



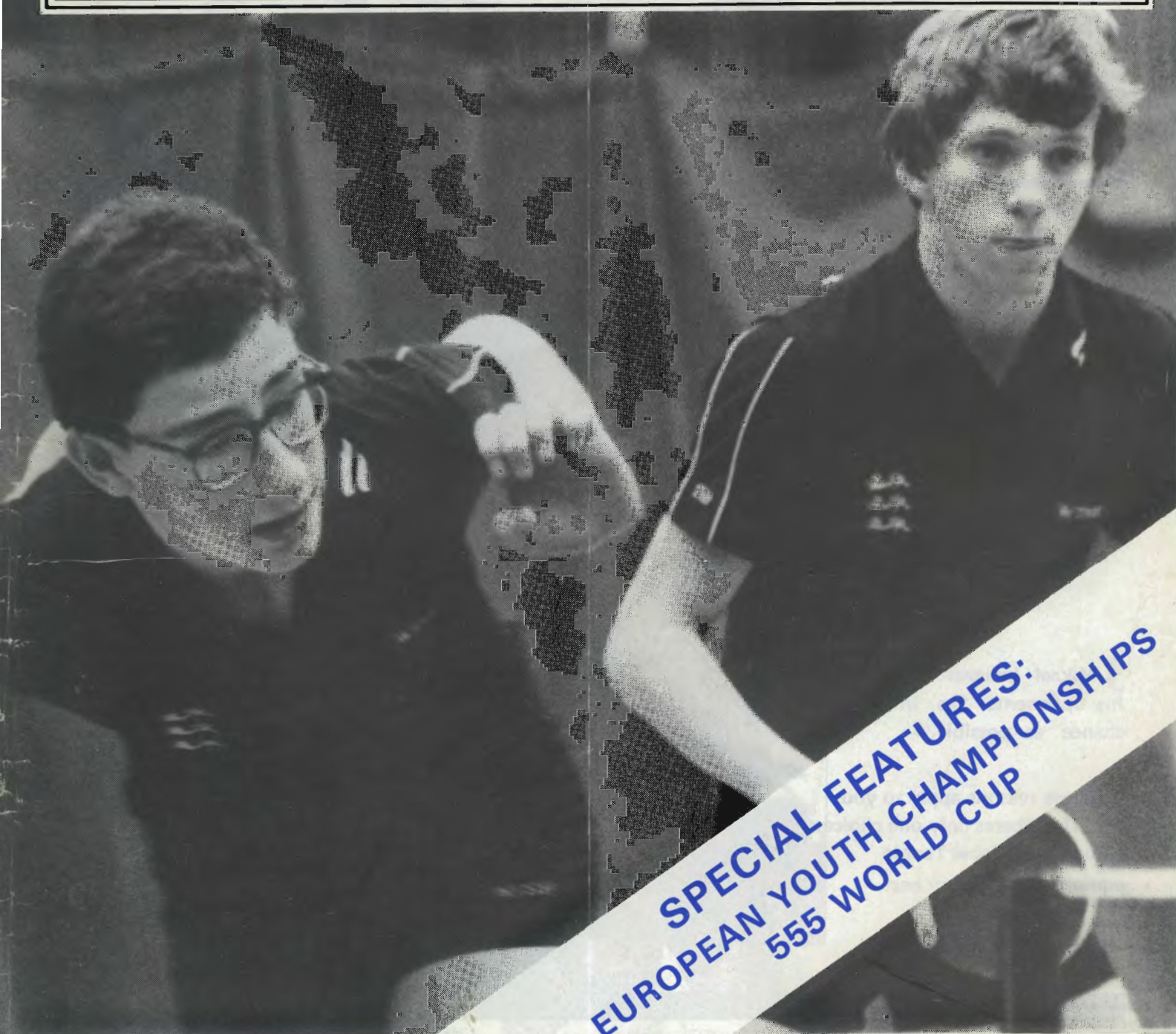
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There is no doubt that the name of Carl Preat is becoming household to the populace at large following his exploits in the Tokyo World Championships and, subsequently, in the Norwich Union Masters, in Kingston, Jamaica and in the 555 World Cup in Bridgetown, Barbados.

Anything concerning our sport to set tongues wagging is all to the good and one can only hope that a re-surgence of interest, both in playing and watching, will ensue.

What a 16-year-old lad can do must be a challenge for others to emulate and nought but good can come of it. Meantime let us congratulate the youngster from the Isle of Wight who is doing his best, not only for himself, but for the sport generally.

After fifteen years with the same printing concern, in the Editor's backyard so to speak, readers will have observed the changeover to more distant pastures. From Bolton that is! Our thanks go to Messrs. Wallace (Printers) Ltd., of Bolton for a job well done and a welcome to Frank A. Slugg & Co. Ltd., of Trowbridge, Wilts, who now take on all the headaches.

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26th EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

EM '83 MALMO

ROLL OF HONOUR

Boys' Team: SOVIET UNION Cadet Boys' Team: SWEDEN Boys' Singles: JAN-OVE WALDNER (Sweden) Boys' Doubles: NICKY MASON and CARL PREAN (England)	Girls' Team: SOVIET UNION Cadet Girls' Team: HUNGARY Girls' Singles: OLGA NEMES (Rumania) Girls' Doubles: LISA BELLINGER and JEAN PARKER (England)
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Carl and Lisa, bronze medal winners in the mixed doubles in Malmo.

MEDALS GALORE

by Peter Charters

Lisa Bellinger and Carl Preat led England's attack on the available medals in Malmo, over the period July 22-31, 1983, and emerged with the best ever tally - two gold, two silver and two bronze.

Carl and Lisa had a hand in all the medals won (Lisa winning a medal in each event in which she played) but received outstanding support for the two gold medals - Nicky Mason with Carl in the boys' doubles and Jean Parker with Lisa in the girls' doubles.

Jean's contribution was no less significant in the Girls' team event where they took silver losing in the final to Russia. In the mixed doubles Carl and Lisa took bronze (as in the previous year) whilst each managed a medal in their respective singles, both

losing to the one player ranked above them on the European and World ranking lists. Carl lost in the final to Jan-Ove Waldner whilst Lisa went out to Olga Nemes in the semi-final.

The team events brought out some satisfying performances from the England players. The Junior Boys' team finished in fifth place which was the highest place possible after the team had gone down, initially 3-5 to Rumania in the first stage and then, in the second stage, to an inspired Hungarian side. The Hungarians undoubtedly saved their best performance of the championships for the English team, not matching it before or after.

Even Carl, who did not play in the match against Rumania, fell before the onslaught going down to their No.2 Andras Krenhardt although it was Carl who provided England with the one victory in the team's defeat. Apart from this the England boys looked com-

fortable with convincing wins over Luxembourg, in which Philip Huggon made a creditable debut, Norway, Poland, Switzerland and finally reversing the result against Rumania in their 5th-6th play-off match. Both Alan Cooke and Nicky Mason produced some good performances and when considering the whole Championship both showed great promise.

ONE BETTER

The Junior Girls' team went one better than the previous year in taking the silver medal. Lisa of course was the backbone of the team, being undefeated in singles up to the final but the doubles was the revelation. Lisa and Jean, a pair that at the English Junior Open had struggled against much lesser opposition, produced the best results ever at the European Youth Championships for a girls' doubles pair.

They lost only twice during the entire Championships, to Federal Germany and to Russia in the final of the team event. They later won the gold medal with a succession of 2-straight victories. Sue Collier came into the team against Iceland and Federal Germany winning two of the three singles she played including a victory over the German No. 2 Anja Spengler.

The Cadet boys' team improved their final position from 13th in Hollabrun to 5th having the misfortune to draw Czechoslovakia in their first group. The Czechs and the Swedes dominated the Cadet boys' events. Andy Syed and Jimmy Stokes only lost twice as a team, 1-3 to Czechoslovakia - Andy beating Josef Braun the No. 2 - and by the same scoreline to Federal Germany this time the doubles being the one victory. The boys showed a lot of character in the 5th/6th play-off against Yugoslavia where they were 0-2 down and well behind in the doubles but fought back to a 3-2 match win.

But what of the Junior Boys' team final in which the Soviet Union, from being 1-4 in arrears, brought off a sensational 5-4 win against Sweden whose Jan-Ove Waldner lost -21-22 to Andrei Mazunov in the seventh set to rock the Swedes back on their heels!

England's Cadet girls thought they had a bad draw in the first groupings with the holders Russia but as it



Carl Prean. England's defeated finalist in the boys' singles event.



England's silver winning girls' team occupying the No.2 spot on the rostrum. From left to right. Lisa Bellinger. Jean **Parker** and Sue Collier with Peter Charters the newly appointed ETTA Vice-Chairman (Selection/Coaching).

transpired they were in an even more difficult position as Rumania proved to be nearly as **good** as the Russians and in fact provided the Cadet individual champion.

CLOSE AFFAIR

The first match loss 2-3 to Rumania (Jill Powis winning both her singles including a victory over Ottila Badescu the individual champion) was a close affair and both Jill and Debbie Soothill at times throughout the team event played well. Performances however were patchy, rarely did the girls play well at the same time. Jill's results were good enough to get her seeded for the individual event; for the first time the Cadet individual draws were done after the team events to provide information for seeding. Andy Syed was seeded in the Cadet boys as were Andy and Jimmy in the Cadet **boys'** doubles.

There was English interest in the singles events right to the end. Five players reached the last sixteen of their event, **Carl**, Nicky and Alan in the Junior boys, Lisa in the Junior girls and Andy in the Cadet boys. Carl's performance was no less creditable because it was expected; one year after winning the Cadet European title it took the skills of the holder Jan-ave Waldner to stop Carl taking the Junior championship. Lisa reversed her only loss in the team event by defeating

Flera Khasanova of Russia in the quarters but went out to European Top 12 winner Olga Nemes of Rumania in the semis.

The doubles gold **medals** gave real pleasure not only to the team but to those of us who enjoy the sound of the National Anthem on such occasions. Both pairs stood proudly on the top tier of the rostrum, the only disappointment for Lisa was that the Union Jack used for the team event was replaced for **the** individual events by the flag of St. George.

Both boys' and girls' doubles finals had been played at the same time and due to some inspired play by Jean Parker in the second game of their 2-straight victory, the girls were in time to watch the boys clinch their gold in the third game. Lisa and Carl again won bronze in the mixed, losing to the same pair Jorgen Persson and Olga Nemes as in Austria at the same stage.

Some early accommodation problems were overcome, otherwise the stay in Malmo was both enjoyable and rewarding. Success there was but **some** invaluable experience and lessons learned. It was very pleasing to hear England openly talked about as one of the stronger European table tennis nations. Team spirit was high and as usual Don Parker led the show in a spirit of relaxed confidence, firmness and humour.

THE LAST FLING OF THE FUNNY BATS AN ANALySiS.... by John Preat

Having looked forward to the European Youth Championships all year in the end I stayed at home and missed the best performance by an English junior team since it all started in 1955. Six medals tell the story of a marvellous success.

Was it a golden autumn or a new spring? Was it, as jealous competitors often said, a funny bat bonanza or a real dawn of English Table Tennis? Our players have used combination bats so well over the years, only the Chinese have used them better.

Still, let us keep an open mind about the legislative holocaust unleashed at the I.T.T.F. Congress in Tokyo where even wood, the purest surface of all was banned, where a new service rule emerged which is completely incomprehensible. Are we heading for a period where the game will be played only by university professors and umpired by barristers? In an age like this only the bravest dare look into the future. I noted with sadness that success now depends as much on what others **decide** off the table as what the player does on it. Is that a Sport that can arrest the decline in membership which we have witnessed for so many years, a Sport that can compete with others?

Unless our top players achieve regular and consistent international success and our publicity efforts slip into top gear there is no chance of media coverage which inspires children to take up our Game rather than another more often seen on Television.

We undoubtedly have such players as Malmo showed, as Tokyo showed and a real assault at the various European prizes is now possible. There never was a better time to get behind the players and to resist our rule-making zeals, to grasp our bats, rather than our minute-books and devote all our efforts to make the game

better instead of creating new laws, two activities sometimes in conflict.

Last year I wrote of Lisa Bellinger after listing her achievements: "All this after 3 weeks with her new bat.. what may be expected after 12 months?" In Malmo we got the answer: 4 medals. Quite fantastic.

Was I disappointed that Carl did not win the Singles Title? Yes and no. He was a little unfortunate to meet the World No.8 senior Waldner, but his Silver equalled the previous English best of Des. Douglas ('73) and Paul Day ('76). He has two more years and will start as undisputed favourite next time. That is not the same as winning, but it is a good start. Will the rule change make a difference? I don't see why. The forehand loop is getting stronger, the Lentec pimples are very versatile. Opponents still have to get the ball back.

"English Table Tennis took a big step forward" I wrote of last year's event "and there is now plenty to build on". That was done. This is the big event that makes or breaks the whole junior season. I **congratulate** the captains Don Parker and Peter Charters on their success that eclipsed everything any English junior team had ever achieved. These chaps have a real feel for the junior game and that is what it is all about, where it all starts.

Can we do it again? I would have felt confident that we could have improved on our six medals and even become the top junior nation in Europe if the rules for once had been left alone. Lisa and Carl would still have been there. So would Billy Gleave who gave up his combination bat before Malmo and so ruled himself out after great success in Europe in the two previous seasons. So now we start again - on a new ball game.

Only one thing is certain: Unless we have successful players that Television wants new members won't appear and more clubrooms will close. What happened in Malmo was important for all of us who love the Game; it was a spectacular and stunning success, we may not see its like again.

26th European Championships

RESULTS

BOYS' SINGLES

Round 4:

J.-O. Waldner (SWE) bt N. Mason (ENG) 13. 14;
I. Lupulesku (YUG) bt A. Krenhardt (HUN) 9. -15. 13;
Z. Harazi (HUN) bt A. Cooke (ENG) 20. 12;
A. Mazunov (USR) bt M. Bezdicsek (TCH) 18. 19;
J. Persson (SWE) bt F. Simon (HUN) 18. 15;
R. Cinner (TCH) bt V. Florea (ROM) -12. 11. 16;
I. Ondrejicka (TCH) bt O. Kabacinski (POL) 15. 19;
C. Preat (ENG) bt M. Maran (YUG) -19. 14. 17.

Quarter-finals:

Waldner bt Lupulesku 15. 20;
Mazunov bt Harazi 12. 18;
Persson bt Cinner 21. 17;
Preat bt Ondrejicka 12. 12.

Semi-finals:

Waldner bt Mazunov -15. 8. 19;
Preat bt Persson 19. 13.

Final:

WALDNER bt Preat 10. 18.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Round 3:

I. Oaniliavichute (URS) bt A. Lath (SWE) 12. 17;
E. Malmberg (FIN) bt K. Bolvari (HUN) 8. 17;
A. Greisinger (FRG) bt S. Pirscak (HUN) -18. 15. 24;
R. Oiachenko (URS) bt E. Bakker (HaL) 18. 17;
L. Bellinger (ENG) bt T. Krsnik (YUG) 17. 19;
F. Khasanova (URS) bt P. Eliasson (SWE) -12. 14. 14;
R. Timoleeva (URS) bt A. Busnardo (ITA) -10. 18. 13;
O. Nemes (ROM) bt B. Wiltsche (AUT) 14. 11.

Quarter-finals:

Malmberg bt Oaniliavichute 22. 17;
Oiachenko bt Greisinger 11. 16;
Bellinger bt Khasanova 18. 15;
Nemes bt Timoleeva 12. 17.

Semi-finals:

Oiachenko bt Malmberg 16. 21;
Nemes bt Bellinger -18. 13. 16.

Final:

NEMES bt Oiachenko 14. -18.17.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Quarter-finals:

Krenhardt/A. Szosznayk (HUN) bt Mazunov/A. Stadnichenko (URS) -23. 15. 12.
Kabacinski/M. Pieronczyk (POL) bt E. Angenent (HOL)/C. Tiugan (ROM) 14. 17.
P. Eckel/H. Glanzer (AUT) bt M. Bezdicsek (TCH)/Cinner 16. 18;
Mason/Preat bt M. Manashirov (URS)/S. Varga (HUN) 11. -12.16.

Semi-finals:

Kabacinski/Pieronczyk bt Krenhardt/Szosznayk 19. 15;
Mason/Preat bt Eckel/Glanzer 12. 19.

Final:

MASON/PREAT bt Kabacinski/Pieronczyk 15. -20.19.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Quarter-finals:

Malmberg/Nemes bt Lath/M. Svensson (SWE) 16. 19;
Bolvari/Pirscak bt Oiachenko/Timoleeva 16. -19. 16;
Bellinger/J. Parker (ENG) bt I. Masarikova/A. Salarova (TCH) 5. 17;
C. Borgstrom (SWE)/Eliasson bt G. Bohm/ K. Gal (HUN) 14. -11. 10.

Semi-finals:

Bolvari/Pirscak bt Malmberg/Nemes 25. 20;
Bellinger/Parker bt Borgstrom/Eliasson 10. 17.

Final:

BELLINGER/PARKER bt Bolvari/Pirscak 17. 17.

MIXED DOUBLES

Quarter-finals:

Persson/Nemes bt Krenhardt/Gal 15. 9;
Preat/Bellinger bt P. Greczula (SWE)/Lath 15. 9;
Mazunov/Khasanova bt F. Gullberg (SWE)/Svensson 16.16;
Waldner/Eliasson bt Varga/Pirscak 11. 17.

Semi-finals:

Persson/Nemes bt Preat/Bellinger -12. 21. 21;
Waldner/Eliasson bt Mazunov/Khasanova -12. 10. 13.

Final:

PERSSON/NEMES bt Waldner/ Nemes 15. 11.

CADET BOYS' SINGLES

Round 3:

T. von Scheele (SWE) bt R. Reichmann (AUT) 7. 13;
J. Roszkopl (FRG) bt A. Syed (ENG) 15. 12;
Z. Primorac (YUG) bt O. Abramenko (URS) -17. 19.17;
J. Braun (TCH) bt O. Manmurek (FRA) 15. -17. 13;
M. Gnman (TCH) bt J.-P. Gonzales (ESP) 12. 17;
S. Fellner (FRG) bt N. Ekerstad (SWE) -14. 17. 16;
R. Krmaschek (TCH) bt J.-P. Gatten (FRA) -16. 10. 11;
M. Andersson (SWE) bt J.-M. Saive (BEL) 16. 10.

Quarter-finals:

von Scheele bt Roszkopl -22. 25. 5;
Braun bt Primorac 10. 17;
Gnman bt Felloer 12. 16;

Andersson bt Krmaschek 15. -14. 17.

Semi-finals:

von Scheele bt Braun 18. 17;
Gnman bt Andersson -16. 19. 15.

Final:

GRMAN bt von Scheele 14. 19.



Jan-Ove Waldner, Sweden's championship-winning junior boy awaits service from Carl Preat in the final. Photos by courtesy of StefanAlfelt, Sweden.

CADET GIRLS' SINGLES

Round 3:

C. Batorfi (HUN) bt V. Radoslavova (BUL) 4, 14;
R. (TCH) bt A. Cheller (ROM) 17, 17;
J. Bakker (HOL) bt N. Kujundzik (YUG) 9, 9;
I. Bohning (FRG) bt N. Leclerc (FRA) 20, -10, 13;
K. Nagy (HUN) bt M. Siootmans (BEL) 8, 9;
K. Nolten (FRG) bt R. linderova (TCH) 19, 21;
E. Komrakova (URS) bt E. Braun (HUN) 11, 12;
O. Badescu (ROM) bt P. de Groot (HOL) 16, 11.

Quarter-finals:

Kasalova bt Batorfi 17, -14, 16;
Bohnong bt Baaker 9, 14;
Nagy bt Nolten 17, 15;
Badescu bt Komrakova 18, 15.

Semi-finals:

Kasalova bt Bohning 13, 6;
Badescu bt Nagy 16, -18, 18.

Final:

BADESCU bt Kasalova -18, 18, 13.

CADET BOYS' DOUBLES

Quarter-finals:

Andersson/von Scheele bt R. Dooley (FRG)/Fetzner 8, 8;
P. Bauer (FRA)/Gatien bt J. Stokes (ENG)/Syed 7, -16, 14;
P. Auwarter (FRG)/Rosskopf bt Krmaschek/B. van Haren (HOL) 22, -19, 19;
Braun/Grman bt Ekerstad/J. Fallby (SWE) 15, 15.

Semi-finals:

Andersson/von Scheele bt Bauer/Gatien 16, 17;
Braun/Grman bt Auwarter/Rosskopf 13, 21.

Final:

BRAUN/GRMAN bt Andersson/von Scheele 10, -20, 17.

CADET GIRLS' DOUBLES

Quarter-finals:

Batorfi/Nagy bt F. Isanovic (YUG)/Kujundzik 10, -19, 14;
Kasalova/R. Lindnerova bt Braun/R. Lindnerova (TCH) 13, -20,14;
Badescu/Cheller bt de Groot/G. Keen (HOL) 16, 17;
Komrakova/E. Timina (URS) bt Nolten/Bohning -20, 16,9.

Semi-finals:

Kasalova/lindnerova bt Batorfi/Nagy 10, 17;
Komrakova/Timina bt Badescu/Cheller 18, 18.

Final:

KASAOVA/L1NDNEROVA bt Komrakova/Timina 15, -18,13.

CONSOLATION FINALS

Boys' Singles:

M. MANASHIROV (URS) bt A. Standnichenko (URS) -20,18,15.

Girls' Singles:

I. MASARIKOVA (TCH) bt M. Klop-penburg (HOL) -18, 15,19.

Cadet Boys' Singles:

L. NANNONI (ITA) bt J. Fallby (SWE) -13, 18, 12.

Cadet Girls' Singles:

E. TIMINA (URS) bt J. Powis (ENG) 23, 12.

ENGLISH RESULTS

BOYS' SINGLES

Round 1:

P. Huggon bt H. Braun (IUX) 13, 14.

Round 2:

N. Mason bt T.' Miller (SUI) 14, -22, 11;
A. Cooke bt F. Valensi (FRA) 16, -13, 13;
Huggon lost to K. Karlsson (FIN) -12, 13, -18;
C. Preat bt J. Snygg (SWE) 7, 11.

Round 3:

Mason bt C. Tiugan (ROM) 7, 11;
Cooke bt P. Greczula (SWE) -18, 17, 16;
Preat bt A. Szosznjak (HUN) -16, 6, 11.

Round 4:

Mason lost to J-O. Waldner (SWE) -13, -14;
Cooke lost to Z. Harczy (HUN) -20, -12;
Preat bt M. Maran (YUG) -19,14,17.

Quarter-finals:

Preat bt I. Ondrejicka (TCH) 12, 12.

Semi-finals:

Preat bt J. Persson (SWE) 19, 13.

Final:

Preat lost to Waldner -10, -18.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Round 1:

S. Collier bt J. Neilsen (DEN) -18, 17, 18.

Round 2:

J. Parker bt V. Ojstersek (YUG) 13, 22;
Collier bt F. Turgut (TUR) 9, 8;
L. Bellinger bt S. Suomalainen (FIN) 17, 11.

Round 3:

Parker lost to A. Iath (SWE) 19, -9, -9;
Collier lost to S. Pircsak (HUN) -8, -12.
Bellinger bt I. Delepine (FRA) 9, 16.

Round 4:

Bellinger bt T. Krsnik (YUG) 17, 19.

Quarter-finals:

Bellinger bt F. Khasanova (URS) 18, 15.

Semi-finals:

Bellinger lost to O. Nemes (ROM) -14, 18, -17.

CADET BOYS' SINGLES

Round 1:

A. Syed bt T. Gillen (IUX) 3, 7
J. Stokes lost to J-P. Gonzales (ESP) -16, -19.
Round 2:
Syed bt P. Bauer (FRA) 18, -20, 7.

Round 3:

Syed lost to J. Rosskopf (FRG) -15, -12.

CADET GIRLS' SINGLES

Round 1:

D. Soothill lost to B. Radoslavova (BUL) 15, -20, -22;

Round 2:

J. Powis lost to E. Braun (HUN) -9, 19, -21.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Round 1:

Cooke/Huggon bt K. Davies (WAI)/1. Stokes (SCO) 9, 11;
Round 2:
Cooke/Huggon lost to A. Kutis/1. Ondrejicka (TCH) -20, -20;

Mason/Preat bt F. Gullberg/1. Kallas (SWE) 18, 16.

Round 3:

Mason/Preat bt F. Ferenczi/V. Florea (ROM) 19, 13.

Quarter-finals:

Mason/Preat bt M. Manashirov (URS)/S. Varga (HUN) 11, -12,16.

Semi-finals:

Mason/Preat bt P. Eckel/H. Glanzer (AUT) 12, 19.

Final:

MASON/PREAN bt D. Kabacinski/M. Pieronczyk (POL) 15, -20,19.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Round 1:

Collier/B. Wiktorsson 'conceded to M. Fluegal/B. Hoefliger (SUI)

Round 2:

Bellinger/Parker bt A. Doumeni/M. Tsipou (GRE) 20, 8.

Round 3:

Bellinger/Parker bt E. Bakker/J. Bakker (HOL) 18,20.

Quarter-finals:

Bellinger/Parker bt I. Masarikova/A. Safarova (TCH) 5, 17.

Semi-finals:

Bellinger/Parker bt C. Borgstrom/P. Eliasson (SWE) 10, 17.

Final:

BELLINGER/PARKER bt K. Bolvari/S. Pircsak(HUN) 17, 17.

MIXED DOUBLES

Round 1:

Huggon/Powis lost to D. Kabacinski/E. Gracek (POL) 19, -12, -12;

Syed/Soothill bt M. Gustavsen/L. Mai (NOR) 18, -20, 20;

Cooke/Collier bt D. Abramenko/E. Timina (URS) -25, 13,16.

Round 2:

Syed/Soothill lost to A. Krenhardt/K. Gal (HUN) 16, -12, -13.

Preat/Bellinger bt P. Bertacchini/A. Busnardo (ITA) 16, 7;

Mason/Parker lostto A. Mazunov/F. Khasanova (URS)-17, -11;

Cooke/Collier lost to P. Eckel/B. Wiltsche (AUT) -16, -13.

Round 3:

Preat/Bellinger bt R. Krmaschek/N. Heckwolf (FRG) 9, 16.

Round 4:

Preat/Bellinger bt A. Szosznjak/K. Bolvari (HUN) 11, 18.

Quarter-finals:

Preat/Bellinger bt P. Greczula/A. Iath (SWE) 15, 9.

Semi-finals:

Preat/Bellinger lost to J. Persson (SWE)/O. Nemes (ROM) 12, -21, -21.

CADET BOYS' DOUBLES

Round 2:

Stokes/Syed bt R. Echanove/P. Gonzales (ESP) 12, 18.

Quarter-finals:

Stokes/Syed lost to P. Bauer/J-P. Gatien (FRA) -7,16, -14.

CADET GIRLS' DOUBLES

Round 1:

Powis/Soothill lost to A. Komulainen (FIN)/C. Reckziegel (FRG) -15, -19.

COUNT-DOWN - TEAM EVENTS

BOYS

Positions

1/2 SOVIET UNION 5 Sweden 4
M. Manashirov lost to J. Persson -15, -4;
A. Stadnichenko lost to J-O. Waldner -9, -6;
A. Mazunov bt P. Greczula 10, 18;
Manashirov lost to Waldner -7, -15;
Mazunov lost to Persson -12, -9;
Stadnichenko bt Greczula 17, -17, 19;
Mazunov bt Waldner 21, 22;
Manashirov bt Greczula -16, 24, 16;
Stadnichenko bt Persson 15, 17.

3/4 Yugoslavia 5 Hungary 3
5/6 England 5 Rumania 2
7/8 France 5 Switzerland 4
9/10 Czechoslovakia 5 Poland 3
11/12 Netherlands 5 Austria 1
13/14 Norway 5 Finland 4
15/16 Belgium 5 Denmark 1
17/18 Italy 5 Spain 4
19/20 Turkey 5 Wales 3
21/22 luxembourg 5 Greece 1
23 Scotland
24 Iceland

GIRLS

Positions

1/2 SOVIET UNION 3 England 0
3/4 Hungary 3 Rumania 1
5/6 Czechoslovakia 3 Sweden 0
7/8 Netherlands 3 Austria 0
9/10 Italy 3 Poland 1
11/12 Yugoslavia 3 Federal Germany 0
13/14 Finland 3 France 1
15/16 Turkey 3 Belgium 1
17/1 8 Scotland 3 Switzerland 1
19/20 Norway 3 Denmark 0
21/22 luxembourg 3 Spain 2
23 Wales
24 Greece
25 Iceland

CADET BOYS

Positions

1/2 SWEDEN 3 Czechoslovakia 0
M. Anderson bt M. Grman -11, 19, 20;
T. von Scheele bt J. Braun 19, 16;
Andersson/von Scheele bt Braun/Grman 19, 14.

3/4 Federal Germany 3 France 2
5/6 England 3 Yugoslavia 2
7/8 Soviet Union 3 Hungary 2
9/10 Bulgaria 3 Netherlands 2
11/12 Belgium 3 Italy 2
13/14 Spain 3 Finland 0
15/16 luxembourg 3 Norway 1
17 Austria
18 Wales
19 Ireland
20 Greece

CADET GIRLS

Positions

1/2 HUNGARY 3 Soviet Union 0
C. Batorfi bt E. Timina 10, 12;
K. Nagy bt E. Komrakova 18, 16;
Batorfi/Nagy bt Komrakova/Timina 9, 18.

3/4 Rumania 3 Czechoslovakia 0
5/6 Federal Germany 3 Netherlands 0
7/8 Yugoslavia 3 France 2
9/10 Belgium 3 Spain 0
11/12 England 3 Greece 0
13/14 Finland 3 Italy 0
15/16 Sweden 3 luxembourg 2
17 Bulgaria
-18 Wales
19 Norway
20 Ireland

FINAI TEAM PLACINGS (previous positions in brackets)

BOYS

1 SOVIET UNION (3)
2 Sweden (1)
3 Yugslavia (8)
4 Hungary (5)
5 England (4)
6 Rumania (9)
7 France (6)
8 Switzerland (14)
9 Czechoslovakia (2)
10 Poland (15)
11 Netherlands (7)
12 Austria (10)
13 Norway (17)
14 Finland (12)
15 Belgium (20)
16 Denmark (1 3)
17 Italy (23)
18 Spain (18)
19 Turkey (21)
20 Wales (19)
21 luxembourg (22)
22 Greece (24)
23 Scotland (-)
24 Iceland

GIRLS

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

Nil Entry - Previously Hollabrun,

Federal Germany (11)

Ireland (16)

Bulgaria (9)

CADET BOYS

1 SWEDEN (7)
2 Czechoslovakia (4)
3 Federal Germany (9)
4 France (6)
5 England (13)
6 Yugoslavia (11)
7 Soviet Union (3)
8 Hungary (8)
9 Bulgaria (-)
10 Netherlands (5)
11 Belgium (17)
12 Italy (2)
13 Spain (15)
14 Finland (14)
15 luxembourg (19)
16 Norway (16)
17 Austria (12)
18 Wales (-)
19 Ireland (-)
20 Greece (20)
Nil Entry - Previously Hollabrun
Rumania (1)
Denmark (10)
Portugal (18)
Scotland (21)

CADET GIRLS

1 HUNGARY (3)
2 Soviet Union (1)
3 Rumania (7)
4 Czechoslovakia (2)
5 Federal Germany (6) \
6 Netherlands (5)
7 Yugoslavia (-)
8 France (11)
9 Belgium (-)
10 Spain (10)
11 England (8)
12 Greece (13)
13 Finland (12)
14 Italy (9)
15 Sweden (4)
16 luxembourg (14)
17 Bulgaria (-)
18 Wales (-)
19 Norway (-)
20 Ireland (-)
Austria (15)

ENGLAND INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

BOYS

Prean	Mason	Cooke	Huggon	F	A	Opponents
2-0		2-0	1-0	5	0	Luxembourg
1-0	2-0	2-0		5	0	Norway
	1-2	2-0	0-3	3	5	Rumania
2-0	1-1	2-0		5	1	Poland
1-1	0-2	0-2		1	5	Hungary
2-0	2-0	1-1		5	1	Switzerland
3-0	0-2	2-0		5	2	Rumania
11-1	6-7	11-3	1-3	29	14	

GIRLS

Belling	Collier	Parker	C/P	B/P	F	A	Opponents
	1-0	1-0	1-0		3	0	Iceland
1-0		1-0		1-0	3	0	Luxembourg
2-0		0-1		1-0	3	1	France
	1-1	0-1		0-1	1	3	Fed. Germany
2-0		0-1		1-0	3	1	Yugoslavia
2-0		0-1		1-0	3	1	Czechoslovakia
2-0		0-1		1-0	3	1	Rumania
0-1		0-1		0-1	0	3	Soviet Union
9-1	2-1	2-6	1-0	5-2	19	10	

CADE

<i>Syed</i>	<i>Stokes</i>	<i>Stokes/ Syed</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Netherlands
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Ireland
1-1	0-1	0-1	1	3	Czechoslovakia
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Wales
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Finland
0-2	0-1	1-0	1	3	Fed. Germany
2-0	1-0	0-1	3	1	Hungary
1-1	1-1	1-0	3	2	Yugoslavia
8-4	6-3	6-2	20	9	

CADE

Powis	Soothi ¹	Powis/ Soothill	F	A	Opponents
2-0	0-2	0-1	2	3	Rumania
1-1	1-1	0-1	2	3	Belgium
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3	Soviet Uni
2-0	1-1	0-1	3	2	Bulgaria
2-0	0-2	0-1	2	3	Finland
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Sweden
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Greece
9-2	4-7	2-5	15	14	

ENGLISH TEAM RESULTS

BOYS

v Luxembourg (won 5-0)
Cooke bt Toussaint 7, 15;
Prean bt Wintersdorff 10, 11;
Huggon bt Bouschet 12, 9;
Prean bt Toussaint 6, 5;
Cooke bt Bouschet 15, 5.

v Norway (won 5-0)
Cooke bt Ingebrigtsen 7, 9;
Prean bt Gustavsen 8, 7;
Mason bt Hoff 15, 17;
Cooke bt Gustavsen 12, 12;
Mason bt Ingebrigtsen 13, 16.

V. Rumania (lost 3-5)
 Cooke bt Tiugan 11, 18;
 Mason bt Ferenczi 14, 17;
 Huggon lost to Florea -15, -17;
 Mason lost to Tiugan -19, -18;
 Cooke bt Florea -14, 19, 15;
 Huggon lost to Ferenczi -8, -17;
 Mason lost to Florea -16, 18, -19;
 Huggon lost to Tiugan -16, -13.
England finished 2nd to Rumania in Group D First Stage.

v Poland (won 5-1)
Cooke bt Pieronczyk -20, 10, 15;
Prean bt Mnich 12, 7;
Mason lost to Kabacinski -17, -20;
Prean bt Pieronczyk 14, 11;
Cooke bt Kabacinski -18, 14, 20;
Mason bt Mnich -18, 10, 18.

V. Hungary (lost 1-5)
 Cooke lost to Harczl -19, -17;
 Prean lost to Krenhardt -19, -17;
 Mason lost to Simon -17, 13, -15;
 Prean bt Harczl 6, 17;
 Cooke lost to Simon -18, 14, -14;
 Mason lost to Krenhardt -16, -18.
England finished 2nd to Hungary in Group I Second Stage.

v Switzerland (won 5-1)
Cooke lost to Miller -14 -17;
Prean bt Gentile 9, 12;
Mason bt Renold 13, 19;
Prean bt Miller 13, 18;
Cooke bt Renold 13, 19;
Mason bt Gentile 10, 8.
Positions 5 to 8

v Rumania (won 5-2)
Mason lost to Tiugan -22, 9, -15;
Prean bt Ferenczi 10, 6;
Cooke bt Florea 16, 18;
Prean bt Tiugan 7, 21;

Mason lost to Florea -12, -17;
Cooke bt Ferenczi 16, 16;
Pean bt Florea 14, 13.
Position 5 and 6

GIRLS
v Iceland (won 3-0)
 Parker bt Kaernestad 3, 3;
 Collier bt Hrafnisdottir 7,5;
 Collier/Parker bt Hrafnisdottir/Kaernestad 6, 8.

v Luxembourg (won 3-0)
 Bellinger bt Schroeder 12, 6;
 Parker bt Lorang 10, 16;
 Bellinger/Parker bt Lorang/Schroeder 16, 11.

v France (won 3-1)
Parker lost to Saunton 18, -21, -20;
Bellinger bt Aubry 10, 15;
Bellinger/Parker bt Delepine/Saunton 18, 16;
Bellinger bt Saunton 18, 13.

v Federal Germany (lost 1-3)
Parker lost to Greisinger 16, -18, -19;
Collier bt Spengler -18, 18, 18;
Bellinger/Parker lost to Greisinger/Spengler -17, -20;
Collier lost to Greisinger 19, -19, -15.

