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## THUNDERING MAJORITY

At the AGM of the ETTA held in London on July 7, a block vote, which resulted in 11,028 for and 3,198 against, secured the national Association their proposed increase in affiliation fees, now to be levied at £1.50 per team place plus one reserve and to which VAT at 15% must be added, this latter for the benefit of the Government.

Following the rejection of numerous lower value amendments, the vote on the major proposition put by the Association's Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Aubrey Drapkin was duly taken after Mr. **Drapkin** had referred back to the 1983 AGM and the warnings he had given then about the financial danger and the Sports Council's concern over the low contribution from members.

Nothing had changed as the Accounts for 1983/84 illustrated with a surplus of income over expenditure of no more than £25! The estimates for the 1984/85 season showed that costs would rise - postage rates have already done so - due to inflation and with a likely continuation of falling membership then, inevitably, income would fall resulting in a cutback of activities.

Happily this will not now occur but a great degree of responsibility now rests on the shoulders of the national body to progress in diverse ways and give the answer, in 'tangible form, to the oft put question - "What do we get for our money?"

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## 27th EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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JM '84 LINZ AUSTRIA

### ROLL OF HONOUR

|                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Boys' Team                          | Girls' Team          |
| SOVIET UNION                        | HUNGARY              |
| Cadet Boys' Team                    | Cadet Girls' Team    |
| CZECHOSLOVAKIA                      | HUNGARY              |
| Boys' Singles                       | Girls' Singles       |
| ANDREI MAZUNOV                      | ELENA KOVTUN         |
| (Soviet Union)                      | (Soviet Union)       |
| Boys' Doubles                       | Girls' Doubles       |
| ILiJA LUPULESCU and                 | RAISA DIACHENKO and  |
| ZORAN PRIMORAC                      | ELENA KOVTUN         |
| (Yugoslavia)                        | (Soviet Union)       |
| Mixed Doubles                       |                      |
| ILiJA LUPULESCU and VESNA OJSTERSEK |                      |
| (Yugoslavia)                        |                      |
| Cadet Boys' Singles                 | Cadet Girls' Singles |
| JEAN-MICHEL SAIVE                   | OTILIA BADESCU       |
| (Belgium)                           | (Rumania)            |
| Cadet Boys' Doubles                 | Cadet Girls' Doubles |
| MILAN GRMAN and                     | OTILIA BADESCU and   |
| VLADIMIR MIHOCKO                    | KINGA LOHR           |
| (Czechoslovakia)                    | (Rumania)            |



## SAIVE THE SAVIOUR BUT PREAN SO CLOSE

By George R. Yates

It was left to Belgium's Jean-Michel Saive to save the face of Western Europe when, in the final of the cadet boys' singles, he accounted for Milan Grman of Czechoslovakia to pick up the only gold medal of an East European-dominated 27th European Youth Championships played in Linz, Austria over the period July 18-25, 1984.

But it was a close run affair in the boys' singles final involving England's second-seeded Carl Prean against the favourite and No.1 seed, Andrei Mazunov of the Soviet Union, the latter having more than distinguished himself by reaching the semi-final stage of the senior European Championships in Moscow last April.

An "edge" ball which, had it not touched, would have given Prean a 20-18 lead in the third and final game equated the score at 19-all providing the Russian with the initiative to take the next two points for the gold medal with Prean having to content himself with the silver.

This was England's only individual medal although a bronze was achieved in the boys' team event when, after being unbeaten in both the first and second stage matches, defeats came at the hands of the Soviet Union and Sweden when Prean lost his only

two sets to Mazunov and Thomas von Scheele.

Andrew Syed also tasted defeat for the first time in these latter two engagements in losing, first to Mazunov, and then to the Swedes von Scheele and Lars Mattsson. The Russians went on to win the team title with a final 5-2 victory over Yugoslavia with Ose Ilija Lupulescu impressed against Sergei Efimov and Kuschkov but succumbed to Mazunov.

The counterpart girls' event was won by Hungary with a final 3-1 win over the Soviet Union and, for good measure, the Hungarian cadet girls also triumphed in their team event beating Rumania 3-1 in the final. Rumania also played second fiddle in the cadet boys' team final being beaten 3-1 by Czechoslovakia.

