. Bradbury bt A. Cooke/A. Creed
WO: J. and I. Bellinger bt C. Moore/N. Cowley
BS: B. Gleave bt D. Rook
GS: S. Collier bt J. Shaw
M. Class 2 Singles: W. Spivak bt D. McVitie
W. Class 2 Singles: F. Elliot bt J. Powis.

LENTEC COMPUTER SCHEME

Junior events in Senior 2 and 3-Star Open tournaments do not count towards computer ranking.

MARRIAGE

PAUL SKEVINGTON-CHERYL CREASEY

Former England No. 1 cadet girl Cheryl Creasey of Dorset was married on May 7 last to Paul Skevington at St Michael and All Angels. Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset. The bearded Paul is here seen with an equally happy Cheryl photographed by Leon Black of London W11. Belated congratulations are hereby extended.

Photo by Leo Black. London.

LENTEC COMPUTER RANKINGS

COOKE ROCKETS TO No.3

by Mike Watts

In the first of the 1983/84 season's Lentec Computer Ranking Lists, Alan Cooke of Derbyshire, by virtue of his wins in the Colgate North of England, Wiltshire and Humberside Open tournaments has shot up from an opening position of 22 to third place. Cooke was substituted for the injured Desmond Douglas in the European League match against Hungary and the Hungarian Open.

Another climber is Max Crimmins of Surrey who goes from 21 into the top ten at No. 8 but the honour of the most places gained goes to David Rook of Yorkshire who came from almost total obscurity at No. 177 up to No. 62, a rise of 115 places. The corne-back of Carole Moore (nee Knight) of Cleveland continues with a rise of five places to No.4, but the top three remain unchanged. Current ranking (previous position in brackets) are:-

SENIOR MEN	Pts
1 Carl Prean (IOW) (1)	681
2 Desmond Douglas (Wa) (2)	650
3 Alan Cooke (Dy) (22)	633
4 Graham Sandley (Mi) (4)	621
5 John Hilton (La) (3)	466
6 Skylet Andrew (E) (6)	442
7 Douggie Johnson (Wa) (5)	403
8 Max Crimmins (Sy) (21)	366
9 David Wells (Mi) (9)	361
10 Philip Bradbury (Bu) (12)	358
11 Paul Day (Ca) (7)	358
12 Donald Parker (La) (10)	351
13 David Barr (Bk) (19)	349
14 Alan Fletcher (Y) (11)	330
15 Colin Wilson (Mi) (16)	324
16 Kenny Jackson (E) (8)	318
17 John Souter (Mi) (18)	311
18 Mark Mitchell (Mi) (15)	291
19 Steven Turner (La) (23)	282
20 Chris Rogers (Le) (13)	282
21 Nigel Eckersley (Ch) (17)	280
22 Steven Mills (Y) (14)	262
23 David Dodd (K) (36)	240
24 Richard Fermyn (He) (27)	238
25 Chu Van Que (Nd) (20)	234
26 David Constance (Do) (-)	234
27 Nicky Mason (Sy) (33)	234
28 Ian Kenyon (K) (24)	233
29 Kevin Beadsley (Y) (29)	225
30 Andrew Wellman (Bk) (25)	223
31 Ian Horsham (E) (26)	210
32 John Kitchener (Sk) (28)	193
33 David Tan (Mi) (31)	192
34 Lindsay Taylor (Cv) (32)	184
35 Carl Morgan (Wa) (57)	183
36 Kevin Satchell (Wi) (37)	180
37 Steven Scowcroft (La) (40)	178
38 Barry Johnson (Wa) (35)	176
39 Billy Gleave (Ch) (30)	172
40 David Reeves (Bk) (47)	170
41 Peter Taylor (He) (34)	164
42 Andrew Bellingham (St) (39)	157
43 Tony Clayton (Do) (48)	153
44 Mark Oakley (Sy) (41)	149
45 Adrian Moore (Sx) (42)	147
46 David Newman (E) (38)	145
47 Keith Richardson (Ca) (49)	134
48 Tony Sanderson (Y) (43)	123
49 Andrew Creed (Av) (53)	122
50 Barry Hayward (Wa) (45)	116
51 Peter McQueen (Nd) (46)	116
52 Phillip Bowen (La) (74)	111
53 Steven Moore (Sx) (51)	110
54 Malcolm Francis (Sx) (50)	105
55 John Payne (Mi) (54)	105
56 Steven Holloway (Sy) (61)	100
57 Keith Paxton (Du) (52)	100
58 Derek Munt (Wa) (62)	97
59 Andrew Rich (St) (64)	95
60 Andrew Syed (Bk) (92)	93
61 Phillip Gunn (Wa) (82)	92
62 David Rook (Y) (-)	91
63 Brian Johns (Ch) (60)	90
64 Mick Harper (He) (55)	89
65 Benny Robertson (Nd) (65)	89
66 Gary Lambert (Dv) (72)	88
67 Gareth Spencer (K) (93)	87
68 Shaun Browne (La) (59)	86
69 Paul Randall (Le) (56)	86
70 Ian Fullerton (Bk) (58)	82
71 Steven Sharpe (Y) (88)	80
72 Percy Collino (Mi) (75)	80
73 Malcolm Green (Sp) (94)	79
74 Desmond Charlery (E) (69)	77
75 Paul Jackson (Gs) (91)	77
76 Kevin Edwards (Wi) (-)	75
77 David Gannon (Le) (-)	74
78 Paul Rainford (La) (63)	73
79 Babs Adedayo (Mi) (66)	70
80 John Burleton (K) (71)	70
81 Tony Penny (E) (78)	70
82 Martyn Smith (Av) (67)	69
83 Michael Browne (Wa) (73)	68
84 Stuart Palmer (Sk) (-)	(68)
85 Robert Watson (Ng) (68)	68
86 Glen Baker (Sy) (70)	67
87 Michael Hammond (Sy) (87)	66
88 Peter Skerratt (Li) (-)	66
89 Jimmy Stokes (Bk) (-)	66
90 Paul Namdjou (K) (83)	63
91 Les Eadie (E) (85)	61
92 Andrew Cunningham (K) (77)	61
93 Paul Hooper (Av) (-)	60
94 Phillip Smith (Sx) (86)	59
95 Kevin Green (Cv) (90)	58
96 Chris Bartram (K) (-)	57
97 Andrew Dodd (K) (98)	57
98 Mark Ellett (Dv) (-)	57
99 Lester Bertie (Wa) (100)	54
100 Keith Williams (La) (84)	52

SENIOR WOMEN	Pts
1 Karen Witt (Bk) (1)	490
2 Lisa Bellinger (Bd) (2)	333
3 Joy Grundy (La) (3)	278
4 Carole Moore (Cv) (9)	269
5 Susan Collier (Bk) (7)	228
6 Mandy Sainsbury (Bk) (5)	190
7 Alison Gordon (Bk) (6)	183
8 Jackie Bellinger (Bd) (4)	164
9 Sarah Sandley (Mi) (11)	149
10 Jean Parker (La) (8)	141
11 Anita Stevenson (Le) (10)	101
12 Karen Smith (Le) (15)	97
13 Mandy Reeves (Mi) (14)	90
14 Angela Mitchell (Mi) (12)	88
15 Sizanne Hunt (Li) (13)	85
16 Helen Williams (Mi) (18)	77
17 Jill Harris (St) (16)	75
18 Joanne Shaw (Y) (28)	67
19 Helen Bardwell (He) (20)	66
20 Karen Groves (Wa) (19)	60
21 Melody Hill (Y) (17)	58
22 Jill Powis(St) (-)	48
23 Christine Peacock (La) (25)	46
24 Mary Denbow (Ox) (39)	44
25 Sandra Peakman (Wa) (35)	41
26 Fiona Elliot (St) (-)	40
27 Nina Tsakarisianos (Gs) (38)	35
28 Helen Shields (Y) (26)	34
29 Cheryl Buttery (Li) (32)	31
30 Elaine Sayer (E) (27)	29
31 Jenny Collins (Bk) (21)	29
32 Carol Butler (Dv) (22)	29
33 Teresa Moore (Sx) (45)	29
34 Julie Revill (Le) (31)	28
35 Michelle Hams (Sy) (23)	26
36 Debbie Soothill (Cu) (-)	25
37 Nicola Cowley (La) (-)	25
38 Claire Maisey (Wi) (24)	25
39 Carol Spain (K) (-)	22
40 Claire Mouzon (Nd) (-)	21
41 Laura Goldsmith (Mi) (29)	21
42 Julie Dimmock (Bd) (-)	20
43 Julie McLean (Y) (30)	20
44 Amanda Hegarty (St) (-)	19
45 Melanie Seaton (Y) (-)	18
46 Lesley Broomhead (Y) (40)	18
47 Janet Parker (Wi) (34)	17
48 Gillian Sharpe (Li) (33)	17
49 Kathy Conlon (Ha) (36)	16
50 Jane Barella (Sy) (37)	16

Joy Grundy of Lancashire who retains her No, 3 position.