England finished 2nd to Federal Germany in Group C First Stage.

v Yugoslavia (won 3-1)
 Bellinger bt Ojstersek 10, 13;
 Parker lost to Gopic -14, -19;
 Bellinger/Parker bt Gopic/Krsnik -16, 17, 11;
 Bellinger bt Gopic 23, 12.

v Czechoslovakia (won 3-1)
 Bellinger bt Safarova 20, 14;
 Parker lost to Masarikova -18, -17;
 Bellinger/Parker bt Masarikova/Safarova 12, 17;
 Bellinger bt Masarikova 18, 8.
England finished 1st in Group G Second Stage.

v Rumania (won 3-1)
Parker lost to Nemes -7, -10;
Bellinger bt Gageatu 13, 6;
Bellinger/Parker bt Gageatu/Nemes 17, 19
Bellinger bt Nemes 19, 9.
(For positions 1 to 4)

v Soviet Union (lost 0-3) - FINAL
 Bellinger lost to Khasanova -11, -16;
 Parker lost to Daniliavichute -11, -10;
 Bellinger/Parker lost to Daniliavichute/Khasanova -13, -14

CADET BOYS

v Netherlands (won 3-0)
Stokes bt Boute 13, -18, 18;
Syed bt Boon 15, 19;

Stokes/Syed bt Boon/Boute 17, 16.

v Ireland (won 3-0)
 Syed bt Redmond 7, 3;
 Stokes bt Dennison 15, 15;
 Stokes/Syed bt Dennison/Redmond 21, 15.

v Czechoslovakia (lost 1-3)
 Syed bt Braun 16, -18, 18;
 Stokes lost to Grman -14, -14;
 Stokes/Syed lost to Braun/Grman -12, -10;
 Syed lost to Grman -11, -15.

v Wales (won 3-0)
Syed bt Ellis 9, 7;
Stokes bt Jones 12, 15;
Stokes/Syed bt Ellis/Jones 11, 15.

v Finland (won 3-0)
 Syed bt Valasti 11, 11;
 Stokes bt Sipila 14, 9;
 Stokes/Syed bt Sipila/Valasti 12, 11.

England finished 2nd to Czechoslovakia in Group B First Stage.

v Federal Germany (lost 1-3)
 Stokes lost to Rosskopf -17, 14, -13;
 Syed lost to Fetzner -18, 18, -11;
 Stokes/Syed bt Auwärter/Roskopf -13, 21, 13;
 Syed lost to Rosskopf -14, -17.

v Hungary (won 3-1)
Stokes bt Pigniczki 17, 18;
Syed bt Vitsek 21, 21;
Stokes/Syed lost to Pigniczki/Vitsek 16, -20, -12;
Syed bt Pigniczki 6, 14.
England finished 3rd to Czechoslovakia and Federal
Germany in Group E Second Stage.

v Yugoslavia (won 3-2) For positions 5 and 6
 Syed lost to Jamsek -13, 19, -18;
 Stokes lost to Primorac 19, -17, -20;
 Stokes/Syed bt Jamsek/Primorac -16, 19, 20;
 Syed bt Primorac 21, 18;
 Stokes bt Jamsek 16, -17, 17.

CADET GIRLS

v Rumania (lost 2-3)
Soothill lost to Badescu -11, -12;
Powis bt Cheller 14, 14;
Powis/Soothill lost to Badescu/Cheller -9, -20;
Powis bt Badescu 17, 18;
Soothill lost to Cheller -17, -15.

v Belgium (lost 2-3)
Soothill bt Thirion 14, 19;
Powis lost to Sootmans 18, -18, -18;
Powis/Soothill lost to Sootmans/Thirion -12,19, -14;
Powis bt Thirion 16, 20;
Soothill lost to Sootmans -19, -11.

v Soviet Union (lost 0-3)
Powis lost to Komrakova -12, 16, -4;
Soothill lost to Timina -15, 11, -18;
Powis/Soothill lost to Komrakova/Timina -13, -18.

v Bulgaria (won 3-2)
Powis bt Radoslavova 19, 19;
Soothill lost to Stoinova -21, -21;
Powis/Soothill lost to Radoslavova/Stoinova -13, -16;
Powis bt Stoinova 17, 8;
Soothill bt Radoslavova 16, 18.

England finished 4th behind the Soviet Union, Rumania, Belgium in Group A First Stage.

v Finland (lost 2-3)
 Soothill lost to L. Malmberg 18, -16, -20;
 Powis bt P. Malmberg 17, 3;
 Powis/Soothill lost to Malmberg/Malmberg -12, -16;
 Powis bt L. Malmberg 6, 13;
 Soothill lost to P. Malmberg -18, -17.

v Sweden (won 3-0)
 Powis bt Bolenius 12, 16;
 Soothill bt Hallner 16, 7;
 Powis/Soothill bt Bolenius/Hallner 11, 9.
England finished 2nd to Belgium in Group G Second Stage.

v Greece (won 3-0) Positions 11 and 12
Powis bt Vasilogambrou 13, 16;
Soothill bt Zerdila 9, 13;
Powis/Soothill bt Vasilogambrou/Zerdila -13, 13, 13.

Cover Photo

The combination of Carl Pread and Nicky Mason proved unbeatable in the Boys' Doubles event in Malmo.



CARLAND LISA MAKE THE GRADE

Both England's Carl Prean and Lisa Bellinger are included in the revised classifications of the International Table Tennis Federation, released on June 30, which, for World purposes, are headed by reigning champions Guo Yuehua and Cao Yanhua of the People's Republic of China, the victors in Tokyo.

Young Prean comes in for the first time at No. 25 as does Lisa at No. 34 in the women's category. Desmond Douglas is demoted from No. 7 to No. 16 in the men's list the top European being Mikael Appelgren, Sweden's European champion. Likewise Bettine Vriesekoop of the Netherlands heads the European challenge on the distaff side. Jill Hammersley-Parker, now retired, is included at No. 40 having previously occupied 16th place.

John Hilton, previously at No. 43 has been omitted but newcomers, apart from Prean, comprise Kim Ki Taek of South Korea, Zsolt Kriston (Hungary), Cho Jong Chol (North Korea), Patrick Renverse (France), Juzo Nukazuka (Japan), Bela Mesaros (Yugoslavia) and Stefan Dryszel (Poland).

Ni Xialiang of China heads the newcomers in the women's list, at No. 7, immediately followed by Fumiko Shinpo of Japan.

The new rankings are (previous positions in brackets):-

Men

- 1 Guo Yuehua (CHN) (1)
- 2 Cai Zhenhua (CHN) (2)
- 3 Jiang Jialiang (CHN) (5)
- 4 Wang Huiyuan (CHN) (8)
- 5 Kiyoshi Saito (JPN) (14)
- 6 Xie Saike (CHN) (3)
- 7 Mikael Appelgren (SWE) (4)
- 8 Jan-Ove Waldner (SWE) (9)
- 9 Fan Changmao (CHN) (17)
- 10 Zoran Kalinic (YUG) (10)
- 11 Chen Xinhua (CHN) (19)
- 12 Kim Ki Taek (KOR) (-)
- 13 Erik Lindh (SWE) (16)
- 14 Istvan Jonyer (HUN) (15)
- 15 Dragutin Surbek (YUG) (12)
- 16 Desmond Douglas (ENG) (7)
- 17 Park Lee Hee (KOR) (13)
- 18 Eric Boggan (USA) (23)
- 19 Seiji Ono (JPN) (6)
- 20 Milan Orlowski (TCH) (11)
- 21 Cho Yong Ho (PRK) (22)
- 22 Kim Wan (KOR) (30)
- 23 Andrzej Grubba (POL) (21)
- 24 Jacques Secretin (FRA) (18)

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- 25 Carl Prean (ENG) (-)
- 26 Stellan Bengtsson (SWE) (20)
- 27 Ulf Carlsson (SWE) (36)
- 28 Zsolt Kriston (HUN) (-)
- 29 Ulf Bengtsson (SWE) (33)
- 30 Jindrich Pansky (TCH) (28)
- 31 Chiu Man Kuen (HKG) (38)
- 32 Norio Takashima (JPN) (26)
- 33 Patrick Birocheau (FRA) (41)
- 34 Hong Chol (PRK) (47)
- 35 Cho Jong Chol (PRK) (-)
- 36 Gabor Gergely (HUN) (25)
- 37 Georg Bohm (FRG) (44)
- 38 Leszek Kucharski (POL) (31)
- 39 Hiroyuki Abe (JPN) (24)
- 40 Patrick Renverse (FRA) (-)
- 41 Kenichi Sakamoto (JPN) (45)
- 42 Diao Ming (CHN) (39)
- 43 Juzo Nukazuka (JPN) (-)
- 44 Mashhiro Maehara (JPN) (29)
- 45 Vong Lu Veng (HKG) (37)
- 46 Janos Molnar (HUN) (35)
- 47 Bela Mesaros (YUG) (-)
- 48 Christian Martin (FRA) (43)
- 49 Ralf Wosik (FRG) (40)
- 50 Stefan Dryszel (POL) (-)

Women

- 1 Cao Yanhua (CHN) (2)
- 2 Yang Young Ja (KOR) (18)
- 3 Qi Baoxiang (CHN) (3)
- 4 Tong Ling (CHN) (1)
- 5 Huang Junqun (CHN) (4)
- 6 Dai Lili (CHN) (5)
- 7 Ni Xialiang (CHN) (-)
- 8 Fumiko Shinpo (JPN) (-)
- 9 Geng Lijuan (CHN) (11)
- 10 Bettine Vriesekoop (HOL) (7)
- 11 Kim Gyong Sun (PRK) (29)
- 12 Marie Hrachova (TCH) (21)
- 13 Valentina Popova (URS) (12)
- 14 An Hae Sook (KOR) (13)
- 15 Olga Nemes (ROM) (22)
- 16 Tian Jing (CHN) (19)
- 17 Emiko Kanda (JPN) (30)
- 18 Rie Wada (JPN) (20)
- 19 Pu Qijuan (CHN) (10)
- 20 Filura Bulatova (URS) (21)

- 21 Shen Jianping (CHN) (-)
- 22 Yoon Kyung Mi (KOR) (31)
- 23 Gabriella Szabo (HUN) (27)
- 24 Hui So Hung (HKG) (-)
- 25 Kayoko Kawahigashi (JPN) (15)
- 26 Zsuzsa Olah (HUN) (24)
- 27 Shin Deuk Hwa (KOR) (32)
- 28 Kirsten Kruger (FRG) (34)
- 29 Edit Urban (HUN) (28)
- 30 Ina Kovalenko (URS) (38)
- 31 Chang Yon Ok (PRK) (-)
- 32 Yoshiko Shimauchi (JPN) (26)
- 33 Mika Hoshino (JPN) (-)
- 34 Lisa Bellinger (ENG) (-)
- 35 Chen Lili (CHN) (6)
- 36 Marie Lindblad (SWE) (35)
- 37 Mok Ka Sha (HKG) (-)
- 38 Judit Magos (HUN) (39)
- 39 Suzanne Wenzel (FRG) (-)
- 40 Jill Hammersley-Parker (ENG) (16)
- 41 Erzebet Palatinus (YUG) (44)
- 42 Tomoko Tamura (JPN) (-)
- 43 Branka Batinic (YUG) (36)
- 44 Barbara Lippens (BEL) (-)
- 45 Gordana Perkucin (YUG) (45)
- 46 Sonja Grefberg (FIN) (46)
- 47 Cho Jong Hui (PRK) (-)
- 48 Anita Zacharian (URS) (-)
- 49 Lim Jong Hwa (PRK) (-)
- 50 Blanka Silhanova (TCH) (-)

EUROPEAN RANKINGS

Carl Prean and Lisa Bellinger, ranked 25 and 34 by the ITTF have leapt up the European rankings in the latest list issued by the European Table Tennis Union in late August.

Both showed their potential in Tokyo and subsequently in Malmo where they confirmed their world-class ability by taking medals in all the individual events.

If the two 16-year-olds continue this form in international events until the end of the year - and Carl did just that in finishing in sixth place both in the Norwich Union Masters and the 555 World Cup - both will have an excellent chance of qualifying for this season's Europe Top 12 in February.

England's other representatives in the list are Desmond Douglas, still at No. 4; former European champion, John Hilton, at No. 29; the now retired Jill Hammersley-Parker at No. 10; and the Norwich Union English Closed



Sweden's European Champion, Mikael Appelgren No. 2 in Europe and No. 7 in the World.

champion, Karen Witt, at No. 23. The full rankings (previous positions in brackets) are:-

Men

- 1 M. Appelgren (SWE) (2)
- 2 J-O. Waldner (SWE) (2)
- 3 Z. Kalinic (YUG) (3)
- 4 D. Douglas (ENG) (4)
- 5 I. Jonyer (HUN) (5)
- 6 E. Lindh (SWE) (9)
- 7 M. Orlowski (TCH) (7)
- 8 D. Surbek (YUG) (6)
- 9 J. Secretin (FRA) (13)
- 10 A. Grubba (POL) (11)
- 11 U. Bengtsson (SWE) (12)
- 12 C. Prean (ENG) (30)
- 13 U. Carlsson (SWE) (17)
- 14 S. Bengtsson (SWE) (8)
- 15 J. Pansky (TCH) (10)
- 16 Z. Kriston (HUN) (19)
- 17 P. Birocheau (FRA) (21)
- 18 G. Bohm (FRG) (27)
- 19 J. Molnar (HUN) (14)
- 20 B. Mesaros (YUG) (26)
- 21 G. Gergely (HUN) (15)
- 22 L. Kucharski (POL) (16)
- 23 M. Broda (TCH) (-)
- 24 P. Renverse (FRA) (-)
- 25 C. Martin (FRA) (23)
- 26 P. Stellwag (FRG) (24)
- 27 S. Dryszel (POL) (-)
- 28 R. Wosik (FRG) (20)
- 29 J. Hilton (ENG) (29)
- 30 J. Dvoracek (TCH) (18)

Women

- 1 B. Vriesekoop (HOL) (1)
- 2 F. Bulatova (URS) (7)
- 3 V. (URS) (3)
- 4 M. Hrachova (TCH) (4)
- 5 O. Nemes (ROM) (11)
- 6 G. Szabo (HUN) (6)
- 7 Z. Olah (HUN) (5)
- 8 I. Kovalenko (URS) (13)
- 9 K. Kruger (FRG) (14)
- 10 J. Hammersley-Parker (ENG) (2)
- 11 B. Batinic (YUG) (9)
- 12 M. Lindblad (SWE) (10)
- 13 L. Bellinger (ENG) (27)
- 14 E. Urban (HUN) (8)
- 15 S. Wenzel (FRG) (-)
- 16 B. Silhanova (TCH) (-)
- 17 J. Magos (HUN) (15)
- 18 E. Palatinus (YUG) (21)
- 19 A. Zacharian (URS) (-)
- 20 B. Lippens (BEL) (25)
- 21 G. Perkucin (YUG) (17)
- 22 S. Grefberg (FIN) (22)
- 23 K. Witt (ENG) (30)
- 24 B. Thiriet (FRA) (18)
- 25 J. Daniliavishute (URS) (26)
- 26 M. Alboiu (ROM) (-)
- 27 N. Daviaud (FRA) (23)
- 28 A. Pelikanova (TCH) (-)
- 29 M. Weizades (SWE) (-)
- 30 E. Melmberg (FIN) (24)

Omitted from the previous list are:
Men - Milivoj Karakasevic (YUG) (22), Vladimir Broda (TCH) (25) and Dougie Johnson (ENG) (28). Women - Ann-Christin Hellman (SWE) (12), Narine Antonian (URS) (16), Beatrix Kishazi (HUN) (19), Ilona Uhlikova (TCH) (20), Carole Moore (ENG) (28) and Daniella Guergueltcheva (BUL) (29).

EUROPEAN IEAGUE

First shock of the season in the European League has been the withdrawal of the Soviet Union from Division 1 thus posing the query by Austria as to what happens about relegation in a division now comprising seven teams?

Otherwise all seems set fair for another exciting season with France restored to the Super Division replacing Denmark who, in turn, will now meet promotees Spain who have replaced Norway in Division 2.

Portugal have lost their place by relegation from Division 2 with Guernsey taking over but losing their opening match away to Wales in Cardiff in a fixture brought forward to Sept. 11. Scores in this encounter won 6-1 by Wales were:-

A. Griffiths bt M. Pipet 11, 10;
M. Thomas bt I. Powell 13, 18;
L. Tyler bt J. Gallienne 14, 15;
M. & N. Thomas lost to Pipet/Powell - 20, -18;
M. Thomas/Tyler bt Powell/Gallienne 14, 12;
Griffiths bt Powell 20, 11;
Thomas bt Pipet 9, 9.

Future fixtures for the home countries are:-

Super Division

Oct. 12
England v Sweden (Sunderland)

Nov. 9
Hungary v England (Miskolc)

Dec. 14
Czechoslovakia v England

Jan. 11
England v Yugoslavia (Mansfield)

Feb. 15
F.R. Germany v England (Berlin)

Mar. 7
England v France (Guildford)

Division 2

Oct. 8
Ireland v Scotland

Oct. 12
Luxembourg v Guernsey

Switzerland v Wales

Nov. 5
Switzerland v Scotland

Nov. 9
Norway v Ireland

Wales v Luxembourg
Guernsey v Turkey

Dec. 10
Scotland v Luxembourg (Grangemouth)

Dec. 14
Turkey v Ireland

Guernsey v Switzerland
Wales v Norway

Jan. 7
Guernsey v Scotland

Jan. 11
Ireland v Wales

Feb. 4
Scotland v Norway

Feb. 11
Guernsey v Ireland

Turkey v Wales

Mar. 3
Wales v Scotland

Mar. 7

Ireland v Luxembourg

Norway v Guernsey

EUROPEAN CALENDAR 1983-84

1983

Oct. 12 EUROPEAN LEAGUE (2)
Oct. 19 Europe Club Cup - Preliminary Round

Fairs Cities Cup - Second Round
Swiss Open (Olten)

Oct. 28/30 Nordic Championships (Iceland)

Nov. 4/6 EUROPEAN LEAGUE (3)

Nov. 9 Hungarian Open (Miskolc)

Nov. 11/13 Europe Club Cup - Third Round

Fairs Cities Cup - Second Round

Swedish Open (Goteborg)

Dec. 1/4 Finnish Open (Helsinki)

Dec. 9/11 EUROPEAN LEAGUE (4)

Dec. 14

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Jan. 11 EUROPEAN LEAGUE (5)

Jan. 18 Europe Club Cup - Semi-finals

Fairs Cities Cup - Third Round

Jan. 26/28 Norwich Union English Open (Brighton)

Feb. 3/5 EUROPE TOP 12 (Bratislava)

Feb. 9/12 Federal German Open (?Duisburg)

Feb. 15 EUROPEAN LEAGUE (6)

Feb. 22 Fairs Cities Cup - Fourth Round

Mar. 7 EUROPEAN LEAGUE (7)

Mar. 9/11 Polish Open (Poznan)

Mar. 21 EUROPE CLUB CUP - Finals

Mar. 21 Fairs Cities Cup - Semi-finals

Mar. 30/Apr. 1 Yugoslav Junior Open

Mar 14/22 14th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Moscow)

May 12/13 Beneficial Trust English Junior Open (Portsmouth)

May 18/19 Czechoslovak Junior Open (Topolcany)

end French Junior Open

June? Hungarian Junior Open

June 21/24 Italian Junior Open

EUROPEAN CLUB CUP OF CHAMPIONS SEASON 1983/84

Men's Section

DRAW

Heinzelman Reutlinger (FRG) v Lisboa

E. Benefica (POR) or Pellicce Canali

(ITA)

TTC Wettstein (SUI) v Vitkovice (TCH)

*Club de 7 a 9 (ESP) or Raiffeisen

Langenlois (AUS) v Olimpija Ljubljana

(YUG)

*DT Echternach (LUX) or KPK (FIN) v

Kremlin Bicetre (FRA)

TTC Simix Julich (FRG) v *AO Pera-

Tatvla (GRE) or Hassy Perfection

Soham (ENG)

(NOR) v Bronshoj BK (DEN)

Stockhams Sparvagars (SWE) v Royal

Villette (BEL)

*nv de Veluwe (HOL) or Universitatea

Craiova (ROM) v Bp. Spartacus (HUN)

Women's Section

Statiztika Bp. (HUN) v *R. Smash

Pantheon (BEL) or Olympiacos S.C.

(GRE)

Odense BK (DEN) v Amicale Laique

Bruz (FRA)

Varbergs BTK (SWE) v EMI Ellen-

borough (ENG)

Fiat Carrel (ITA v Vitkovice (TCH)

Kaiserberg Butterfly (FRG) v La Palette

Esch/A (LUX)

Scylla (HOL) v Tolnai Voros Lobogo

(HUN)

TTC Uster (SUI) v Atus Judenburg

(AUS)

Club de 7 a 9 (ESP) v STK Mladost

(YUG)

*First Round ties.

Butterfly Cadet Championships

by Mike Watts

During the past four seasons, England's Cadetteam (Under-14) have been involved in a Quadrangular event with Denmark, Federal Germany and the Netherlands. This year it became the turn of this country to host 'the championships. However, during last year's European Youth Championships in Hallabrunn, both France and Sweden asked to be included and, after consultation with the other countries, they were admitted to the tournament. So, at the Eurosport Village, Shotley, near Ipswich, over the weekend of the 18th/19th June, 1983, the six teams came together for what turned out to be a "mini European Cadet Championships". All six countries were using the occasion to give their top Cadets valuable experience before this year's European Championships and the standard of play was extremely high.

Play began on Saturday, 18th, with a team event played on Swaythling Cup lines (9 singles) although at the Jury meeting on the Friday all six countries agreed to a doubles match, making ten sets in total. The six countries were divided into two groups of three, their positions being determined by their finishing position in the last Europeans, and the groups were as follows:-

Boys

Group 1	Group 2
1. Netherlands	1. France
2. F.R. Germany	2. Sweden
3. Denmark	3. England

Girls

Group 1	Group 2
1. Sweden	1. Netherlands
2. England	2. F.R. Germany
3. France	3. Denmark

Results from these first group matches were as follows:-

Boys' Group 1

Netherlands 1 Federal Germany 9

Boys' Group 2

France 4 Sweden 6

Girls' Group 1

England 6 Sweden 4

S. Hammond lost to Pettersson -18, -12;

J. Powis bt Hallner 11, 11;

D. Soothill bt Bohlenius 18, -13, 17;

Powis bt Pettersson 12, 14;

Hammond lost to Bohlenius 16, -22, -22;

Soothill lost to Hallner 10, -16, -21;

Powis/L. Davis bt Pettersson

Bohlenius 18, 15;

Powis bt Bohlenius -17, 19, 13;

Soothill bt Pettersson 18, 20

Hammond lost to Hallner -12, 12, -11 .

Girls' Group 2

Netherlands 4 Federal Germany 6

Boys' Group 1

Federal Germany 10 Denmark 0

Boys' Group 2

Sweden 8 England 2

Fallby bt J. Stokes 15, 11;

Von Scheele bt M. Syed (M) 13, 10;

Bergstrom lost to A. Syed (A) 19, -13, -16;

Von Scheele bt Stokes 13, 16;

Fallby lost to A. Syed (A) -18, -11;

Bergstrom bt M. Syed (M) 14, -9, 14;

Von Scheele/Fallby bt A. Syed (A)/A.

Dixon 14,8;

Von Scheele bt A. Syed (A) 11, 22;

Bergstrom bt Stokes 16, 18;

Fallby bt M. Syed (M) 16, 18.

Girls' Group 1

England 9 France 1

Davis bt Coubat -23, 19, 14;

Powis bt Leclerc 10, 13;

Soothill bt Gouache 17, 20;

Powis bt Coubat 10, 12;

Davis lost to Gouache -15, -11;

Soothill bt Leclerc 6, 17;

Powis/Soothill bt Gouache/Coubat 17, 19;

Powis bt Gouache 17, 10;

Soothill bt Coubat 16, 15;

Davis bt Leclerc 12, 18.

Girls' Group 2

Federal Germany 9 Denmark 1

Boys' Group 1

Netherlands 8 Denmark 2

Boys' Group 2

England 8 France 2

Stokes bt Marmurek -18, 17, 18;

Syed (A) bt Bauer 12, 14;

Dixon bt Gatien 16, 19;

Syed (A) bt Marmurek -18, 7,20;

Stokes lost to Gatien 18, -19, -11;

Dixon bt Bauer 17, -23, 17;

Syed (A)/Stokes lost to Gatien/Bauer-22, 15, -17;

Syed (A) bt Gatien 11, -16, 11;

Dixon bt Marmurek -19, 19, 18;

Stokes bt Bauer 17, 17.

Girls' Group 1

Sweden 7 France 3

Girls' Group 2

Netherlands 9 Denmark 1

Following completion of these matches the final session at 6.30 p.m. involved the winners of each group competing for the gold and silver medals whilst the second positions in each group played off for third and fourth places. Finally, the third positions played off for fifth and sixth places.

Results the final matches were:

Boys

Federal Germany 3 Sweden 5

England 5 Netherlands 3

Syed (M) bt Boon -15, 22, 14;

Dixon bt Van Haren 22, 18;

Stokes bt Boule -15, 16, 21;

Dixon lost to Boon -18, -16;

Syed (M) lost to Boule -17,21, -19;

Stokes bt Van Haren 6, 16;

Dixon lost to Boule -18, -19;

Stokes bt Boon 16, 18.

Denmark 0 France 5

Girls

England 1 Federal Germany 5

Davis lost to Bohning -19, -19;

Powis bt Reckziegel 12, 23;

Soothill lost to Nolten -15, -16;

Powis lost to Bohning -17, -15;

Davis lost to Nolten -14, 17, -17;

Soothill lost to Reckziegel -12, -13.

Sweden 2 Netherlands 5

(Third Group 1 v Third Group 2)

Denmark 1 France 5

Final positions:

BOYS	GIRLS
1. Sweden	F.R. Germany
2. F.R. Germany	England
3. England	Netherlands
4. Netherlands	Sweden
5. France	France
6. Denmark	Denmark

On Sunday, 19th, Individual events were held. Initially all players were drawn into three groups of 6 players, one from each country.

Finally the players were re-grouped into six groups of 3 players competing for the four medal places with Sweden proving invincible in the Boys events and the Federal Republic of Germany making a complete sweep of the Girls event.

Final group results were:-

Individual Events - Boys (continued)

Final Positions

Group 1				
No.	Name	1	2	3 F Pos
1	Von Scheele SWE	2-0	2-1	1
2	Falby SWE	0-2	2-0	2
3	Fetzner FRG	1-2	0-2	3
Group 2				
No.	Name	2	3	F Pos
1	Stokes ENG	0-2	1-2	6
2	Roskopf FRG	2-0	1-2	5
3	Gatien FRA	2-1	2-1	4
Group 3				
No.	Name	2	3	F Pos
1	Marmurek FRA	0-2	2-0	8
2	Boule HOI	2-0	2-1	7
3	Syed (M) ENG	0-2	1-2	9
Group 4				
No.	Name	2	3	F Pos
1	Auwater FRG	2-1	2-1	10
2	Syed (A) ENG	1-2	2-0	11
3	Dixon ENG	1-2	0-2	12
Group 5				
No.	Name	2	3	F Pos
1	Van Haren HOI	0-2	1-2	15
2	Bauer FRA	2-0	0-2	14
3	Bergstrom SWE	2-1	2-0	13
Group 6				
No.	Name	2	3	F Pos
1	Plaep DEN	2-0	1-2	17
2	Busch DEN	0-2	0-2	18
3	Boon HOI	2-1	2-0	16

Individual Events - Girls (continued)

Group 1				
No.	Name	2	3	F POI
1	Bohming FRG	0-2	2-0	2
2	Nolten FRG	2-0	2-0	1
3	Reckziegel FRG	0-2	0-2	3

Group 2				
No.	Name	2	3	F POI
1	Coubat FRA	2-0	2-1	4
2	Leclerc FRA	0-2	0-2	6
3	De Groot HOI	1-2	2-0	5

Group 3				
No.	Name	2	3	F POI
1	POwil ENG	2-0	2-0	7
2	Bohleniu. SWE	0-2	0-2	9
3	Hammond ENG	0-2	2-0	8

Group 4				
No.	Name	2	3	F POI
1	Hallner SWE	2-0	2-1	10
2	Noor HOI	0-2	0-2	12
3	Soothill ENG	1-2	2-0	11

Group 5				
No.	Name	2	3	F POI
1	Keen HOI	2-1	2-0	13
2	Davil ENG	1-2	2-1	14
3	Gouache FRA	0-2	1-2	15

On Saturday, the Organisers were privileged to have the Mayor and Mayoress of Ipswich in attendance to make the Team Awards, whilst on Sunday, Alan Ransome, Vice-Chairman Development, **TETTA**, and Managing Director of Tees **Sport**, the Butterfly (UK) Ltd distributors, presented individual medals.

For England, the weekend began

with mixed results. The Boys fell to Sweden 8-2 but beat France 8-2, thanks to a fine treble from Adrian Dixon as well as three from Andrew Syed, who also won the two sets against Sweden. The Girls, however, started well. A 6-4 win over Sweden was followed up with a 9-1 thrashing of France. Jill Powis, as expected, was the star being unbeaten and she was ably backed up by Debbie Soothill with two wins against Sweden and a treble against France.

The evening play-offs saw England Boys edge home 5-3 against the Netherlands with Andrew Syed being rested, and here Jimmy Stokes became the hero with three fine wins. This left England in 3rd place.

But what a disastrous evening for the Girls against the Federal Republic of Germany. Following a narrow -19-19 defeat for Louise Davis, Jill Powis equated the scores with a close victory over the German No.3. Then the rot set in with the German girls taking over and winning the next four sets including a -17-15 defeat for our No.1 Jill Powis by Ilka Bohning, the German no. 2, so we had to be content with the Silver Medal.

For England, the Individual events also provided mixed fortunes. In the Boys' event Stokes played well in a

strong Group 1, finishing second to Thomas Von Scheele (Sweden), the eventual winner, whilst in Group 2 Andrew Syed finished a rather disappointing 4th, losing two sets. In Group 3, where England had two contestants, Mathew Syed had a good run, finishing third with Dixon also a creditable fourth.

The final play-offs saw Stokes finish in sixth overall, Mathew Syed ninth, Andrew Syed tenth and Dixon 11th. The Swedish boys dominated, Johan Falby finishing second behind Von **Scheele**, Steffen Fetzner (Federal Republic of Germany) third and J. Philippe Gatién (France) fourth.

In the Girls event the Federal Republic of Germany dominated throughout, taking first, second and third places with Emmanuelle Coubat (France) in fourth place. Jill Powis had a terrible first group, losing -11-11 against Ilka Bohming and also going down to Louisa Hallner (Sweden). Final England positions were:- Powis seventh, Hammond (having a good second day) eighth, Soothill eleventh and Davis fourteenth.

Altogether an excellent tournament and hopefully continuing with Sweden provisionally agreeing to run it in Gothenburg (1984) and France in 1985.

U. S. Open Results:

(Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, June 8-12)

by TIM BOGGAN

Men's Team

Final: USA "A" (3)-Canada "B" (0): Eric Boggan (USA) d. Errol Caetano (Can), 10, 14; Danny Seemiller (USA) d. Zoran Kosanovic (Can), -13, 14, 15; Boggan-Seemiller (USA) d. Kosanovic-Caetano (Can), 11, 16.

Women's Team

Final: Republic of Korea "B" (3) - USA "A" (1): Ki Kwang Kim (Kor) d. Kasia Gaca (USA), 12, 8; Insook Bhushan (USA) d. Seung Jin Kim (Kor), 19, 17; Kim-Hak Ryun Lee (Kor) d. Bhushan-Gaca (USA), 13, 11; Kim (Kor) d. Bhushan (USA), -11, 20, 19.

Men's Singles

Final: Boggan d. Engelbert Hugging (Federal Germany), 16, 13, -19, -19,

20. Semis: Boggan d. Kosanovic, 12, 9, -11, 17; Hugging d. D. Seemiller, -8, 19, 16, 15.

(Boggan attacked marvellously the first two games, then (perhaps unconsciously) settled into playing too conservatively. Hugging acclimated, began ("YEAHHH!") picking in one-ball winners, and Boggan, with opportunities, let both the 3rd and 4th games slip away at 19. At the beginning of the 5th, the spectators gave both players a standing ovation. Coming into the end game, Boggan, up 17-14, lost 5 in a row- reminiscent of his 19-16-up-in-the-5th collapse (on this same court!) in the final of the U.S. Closed against Danny Seemiller last December. This time, though (so much for the psychic monkey on Eric's back) he last-minute rallied for the win.

In one semi, Seemiller had Hugging in lots of trouble, but then began

rolling the ball instead of continuing to risk looping in powerful winners, and when he lost the 2nd game at 19 he couldn't get back into the match; in the other semi, defending champion Kosanovic was just not up to his 1982 U.S. Open form that had enabled him to beat both Eric and Sweden's Appelgren).

Women's Singles

Final: Soo-ja Lee d. Kyung-ja Kim, 13, -14, 15, 16. Semis: Lee d. Insook Bhushan, 10, 16, 5; Kim d. Soon Ae Baeg (Kor), 15, -16, 18, 16.

(Lee and Kim, the former world-ranked Korean women who've played against one another for 10 years now, were clearly better than the rest of the field. Perhaps in the very near future the U.S. National Team might very well be confused with the Republic of Korea team?)



Eric Boogan winner of the men's singles title at Las Vegas.



Lee Soo-ja, victor over Kyung-ja Kim in the women's singles final. Photos by Malcolm Anderson, Chairman, Photographic Committee. USTTA.



555 World Cup

Swedes cash in on Chinese failure

by Albert Shipley

WORLD CUP TABLE TENNIS

Sixteen players drawn from the six continents gathered together in Barbados for the fourth 555 World Cup, held at the Community College near Bridgetown from August 29th to September 3rd, 1983.

Play commenced with four groups of four players with the first and second in each group going forward to contest the quarter finals whilst the remainder battled for 9th to 16th positions. The event got off to a cracking start with an exciting match between 'Mikael Appelgren of Sweden and Park Lee Hee from Korea. The enthusiastic Barbadian audience greeted every good rally and particularly any successful drop shot with tremendous applause and often including **leaps** into the air worthy of the most ardent Manchester United fan. Park won the first game 23-21, Appelgren the second 22-20 and after nearly an hour Appelgren emerged the victor by 21-15. This long match highlighted what was to become the major problem for most of the players-that of heat and humidity, which created perspiration in profusion. It was difficult for the players to keep their hands dry in order to grip the racket and to get the ball to rise smoothly **off** the hand. Perspiration dripped from the forehead on to the racket, the table and the floor, so as Referee I instructed the umpires to be lenient in their attitude towards frequent breaks for towelling and, more importantly, for the timekeeper to stop the clock when both players were towelling down. Otherwise, some excellent all action games would have gone to expedite and in my judgement would then have taken much longer as the more frequent changes in service would have required even more attention to drying the hands.

Eight matches per evening for three evenings were required to complete the groups but it was on the first night that the sensations started when Zoran Kalinic of Yugoslavia, who was in top form with his angled block shots, defeated the World No.2, Cai Zhenhua of China, in two straight games, 21-15, 22-20. Also on the first night, the other Yugoslav, Dragutin Surbek, upset the form book once again by beating Jiang Jialiang 21-18, 19-21, 21-12. As it turned out, these two losses by the Chinese players put them into ties with two other players in their groups and in the calculations of ratios to games and points won and lost, both the Chinese players came third in their groups, which meant of course that they could not contest the quarter finals.

Meanwhile, Carl Preat, a late invitee to the event, opened his campaign with a revenge win over Jan-Ove Waldner, his conqueror in the final of the European Youth Championships. He followed this up with a win against the local hero Robert Earle of Barbados and went on to **head** his group with a third victory, this time over the highly ranked Korean, Kim Kae Taek. The spectators were very British in their desire to cheer the underdog and the sight of a 16-year-old taking on senior players meant that Carl received tremendous support each time he played and was given what was probably the loudest applause when the players came into the arena for the closing ceremony.

'Appelgren, Kalinic, Preat and Eric Boggan of the U.S.A. filled the first four places in the quarter finals and were joined in draw order by Surbek, Jonyer, Waldner and Lindh, the last named being a last minute replacement for the injured Orlowski of Czechoslovakia. This meant that there were three Swedish players in the quarter finals and all were successful including a win by Waldner over Preat in five games. Had the quarter finals been best of three like the groups, Carl would have been through to the semi-finals, he held a 2-1 game advantage. Kalinic joined the Swedes in the semi-final but had the misfortune to be in the same half as the best of them, Mikael Appelgren.

Both semi-finals went the full distance, Appelgren beating Kalinic 21-17 and Waldner ousting Lindh 21-19 in the deciding game. The third game of the Appelgren/Kalinic match was marred by some excessive towelling by Kalinic in spite of repeated appeals by the umpire. Whether or not it was the only reason, the towelling became minimal in the last two games after a stern lecture to Kalinic from myself during the five-minute break.

The placement matches produced some excellent table tennis, including an exhibition type match from the two Chinese in deciding 9th and 10th places. Carl Preat played Jonyer of Hungary for 5th or 6th place and although Carl lost 18 in the third, one particular rally brought the longest period of sustained applause heard throughout the whole event.

A capacity crowd gathered for the final in which the greater experience of Appelgren carried him through against the play and services of young Waldner, despite a momentary loss of touch in the second game.

Mention of services brings up the

problem that umpires will have in the months ahead in operating the changes in the service laws. Stamping the foot on service will be the easiest one for the players to adapt to and umpires will soon recognise the difference of a stamp from a service action which involves a raising and lowering of the foot. Not letting the racket **fall** below the level of the table surface is a matter of adjustment for most players but unless the two-colour racket regulation is in force, a harshness in this matter seems unreasonable. Where most of the difficulties will come is in the requirement for the ball to be struck in service level with some part of the body. It will be as difficult for the umpire to judge this as it **would** be for a tennis umpire to judge a foot fault. Despite the fact that there is a law which requires a player to serve so that the correctness of his serve can be checked by the umpire, in my opinion there is a danger that many services will be called as 'fault' by the umpire when in fact they comply with the letter of the law. It is only by standing level with the player and on the opposite side of his body from the ball that the point of impact can be truly judged and the umpire will be sitting at a 45° angle to the line of demarkation.