Surrey's Max Crimmins facing Cheshire's Nigel Eckersley. Max has been elevated from No. 21 to No. 8 and this before his men's singles success in the Midland 3·Star Open!

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Carol Moore

AS A MATTER OF FACT .

By Murray Corbin

PROMISES FULFILLED

Sincere apologies for being unable to bring you this column last month, due to the week having only seven days.

I promised to tell you (1) What two leading Sports Goods Executives told me when I asked them why they were not investing more heavily in TT, and (2) What to do when you do not see TT results in the National Papers or hear them on the Local Radio.

Regarding (1) the Executives remarked that they would, as soon as the ETTA got off its backside and invested more of its own money. I hope by now they understand that the EITA has no money to invest. The Executives should therefore realise that the road is clear for them to go ahead on their own, and (2) When England is playing and I do not hear the outcome in the Sports Results, particularly on LBC - my local radio station, I simply phone the Sports Editor, and express my disappointment and dissatisfaction, at not hearing the results. Within forty-five minutes, it is usually broadcast. If many of you throughout the Country were prepared to do this on every occasion, you would be creating a demand, and this is something that every good Sports Editor is usually ready to meet. So please stop grumbling amongst yourselves and phone. The ball is in your court.

THE LAUNCHING OF CORNILLEAU

Cornilleau (UK) had an official launch recently of their range of tables at Seymour Leisure Centre, Ewell, Surrey. French and International Star-Jacques Secretin, who is lending his name to the Company as approval of the high standards of the tables, flew in from Paris for the special occasion.

Amongst the many guests were the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell, Archie Hamilton the MP, personalities and officials from Surrey TTA, the EITA, and leading dealers, many of whom had travelled from all parts of the Country.

Cornilleau, in case you do not know, produces over 100,000 tables a year, at its fully automated assembly plant in the north of France, and is now believed to be one of the largest specialist 'table' producers in the world. The Company has grown to this enviable position in a very short period, spurred on by the philosophy of providing a table for all, at a price they can afford. In addition to this, the exclusive Roul'matic system, which makes setting up, a simple one-person-operation, with net and posts always in the playing position, has generated sales of over a quarter of a million pounds in England, within the last six months.

The Company's future activities include two projects: sponsoring the South of England Junior Open in January at Woking, and the training both here and in France of up-and-coming youngsters. Judging by the speech made by David Taber - the Managing Director, this ultra-progressive outfit is determined to put TT back,on the map in the UK, as successfully as it has done, in France. I sincerely hope that he gets the co-operation he deserves from the Establishment. Please allow me to give a special mention to David's wife, Chantal, who produced a buffet of the most excellent quality, quantity and taste, for the launch. C'etait magnifique, Madame! Merci bien.

CORRESPONDENCE

I received many interesting letters from you covering different queries ranging from dissatisfaction with services offered by local sports shops; equipment- mainly rubber and blade; sponsorship; player/coach misunderstandings; the interpretations of Coaching Methods and the apparent ambiguities of the Laws of Umpiring. After I have sought the opinions of others for whom I have the greatest respect and confidence, I will set about replying to you confidentially. I did not foresee my becoming an 'Agony Columnist', but if I can repay the confidence you all have showered me with, then what else can I do? Incidentally, I was talking to David Fairholm recently about my knowing many coaches who were misinterpreting or abusing 'the moving of the foot nearer to the ball' rule, and he suggested that if I could organise and arrange a few 'Coaching Jamborees' throughout the Country next year, he was sure that he and the other National Coaches would attend in order to get 'Coaching Queries' cleared-up. However, I must point out that any motivation on my part to arrange such meetings would depend on my hearing from many Coaches throughout the land, with their queries, or who would simply be willing to attend. So please write to me at 304B Haydons Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 8JZ.

In the meantime, Russell Floyd of Chobham, Surrey, writes:- "It seems to me that the County Championships and the National League are in direct competition. They both need the services of the top players, the attendance of spectators and the money of sponsors.

"The players do not seem to be very interested in the CC. This was apparent at the last Premier Division match which I attended. Some matches are grouped now so that several matches can be done with, at the least inconvenience to players and officials.

Jacques Secretin and Martin Levin of Wanstead, seen here discussing the fine points of the game, at the launching of Cornilleau (UK).

"The number of spectators is, I think, restricted by the limited appeal of Table-tennis. Interest is more likely to be sustained by regular matches as in the National League than by occasionl County matches. The regularity and frequency of matches is also more likely to interest potential sponsors. I consider therefore that the CC should be dropped and all resources devoted to the promotion of the NL. An additional advantage would be the financial saving to the County Associations."

Dear Russell, I can agree that the NL and CC appear to be in direct competition, but this is actually a conflict of purpose and interest. As I have stated before, the NL was formed to benefit the very cream of table-tennis players.

The unexpected conflict of interest is derived from the NL expanding and therefore creating a bigger than expected demand for players, who must obviously be attracted from the CC. I am sure that if you were a County Association and had spent years and money training and building players to serve your cause, you would not appreciate the Nt benefiting from this, as soon as a player has shown good in the CC. If the NL would also start grooming youngsters to serve their purpose, we at the CC would cheer madly. In the meantime, we have to look after the interest of the Counties. Perhaps, where a team in the NL needs the services of a County-ranked player, the appropriate approach should have to be made to the County and where possible, a transfer fee made payable to the County. NL Teams will come and go, but the Counties have more stability for the player with a head on his shoulders. To reiterate, the two organisations serve two very different, important roles and although I personally have not heard any official voice the riddance ofthe CC, if this did

happen, it would be the end of our Table-tennis. However, I will always be instrumental in motivating the Counties and the County Championships Committee, to raise their standard of doing 'things'; be more imaginative; adventurous; enthusiastic and also importantly, be more often heard and well represented at National Council Meetings. We have to stand-up for ourselves a heck of a lot more.

BITS AND PIECES

Congratulations to Maxwell Crimmins on winning the Midlands 3-Star, and commiserations to Carl Prean for his form in the Charles Church. He will have to start "motoring" soon..... Buckinghamshire may be asked to give a fuller account to the CC Committee as to the derivation of their mileage claimed last season, after attending a Pyramid County Championships week-end. Since Bucks" mileage is in excess of Dorset's, who were much farther away from the venue, it is only fair and reasonable to have this information, should the other Counties who took part, need re-assurance before meeting the outstanding bill..... Counties are falling down on sending details of their Teams to other Counties, prior to a match. This cannot be tolerated.....1 understand that John Hilton withdrew from the Midland 3-Star after just scraping home in the third, in the first round; a struggle he feels brought about by the use of Dunlop Balls which were in use. It is whispered that two other top players will shy away from Tournaments for the same reason..... County Secretaries should note that they can register any amount of players, freely, for their County Teams. This would avoid having to play an unregistered player in an emergency..... I was introduced to Des Douglas's mother and sister recently. His mother is jovial and appears more an extrovert; his sister is extremely ·lovely·..... Special congratulations to Jerome Jonah and Lesley Popkiewicz, winners of the Surrey Junior Closed Boys and Girls Singles, and also the Mixed Doubles winners. These recent Championships were ably and efficiently sponsored by Challenge Trophies of North Cheam, Surrey..... What a spectacle!

You should have been present at the 7th Tournoi Des Gentlemen, which was held last month at the Stade Pierre de Coubertin, Paris, by the French Federation TTA, on behalf of the Association of Cancer Research. Players from all sports took part, along with film stars and other well-known personalities. Yanek Noah won this category. Six top Chinese participated in the other category and the evening, in fact morning, ended at 2 a.m., with Secretin and Purkart's new exhibitional show..... Going by the amount of people who attended the Charles Church Tournament last month, it is evident that we have not satisfactorily advertised to the public. On an occasion like this, our Organisation should have the skill, confidence and general ability to promote a TT Show at Wembley. and make money, all without the aid of a Sponsor. Posters should have been plastered all over London and in many schools, to name but just a few outlets.. I overheard a few Officials who showed concern over the possibility of anyone with too much TT business interest being too heavily involved in the day to day running of the Establishment..... Admirable and excellent behaviour: John Taylor - Secretary of Hertfordshire's Veterans' Team writing to the County Championships Committee, to explain why his Team turned out with a man short in a match against Cumbria, before being asked for an explanation. Well done, John!..... In order to inject more competition in the County Games and even local leagues, what about considering 4 pts for a 9-1 or 10-0 win; 3 for 7-3 or 8-2; 2 for a 6-4, and 1 for a 5-5 result. What do you think about it?..... As soon as time permits, I will arrange a "Face to Face" with our General Secretary Albert Shipley, and the bubbling David Taber of Cornilleau (UK)..... Please have a Merry Xmas but get in shape forthe New Year. Please!!