However, the main impressions from the 555 World Cup in Barbados will be the hot and humid conditions that had to be endured by the players, the enthusiasm of the spectators and the inexplicable early losses by both the Chinese players. The accommodation at the Rockley Resort Hotel was de-luxe first class and during the day everyone enjoyed the sea, sun and sand of Barbados.

RESULTS

GROUP MATCHES

Group A

M. Appelgren bt Park Lee Hee -21,20, 15; bt I. Jonyer 17, 11; bt M. Alvarez 10, 15.

Jonyer bt Alvarez 18, 8; bt Park Lee Hee -8, 19, 20.

Park Lee Hee bt Alvarez 14, 16.

Group B

Z. Kalinic bt Cai Zhenhua 15,20; bt P. Pinkewich 14, 13.

E. Lindh bt Kalinic -9, 17, 18; bt Pinkewich 10, 10.

Cai Zhenhua bt Lindh -17,15,19; bt Pinkewich 7, 5.

Group C

C. Preat bt J-O. Waldner -14, 27, 10; bt R. Earle -18, 9, 6; bt Kim Ki Taek -18,14,13.

Waldner bt Kim Ki Taek 19, -16,21; bt Earle 13, -12, 11.

Kim Ki Taek bt Earle 21, -16, 11.

Group D

E. Boggan bt D. Surbek 18, -21, 12; bt S. Eboh 8, 18.

Surbek bt Jiang Jialiang 18, -19, 12; bt Eboh 11, -13, 6.

Jiang Jialiang bt Boggan 16, -14, 13; bt Eboh 17, 14.

Play for Positions 13-16

Pinkewich bt Alvarez -19, 15, 13.

Eboh bt Earle 20,20; bt Pinkewich 19, 20.

Alvarez bt Earle 11, 15.

Play for Positions 9-12

Cai Zhenhua bt Park Lee Hee 16, 12.

Jiang Jialiang bt Kim Ki Taek 12, -18, 15; bt Cai Zhenhua 21, 19.

Kim Ki Taek bt Park Lee Hee 15, 19.

QUARTER-FINALS

Appelgren bt Surbek 21, 15, 19.

Kalinic bt Jonyer 11, 12, -16, 19.

Waldner bt Prean -18,19, -11,12,11.

Lindh bt Boggan -14, 11, 18, 7.

Play for Positions 5-8

Jonyer bt Surbek -10, 19, 18.

Prean bt Boggan 16, 17.

Jonyer bt Prean -20, 17, 18.

Boggan bt Surbek -21, 18, 15.

SEMI-FINALS

Appelgren bt Kalinic -15, 19, -21, 6, 17.

Waldner bt Lindh 18, -17, -14, 7,19.

Play for Positions 3 and 4

Lindh bt Kalinic 16, -17, 16.

FINAL

Appelgren btWaldner 14, -13,12,17.

FINAL POSITIONS

- 1 Mikael Appelgren (Sweden)
- 2 Jan-Ove Waldner (Sweden)
- 3 Erik Lindh (Sweden)
- 4 Zoran Kalinic (Yugoslavia)
- 5 Istvan Jonyer (Hungary)
- 6 Carl Prean (England)
- 7 Eric Boggan (U.S.A.)
- 8 Dragutin Surbek (Yugoslavia)
- 9 Jiang Jialiang (China)
- 10 Cai Zhenhua (China)
- 11 Kim Ki Taek (Republic of Korea)
- 12 Park Lee Hee (Republic of Korea)
- 13 Sunday Eboh (Nigeria)
- 14 Paul Pinkewich (Australia)
- 15 Mario Alvarez (Dominican Republic)
- 16 Robert Earle (Barbados)



WANG IN COMMAND

Throughout 1983 Jamaicans will be celebrating 21 years of Independence and as part of these celebrations Rothmans and Air Jamaica presented the prestigious Norwich Union Masters table tennis tournament at the National Arena, Kingston from May 23 to 28.

During the six days of the tournament players from the People's Republic of China, Hungary, Hong Kong, Poland, Sweden, Yugoslavia, United States, England and Jamaica entertained the crowds with a display of the sport at the highest level.

Ten of the sixteen players who competed were World ranked and it

was therefore inevitable that there would be some surprises- indeed few thought that Chiu Man Kuen of Hong Kong would reach the final beating the World No.2 Cai Zhenhua in the semi-final - and probably the biggest and most popular with the knowledgeable Jamaican audience was the 6th place achieved by 15-year-old Carl Prean of England.

Although it was not possible for everyone to be successful on the table, all the players, officials and journalists from overseas enjoyed the 'open arms' hospitality so traditional with Jamaicans and all vowed they would return. End results were:-

Quarter-finals:

Cai Zhenhua (CHN) bt A. Grubba (POL) 15, -17, 11;
Chiu Man Kuen (HKG) bt C. Prean (ENG) 11, 20;
Jiang Jialiang (CHN) bt Z. Kalinic (YUG) 15, -14, 13;
Wang Huiyuan (CHN) bt E. Boggan (USA) 12, 14.

Semi-finals:

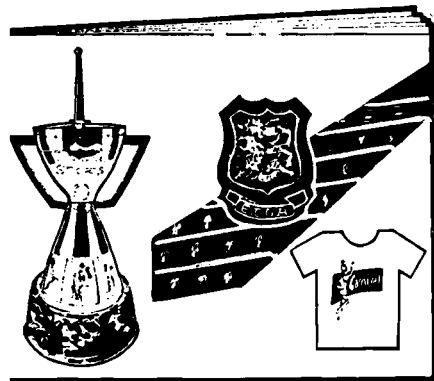
Chiu Man Kuen bt Cai Zhenhua -17, 13, 16, 21;
Wang Huiyuan bt Jiang Jialiang -17, 13, 16, 8.

Final:

WANG HUIYUAN bt Chiu Man Kuen 19, 13, 14.

FINAL POSITIONS

- 1 Wang Huiyuan - Norwich Union Masters Trophy and £4,000
- 2 Chiu Man Kuen - £2,000
- 3 Jiang Jialiang - £900
- 4 Cai Zhenhua - £800
- 5 Z. Kalinic - £675
- 6 C. Prean - £600
- 7 E. Boggan - £525
- 8 A. Grubba - £450
- 9 I. Jonyer - £375
- 10 Z. Kriston - £325
- 11 U. Carlsson - £275
- 12 J. Molnar - £225
- 13 D. Seemiller - £175
- 14 S. Andrew - £150
- 15 E. Virgo - £125
- 16 C. McNeish - £100.



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The Magic of China's Pingpong Players

by He Zhou



The Chinese paddlers bagged six gold cups at the 37th WTTC, only one missing from their historic sweep of all seven at the 36th WTTC.

The battle of the 37th World Table Tennis Championships (WTTC) was fought like an ill-matched tug of war: at one end were 20 Chinese paddlers, and at the other 470 contestants from 86 countries and regions throughout the world. But when the smoke finally cleared after 12 days of tough play from April 28 to May 9 in Tokyo, the Chinese had won the battle and taken away six gold cups, only one short of their historic sweep of all seven golds at the last WTTC.

The whole competition seemed to be under the spell of the Chinese magic. Often, competitors like Erik Lindh of Sweden had already seen the light of victory and were one game, or even just a single point, from consigning the Chinese to oblivion.

But it was Lindh who made an early exit from the tournament after his men's singles match against China's No.2 player, Cai Zhenhua. Lindh led Cai 2:1 and came up from behind in the fourth to tie the game at 20-all. Had he looped a little more steadily, had he struck a bit more fiercely, had he waited more patiently for his opponent to make an error.... he would have entered the semi-finals to challenge the defending champion, China's Guo Yuehua. But the two final points fell to Cai and Lindh failed in his bid to break the Chinese monopoly.

Indeed, the WTTC - like this one - have been dominated by the seemingly unstoppable Chinese for more than 20 years; and many top players - including the Chinese themselves - feel China's reign should be broken to make the sport more accessible. To date, no effective way has been found and China's reign continues.

So what is the Chinese magic? No one is sure, but clues do exist.

In their own eyes, China's players seem to enjoy a kind of psychological edge which has undoubtedly helped them through many tough games. In

their Swaythling Cup matches against Sweden this year, the Chinese "won a victory more of will than of technique," as chief coach Li Fulong put it. And in the women's single finals, Cao Yanhua of China also won a largely psychological victory over Yang Young Ja of South Korea. This confidence is not totally unfounded; since 1961, China have bagged almost every crown they contested in the men's and women's team events, with the exception of a copper trophy in the women's team competition at the 27th WTTC.

That elusive edge may also be based on tough psychological conditioning. Before every major international competition, the players and coaches undergo a sort of group therapy with team psychoanalysts. Weaknesses are analysed, difficult situations predicted and an "I-can-eventually-beat-you" spirit instilled. Before the 37th WTTC, players were given a 43-item questionnaire probing possible pit falls, including their reactions to unfamiliar styles and unpredictable referees.

Technique, too, plays no small part in China's success along with a talent for creativity and refinement. China has contributed 13 of the 21 major technical innovations in the sport from 1902 to 1982, according to research by Japanese pingpong experts. Seven of the 12 important improvements made to pingpong bats during the same period have also come from China. Near-table fast attacks, the high-toss service, the combined application of strikes and loops, the use of double-quality bats - all have helped the Chinese to rule over international play. Opposing players have sometimes been heard muttering dark hints - only half in jest - about China's latest 'secret weapons' for an upcoming tournament.

Another possible factor is team spirit - or "collective wisdom", as the

Chinese put it. Their current motto is "to win the glory for the motherland," not for themselves. In the team events, coaches usually put up their most suitable players, rather than their best. In the men's finals at the 37th WTTC, coach Li Fulong replaced world champ Guo Yuehua with Jiang Jialiang, a newcomer to the championships. Guo sat on the bench, watching and cheering. The competitors are also backed by a number of players who never appear in international events - sparring partners who imitate the most challenging possible opponents and help their teammates get used to their styles.



Guo Yuehua captured the title in the men's single event again.

"There would be no good players if there were no good team," says a slogan on a wall of their training center.

For all that, the Chinese are not born pingpong players. Only a handful knew the sport 40 years ago, while players in Europe were already playing at advanced levels. When Europeans began using rubber-covered bats in the early 1950's, China's future world champion, Rong Guotuan, was practicing with a wooden slipper.

Rong finally emerged as a power in the men's singles at the 25th WTTC in 1959, gaining the first trophy any Chinese had ever taken at an international sports competition. His feat was then regarded as a political and moral victory rather than a sports take-



Cao Yanhua won a victory by strong will in the women's single event.

over. But it spurred thousands of people to take up pingpong, fostering a new **generation** of outstanding players and filling China's trophy rooms. The sport even acquired a diplomatic passport in 1971 - when Chinese and American sportsmen met at the 31 st WTTC, for the first contacts between the two countries since 1949. The events ushered in the era of pingpong diplomacy, and pingpong nearly acquired a place as the national sports symbol of China.

There are now nearly 100 million pingpong fans in the country, and about 2.000 spare-time sports schools give regular pingpong training courses. It's anyone's guess whether this will sustain the Chinese magic in the face of ever-stronger challenges from abroad.

But with one tenth of China's one-billion people at the tables, nothing seems impossible.

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CHINESE IN HOLLAND

by Bas den Breejen

Following the world championships in Tokyo, a Chinese team visited Europe and played two matches in Holland both of which resulted in "white-washes" for the European sides.

In Veenendaal, before 500 spectators on June 18, a reinforced Dutch side were beaten 5-0 with the same scoreline appertaining in Breda on the following night when 1.200 spectators saw Ulf Carlsson, Milan Orlowski and Dragutin Surbek suffer the same fate. Scores:-

in Veenendaal

H. v Spanje lost to Chen Jian -14. -13.

M. Orlowski lost to Guo Yaohua -19, -19

R. v Spanje lost to Chen Xinhua -10. -14

H. v Spanje lost to Guo -12. -15

R. v Spanje lost to Chen Jian -10. 10

in Breda

U. Carlsson lost to Guo -19, -21

D Surbek lost to Chen Jian 16. -17. -16

Orlowski lost to Chen Xinhua -11. -19
Surbek lost to Guo -21. 15. -23 (after being 19-16 up!)

Carlsson lost to Chen Xinhua -14. -21

Henk van Spanje, the 18-year-old Dutch champion in season 81/82, has signed up for Ormesby in the Halex National League.

Bettine Vriesekoop has written a letter to the Dutch Association (NITB) saying that she is now a professional. The NITB answered by asking what does it mean? Please explain what you want to say and what are the consequences for you and the NITB? We wait.

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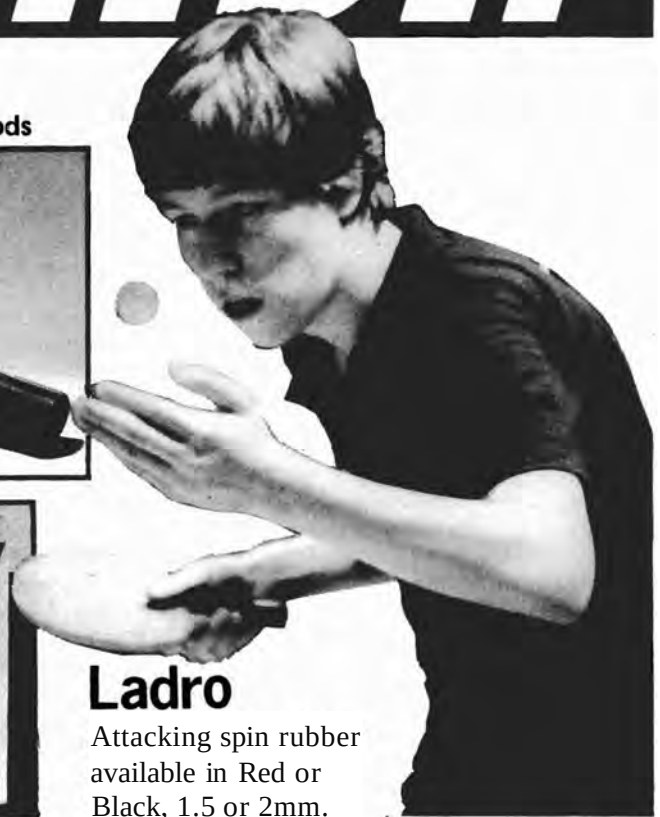


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ETTA in £45,000 deal with Charles Church

English table tennis received a welcome boost at the beginning of the season with the news that Camberley based property developers, Charles Church, are to sponsor the ETTA annual Invitation Event for an initial period of three years. Speaking at a London press conference on 15th September to announce the sponsorship, ETTA chairman, Tom Blunn, said "We are delighted to welcome Charles Church to table tennis sponsorship and hope that the company will be able to reflect on a sound investment in three years' time."

"We have always prided ourselves on being able to attract some of the world's most exciting players to the tournament", said Mr. Blunn, "and we are keen to maintain the standards of presentation we have pioneered in the use of theatres and conference centres. With the support of Charles Church the future is assured and we are looking forward to an excellent event in November".

The new sponsors, Charles Church, are no strangers to table tennis, having supported many local events in the South-East of England, where most of their building takes place. "Involvement with a major table tennis event like the Charles Church Championship is a natural progression for us" said deputy managing director John Duggan. "The company's philosophy is building homes of quality so it makes sense for us to sponsor a tournament between players of the highest class."

This year's event, to be known as the Charles Church Championship, will be held at the superb venue of the Wembley Conference Centre, but at the new time of 6.30 p.m. on Friday, 18th November. Table tennis fans who travel up to the Centre after work on Friday afternoon will have time for a **drink** before the six-man tournament, confident they can expect to see some tremendous matches from the World-class players - including a possible confrontation between England's Desmond Douglas and Carl Prean.

For Douglas, twice the holder of the title, there will be more at stake than the UK's highest prize, £1,600, and a successive hat-trick. There is the knowledge that, **since** his emphatic victory over Prean at the Norwich Union English Closed Championships in February, the 16-year-old Isle of Wight schoolboy has completely overshadowed the 28-year-old Birmingham

professional. The No. 1 ranking which was on his head without question for the last seven years has been wrested from him by a piece of computer software; he elected to read of Prean's performances at the Norwich Union Masters in Jamaica in May; and he felt the increased pressure as Prean finished sixth in the World Cup. Douglas has more than one point to prove at Wembley.

Many observers who have watched Prean in the last six months feel that the **gap** has unmistakably narrowed but the Solent superstar is not the only challenger who will worry Douglas. Invitations have also been extended to four other World ranked players and, of these, the European Youth Champion, Jan Ove-Waldner, is the most dangerous. Waldner, like his fellow Swede Stellan Bengtsson before him, has what can only be termed as "a presence" on court - he can never be written off.

However if anyone is to deprive Waldner, it might be the wily Secretin. The Frenchman gave a superb lesson in tactics at the Norwich Union Welsh Open last January to leave Appelgren nonplussed from a barrage of slow balls. At that time, he was galvanised into action by a fall in the European rankings. On 18th November the showman in him will respond to the theatre-like atmosphere, and the memory of his final defeat last year by Douglas.



The magnificent Charles Church Championship trophy pictured against a backdrop of one of the company's houses.

The other players invited are Park Lee Hee of the Republic of South Korea and Poland's popular Andrzej Grubba but the final line-up will be known at the October draw. Only then will Prean and Douglas know their first opponents barring the path to one of the most-prized titles in English table tennis.

The BBC-televised tournament will follow the same format as in previous years with the six players drawn into the two groups and the top two of each group progressing to two knock-out semi-finals. Tickets, priced £4.50 and £3.50, are available from the English Table Tennis Association, 21 Claremont, Hastings, TN341 HF, Tel (0424) 433121 or **Wembley** Centre Box Office (Credit Cards accepted) Tel: 01-902-1234.

See Page 45 for special ticket offer available to Table Tennis News readers.



Deputy Managing Director of Charles Church, John Duggan, hands over the sponsorship cheque to ETTA Chairman, Tom Blunn.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

Mr. Charlie Atkinson, Senior Technical Officer for the British Sports Association for the Disabled, who retired at the end of April, 1983 was awarded the M.B.E. in the Queens Birthday Honours List.

Charlie began work with the late Sir Ludwig Guttmann in 1948 helping to organise the first Sports Day for Paraplegics. In 1961 with the founding of the British Sports Association for the Disabled he transferred to them and has worked on behalf of all disabled athletes. In the early days of B.S.A.D. he toured the country extensively assisting in the formation of many clubs and all BSAD regions. He also continued on a voluntary basis his work for paraplegics for both the British Paraplegic Sports Society and the International Stoke Mandeville Games Federation.

Throughout the world disabled athletes and organisations will be pleased to hear that his devotion to the cause has been recognised.

Mr. Charlie Atkinson lives in Limes Avenue, Aylesbury.

1st DROYLSDEN CHALLENGE CUP

by Joe Beadle

Skylet Andrew of Essex became the first winner of the Droylsden Challenge cup on Saturday, June 25 when, in the final of a 4-man competition, he beat Yorkshire's Kevin Beadsley 18 and 11 at the Medlock Leisure Centre in Tameside.

Stephen Scowcroft of Lancashire and Mark Hankey of Cheshire made up the quartet figuring in the Round Robin matches which resulted:-

S. Andrew bt K. Beadsley 13, 19; bt M. Hankey 13, 19; bt Scowcroft 18, 16. Beadsley bt Scowcroft -18, 12, 12; bt Hankey 18, 11.

Scowcroft bt Hankey 21, 14.



Pictured (left to right) are:- Skylet Andrew, John Knowles and Ian Smith, directors of Knowles and Smith Trophies, Manchester Road, Droylsden and Joe Beadle, promoter and sponsor of the event with £300 prize money at stake. Photo by courtesy of Phoenix Photography, Alkington, Middleton.

Over the Moon

BRENTWOOD Table Tennis supremo Graham Moon is seen holding the English Table Tennis Association's Merit Award at the Annual General Meeting of the Brentwood Table Tennis League on Tuesday, May 17, 1983.

Recommendations for this new award are considered by the ETTA Honours Committee who report to the Management Committee. Their nominations are then forwarded to the National Council for final approval.

Many applications were received from all over the country but after going through all the procedures only six have been approved. Graham Moon is the very first recipient of this Merit Award which is an acknowledgement of his outstanding services to the sport of Table Tennis.

Graham formed the Brentwood Table Tennis Club in 1956. He has seen the club grow from just one team to that of fielding seven teams in the Brentwood League. In addition the Club enters two teams in the Junior League run at Shenfield Sports Hall.

Over the years Graham has brought many famous players and coaches to the Brentwood Club. From meagre beginnings into successful organising

three coaching sessions a week on six tables is undoubtedly a tremendous achievement.

Many players have been introduced to the sport of table tennis through Graham's efforts over the past twenty-seven years. To each one he has emphasized the maxim of playing to the best of their ability in a sportsmanlike manner.

In the 1982/83 season no less than five players received invitations to the ETTA National Junior Trials. Nine of the fourteen Brentwood League 'Closed' championship titles were won and also five players who re-

present the Brentwood Club were finalists in the Essex Closed championships and three became title-holders.

Graham has been President of the Brentwood League for the past fourteen years and was chosen as the Brentwood Sports Council's "Sports Personality of the Year" in 1982.

It is in recognition of all his qualities - he could be described as the "Gentleman of Table Tennis" - that the ETTA has made Graham one of the six people successfully nominated and the very first to be presented with the Merit Award certificate.



Photo Credit: Norman Feakins, Brentwood.



AS A MATTER OF FACT.....

by Murray Corbin

Hello everyone, and welcome to my readership throughout the season, during which, I will be covering many interesting, topical and controversial subjects. Should I be lucky in getting some of you very nice people to talk about table-tennis, then I would feel that I am achieving much success. Please do not hesitate to let me have any comments or observations you may care to make, via the Editor, as I am depending on this feedback to establish two-way communication.

As the newly appointed Press Officer of the County Championships Committee, I can see an opportunity to motivate the County Associations into becoming aware of certain local needs and being more thorough and professional in their attitude towards the presentation of County Games and Closed Championships. I will discuss these points next month and also impart with valuable tips on how to obtain sponsorship on these and other occasions.

NATIONAL LEAGUE vs COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

I think it is fair to say that many are annoyed because, with the rise of the NL, some players are showing less interest in the County Championships. In **fact**, many clear thinking people strongly believe that the CC could become extinct within the next five years, if action is not taken now. If this did happen, I would not fully blame the NL Organisation for this, because the CC, after many years in the business, have sat back on their laurels and taken too much for granted by not looking for new ideas to enthuse interest and maintain popularity of the sport. The NL Clubs have gone out and looked for sponsorship to help ease their financial outlay. At the end of the day, most of them are able to offer some or all of their players pecuniary emoluments. The players feel that someone cares about their plight; they are moving on; progress is being made. It is worthy to remember that he who pays the piper, calls the tune. Since the Counties, with a head-start of experience have not done something similar or better, they are now feeling the pinch. Oouuch! I can, **however**,

still sympathise with the County Associations, because I too feel that one should qualify to play for the Country after sustained success in the top division of the County Games, along with having some 2 and 3-star wins, under one's belt. The importance of the County Games must always be stressed and never undermined.

I did get the impression that the NL was formed mainly to stop the flow of our top players going abroad to honour professional contracts, and secondly, to maintain a reasonably high standard of play amongst the top players. Unfortunately, to achieve the latter, certain players would have to, though not maliciously, be enticed from the County Championship set-up. In spite of this, I believe that the CC would have dodged along, had the NL not created and established more than two divisions. This is my only annoyance with the NL Organisation, because a situation has arisen, where, nearly every Tom, Dick and Harry is in a NL Team. The result is that this need had to be filled with more players from the Counties, whose teams, as time goes by, will get weaker and weaker. Playing in the NL should have remained an ambition for those players who had really proved themselves to be worthy of playing professionally.

THE MEDIA AND PROMOTION

The promotion of table-tennis today in the U.K. is being made impossible, due to the lack of interest shown by the National Press, TV, and the Radio. It is therefore clear to me that if all branches of the media are against us, we must sit back for a while, think, look at what we are and are not doing in comparison to other sports who have established themselves in the last ten years, before we try to fool ourselves that the "world is totally against us". You see, the media are really cute cookies, and they know their business, which is knowing what there is a great demand for. They are professionals. I know what I am talking about. During the last twenty years, I have gained much of this experience in these fields:- Pop Star, Agent, Photo-journalist and Insurance Broker. Each phase prepared me for the other. If the media is not convinced that you have a viable product, you have to set about convincing them by selling them facts that they cannot deny. You all seem to sit back there and wait for the poor, and I mean poor **ETTA**, to lay everything on a plate for you. With the pittance that the ETTA collects from you, I am surprised that they can pay the rent and postage. It is time for the **ETTA**, as a governing body from whom we want the earth, to come clean and let us know that for all we expect of it, it has not got the muscle, because it has not enough money to pay for the publicity and make the necessary plans that would help establish table-tennis as a spectator and a commercial success-which everyone in the media would

dearly love to happen. Next month I will tell you what two Sports Goods Executives told me when I asked them why they were not investing more heavily in **table-tennis**. I will also explain the role we have to play to help make the media see that our sport is given more attention, along with football, tennis, darts, badminton and all of the other regularly televised attractions.

MISCELLANEOUS BITS & PIECES

You should have seen the nets that were used in the recently held LONDON YOUTH GAMES. All of the tension cords were missing. I complained to the Organisers about this after the first round of Games at Crystal Palace, but it was not until I complained a second time, after the finals were played, that I realised the importance of the tension cords was not known to the assembly staff.... Please note that (1) the CADET RANKING TOURNAMENT is on Nov. **26**. (2) the JUNIOR RANKING TOURNAMENT is on Nov. 27. (3) the SENIOR PREMIER WEEKEND will be held at BIRMINGHAM ATHLETIC INSTITUTE on Nov. 26/27 and (4) the JUNIOR PREMIER WEEK-END will be held again at St. Neots on Dec 17/18....

Gee Wez! Is not that JIMMY CONNORS some player/competitor.... COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS must be phoned through to the ETTA 24 Hour answering service within 24 hours of the matches being played. Well, alright then, this is a determined request. It helps us to help you.... Should any of you ripe young men require information for entry to the UNOFFICIAL VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, scheduled for Helsinki in early June next year, please contact the ETTA by phone or letter.... Congratulations to MR. T. SNOWDON and best wishes on his appointment as DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, NORTH... Have you yet entered the KENT JUNIOR 2-STAR on Nov 5/6 or the MIDLAND 3-STAR on the following weekend? ...I hope that you are aware of the LAW CHANGES 1983, regarding "serving" and "the racket".... The second NATIONAL COUNCIL meeting is on Oct 15. The last day for payment of affiliation fees is Nov 15, while Nov 30 is the last day on which the COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS should send a list of their local Leagues to the ETTA.... One could easily get the feeling that National Council and other meetings would be dull and uninteresting without the presence of the dapper, well spoken and ebullient ALAN SHEPHERD.... Do you realise that every year, the SPORTS COUNCIL is sponsoring your table-tennis leisure to the tune of £1 30,524? This is added to the £60,634 which the ETTA raises through affiliation fees. When the Sports Council withdraws its help, which is expected to be soon, you will realise what a cheap time you have been having.... The maximum prize limit of a

SENIOR 1-STAR is now £230..... I understand that I am on the list of inactive Umpires: the others must be fired-hot live wires". I must therefore agree with PETER BRENNAN, Surrey's National Councillor, that all Umpires should be required to demonstrate their ability regularly, and not just the Over 65's. Imagine me waiting for 40 years to prove "active and capable".... I am delighted to learn that CAROLE MOORE has come out of retirement, and is playing again. To me she is the epitome of "determination, brawn and some skill"..... CARL PREAN has been awarded the VICTOR BARNA AWARD in recognition of his outstanding performance in the 1983 COMMONWEALTH and WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. I wish him continued success and will wait to see if he can establish himself as our 'King'. Should he do so, I believe that the relevant and befitting publicity would be easily available to him.... "I was thrilled on becoming acquainted with LES D'ARCY and his wife JOYCE, at Crystal Palace about two months ago.... At the TULSE HILL 1-STAR, DAVID DODD of Kent played rather well to beat Dave Wells in the Singles Final, especially after losing the first: Young MARTIN LOWE of

Surrey had a very good tournament. He showed great patience and skill in overcoming Mike O'Leary of Middlesex: FARHAT RASUL too had a fine day, but he now has to learn how to finish-off a game: I was most impressed with the uncomplicated stroke play of JULIE BILLINGTON of Derby, and LIZA HAYDEN of Essex. Thank you very much young ladies for the pleasure you have given me: SARAH GEORGE of Essex is showing some improvement; I also liked the look of her doubles partner - JOANNE COOK: What a pity young CARL BALL did not find it necessary to make much effort in the Junior Boys' final against his Kent comrade - CHRIS BARTRAM: Is not RACHEL KNIGHT of Middlesex a lovely young lady? With her latent TT skills and also her tournament experience, she should now be encouraged to go out there, throw a little caution to the wind for a season, and really play, play, play! She might realise that the others are even more scared than she is. I have got a lot of respect and admiration for this young lady, but I think that she is losing her way, a little: JULIET HOUGHTON also had a marvellous tournament. She has shown notable improvement, but like Rachel

and many others, is scared to make a mistake.... Kent has a skilful bunch of youngsters around. Will they catch their neighbours and the other counties napping? I think so..... DAVID FAIRHOLM wishes it to be known that when he or other National Coaches are leading Courses in or near your area, you Coaches should make an effort to join in. The obvious reason being that ideas and techniques can be discussed and it gives the National Coaches a better idea of what is going on where and how.... It is a pity that all Coaches can not be reassessed every three years. What a lot of mistakes and misunderstandings would be cleaned-up.... The TULSE HILL RAMS, on their first NL outing at Dunstable, came away with a 7-1 victory. On the 16th of this month, they play away at BOURNE, Middlesex, while on Nov 6, they are at home in Tulse Hill School, entertaining LANSDOWNE MEDWAY..... Congratulations and Best Wishes to our new PRINTERS. What talent spotters you must be..... I end by expressing my Special Thanks to All Tournament Officials. Without you - well, I hate to think about it. You all are wonderful, lovely, jolly people. Bless You All, I Love You Dearly. Adios.

COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

Mary Williams reports from.....

BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG CHAMPION

A coaching course run by Peter Hirst recently at the Lea Manor Recreation Centre has resulted in a number of players taking their club coach award in September.

Young Lisa Robins is the region's new under -13 champion. Lisa won the title in the Eastern Region finals of the Sealink Youth Cup held at Milton Keynes. Not being content with just one brilliant performance, she also won through to the final of the U-16 championship, losing out to England senior No. 2 Lisa Bellinger from Dunstable.

Success continued for both in the Sealink National finals held at Crystal Palace. Lisa Bellinger, the top ranked junior and the title holder, was surprisingly beaten into second place in the under -16's. Lisa Robins finished fourth in the girls U -13's final. At the European Youth Championships in Malmo Lisa Bellinger gained four medals.

These were a gold in the doubles with Jean Parker, a silver in the team event with Jean and Susan Collier, two bronze in the singles and the Mixed partnered by Carl Prean. Sisters Jackie and Lisa Bellinger are in Tokyo for six weeks' training at the Butterfly DOHJO training centre. Following her

successes in both the Commonwealth and World Championships Lisa's ranking has improved to 13 in Europe.

The Dunstable League are very optimistic about the coming season. Against the National trend last year they increased their number of divisions from three to four which meant another ten teams for the efficient Fixture Secretary Dave Bradshaw to handle. He took this all in his stride and his meticulous records were once again in evidence as his periodic statistics were printed in the local press and issued to all club secretaries throughout the season.

This season the signs are that the interest in the league will be maintained. At the recent A.G.M. a vote of confidence was given to the executive committee and they were all voted back into office - namely - T. Dimmock (Chairman), Gill Bellinger (Secretary), D. Fourmy (Treasurer) and D. Bradshaw (Fixture Secretary).

The Annual Dance & Presentation evening held in June was once again a resounding success and it was enhanced by the league's famous sisters Jackie and Lisa Bellinger presenting the trophies.

Once again the league have entered a team into the junior division of the St. Neots league where they take the opportunity to "blood" very young players into inter-league competition.

Bedfordshire's first club to compete in the National League has been formed. Dunstable T.T.C. formed by Keith Thompson have only been going for a few years but with an active junior membership approaching 50 players,

many likely to form the nucleus of Bedfordshire's future junior side, they have great potential. Through Les Wooding, now resident in Dunstable, they have established a firm bond with the A.H.M. T.T.C. who have dominated Milton Keynes and Buckinghamshire table-tennis since their formation in 1948. The experience of the Milton Keynes side together with the enthusiasm of the Dunstable side should bring credit to the area.

Former Butlin's 'Boy of the Year' and current County No. 1 David Sharpe will be spearheading the club's assault on the Division 3 South title. Last year's top junior Ian Doughty will be playing at No. 2 in the first match. Former Bucks champion Bob Harman and Butlin's 'Boy of the Year' runner-up Gary Hamilton will form the Milton Keynes support.

Lisa and Jackie Bellinger, at present fully committed to other projects, have also signed for the Club and with manager Les Wooding, former Beds, Hunts and Bucks champion still in the wings, the side will surely present a serious challenge to the title.

The Club will be playing at the popular Pioneer Boys' Club venue in Dunstable but plans are also in hand to raise the height of the Milton Keynes venue to meet the National League requirements. All home matches will be starting at 2.30 p.m. on Sundays and further information can be obtained from Les Wooding on Dunstable 608461.

The first session of senior County ranking trials were held at Vauxhall Motors, Luton on the 28th August. Of

those participating the results showed in the men the top 4 to be Sharpe, Doughty, Marc Lyons and Andy Conquest. Whilst in the ladies Lisa Robins and Julie Dimmock were the top players.

The Luton A.G.M. was held in July and resulted in the following officers being elected:-

Chairman	M. Williams
Secretary	Mary Williams
Treasurer	G. Hotard.

Earlier the County A.G.M. was held with the main officers being re-elected as follows:-

Chairman -	M. Williams (Luton)
Secretary -	G. Hammond(Bedford)
Treasurer -	D. Smy (Dunstable)

The Leighton Buzzard Committee is as follows:-

Chairman	G. Pepper
Secretary	J. Dimmock
Treasurer	D. Banks

These notes would not be complete without the County congratulating Jackie and Lisa Bellinger on their season's achievements. They have both been tremendous ambassadors for the game and England.

By the way, they are now in the coaching business, give them a ring on Dunstable 62331 if you are interested.

Detailed write-ups of other leagues in the County will be in future issues.

Brian Halliday reports from.....

BERKSHIRE

SENSATIONAL MERGER

The major news during the summer came from the Gillette-Reading club who announced a sensational merger with National League Premier Division side BWF Wamdsad. The amalgamation of Berkshire's two leading clubs means that local supporters will have the chance of seeing three home matches, played at the same time, at a 'central venue. The linking of Berkshire's top players under one banner should have the dual effect of an increase in standards coupled with improved match presentation. The majority of the ex Wamdsad players all come from Reading's highly successful Omega Club, who have dominated the local scene for some years. Their obstacle to further progress has been the lack of class facilities, however ambitious plans have been made to build a new club with provision for six tables. Land has been acquired and some progress on the project has already been made. The club hope to have the facility in use by the new year. Table tennis availability 24 hours a day is the ambition and if the keenness and dedication of Omega's international players is anything to go by, then the dream of new premises can

become a reality very quickly.

The Concentration of Resources Scheme should help the Omega club realise their ambitions as it has helped the Old Gords Club of Maidenhead, another ambitious outfit who have benefited from the members' dedication to the game.

New season prospects in the four local leagues are as exciting as ever. Omega may not dominate the Reading League this year, and Sonning Common have lost Neil Abbott who has had to retire from the game on doctor's advice. The top division looks wide open, however Polish Club could spring a surprise with their strong all round squad. Woodley have signed Daryl Windsor and look to be stronger than usual. In Maidenhead Castle Hill must be favourites again especially as they have signed Bob Davis. Nearest challengers here may be Springfield Kestrels who have signed the reliable Dave Jones to replace Simon Rowland who is giving the league a miss this season.

In Bracknell the top news comes from Gillette who have transferred their players to the Moss Club due to lack of premises. They have signed Bob Sym and dragged big Jim Stokes out of retirement to mount a challenge which should see them take the league title.

The County Trials produced all sorts of surprises. Michael Childs romped away with the honours in the men's event with an unbeaten record. Neil Westwater had a superb day with wins over ranked players which must have caught the eye of the Selection Ranking Committee. The ladies' event produced a three way tie with Ruth Champion just winning in a count back situation. In the Boys' event Paul Savins won easily enough but several lads took the chance to demonstrate their improvement, notably Keith Hodder, Darren Jones, Simon Martin, and Philip Salmon who impressed in the lower group matches. The junior girls went much as expected while the veterans' event produced a full quota of interesting and dramatic results. Dave Jones, who seems to specialise in winning this event, again went through unbeaten.

The relegation of the County 1st team from the Premier Division was a bitter pill for the county, but the overall strength of players available should ensure a swift return to the top strata. The selectors will have a difficult task to decide whether to rely on their established senior players for the senior 2nd team or to bring in our young junior internationals. The dilemma is a difficult one as the latter players should also be playing in the Junior Premier County weekends.

The veterans' squad are geared up for the supreme challenge of the Premier Division matches. Competition for team places is as fierce as ever and

the successful team of last season is under pressure from a very competitive set of veterans for team places. The recent notes from Mike Watts concerning the state of the veteran game in England, and advocating its expansion, with some very progressive ideas, has been received very warmly in Berkshire. After all the veteran game is the game of the future - your future whether you like it or not!