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Spotlight on Alan Cooke

By John Oakley of the Press Association

At first glance Alan Cooke does not stand out as a budding sporting champion. Small and wiry, the 17-year-old Chesterfield player looks more like a Mini than a Rolls-Royce of the table tennis world.

Yet no home player, not even Carl Prean, has made such a dramatic advance up the English ranking list in recent years.

Rated only 22nd on the computer at the start ofthe season Cooke soared to third place in less than two months and astounded his playing colleagues who were apt to dismiss him as merely a "useful counter hitter and blocker".

Useful is hardly the adjective those same critics would use today though even the modest Derbyshire youngster has been amazed at the speed of his climb up the table tennis ladder.

"I never expected to do so well this season" he said. "What I was hoping to achieve at the start of the season was to make the top ten and then stay there".

What is even more remarkable about Cooke's rise is that little more than a year ago, in his last season as a junior, he was rarely in the limelight. Prean and Nicky Mason were stealing all the junior headlines and Cooke's main objective was to make the European Youth championships in Malmo.

That ambition was accomplished but on the way he made his first real impact on the senior game at the Midlands Three Star Open at Walsall. There he beat Douggie Johnson, Skylet Andrew, Alan Fletcher and Max Crimmins before losing to Don Parker.

Most people, though not decrying Cooke's achievement, were apt to write it off as a 'one-day wonder'. But as Cooke points out: "I was beginning to get results. And the Midlands Three-Star made me realise it was not so far to the top as I had thought".

Having helped Chesterfield reach the Wilmott Cup final he moved on to the European Youth championships. There he reached the last 16 of the Boys' Singles, won 11 of his 14 rubbers for England in the team event and finished the tournament by being ranked tenth junior in Europe. But his best was still to come.

Juniors often find the transition to the senior game a difficult time but Cooke made the change like a duck takes to water.

Selected by England, along with Andrew and Phil Bradbury, for the Under-21 Top 12 with France and West Germany in Paris Cooke won eight of his ten matches to finish second and his confidence boomed.

Having beaten Bradbury and Andy Wellman in his opening National League match for Jaques Fareham against Reading Gillette Cooke moved north for the Quadrangular Home Internationals at Lostock, Bolton.

It was another weekend of triumph for the Derbyshire dynamo for he was unbeaten in four singles and three doubles to help England to their expected win in the championship.

One week later he carried off both the men's singles and men's doubles, with Andy Creed of Avon, at the North of England Two-Star at Stretford, including both Chris Rogers and Kevin Beadsley among his victims.

His reward was to be chosen to play for England against Sweden in a friendly international at Bury. He lost, understandably, to Ulf Carlsson but his rubber was voted the finest of the evening.

This match was a severe test for the normally serene Cooke temperament. As he admitted later: "I was really nervous against Carlsson and it definitely affected my game.

"In English tournaments I get a little nervous, like everyone else, but only enough to get the adrenalin flowing. Against Sweden I was a bit too tight."

Any doubts about his temperament, however, were immediately banished at the Humberside Three-Star at Hull where he survived six severe contests to carry off the men's singles title.

On a day he will always remember Cooke beat, in succession, Prean, Beadsley, Mason, John Souter, David Hannah and Andrew. And it says much for his nerve that he won all six matches in the third game.

Cooke had not expected to do so well. He had rung his brother earlier in the day to say he would be home probably by six o'clock to play in an indoor football match. It was a game he was glad to miss.

As he said: "I was hoping for a good run at the Humberside and though you always dream it never occurred to me that I might win the **event".**

Then out came the English ranking list and to his great delight Cooke found himself at number three. "I'd worked it out I might be six or seven" he said, "but not so high as three".

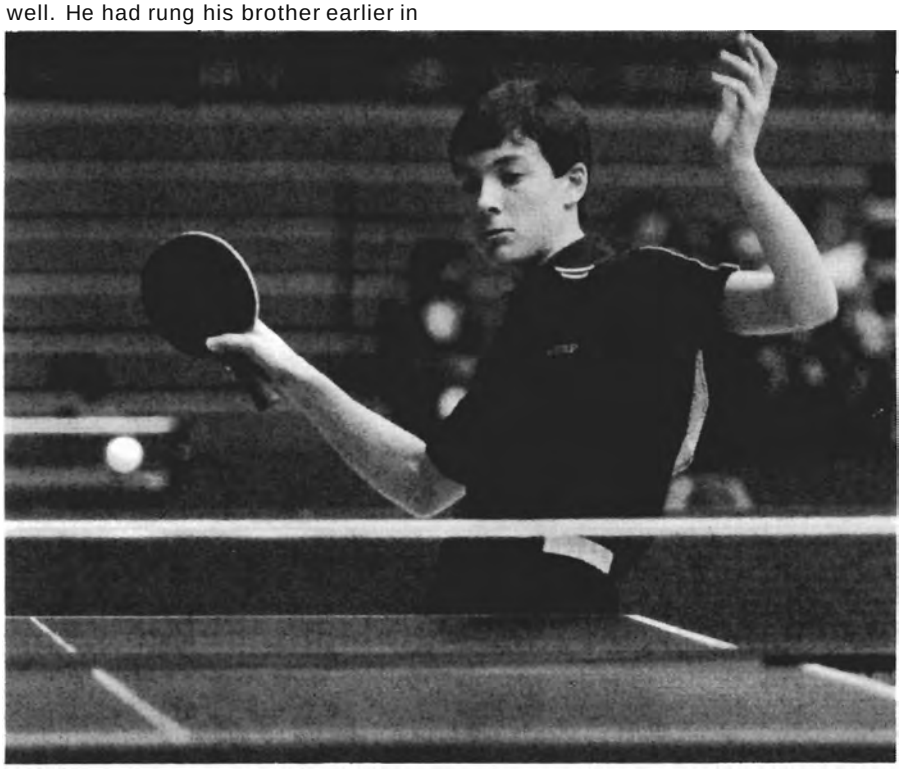
A week later he was included in England's European League team against Hungary at Mikolc after Des Douglas had pulled out through injury. Cooke played only in the doubles with Prean and lost but it was another valuable experience.

Now the pressure will be really on him as he battles to stay near the top of the English game. But this level-headed youngster, who began playing at 11, has the strokes and the will to make further improvement.

His concentration and his backhand are his strongest points but he is beginning to win a lot of rallies with his flat forehand hitting.

Now he says: "I don't have any set ambitions. I believe that as soon as you reach one goal you must set yourself another. I want to do as well as , can in England and then, hopefully, in the international field.

After what he has already achieved in such a short time who knows how far he may go.



Alan Cooke (England) in action during the English Junior Open Table Tennis Championships held at Worthing Sports Centre on 21st and 22nd May, 1983.
Photo by Stephen Line of Shoreham-by-Sea

HUMBERSIDE THREE-STAR OPEN

by Rea Balmford

UNDERDOGS TRIUMPH

The 49th Humberside Open was very much the tournament of the underdog, with the favourites falling like ninepins and 17-years-old ALAN COOKE coming through the major Men's Singles event from a Preliminary Round to take the honours from a field which included ten of the twelve top-ranked England players as well as Surrey's Anglo-Scot DAVID HANNAH.

The scene was set shortly after 10 a.m. on the Saturday morning, Oct 22, when BILLY GLEAVE, who looked the only runner in a one-horse race, was ousted by the relatively unknown PAUL SAVINS - a result which produced a 'knock on' effect calling for the intervention of referee AUBREY DRAPKIN - and the pattern continued until somewhere in the region of 10 p.m. on Sunday when COOKE hit the final ball past SKYLET ANDREW to clinch his first ever three-star tournament success.

The Championships, with major sponsorship from the Humberside County Council Leisure Services Department, whose Chairman TERRY GERAGHTY was at the event to present the winner's cheque to COOKE, attracted a massive Men's Singles entry of 160, and the eventual champion began the long climb up the ladder which ended in glory 24 hours later with a Saturday evening Preliminary Round win over JOHN GREEN from Sussex.

Brightest jewel in the victory crown was almost certainly the Round 2 success over newly-installed England No. 1 CARL PREAN (-16, 14, 16) and this pattern of three game wins continued as he passed KEVIN BEADSLEY, NICKY MASON - who had earlier despatched the higher-ranked PHIL BRADBURY - and JOHN SOUTER to line up against HANNAH in the semi.

SOUTER had meanwhile done his prospects no harm with a win over DON PARKER, jointly seeded at 5, to claim a quarter-final spot, while in the second quarter seeds were also being scattered with DAVID BARR accounting for DAVID WELLS and HANNAH putting an end to the hopes of GRAHAM SANDLEY before the Scotland No.1 came through to face COOKE in the top semi-final.

The third quarter followed its allotted course with ANDREW, coming past PAUL DAY, only to find himself facing not JOHN HILTON, but MAX CRIMMINS, who had come back after dropping the first game to beat the former European champion -16, 13, 8, having one round earlier put out KENNY JACKSON.