More international honours for Berkshire youngsters this summer with Sue Collier, Andy Syed and Jimmy Stokes representing England in the European Youth Championships in Sweden. The coming season should see fresh honours for this talented trio and they could well be joined by Andy's brother Matthew. This young man has a quite extraordinary defence for one so young and it is difficult to see who in England will be able to challenge him at Cadet level.

While on the subject of honours it was particularly gratifying to learn of the honour bestowed by the E.T.T.A. on Harold Larcombe, our highly esteemed and respected President. The accolade of Vice-President of the E.T.T.A. is one that Harold is very proud of, and we in Berkshire are very well aware that the honour has been merited by his selfless devotion to the game over many years.

Geoff Waters reports from.....

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

REMARKABLE RECORD

Before having a look at the season ahead, there are a few competitions from the back end of last season that need a mention.

The Newmarket Construction League in its first season was won by the Ely League. They finished with 47 points, nine ahead of March, the runners-up. Wisbech were third with 36, with Cambridge 35 and Haverhill 24. The remarkable thing about Haverhill's 24 points is that all were won by one player - Andy Withers, who went through the competition unbeaten.

The trophy was presented to Clive Woollard, the winning team's captain, at the Cambridgeshire Annual General Meeting on June 7.

Two more of the County's trophies were competed for in the Summer months.

The Keke Mistry County Cup, played for by Cadet teams from the Member Leagues within the County Association, was again won by Wisbech. They won all their three matches in great style with young Johnny Collins going through the competition without a defeat. They beat March and Cambridge 8-1 and Haverhill 6-3. Darren Rayner and David Ross gave Collins good support with four singles each, while Catrina Adamson won two.

March came second with a 6-3 win

over Cambridge and 7-2 against Haverhill. Roger Money did best for them with four singles wins.

In the other match Cambridge just beat Haverhill 5-4 with a good team effort where all the players won at least one set. Mark Midgley, Nathan Hudson, Paul Dewey and Denise Hinks all won a singles, while Midgley and Hinks won the mixed. Denise looks a very good prospect and followed up her runners-up spot in the County Championships by going unbeaten in this competition.

A new trophy presented by County President Les Constable and aptly named the Constable Cup was competed for during the height of the heatwave in July. Each League were to enter their best under-21 player to play a round robin for the trophy but the day proved something of a disappointment. Only three Leagues sent a player and it was easily won by Stuart Palmer from the Ely League.

He beat Martyn Livermore (Cambridge) and Peter Holliday (March), while Livermore beat Holliday to finish second.

The County will have four teams in the County Championships this season adding a second junior team. The two first teams will be competing in the second division, the junior team having gained promotion last season, while the second teams will play in the third.

There is little change in the playing staff for the new season, although Geoff Davies has come back after taking a year away from the game following his marriage.

Julian Wheel is the only one of last season's junior team to be over age and no doubt he will be pressing for a place in the senior second team.

The county will have three teams in the National League with Hassy Soham now having two teams and March one. Soham will have the same squad as last year when they won the Premier Division title for the second time. Their second team will be under the management of John Ashman and will consist of local players. Their squad will consist of Brian Richardson (brother of Keith), Julian Wheel, Tim Ashman, Peter Holliday and Trevor Smith. March will have the same players as last season with the addition of Geoff Davies.

Malcolm Allsop reports from....

DERBYSHIRE MARVELLOUS EXPERIENCE

The highlight of the Summer was the selection of Alan Cooke for the European Youth Championships in Sweden. which we hope will be a stepping stone to greater achievements by the Dronfield youngster. Playing the Swedish Juniors anywhere is a challenge, but in their own Country

must have been a marvellous experience.

Alan is the first player to represent Derbyshire at these Charrlionships, although Derby's Paul Harmer represented England a long time ago.

On the administration scene, Colin Hartland stepped down as Chairman of the Derbyshire Association and it appears a worthy successor has been found in the guise of Ernie Lough, who should make an ideal partnership with County Secretary Les Allwood.

Philip Vickers takes over the captaincy of the County Senior Team, upon the premature retirement of Neil Marples, at a time when there is a crying need for stability within the County teams.

The withdrawal of a second team from the County Championships has eased the worries of Treasurer/President Danny Blair with 90% of last season's expenditure going on County teams; but is no consolation to the ladies who are keen to represent the County. Unfortunately, it was the lack of interest among the men players which caused the withdrawal.

No such problems lie in the Junior Ranks where captain Keith Weightman has an abundance of players challenging to get into the team.

Andrew Henry, Paul Harvey, Nigel Adams, Louise Forster and Joanne Weightman are the players still available from last season's Championship winning team and will retain their places for the first match, at least. Bradley Billington, David Smedley and Kevin Cauldwell are challenging for the boys' places, and Bradley will be given an early opportunity to show his paces.

The girls' challenge will come from Kerry Hall, Julie Billington, Julie Forster, Andrea Wood and Sarah Padley.

Louise and Joanne still have two further seasons in the Junior grade, so the younger contenders may have to wait their chance patiently. However the strength of the junior contingent, especially from Chesterfield, makes a second Junior Team a priority for Derbyshire next season.

Vic Hallam 'B' of the Eastwood League won the Derbyshire Challenge Trophy with victory by 5-1 in the Final over International Combustion (Derby League). The Competition between the Handicap Team Champions of the Leagues within Derbyshire will again be organised by Malcolm Hearn for the coming season.

Alfreton 1st won the Division One Championship of the Derbyshire Inter-Town League on games average after a very close competition; with Derby winning Division Two and the Junior Division.

Division One:

	P	W	D	L	SETS	Pts	Games
Alfreton 1st	4	3	1	0	27	13	7 61-35
Matlock 1st	4	3	1	0	27	13	7 61-39

Burton 1st	4	1	1	2	22	18	3
Eastwood 1st	4	1	0	3	10	30	2
Derby 1st	4	0	1	3	14	26	1

Division Two:

Derby 2nd	5	4	1	0	42	8	9
Burton 2nd	5	4	1	0	35	15	9
Chesterfield	5	3	0	2	28	22	6
Eastwood 2nd	5	2	0	3	23	27	4
Alfreton 2nd	5	0	1	4	11	39	1
Matlock 2nd	5	0	1	4	11	39	1

Junior Division:

Derby	6	6	0	0	50	10	12
Chesterfield 2nd	6	5	0	1	49	11	10
Burton	6	4	0	2	36	24	8
Chesterfield 1st	6	3	0	3	24	36	6
Eastwood	6	1	0	5	21	39	2
Matlock	5	1	0	4	16	34	2
Alfreton	5	0	0	5	4	46	0

The Inter-Town League will be organised by Brian Smith again this season, and an interesting possibility is the introduction of a Veterans' and Ladies Division.

Granville School gained the Title of "Club of the Year" with teams competing in the Burton, Derby and Lichfield Leagues.

Ablly coached by Ian Knights, the School's teams won Divisions One, Four and Five of the Burton League; and had Nigel Adams and Paul Harvey representing them in the County Junior team.

The Divisions in the Burton League finished:-

	Champions	Runners-up
Div. 1:	Granville Aces	Doveside
Div. 2:	Bass Carlings	Bretby C
Div. 3:	Ind Coope Red	Bretby D
Div. 4:	Granville Queens	L10yds Bank A
Div. 5:	Granville Cubs	L10yds Bank B

The Chesterfield League are to be congratulated upon reaching the Final of the Wilmot Cup in their year. Unfortunately they did not bring the Cup back, but I look forward confidently to the time when they bring one of the National Team Competition Trophies back to Derbyshire.

Kerry Hall brought one National Trophy back to Derbyshire when she won the English Schools Under-11 Girls' Singles at Mansfield Leisure Centre, and good performances were also provided by Julie Billington and To Thug Dung.

In the Chesterfield League's Swale Cup Final, the Chesterfield Activity B team of Derrick Marples, Jackie Billington and John Paddison proved too strong and too consistent for Hunloke, represented by Martin Kinsella, Mick Padley and David Ridgard, to successfully justify their position as favourites.

The Divisions of the Chesterfield League finished:-

	Champions	Runners-up
Div. 1:	Activity A	Kit. Creation A
Div. 2:	Mary Swanwick B	Hunloke B
Div. 3:	College of Tech	Activity D
Div. 4:	Bryan Donkins B	Civil Service A
Div. 5:	Dronfield A	Eckington B
Div. 6:	AGD E	NED D C
Div. 7:	Kit. Creation B	Civil Service B
Div. 8:	YMCA F	Trebor B

St. Andrews 1st (Stephen Yallop, David Yallop and Stephen McCarthy) regained the Premier Division Title in

Derby, but only with a better sets record than runners-up Mechanics 1st (Ivor Warner, Doug Foulds, Trevor Kerry and Robert Albutt), but the retirement of David Yallop and Stephen McCarthy will affect not only the strength of St. Andrews' teams during the present season, but also the strength of the Premier Division and the Derby representative teams.

The Divisions of the Derby League finished:-

	Champions	Runners-up
Premier	St. Andrews 1st	Mechanics 1st
Div. 1:	Darbus 1st	RR&A 1st
Div. 2:	Sandiacre 2nd	Combustion 3rd
Div. 3:	Madeley	Combustion 4th
Div. 4:	YMCA 3rd	Granville 2nd
Div. 5:	Derbyshire Building Soc.	Vikings 1st
Div. 6:	Darbus 4th	Memphis 2nd
Div. 7:	Sandiacre 4th	International Foods

The Derby Junior Two-Star Tournament takes place on Sunday, March 25th 1984 and, at the time of writing, a Sponsor is being sought although the Derby League is hopeful that the Derbyshire Building Society will continue their support.

John Holland reports from.....

ESSEX

SOME OPTIMISM

Essex face the new season with some optimism. Our senior first team narrowly failed to win the Premier Division of the County Championships last term, pipped on the post by Middlesex. This campaign we shall have Skylet Andrew in our ranks, making a threesome with Kenny Jackson and Ian Horsham to match any of our rivals. There is strength in depth to back them up too, led by stalwart Dave Newm,an and Tony Penny. In the absence of these five, Les Eadie was the unbeaten winner of the senior trials held in August - closely followed by Des Charlery, 'Closed' champion Kevin Caldon and Peter Hayden. We have more than enough good men to fill the three senior teams being fielded (one up on last season). The women's line-up is much more fragile, in both the best and worst senses! Lisa Hayden gained valuable Premier experience last season but found it tough at the top. The women's trial was by Elaine Sayer, England ranked 29 last season. Lisa and Kim Mudge were joint second. First team selection is likely to be from these three.

Our juniors should be good enough this time to win a place in the Junior Premier in 1984-85 after being edged out by Berkshire in the very last match last season. The boys will be at least as strong as last year with Richard Darnell, Steve Dorking and Andrew Barker currently occupying the top three slots in the rankings, pending the junior trials. Our top girls, Lisa Hayden and Alison Barker, scarcely put a foot wrong last season and both are eligible

again. Other rapidly improving younger players will be challenging for their places too. Watch out for Tony West, England No.10 Cadet last season and holder of the North Yorkshire 2-Star Open Cadet singles title; and Tanya Holland, who won her first 'Open' Cadet singles at the new Tulse Hill 1 Star in September, and was runner-up for the Under-17 event too. The juniors are now getting more encouragement than for a few seasons from the appointment of a new energetic coaching officer, Stuart Gibbs. The recent decision of a Special General Meeting of the County Association to increase team affiliation fees by a modest 50p may help Stuart to find the resources he needs.

Optimism prevails too among the veterans. Last season our two teams finished fourth and second respectively in the Premier and Division 2B. Among those pressing for a first team place are likely to be new vet., Alan Stallard (Dagenham) and Brian Parrish who tells me that he has won the 'Closed' title for the last two seasons. After winning two out of eight singles last campaign my own chances of staying among the elite are less than magnificent. However, all will be revealed by Phyl. Lauder shortly after the trials at Fellows Cranleigh. Congratulations, by the way, to Phyllis for her richly deserved ETTA Merit Award; also to Graham Moon, doyen of the Brentwood TIC for 27 years, a great champion of young players, who received the same award.

The final source of optimism is the National League. Our two teams in the Second Division (South) are Dagenham F.C. and Witham F.C. (formerly Caine Valley, in which guise they won promotion from the Third Division last season). They are paired in the first fixture of the season, on Sept. 18. Witham may struggle, having lost the services of Dougie Bennett and Malcolm Francis from last year's line-up. The stalwarts are likely to be Robin Lang, Nicky Standon, Terry Dowsett and Peter Hayden. Manager Peter Hill is a firm believer in encouraging home grown youngsters, so we may see debuts for one or more of the following hopefuls - Steve Tilson, Neil Sweeting and Bernie Lazarus.

Dagenham are fed up to the back teeth with being the nearly men of the 2nd Division. They have led the pack to the very last match for two successive seasons only to crash out at the death. Peter Cranmer's men are absolutely determined to pull off promotion this time. The line-up is likely to be Dave Newman, Tony Penny (new signing), Kevin Caldon, Stuart Gibbs, Dave Randall and Steve Dettmar. The toughest challenge for the title may come from Gunnersbury Triangle. Dagenham Motors remain loyal with their generous sponsorship and the team will continue to get excellent support home and away. The Daggers

have a great set-up for promotion and this time I believe they'll make it.

The final cause for (guarded) optimism is our 'Open' tournaments. Inclusion of our Junior 2-Star within the new Grand Prix set-up is very welcome and takes off some of the pressure experienced last year in the absence of sponsorship. The Senior 3-Star is again receiving sponsorship from Martin's for which we are sincerely grateful.

Of course there are plenty of causes of well-founded pessimism in our game at present but, in my present Micawberish mood I'll pass them over. Let me end by adding to the chorus of congratulation to the remarkable Carl Prean. A safe prediction for 1983-84 is that this young man will continue to improve and astound his knockers despite the bizarre rule changes inflicted on us all by the ITIF in its ineffable wisdom.

Alf Pepperd reports from....

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A very sincere welcome to all Players, Administrators, Friends and the general Rank and File that formulate the readership of this magazine.

I was tickled pink when I read in the National press towards the end of July that China had beaten Holland in the Women's World Team Federation Cup Tennis Tournament at Zurich.

Chinese women play NO Senior International tennis on this side of the bamboo wall, but yet on this one occasion proved themselves beyond all measure, and this was the very first time the Chinese team had played at all outside the People's Republic.

We are only too well aware of their achievements at Badminton and Table Tennis. I think if they were in general built larger in physical appearance they could well conquer the sporting world. It is indeed their small stature that is particularly responsible for their T.T. success plus of course dedication.

One such dedicated person in Gloucestershire is our County and City Coaching Officer, Paddy Jackson, of whom, throughout the long summer, coaching has never stopped, just a small report upon his work, I report his own written 'Word for Word'.

Sealink Youth Cup, Thornbury Sports Centre 5th June.

Under -13 and -16, Boys and Girls.

"Glorious Gloucestershire". That was the kind of day (for us) that we had on Sunday when the Sealink Youth Cup got off to a good start and with something like 21 players our noble County we were looking for success and indeed obtained some.

Dale Saunders (Lydney), recently picked for England Schools, and Garry Thomas (Glos), playing together as a team not only WON the U-13 Boys' team event but also reached the semis

of the U-16 Boys' team event, beating Wales' best pair "en-route".

Jenny Ellery (Glos), partnered by Melanie Cary (Bridgwater), took the Girls' U-16 team title in a very closely fought match which went to a deciding !doubles set which required a third game to settle it. Sadly we had no entries in the Girls' U-13 team or individual events and this will have to be duly remedied.

The team events took their toll on our stamina and although our best places in the individual events were semi and quarterfinals, it is interesting to note that Dale Saunders played 14 sets which represents around 4 hours play, Garry Thomas 13 sets, Keith Rodway and Howard Williams (Stroud) played 10 or more during the day.

There were, however, some epic results:- Julia Evans (Cheltenham) as gritty a competitor as ever was beating Sarah Webb a highly-ranked Somerset Junior. Keith Rodway, who reached the semis of the U-13 Boys' beating a half-fit Tony Wilson in the U-16 event, Aaron Beckett in the U-16's with a good win over one of the rated Oxley brothers (Swindon) avenging his defeat in a recent County match.

And last but not least Jenny Ellery's tremendous set in the quarters of the Girls' U-16 v Evelyn Wright, the Welsh No.1 Junior, when after leading 20-15 in the third lost 23-25 with all but one of the match points. As if to demonstrate her fighting ability Evelyn took her semi-final 31-29 in the third and was also pushed all the way by Jenny's partner Melanie Carey in the final which again needed a decider.

Paddy concludes his report on the Sealink Youth Cup by saying:- With the exception of two all our players played up to and in many cases above their standard; WELL DONE GUYS & GALS, FITNESS???

County A.G.M.

Held in the Board Room of Gloucester Leisure Centre with 21 members present and fronted by new Chairman Mr John Bunn of Stroud, the following Officers were duly elected PLUS 3 Members from each member League.

L. Davis, President
J. Bunn, Chairman.
J. Reeves, Vice-Chairman
L. Smith, Hon. Gen. Sec/Treasurer & National Councillor.
P. Jackson, Hon. Coaching Officer.
G. Wrightson-Warner, Hon. Umpires Secretary.
J. Boyd, Hon. Minute Secretary.
Mrs. J. Golding, Hon. Team Secretary
D. Colwill, Hon. Tournaments Secretary
A. Pepperd, Hon. Press/Publicity Officer.

Cheltenham Representatives:-

J. Robb, P. Cruwys and R. Russell; Gloucester:- R. Marshall, N. Symonds and one other.

Stroud's Representatives would be appointed at their forthcoming A.G.M.

Gloucester City have appointed their very first Table Tennis News Magazine Secretary. He is Mr. M. J. Maxwell, of 3 Pinetree Drive, Upton Lane, Gloucester. Gloucestersians you have little or no excuse now for not obtaining T.T.N. (instead of reading someone else's copy). Why not contact Mike for a regular monthly copy, it will only cost you 60p.

Still with the City, after many years of faithful as Treasurer, Norman Saunders has handed the financial reins over to Alan Perratt. I'm pleased to say that Norman is still on the City committee.

In January 1981, with Les Smith, I visited the studios of Independent Local Radio Severn-Sound, the purpose of our visit being to get weekly publicity through the medium of broadcasting. Les and I were at the time interviewed by Nigel Dean, Head of Severn-Sounds Sports. I am sorry to say, after almost three years of working with Nigel on regular weekly table tennis broadcasts that he is leaving his native Gloucester and Severn-Sound to take up a new post in television as part of the sports production team at T.V.S. based at Southampton (it seems as if he wants to be close to Carl Prean???). "Good luck Nigel", your radio work is our loss but indeed Southampton and Hants gain, and thanks for all your help to me, especially on interviews.

After two years of hectic negotiations, The Rudford and Highleadon T.T.C. one of the largest clubs in the County have at last made a positive start on the initial foundations of their new playing headquarters, next to the village hall at Rudford. With league matches being played almost every night of the week it was just not possible to use the village hall. Builders commenced work in early September. I hope in November's edition to report that at least the main building will be up, however the new club room when erected will not be available for play this season as members will be putting the finishing touches to it during the winter months. When fully completed it is anticipated that membership will be considerably increased.

Richard Russell of Cheltenham was, prior to Christmas of last year, the County's No.1. He is now, I understand, leaving Glo'shire to take up residence in Avon. He has successfully applied for registration in Avon, but wishes to extend his thanks to Gloucestershire Officials, especially Peter Cruwys and Paul Gleed of Cheltenham, for their help to him in the past. We wish him all the best in Avon.

It is rumoured that Nina Tsakarisianos, our No. 1 woman, is playing exceptionally well, her current ranking among the seniors is No. 38. This, of course, does not do Nina full justice, but because of her 4-5 month stay in Japan early this year she obviously

lost out on a lot of computer points. I think well before Christmas we shall see Nina in the top 12-15, that's of course if she does not take off again for Japan.

County Trials

Only eight players (Men) of several invited turned up for the trials, 13 in all were ranked. Women's trials were again not held, but a list was duly formed by the Selectors. Rankings Code:- G = Gloucester, C = Cheltenham, S = Stroud.

Men

1. Darren Griffin	G
2. Andrew Golding	S
3. Paul Jackson	G
4. Sylvester Callum	C
5. Graham Slack	C
6. Martin Lane	G
7. Steve Moreman	G
8. Paul Gleed	C
9. Stuart Beattie	C
10. Aaron Beckett	G
11. David Smith	G
12. Alvin Thomas	S
13. Craig Saunders	G

Women

1. Nina Tsakarisianos	G
2. Christine Iacopi	G
3. Cathy Robb	C
4. Jenny Ellery	G
5. Heather Colwill	G
6. Clare Symonds	G
7. Julie Bearcroft	C
8. June Hall	C
9. Wendy Ruffles	C
10. Janet Brier	?

Very early last season an unsuccessful attempt was made to promote a COUNTY LEAGUE, with best available players within the County to play the best. It did not work out for reasons which are now irrelevant.

Undeterred, this season the County have appointed a C.P.L. Sub/Committee under the Chairmanship of John Boyd to try and get the C.P.L. a going concern.

I am delighted to report that John contacted me towards late September, with the following news. The Providence Capital Life Assurance Co. WILL SPONSOR the C.P.L. So it very much looks as if the whole project will be a fruitful and going concern for this season. More news on this exciting new venture next month.

Doreen Leyey reports from.....

KENT

DEEP FELT LOSSES

At the A.G.M. of the Kent T.T. the retiring Chairman, Mr. C. Wright, opened his report on a sad note by recording the deaths of the previous Chairman, Frank Ballard, and our Umpires Secretary and former National Councillor Mrs. Joan Zeiske - both losses being deeply felt by us all.

Thanks went to Bob Groves (retiring

Treasurer) who despite a serious illness and operation still managed to keep things on the straight and narrow offering much sensible advice.

To Bill Lavis for stepping in as Umpires Secretary - Roy Pugh who does so much development work for so little reward.

To Allen Fisher who has held 8 different positions as well as full time coaching - and to all other members and officers of the Executive Committee.

The New Chairman is David Cue of Ashford, a true blue "Man of Kent" for the last 20 years with Canterbury and Ashford Leagues currently Chairman of Ashford.

The New Treasurer is Jeff Sargent, City Accountant, and keen Leigh (Tonbridge) cricketer.

Allen Fisher continues as Secretary-Roy Pugh Development.

It was pointed out that this was the fourth A.G.M. in succession when three major officers were not known. It would seem that it is far easier to help develop players to high standard than to 'find people to administer our sport so that those players can flourish.

Whilst our County Administration is at its weakest, and we certainly need much MORE administration back-up coming through from the Leagues, our playing potential is certainly amongst the best in the Country.

The current crop of Cadets are perhaps the strongest on record with the top fifty boys' list having seven Kent lads. Juliet Houghton (Ton) being the only Girl at No.5. To add to this there's 13-year-old Michael Harrison (T.W.) who recently beat Greg Barden in the final at the Honnington Open and also beat Michael Rutherford in the Sealink event.

The Junior field has five Kent boys and in the Girls' list Juliet jumps in at No. 13. Janet "Mac" Smith (Brom) is No.1 Scots girl and was selected for their European Youth Championships team after winning the Scottish Junior Closed and Ulster Junior Open. There are eight Kent players ranked in the top hundred Men's list.

Rutherford (Dov) was the losing finalist in the U.13 English Schools individual tournament, and David Fulton (Ton) was the losing finalist in the U.11 - he disposed of Damian Holland (Essex) Seed No.1 in the first round.

KENT CLOSED

This was held at the Angel Centre, Tonbridge and was perhaps not quite big enough for such an eventful tournament - but all was well by the end of the day.

Joe Kennedy (Beck) failed in his efforts to win the Men's title for a record sixth time in succession. 'Old Boy' Andy Mitchell came back after four years rest to knock Joe out in the 2nd round and "Big John" Burleton won all his sets 2-straight on the way

to the final **where** he comfortably disposed of David Dodd.

The achievement of the day was when 14-year-old Juliet Houghton won the Women's Singles beating Manja Ball (Folk) in the semis and Mrs. Carol Spain (Brom) in the final 17-19.

Results:-

M.S: John Burleton (Beck)
M.D: Burleton/Joe Kennedy
W.S: Juliet Houghton (Ton)
W.D: Houghton/Janet Smith (Brom.)
X.D: Manja Ball/Kennedy
V.S: Henry Buist (N.W.K.)
Kentish M.S: Andrew Mitchell (Med)
Kentish W.S: Mrs. Pam Butcher (N.W.K)

Man of Kent

Singles: Paul Amos (Med)

Kent Junior Closed.

This was held at the same venue on the Bank Holiday Monday.

The U.13 events started first and were played right through to the finals.

'Baby' Brian Mileham only lost -20 in the third to No. 2 seed Andy Houghton - a good effort for a 9-year-old!! The only other surprise was Tony Kasteleine (Ash) knocking out David Fulton (Ton) in a tough quarter-final. Rutherford beat Tony in the semi and in the final he beat Harrison. Lynn Roberts (Brom) easily won the Girls' Singles over Rebecca Butcher (Sitt) and together they won the doubles. In the Boys' Doubles Rutherford and Fulton were too strong for Harrison and Tim Sydenham of Tunbridge Wells.

The U.15 singles were dominated by Juliet Houghton and Andy Cunningham (Brom). Tracy Ashdown (Folk) was the losing finalist and together she and Juliet won the Girls' doubles. Barden (T.W.) was the runner-up to Cunningham having beaten Paul Amos in the semi. The finalists met again in the doubles final where the two "lefties" Cunningham and Jonathon Huckle (Wool) beat Barden and John Ferguson (That).

The U.17 Girls' was again won by Juliet Houghton beating Susan Brame (Folk) and, with Janet Smith, won the doubles over the two Alisons Hunt (Med) and Woollven (Ton).

Cunningham reached both finals but found the effort of playing twenty sets in eight hours too much and was only able to offer token resistance to Andy Dodd (Wool) in the singles and together they lost to Chris Bartram and Bernard O'Grady of Woolwich in the doubles.

Tulse Hill Open

Bartram won the B.S. beating K. Ball (Folk) in the final. Chris disposed of Andy Dodd in his semi and Ball beat Paul Amos (Meday) and Cunningham at 19 in the 3rd.

Juliet Houghton won the G.S. beating Tanya Holland (Ex) 14, 19 in the final. Tanya had a good run beating

Rachel Knight and Lisa Hayden on the way. In the Cadets Rutherford lost to Damian Holland in the semis disappointingly. Holland seems to be a bogey player for Michael.

On the Sunday David Dodd got a well deserved win over David Wells (Mi) in the Men's Final. Burleton, Bartram and Andy Dodd all reached the quarters before going out to higher England-ranked players. Paul Namdjou won the Class 2 mixed singles. Carol Colegate (Brom) reached the final in her first Open tournament for many years. She beat top-seeded England No. 22 Michele Hams in the semi but found Lisa Hayden too steady as did Juliet Houghton in their semi.

Bournemouth Open 11th September 1983

14-year-old Juliet Houghton from Tonbridge seems to be continuing her successful run -she won the Girls' and Women's singles - and, with Clare Brooks from Croydon, won the Women's Doubles, and with 12-year-old brother Andrew, reached the final of the Senior mixed doubles.

NEWS FLASH!!!

Janet "Mac" Smith (Bromley) celebrated her 18th birthday recently with an extra present - Scottish selection for the Quadrangular Home International series and for Scotland v Turkey in 1st European League match of the season.

Philip Reid reports from.....

LEICESTERSHIRE

"STATUS QUO"

Not much to report about at the two A.G.M.s I have attended.

The County A.G.M. was very much a case of 'Status Quo', all officials being re-elected. An important change at the Leicester and District League A.G.M. was that of Vice-Chairman. Dick Johnson has served the League loyally and conscientiously in that position for many years and has decided not to continue, although happily he retains his place on the league committee with his Divisional Secretary's post.

Pat Pickles, Simon Griew and Eddie Cross are all new Divisional Secretaries and we welcome them as indeed we do Barry Hobson, for several years League Secretary and now carrying the title of Coaching Secretary.

Ian McKelvey, who has recently married Catherine Hollingsworth (congratulations Ian and Catherine!) has decided not to continue as League Secretary and has handed the reins over to Assistant Secretary Mike Smith, in turn has handed over his position to Tony Lapworth. The League have taken the unprecedented step of refusing a club's application for membership. The particular club has a history of trouble with the league, in fact their name has appeared on the

agenda at almost every meeting and the league have decided to give them one season, at least to put their house in order.

Speaking on a personal note, I have, I'm afraid, been 'under the weather' again. Recovering nicely from my stroke, I have had a cartilage. When that started to get better, I had an ulcer on the other leg!! However every cloud has a silver lining and I was immensely cheered with words of encouragement from Jack Carrington (Bournemouth) Les D'Arcy (Wakefield) and Mike Jackson (Cambridge). Thank you gentlemen - I really appreciated it!

Iris Moss reports from.....

MIDDLESEX

GEOFF CALLS IT A DAY

Sadly I have to report that after 35 years on the Middlesex Executive Committee, Geoff James has decided that "enough is enough" and that the time has come for him to resign. While appreciating that no-one is indispensable, when a member has undertaken the variety of tasks that Geoff has done, he is bound to be missed. Looking through old Minutes and Handbooks, I find that Geoff was Inter-League Secretary from 1949 to 1961; County Umpires Secretary 1950-1951; Referee of our Closed Championships 1952-1962; Referee of the Open Championships since they started - 26 times in all; Deputy Chairman 1964-1974 and Chairman from 1975 to 1983. And that is apart from serving on Sub-Committees such as Selection, Rules, Appeals, etc. Over all these years, his guidance to other members of the Committee has been invaluable. Thank you, Geoff, for all you have done for Middlesex Table Tennis.

So Middlesex start a new era under the Chairmanship of Michael Close, with Len Pilditch stepping into the Deputy Chairman's position. Len is also taking on the mammoth task of running the Middlesex 3-Star Open with Stuart Dane as his Assistant Referee. Apart from that, there are not many changes in the Committee or the jobs they variously undertake, except that David Miller has had to resign (temporarily we hope) on health grounds. I have agreed to take on the editorship of our Bulletin, but we will miss David's merry quips and information from the many Tournaments he went to. We wish him a speedy recovery and, who knows, we may even be able to inveigle him back on to the Committee when his health has improved.

The job of trying to get sponsorship for table tennis gets more and more worrying. I would be the first to admit that I am by no means the best person for this job; I am too easily discouraged.

But we have been unsuccessful in finding anyone who will take on the job so I just beaver on and try my best. Has anyone got any ideas of how I

should go about it? Or better still are there any volunteers to take the job on? It seems ridiculous that popular Tournaments should teeter on the brink of cancellation every year while officials go cap in hand trying to whip up the necessary sponsorship, but that is certainly the case where the Middlesex Open is concerned and no doubt it applies to other Tournaments, too.

Entries to our Inter-League Competitions are 3 down on last year's entries and the reduction is all in our Junior (D.W. Birmingham) Competition. Judging from the entry for our Junior Closed Championships there is no lack of young talent in Middlesex, so the drop in teams for the Junior Inter-League Competition is rather worrying. Is it caused by League officials not being willing to take the youngsters around - or could it be the lack of a Middlesex Schools Association? Tony Pacitto is trying to rouse interest in the latter once again, and we wish him luck. While we are willing to do anything we can to help Tony, there is no-one on the Committee at the moment who has the time to do much more than they are already doing.

Finally, I would like to mention that dates for our Closed Championships have been fixed. The Senior event will take place at Ellenborough Club on 19th and 20th November and the Junior Closed on 3rd and 4th March 1984, hopefully at Aylestone. Would Middlesex players please note the dates and ensure that we have a bumper entry this season.

Ashley Bennett reports from....

NORTHANTS

FEARS UNFOUNDED

Fears that the county's governing committee would collapse were proven unfounded, as during the summer it was "re-born", with the new members outnumbering the survivors of last season's committee. Mrs. Barbara Gibbs accepted the vital position of General Secretary, without which the association could not work, and Ian Baldock became Chairman. The Match Secretary's role was split into three, Chris Handshaw becoming the senior side's secretary, Alan Edmonds, the Junior Secretary and Dennis Millman handling the Veteran team. Other members include Brian Dangerfield (Treasurer), and youngsters Ashley Bennett and Keith d'Arcy who were elected Publicity Secretary and Schools Representative respectively.

Despite organizational problems, the enthusiasm of the players in the county is good. There is, however, a feeling of disappointment and maybe some disagreement with the positions of the teams in the County Championships. Both senior sides have been placed in Division 3C. The juniors also have reason to grumble, having finished second in Div. 3 North Mid-

lands last season, they failed to gain promotion and must remain in Div. 3B this season.

On the league front, Northampton can look forward to having the strongest Premier Division for many years. Halaers ACC 'A' have a weakened side, after the loss of Graeme McKim and Nat Richardson. However, Brian Wooding and John Sanders still head the team, with Stephanie and Ron Dunkley in support. Runners-up Abington have added Steve Lyon to their formidable trio of Keith Jones, Brian D'Hooghe and Tim Chamberlain. 3rd Placed Barclaycard are unchanged, the Gallo brothers, Romano and Dave, combine with Mandy 'Vallis to form this experienced side.

Together with these 'proven' sides, there are also two strong contenders which are newly formed. Lings 'A', with County Champion McKim, Town Champion Richardson, Ashley Bennett and Chris Handshaw, who between them also hold both County and Town doubles titles, form a possible title-winning squad. A new-look Whitworth Rd team should also do well with Ian Hawes, Steve Kendall and Dave Marsh concentrating their efforts in Northampton at the expense of the Kettering and Wellingboro leagues. With two or three other sides containing good young players, and new arrival Adrian Roper to look out for, there is going to be fierce competition for the honours in the forthcoming season.

Also, a new National League team has been set up within the county. Playrite Northampton will play in Division 3 East. The squad consists of McKim, Richardson, Wooding, Hawes, Gary Alden and Rod Marchant. Hopefully this will create a greater interest within the county for table tennis. Their home venue will be Lings Forum Sports Centre in Northampton.

In Kettering there seems to be two main contenders for the title, Kettering Town 'A', with McKim, Handshaw, Andrew Edmonds, and John Palmer, and Rothboro', who can call on the Nicoll brothers, Keith and Ken, to head their attack. Some competition may also come from E.M.E.B. who field Steve West and Mark Cole in their team.

The top team in Wellingboro should be E.M.E.B., who field Ken Nicoll, Palmer and Graham Bull. The holders Chapmans 'A' despite losing the services of McKim and Brian Dangerfield, still have a strong side consisting of Handshaw, Edmonds, and Mark Nannery. Town 'A' would appear to be out of contention with the loss of Hawes and Kendall severely weakening the team.

In Daventry the dominance of the G.E.C. club from Rugby shows no sign of faltering. The 'A' team, which is spearheaded by the Randle brothers, Mark and Iain, seems likely to retain their title. The two of them rarely lose singles or doubles in this league.

A good season is in prospect for table tennis in Northants.

Pauline Long reports from.....

NORTHUMBERLAND

87 TEAMS IN CONTENTION

The Summer League season was finally completed on Aug. 31. Eighty-seven teams contested eleven Divisions, and all winners and runners-up were to receive their trophies at the end-of-season Presentation night on Sept. 23 at Concordia Leisure Centre, Cramlington. The successful teams were as follows:

Div.	Winners	Runners-up
Premier North	North Shields YMCA 'A'	Byker CC 'A'
Premier South	Washington 'A'	Ryhope Road 'A'
1A	Washington 'B'	West CA
1B	North Fire 'A'	Lemington CC 'B'
2A	North Fire 'B'	Thompson's
2B	South Shields YMCA	Mortimer CC
3A	Reyrolles 'A'	North Shields YMCA 'C'
3B	Blyth Town BC	DHSS'D'
4A	Jarrow CC	Reyrolles 'B'
4B	Byker CC 'J'	Telephones 'B'
Cadets	Washington 'A'	Murray House

North Shields YMCA 'A' and Washington 'A' were to play each other for the Premier League Championship, while the former team completed a notable season by also appearing in the handicap Knock-Out Cup Final, their opponents on this occasion being Blyth Town B.C.

The junior and senior County trials were held on Sept. 10 and 17 respectively, and the ranking lists should be available in time for the next edition of "Table Tennis News". Once again, however, some of the senior players were conspicuous by their absence, and with only one team playing this year, this raises the question of whether or not it should be selected from players who have taken the trouble to put their reputation on the line at the trials. It should be interesting to see just who is prepared to play regularly for the senior team in order to try and gain promotion from Div. 3A. Meanwhile the junior team will again be in the Junior Div. 3A, and although both Neil McMaster and Karen Wilkinson are now over age, we will still have Eddie Smith, Peter Curry, Keith Patterson and Thomas Blackman, plus Denise Wilkinson and Denise Campbell, all available. Clare Mouzon will, of course, be giving the senior team priority, but will probably play in both teams when the junior and senior teams are scheduled to play at home.

The Newcastle National League team made a disastrous start to the season when they were thrashed 1-7 at Bath. They had problems even before they started because failure to attract a sponsor left them short of cash, and that meant travelling on the day of the match. For various reasons, they were also unable to choose their full team, and eventually fielded Chu Van Que, Peter McQueen, Tony Gelder and Nigel Jobling. Chu was the only

player to win a set. Meanwhile, the second team also disappointed in being held to a 5-5 draw against South Yorkshire III at Byker Community Centre. They have had to make a few changes to their team from last season as Cliff Olsson and Dave Godbold have now left to form their own team at Washington in Div. 4, but their replacements, Eddie Smith and Keith Patterson, did not disgrace themselves, as they each won a singles. Alan Matthewson won both of his matches, but Neil McMaster rather surprisingly lost both his sets. It is, of course, early days yet, but both teams look as if they will have a long hard road to travel this season, and much will depend on who is available regularly and how the new players will adapt to National League play.

The Northumberland League season was to commence on Sept. 19, and it is hoped that everyone will enjoy their season be it good or bad - not everyone can win promotion, and someone unfortunately has to be relegated at the season's end. Most of the main posts of the County Executive Committee remain in the same hands, but we welcome new members Alan Hill, Ray Main-Brown and Henry Ross in addition to the existing Committee.

Finally, belated congratulations to Shirley Laver and Durham's Tom Robson, who became engaged at the end of last season, and are expected to marry sometime next year. Best wishes go to you both for your future happiness.

Roy Williams reports from.....

NORTH WALES

ALAS NO JUNIORS

Clwyd field three teams in this season's County Championships - one in the senior Div. 3A and two veteran sides in Divs. 2A and 3A. But, alas, we have no junior team.

The domestic programme for North Wales is well in hand and the North Wales Championship dominated by Denbighshire will be held in Towyn (Rhyl) this season. The North Wales Counties League with no new members will produce a full programme for seniors, juniors, veterans and women in their respective divisions.

The table Tennis Association of Wales has given permission for the Rhyl League to organise the first Welsh Open Veteran Championship to celebrate their 50th year in 1985. Provisional entries would be welcome to estimate the size of the event. Singles and doubles events in the 40, 50, 60 and 70-year-old groups are contemplated.

The East Denbighshire Summer League in their 16th year again proved a success. As usual the tournament was well supported and organiser Charlie Bayliss had his work cut out to complete the event by 11 p.m.

Junior international Paul Griffiths beat Stuart Conway to take the men's singles title and Karen Buckle beat Marie Turner for the women's crown. Karen and Marie won the women's doubles with Karen also successful in both the U-21 and U-17 girls' singles. Other results:- VS: G. Mount bt B. Wilson. U-21 BS: S. Conway bt T. Turner. U-17BS: Griffiths bt Turner. U-14 OS: J. Tapp bt S. Jones.

Tony Carey reports from.....

SOMERSET

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

No - I have not spent the summer reading Shakespeare and looking for some lines of prose to include in these notes - it is just that I think this title covers what I see as the future of our Senior and Junior teams this season.

After recording one of our best seasons at both levels for some time, there is cause for optimism, as we have now got a sound base from which to launch ourselves into the realms of the higher leagues, a feat which in itself will raise the standard of our play.

The enthusiasm is there amongst the players, coaches and all connected with Somerset Table Tennis. We also have gained the services of an experienced coach in Tony Russe from Weston-super-Mare who has introduced a training programme for our Senior and top Juniors on lines similar to our Regional Junior Squad sessions (which are starting to bear fruit of good quality after much nurturing at the roots). These sessions should produce fitter and better players, which should be reflected in their play, not only at County level but also in Open competitions, which I sincerely hope they will compete in, especially the younger ones like David Lee, Lee Sadler and David Wilson.

We have seen the considerable benefit gained by our Junior Girls and Boys over the past two seasons from the Tournament Circuit and I am sure the same would apply to the Seniors. Who knows - perhaps in the not too distant future we will have a Senior horde attending an Open Competition similar to our Juniors, and doing well. Perhaps this will not happen until our Juniors have matured to the Senior ranks and carried their own pattern forward as a general routine for success. The initiative is already being taken by our latest and welcome addition to the Ladies ranks of Rebecca Russe from Avon, who has been through the progressive steps of the tournament circuit throughout her playing career with some considerable success at different levels and is aiming to prove her worth in the Senior ranks.

"There is no substitute for that experience." The junior scene is proceeding slowly but smoothly along prepared routes towards the common

goal of success in winning. However, we have suffered a heavy blow recently with an unfortunate accident to our No.1 Junior boy, Mark Bryant, who suffered a broken arm. This is especially hard for Mark coming at a time when he was building up to the final regional trial in September, where I am sure he would have done well and gained a coveted invite to the National Trials in November and put Somerset's name on the Junior Boys list for the first time. This would keep the boys up with the girls, as Melonie last season became the first girl on the Junior computer list since our stalwart for many years, Jill Green, made her mark there. Get well soon, Mark, and show that you can still reach that list by winning matches on the tournament circuit.

This temporary loss will present the selectors with quite a problem, but it might also prove a spur to the other heir-apparents to show their worth and solve that problem.

We seem to be reasonably well off for Junior Girls with Melonie Carey, Sarah Webb, Fiona Stuart and Kirsty Withyman, another recruit from Avon and also another talented player has come into our fold, this being Kate Lines from Hampshire, who has taken up residence at Millfield School, Street.

Our Cadets on the Girls' side look reasonably strong with Melonie still there to set the pace for the group following, consisting of Mandy Williams, Claire Brazier, Joanna Webber, Joanna McKenna, Tina Sadler, Sharon Fewing and Paula Davey. The Cadet Boys are Paul Smith, Paul Fowler, Neil McKenna and James Webber. All these Cadets are progressing very well for their ages, and the signals for success in the future appear to be Green all the way. However, Table Tennis being the unpredictable sport it is, I must sound a note of caution here and say we must heed the amber or the red will show very quickly. I mean by this that there is a long way to go yet and we must keep the momentum going both on the players' and the coaches' side. The players have a hard but essential part to play in this, as it will involve them in a lot of self-discipline and dedication with some sacrifice of other pursuits. However, I am sure they will find the rewards adequate compensation, and it will help to solve the inevitable headache for our coaches of separating the wheat from the chaff. The first will germinate; the second will drift away.

Another aspect which I feel is important to the development of our players is the ability to think for themselves in matches and practice sessions, especially the older juniors who should be reasonably aware of what basic tactics to adopt and what exercises to perform. This will give the coaches more time to devote to the second and third echelon of our pyramid of players.

Since my last report the Somerset flag has flown high in two major Junior Tournaments, the first being the Sealink Youth Cup Regional Final for Wales and the West at Thornbury Sports Centre on Sunday 4 June. In this we had Melonie throwing aside the disappointment of her poor performance in the English Schools Individuals at Mansfield and turning in a true performance of her ability and England Rankings position. Her record for that day was Winner U.13 Individuals, Winner U.13 Team with Tracy Scott-Pawson from Dorset, Winner U.16 Team with Jenny Ellery of Gloucester, Runner Up U.16 Individual to Evelyn Wright, the Welsh No.1 Junior 21-19 in the third. Some day!

In addition to this, we had the other U.13 Girls finalists in Claire Brazier and Joanna Webber with Mark Bryant reaching the U.16 semi-final.

The second big event after this was of course the National Finals held at the Britannia Leisure Centre, Shore-ditch, London, and here Melonie produced another fine performance, only losing one match, and that to the eventual U.13 winner, Andrea Holt, of Lancs. and therefore finishing runner-up. So, a very good season for Somerset to look back on with regard to the Tournament Circuit 'from our wins in the Bridgend Open in August to the Sealink Trials on 25 June.

By the time this epistle goes to press we will have already started on our wanderings around the country at weekends, with the Swansea Open on Sept. 10. I hope to report some success for us in my next report. Until then, read your copy of the Table Tennis News from cover to cover and keep with the scene!

Jack Chalkley reports from.....

STAFFORDSHIRE

EFFORT AND ACTIVITY

Although, at the time of writing, the winter season is only just beginning to get under way in most leagues, nevertheless, at County level, considerable effort and activity has already taken place to hold trials and to draw up the September ranking lists.

At senior level, Mark Evans had a good day and moves back to fourth spot, notable absences from the list being Greg Hallam and Paul Barnett, neither of whom wish to be considered. This is particularly surprising in Greg's case and I, for one, hope that there will be a change of heart before the end of the season. Both Andrew Bellingham and Jill Harris retain their No. 1 positions, but in the ladies' ranking, Amanda Hegarty and Rachel Roberts, both of whom had good trials, move up above Fiona Elliot and Janet Dunning.

Top positions remain more or less as expected at junior level, but amongst the cadets, with standards

changing quite rapidly from one season to the next, the selectors' task presented a number of problems which may need further careful consideration as the season progresses.

Men		Women	
1. A. Bellingham	(Wo)	J. Harris	(Wa)
2. A. Rich	(Wo)	J. Powis	(Wo)
3. C. Bakewell	(Po)	A. Hegarty	(Wo)
4. M. Evans	(Po)	R. Roberts	(St)
5. W. Bridgeman	(St)	F. Elliot	(Wo)
6. S. Deakin	(Po)	J. Dunning	(Wo)
7. R. Hayward	(Wo)	A. Sanders	(Wo)
8. J. Hancock	(Po)	P. Brookes	(Po)
9. Ad. Dixon	(Wo)	T. Spencer	(Wo)
10. R. Williams	(Wo)	L. Burgess	(St)
11. S. Rochelle	(Po)	C. Rowe	(Po)
12. D. Hanney	(Wo)	J. Chubb	(Wo)
13. E. Wilkes	(Po)	S. Harper	(St)
14. J. Deakin	(Po)		
15. R. Murray	(St)		

Boys		Girls	
1. R. Hayward	(Wo)	J. Powis	(Wo)
2. Ad. Dixon	(Wo)	A. Hegarty	(Wo)
3. K. Cartwright	(Wo)	A. Sanders	(Wo)
4. K. Lawrence	(Wa)	D. Gardner	(Wo)
5. S. Meigh	(Po)	K. Rogers	(Po)
6. M. Harvey	(Wo)	H. Lower	(Wo)
7. N. Harris	(Wo)	A. Billings	(Po)
8. A. Hough	(St)	S. Linnell	(Po)
9. S. Slater	(Po)	A. Evans	(Wo)
10. I. Miller	(Po)	G. Evans	(Wo)
11.		M. Billings	(Po)
12.		A. Harvey	(Ta)
13.		J. Gallett	(Ta)

Key:- Wo - Wolverhampton; Po - Potteries; St - Stafford; Wa - Walsall; Ta - Tamworth; Li - Lichfield; D. Briggs, S. Dobbin, M. Riley, and A. Till were 'A' listed in the boys.

Cadet boys - 1. N. Tongue (St); 2. R. Till (Wa); 3. R. Brissett (Wa); 4. M. Stretton (Wa); 5. A. Thorpe (Wo); 6. G. Knights (Li); 7. K. Roberts (Po); 8. S. Richardson (St); 9. N. Harrison (Po); 10. A. Dilger (St).

Cadet girls - 1. H. Lower (Wo); 2. L. Sherratt (St); 3. S. Hawkes (Li); 4. N. Riley (Po); 5. T. Pennington (Po); 6. J. Winter (Ta); 7. J. Eaton (Po).

County League dates are Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Dec. 10, Jan. 21, Feb. 11, with Mar. 17 held in reserve for contingencies. This season sees a change in the composition of the teams in Divs. 1 and 2 - they now fall into line with the other divisions with each team consisting of four players, men or ladies. Stone "A" and Walsall "A" are promoted to Div. 1 to join Potteries "A" and "B", Wolverhampton "Alt and Stafford "A" and the 2nd Division consists of Leek "A", West Bromwich "A", Stafford "B", Wolverhampton "B", Lichfield "A" and Potteries "C". In all, 29 teams have entered and we still hope for a late entry to make Div. 5 up to six teams. Andrew Waters continues as County League secretary.

Other dates for your diaries - Woodfield Tournament Nov. 5/6 (juniors on the 5th), County Closed March 18, Wolverhampton Closed Jan. 15, Stafford Closed Jan. 28/29, Potteries Closed March 11. The County Closed will again be held at Northwood Sports Centre. No date has been fixed yet for the Malcolm Scott Restricted, which will again be organised by the Wolverhampton League at the Woodfield.

At the recent County committee meeting, David Roberts (Staffs. Schools TTA secretary) reported on a full programme of events for the coming season. All events are centred at King Edward VI High School in Stafford on Thursday evenings, and most Thursdays are taken up. They have made excellent progress at Schools

level over the last few years and the County welcomes the contribution being made to table tennis at junior and cadet level.

Ian Bullock reports from.....

SUFFOLK

UPSURGE IN INTEREST

It gives me great pleasure to be asked to contribute to the magazine on behalf of the county. I hope I shall be able to give justice to the upsurge in interest in the game which is taking place in the various areas and, in passing, must mention the enthusiasm of the players, many of whom are gaining valuable experience on the tournament circuit and who will ensure a successful future for Suffolk.

Paul Gooding of Ipswich was invited to his first Cadet ranking trial at Shotley in June and finished 24th which was a creditable performance considering his absence for four months due to injury prior to the competition. He climbed to 19 by the end of the season.

John Kitchener, our leading Senior player, has played regularly with Thorn-EMI Ellenborough in the National League and is ranked at 28 for the Seniors at the moment. Both these players were influenced by the late Jim Kenworthy whose death came as a great shock to Ipswich enthusiasts. Jim has been greatly missed as he was a coach who had time for anyone who wanted help.

SENIORS

We look forward to the coming season with mixed feelings as the Senior I team prepare to enter the higher ranks of Division 2A in the County Championships. Can they maintain the winning ways of 1982/83 when they so hand-somely won Division 3D? Congratulations are due to John Kitchener, Stuart Palmer, Mick Palmer (Capt.), Julie Dowsett and Sue Welham for a fine team effort. Special mention must be made of our two ladies who played in every match. Julie at No.1 finished with 100% record while Sue failed to win only on one occasion and they were unbeaten in the doubles. Nor must we forget the two reserves, Russell King and David Henderson, both of whom played at very short notice and contributed towards the team's success.

A second Senior team has been entered in Division 3D so competition for places will be intense at the trial on Sept. 18 to which 30 men and 16 women have been invited. Keep up the good work, Edna and Denis!

JUNIORS

East Anglian League 1982/83

Two teams were entered, one in the A Division and the other in the B. Shaun Caraccio, Paul Gooding, Nigel Howe, Wayne Shaw, Julie Mortimer and Jane Mitchell played for the "A" team which finished second to Norwich "A". The B

team, however, went one better by winning Division B. They were represented by Wayne Shaw, Michael Wright, Andrew Hutchinson, Keith Norman, Jayne Mitchell and Susan Croton.

Ipswich A v March 'A'	8-2	W
Kings Lynn 'A'	8-2	W
Wisbech 'A'	9-1	W
Dereham 'A'	5-5	D
Norwich 'A'	3-7	L

Junior Div. A

	P	W	O	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich	5	5	0	0	37	13	10
Ipswich	5	3	1	1	33	17	7
King's Lynn	5	2	0	3	19	31	4
March	4	2	0	2	17	23	4
Dereham	4	0	2	2	18	22	2
Wisbech	5	0	1	4	16	34	1

Ipswich B v March 'B'	6-4	W
Lowestoft 'A'	9-1	W
Yarmouth 'B'	10-0	W
Wisbech 'B'	10-0	W
Norwich 'B'	6-4	W

Junior Div. B

	P	W	O	L	F	A	Pts.
Ipswich	5	5	0	0	41	9	10
Norwich	5	4	0	1	32	18	8
Yarmouth	5	2	1	2	25	25	5
March	5	1	1	3	20	30	3
Wisbech	4	0	1	3	13	27	1
Lowestoft	4	0	1	3	9	31	1

As reported in our earlier issue, the Juniors competed in Division 3D and found the standard of play much higher than in the Anglian League. We are looking for an improvement this season as they expand their experience.

Many thanks to Jack Perkins who has managed the teams so successfully and best wishes to Paul Hutchinson who takes over at the start of the new season.

There has been a marked increase in the number of Suffolk Junior players who have been invited to attend the St. Neots Centre of Excellence. Following a trial on June 12, Richard Hutchinson, Darren Jones, Chris Nicholls, Michael Wright, Sylvia Kenyon and Claire Nicholls will now be joining Shaun Caraccio, Paul Gooding and Wayne Shaw on their monthly excursion beyond the county boundary. I understand that Suffolk now occupy around 25% of the places available.

The County Junior Ranking Trials took place at Stowupland Sports Centre on Sunday Sept. 11, the results being:-

Boys	Girls
1 Paul Gooding	1 Julie Mortimer
2 Shaun Caraccio	2 Sylvia Kenyon
3 Richard Hutchinson	3 Jayne Mitchell
4 Darren Jones	4 Claire Nicholls
5 Andrew Hutchinson	5 Lisa Mayne
6 Wayne Shaw	6 Julie Billham
7 Michael Wright	7 Andrea Ambrose
8 Nigel Howe	8 Karen Perkins
9 Chris Nicholls	9 Carol Leech
10 Philip Marshall	10 Rosemary Bullock
11 Paul Wright	11 Julie Dawson

12 Neil Hayes	12 Sharon Chadwick
13 Stuart Day	13 Mandy Durham
14 David Bryant	
15 Adrian Pinney	
16 Darren Earrey	
17 Ian Shaw	
18 Chris Shulrer	
19 Nicholas Catton	
20 Ashley Phillips	

SCHOOLS

Both in the Individual and Team Championships the County was largely represented by schools "from the Ipswich area. Bedfordshire turned out very strong teams in the team event and eliminated most of the Suffolk challenge at the Area Finals at St. Neots. Philip Marshall, Guy Barker, Rupert Gunthardt, J. Wood, Jayne Mitchell, Lisa Mayne and Karen Perkins all played for Suffolk at the National Finals in Mansfield. Due to an administrative error, Andrew Hurley was unable to participate.

Whilst the game appears to flourish in the Primary Schools it is sad to see some Secondary Schools withdrawing from the Schools' League in Ipswich. It is hoped that the children who have the ability will not be prevented from entering the National Competitions and that in the not too distant future we shall see a stronger challenge from the Northern and Western parts of the County.

COACHING

Terry Gilbert and Hilary Dowsett are to be congratulated on gaining their One-Star Diploma Coaching Awards recently. Less than three years ago it is fair to say that Terry, Hilary and Jack Perkins were the only three active qualified Club coaches in the Ipswich area and they have since been joined by Ian Bullock, Steve Bond and more recently by Paul Hutchinson, Ken Burrows, Kathie Brierley and Bernie Studd, who qualified this year. It is encouraging to see that all these newly qualified coaches have established their own coaching clinics. Terry Gilbert also runs sessions for the top juniors and all the representative players are selected from this group. We mustn't forget the many Dads who have also helped with the coaching. The current success of our Juniors is in no small measure due to the endeavours and enthusiasm of the coaching staff. Long may it continue!

Finally, it is gratifying to see the Ipswich and District League go from strength to strength, under the guidance of Joyce Love and her committee, with an overall increase of 6 teams. The League provided a team of umpires and helpers at the Butterfly International Cadet Championships held at the Eurosports Village at Shotley in June. The Swedish boys and the German girls showed their superiority in an excellent Tournament and it is hoped that future events of this calibre will be held at the same

venue. We are also grateful to the League for providing trophies for the winners of our recent Mini League Competition which was contested by the four coaching clinics in the Ipswich area.

Michael Green reports from.....

SURREY

MOST NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT
Greetings to everybody in Surrey Table Tennis from your brand new press correspondent.

Perhaps you would like to make a note of my address - 48 Stokesby Rd. Chessington, phone 01-397-3180 (01-283-7101 x 3238) I'd like to hear from League Press Secretaries, National League Team Secretaries, County Captains, Schools Organisers... Anyone with information which could be used in this column.

The most notable Surrey achievement since the last issue has to be Mike Hammond's triumph in capturing the title of Stiga Schools International Champion at Gloucester.

Sponsored by Southborough Boys' School's Parents and Teachers Association, Mike remained unbeaten during the team event playing for England "A", although he had a couple of narrow squeaks against Fullerton and Worrell representing England "B".

In the individual event, Mike topped his group winning all four sets without dropping a game.

In the semi, Kent's David Dodd was Hammond's next victim although this one went to three. In the other semi, Devon's Gary Lambert defeated our own Mark Oakley thus setting the final as a repeat of the English Schools which Lambert won.

Lambert, undoubtedly the favourite, cruised to victory in the first game. A severe ticking off from the watching Nicky Mason then spurred Hammond into action, and his blistering forehand smash began to dominate proceedings helping Mike to easily take the second and third games and thus the title. Good show.....Ashford have certainly found a star to assist them in their first National League campaign.

The County Junior and Cadet trials were held over the period Sept. 10/18 at Tweeddale, Graham Spicer, and Tolworth Girls' School. The results are not yet to hand, but the list should make interesting reading considering we have lost the top two Junior Girls this season and the top six Junior Boys. I understand that the Summer County Coaching sessions have not been as well supported as originally anticipated.

The A.G.M. of the S.T.T.A. was held at Fetcham on June 22. The major changes were the election of Ron Crayden as President and Chairman of the Association, a situation overwhelmingly accepted by the floor, and

the appointment of myself as Press Officer in place of Murray Corbin who has taken over the role of Correspondent for the County Championships. You can't keep a good man down....

Surrey tournament dates are as follows:- Nov. 12/13 Surrey Junior Closed at Elmbridge..... Jan. 8/9 South of England Junior at Woking.... Feb. 4 County Senior Closed at Elmbridge.... March 17/18 South of England Senior at Woking (providing sufficient sponsorship can be found - Norman Hooper is the man to contact).

The seventh annual Surrey Schools Metropolitan Inter-borough Championships were held at Monks Hill Sports Centre Croydon at the end of last season and resulted in Merton Schools retaining the Stiga Trophy.

Merton's winning side consisted of:- Andy Sexton, Melville Taylor, Derren Hams, Richard Jones, Michele Hams, Jane Sutton, Karen Wilde, and Tracey Eveleigh. The individual event winners were:- U19B Andy Sexton (Merton), U19G Michele Hams (Merton), U17B Andy Hardy (Kingston), U17G Claire Brooks (Croydon), U15B Adam de Gay (Croydon), U13G Mandy Dewsbury (Croydon), U13B Richard Jones (Merton). Thanks to Croydon Schools' T.T.A. for running the event and to David Lomas for the information.

Ted Simpkin tells me that John Diggins and Ted Woodgate have retired from the coaching scene in Guildford after thirteen hard working years and Dai Jones has stepped in to take over from them.

Ted is currently undertaking the preparation of a History of the 50 years of the Guildford League to be published in time for the 1984 A.G.M.

Some of the results of the Guildford Closed organised by Janet Guess are as follows:- Ramesh Bhalla beat Steve Woodgate in the final of the Open Singles.... Sarah Cresswell beat Kerry Merritt in the Women's.... Bhalla and Steve Hodder beat Ian Schwartz and Graham Outrim in the Open Doubles.... There were ten other events contested.

Some of the winners from the Dulwich Closed:- Men's Singles - John Dennison, Women's Singles - Janice Seabrook, Veterans - Danny Kinnard, Junior - Lyn Bennett.

And in the Wandsworth:- Men's Singles - Steve Holloway, Women's Singles - Janice Seabrook, Veterans, Frank Hams (any details of the Surrey Veteran's Team?) Junior - Michele Hams.

In the Thames Valley League, the Chessington team of Ru Bole, Peter Matthews, Mike Hammons, and Graham Roberts took the League title for the fourth year running.

John Woodford reports from....

SUSSEX

PAT FOILS THE CHAUVINISTS!

PAT VVALES, (Worthing) the South's answer to Josie Ransome in the field of crusading for women's table tennis, has made a breakthrough. She has become the first female member in the history of the Sussex Table Tennis Association to be elected on to the senior selection committee. The Sussex county association was formed in 1946, so the male-dominated bastion remained intact for 37 years.

Bert Fretwell remains in the hot-seat as chairman, but it got a little hotter than usual at the July annual meeting and there is a feeling that after the coming season, Bert will be taking a well-earned retirement and leave the trench warfare to younger men.

Sussex county championships trials took place on September 4th, long after this column was written, but I do know that Graham Gillett the reigning Sussex champion who spends much more time writing rock music, has been signed by Dolphins in the National League for 14 matches. That plus the musical scene will leave Gillett little time for the county championships. Neither will the Moore brothers have much spare time on National League week-ends. Stephen Moore is to play for St. Neots and Adrian Moore travels even further to Bath, whilst Nicky Mason, fresh from gold medal triumphs in Malmo continues to take the bottom place in the popularity polls with most Sussex officials by continuing to play for Surrey.

Best news of the year concerning venues comes from Burgess Hill where a devoted bunch of men have come up with the Sidney West Sports Centre which will be used as a 6-table venue for certain events and practice and also as the headquarters for Dolphins in the National League.

Universally popular Rachel Mackriell, three times the Sussex champion is to spend a fourth and last season with the county to complete her studies at the Brighton Polytechnic here in Eastbourne, but how Eastbourne are going to maintain their usual Rose Bowl challenge with Diane Griggs expecting twins, remains to be worked out.

Mary I. Rose reports from.....

WARWICKSHIRE

RENEWED ENTHUSIASM

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and can now get back to the table tennis scene with renewed enthusiasm.

The County finished the season with final placings of:-

Premier Division 'A' - 5th team

'B' Team (Division 3)- Winners
Junior'A' Division 2A- 3rd
Junior'B' Division 3B- Winners

These placings were a much better record than had been expected at the beginning of the season.

County Badges were presented at the end of the season to:-

'A' Team - Carl Morgan (B'ham)
Juniors - M. Thomas, J. Singh
(Coventry)

County Junior Rallies

It is hoped to organise at least 4 junior rallies during the 1983/84 season. Birmingham, Coventry, Leamington and Nuneaton have offered to stage these events. Details will be circulated later.

Rugby and District Association Ian Flower

All those who knew Ian were stunned by his sudden and tragic death on June 9.

Ian started playing for the Oakfield Dukes six years ago and he was taken under the wing of Alan Atkins. Ian's rapid progress enabled the Dukes to win promotion after their second season in the Coventry Division 12.

Ian represented both Rugby and Coventry juniors in the Midland League and in 1981 was a member of the Coventry junior team that won Div. 3.

He will be sadly missed by all those connected with table tennis in Rugby and Coventry. We offer our condolences to his parents and to his sister.
Rugby - Midland League

The Men's team just managed to avoid relegation last season and therefore will stay in Div. 2, and our Junior team finished next to bottom of Div. 5 of the Midland Junior League. We are hoping for improved results this campaign.

Warwickshire League

Rugby finished the season in 2nd place in the Warwickshire League. This was an excellent performance and we are justly proud of our players: Michael Thomas, Ian Randle, Mark Randle, Lynne Stanbridge and Fran Philby. The Warwickshire Association unfortunately do not provide runners-up trophies, but an anonymous donation has been made to enable us to purchase a small award for each player.

West Warwickshire Invitation Tournament

The West Warwickshire Annual Invitation Tournament was again sponsored by the Alliance Building Society. Many of Birmingham's top players entered including Alan Fletcher the England-ranked No 11. Most players find the West Warwicks Tournament an early chance to get some good match practice before the start of the season and the County trials. The tournament was played over the period Sept. 6/10.

The Men's Final was won by the fast-improving Carl Morgan who was

last year's runner-up. He defeated Fletcher 13, and 15.

The Women's title went to Sandra Peakman in a replay of last year's final with Di. St. Ledger, but this time taking her revenge winning 10 and 14. Well played Carl and Sandra.

The Doubles event was won by N. Mayo and C. Hughes against B. Johnson and N. Anson.

National League

Dunlop Birmingham lost their opening match in the Premier Division of the Halex National League beaten 6-2 by Ellenborough, but can take heart from the performance of debutant Fletcher.

Ellenborough won the championship 2 years ago and are again one of the title favourites and proved much too strong for the Birmingham side.

Fletcher defeated Mark Mitchell as did Derek Munt to notch up Dunlop's two wins, but Fletcher took England international Sandley to a decider.

Thanks to all of you who supplied me with information for my notes, I hope this will continue and once again I state my name, address and telephone number. Miss M. I. Rose, 45 Springfield Crescent, SOLIHULL, West Midlands, B92 9AE. Home Telephone Number 021-743 7773.

I wish you all a successful and enjoyable Season.

Doug Moss reports from.....

WORCESTERSHIRE

SCHOOL OF SPORT

The most exciting news concerns the setting up of a School of Sport for Table Tennis at Christopher Whitehead School, Worcester. I initiated this as a member of the Regional Development Advisory Panel and ultimately things started to move when Frank Southam (Worcester Chairman), Bryan Merrett and myself met a Regional Sports Council Officer, the Worcester City Leisure Officer and a County Council representative at the County Council Education Offices. The final arrangements provide for coaching and administration to be funded by a Regional Sports Council Participation grant of £300 in the first year, the use of school buildings subsidised by the County Council, the Worcester League being committed to a maximum investment of £500 and the City Council giving a grant of £955 towards the cost of 3 top class tables, court surrounds and Tungsten Halogen lighting. Apart from the facilities for the School of Sport first class conditions will be available for County Championship matches, tournaments etc. The School of Sport Management Committee has Frank Southam as Chairman, with Bob Wingate (Treasurer), George Brett (League Sec.), Molly Hough and myself as Secretary, plus the assistance of Bryan Merrett, who

will be in charge of the School of Sport coaching/training sessions.

The County Senior team trials have been held with the usual upsets of the form book! In the men's section Murray Jukes was unbeaten, to strengthen his position as the present County Champion. Nick Bottomley was in great form beating both Trevor Washington and Steve Dunning. Trevor and Steve were victims of Murray and Dunning was also beaten by Ken Walton, who was in good form. Simon Claxton was not available, being on holiday, and Jeremy Duffield will again be giving preference to football and not competing for a County team place.

Alison Westwood put up an excellent performance in the women's trial. She had not been available for most of last season but came back to win all but one of her sets, losing to Sandra Roden. Mandy Mytton played confidently, attacking strongly and winning her sets except against Alison, so they finished up as joint leaders. Sandra played well and in immaculate style. She had an exciting set with Mandy losing -19, -19. Debbie Hough was also in good form coming back from 2-9 in the 3rd game against Mandy to 15-all but finally losing at -17. A surprise was the form of Lynda Reid, last season's No.1, who won her first set against Annette Snee but then lost all her others. Louise Davis, the County Champion, was not available being on the Hammersley-Parker Advanced Training Course. During the close season Louise has played for an England Junior team at the English Open at Worthing in April playing against Sweden and Wales. She also played in Cadet International matches at Ipswich in May competing against France and Germany. Annette Snee, who played well for the County 2nd team last season, and showed sound form at the Trials, is unlikely to be available as she is going to Bradford University.

The Junior Trials were held on Sept. 11 and at present I have news that the most successful players were Dean Kloos (Worcester), Tim Holder (Bromsgrove), and Mark Roden (Kidderminster) with Helen Jones and Lisa Hunt, both of Kidderminster. Good news is that the Portman Building Society is providing some sponsorship for the County Junior team. The players will have track suits bearing the Society's name.

The news of League entries is disappointing. The larger Leagues, namely Dudley, Kidderminster and Worcester have each been reduced from 6 to 5 Divisions but the smaller Leagues have fared better. Bromsgrove has gained 3 teams and Evesham 1. Malvern, which had 4 Divisions and 44 teams last season, has lost 2 but still in a good situation with 42 teams in this area. There would seem to be a loss of approximately 25 teams over the County.

Various reasons are put forward for the falling off in players, such as unemployment and redundancy situations, players being short of money and finding difficulty in affording to play, and factories closing down with loss of playing facilities. I find the question of affording the game rather surprising taking account of the money spent on other sports. The situation in the County shows a satisfactory state of affairs in the smaller and more rural areas but with the decrease in the urban areas. I think a factor is that, with the number of multi-purpose Sports Centres increasing rapidly, people are widening their interests and perhaps not prepared to be committed to regular League matches.

Evesham is the first I know of whose League match results are being computerised, with League Tables and players' individual averages being issued monthly. I know that John Mytton, who did all the work for the 4 Divisions, is most relieved'

Les D'Arcy reports from.....

YORKSHIRE

GREAT TO BE BACK

It's great to be back again after the break, although like many of you, I have been playing throughout the Summer in the Yorkshire League which has been won by Yeadon for the first time. Mick Wilcockson (Sturge 'A') wins the Merit. A.C.A. 'B' are the 2nd Division winners with their top player, Graham Whyllie, taking the Merit. Missed a couple of matches in July to attend David Fairholm's T.T. Coaching Course at Crystal Palace. Internationals Colin Wilson and David Barr made P.E. very strenuous, but enjoyable, if one has masochistic tendencies. They also set a splendid example as key members of a large but friendly coaches' squad. It was also a privilege to meet the still enthusiastic leader of English table tennis coaching for so many years, Jack Carrington.

Jack's profound knowledge and interest in our sport commanded respect from those who had the pleasure of speaking to him on the course. The former international, Stuart Gibb, now playing in the National League, proved to me on the table that he is still a powerful force to be reckoned with. Also met Murray Corbin, who has a feature in this Magazine. Murray is one of the Game's great characters with an exuberant cheerful disposition which provides a tonic for lesser mortals. Murray's bat is almost as unique as he is, about one inch thick and made of balsa wood; it is indeed a fearsome weapon to strike through the guard of all but the strongest. Thanks for the inspiration, Murray.

It was something special being with you and the other players at the Palace, regards to all, especially David Fairholm who concluded a memorable

course by guiding us through the maze of London traffic back on our way to Yorkshire.

Many of our own coaches have not been idle during the off-season and have looked upon the breathing space as a good opportunity to build for the future.

From a coaching development point of view the highlight of the pre season was a Coaching Conference held at Batley Sports Centre attended by fifty one members, coaches and other representatives from Yorkshire and Humberside. Donald Parker, National Coach, made his usual first class contribution with three interesting and informative lectures. His comprehensive and authoritative account of the World Championships in Tokyo, particularly his first-hand knowledge of the England players' triumphs and defeats was most interesting and well received by the knowledgeable audience. Don's wife, Jill, gave additional prestige to the Conference with delegates valuing the opportunity of meeting her during the break periods.

Tony Ross gave a well prepared and fluently presented lecture on the Y.T.T.A. 'Development Plan' of which he is the author. He implored delegates not just to read it but to go back to their leagues and do something about it. Cyril Villiers, The Director of the Yorkshire and Humberside Sports Council, gave a masterly performance as Conference Chairman. He remarked that the Y.T.T.A. Development Plan was the best one he had seen. Thanks to them all and to the Y.T.T.A. Chairman, Alec Head, who welcomed delegates, to Trevor Firth, Sports Centre Manager, and his staff, to Peter Taylor, Jill Tickner, David Townend and all delegates who gave their support and encouragement.

Another popular event was a two weeks coaching course for young players at King's School, Pontefract which attracted over two hundred visitors from local schools during the first week to be given coaching and sample play on sixteen tables sponsored by Dunlop. The second week's course was restricted to forty two players who attended daily, with several England-ranked players forming part of the twenty four strong advanced section.

Several outstanding sporting personalities visited the Course, including Jill Hammersley-Parker with husband Don; World Skipping Champion, Albert Rayner who has the 'World Record of 128 skips in 10 seconds. Albert showed course members and visitors how skipping could be used as part of table tennis training. Cyril Villiers and Roger Rothery, Wakefield's Festival Organiser who presented the prizes at the end of the Course.

Results:-

'A' Group	Alaric Bassano bt
Singles	Michael O'Driscoli

'B' Group	Kevin Sangster bt Gary
Singles	Fleming
Intermediate	Graham Cook bt
Cup	Rackish Rao
Most improved(1st week)	Hellen Everett
Most improved(2nd week Advanced)	Julian Ryder
Most improved(2nd week Intermediate)	Martin Bimrose

All members of the Intermediate's course passed Halex awards.

Your correspondent had the privilege of being involved in this course which on four of the ten days commenced at 9.45 a.m. and finished at 10 p.m. This was in order to accommodate parents and friends who wanted to join in the fun. Also on one of the evenings a guest team from the Oldham Advanced Training Centre went down 6 sets to 14 against a team chosen from the Course.

Qualified coaches who gave their services voluntarily were Rowden Fullen, Graham Bailey and Neil Cafferty. Rowden and Mick Wilcockson who are both Regional Coaches, assisted Donald Parker to train six student coaches for their club coach award which they duly passed.

Thanks to all concerned and to school master David Harrison, the Pontefract School Staff and to the equipment sponsor, Dunlop, without whom the Course would not have been possible.

New Season.

The new Yorkshire League season starts with a number of new faces on the Yorkshire Management Committee. One of the most welcome will be super organiser Graham Coe of Rotherham, the dynamo behind the South Yorkshire National League Club for whom he and his Committee have obtained no less than seventeen sponsors. The three main ones being: South Yorkshire County Council - a good example for other councils to follow; Morte' Sport Shop and the Youth Training Scheme.

Graham will be combining his National League work with his new job as the Yorkshire League Match Secretary and will be using his computer to produce regular league tables and individual statistics. A recent event organised by Graham and his team's sponsors was a South Yorkshire Disabled team v one of the club's National League sides. I enjoyed the match which was well organised and will no doubt be the forerunner of others. Billy Leake, top player for the disabled team has been chosen to represent England in the European Paraplegic T.T. Champs in Munich mid-October and will be hoping to add to his growing collection of medals.

Margaret, wife of E.S.T.T.A. Chairman, John Arnold, is the only lady on the otherwise all-male Yorkshire Committee and Keith Hurley, with

flashing pen, from the same local league as Margaret (Wakefield) fills the vacancy of Minute Secretary. Former Yorkshire T.T.A. Chairman, Geoff Scruton is back in the thick of it again. This time as General Secretary of the Harrogate League. It was nice to see Geoff at the recent Yorkshire pre-Ranking Trials insisting on players making a fair service. Hope other umpires take your example.



Welsh Corner

by H. ROY EVANS

The Welsh season started with the Glamorgan Round Robin, the men's section being won by Penarth's Jeff Rigby, who seems mostly to do well in this kind of event. He was certainly again above players regarded as better than him - Nick Williams being 2nd, and David Griffiths 3rd.