In the semis COOKE and ANDREW each got home in three - no wonder the finals results were to hand too late for the press deadline forthe following day's Nationals! - and, in an entertaining final. the enthusiastic Chesterfield lad, bounding with nervous energy, proved too strong for the sometimes brilliant, but often wayward ANDREW, whose touch so often deserted him when it was most needed.

The Women's Singles, which had its own individual sponsorship from Major and Company Ltd, represented by Sales Manager BRIAN FARLEY and one of the five North Humberside business and commercial organisations who supported the Championships, was also well subscribed with 56 entrants, including all eight top-ranked players in the national list.

Yet it was again from outside this elite group that the champion was to come, with CAROLE MOORE. happily back in top table tennis again, taking the title back to Teesside. Like COOKE, she began her assault by showing the door to one of the brightest prospects in the recent Tokyo World's, LISA BELLINGER going the way of PREAN in Round 3 (13, 18.).

ALISON GORDON and JOY GRUNDY followed, although the Lancashire lass did take the first game, and, meanwhile top seed KAREN WITT was coming through the opposite half, taking her final spot at the expense of SUE COLLIER, who had knocked out JACKIE BELLINGER.

A real thriller which saw the Cleveland girl edge home at 22 in the third had its moment of drama when Miss WITT crashed her hand against the table edge as she came in quickly for a short ball and had to leave the arena for repairs to a badly bruised hand.

Mrs MOORE took a second title when she paired with her beaten opponent to claim the Women's Doubles over GORDON/MANDY SAINSBURY after the top-seeded BELLINGER sisters had fallen at the first hurdle to JILL HARRIS/FIONA ELLIOTT. Men's Doubles favourites PREAN/ANDREW and holders IAN KENYON/WELLS both went out in the top half, leaving BEADSLEY/ALAN FLETCHER to face DAY/JACKSON in a final which went to the Hassy Soham pair in straight games.

The eclipse of the top seeds was completed in the Junior events, with ANDREW CUNNINGHAM taking the Boys' title from second-seeded spot and the unseeded DEBBIE SOOTHILL toppling top-rated Miss COLLIER in the Girls', and it was left to the Veterans, where DEREK SCHOFIELD had a comfortable win **over** BRIAN ALLISON, to restore a little sanity to the proceedings. Results:-

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
A. Cooke (Dy) bt J. Souter (Mil -17, 12. 12;
S. Andrew IE) bt P. Day ICa) -19. 19, 19;
D. Hannah (SeQ) bt D. Barr (8k) 19. 20;
M. Crimmins (Sv) bt J. Hilton (La) -14, 13. 8.
Semi-finals:
Cooke bt Hannah 17. ·18, 15;
Andrew bt Crimmins -, 7, 13. 16.
Final:
COOKE bt Andrew 13. -19. 15.

Women's Singl••: Quarter-finals:
C. Moore lev) bt A. Gordon (8k) 17. 13;
K. Witt IBk) bt J. Parker ILa) 11. 16;
J. Grundy (La) bt M. Sainsbury (8k) 13. 13:
S. **Collier** (8k) bt J. Bellinger (Bd) 23. 17.
Semi-finals:
Moore bt Grundy -18. 18. 17;
Witt bt Collier 13. 13.
Final:
MOORE bt W;tt -18. 18. 22.

Men's Doubl.s: Semi-finals:
Day/K. Jackson IE) bt Cooke/No Mason (Sy) -17. 16. 17;
K. 8eadsley/A. Fletcher IVI bt Souter/C. Wilson IMil -17. 16. 17.
Final:
DAY/JACKSON bt Beadsley/Fletcher 10. 19.

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:
Moore/Witt bt Grundy/Parker 20, 22;
Gordon/Sainsbury bt S. Hunt.(Li)/K. Smith (lei 16. 14.
Final:
MOORE/WITT bt Gordon/Sainsbuiy -17. 12.22.

Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:
A. Cunningham (K) bt D. Rook (V) -18. 19. 18;
A. Dodd (K) bt A. **Dixon** 1St) -1 5. 16. 1B.
Final:
CUNNINGHAM bt Dodd 13. 18.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
D. SoothillCul bt A. Hegarty 1St) -17. 10. 14;
Collier bt J. Shaw IV) 9. 17.
Final:
SOOTHILL bt Collier -13. 21, 16.

Veterans' Singles: Final:
O. SCHOFIELD ICh} bt B. **Allison (Li)** 11. 11.

Class 2 Singles: Quarter-finals:
C. Morgan (Wa) bl P. Gunn (Wa) 19. 13;
S. Holloway ISy) bt A. Syed (Bk) -ID, 8. 16;
J. Stokes IBk} bt P. Namdjou (K) 14, -16. 18;
G. Spencer (K) bt G. Baker (Sy) 14. 19.
Semi-finals:
Morgan bt Stokes -19. 15. 22;
Holloway bt Spencer 19. -7. 14.
Final:
MORGAN bt Holloway 17, -19, 13.

Skylet Andrew. seeded No, 4 at Hull and the beaten finalist in the men's singles.
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Surrey's Max Crimmins. victor over former European **champion** John Hilton.
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ETTA National Coach. **Donald** Parker. denied a quarter-final spot by John Souter of Middlesex.
Photo by Brian Ashton. Bletchley

WILTSHIRE 2-STAR OPEN

UPS AND DOWNS FOR SUE
by Laurie Selby

It was a case of first the good news..... then the bad..... then some more bad.... but finally the very good for Sue Collier in the Wiltshire Two-Star open tournament over the weekend of Oct 29/30.

First final for Sue was the girls' doubles in the junior tournament with Joanne Shaw - and they won it.

Next came the bad news in the girls' singles final where Sue had five match points against Jill Powis but lost them - and went on to lose the decider.

The following day in the senior tournament Sue and Mandy Reeves went down in the women's doubles to Mandy Sainsbury and Miss Shaw.

But in the end it was all smiles for the Reading youngster when it was her turn to save match points - she survived three - against Mrs. Sainsbury in a thrilling women's singles final.

It was the climax of two days of top class table tennis in the Wiltshire Two-Star which, in its three short years, has become one of the top in the table tennis calendar with prize money of £800,

The only disappointing note to a very successful tournament was the non-appearance of four of the seeds- including the No.1 and No. 2 - in the women's singles.

Top prize of £150 went to Graham Sandley, the No.1 seed, who had an easier task than he could have expected in the final against David Wells, the second seed.

In the powerful battle of the two left handers, Sandley's devastating forehand always gave him the edge.

Sandley picked up another title and another£40 - in the men's doubles when he teamed with Colin Wilson to beat Ian Kenyon and Wells in the final.

The women's singles turned out to be a real nail-biter with Miss Collier inching out in the opening game. Mrs. Sainsbury had the edge in the second and seemed to be cruising through the third with an 8-2 lead.

But Miss Collier unleashed a barrage of fine shots to pull back at 9-9 and then survived three match points, one of them with an edge - to take the trophy and £80,

The junior finals produced some glittering play, Star ofthe boys' singles was David Rook of Yorkshire who disposed of the second seed Andrew Cunningham in the semi-final and then beat top seed Andrew Syed in a straight games final.

But Syed's brother Matthew was in unbeatable form in the Cadet singles which he won with ease, beating Bradley Billington in the final.

Patience and determination paid off for Jill Powis in the girls' singles. But she must have had her doubts when Sue Collier stood a game and 20-1 5 up in the second,

But the Staffordshire girl weathered the storm, blunted Miss Collier's attack and went on to win the decider after her opponent had pulled back from 2-8 to 15-15.

It was a day that Kerry Hall won't forget in a hurry. Seeded seventh, she battled her way through to the final where she beat No, 1 Andrea Holt.

Top seeds in the boys' doubles - Cunningham and Andrew Dodd - also went down. They lost to Andrew Syed and Jimmy Stokes, the second seeds.

But the girls' doubles went exactly to plan with the No. 1 seeds, Miss Collier and Miss Shaw - winning in two tight games against Miss Powis and Amanda Hegarty.

Trophies and cheques were presented by Coun. Mrs. Edna Syms, Mayor of Caine, The tournament was staged at the Caine Sports Hall.

Results:-

SENIOR
Men's Singles: Semi-finals:
G. Sandley {Mil bt P. Bradbury (8u) 10, 10;
O. Wells (Mil bt C. Wilson {Mil 24, 19.
Final: SANDLEY bt Wells 17. 9.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals:
M, Sainsbury (8k) bt C. Peacock (La) 15. 14;
S. Collier (8kl bt J. Smith (Scol19. -15.15.
Final: COLLIER bt Sainsbury -18.17.22.

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:
Sandlev{Wilson bt A. Moore/S. Moore (Sx) , 8. 16;
I. Kenyon (K)/Wells bt K. Beadsley {Y)/N. Eckersley (Chl-19. 17. 18.
Final: SANDLEY/WILSON bt Kenyon/Wells 6. 17.

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:
Collier/M. Reeves (Mi) bt C. Butler/S. Butler (Ovl 14. 17;
Sainsbury/J. Shaw (V) bt M. Carey {Sol/H. Perrott (Av)
Final:
SAINSBURY/SHAW bt Collier/Reeves 11. 22.

JUNIOR
Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:
A. Syed (8kl bt A. Dodd (Kl 20. 12;
D. Rook (V) bt A. Cunningham (K) -18, 15. 19.
Final: ROOK bt Syed 18. 19.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
Collier bt C. Potts (Ch) 9. 18;
J. Powis (St) bt Shaw 19. 19.
Final: POWIS bt Collier -15, 20. 18.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:
Cunningham/Dodd bt P. Payne/M. Peters (Co) 13. 12;
A. Syed /J. Slokes (8kl bt M. Firth (V)/Rook -16.13. 16.
Final:
SYED/STOKES bt Cunningham/Dodd -19. 16. 16.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:
Collier/Shaw bl Potts/A. Holt (La) 12. 14;
A. Hegarty (St)/Powis bt L Hayden (El/A. Knight (Mi) 17. 12.
Final:
COLLIER/SHAW bt Hegarty/Powis 18. 21.

Cadet Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:
M. Syed (8kl bt M. Powell (Wi) 5. 2;
B. Billington IOy) bt O. Holland (E) 18. 15.
Final: SYED bt Billington 16. 11.

Cadet Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
Holt bt J. Billington (Oy) 16. 17;
K. Hall (Dy) bl Potts 14. -19. 16.
Final: HALL bt Holt 19. 16.

Women's singles winner Sue Collier (left) with runner-up Mandy Sainsbury being presented with their cheques by Coun. Edna Syms, Mayor of Caine.

Grove School 2-Star Junior Open

CHRIS GOES TO MARKET

Kent's Chris Bartram made the long journey to Market Drayton to win the boys' singles title in the Grove School 2-Star Junior Open, over the weekend of Oct 15/16, the girls' title being won by Joanne Shaw of Yorkshire.

But it was another Tyke, Michael Driscoll, who stole the limelight in the lower age categories winning both the U-12 boys' singles and the cadet title as well with respective wins over Andrew Eden of Lancs and Bradley Billington of Derbys.

Bartram, seeded No.3, had a final win over the top seed, Mark Randle of Warwicks, whilst the top seed in the girls' singles, Jill Powis of Staffs, was eliminated in the quarters of Laura Goldsmith of Middx who was the beaten finalist.

Claire Potts of Cheshire defeated top seed Andrea Holt of Lancs in the final of the cadet girls' singles whilst Julie Billington fared no better in the final of the U-12 girls' singles than did her brother, losing to Kerry Hall, yet another Derbyshire starlet.

Randle and Michael Thomas got Warwicks home in the boys' doubles with the Welsh girls, Heidi Cotter and Evelyn Wright, winning the counterpart girls' event. In the cadet doubles Bradley Billington had Lancashire's Sean Gibson to partner him to success in the boys' whilst Miss Holt and Miss Potts joined forces to win the girls'. Results:-

Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:
M. Randle (Wa) bt H. Leigh (La) 14, -11, 15;
M. Thomas (Wa) bt P. Holliday (Ca) 16, -12, 17;
C. Bartram (K) bt A. Bolton (Ng) 17, 17;
O. Goode (Mil bt O. Rook (V) 17, 14.
Semi-finals:
Randle bt Thomas 16, 19;
Bartram bt Goode 18, -17, 14.
Final:
BARTRAM bt Randle 13, 22.
Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:
L. Goldsmith (Mi) bt J. Powis (St) 22, 15;
E. Wright (Wal) bt C. Wickstead (Sp) 13, 7;
C. Potts (Chl bt L. Forster (Oy) 12, 19;
J. Shaw (V) bt C. Clarke (Ch) 22, -17, 12.
Semi-finals:
Goldsmith bt Wright 15, 10;
Shaw bt Potts 8, 13.
Final:
SHAW bt Goldsmith 14, 20.
Cadet Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:
S. Cooper bt L. Brown (La) 15, -14, 14;
M. O'Driscoll (V) bt O. Holland (E) 17, 10;
C. Oldfield (V) bt O. Carse (La) 21, 16;
B. Billington (Oy) bt P. Szekeres (Mi) 13, 8.
Semi-finals:
O'Oriscoll bt Cooper 19, 15;
Billington bt Oldfield 12, -17, 7.
Final:
O'DRISCOLL bt Billington 21, -19,19.
Cadet Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:
A. Holt (La) bt L. Sherratt (St) 12, 7;
L Robins (Bd) bt K. Hall (Oy) 21, 20;
M. Carey (So) bt K. Cox (La) 16, -19,18;
C. Potts (Ch) bt J. Billington (Oy) 17, 18.
Semi-finals:
Holt bt Robins 14, -19, 12;
Potts bt Carey 11, 9.
Final:
POTTS bt Holt 14, 13.
U-12 Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:
O'Oriscoll bt Oldfield 18, 20;
A. Eden (La) bt Holland 19, 18.
Final:
O'DRISCOLL bt Eden 14, 13.
U-12 Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
Billington bt K. Bennett (-) 20, 6;
Hall bt J. Forster (Oy) -18, 15, 12.
Final:
HALL bt Billington 15, 17.
Boys' Doubles: Final:
RANDLE/THOMAS bt P. Crankshaw (La)/Rook 19, 7.
Girls' Doubles: Final:
H. COTTER (Wal)/WRIGHT bt Goldsmith/Shaw 15, 15.
Cadet Boys' Doubles: Final:
BILLINGTON/S. GIBSON (La) bt Brown/Carse 16, -16, 11.
Cadet Girls' Doubles: Final:
HOLT/POTTS bt Billington/Hall 10, 21.

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MERTON 1-STAR OPEN

TRIPLE SUCCESS FOR JOYCE

Steve Moreman of Gloucestershire was the winner of the men's singles title in the Merton 1-Star Open, played on Sept 16, his final victim being his former county teammate Richard Russell now with Avon.

Joyce Coop won the counterpart women's event beating Barbara Clark of Hants in the final, the pair combining to win the women's doubles final against Susan Hegarty and Leanne Harman.

Terry Smith and B. Garraway were successful in the men's doubles and D. Joyce and Mrs. Coop in the mixed - a third title for Joyce. Stan 'The Bat" took the veterans' title beating Ian Schwartz two 9's in the final. Results:

MS: s-f's:
S. Moreman (Gs) bt C. Pickard (Ha) 19, 15;
R. Russell (Av) bt Terry Smith (Do) 13, 19.
Final: MOREMAN bt Russell -15, 5, 21.
WS: J. Coop (Do) bt B. Clark (Ha) 18, 17.
MD: B. Garraway/Smith bt S. Davis/Moreman 21, 24.
WD: Clark/Coop bt L. Harman/S. Hegarty (Do) -21, 9, 18.
XD: D. Joyce (Oo)/Coop bt Smith/So Buuton 14, -17, 17.
VS: S. Battrick (E) bt I. Schwartz (Ha) 9, 9.

KINGSWOOD LADIES' TEAM EVENT

by Brian Lamerton

This second invitation ladies' team event was played at Downend Sports Centre, Bristol, on Sunday, Oct 23, sponsored by Kingswood Sports Council. As last season when Wiltshire were the inaugural winners the team format was each of four players to include at least one junior and one veteran.

Gloucester finally emerged the winners after a count back on set average when only two points separated the top five teams. Played initially on a round robin basis guaranteeing all players at least four sets, the four group leaders went through to a final knock-out section.

Gloucester appeared to have 'shot their bolt' when after leading all day throughout the groups they were unable to produce a single semi-finalist to fight for the extra points available. However, those who did reach the knock-out then proceeded to take points off each other to leave the following final positions:-

1 Gloucester	23 pts	(23-13)
2 Avon	23	(23-16)
3 Hampshire	21	(21-14)
4 Page Club	21	(21-16)
5 Cornwall	21	(21-17)
6 Somerset I	19	
7 Somerset II	15	

Results of the knock-out section were:-

Semi-finals:
Michelle Cohen (Av) bt Sheila Rapsey (Co) 14, 11;
Helen Perrott (Page) bt Jill Green (Ha) 14, 17.
Final: Cohen bt Perrott 6, 11.

Gloucester's winning team comprised:- Christine Iacopi, Cathy Robb, Jenny Ellery and Jean Golding.

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The Editor and Staff of Table Tennis News wish all readers and advertisers the season's greetings.

KENT JUNIOR 2-STAR OPEN

HOME DOMINATION

By Allen Fisher

Held over the weekend of Nov 12/13 at the Marine Pavilion, Folkestone where a good entry of 217 competitors played and enjoyed a well run event. The staged finals finished 40 minutes ahead of schedule on both evenings, due mainly to the weighty deliberations put into the scheduling of Referee Trevor Openshaw.