Jayne Sully headed the women, followed by Vicki Skeats, Pam Grant, Theresa Petty, Joanne Lee and Chantal Nicholls.

Kelvin Roberts was No.1. in the junior section, with Anthony Jones second, Anthony Hopkins third, and Mark Russ fourth, followed by rankings down to No. 22.

THE SWANSEA OPEN

The following weekend was a busy one for the top Welsh players. First came the Swansea Open, which resulted in an almost total eclipse for the Welsh international squad, but the emergence of Junior No.1. Nigel Tyler as a real senior hope.

After a two-straight defeat of No.1 seed Alan Griffiths, seemingly a bit out of touch, Nigel went on to an equally impressive semi-final win over Nigel Thomas.

In the other half, Kevin Satchell was much too sharp for a sluggish looking Mark Thomas, and beat George Evans to qualify for a tilt at David Hannah. Kevin must still be kicking himself for he led 20-15 in the third against the Scottish No.1. who is always a bonny fighter, and showed that very quality in coming from behind for a tremendous win.

In the final, Hannah took the first at 17, but Nigel Tyler lead at 20 in the second, only for the Scot to repeat his 'survival act with a surge that gave him that game and the title.

The other member of the Welsh squad - Gary Wilkins - played disappointingly to lose to Bryn Tyler.

Tony Healan was beaten by Brian Jeanes, who was then beaten in straight games by Hannah.

Lesley Tyler was in good form to take the women's event, and although the opposition was not very strong, she did well to beat Avon's promising junior Helen Perrott, who had a good semi-final win over Elaine Short. Lesley's semi-final victim was the Londoner Linda Clemett, who beat an out-of-touch Shirley Williams (nee Cain). Heidi Cotter had a very good game against Elaine Short, and then seemed to have the junior girls' title in her grasp, with a fine win over Helen Perrott, and leading Evelyn Wright 20-13 in the second game of the final, only to perpetrate a series of ridiculously rash shots to lose 20-221 Heidi gained some consolation with a good win in partnership with Jayne Sully against Lesley Tyler and Shirley Williams.

Nigel Tyler had little trouble taking the boys' title, beating Anthony Jones in the semis and Kelvin Roberts in the final. Kelvin had beaten Anthony Hopkins in his semi.

There were no Welsh contestants in the cadet boys' final, but the cadet girls' event brought about an extraordinary change. Evelyn Wright had beaten Melanie Carey from Bath with ease in the semi-final of the junior girls, but Melanie, deciding she now knew how to beat Evelyn, inflicted a crushing defeat on the Welsh girl in the cadet final.

Results: MS: SF: Hannah bt Satchell -15, 13,15.
Tyler bt N. Thomas 17, 20
F: Hannah bt Tyler 17, 20
WS: SF: Tyler bt Clemett -12, 20, 10
Perrott bt Short 17, 20
F: Tyler bt Perrott 17, 18
MO: F: M. and N. Thomas bt Evans/Healan 9, 17
WO: F: Cotter/Sully bt Tyler/Cain 16, -13,12
JBS: F: Tyler bt Roberts 9, 13
JGS: F: Wright bt Cotter 18, 20
CBS: F: Gaylord bt Rodway 19, 16
CGS: F: Carey bt Wright 8, 6

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Wales won its opening European League match, beating newly-promoted Guernsey at Cardiff 6-1. Guernsey are a little bit out of their depth in this division, and the problem for better players is to maintain concentration. This was very noticeable in the doubles when Ian Powell and Mark Pipet registered Guernsey's only win by beating Mark and Nigel Thomas who just couldn't put their game together at all.

Powell was easily the best Guernsey player, and he looked capable of better things when he played against Alan Griffiths. No set went to three games, and Guernsey look like having a tough time in Division 2. Wales, too, will need to tighten up if they are to win any more.

HALEX NATIONAL LEAGUE

The European League match against Guernsey hardly tuned up the Welsh for a Butterfly Cardiff match against Tarmac Wolverhampton in the afternoon. And so it turned out, Butterfly

going down 2-6 in a match which could have produced a win or a draw at the worst. True, the Midlands now include Duggie Johnson, who took his two to form the basis for a Tarmac win.

Mark Thomas recovered from a disastrous start to beat Andy Bellingham in the opening set but Nigel, although he tried hard, was no match for Johnson. Tony Healan then should have beaten Andy Rich, playing well enough at times, but eventually losing when leading 19-16 in the third. Andrew Jones found Carl Morgan much too quick for him and succumbed easily.

In the second half, now 1-3 down instead of 2-2, Mark made a very fine effort to beat Johnson, only losing 19 in the third. Nigel, with the game to upset Morgan, failed to get it going, whilst Healan lost a disappointing set against Bellingham, which he could have won. Andrew Jones, confirming how much better he could be with constant training and practice, beat Rich to give the score some semblance of respectability.

Jeremy Williams reports from....

CORNWALL

SHOCK RESIGNATION

The season began in Cornwall with the shock resignation of County Secretary/Treasurer Tom Honey- after 14 years at the helm of Cornish table tennis. Tom was first elected Secretary in 1968/69 and a year later took over the job of Treasurer. In the mid-seventies he really "set the ball rolling" initiating many new tournaments and in so doing raising the playing standards of Cornish table tennis to probably its highest ever level. Tom's untimely resignation marks the beginning of his new challenge as Secretary of the West Cornwall League. The vacant jobs will be left in the capable hands of Miss Barbara Rapsey (Secretary) and Eddie Curnow (Treasurer). Future enquiries should be made to Miss Rapsey at 15, Trelander East, Truro.

The playing situation looks pretty bright this year; for the first time there will be 2 Cornwall Junior teams and both should enjoy a fair amount of success in Division 3C, particularly the 1st team who must have their eyes on the league title.

Our Seniors will probably face some changes due to the premature retirement of last year's No.1 Sharon James and the availability of Jon Woollins may also be in doubt when he goes to Birmingham University shortly.

The County rankings seem to have regained a little sanity this season and as issued by the Selection Committee, they are now as follows:-

MEN

1) J. Bassett (St. Ives); 2) B. Cornelius (St. Austell); 3) J. Williams (Falmouth);

4) J. Woollins (Launceston); 5) I. James (Met. Police and Falmouth); 6) M. James (Camborne); 7) N. Cock (St. Ives); 8) R. Jacobs (Truro); 9) R. Bunt (St. Austell); 10) G. Reed (Falmouth).

WOMEN

1) A. Clemens (Camborne); 2) S. Rapsey (Truro); 3) S. Collins (Callington); 4) B. Rapsey (Truro); 5) J. Menzel (Camborne); 6) E. Stevenson (Bude); 7) K. Broczek (Launceston).

BOYS

1) James; 2) Reed; 3) A. Hunt (Launceston); 4) A. Vingoe (Camborne); 5) M. Peters (Falmouth); 6) P. Tran (Launceston); 7) M. Standley (Bude); 8) K. Tran (Launceston).

N.B. L. Jose, P. Rees and X. Ly have not been ranked due to insufficient evidence.

GIRLS

1) Clemens; 2) Stevenson; 3) Broczek; 4) L. Jewell (Falmouth).

CORNISH INTER-TOWN LEAGUE

About to enter its second season, the Cornish League looks to be even less clear cut than last year. Can the St. Ives foursome of John Bassett, Nigel Cock, Rodney Smith and Cur now retain the White Hart Cup? That will depend on the performances of several new look teams.....rumour has it that St. Austell have registered

former Devon No. 1 Mike Rattue, Redruth will have the services of unknown quantity Melvyn Starkie reputed to be a former champion of the Barnsley League, and Falmouth must surely be a threat with new signings Graham Reed and Malcolm Peters.

COUNTY MATCHES

An immaculate performance by our Junior 1st team enabled them to dispose of the seconds 10-0, in the opening match of the season on the Sept. 4 at Camborne. Promotion could be on the cards for them this season, but the seconds will have to fight hard for survival.

The Seniors were a little disappointing away to the Isle of Wight on Sept. 10. Despite the presence of Carl Preat, Cornwall were seeking victory but 2 fine wins by Jim Daly for the Islanders over Messrs. Cornelius and Woollins allowed the home side to clinch a 6-4 victory. Preat also scraped 2 singles!!

LAUNCESTON KERNOW

A superb, if slightly unexpected 5-3 victory over our near neighbours Global Plymouth was just the tonic for Launceston's Halex National League campaign this season. The opening match on, Sept. 18 was well supported and the match scores were as follows:-

Launceston Kernow v Global Plymouth

J. Bassett bt M. Short 20, 16;
lost to G. Wiltshire 19, -20, -18;
B. Cornelius lost to M. Short -11, -13;
bt T. Sweet 17, 14;
J. Williams bt E. Short 18, -14, 12;
lost to Wiltshire -19, -16;
J. Woollins bt Sweet 19, 15;
bt E. Short 11, 22.

Any early visions of promotion from Division 3 West took a turn for the worse the following week with another fruitless journey to Tarmac Wolverhampton Ladies. With 2 wins apiece, Jill Harris and Fiona Elliott clinched victory for the ladies in what turned out to be one of the most exciting matches for some time.

It looks to be another busy and highly competitive season in Cornwall and important events taking place in the near future in the County are:-

National League matches:

16/10/83 Launceston Kernow v Pengelly Torbay.

County matches:

22/10/83 Juniors I v Wiltshire I
(Launceston)

22/10/83 Juniors II v Wiltshire II
(Launceston)

Jill Hammersley-Parker Table Tennis Foundation

Earlier this year I retired from International Table Tennis play and so for the past few months I have been able to observe the table tennis scene in a more dispassionate and objective way. I can now see what is required to develop the game for some of our leading young players. In short many more need international playing experience. The scheme I wish to present to you - modelled on a similar scheme pioneered in Sweden (the leading European table tennis country) - is one which needs your support.

In the World Championships in Tokyo recently in which England did so remarkably well - coming fourth in the men's team event and seventh in the women's team event - we soon realised that two young English players had arrived. 15 year-old Carl Preat and 16 year-old Lisa Bellinger suddenly produced a string of important victories. These were the two players who have had the opportunity of playing abroad in tournaments and the returns have been rich for English Table Tennis. However, what we clearly need is much greater depth of outstanding English players coming up with International experience from the junior ranks. More success will be good for England and good for the game. It will produce wider interest at the grass-roots. Quite simply we must begin to prepare now for the World Championships in Delhi in 1987 and the Olympic Games in Korea in 1988 when table tennis will be an Olympic Sport for the first time.

The costs are, of course, enormous and the English Table Tennis Association can only afford to pay for very few youngsters each year to gain the necessary experience in playing in the top events. Hence, I want to provide a way by which many more juniors can develop their

game in top tournament play. For this reason I am launching "The Jill Hammersley-Parker Table Tennis Foundation" to provide financial assistance to youngsters who will benefit from such a scheme. Clearly we have a long way to go to compete with Sweden but we need to get organised and ensure that as wide a range of players as possible gain international playing experience. In that way we will produce good teams in the future. The alternative is a bleak one. At best we will continue to produce one or two who are outstanding individual players but no English teams of serious merit.

I am very keen to put something back into the game which I have enjoyed as a player for so many years and this is one way I can see of helping. I am writing around to persons who will have the interests of the game at heart I HOPE VERY MUCH YOU WILL ASSIST ME IN THIS EXCITING NEW VENTURE. The details of the scheme are shown overleaf. Please do not hesitate to contact me personally if you need any further information or if you feel that you can assist the scheme in additional ways.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,
JILL HAMMERSLEY-PARKER, M.B.E.

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

What do you have to do?

Please become a member of the Jill Hammersley-Parker Table Tennis Foundation (all contributions are welcome but £10 enables you to become a member) by writing a cheque to The Jill Hammersley-Parker Table Tennis Foundation, The Barn, Common Bank, Dolphinholme, Lancaster LA2 9AN.

What will happen to the money?

A panel of four persons will meet at least twice yearly to decide how to allocate the money over the following six months. The panel will meet soon after the English Junior Closed in December and English Junior Open in May, but other meetings will be arranged as necessary. By normally attaching the additional players financed by the Foundation to the official parties of the E.T.T.A. we will be able to minimize the costs of sending officials to accompany juniors. The panel will consist of Jill Hammersley-Parker as Chairperson, Donald Parker (National Coach and the administrative link with the English selection committee) and two members nominated by members of the Foundation.

What are the benefits of contributing to the Scheme?

Naturally I hope that you will feel that contributing directly to the development of English table tennis in general and junior play in particular is a worthy cause. As well as writing to individual members, Table Tennis News will be the media by which the names and organisations of all members of the Foundation and the activities of the Foundation are made public. I am confident that table tennis players will tend to support those clearly identified as 'friends of table tennis' in their own towns.

Accountability

Each September as a member you will get a financial statement an indication of the publicity received and most importantly, the range of players helped.

TO THE JILL HAMMERSLEY-PARKER TABLE TENNIS FOUNDATION
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I enclose £10 to become a member.

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The Halex National League began on 18th September with many changes evident in the divisions, teams and players. Perhaps the most significant from a championship viewpoint is the arrival of Jaques Fareham in the Premier Division and the addition of Alan Cooke as a back-up to their World Cup star, Carl Preat. The Preat-Cooke duo, with Ian Kenyon in support, could rattle the top three, Ormesby, Hassy Soham and Thorn-EMI Ellenborough. The first indication will be on Sunday, 2nd October, when Fareham take on Ellenborough.

In the First Division, Tarmac Wolverhampton, having signed Dougie Johnson from Ormesby and Carl Morgan from Chan, look certain to be in the running. Literally "in the running". Manager Paul Chester has issued a challenge to any other team in the league to field two faster men over two miles than Andy Bellingham and Andy Rich.

HOW THEY LINE UP

Premier Division

Thorn-EMI Ellenborough

1 Graham Standley, 2 Mark Mitchell, 3 Colin Wilson, 4 Dave Tan, 5 Nigel Tyler, 6 Lloyd Lewis.

Tibhar London

1 Dave Wells, 2 Max Crimmins, 3 Richard Jermyn, 4 David Dodd.

Unity Bradford

1 Skylet Andrew, 2 Steve Turner, 3 Steve Sharpe, 4 Martin Firth, 5 David Indricks.

Gillette Reading

1 Phil Bradbury, 2 David Barr, 3 Andy Wellman, 4 Karen Witt, 5 Dave Reeves.

Dunlop Birmingham

1 Alan Fletcher, 2 Ian Horsham, 3 Barry Johnson, 4 Derek Munt, 5 Pat Glynn, 6 Rupert Sterling.

Ormesby

1 Donald Parker, 2 Nigel Eckersley, 3 Henk Van Spanje, 4 Richard Yule, 5 Lindsay Taylor.

Jacques Fareham

1 Carl Preat, 2 Alan Cooke, 3 Ian Kenyon, 4 Mark Oakley, 5 Tony Clayton, 6 Glen Baker.

Hassy Soham

1 Paul Day, 2 Kenny Jackson, 3 John Souter, 4 Nicky Mason, 5 Dave Hannah.

First Division

Gillette Reading II

1 Martyn Smith, 2 Andrew Syed, 3 J., nmy Stokes, 4 Mandy Sainsbury, 5 Alison Gordon.

Byker Newcastle

1 Chu Van Que, 2 Pete McQueen, 3 'Benny' Robertson, 4 Tony Gelder, 5 Andrew Clark.

Butterfly Cardiff

1 Mark Thomas, 2 Nigel Thomas, 3 Andrew Healan, 4 Gary Wilkins, 5 Andrew Jones, 6 Nick Williams.

Ormesby II

1 John Broe, 2 Kevin Green, 3 Steven Brunskill, 4 Michael Laird, 5 Chris Metcalfe.

Tarmac Wolverhampton

1 Dougie Johnson, 2 Andy Bellingham, 3 Carl Morgan, 4 Andy Rich, 5 Tony Isaac.

M.B.S. St Neots

1 Peter Taylor, 2 Keith Richardson, 3 Stephen Moore, 4 Mick Harper, 5 Keith Samuels.

Grove Market Drayton

1 John Hilton, 2 Steven Scowcroft, 3 Phil Bowen, 4 Malcolm Green, 5 Paul Barnett.

S.I.B. Bath

1 Kevin Satchell, 2 Adrian Moore, 3 Andy Creed, 4 Paul Jackson, 5 Kevin Edwards.

Second Division North

March Halex

1 Steve Palmer, 2 Andy Withers, 3 Geoff Davies, 4 Robert Swift, 5 Mick Palmer, 6 Gary Jordan, 7 Paul Oldroyd, 8 Paul Holmes.

Salford TG

1 Kevin Beadsley, 2 Billy Gleave, 3 Brian Johns, 4 Tony Boasman, 5 Mike Stead, 6 Tony Taylor, 7 Wendy Walker.

Chan Construction

1 Phil Gunn, 2 Lester Bertie, 3 Ian Gunn, 4 Richard Tanner, 5 K. Chan Sincil Lincoln

1 David Gannon, 2 Stuart Worrell, 3 Martin Pickles, 4 Matt Sheader, 5 Brian Allison, 6 Denis Worrell.

Tarmac Wolverhampton

1 Trevor Washington, 2 Steve Dunning, 3 Adrian Dixon, 4 Craig Bakewell, 5 Mark Evans, 6 Richard Hayward.

R.I.S. Stockton

1 Malcolm Corking, 2 Ian Plummer, 3 Terry Murphy, 4 Steve Souter, 5 Phil Crawford, 6 Jevon Chan.

Bradford Hermits

1 David Rook, 2 Jeff Brook, 3 Richard Whitley, 4 Trevor Dyson, 5 Malcolm Cummings, 6 David Hope, 7 David Bottomley.

South Yorkshire

1 Chris Rogers, 2 Keith Rodger, 3 Tony Sanderson, 4 Shaun Browne, 5 Mark Illingsworth

Second Division South

Gillette Reading III

1 Matthew Syed, 2 Sue Collier, 3 Michael Childs, 4 Simon Rowland, 5 Wally Allamson, 6 Syd Montgomery, 7 Paul Savins, 8 Graham Kemp.

Witham F.C.

1 Nicky Standen, 2 Robin Lang, 3 Peter Hayden, 4 Terry Dowsett, 5 Bernard Lazarus, 6 Steve Tilson, 7 Neil Sweeting.

Cranfield Halex

1 Brian Jeanes, 2 George Evans, 3 Andrew Evans, 4 K. Phillips, 5 Jeremy Hobbs, 6 Warwick Armstrong, 7 Graham Sell, 8 Steven Gibbs, 9 Peter Pitfield, 10 Paul Williamson, 11 Jeffrey Turner., Spicer New Malden

1 Malcolm Francis, 2 Steven Holloway, 3 Martin Shuttle, 4 Andrew Sexton, 5 Graham Bateman, 6 Andrew Hardy, 7 Neil Sutton, 8 Malcolm Wilde.

Dagenham F.C.

1 Dave Newman, 2 Anthony Penny, 3 Kevin Caldon, 4 Stuart Gibbs, 5 Steve Dettmar, 6 Dave Randall, 7 Shaun White.

T.C.B. Dolphins

1 Mick Brown, 2 Phil Smith, 3 Graham Gillett, 4 Keith Horton, 5 Phil Richardson, 6 Richie Venner, 7 Gary Bonner, 8 Paul Elphick.

Gunnersbury Triangle

1 Jonathon Proffitt, 2 Simon Proffitt, 3 Walter Mascarenhas, 4 David Goode, 5 Peter Harry, 6 Jonathon Goode, 7 Paolo Cheng, 8 Steve Gennari, 9 Ken Muhr.

Larkhall Clapham

1 Percy Collino, 2 Paul Namdjou, 3 Derek Holman, 4 Michael O'Leary, 5 Gordon Chapman, 6 David Harding.

Third Division North

Byker Newcastle II

1 Nigel Jobling, 2 Neil McMaster, 3 Mark Young, 4 Alan Matthewson, 5 Edward Smith, 6 Peter Curry, 7 Keith Patterson.

Vickers Barrow

1 Andrew Murphy, 2 Neil Yardley, 3 Alan Fay, 4 Alan Manson, 5 Stan Halesworth, 6 Mike Yardley, 7 Chris Brockbank.

Ormesby III

1 David Blackburne, 2 Anthony Wattis, 3 Stuart Craggs, 4 David Fewsdale, 5 'Charlie' Watson.

Washington

1 David Svenson, 2 Daman McVitie, 3 Cliff Olsson, 4 David Godbold, 5 Tom Tobson, 6 Robert Reed, 7 Alan Thompson, 8 Doug Lawrence, 9 Anthony Black, 10 David Corbett.

Unity Bradford II

1 Keith M'Kandla, 2 Ian Duxbury, 3 Craig Render, 4 Mark Griffin, 5 Paul Russan.

Unity Bradford III

1 Paul McCreith, 2 Keith Pickles, 3 Joanne Shaw, 4 Julie Speight, 5 Rachel Beaumont, 6 Sylvia Broadbent, 7 Paul Clare.

South Yorkshire II

1 David Illingsworth, 2 Brian Carney, 3 Neil Bailey, 4 Paul Longstone, 5 Clive Guest.

South Yorkshire III

1 Brian Bennett, 2 Glen Roberts, 3 Russell Thompson, 4 Nicky Newton, 5 John Hopkins, 6 Michael Scott, 7 Caroline Oldfield, 8 Neil Simms.

Third Division South
Dunstable
1 David Sharpe, 2 Lisa Bellinger, 3 Ian Doughty, 4 Jackie Bellinger, 5 Gary Hamilton, 6 R. Harman, 7 S. Lines, 8 D. Cartwright.
Ashford
1 Michael Hammond, 2 Peter Simmonds, 3 Rupert Bole, 4 Daryll Windsor, 5 Mark Butler, 6 Steve Everard, 7 Les Cresswell.
Cippenham
1 Ray Tilling, 2 Clive Young, 3 Frank Earis, 4 Steve Brindle, 5 David Pountney, 6 Alec Watson, 7 Graham Trimming.
Tulse Hill Rams
1 Des Charlery, 2 Andrew Cunningham, 3 Julian Facey, 4 John Dennison, 5 Anthony Briscoe, 6 Fashat Rasul, 7 Neville Miller.
Lansdown Medway
1 Bob Brown, 2 Andy Mitchell, 3 Ray Namdjou, 4 Graham French, 5 Mike Ling, 6 Paul Bannister, 7 Neil Harris.
Jaques Fareham II
1 Chris Bartram, 2 Graham Toole, 3 Ramish Bhalla, 4 Chris Shetler, 5 Mark Wilding, 6 M. Gibert.
Bourne Ruislip
1 John Burleton, 2 Les Eadie, 3 Martin Les, 4 Viv McCarthy, 5 Paul Beckham, 6 Paul Colvin.
Jolliffe Poole
1 Rodney Thomas, 2 John Robinson, 3 Jason Creasey, 4 Steve Davies, 5 M. Hughes, 6 R. Ellis.

Third Division East
M.B.S. St. Neots II
1 Stephen Barby, 2 Chris Ogle, 3 Keith Willett, 4 Graham Booth, 5 Keith Lakin, 6 Helen Bardwell, 7 Dave Hyde.
Nottingham Racket Sense
1 Brian Hill, 2 Robert Watson, 3 Trevor Kerry, 4 Martin Bishop, 5 Cecil Davis, 6 Adrian Bolton, 7 Tim Shepherd, 8 Terry Bull.
Halex Lincoln
1 Steve Brophy, 2 Russell Harper, 3 Andrew Wignall, 4 R. Hodson, 5 Andrew Burwell, 6 Ian Speight, 7 Mike Thornley, 8 M. Dudman.
Hassy Soham II
1 Brian Richardson, 2 Trevor Smith, 3 Peter Holiday, 4 Julian Wheel, 5 Tim Ashman.
Playrite Northampton
1 Graeme McKim, 2 Nat Richardson, 3 Rod Marchant, 4 Brian Wooding, 5 Ian Hawes, 6 Gary Alden.
Coles Waveney
1 Philip Logsdon, 2 Russell King, 3 Mick Broughton, 4 Trevor Bunn, 5 David Smith, 6 David Henderson.
Norwich Foxwood
1 Doug Bennett, 2 Richard Stevenson,

3 Martin Stevenson, 4 Mick Musson, 5 Simon Steward, 6 David Honor, 7 Paul Durrant.
Halex Grantham
1 David Skerrit, 2 K. Phillipson, 3 C. Boyd, 4 Simon Pullen, 5 Ian McDonald.

Third Division West
Global Plymouth
1 M. Short, 2 Gary Wiltshire, 3 Tony Sweet, 4 Elaine Short, 5 P. Waldron, 6 K. Buddell, 7 A. Sainsbury.
WW Solihull
1 Andrew Pilgrim, 2 Kevin Pilgrim, 3 Claud Wisdom, 4 P. Dunnett, 5 N. Anderson, 6 Graham Williams, 7 Barry Crutchley, 8 Phil Hillier.
Tarmac Ladies
1 Jill Harris, 2 Karen Groves, 3 Fiona Elliot, 4 Jill Powis, 5 Janet Dunning, 6 Amanda Hegarty, 7 Tracey Spencer.
Holts Salisbury
1 David Constance, 2 Simon Heaps, 3 Mark Werner, 4 Mark Holt, 5 Terry Bruce, 6 J. Warner, 7 Alan Holt.
Launceston Kernow
1 John Bassett, 2 Barry Cornelius, 3 Jeremy Williams, 4 Jon Woollins, 5 Ian James, 6 Mark James, 7 Andy Hunt.
Hereford Times
1 Mark Owen, 2 Michael Owens, 3 Murray Jukes, 4 Andy Castle, 5 Willie Ahern, 6 D. Daniels, 7 Ray Cooke, 8 T. Mason.
Grove Market Drayton II
1 Stan Deakin, 2 Joe Deakin, 3 Keith Sillitoe, 4 Colin Wilson, 5 Alison Barker, 6 Julie Ballard, 7 Colette Sean.
Pengeley Torbay
1 Paul Whiting, 2 Gary Wilson, 3 Mark Ellett, 4 Paul Giles, 5 Carol Butler, 6 Brian Pengelly.

THE FIRST RESULTS

Sunday 11th **September** 1983
PREMIER DIVISION
Thorn EMI Ellenboro 6 Dunlop Birmingham 2
Ormesby 8 Unity Bradford 0
Jacques Fareham 7 Gillette Reading 1
FIRST DIVISION
SIB Bath 7 Byker Newcastle 1
Butterfly Cardiff 2 Tarmac Wolverhampton 6
Ormesby II 3 MBS St. Neots 5
Grove Market Drayton 5 Gillette Reading II 3
SECOND DIVISION NORTH.
RIS Stockton 2 Salford TG 6
Tarmac W/hampton II 1 Chan Construction 7
South Yorkshire 6 March Halex 2
Sincil Lincoln 4 Bradford Hermits 4
SECOND DIVISION SOUTH
TCB Dolphins 5 Spicer New Malden 3
Larkhall Clapham 6 Gillette Reading III 2
THIRD DIVISION NORTH
Vickers Barrow 0 South Yorkshire II 8
Unity Bradford III 0 Washington 8
Ormesby III 4 Unity Bradford II 4
Byker Newcastle II 4 South Yorkshire III 4

THIRD DIVISION SOUTH
Jolliffe Poole 4 Jaques Fareham II 4
Ashford 1 Bourne Ruislip 7
Cippenham 3 Lansdown Medway 5
Dunstable 1 Tulse Hill Rams 7

THIRD DIVISION EAST
Halex Lincoln 4 Halex Grantham 4
Playrite Northampton 6 MBS St. Neots II 2
Coles Waveney 4 Norwich Foxwood 4
Nottham Racket Sense 6 Hassy Soham II 2

THIRD DIVISION WEST
Hereford Times 2 Holts Salisbury 6
Launceston Kernow 5 Global Plymouth 3
Pengeley Torbay 5 Tarmac Ladies 3
Grove Mkt Drayton II 5 WW Solihull 3

FIXTURES

PREMIER DIVISION

Sunday, 16th October
Hassy Soham v Jaques Fareham
Thorn EMI Ellenboro v Ormesby
Dunlop Birmingham v Gillette Reading
Tibhar London v Unity Bradford

FIRST DIVISION

Sunday, 16th October
SIB Bath v Grove Mkt Drayton
Butterfly Cardiff v Ormesby II
Tarmac Wolverhampton v Gillette Reading II
Byker Newcastle v MBS St. Neots

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Sunday, 16th October
Sincil Lincoln v South Yorkshire
RIS Stockton v Tarmac W/hampton II
Salford TG v **March** Halex
Chan Construction v Bradford Hermits

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Sunday, 16th October
TCB Dolphins v Larkhall Clapham
Dagenham FC v Cranfield Halex
Gunnersbury Triangle v Gillette Reading III
Spicer New Malden v Witham FC

Sunday, 23rd October
Dagenham FC v Gillette Reading III

THIRD DIVISION NORTH

Sunday, 16th October
Vickers Barrow v Byker Newcastle II
Unity Bradford III v Ormesby III
South Yorkshire II v Unity Bradford II
Washington v South Yorkshire III

THIRD DIVISION SOUTH

Sunday, 9th October
Lansdown Medway v Ashford

Sunday, 16th October
Jolliffe Poole v Dunstable
Ashford v Cippenham
Bourne Ruislip v Tulse Hill Rams
Jaques Fareham " v Lansdown Medway
Sunday, 23rd October
Lansdown Medway v Bourne Ruislip

THIRD DIVISION EAST

Sunday, 16th October
Halex Lincoln v Nottham Racket Sense
Coles Waveney v MBS St. Neots II
Playrite Northampton v Hassy Soham II
Halex Grantham v Norwich Foxwood
Sunday, 23rd October
Hassy Soham II v MBS St. Neots II

THIRD DIVISION WEST

Sunday, 16th October
Holts Salisbury v Grove Mkt Drayton II
Launceston Kernow v Pengeley Torbay
Hereford Times v Tarmac Ladies
Sunday, 30th October
WW Solihull v Tarmac Ladies



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POSTBAG

SPORTING CHANCE

During the Summer a European table tennis tournament for the disabled was held in Paris and I, together with three other players, were fortunate enough to be invited to represent Great Britain.

Apart from the host country others to participate came from Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, East Germany, Holland, Norway, Spain and Sweden.

The extremely high standard of play achieved by the opposing teams was most impressive, and we were totally out-classed - and soundly beaten! We were prompted to enquire how this standard had been gained, despite the obvious physical disadvantages.

The representatives I spoke to (from France, Belgium and Holland) told me of the tremendous encouragement, coaching and advice they receive from top class able-bodied sportsmen. They donate their time generously and seek only to help players compete successfully.

If anything similar is available in this country, then as members of a disabled sports club we have yet to hear of any such support being offered by our own sportsmen and women. Could we not give it a try and at least give our teams a sporting chance when competing - we've a very long way to go to improve on our Paris efforts.

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DO NOT BE FOOLED

The three or four player team formation still remains a major arguing point between many Table Tennis players. Indeed, in recent years Leagues using the 'four player' line-up have drastically suffered - strength wise.

However, the subject involves many complex issues, all involving many individual needs important to us, the players, and the Leagues we wish to play for.

Is International progress or County Table Tennis of prime importance? Top Division one league play, or merely the bread and butter of most leagues and tournaments - the average league players, who battle away each week for their local clubs. Also the many committee members, Umpires and Tournament organisers, who are all very vital people that give up many of their spare hours to run our sport.

As far as the average player is concerned, it does not matter one iota if they play 3, 4 or even 5 player teams. As long as they have fun, enjoy the evening, have a laugh win or lose. They will be there next week. Below Division one - in most leagues the standards are very well organised and even standards of play.

With International or top representative levels of Table Tennis - then we are talking a "different ball game". The three player teams are of a distinct advantage, where match averages are of prime importance to each individual player and all players play each member of the opposing team. Where rankings govern the rankings of County and National positions of each player.

If you are a Mr. Average player (like me), do not feel deprived or "hood-winked" with all the propaganda into believing that playing three player Leagues are far superior - they are not - it is all "hogwash".

Players who specialise in "Doubles-play", lose out as only one doubles set is contested in three player matches. In "four" player matches, two doubles are played midway, adding greater interest to matches, thus changing the pattern of a match drastically, widening the scope of play, as the doubles experts wield their bats.

Top players, many of whom are good friends of mine, but are very selfish, ruthless (playwise, that is) and they have to succeed at "top level". We must not confuse issues, however, and we must all decide what side of the line we need to be on - to play at the top there is little time to sit on committees - which you may have noticed.

The more players playing Table Tennis the better. Sadly emphasis on the financial side of playing all sports is a major stumbling block. Halls, fees, subs etc are forever increasing, driving many clubs out of existence.

Do not be fooled - follow the Ilford Table Tennis League's good sense - play "four player formula".

P.S. Please do not poach other club's players, or I will get the blame.

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TOP PLAYERS IN POVERTY TRAP

"The E.T.T.A. don't care about US in the local leagues. They are only interested in our top players and internationals...." This is what I hear all too often as I travel the country.

It is an understandable view and one widely held. It demonstrates the gap between those at the top of our Sport and those at the roots. A decade or more ago I felt the same way - until I discovered the full story which was and still is, that England players are greatly underpaid, that they are in a poverty trap from which they escape only as a result of family or other support or by leaving the country.

Far from spending thousands to send our stars all over the world such ventures are subsidised by the Sports Council. The meagre cost to the E.T.T.A. is covered over and over again by our few Television Events and sponsorships. This income is obtained for only one reason. That we have a few players who are world class whom

we can therefore sell to Television. Nobody would watch you and me.

The Association and the Membership is 'in pocket' to the tune of many thousands of pounds each year as a result of the efforts and skills of our top players.

To add further insight to 'life at the top': I am the father of the player who last season was No. 3 in England, played in the World Championships and may be said therefore to be in full receipt of all that English Table Tennis can bestow.

The facts of the matter so far are that it has cost me thousands of pounds to keep him playing at this level. I don't complain; there are worse ways of spending my money and what he has achieved has repaid me many times over. There must be others who might have done as well but the resources were never available to them. Ours is a Sport of big costs and small rewards.

Far from being the E.T.T.A.'s pampered darlings, our top players contribute infinitely more in measurable cash terms than they ever take out.

Nobody will apparently do anything about this injustice about which I wrote in these columns long before Carl ever started playing.

There IS money about, but we prefer to spend it on other things, rather than the one thing which would produce mass support and give the Sport a place in the sun: Players who command the attention of the media, with whom the young can identify which will persuade them to take up our Sport rather than another. If we had twice as many members we would be twice as rich and could do twice as much. (The Germans have TEN times as many).

The commercial case is so obvious that it is hard to understand why our rulers have not grasped it. It is unlikely now that they ever will, but at least we can put the record straight.

Our top players put into the Sport far more than they take out. If we could all say that, the future might be a lot brighter.

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ROLL ON NEXT YEAR

I have just surfaced from the English Schools Table Tennis Association International held at Gloucester Leisure Centre 1st to 3rd July, 1983. A County Umpire, I was umpiring from 6.30 p.m. Friday, all day Saturday from 9 a.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. Play was on 17 tables (although not always all in use at the same time) and there were a tremendous number of matches to get through (and umpire) with team matches and individual events.

Umpires were 'on the go' most of the time, only stopping for lunch! It sounds very tiring and it certainly was,

but it's definitely a tournament that I would always attend if invited. The international flavour is something not to be missed, nor is the team event atmosphere with team members clapping their players' won points as well as many of those of their opponents.

Almost throughout the event, sportsmanship abounds, how refreshing in this day and age. It's a shame that the non-table tennis playing public are not witness to this, it would surely bring a great deal more respect for our game from the public, something lacking at the moment. There could also be a larger foreign participation, but I presume finance is the stumbling block.

I have only one criticism - the venue is too warm. Spectators and umpires alike must feel uncomfortable - heaven knows what the players feel. Just a few of my thoughts about the event. Lastly, I must acknowledge the unending hard work of Eddie Mitchell, without whom there would be no tournament. Thanks Eddie and roll on next year.

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A CONNECTION BETWEEN INCREASED FEES AND DECLINING NUMBERS

I have recently completed a study of the changes in the membership of the Cheltenham T.T.A. in the period 1960-1983. In this period the number of teams competing in the Cheltenham League rose from 49 in the 1960-61 season to a peak of 79 in the 1977/78 season. For 13 seasons (1966/67 to 1978/79) the number of teams remained at 71 or over, but since the 1978/79 season numbers have declined sharply from 74 to 53 last season.

One can readily identify many factors that may explain this decrease but the one thing that has struck me most forcibly is the relationship between an increase in fees, agreed at the AGM in the closed season, and a decrease in the number of teams entering the league in the immediately following season. I can summarise this relationship by observing that the statement that an increase in fees is followed by a decrease in the total of teams and that no increase in fees is followed by no loss in the total of teams, is true 18 times out of 22, (i.e. 82% correlation).