The programme on Saturday was restricted to U-13 and U-15 events. The boys' singles in both age groups were dominated by Kent players who provided three of the four semi-finalists. In the U-13's Richard Jones (Surrey) extended Andrew Houghton to three hard-fought games whilst in the other semi Michael Rutherford dropped the first game against England Chessman, David Fulton but Michael was steered home successfully and then again in the final where he beat Houghton who suddenly lost his bearings after a "deuce" of a first game.

The U-15 boys' was very tight with Paul Amos just getting home against Rutherford whilst Karl Ball reached the final at the expense of "foreigner" Tony West (Essex) who had earlier beaten Greg Barden in the quarters 23, -22, 21 but he fell flat against the enthusiastic bounce of Ball. The final was hard fought with Amos' hard hitting and Ball's long range lobbing outstanding. It deserved to go to three games but Amos was not interested in table hogging. The boys' doubles was well won byJulian Dudman and Simon Hurley who enjoyed their success over Rutherford and Fulton who were still bemused by their win over West and Amos in a tough semi.

Sophie Thyrion (Belgium) won the girls U-15's easily. Her defensive, unhurried style was too much for Lisa Hayden in the semi and Juliet Houghton in the final. In the girls' doubles Juliet paired up with Claire Brooks and after a tough semi over Thyrion and Cecile Deloux they had an even tougher final. Lisa Hayden and Rachel Knight got the first game but the Houghton/Brooks duo lasted better and just won the third. Julie Norman had an easy U-13 win over Cheryl Bateman who could not produce her earlier form when beating Judy Brion.

The Sunday programme was all U-17's and top seed Rook failed to arrive. This enabled Rodney Thomas to steam through and beat K. Hodder, S. Dorking and C. Bartram all 2-straight. Thomas did drop a game -2 in the final to Jonathon Goode but before and after that he had out-controlled a too easily panicked Goode 14 and 13. Jonathon had several tough sets on the way, beating P. Elphick, brother David (20 in the 3rd), Bartram and S. Tilson. David Goode beat Philip Logsdon surprisingly easily and Paul Elphick reached the semis at the expense of Mark Wilding.

The doubles are nearly an all Essex affair with the "nearly" pair of Richard Darnell and Logsdon easily beating Steve Dorking and Andy Barker who could not get going. Once again Sophie Thyrion did her "cool blonde" act and won the girls' singles. This time Juliet Houghton took the second game and stood at 17-all in the third and just stood, so losing -17. Juliet was fortunate to reach the final, Gillian Blanch led"her by a game and 20-17 before Juliet won it and the third 21-51 Temper, temperl

Once again Houghton and Brooks won the girls' doubles in convincing style over the Belgian pair Thyrion and Decloux.

The organiser Bob Taylor was very pleased with his hard working helpers and assistants. Certainly Dave Tyler, Dave Miller and Trevor Openshaw did sterling work on the committee table and with Bill Lewis organising the umpires the actual play was well controlled. County Chairman, David Cue made his public debut and when not looking after the Belgians and presenting trophies he was running the raffle. Initial reports suggest a small profit which these days is a pleasant surprise for an unsponsored event. As so many Junior Opens have stopped running in the South an U-14 singles will have to be included next year at the cost of the U-1 5 doubles.

Results:-

BOYS
U-13 Singles: Semi-finals:
M. Rutherford (K) bt O. Fulton (K) -18. 10. 12;
A. Houghton (K) bt R. Jones (Sy) -17. 12. 16.
Final: RUTHERFORD bt Houghton -20. 8. 10.
U-15 Singles: Semi-finals:
P. Amos (K) bt Rutherford 20. 20;
K. Ball (K) bt T. West (E) 15.21.
Final: AMOS bt Ball 18. 22.
U-17 Singles: Semi-finals:
R. Thomas (Do) bt C. Bartram (K) 13. 19;
J. Goode (Mi) bt P. Elphick (Sx) 18. 12.
Final: THOMAS bt Goode 14. -2. 13.

GIRLS
U-13 Singles: Semi-finals:
C. Bateman (Sy) bt J. Brion (Bk) 16. 19;
J. Norman (Bk) bt A. Skinner (Mi) 12, 10.
Final: NORMAN bt Bateman 7. 9.
U-15 Singles: Semi-finals:
S. Thyrion (Bel) bt L. Hayden (E) 16. 10;
J. Houghton (K) bt R. Knight (Mi) 11. 9.
Final: THYRION bt Houghton 15. 10.
U-17 Singles: Semi-finals:
Thyrion bt Hayden20. 12; Houghton bt G. Blanch (Mi) -23. 20. 5.
Final: THYRION bt Houghton 11, -16.17.

DOUBLES:
U-15 Boys': J. Dudman/S. Hurley (Sy) bt Fulton/Rutherford 14. 19.
U-17 Boys': R. Darnall (E)/P. Logsdon (Sk) bt A. Barker/S. Oorking (E) 14. 13.
U-15 Girls': C. Brooks (K)/Houghton bt Hayden/Knight-14. 18, 18.
U-17 Girls': Brooks/Houghton bt C. Oecloux (Bel)/Thyrion 20. 12.

WEST YORKSHIRE 2-STAR OPEN

TYKES FORE AND AFT

Kevin Beadsley did his home county proud at the Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Odsal, Bradford on Nov. 5 when he won the men's singles title and £90 in the West Yorkshire 2-Star Open promoted by the Bradford TTA in conjunction with the West Yorkshire County Council.

Former European champion, John Hilton, was Beadsley's final victim, this after his victory over fellow Tyke, Alan Fletcher, in the semis.

Lancashire's Joy Grundy, the top seed, won the counterpart women's event with a final win over Carole Moore who, in the semis, had ousted the second seed Jean Parker.

Beadsley, with Fletcher won a second title in the men's doubles beating Hilton and Phil Bowen whilst the Grundy/Parker combine triumphed in the women's doubles with a final victory over Staffordshire's Fiona Elliot and Jill Harris.

It practically goes, without saying, that Derek Schofield came out tops in the veterans' singles, his final victim being Matt Sheader. David Goode beat his brother Jonathon to win the boys' singles, top seed David Rook falling to Doncaster's Nicky Newton who, in turn, lost to Lancashire's Howard Leigh.

Finally it was back to the home county to provide the winner of the girls' singles in the person of Joanne Shaw who had a splendid final victory over Debbie Soothill of Cumbria.

Results:-

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
J. Hilton (La) bt P. Bowen (La) 15. 18;
N. Eckersley (Ch) bt J. Naser (Y) 7. 11;
K. Beadsley (Y) bt M. Evans (St) 14. 9;
A. Fletcher (Y) bt K. Williams (La) 14. 9.
Semi-finals:
Hilton bt Eckersley 16. 18; Beadsley bt Fletcher 20. 16.
Final: BEADSLEY bt Hilton -18. 10. 12.
Women's Singles: Quarter:'finals:
J. Grundy (La) bt J. Ryalls (Y) 11, 13;
J. Harris (St) bt M. Seaton (Y) 18. 16;
C. Moore (Cv) bt S. Speight (Y) 5. 17;
J. Parker (La) bt E. Wright (Wal) 9. 18.
Semi-finals:
Grundy bt Harris -17. 14. 20; Moore bt Parker 20. -17.8.
Final: GRUNDY bt Moore -18. 17. 19.
Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:
Beadsley/Fletcher bt L. Bertie/A. Tanner (Wa) 11. 15;
Bowen/Hilton bt O. Rook/M. Stead (y)I-19. 15. 15;
Final: BEADSLEY/FLETCHER bt Bowen/Hilton 17. 14.
Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:
Grundy/Parker bt Ryalls/Seaton 16. 20;
F. Elliot (St)/Harris bt Y. Hall/K. Smith (Le) -18. 12, 18;
Final: GRUNDY/PARKER bt Elliot/Harris -13.14.18.
Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:
H. Leigh (La) bt N. Newton (Y) 18. 19;
O. Goode (Mi) bt N. Greenwood (La) 17. 14;
J. Goode (Mi) bt A. Bassano (Y) 19. 18;
M. Firth (Y) bt G. Dickson (La) 12. 16.
Semi-finals:
O. Goode bt Leigh 19,18; J. Goode bt Firth -13.19.21.
Final: D. GOODE bt J. Goode 18. 15.
Girls' Singles: Quarter-finais:
J. Shaw (Y) bt A. Huitt (Y) 10. 15;
Wright bt C. Wickstead (Sp) 12. 8;
L. Harrison (Ch) bt J, Ballard (Sp) 18. -18, 19;
O. Soothill (Cu) bt H. Cotter (Wal) 10. 11.
Semi-finals:
Shaw bt Wright 11, 15; Soothill bt Harrison 11. 14.
Final: SHAW bt Soothill 16. -17. 9.
Veterans' Singles: Quarter-finals:
O. Schofield (Ch) bt A. Hartshorn (La) 11, 10;
R. Norton (Hu) bt M. Holt (Y) 17. -16. 19;
P. O'Arcy (Ch) bt P. Rook (Y) 14, 10;
M. Sheader (Li) bt A. Petersens (Y) 4. -17. 9.
Semi-tinals:
Schofield bt Norton 15. 19; Sheader bt O'Arcy 10.13.
Final: SCHOFIELD bt Sheader -19. 9. 15.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSSOCIATION

By Glennis Hooper

Sunday October 23, 1983 will take pride of place in the achievements of the Northamptonshire Schools' Table Tennis Association. Like most sports halls, their centre at Kingsthorpe Upper School. Northampton. lacked adequate lighting for table tennis. Not to be outdone in their plans to provide Northants with a top class table tennis venue, they embarked upon an ambitious and costly lighting project.