Obviously you wish to be assured that this is not just a coincidence. I do not wish to quote endless figures, so perhaps the following details will suffice. Firstly in the 22 seasons studied, fees were increased in 11, and were not increased in 11: Team totals increased in 8 seasons, decreased in 9, and remained unchanged in 5. Thus in the two sets of figures being compared, there is no significant bias which would lead to an inevitable correlation

(as would happen if, in the majority of cases, fees were increased and team totals decreased). But of the 9 seasons when team totals decreased, 8 occurred in seasons when fees were increased at the AGM immediately preceding the season. If the correlation is valid one would expect small increases in fees to lead to small decreases in team totals and larger increases to lead to larger losses. This is indeed the pattern: taking the figures up to the 1981/82 season and averaging them, one arrives at a figure of a loss of one team for every 6.8% by which fees are increased. At the 1982 AGM in view of the financial deficits of the 2 previous seasons which had depleted our reserves and in view of the increased anticipated expenditure in the 1982/83 season, fees were increased by 73%. Using the 6.8% figure, this should have led to a loss of 11 teams. In fact we lost 12. At the 1983 AGM, aware of the loss of teams in the previous season, fees were not increased. Again taking figures from previous seasons, I found that the average increase in teams when fees were not increased was 3. I therefore predicted we would have 56 teams entering our league for the 1983/84 season. I gave this figure to members of the County Association but not to anyone in the Cheltenham Association who might have been influenced to regard it as a target that had to be achieved. We now know that exactly 56 teams have entered for the 1983/84 season. Of course, it is chance that the increase is exactly the average, but without these figures who would have predicted any increase at all after a succession of decreases in the previous seasons?

Let me stress that I am pointing out a correlation, I am not stating simple cause and effect. I readily acknowledge that increased fees are only one factor in the decrease in the numbers of teams in our league. I happen to believe that it is the crucial factor but it would take me many paragraphs to justify this, so let me just make the following points.

The quantity of table tennis played in Cheltenham is increasing consistently, but players are not playing in the league. Coaching is flourishing, as are 2 non-affiliated youth leagues. Older players, in many cases disenchanted with the modern game, play informally among themselves, as lawn tennis players often do. Perhaps as interesting as the figures of league teams are the figures for individual entries to the Cheltenham tournaments. In the years concerned the tournaments were held at the same venue at the same time of year. The figures are 1981-108; 1982-126; 1983-140. Ever since 1960, there has been a considerable turnover of teams in the Cheltenham league - even in our rest season we lost 10 teams but gained 18. What is happening now is that we are continuing to lose teams at the average rate, but we are failing to

replace the losses with new teams. Potential new teams either concentrate on coaching and play within the club. Delay entering until they have achieved a higher standard or play in the much cheaper unaffiliated leagues. Again the number of works teams, most of whose expenses are paid for them, have just decreased, where other types of teams (youth, school, open etc.) have decreased dramatically. I am convinced that the level of fees we now are obliged to charge are a positive deterrent to new teams entering our league, so they play elsewhere.

But even if the reader agrees with all this but says that fees must be increased as otherwise Associations would become bankrupt and there would be no leagues at all, I still believe my points are relevant. Cheltenham cannot be alone in wondering, when fees are increased at an AGM, how much extra cash the increase will produce, when there is no means of knowing what effect the increase will have on the number of teams entering the league in the following season. We now have a means of estimating the effect - not, of course, guaranteed, but better than nothing.

I would be most interested to learn if a similar correlation between increases in fees and losses in totals of teams can be observed in other leagues and associations and indeed if there is a correlation between the number of teams affiliated to the E.T.T.A. and increases in E.T.T.A. fees, if such a correlation can be established, one could then estimate, with a percentage probability, the number of teams that will be lost each time E.T.T.A. fees are increased (which they now do automatically).

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SLIPPERY QUESTION

For its annual tournament our league has the use of a large hall which, although ideal in other respects, has a floor which becomes slippery with condensation after a few hours' play; it appears to be of cement with a coat of some kind of composition on top.

The usual remedies for condensation such as keeping a current of air moving across the floor, keeping the air temperature down to that of the floor, or reducing the humidity of the air, are not practicable in this case and we cannot resurface the floor. I shall be most grateful if any of your readers can tell me of any other methods of reducing condensation or the slipperiness of the floor which they have found to be successful in similar circumstances. J. B. O'DONOGHUE

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

As many of you may know - after 13 years and 91 issues-I'm no longer the editor of Table Tennis Topics. The current USTIA E.C. voted 4-3 to install a new editor at Colorado Springs.

Topics was a big part of my soul life. I started it in 1970. Changed the small format into a tabloid. Began with 16 pages and at one time had as many as 60 pages an issue. I saw each issue of Topics as an historical document - I wanted all those who loved the game, the sport, to be reflected there, and in all their infinite variety (I wanted a born again Christian, sharing his newfound humanity, to understand and accept the occasional euphemism of a cuss word). I wanted the paper to be human.

I always tried to be up front with what I strongly believed in (my prejudices, if you like), but I always tried as fairly as I could to give everybody a voice, whether he agreed with me or

not. I saw the openness of the paper as a system of checks and balances on anyone in the **USTTA**, including myself, who might consciously or unconsciously be abusing his power.

Now, like the years of our lives, all that is gone, eh?

Well, not quite. For now, with everyone's help I'm going to start a new, independent newspaper.

Why? Because **it's** what I feel I must do.

I'm seriously thinking of trying to make a living in table tennis and intend to begin making the changes in my life that might bring this about.

I loved doing Topics, this little history of the USTIA - as I hope I'll equally enjoy doing the larger 50-year one I'm even now gathering material for.

I don't think **it's** physically possible for me to leave table tennis. Sentimentally, I still have that first cup I

won - in 1940; a cup now partially broken and so tarnished as to be used, unsentimentally; by me as an ash tray.

Sentimental; Unsentimental....

One like me, a Libra, has to keep a judgment, a balance.

Give me a try. I'm not just a good stud. I have the track record - the energy and desire - to turn out a new paper thousands of table tennis fans will soon be reading.

TIM BOGGAN.

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Timmy's NORTH AMERICAN World of Table Tennis tabloid is on the streets and is published monthly except Feb-Mar. July-August. Sept-Oct and Nov-Dec (bimonthly) for 12 dollars. Vol. 1 No.1 (July-August) is out now. Ed.

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A.G.M. HIGHLIGHTS

ETIA Chairman. Tom Blunn. on taking over from the President, Maurice Goldstein aBE., at the AGM held at the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel, London on July 9, paid tribute to Ron Crayden who was retiring from the position of Vice-Chairman Selection/Coaching. after five years loyal service. He then introduced his successor, Peter Charters.

Mr. Blunn then thanked those Councillors who had retired for all their hard work. namely:- Mr. C. Wright (Kent). Mr. G.A. Williamson (axon) and Mr. A.M. "Tony" Ross (Yorkshire).

The meeting agreed to the award of Hon. Life Membership to Mr. K.T.O. Ponting (Devon) in recognition of his long service to the game. especially as Administrator of the Halex National League and Club Knock-out Competitions. and more recently in firmly establishing the National League. The President presented the Life Member badge and Keith spoke of the enjoyment and friendships he had known over the years. and thanked his wife for her support.

On the proposal of the Chairman, on behalf of the National Council, the **meeting** agreed on a further term of three years for the retiring Vice-Presidents:- Mrs. E. Betts. Messrs. F.E. Clay, G.M. Daniels. H.T. **Edwards**, H. Flinton. C.C. Hames. T.M. Honey; L.W. Jones. J.M. McDonnell. D.D. Plowes. Dr. D. Ryde MB BS FRCGP and D.R. Tremayne. Additional Vice-Presidents elected were:- Mr. Emlyn Jones, Mr. H. Larcombe. Mr. J.C. McKim and Mr. D.J. Moss.

The Deputy Chairman. Mr. George R. Yates, presented the Ivor Montagu Award to Tony Ross in recognition of his innovative contributions and his persistent advocacy of progressive ideas. remarking that this was the first time that the award had been made twice to the same person.

The President. Maurice Goldstein, presented the Malcolm Scott Award to Ron Crayden for his varied services over very many years and for the good will he had generated. The presentation was greeted with acclaim and Ron expressed his surprise and gratitude.



Surrey's Ron Crayden. a man **for all** seasons.

TABLE TENNIS AT THE CROSSROADS

by Stan Proffitt

Let's look in depth and try to solve the reason as to why the game is losing popularity. We can all glance over our shoulders and say that X club had so many members and teams; to the day when the special trains were puffing Wembley way from all parts of the country. and if you hadn't a ticket in October for the English Open. there was little or no chance of getting one.

Many reasons unconnected with the game which one may point out of course; but with POSITIVE methods a whole host of imaginative ideas may well bring back the thrills and therefore the crowds. to place table tennis firmly on its feet.

A new, perhaps younger element. with energy and fresh outlook at the top. The accent on marketing rather than accountancy predominant. and to waive a whole lot of bureaucracy from the Rules Committee. Certainly it occurs in progressive business; and big time Table Tennis is certainly that.

There is nothing wrong by introducing intelligent players who have sampled the loneliness of the "middle", to be groomed for management or administrative positions. Something must be done thereabouts.

Those long-standing members of the I.T.T.F. have been clinging on to their positions and have now exhausted all their thoughts, which in the main are negative. Take for instance the new ruling for the next world championships. Apparently the doubles events are going to be best of three instead of five.

This will save money in that the tournament will be one day less. Nothing wrong with this. In fact I applaud it. But it is **putting** the cart before the horse and only dealing with the symptom and not the cure. Negative - do you agree?

The West Germans made an abortive attempt to rejuvenate the game by large individual sponsorships and brought many world class stars into their leagues. At the outset it caused a sensation. Gradually, however, this noble attempt failed. In fact the Federal German national team has since been relegated to Category 2.

Leastways they are to be commended for making a noble effort. Thus. if the big boys came a cropper you are entitled to believe nothing can succeed. But it can if only **the STANDARDISATION OF THE RUBBER ON THE BAT IS UNIVERSALLY ADOPTED.** Not a deal of crowd-pulling progress will be made without it.

It is nonsense to Mister Average spectator as to why simple shots go every which way. How are they to know or understand not only the sur-

face on either side of the bat is of different rubber with. in some cases, glues adhering the rubber making for further complications?

No wonder the spectator is mystified, particularly when a game promises much and is then "killed" stone dead by those horrible spin services. The laws. governing the game in other major sports. specify the equipment to be used worldwide; cricket, football, golf, boxing etc.

No such infantile ideal as to let it run wild. Television has taken snooker to its heart in that it is easy to follow, and what a crowd pulling operation it has proved.

Standardising rubber however would straight away put the "cat amongst the pigeons" for the manufacturers who annually strive to get a **large** slice of the cake and would fight tooth and nail to keep it as normally for obvious reasons.

Paradoxically. the ITIF would lose out on this score in that they. in turn, are subsidised by rubber royalties.

Now, **let's** have a look at another part of the equipment. A bee in my bonnet has been buzzing for a number of years for I was convinced in 1937/8 that the height of the net came down too drastically from **6¾"** to 6".

I suggest to reintroduce it slightly higher (could be **6¾"**) which would cut out a number of ugly reaction shots (bent arm etc.). slow down the pace infinitesimally; allowing the respective participants to get into the correct position for their shots and thus bring back skills with elegance and more long and exciting rallies. **That's** what the media expects.

The higher rankers would not necessarily lose their positions. Luck would thereby be eliminated. Definitely much easier to follow for Mister Average spectator and let us hope that once again the modern trains and coachloads would be gliding Wembley way.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The International Table Tennis Club of England is in a position to make a contribution towards expenses of any young player who may otherwise be unable to attend and play in an E.T.T.A. Junior Ranking Tournament. Please apply in the first instance to Hon. Secretary, Laurie Landry. at 3 Osney Way. Chalk, Gravesend, Kent. DA12 2NB.

Where Do We Go From Here? Asks Tom Blunn, Chairman ETIA.



First let me welcome you all to a new season, whether it be the fiftieth, as in my case, or the first as I hope it will be with some of you. Each season brings new problems as well as new adventures. The ETIA seems to divide its time between the two.

First the problems. A document headed "Meeting the Cost" was circulated to all leagues and counties prior to the 1983 AGM and was the subject of a discussion there. The outcome was a recommendation to the National Council to proceed with resolutions to be put before the 1984 AGM to increase the unit cost of affiliation from the commencement of the 1984/85 season. Various alternative suggestions were considered but a straightforward increase in the basic fee was considered to be the simplest way of raising extra income. The need for extra income was fully stated in the document circulated and no doubt will

be re-stated many times between now and the 1984 AGM.

Let me state now that the increase will not be exceptional but will be sufficient only to bring our personal fees into line with Sports Council thinking, and with other related sports. If I can stick my neck out I would say something around (2p) per week per playing member.

The first objective is to survive by replacing the money which is no longer available to us in the same amounts. The next objective is to regain an increase in membership. Mainly due to the recession we have lost over 10% of our membership in the past two years and this alone is costing over £8,000 each season in lost affiliation fees. This has lost us the benefit of the inflation linked rate of fees.

The third objective, of course, is the progress in every direction and some progress will be made this season. You will read elsewhere in this issue of the two new and exciting sponsorship agreements which have recently been negotiated. First there is the "Charles Church Championship" which will be a televised international invitation event at The Wembley Conference Centre on Friday, Nov. 18, 1983. The second is the Beneficial Trust Junior Grand Prix which covers the six main junior events of the season and provides the financial encouragement the juniors need.

Both sponsorships are the result of months of hard work by the backroom staff who are to be applauded for their efforts and their enterprise. Both sponsorships are for an initial period of three years and if successful there is

no reason why they should not continue.

Sponsorships do not necessarily provide instant money for the ETIA. The money received is spent on promoting the events and as in both these cases, paying the prize money to the successful players. The promotion of the events and the attendant publicity can only benefit the game and create an added interest.

The ETIA's plan for the 1990's is proceeding satisfactorily and will form the basis for future grants from the Sports Council - quite a lot depends on the success of the plan.

The Manpower Services **Schema** has met with a setback, as the estimated costs exceed the maximum grants available and an alternative though, less extensive, scheme is now being developed.

It is intended to build on the recent success of our younger players by providing them with as much international competition as possible, within the financial resources available.

The next twelve months are very important and could well see a turn for the better in the fortunes of the ETIA. If not, it will certainly not be for the want of trying.

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LANCASHIRE LIFE

by George Yates

ON REMAND

Both Bolton's Shaun Browne and Stephen Cowley were considered by Lancashire's selection committee when they met to draw up their initial ranking lists.

But as Browne has yet to appear before the county committee for a misdemeanour committed last season, on the occasion of the second Premier Division weekend of the County Championships, and Cowley - recently returned, yet again, from Australia - has no track record as yet, their names have, for the time being, not been included.

Bolton's other leading player, Stephen Scowcroft, retains his third position of last season behind Donald Parker and Steve Turner, both of Preston.

Cowley's wife, Nikki (nee Hamilton), has been included in the women's list which is again headed by Preston's Joy Grundy and Jean Parker.

Top boy in the county is Philip Huggon, also of Preston (this league certainly has the monopoly), but top girl is from elsewhere, namely Andrea Holt of Bury. Andrea also starts out as the No.1 Cadet girl in the country.

Rankings:-

Men

- 1 Donald Parker (Pr)
- 2 **Steve** Turner (Pr)
- 3 Stephen Scowcroft (Bo)
- 4 Philip Huggon (Pr)
- 5 Keith Williams (U)
- 6 Steve Bevan (Fl)
- 7 Paul Rainford (Pr)
- 8 Peter Flint (Wa)
- 9 Philip Aspinall (01)
- 10 Paul Hutchings (U)

Women

- 1 Joy Grundy (Pr)
- 2 Jean Parker (Pr)
- 3 Amanda Goodwin (01)
- 4 Nikki Cowley (Bo)
- 5 Paula French (U)
- 6 Caroline Hemming (Wa)
- 7 Andrea Holt (Bu)
- 8 Carolyn Scowcroft (Bo)
- 9 Susan Hughes (U)

Boys

- 1 Philip Huggon
- 2 Colin Hogarth (Fl)

- 3 Howard Leigh (Bu)
- 4 Sean Gibson (Pr)
- 5 Philip Crankshaw (Fl)
- 6 Lee Browne (Ro)
- 8 Les Molyneux (U)
- 9 Nigel Greenwood (Bu)
- 10 David Carse (Bu)

Girls

- 1 Andrea Holt
- 2 Lindsay McEwen (Bu)
- 3 Lynn Harnden (So)
- 4 Kristina Cox (U)
- 5 Nicola McGrath (Pr)

Key: Bo = Bolton, Bu = Bury, Fl = Fleetwood, Li = Liverpool, 01 = Oldham, Pr = Preston, Ro = Rochdale, So = Southport, Wa = Warrington.

Do not forget the International match at Bury's Castle Leisure Centre on Thursday, Oct 13 (7 p.m.) between England and Sweden - this following their meeting in the European League match at the Crowtree Leisure Centre, Sunderland on the previous evening. Tickets for the Bury venture can be had from Mr. Stan Leigh of Heywood Sports at 83 Manchester St., Heywood, Lanes. Price £2 (adults) £1.50 (children). Please include a s.a.e. with orders.

TYNESIDE SUMMER LEAGUE CLOSED TOURNAMENT'

by Pauline Long

THIRTEEN EVENTS

The Tyneside Summer League's Annual Closed Tournament was played at Scotswood Sports Centre, Newcastle, on July 23, and although only 59 competitors took part as against over 70 the previous season, the standard of play was very good. Thirteen events were staged on eight tables, and because of the small entry, all were played in group form, making a total of 224 matches, and ensuring that everyone had a reasonable number of games.

The men's singles was won by Peter McQueen, who comfortably defeated Durham's Tony Gelder in the final, and McQueen also took the men's doubles title, when in partnership with Cliff Olsson, he was successful against Gelder, and Tom Robson. Caron Buglass easily won the women's singles, her final victim being Pauline Long, who earlier scored a surprise 16, 12 victory over Durham's Shirley Gelder. Another notable performance was Karen Wilkinson's 18 in the third

victory over Christine Burke, but she fell to Pauline in the semi-final only by 18, 19 - an excellent effort for someone not yet in the women's ranking list. Meanwhile, Caron forged ahead to her second title of the day - the women's doubles in partnership with Christine Burke. Losing finalists were Durham's Lyn Spensley and Joan Suddick.

Neil McMaster won his last tournament as a junior with a final victory over Eddie Smith, who at least gained partial consolation by winning the junior doubles in partnership with Peter Curry. The day really, however, belonged to the vastly improved left-hander Keith Patterson, who reached the quarter-finals of the men's singles, the semi-finals of both, the men's doubles and junior singles, and the final of the junior doubles. In fact, with only seven matches remaining, he held the key to the order of play. This performance, together with that of Smith and Curry, should at least partly compensate for the loss of the McMaster's services to the County junior side in the coming season.

RESULTS

Men's Singles:

PETER McQUEEN bt Tony Gelder 16, 10.

Women's Singles:

CARON BUGGLASS bt Pauline Long 8,19.

Men's Doubles

McQUEEN/CLIFF OLSSON bt Tony Gelder/Tom Robson -16,16,16.

Women's Doubles:

BU.GLASS/CHRISTINE BURKE bt Lyn Spensley/Joan Suddick 10, 17.

Junior Singles:

NEIL McMASTER bt Eddie Smith 16, 16.

Junior Doubles:

SMITH/PETER CURRY bt Keith Patterson/Steven Waugh 15, 13.

Cadet Singles:

DAVID WATSON bt Michael Roughley 15, 17.

Cadet Doubles:

JOHN MORTON/PAUL SWIFT bt Roughley/Gordon McKeown 20, -14, 11.

U-11 Singles:

STEVEN RIGGINS bt Malcolm Dunn 10, 7.

Diy. 1 Singles:

MICHAEL BANNON bt Bill Thompson 14, 16.

Diy. 2 Singles:

PAUL BULLARS bt Bill Hodgkins 11, 14.

Diy. 3 Singles:

KAREN WILKINSON bt Swift -18, 16, 18.

Diy. 4 Singles:

IAN PHIPPS bt Mike Dunn 17,21.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Easy Passages

by Keith Ponting

Both the Heathcote club and Thorn EMI Ellenborough, both of the North Middlesex League, had matters very much their own way in winning, respectively, the Ormesby and Gainsford Cups.

Dave Wells spearheaded Heathcote to their 5-2 win over Woodfield of Wolverhampton whilst Ellenborough's Sarah Sandley and Angela Mitchell recorded two wins each against 4 T's, Southampton, Helen Williams losing the only set of the match, to Sarah Hammond after the Londoners had taken a decisive 5-0 lead. Scores:-

ORMESBY CUP

Heathcote 5 Woodfield 2

D. Dodd lost to T. Washington -21, 20, -19.

P. Collino bt S. Dunning 15, -13, 18.

D. Wells bt A. Rich 14, 18.

Dodd bt Dunning -21, 7, 11.

Wells bt Washington 13, -20, 14.

Collino lost to Rich -17, 19, -10.

Wells bt Dunning 19, 17.

GAINSFORD CUP

EMI Ellenborough 5 Four T's 1

S. Sandley bt C. Davies 16, 13.

H. Williams bt S. Sinanan 9, 12.

A. Mitchell bt S. Hammond 16, 14.

Sandley bt Sinanan 7, 16.

Mitchell bt Davies 14, 14.

Williams lost to Hammond -21, 10, -19.

For their pains, Thorn EMI Ellenborough have been drawn away to Varbergs BTK of Sweden in the women's section of the Europe Club Cup of Champions. Hassy Perfection Soham, winners of the Halex National League's Premier Division, booked their passage in the counterpart men's section by being drawn away to AO Pera-Tatavla of Greecel Ed.

NATIONAL INTER-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two Titles for Wolves

by Keith Panting

The junior representative teams of the Wolverhampton League achieved fame at the premises of Massey Ferguson Ltd., Coventry on June 5 when their boys won the Carter Cup, beating Plymouth 5-1, and their girls claimed the Bromfield Trophy with a convincing 5-0 win over North Middlesex.

North Middlesex, however, saw off the challenge of Chesterfield to win the senior Wilmott Cup for men whilst Leicester, from being 2-3 down, staged a recovery to win the J.M. Rose Bowl 5-3 against Swindon.

Maurice Goldstein, OBE, the President of the E.T.T.A. presented the awards and also thanked the Coventry and District League for the staging and his Warwickshire colleague, Geoff

Taylor, who undertook the duties of Referee. Scores:-

WILMOTT CUP

North Middlesex 5 Chesterfield 1

C. Wilson bt M. Kinsella 13, 11.

M. Mitchell bt A. Cooke 20, 19.

D. Wells bt M. Billington -19, 9, 10.

Wilson lost to Cooke -12, -13.

Wells bt Kinsella 11, 14.

Mitchell bt Billington 18, 15.

J.M. ROSE BOWL

Leicester 5 Swindon 3

J. Revill lost to T. Watkins 18, -19, -19.

K. Smith bt J. Parker 11, 17.

S. Hunt lost to C. Maisey -12, -13.

Smith bt Watkins 13, 16.

Revill lost to Maisey -10, -10.

Hunt bt Parker 19, 10.

Smith bt Maisey 15, 18.

Hunt bt Watkins 13, 16.

CARTER CUP

Wolverhampton 5 Plymouth 1

R. Hayward bt K. Buddell 12, 8.

A. Dixon bt G. Wilson 12, 17.

M. Jukes bt G. Lambert 16, -18, 20.

Dixon bt Buddell 11, 12.

Hayward lost to Lambert -18, 16, -16

Jukes bt Wilson 19, 21.

BROMFIELD TROPHY

Wolverhampton 5 North Middlesex 0

J. Powis bt A. Boxall 21, 11.

F. Elliot bt L. Souter 15, 9.

A. Hegarty bt L. Goldsmith -11,19,15

Elliot bt Boxall 18, 20.

Powis bt Goldsmith -20, 15, 14.

The "VETERAN" Scene by Mike Watts

Not so many years ago players dreaded the thought of reaching the ripe old age of 40. You were finished - nothing to look forward to and nowhere to go. But suddenly all that has changed. The cry now is for more competition; more recognition and more interest not only at national level but now at World level. During last season the first "Unofficial" World Championships took place in Gothenburg, Sweden, and plans are well advanced for the staging of the next World event in Finland. Over 450 players took part in Gothenburg including an enthusiastic party of 26 players from this country. A total of 2 gold, 2 silver and 5 bronze medals were won by English players and no doubt more players will go to Finland in 1984 and, hopefully, the number of medals won will increase.

So what can we do here in England to increase interest?

Recently a Computer Ranking Scheme was introduced for Seniors and Juniors - what about the veterans? It does not need much imagination to produce a similar scheme for veterans and can easily be handled without the aid of a computer. A suitable and suggested scheme could be:

1. Open Tournaments
Points should be awarded (suggest 2) for wins up to quarter-final position including one point for entering. From quarter final stage, points would be awarded:

Losing Quarter-Finalist	4 points
Losing Semi-Finalist	8 points
Losing Finalist	16 points
Winner	32 points
2. English Closed
Double the points scored for Open Tournaments including entries (2 points)
3. County Championships
For each single game won, points would be awarded:

Premier Division	x 5
Second Division	x 3
Third Division	x 1

What would this produce?

Well, I have taken account of those events included in Table Tennis News last season, together with all the results from County Championships and have produced a ranking list of the top 50 players. For Open Tournaments this takes account of the following events:

North of England 2 Star, Sussex 2 Star, Humberside 3 Star, Midland 3 Star, West Yorkshire 1 Star, Middlesex 3 Star, Pontefract 1 Star, Lancashire 2 Star, English Closed, Essex 3 Star and the Northumberland 2 Star.

Final positions for 1982/83 based on these tournaments together with County Championships was as follows:

(For Open Tournaments only Semi-Finals and Finals have been analysed.

	Pts
1. D. Schofield (Ch)	263
2. M. Sheader (Li)	164
3. P. D'Arcy (Ch)	150
4. B. Adedayo (Mi)	139
5. S. Battrick (E)	90
6. H. Buist (K)	64
7. B. Allinson (Li)	62
8. T. Adams (K)	58
9. E. Griffiths (Ch)	53
10. W. Brookman (Mi)	46
11. B. Edlington (Li)	45
12. A. Sanders (Ng)	45
13. D. Seaholme (He)	41
14. D. Smith (Mi)	40
15. R. Norton (Hu)	38
16. C. Truman (Le)	36
17. R. Bolton (Ng)	35
18. R. Murray (E)	34
19. G. Aldwinckle (Le)	33
20. J. Iliffe (Le)	33
21. J. Holland (E)	32
22. B. Parish (E)	32
23. J. White (K)	32
24. F. Lockwood (E)	30
25. G. Batt-Rawden (Sx)	27
26. B. Belcher (Wo)	27
27. B. Halliday (Bk)	27
28. N. Slifkin (Mi)	27
29. D. Somers (He)	27
30. M. Watts (Sx)	27
31. L. Fountain (E)	26
32. R. Etheridge (K)	25
33. W. Allenson (Bk)	24
34. M. Baker (Av)	24
35. A. Lamprell (He)	24
36. B. Maxted (K)	24
37. A. Rawden (Sx)	24
38. J. Smith (Mi)	24
39. C. Tincknell (Av)	24

40. J. Bromley (K)	21
41. R. Rush (Ha)	21
42. B. Thompson (Wo)	21
43. M. Wood (Wo)	21
44. J. Wooliscroft (Bd)	21
45. A. Albon (Hu)	20
46. A. Lindsay (Mi)	20
47. L. Saywell (Hu)	20
48. A. Davis (Ox)	18
49. N. Deakin (Ch)	18
50. B. Halliday (Bk)	18

If one looks at the strength of Veterans in this country in terms of ranking, the above produces a fairly good list with very few exceptions. Admittedly, the likes of Gordon Chapman (Surrey) and Alan Lindsay (Middlesex) can be seen to be missing from the top twenty although Alan's attendances both at County and Tournament level have diminished somewhat of late and Gordon suffers from the fact that Surrey do not enter a Veterans team. However, apart from anomalies all other Veterans are, I believe, included. So we now have a Ranking List and, whilst the statistics produced may help Tournament Organisers this season with seedings, it must be understood they are completely unofficial.

What else would Veterans like to see?

The most immediate thoughts which have been expressed from a number of sources, is to take the Veterans event out from the Norwich Union English Closed and to arrange a completely separate English Closed Veterans Tournament organised on the lines of the World Veterans, with separate events for the Over 40, Over 50, Over 60 and Over 70 at Singles and Doubles, male and female. This could even act as a qualifying competition for the World Veterans event. A complete package covering one night's hotel accommodation, entry to one event (others charged separately) and a Saturday night dinner (and dance) would ensure an enjoyable weekend solely for Veterans.

All that I have discussed so far involves the competitive programme. What it now needs is a central point to provide the organisation to cover these requirements. How can this be achieved? My suggestion is to form a Veterans

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Association affiliated to the English Table Tennis Association as a Directly Affiliated Club. The E.T.T.A. for some time has been debating the merits of "Elite" membership without coming to any definite conclusions. Here would be a chance for a body to prove that it could work and be able to quantify the benefits of "elite" membership. Without going into too much detail at this time, membership would offer.

1. A membership card which eventually would produce benefits from certain quarters (i.e. special discount prices for goods or entry to E.T.T.A. major events).
2. An elected Committee to run the affairs of the Association albeit the constitution would aim to be as simple as possible.
3. Members would receive a full circulation of Open Tournament forms. That is, those catering for Veterans' events.
4. A copy of Table Tennis News would be included in the membership fee.
5. Space permitting, a regular Veterans' column in Table Tennis News with news, views, results, analysis and ranking lists.
6. The committee would organise periodical ranking tournaments.
7. The probability of a 100 Club.

8. An assembly yearly which could coincide with the Veterans' National Championships and dinner dance.
9. The production of a handbook. As already stated, the constitution should be simple - no frills - such as:
 1. To set up a committee consisting of, say, 3 members: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.
 2. To hold a general assembly annually. Members to be elected? Annually/Biennially.
 3. To promote table tennis amongst the Over 40s.

I envisage membership fees to be set at around £10 to £15 annually. The income would then allow the Association to grow both in terms of finance and members without hindrance.

What do you think?

An expression of interest would be appreciated and in this respect I would be grateful to hear from you. All you have to do is to return the slip at the bottom of this article to me. On receipt of 30 names indicating approval to such a scheme a meeting will be convened somewhere in the Midlands to discuss and, hopefully, initiate the scheme.

Just as a final statistic. Did you know that in 1982/83 Essex Veterans Inter-League had 8 divisions with 6

teams entered in total with a minimum of three players per team, that makes 135 players at Veteran level. In addition, Derek Schofield told me that for the Cheshire County trials for season 1983/84 46 players have been invited. In these two Counties alone there are more than enough members to form two clubs!

To: Mike Watts,
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Having read your article, "The Veteran Scene", I would confirm my interest in the formation of a Veterans Association and would consider joining if and when formed.

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"LENTEC" COMPUTER RANKINGS

by Peter Charters,
Chairman ETTA Selection Committee

For Computer Ranking to become generally accepted, some fundamental changes in peoples attitude towards the concept of ranking are necessary.

The E.T.T.A.'s Computer Ranking List is produced from a number of specified results over a given period, the formula having been previously stated. Once the formula and the programme have been produced then the Ranking Lists will be on a firm mathematical basis. The lists issued are not necessarily an order of merit or ability.

Naturally, the formula is designed to get as close to a merit list as possible but the truth is that there is no such thing in Table Tennis as a Ranking List in order of ability. The more successful players will be higher on the Computer Ranking List than the less successful players but it cannot reflect a player's exact ability.

The most acceptable form of ranking claimed to be an order of ability would be the result of a Round Robin event. Repeat this event on the following day and you would be likely to end up with a different order. Prior to the use of a computer, No. 1 spot was usually the easiest to fill; the degree of difficulty increasing as more names were added. The computer can as accurately separate No. 99 from 100 as it can No. 1 from 2.

The adoption of system for Table Tennis came about because the Selection Committee considered that ranking (unlike selection) should not be a matter of opinion in deciding the merits of one player's standard in comparison with others. Before the introduction of the computer system, the Committee were attempting to take the English Table Tennis fraternity away from the idea that it was possible to produce a list which stated that a player ranked at No. 12 for example, was better than the person at No. 13. Rankings before computerisation were done as factually as humanly possible, the Committee being divided into two panels, Ranking and Selection, in order to emphasise the point. The logical extension of this ranking policy was computerisation. The 'Lentec' Company were prepared to back the venture with the provision of computer services, and the E.T.T.A. were pleased to accept.

The advantages of Computerised Rankings are many. Because the computer can cope with numbers beyond human capability, many more players can be involved without loss of mathematical accuracy. It gives the players a chance to estimate, if not their exact position, an approximate one. It provides a great source of interest for players not near enough to

the top end to come under the Selection Panel eye. It shows general trends of improvement or otherwise. Computer Rankings are not directly affected by human preferences or by any preconceived notions about individual players.

The only opinion involved in Computer Rankings is in the production of the formula. The policy which is used to set up the system is decided by the Ranking Panel, but it followed the established principles that the Selection Committee had worked to when the ranking had been done manually. The system of weightings, bonuses and specified events had been used previously but with the computer came the need to quantify them. There are reasons for this system:- support for the National Championships, 3 Star and Select Tournaments; the belief that to win for your country was your best victory; that the winner of an event in theory was the best player on the day; that the Selection Committee believe that it is unwise for top players in particular to compete too often in one season; that the number of results should not be too few or too many- neither would be satisfactory; this is the type of thinking that resulted in the policy for the Computer Ranking formula.

The introduction of the 'wins only' system this year, after the experimental wins/losses format of the first season, has brought with it the danger that he/she who plays most goes up. Apart from the obvious answer that they

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would still need to win, it does seem that the weighting and bonus factor has by and large overcome the problem. The computer could undoubtedly cope with including every result played for, but apart from the currently insurmountable volume of work in collation, coding, input etc., it would encourage players to compete in every available event - a move which would be opposed by most (if not all) coaches and certainly by the current Selection Panel, who would like to see top end players 'peak' for the 'big' events.

Having adopted a computer system of Ranking, the resultant list must be accepted in full knowledge that fortune can affect ranking positions. Factors outside the players control - "e.g. good or bad draw, luck, illness, availability or otherwise, can play a part. Add to this the feeling of one degree under on the day, weaknesses against certain styles of play (or bats) and it can be seen that a Ranking List of any significant length cannot reflect ability at all accurately. This is where the change of attitude is needed.

The primary need for the Ranking List is as a seeding list. This was the case before the use of the computer and it remains so.

Ranking by opinion has many built-in limitations but if manual Ranking Lists are preferred, then all the inherent weaknesses must be accepted. The computer is impartial and impersonal. When available, it seems to be the better alternative.

The "Lentec" Computer Ranking Scheme 1983/84 THE SYSTEM

The National Selection Committee have agreed that for the coming season the scheme will continue with a wins only system.

CALCULATION OF POINTS

The formula is as follows:-
Expected Win table

Points Difference	Points Gain
0-5	4
6-20	3
21-50	2
51 and over	1
	x weighting

Unexpected Win table

Points Difference	Points Gain
0-5	5
6-10	6
11-20	7
21-50	8
51 and over	10
	x weighting

WEIGHTING

Results in different events will continue to be of differing values. Points won will be multiplied by the weighting for the event. Weighting factors will be as follows:

Senior
All National League (other than Premier & First)
All County Championships (other than Premier)
National Club K.O. Competition
National Team K.O. Competition (x 1)

2 Star Open Tournaments
National League - First Division (x 1.5)

County Championships - Premier Division
European Club Cup and Fair Cities Cup (Men & Women)
National League - Premier Division
International U-21 events (x 2)

3 Star Open, Ranking Trials, Friendly Internationals and International Opens (other) (x 3.5)

English Closed and Commonwealth Championships
International Opens (specified), European League and European Top 12 (x 4)

European/World Championships (x 4.5)

Junior/Cadets
County Championships (other than Premier Division) (x 1)

2 Star Open Tournaments (x 1.5)

County Championships Premier Division (x 2)
Selects, Ranking Trials and friendly Internationals (x 3.5)
English Closed (x 4)
International Opens and European Youth Championships (x 4.5)

Results will be included only in the category under which the event is played, e.g. a Junior player's Senior wins will not count towards his/her Junior Ranking, only the Senior Ranking.

BONUS POINTS

These would be awarded as follows:-
European/World Championships
Winner (60 pts) Runner-up (40 pts)
Losing Semi Finalists (20 pts)
Losing Quarter Finalists (10 pts)
European Top 12
Winner (50 pts) Runner-up (40 pts)
3rd Place (30) 4th Place (20) 5th Place (10)
International Opens
Winner (50 pts) Runner-Up (30 pts)
Losing Semi Finalists (20 pts)
Quarter Finalists (10 pts)
English Closed
Winner (45 pts) Runner-Up (25 pts)
Losing Semi Finalists (15 pts)
Quarter Finalists (8 pts)
3 Star, Selects, Other International Opens
Winner (30 pts) Runner-Up (16 pts)
Losing Semi-Finalists (10 pts)
Losing Quarter Finalists (5 pts)

2 Star Opens
Winner (10 pts)

STARTING FACTORS

Players on the final 1982/83 Ranking lists would be awarded points on the new lists by the following method:
Senior Men: Divide final 1982/83 score of 2
Senior Women: Divide final 1982/83 score by 2
Junior: Divide final 1982/83 score by 2.5
Cadets: Divide final 1982/83 score by 3

RESPONSIBILITY

The National Selection Committee will retain responsibility for all lists issued. Players may be withdrawn from the lists if he or she has not competed for a reasonable period.

Up to a maximum of six ranking lists will be published for each category. Publication dates would be decided by the Ranking Panel as appropriate.

SELECTION/RANKING

Peter Charters, as the newly elected Vice-Chairman, Selection and Coaching, in succession to Ron Crayden, will chair this season's Selection Committee comprising:- Peter Simpson (National Team Trainer/Men's Team Captain), Nicky Jarvis (Women's Team Captain), Donald Parker (Junior Captain) and Peter Hirst (National Coach).