Following consultation with a top lighting company they settled for a system comprising 32 tungsten halogen lights with 750 watt lamps and giving an illumination level of 650 lux.

Prime movers in the fund raising organisation were General Secretary. Glennis Hooper. and Coaching Officer, David Marsh. Their target was £3.400.

Almost £2,000 was raised by a grand raffle and a 24 hour sponsored table tennis marathon. the balance coming from the Northants Schools' Sports Federation and the Leisure and Libraries Department plus many generous donations. All this was achieved in a little over 8 months.

And so on Sunday. Oct. 23 County Education Officer. Michael Henley. (also the Association's President) performed the official switching on ceremony during the Association's annual team tournament. Among the distinguished guests present were:- Mr. Don Hill representing the Association's sponsors. Levi-Strauss (U.K.) Ltd., and Mr. John Arnold. Chairman of the English Schools' Table Tennis Association. who kindly presented the trophies to the winners and runners-up in the team events.

Thirty guests from the local Education Authorities. the local table tennis leagues and businesses attended a reception following the official ceremony; the Association's way of saying thank you to the many people involved in helping them achieve their goal.

By courtesy of the Chronicle and Echo.

John Arnold (Chairman E.S.T.T.A.) and Glennis Hooper (Sec. N.S.T.T.A.) with three of the girls Under-" teams from Ryelands Middle School. Northampton-winners.

Mr. Michael Henley (County Education Officer and N.S.T.T.A. president) is pressing the "switch" watched by Glennis Hooper (Secretary) and Dave **Marsh** (Coaching Officer).

Presentation of medals at the 35th FISEC Games which took place in Dublin in July. The medal winners are as follows: ,. Clare Mouzon (England) 2. Caroline Anderson (Ireland). 3. Corrine Bourget (France).

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Frank Kennedy.
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E.S.T.T.A.

by **David** Lomas

Entries for the Dunlop National School Team Championships are due in by Dec. 17 '83. Early indications are that they will compare favourably with previous years. The Championships get under way on Sat/Sun Jan 28/29 when twelve area finals are due to be held at venues throughout the country.

At a recent meeting ofthe Executive Council of the ESTTA it was resolved to introduce the new "two-colour" bat regulations to apply as follows:-

1983/84 International Championships
1984/85 Dunlop Individual Championships (+ International)
1985/86 Dunlop National School Team Championships (+Individual + International)

WORLD STUDENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Derek Oldman

The 5th World Student Championships are scheduled to be held in Poland over the period Sept. 2/9. 1984. To qualify for selection a player must be in full time education during 1983/84 at either a University. Polytechnic or College of F.E. Any student conforming to these regulations and who wishes to be considered for selection is asked to write to the General Secretary. B.S.S.F.• 28 Woburn Square. London. WC1 H OAD as soon as possible. It must be stressed that a British team will compete only if the necessary finance can be made available and it is considered that we have a team which could do reasonably well.

ST. NEOTS WINTER LEAGUE

by Leslie Constable

The League this season comprises three sections:- Seniors, Juniors and Veterans. The Senior Division has ten teams competing, namely:- Bedford, North Herts, Cambridge, Peterborough, Ely, R.A. F., Kettering, St. Neots, Northampton and Wellingborough. The Junior Division also has ten teams which are:- Bedford, Wellingborough, Dunstable, North Herts, Kettering, Hunts, Central, Northampton, St. Neots "A", St. Neots "B" and Peterborough. The Veterans section also has ten teams comprising:- Barnet, Northampton, Bedford, North Herts, Cambridge, Hunts Central, St. Neots "A", St. Neots "B", Peterborough "A" and Peterborough "B".

Women will be allowed to play in any of the Men's teams so that should make the matches more interestingr

All matches will be played at weekends with two sessions - at 2.1 5 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. with the exception of Saturday, Jan 21 when the afternoon session will begin at 2.30 p.m.

RESULTS:
SENIORS
Wellingborough 8 Kettering 1
St. Neots 8 Ely 1
R.A.F. 8 Cambridge 1
North Herts 3 Northampton 6
Peterborough 0 Bedford 9
Ely 2 R.A.F. 7
Bedford 5 North Herts 4
Kettering 4 St. Neots 5
Cambridge 6 Peterborough 3
Northampton 2 Wellingborough 7

R.A.F. and Wellingborough have started off well in this section of the league and hold top places with 15 points each. McKim and Hawes of Wellingborough are so far unbeaten as are Ashe and Claxton for the R.A. F. Bedford and St. Neots are close behind the leaders and this section has had some interesting results in the opening matches.

JUNIORS
Dunstable 1 North Herts 8
Bedford 7 Wellingborough 2
Northampton 9 St. Neots "A" 0
Kettering 5 Wellingborough 4
Peterborough 6 St. Neots ''B" 3
Wellingborough 7 Peterborough 2
St. Neots "A" 8 Kettering 2
North Herts 4 Bedford 4
St. Neots "B" 0 Northampton 9
Hunts Central 3 Dunstable 6

Northampton have started well in the Junior Section and so far all their 'players have a 100% record so that Messrs. Bashford, Jacobs and Robinson must be pleased with themselves at this stagel Naturally they stand at the head of the division with 18 points. Bedford and North Herts are both three points behind. Trott of Bedford and Walsh of North Herts are, as yet, unbeaten.

VETERANS
Barnet 9 St. Neots "B" 0
Bedford 3 St. Neots "A" 6
Cambridge 9 Peterborough "B" 0
Hunts Central 4 Peterborough "A" 5
North Herts 9 Northampton 0
St. Neots "A" 3 Barnet 6
Peterborough "B" 1 Bedford 9
Peterborough "A" 4 Cambridge 5
Northampton 5 Hunts Central 4
St. Neots "B" 4 North Herts 9

North Herts are unbeaten in this section and all their players have a 100% record, namely:- Hartridge, Harding and Wilson which has enabled them to top the league with three points in front of Barnet (last season's champions). D. Somers of Barnet and J. Thurston of Cambridge are also unbeaten. St. Neots have yet to win a set and Peterborough "B" have only obtained one point. In the St. Neots "A" v Barnet match, the set between Seaholme and Albon went to expedite in the first game with Seaholme winning 14 and 10. In the same match A. Lamprell was beaten by R. Norton after expedite in the second at 19.

Leading positions:-

SENIORS

	Played	Points
R.A.F.	2	15
Wellingborough	2	15
Bedford	2	14
St. Neots	2	13

JUNIORS

	Played	Points
Northampton	2	18
Bedford	2	12
North Herts	2	12
Wellingborough	2	9

VETERANS

	Played	Points
North Herts	2	18
Barnet	2	15
Cambridge	2	14
St. Neots "A"	2	12
Bedford	2	11

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

December 1983

1/4	Scandinavian Open (Gothenburg) Norwich Union Grand Prix Event
3/4	Beneficial Trust English Junior Closed (Hinckley)
4	Yorkshire 2-Star Open (Batley)
9/12	Finnish Open (Helsinki)
10	European League: Scotl.and v Luxembourg (Grangemouth); Halton Junior 1-Star Open (Runcorn); ETTA Management (London).
10/11	Middlesex 3-Star Open (Edmonton)
14	European League: Czechoslovakia v England
17	County Championships (4)
17/18	County Championships: Junior Premier Weekend (St. Neots TTC)
18	Halex National League (7)

January 1984

1	Halex National League (8)
7	Pontefract 1-Star Open (Pontefract, Yorkshire); ETTA National Council (London); European League: Guernsey v Scotland
7/8	South of England Junior 2-Star Open (Woking)
8	National League (9); Junior Assessment Tournament (Edinburgh)
11	European League: England v Yugoslavia (Mansfield Leisure Centre)
12	International Match: England v Yugoslavia Newmarket Sports Centre.
14	County Championships (5)
15	Bath 2-Star Open; Senior Classification Tournament (Edinburgh)
21/22	Cleveland 3-Star Open (Thornaby-on-Tees).
26/28	NORWICH UNION ENGLISH OPEN (Brighton Conference Centre) Norwich Union Grand Prix Event
28/29	E.S.T.T.A. Team Area Finals.
29	Halex National League (10); International Club Hard Bat (Barnet) Monklands 2-Star Open (Coatbridge, Scotland).