The Ranking Committee will comprise Bryan Merrett (National Coach), Mike Kercher and Peter D'Arcy, again under the chairmanship of Peter Charters with Mike Watts (Assistant General Secretary) being the secretary of both committees.

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PREAN REPLACES DOUGLAS AS No.1

by Robert Oldfield

Yet more controversy surrounded the Lentec computer rankings in June when the final lists of the 1982/83 season were issued showing 16-year-old Carl Preat, from the Isle of Wight, in No. 1 position held previously by Desmond Douglas. The lists heralded the end of a great season for Preat who followed a sensational World Championships in Tokyo with the English Junior Open title at Worthing and sixth position in the Norwich Union Masters in Jamaica and the 555 World Cup in Barbados.

For Douglas, the 27-year-old professional from Birmingham, who had been England's No.1 since 1977, the news was not a surprise. "Carl gained a lot of points at the World Championships by beating players ranked higher than him," he said "whereas I was already ranked at No. 7 in the World and therefore usually played players below me."

"With this sort of system it is always possible for other players to overtake me by playing in a lot of events or by having a few good wins", he said. "While I am beating top international players in the Federal German League, I am getting no points, while someone like Carl could be winning in the Halex National League and receiving a lot of computer points."

But Douglas was not unduly concerned by his apparent demotion. "I am not going to argue about the computer ranking", he said. "But I think there are better ways to determine ranking - perhaps a Top 12 tournament for the English players twice a year. And, as long as in my heart I know I am playing well and am still the best player in England, the rankings do not mean that much to me. I am not going to start the new season with a grudge or anything like that."

"I think, though," continued Douglas, "that Carl will be under a lot of pressure this season. Personally I think the law and regulation changes will make a lot of difference to his game and people must not expect too much of him. I think what has happened to him over the past few months has been fantastic for him but he is still young. He needs another twelve months to gain more experience and to adjust his game."

Opening positions for Season 1983/84 with starting points are:-

MEN			
Player Code	Ranking Pos.	Name and Country	Starting Points
PRE001	1	Carl Preat (IOW)	586
DOU001	2	Desmond Douglas (Wa)	539
HIL001	3	John Hilton (La)	440
SAN001	4	Graham Sandley (Mi)	427
JOH001	5	Douggie Johnson (Wa)	388
AND001	6	Skylet Andrew (E)	331
DAY001	7	Paul Day (Ca)	326
JAC001	8	Kenny Jackson (E)	301
WEL002	9	David Wells (Mi)	291
PAR001	10	Donald Parker (La)	287
FLE001	11	Alan Fletcher (Y)	279

BRA001	12	Philip Bradbury (Bu)	276
ROG001	13	Chris Rogers (Le)	262
MIL001	14	Steven Mills (Y)	262
MIT001	15	Mark Mitchell (Mi)	253
WIL001	16	Colin Wilson (Mi)	253
ECK001	17	Nigel Eckersley (Ch)	247
SOU001	18	John Souter (Mi)	238
BAR001	19	David Barr (Bk)	237
CHU001	20	Chu Van Que (Nd)	233
CR1001	21	Max Crimmins (Sy)	232
CO0001	22	Alan Cooke (Dy)	226
TUR001	23	Steven Turner (La)	223
KEN001	24	Ian Kenyon (K)	217
WEL001	25	Andy Wellman (Bk)	213
HOR001	26	Ian Horsham (E)	210
JER001	27	Richard Jermyn (He)	199
KIT001	28	John Kitchener (Sk)	192
BEA001	29	Kevin Beadsley (Y)	171
GLE001	30	Billy Gleave (Ch)	167
TAN001	31	David Tan (Mi)	166
TAY002	32	Lindsay Taylor (Cv)	155
MAS002	33	Nicky Mason (Sy)	154
TAY001	34	Peter Taylor (He)	152
JOH002	35	Barry Johnson (Wa)	151
OO0001	36	David Dodd (K)	148
SAT001	37	Kevin Satchell (Wi)	146
NEW001	38	David Newman (E)	139
BEL001	39	Andrew Bellingham (St)	126
SC0001	40	Stephen Scowcroft (La)	125
OAK001	41	Mark Oakley (Sy)	122
MO0001	42	Adrian Moore (Sx)	121
SAN002	43	Tony Sanderson (Y)	120
JEN002	44	Joey Kennedy (K)	116
HAY001	45	Barry Hayward (Wa)	116
MCQ001	46	Peter McQueen (Nd)	115
REE001	47	David Reeves (Bk)	110
CLA001	48	Tony Clayton (Do)	110
RIC002	49	Keith Richardson (Ca)	104
FRA001	50	Malcolm Francis (Sx)	103
MO0002	51	Steven Moore (Sx)	102
PAX001	52	Keith Paxton (Du)	100
CRE001	53	Andy Creed (Av)	97
PAY001	54	John Payne (Mi)	90
HAR001	55	Mick Harper (Ca)	88
RAN001	56	Paul Randall (Le)	86
MOR002	57	Carl Morgan (Wa)	86
FUL001	58	Iain Fullerton (Bk)	82
BR0001	59	Shaun Browne (La)	77
JOH003	60	Brian Johns (Ch)	77
HOL001	61	Steven Holloway (Sy)	75
MUN001	62	Derek Munt (Wa)	75
RAI001	63	Paul Rainford (La)	73
RIC001	64	Andy Rich (St)	71
ROB001	65	Ian Robertson (Nd)	71
ADE001	66	Babs Adedayo (Mi)	70
SMI001	67	Martyn Smith (Av)	69
WAT001	68	Robert Watson (Ng)	67
CHA001	69	Desmond Charley (E)	65
BAK001	70	Glen Baker (Sy)	57
BUR001	71	John Burleton (K)	56
LAM001	72	Gary Lambert (Dv)	52
BR0002	73	Michael Browne (Wa)	50
BOW001	74	Phil Bowen (La)	48
COL001	75	Percy Collino (Mi)	47
BOA001	76	Tony Boasman (Ch)	46
CUN001	77	Andrew Cunningham (K)	45
PEN001	78	Tony Penny (E)	45
PRO001	79	Johnathon Proffitt (He)	44
HAN001	80	Mark Hankey (Ch)	44
HEA001	81	Simon Heaps (Do)	44
GUN003	82	Phillip Gunn (Wa)	44
NAM002	83	Paul Namdjou (K)	44
WIL002	84	Keith Williams (La)	43
EAD001	85	Les Eadie (E)	41
SMI002	86	Phillip Smith (Sx)	40
HAM001	87	Michael Hammond (Sy)	40
SHA001	88	Steven Sharpe (Y)	40
WHI001	89	Paul Whiting (Dv)	39
GRE002	90	Kevin Green (Cv)	39
JAC002	91	Paul Jackson (Av)	38
SYE001	92	Andrew Syed (Bk)	38
SPE001	93	Gareth Spencer (K)	38
GRE001	94	Malcolm Green (Sp)	36
WER001	95	Mark Werner (Do)	34
ISA001	96	Tony Isaac (St)	34
HAL002	97	Greg Hallam (St)	33
OO0002	98	Andrew Dodd (K)	33
SCH001	99	Derek Schofield (Ch)	33
BER002	100	Lester Bertie (Wa)	32

WOMEN			
Player Code	Ranking Pos.	Name and County	Starting Points
WIT001	1	Karen Witt (Bk)	361
BEL001	2	Lisa Bellinger (Bd)	322
GRU001	3	Joy Grundy (La)	179
BEL002	4	Jackie Bellinger (Bd)	152
SAI001	5	Mandy Sainsbury (Bk)	143
GOR001	6	Alison Gordon (Bk)	140
COLO01	7	Sue Collier (Bk)	113
PAR001	8	Jean Parker (La)	111
MO0001	9	Carole Moore (Cv)	105
STE001	10	Anita Stevenson (Le)	101
SAN001	11	Sarah Sandley (Mi)	91
MIT001	12	Angela Mitchell (Mi)	88
HUN001	13	Suzanne Hunt (Li)	82
REE001	14	Mandy Reeves (Mi)	77
SMI001	15	Karen Smith (Le)	74
HAR001	16	Jill Harris (St)	72
HIL001	17	Melody Hill (Y)	58
WIL001	18	Helen Williams (Mi)	57

GR0001	19	Karen Groves (Wa)	43
BOL001	20	Helen Bardwell (He)	41
COL002	21	Jenny Collins (Bk)	29
BUT001	22	Carol Butler (Dv)	29
HAM001	23	Michelle Hams (Sy)	26
MAI001	24	Claire Maisey (Wi)	25
PEA002	25	Christine Peacock (La)	24
SHI001	26	Helen Shields (Y)	24
SAY001	27	Elaine Sayer (E)	22
SHA001	28	Joanne Shaw (Y)	21
GOLD01	29	Laura Goldsmith (Mi)	21
MCL001	30	Julie McLean (Y)	20
REV001	31	Julie Revill (Le)	18
BUT002	32	Charyl Buttery (Li)	17
SHA002	33	Gillian Sharpe (Li)	17
PAR002	34	Janet Parker (Wi)	17
PEA001	35	Sandra Peakman (Wa)	16
CON001	36	Kathy Conlon (Ha)	16
BAR002	37	Jane Barella (Sy)	16
TSA001	38	Nina Tsakarisianos (Gs)	16
DEN001	39	Mary Denbow (Ox)	16
BR0001	40	Lesley Broomhead (Y)	13
RAD001	41	Susan Radley (Li)	13
RUS001	42	Rebecca Russe (Av)	13
BOX001	43	Alison Boxall (He)	11
HAL001	44	Yvonne Hall (Le)	11
MO0002	45	Teresa Moore (Sx)	11

BOYS			
Player Code	Ranking Pos.	Name and County	Starting Points
PRE001	1	Carl Preat (IOW)	510
SYE001	2	Andrew Syed (Bk)	182
HUG001	3	Philip Huggon (La)	166
CUN001	4	Andrew Cunningham (K)	155
GLE001	5	Billy Gleave (Ch)	141
RAN001	6	Mark Randle (Wa)	126
ROO001	7	David Rook (Y)	124
MCV001	8	Darren McVitie (Du)	124
HAY001	9	Richard Hayward (St)	120
BAR001	10	Chris Bartram (K)	119
TH0001	11	Michael Thomas (Wa)	119
OO0001	12	Andrew Dodd (K)	117
LOG001	13	Philip Logsdon (Nk)	112
FIR001	14	Martin Firth (Y)	110
BLA001	15	David Blackburne (Du)	107
SYE002	16	Matthew Syed (Bk)	102
TH0002	17	Rodney Thomas (Do)	102
JUK001	18	Murray Jukes (Wo)	100
DIX001	19	Adrian Dixon (St)	82
STO001	20	Jimmy Stokes (Bk)	70
TIL001	21	Richard Tilford (Ng)	69
WAT001	22	Anthony Wattis (Cv)	68
HOL001	23	Peter Holliday (Ca)	64
AM0001	24	Paul Amos (K)	62
CRAD01	25	Stuart Craggs (Cv)	61
DAR001	26	Richard Darnell (E)	60
BRA001	27	Johnathon Bradbury (Bu)	51
GO0001	28	David Goode (Mi)	45
GRA001	29	Clifford Grant (Wa)	44
CAR001	30	Kevin Cartwright (St)	41

GIRLS			
Player Code	Ranking Pos.	Name and County	Starting Points
BEL001	1	Lisa Bellinger (Ed)	438
COL001	2	Sue Collier (Bk)	338
POW001	3	Jill Powis (St)	157
SHA001	4	Joanne Shaw (Y)	120
MO0001	5	Teresa Moore (Sx)	111
SOQ001	6	Debbie Soothill (Cu)	99
HEG001	7	Amanda Hegarty (St)	98
TOT001	8	To Thuy Dung (Dy)	96
HOU001	9	Juliet Houghton (K)	95
MOU001	10	Claire Mouzon (Nd)	95
HAM001	11	Sarah Hammond (Ha)	95
GOL001	12	Laura Goldsmith (Mi)	85
BOX001	13	Alison Boxall (He)	81
DAV001	14	Louise Davis (Wo)	78
POPO01	15	Lesley Popkiewicz (Sy)	74
SAN001	16	Angela Sanders (St)	59
HAY001	17	Lisa Hayden (E)	52
KNI001	18	Rachel Knight (Mi)	44
SIM001	19	Debbie Simmons (Sy)	35
ROB001	20	Lisa Robins (Bd)	34
SOU001	21	Lesley Souter (Mi)	34
BAR001	22	Alison Barker (Sp)	27
MIL001	23	Jane Mills (Sy)	27
OLE001	24	Sarah O'Leary (Dv)	25
WES001	25	Sally Weston (Sx)	24
EVA001	26	Alison Evans (Y)	22
BLA001	27	Gail Blanche (Mi)	22
BAL001	28	Julie Ballard (Sp)	22
BUT001	29	Susan Butler (Dv)	21
CLE001	30	Alison Clemens (Co)	18

CADET BOYS			
Player Code	Ranking Pos.	Name and County	Starting Points
SYE001	1	Matthew Syed (Bk)	177
BIL001	2	Bradley Billington (Dy)	86
RUT001	3	Michael Rutherford (K)	81
GIB001	4	Sean Gibson (La)	65
ODR001	5	Michael O'Driscoll (Y)	62
HOL001	6	Damian Holland (E)	56
BOL001	7	Adrian Bolton (Ng)	29
WAT001	8	David Watson (Nd)	25
HOU001	9	Andrew Houghton (K)	20
JOS001	10	Leon Jose (Co)	19
OLD001	11	Chris Oldfield (Y)	19
PIC001	12	Neil Pickard (Nk)	14

SME002	13	David Smedley (Dy)	13
SZE001	14	Philip Szekeres (Mi)	13
FULO01	15	David Fullon (K)	11
LAWOO1	16	James Lawson (V)	11
EDE001	17	Andrew Eden (La)	10

CADET GIRLS

Player Code	Ranking Pos.	Name and County	Starting Points
HOL001	1	Andrea Holl (La)	130
POT001	2	Claire Polls (Ch)	113
CAR001	3	Melanie Carey (So)	83
ROBO01	4	Lisa Robins (Bd)	82
SHU001	5	Amanda Shuffelbolham (Ox)	58
LOW001	6	Helen Lower (Sl)	41
BILO01	7	Julie Billington (Dy)	38
WICO01	8	Dawn Wickslead (Sp)	37
HAL001	9	Kerry Hall (Oy)	32
HOL002	10	Tanya Holland (IE)	28
KAV001	11	Jazel Kavanagh (V)	22
COO001	12	Joanne Cooke (E)	16
PAW001	13	Tracy Scoll-Pawson (Do)	16
WO0001	14	Andrea Wood (Dy)	15
GEO001	15	Sarah George (E)	11
HAR001	16	Sharon Harvey (V)	9



ITTF. ETTU and ETTA senior officials Colin Clemmett and Albert Shipley sleep off the Tokyo night-life with a nap over the North Pole. (where I took the photo.)

By courtesy of John Woodford.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Ken and Mary Mitchell have forsaken the Isle of Man and moved to 2 Vale Cottages, Wyck Hill, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucs. (Phone: 0451 31000.) Ken was the former secretary of the Bolton Table Tennis League of which he is a life-member.

E.G. WHITE

On Sept 12 George White, Vice-Chairman (Administration), vacated 142 Pampisford Road, Purley, Surrey and is now in temporary residence at Yew Tree Cottage, Chazey Heath, Reading RG4 7UF., prior to moving into a new house in Newbury, Berks in about two months time.

TRANSATLANTIC

Brian Webster, the voluble Scot who came into prominence at the Commonwealth Championships in Edinburgh, has taken himself off to America for a year. Desirous of receiving correspondence whilst away his address is:- c/o Marvin A. Van Vlymen. 6742 Menden Hall Road. Indianapolis 46241. U.S.A.

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News from the.....

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

by David Lomas



Arrangements are well advanced for the organisation of the Association's eighteenth annual National School Team championships, now sponsored by the Dunlop Sports Company (see separate story).

County Schools' Associations will be staging their county qualifying events this term because entries must be in by Dec. 17 at the latest. Then come the twelve area finals (Sat/Sun Jan 28/29, 1984). Winners go forward to one of three Regional Finals at Leeds, Stroud and Orpington (Sunday, Feb. 26) and thence the National Finals at Lea Green, Matlock, Derbyshire on Saturday, March 24.

The Dunlop ESTIA Individual Championships are due to take place at Mansfield Leisure Centre on Saturday, May 5, 1984. There are no area or regional stages in these Championships: counties must nominate their entrants by no later than March 23, 1984.

Full details concerning the Association's competitions and other useful information can be found in the new edition of the Official Handbook which is now available for 60p (including postage) from the ESTIA General Secretary, L. C. Henry, 158 Ashover Road! Old Tupton Chesterfield, Derbyshire S42 6HG.

If you are interested in entering any of the ESTIA competitions you are advised to contact your local schools' association or write (s.a.e. please) to the ESTIA Competitions Secretary, E. J. Mitchell, 6 Quinton Close, Matchborough West, Redditch, Worcs. B98 2EL



Gary Lambert receives the Stiga Team Trophy from Mr. Ken Young, Managing Director of Rodan (UK) Ltd on behalf of the England 'A' teams at the Stiga Schools International Championships at Gloucester.

DUNLOP TO SPONSOR ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The English Schools' Table Tennis Association will benefit by over £20,000 through a sponsorship agreement with Dunlop Sports Company.

Dunlop have agreed to sponsor the ESTIA national school team championships at area, regional and national levels and the individual championships for the next three years. In addition to making a substantial cash contribution, they will also provide tables, nets, balls and posts for these events.

Commenting on the new agreement, Mr. John Arnold, Chairman of ESTIA, said: "I am delighted that Dunlop, as

leading British manufacturers of table tennis equipment, have decided to support the ESTIA. This generous sponsorship will give our organisation greater strength, and will help us to improve further the standard of table tennis in English schools. This will, in turn, have a beneficial effect on the game as a whole."

Earlier this year Dunlop announced their sponsorship of table tennis at senior level through a four year £80,000 agreement with the English Table Tennis Association, and the funding, with the Sports Council, of five specialist centres in Yorkshire and Humberside.



John Arnold (centre) chairman of the ESTIA, signs the **agreement** watched by Dunlop commercial director Geoff Mortimer (left) and table **tennis** manager Alan Hydes.



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Stiga Schools International Championships

The ninth annual Stiga Schools International Championships which took place at Gloucester Leisure Centre on July 1/2/3 were once again dominated by English schools players.

All the six teams and individual events were won by players from England. Over 150 players from England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland and Norway were involved and seventeen Stiga tables were in use.

The team events involved players of four (selected from a squad of five) playing eight best-of-three singles sets plus two doubles. England 'A' won all six events ranging from Cadet to Senior (U19) for boys and girls.

The overall team results were:

1. England 'A'
2. England 'B'
3. Ireland
4. Scotland

The Stiga team trophy was presented by Mr. Ken Young of Stiga distributors Rodan (UK) Ltd and was received on behalf of the England 'A' teams by Gary Lambert (Exmouth Comprehensive School).

The individual events saw Berkshire players do particularly well. Andrew and Matthew Syed won the intermediate and Cadet titles respectively whilst Sue Collier retained her intermediate girls title. New names on the trophies are Michael Hammond (Surrey Metropolitan), Christine Peacock (Lancashire) and Debbie Soothill (Cumbria). Big surprise in the senior girls event was the defeat of Jean Parker by Lesley Broomhead who then lost to Christine Peacock in the semi-final.

Mention must be made of the sterling work put in on the press and publicity side of the championships by Gloucestershire press officer, Alf Pepperd, and freelance sportswriter, Ed Martin. Ed made three live radio broadcasts on the Saturday on the local "Severn Sound" station.

The championships were organised on behalf of the ESTTA by Competitions Secretary, Eddie Mitchell, who was supported by quite an army of volunteer helpers.

RESULTS:

Senior Boys

Michael Hammond (Surrey Met.) bt

Gary Lambert (Devon) -12, 13, 12

Third: Mark Oakley (Surrey County) & David Dodd (Inner London)

Girls:

Christine Peacock (Lancs.) bt

Fiona Elliot (West Midlands) -18, 14, 10

Third: Lesley Broomhead (South Yorkshire) and Helen Bardwell (Hertfordshire).

Intermediate Boys:

Andrew Syed (Berkshire) bt

Rodney Thomas (Dorset) 18, 15

Third: Richard Hayward (West Midlands) and Nigel Tyler (Wales)

Girls:

Susan Collier (Berkshire) bt

Amanda Hegarty (West Midlands) 17,-17,25.

Third: Sarah Hammond (Hampshire) and To Thuy Dung (Derbyshire).

Cadet Boys:

Matthew Syed (Berkshire) bt

John Ellis (Wales) 17, 18

Third: Adrian Dixon (West Midlands) and Henrik Hognestad (Norway)

Girls:

Debbie Soothill (Cumbria) bt

Lesley Souter (Middx.) 15, 21.

Third: Lisa Hayden (Essex County) and Claire Potts (Cheshire).



Senior Boys; England 'A'. Left to right: Mark Oakley, Gary Lambert, Michael Hammond, John Reed (NPC), David Dodd, Mark Werner.



Senior Girls: England 'A'. Left to right: Fiona Elliot, Helen Bardwell, Sylvia Broadbent (NPC), Lesley Broomhead, Christine Peacock, Jean Parker.



Intermediate Girls (Indiv. Event). Left to right: Sarah Hammond (3rd), Amanda Hegarty (2nd), Susan Collier (1st), To Thuy Dung (3rd).



Congratulations and best wishes to ESTTA Competitions Secretary, Edward J. Mitchell, who married Miss Jane Newsome at Bradford Registry Office on August 20th.

Left to right: Mr. Joan Arnold (ESTTA Chairman) (guest), Edward J. Mitchell, David Lomas (Best Man).

Photos by John O'Sullivan

ITTF RULE CHANGES 1983

By Colin J. Clemett, Vice-Chairman (Competitions)
& Chairman ITTF Rules Committee.

This year's ITTF Biennial General Meeting was notable for the number of rule change proposals on the Agenda. Several of them were concerned with constitutional matters, such as the recognition of the ITTF's new responsibilities resulting from Olympic recognition, but in this article I should like to consider only those changes which directly affect play.

First, I think it will be helpful to give a brief explanation of terms. In the ITTF the word "rules" is used as a collective term for the Constitution, the Laws and Regulations of various types. Of these, the Laws are the fundamental principles which govern play at all levels and which provide the basis for international uniformity. They are normally adopted by all Associations for all types of events, although exceptionally an Association may introduce variations for events in which only its own players take part. For recognised international competitions, such as open tournaments and international matches, there are additional regulations known as the Regulations for International Competitions. They apply to all such competitions except where the Associations concerned or, in an open tournament, all the players taking part, agree in advance to allow some modification. In an open tournament, any such modification must be made clear in the entry form so that anyone entering knows and accepts the change that will apply for that competition. Finally, there are special regulations that apply to the top grade events, such as World, Continental and Open International Championships. In the ITTF Handbook, the Laws are contained in Chapter 3. Chapter 4 consists of the Regulations for International Competitions and it includes a few which apply only to the top grade competitions, where these are only slight variations of the more general regulations. The regulations which apply only to World Championships are in Chapter 5, which deals also with the procedures for the organisation of that competition.

The main group of changes was intended to place some limitation on the advantage that can be gained by the use of a combination racket, particularly in service. The most widely publicised of these is the so-called "two-colour" requirement, under which the two surfaces of the racket blade must be of clearly different colours, whether or not the two surfaces are of the same type and whether or not both sides of the blade are used for striking the ball. This principle was adopted as a Regulation for World, Continental and Open International Championships, although it is possible that

individual Associations may decide to apply it to other competitions within their own jurisdiction which are limited to their own players. Unlike all the other changes, which come into effect on the first day of the next playing season (1st July in the northern hemisphere), the introduction of this change was delayed until 1st January 1984 to allow manufacturers and distributors to adjust the stock levels of existing single-colour rackets.

Three changes were made to help a player determine the type of surface with which his opponent strikes the ball. Firstly, a player is now required to tell his opponent and the umpire each time he intends to change his racket during play, even if he is simply reverting to a racket which he has already used in that match, and to allow them to examine the replacement racket if they wish to do so. Under the previous rule he was obliged to offer for examination any racket he intended to use during a match before he used it, but he could do this by showing several rackets at the start of a match and then changing from one to another during the match without any further notification. Secondly, the racket must be above the level of the playing surface from the last moment at which the ball is stationary on the server's free hand until the ball is struck in service, so that it will no longer be possible to "twiddle" the racket while it is hidden below table level until just before the ball is struck. Thirdly, to combat the type of service perfected by some players in which the ball is struck in service while it is hidden by the server's body, it is now a requirement that the ball, when struck, must be no farther from the net than the rearmost part of the server's body, other than his arm, head or leg. Finally, a player (and, in doubles, his partner) must not stamp his foot during service, an action which has been used to disguise the sound of the racket on the ball and thus to prevent an opponent from judging the nature of the striking surface. All of these four requirements have been incorporated in the Laws, so that a failure to observe any of them results automatically in the loss of a point.

The only other changes to Laws are that it is now forbidden to strike the ball with a part of the racket blade which is not covered with one of the specified covering materials, pimples rubber or sandwich rubber, and that a match can no longer consist of a single game. The changes to International Regulations are mostly of interest to referees or organisers rather than to umpires, but there are a few which directly affect the conduct of play. The

function of end line judge was abolished, so that there will be not more than two judges in the playing area, the umpire and the assistant umpire (except, possibly, in World Championships where a separate stroke counter is appointed when the expedite rule is in operation). If a player breaks his racket during play he is now allowed a brief period of practice with the replacement racket, although he is still required to have the replacement in or near the playing area so that there is no unnecessary interruption of the continuity of play. It should be noted that this provision for brief practice does not apply when the racket is changed voluntarily.

The restrictions on clothing were slightly relaxed to allow a more generous use of contrasting colours, such as in panels along the side seams of a shirt or shorts, and in club matches it is now permissible to use the name of a club on the back of a shirt. Of more significance was the introduction of a new principle, the authorisation by the ITTF of clothing designs. In future a manufacturer may, at his discretion, submit to the ITTF details of any proposed design, in the form of colour photographs showing front and side views of the garment being worn. If the garment is considered by the ITTF to comply with the spirit and intention of the regulations the manufacturer will be authorised to incorporate the ITTF logo to show that the design has been officially authorised. Thereafter, such a garment may not be ruled illegal by a match official although any question of the legality of an unauthorised design and any other question of the acceptability of playing clothing will, as before, remain the responsibility of the referee. The object of this optional authorisation procedure is to encourage greater consistency of interpretation of the clothing regulations and to allow some measure of experimentation in design without abandoning all attempt at control.

There were several detail changes to the seeding regulations. The maximum numbers of seeded places in knock-out competitions are now specified for various numbers of entries, in addition to the minimum numbers already defined. It is now permissible for seeded players to be given byes in the first round of a knock-out event at the discretion of the organisers, rather than simply as a consequence of the number of entries and the number of available places. This means, for example, that with 62 entries and a first round of 64 places the organisers could decide to give each of eight seeds a bye in the first round and to hold a qualifying competition for some of the first round places. In World, Continental and Open International Championships all doubles matches will be decided by the best of three games and the same will apply to the singles qualifying matches in World Championships, although in all three

types of competition the matches in the singles events proper will continue to be decided by the best of five games. Team events held at Open International Championships, which were formerly regarded as invitation events, are now recognised as international matches and the system of play has been specified, based on the Swaythling Cup and the Corbillion Cup procedure. It is, perhaps, worth mentioning here a change which **was** actually made by the Council at its meeting in 1982 but which will appear in the Handbook for the first time in 1983. The practice period at the start of a match was standardised at two minutes, whether or not the players concerned had already played on the table, whereas previously the period could in some circumstances be limited to one minute.

The application of some of the new Laws, particularly those concerning service, will undoubtedly present fresh problems, both to players and to officials. It will be very interesting to see, over the coming season, how well people adapt to the changes and how effective the changes are in achieving their objectives.

This article first appeared in the Table Tennis Report the monthly magazine published by the TAMASU Co. Ltd of Tokyo, Japan. Ed.

Rule Changes 1983

The rule changes summarised below have been agreed by the ITTF Biennial General Meeting and the new rules will appear in the 1983 Handbook.

All changes except No. 1 (racket surfaces) come into effect on 1st July 1983, and Associations should therefore ensure that their officials and umpires are advised of them as soon as possible.

From 1st January 1984

1. In World, Continental and Open International Championships, the surfaces of the two sides of the **racket**, whether used for striking the ball or not, and whether the two surfaces are the same or not, are to be of clearly different colours, starting on 1st January 1984.

From 1st July 1983

2. It will be illegal to strike the ball with an uncovered side of a racket.
3. If a player wishes to change his racket during play, even if he is reverting to a racket used previously in the match, he must show the replacement to the umpire and his opponent and allow them to examine it.
4. The racket, as well as the free hand, must be above the level of the playing surface during service.
5. When the ball is struck in service it must not be further from the net than is the player's body, other than his arm, head or leg.

6. A player who stamps his foot when serving will lose a point.
7. A match can no longer consist of one game.
8. The requirements of the clothing regulations are to be relaxed slightly and a system of authorisation of designs is to be introduced.
9. The function of end line judge is abolished.
10. A player who replaces a **broken** racket is to be allowed a brief period of practice, although he is required still to have the replacement in the playing area.
11. Upper limits have been set for the numbers of seeds in a knock-out competition.
12. All doubles in World, Continental and Open International Championships will be the best of three games.
13. Team competitions at Open International Championships are to be **recognised** as international matches and a playing system has been specified.
14. Seeded players in knock-out competitions may be allowed byes in the first round, at the discretion of the responsible management committee.
15. Not more than eight players from an Association need be separated in the draw under the rules for seeding by Association nomination.

Tony Brooks
Secretary-General

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

From time to time we receive requests from clubs in Europe to put them in touch with clubs in England with a view to arranging matches both home and away. Whilst these requests often indicate a preference for the London area, we would like to compile a directory of English clubs who would be interested in receiving details of such requests. Please ask any of your clubs that are interested to contact the E.T.T.A. Office.

ADVERTISING

It is interesting to note that Alec Brook, an E.T.T.A Vice-President, has never missed an issue, since he went into business in 1948, to advertise with us whenever a magazine **has** been produced. This more recently as AD.B. (London) Ltd., 49-53 Harrow Road, London W2 1JH. Keep up the good work Alec. Ed.

PLAYERS' REPRESENTATIVE

Warwickshire county player Barry Johnson of 64 Willow Drive, Cheswick Green, Shirley, Solihull, B90 4HW has been elected as the players' representative for the 1983/84 season with the right to attend National Council Meetings of the E.T.T.A

MARRIAGE

ANTHONY SAINSBURY- MANDY SMITH

Top-ranking Newbury table tennis player Mandy Smith was married on Saturday, May 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Shaw-cum-Donnington. Mandy is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Smith whilst Anthony Graham is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sainsbury of Stoney Lane, Thatcham.

The bride was given away by her father and attended by adult bridesmaids Wendy Parker and Nicola House. Child bridesmaids were Lucy Sainsbury, Emily Sainsbury and Katie Sainsbury. Page was Andrew Dawkins and the best man Robert Sainsbury.

A reception was held at Shaw House School after which the couple left for a honeymoon in Austria. Mandy has represented England on many occasions at table tennis, both at junior and senior level. She works as a secretary in a Newbury bank and currently is listed at No.5 in the Lentec computer rankings.

Anthony and Mandy reside at 16 Croft Lane, Speen, Newbury, Berks.



ITS A BOY!

Congratulations to Nicky and Linda Jarvis on the birth of a son, Ben, on August 16 at Middlesbrough Maternity Hospital. Baby Ben weighed in at 7lb 30zs.

THIS MAGAZINE

May we appeal to League Secretaries to help us inform all members of the availability of this publication. This can be done by distributing subscription forms with a circulation to clubs, teams and members. A supply offirms can be obtained from the Hastings office and any persons submitting ten or more annual subscriptions at any one time may deduct 10% from the total remittance,

E. T. T.A. 100 CLUB.

by Doreen Stannard

On the warm evening of Saturday, 9th July, following the A.G.M., members of the Club gathered (when they could find it) in a small wine bar in the back streets of Holborn, We1.

John McDonnell of Norwich Union fame took his position as Club Chairman for the first time and accompanied by his wife, Linda, greeted everyone on arrival with the usual sherry. The food was excellent in a refreshingly unusual venue although, being a wine bar, one illustrious member was disappointed that it turned out to be a pub with no beer.

Our Premium Bonds have been quietly coming up in the low prizes, with the result that there were five £25 prizes available in the draw. Winners were as follows:

£100 - Mrs. A.A. McIlreath

£ 50 - Michael Close

£ 25 - John' Burnett

£ 10 - Dick Roffe

£ 25 each to Tony Ross, Albert Shipley, Phil Norman, Geoff Scruton and Richard Scruton.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

MR. J. KENNEDY of 5 Portbury Close, Clayton Road, Peckham, London SE15, has been suspended from the privileges of membership of the English Table Tennis Association for a period of twelve months, commencing on 23rd September 1983.

This means that he may not take part in any table tennis activities held under the auspices of the E.T.T.A. or of any member association, league or club.

A.W. Shipley
General Secretary

BILL EVANS

It is with regret that we report the news of the death of Bill Evans, formerly of Dunlop Sports Co., a well known figure in table tennis during the 1950s, 60s and 70s, being also a Vice-President of the E.T.T.A.

Bill, who lived at West Moors, Dorset, helped many players with his kindness and advice and, in association with Victor Barna, was responsible for Dunlop's table tennis business for many years.

Indeed, having joined Dunlop at their Waltham Abbey factory in 1928 he completed 50 years service prior to his retirement where he was responsible for supplies and distribution.

Bill, who was 74, leaves a widow, Ivy, two daughters, Margaret and Marilyn and a son, Bill, who is managing director of Dunlop New Zealand.

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VENUES FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Beneficial Trust English Junior Closed

Venue: Hinckley Leisure Centre, Coventry Road, Hinckley, Leics.

Dates: Sat/Sun, Dec 3/4, 1983

Organiser: Mike Holt (Leics.)

Referee: Peter Roden (Essex)

Norwich Union English Open

Venue: Brighton Centre, Kings Brighton, Sussex.

Dates: Thurs/Sat, Jan 26/28, 1984

Organiser: Albert Shipley (ETIA)

Referee: John Wright (Middlesex)

Norwich Union English Closed

Venue: Bletchley Leisure Centre, Princes Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, Bucks.

Dates: Thurs/Sat, March 8/10 1984

Organiser: Mike Holt (Leics.)

Referee: Doug Young (Worcs.)

Beneficial Trust English Junior Open

Venue: Mountbatten Sports Centre, Alexander Park, Portsmouth, Hants.

Dates: Sat/Sun, May 12/13, 1984

Organiser: Harvey Webb (Sussex)

Referee: John Jermyn (Herts)

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European League

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Yugoslavia 5 Czechoslovakia 2

F.R. Germany 4 France 3

Poland 3 England 4

Hungary 0 Sweden 7

Division 1

Netherlands 5 Austria 2

Italy 5 Belgium 2

Finland 4 Denmark 3

Division 2

Luxembourg 3 Norway 4

Wales 6 Guernsey 1

Scotland 0 Turkey 7

Quadrangular (Bolton)

England 7 Ireland 0

Scotland 5 Wales 2

England 7 Wales 0

Scotland 2 Ireland 5

England 5 Scotland 2

Ireland 2 Wales 5

Colgate North of England 2-Star Open (Stretford)

MS: Alan Cooke (Dy) bt K. Beadsley (Y)

WS: Joy Grundy (La) bt K. Smith (Le)

BS: Richard Hayward (St) bt J. Goode (Mi)

GS: Debbie Soothill (Cu) bt J. Shaw (Y)

VS: Derek Schofield (Ch) bt G. Brook (Y)

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

October 1983

8 Sussex 2-Star Open (Hastings)

North Yorkshire U-15 and U-13 (Boroughbridge)

European League: Ireland v Scotland

9 Scottish Team Cup (Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh)

12 European League: England v Sweden (Crowtree Leisure Centre, Sunderland)

13 International Match: England v Sweden (Castle Leisure Centre, Bury, Gtr Manchester)

15 E.T.T.A. National Council Meeting (London)

15/16 Grove Junior 2-Star Open (Market Drayton)

16 Merton 1-Star Open (Bournemouth) East of Scotland 2-Star Open (Edinburgh).

Halex National League (5)

22/23 Humberside 3-Star Open (Hull)

23 Aberdare Open

28/30 Swiss Open (Olten) Norwich Union Grand Prix Event.

29 County Championships (2)

Wiltshire Junior 2-Star Open (Caine)

30 Wiltshire 2-Star Open (Caine)

Midlands 1-Star Open (Dundee)

November 1983

5 West Yorkshire 2-Star (Bradford)

Woodfield Junior 1-Star Open (Wolverhampton)

European League: Switzerland v Scotland.

6 Woodfield 1-Star Open (Wolverhampton)

Halex National League (6)

Meadowbank 2-Star Open (Edinburgh)

9 European League: Hungary v England (Miskolc)

11/13 Hungarian Open (Miskolc) Norwich Union Grand Prix Event.

12/13 Midland 3-Star Open (Walsall) Kent Junior 2-Star (Folkestone)

13 Hastings Tigers 1-Star

GE Williamson's Cameras 2-Star (Glasgow)

18 Charles Church Championship (Wembley Conference Centre)

19/20 Kirklees 2-Star Open (Batley)

26 County Championships (3)

Cadet Ranking Tournament (Cleveland) Cardiff Open

Royal Bank West of Scotland 2-Star Open (Glasgow)

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