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JILL HAMMERSLEY-PARKER TABLE TENNIS FOUNDATION

By Donald Parker

In the previous two issues of Table Tennis News the proposed function of the Foundation has been outlined and in this issue I would like to expand and hopefully make things a little clearer.

The Foundation is not a part of the E.T.T.A. yet has already received a tremendous amount of help and support from the Association. It has been agreed with the Selection Comrnittee and the Management Committee that when an England Junior Team is selected for a Foreign Junior Open the Foundation may send a team along with them. Often invitations to Foreign Opens are turned down for financial reasons and again it has been agreed that for such competitions the Foundation may send a team. It must be stressed the players will not be representing England but the Foundation, they will not be wearing England clothing and depending on the situation, may send our own coach. Nevertheless the point is that Young Junior Players will be receiving experience that without the Foundation they would not receive.

The Swedish Table Tennis Academy on which the Foundation is based, sends ten Junior players to three international Junior Opens each season. Obviously players such as Waldner and, in our case, Prean would not be considered for selection as they are already receiving sufficient international experience. In Sweden they have 400 members of the Academy and therefore raise £4,000 which means they can afford the above trips. Hopefully we can raise a similar amount of money and hence have a similar programme.

The Foundation has now appointed three trustees: Johnny Leach M.B.E., Jill Hammersley-Parker M.B.E., Dr. Keith Soothill.

The International Junior Open Programme starts around April/May 1984 and so hopefully around February/ March we will be able to start planning our programme. While it is still early days the Foundation would like to thank the following persons, clubs and leagues for supporting the venture and becoming members.

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JILL HAMMERSLEY-PARKER ADVANCED SUMMER SCHOOL

COACHES:

Jill Hammersley-Parker, M.B.E.
European Charnpion, seven times English Charnpion and three times European Top 12 Champion. Hill has coached England at Junior and Senior level.

Donald Parker
E.T.T.A. National Coach, England Junior Captain and Graduate Physical Educationist from Loughborough University. Donald has played for and coached England at all levels and is currently a leading player.

For the third successive yearthe Jill Hammersley-Parker Summer School is being held in the picturesque North Lancashire Countryside. Again the courses are ideal for players of any standard but with top players available as practice partners it is particularly suitable to advanced players.

PROGRAMME: With only eight places on each course everyone will receive close individual attention and the programme can be geared to the individual, technically, tactically and physically. There will be a video and camera for personal analysis, seminars and a detailed end of course report for each individual.

DATES: Unfortunately, owing to a family addition, Jill will only be running four courses this year and as all the courses were fully booked last year anyone interested should reserve a place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.
Course 1 Aug. 6th - 11 th - Course 2 Aug. 13th - 18th - Course 3 Aug. 20th - 25th - Course 4 Aug. 27th - Sept. 1st

Arrival will be for 1.00 p.m. on the first day and departure after breakfast on the last day. Any enquiries should be made to the address below.

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To reserve a place simply send a £30 deposit to the address below indicating which course you would like to attend. (Cheques payable 'Jill Hammersley Table Tennis Services)

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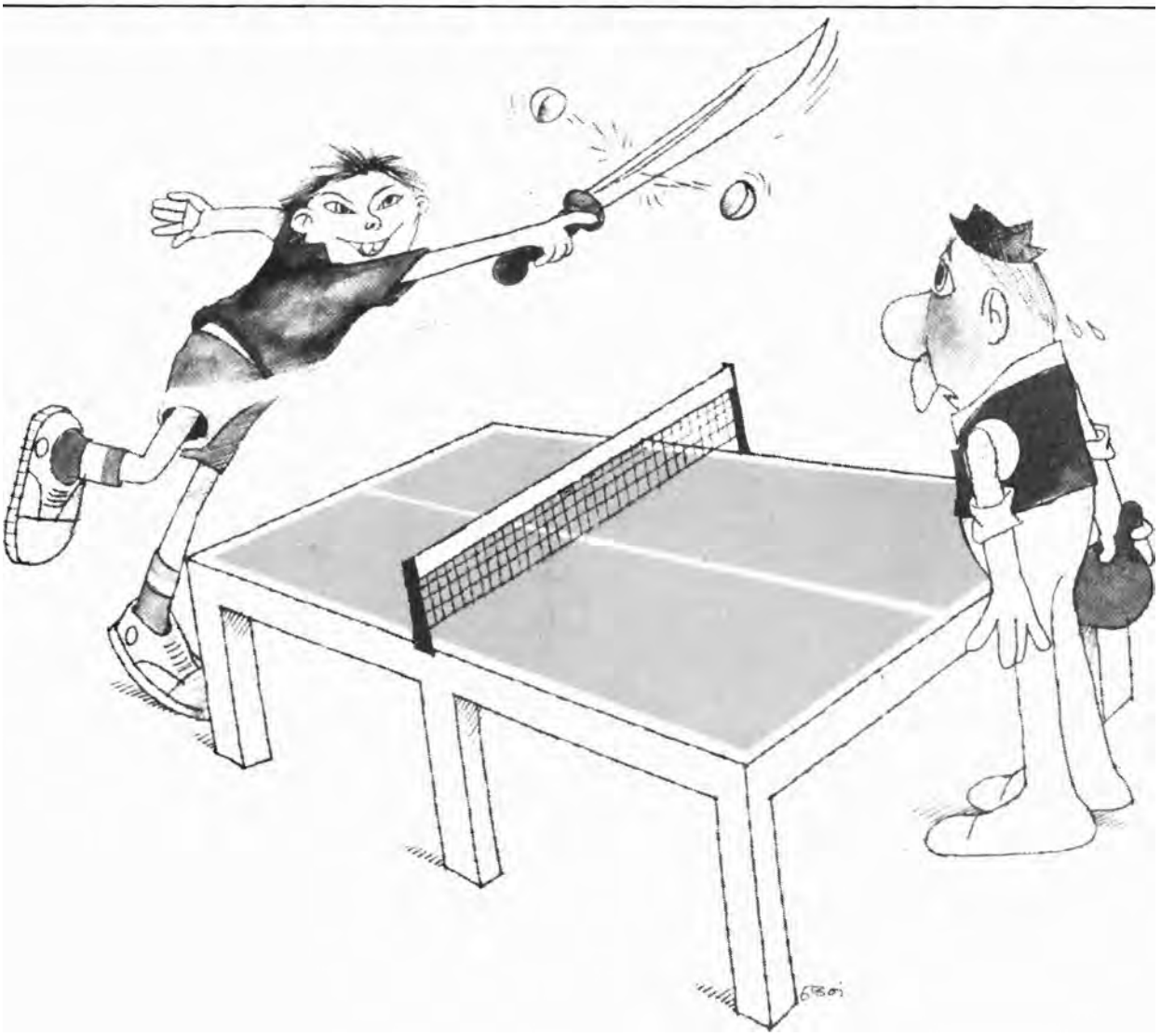

By Budimir Vojinovic, Novi Sad.

LATE RESULTS

European League

Anne Leonard figured in Ireland's two sucesses obtained in the Laksevagshallen, Bergen on Nov. 12 when. against Noreay. she beat Tone Folkeson and shared in a mixed doubles success with Colum Slevin against Geirr Gustavsen and Tone Folkeson -this in Division 2.

County Championships

In the first of the County Championships Premier Division weekends. played at Birmingham's Athletic Institute three counties kept a clean sheet namely - Essex. Middlesex and Lancashire. Results:-

Middlesex 6 Surrey 3
Essex 7 Leicestershire 2
Yorkshire 4 Staffordshire 5
Lancashire 5 Warwickshire 4

Warwickshire 4 Yorkshire 5
Staffordshire 2 Essex 7
Leicestershire 2 Middlesex 7
Surrey 3 Lancashire 6
Middlesex 7 Staffordshire 2
Essex 6 Warwickshire 3
Yorkshire 2 Lancashire 7
Surrey 6 Leicestershire 3

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Essex	3	3	0	20	7	6
Middlesex	3	3	0	20	7	6
Lancashire	3	3	0	18	9	6
Surrey	3	1	2	12	15	2
Yorkshire	3	1	2	11	16	2
Staffordshire	3	1	2	9	18	2
Warwickshire	3	0	3	11	16	0
Leicestershire	3	0	3	7	20	0

PREAN OUT

Carl Prean was not included in the England squad that left on Nov. 30 to play in the Swedish Open Championships in Gothenburg. The team chosen was :- Desmond Douglas. Graham Sandley. Alan Cooke. Karen Witt and Joy Grundy with Peter Simpson as the n.p.c.

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