### UNKNOWN

A previously unknown replacement Russian girl, Elena Kovtun - staunch defender if I ever saw one - certainly made a name for herself in Linz by taking the gold medal without the loss of a single game. She left in her wake such players as Szonja Pircsak of Hungary, Ivana Masarikova of Czechoslovakia, England's Lisa Bellinger, and her compatriot Raisa Diachenko before dismissing the challenge

of Olga Nemes, the former Rumanian Top 12 winner in Cleveland having since defected to the Federal Republic of Germany.

But back to the boys' singles in which Prean had accounted for Thierry Miller of Switzerland, Lorenzo Nannoni of Italy, Milan Bezdicsek of Czechoslovakia, Frank Gullberg of Sweden and, at the penultimate stage, Lupulescu.

What a scrap this latter encounter proved to be with Prean losing the first game -19 but coming back to take the next two at 15 and, grippingly, 20 in the decider after his captain, Donald Parker, had been dismissed from the ringside for allegedly coaching although, in all honesty, it was shouted words of encouragement wrongly interpreted by an Hungarian umpire, who cannot be blamed for not understanding English.

Andrew Syed had wins over Daniel Wintersdorff of Luxembourg and the top Italian boy, Francesco Manneschi, before bowing the knee to Sandor Varga of Hungary. Jimmy Stokes had a solo success over Walter Bauer of Austria but then went out in three to Cristian Tiugan of Rumania whilst Chris Bartram

# European Youth Championships

predictably fell at the first hurdle when confronted by von Scheele. the Swede with a German name.

Lisa Bellinger was our sole representative in the girls' singles and prior to being dismissed by Kowtun recorded wins over Lydia Lorang of Luxembourg. Patricia Aubry of France and Federal Germany's Annette Greisinger. the latter 18 in the third.

## RIGHTFUL

Having teamed up with Lisa in the girls' team event Andrea Holt thereafter moved into her rightful category amongst the cadets for the individual events. But, in the singles she fared no better than in the team event. losing on her first excursion to the tables to Pia Malmberg of Finland.

Kerry Hall also went out at the first time of asking. to Italy's Doriana Polese. whilst Claire

Potts chalked up a win against Brigitte Wotruba of Austria only to lose in the next round to Sophie Thirion of Belgium - not bad these Belgian cadets!

Matthew Syed had the distinction of reaching the quarter-final stage of the cadet boys' singles losing to Grman. the beaten finalist. but his teammate. Bradley Billington. went down with colours flying beaten. 18 in the third. by Nemeth of Hungary.

Prean and Andrew Syed progressed to the third round of the boys' doubles losing in straight games to the Czechs, Josef Braun and Radovan Cinner whose fellow countrymen. Roland Krmaschek and Bezdicek put paid to the exploits of Bartram and Stokes.

In the girls' doubles Lisa was paired with Pircsak of Hungary and this Anglo/Hungarian com-

bine made the quarter-finals losing to the Czechs Renata Kasalova and Renata Lindnerova 16 and 24.

England had four pairs in the mixed With Carl and Lisa doing best having been in receipt of a first round bye. Subsequently they disposed of a Greek pair. 5 and 6, and then the Czechs. Cinner and Masarikova losing to Nemeth and Gabrielle Bohm.

No stones were upturned by anyone else and a like lack of success attended our efforts in the cadet doubles both boys and girls alike.

## SYMPATHY

One has to extend sympathy to Andrea Holt on being thrust into the junior rather than the cadet team event. this follow-

ing the withdrawal of Sue Collier by the English selectors who neither looked favourably on Joanne Shaw. the third-ranked English girl.

In the event the girls' team fell from being second-placed in Malmo to tenth in Linz but the boys are to be congratulated on improving their position from fifth to fourth.

Cadetwise. the boys fell from fifth to tenth and the girls equated in eleventh position.

There is to be no denying that the Austrians made a splendid showing of this event and if future Youth Championships operating with financial backing from the European Table Tennis Union. and curtailed hospitality is the answer. then so let it be. These Championships will not be allowed to die. Such is the dictate of the E.T.T.U.



John Prean on Linz:

## A TEAM FOR THE FUTURE

team was not as strong as last time. I thought two medals a very good result in the end. a tribute to captains and players alike.

After Topolcany Erica wrote what proved with time a very astute article. The main sweep of the argument was that two captains were insufficient. They were overworked. unable to occupy two places at once as the schedule at times demanded. Mistakes were inevitable. Our major competitors. had more bench-power. videos were trained on their rivals. they were more professional. All that was widely pooh-poohed at the time and seen by some as a personal affront. It was nothing of the sort and today it is accepted and I am assured that something will be done. I want desperately to attribute this to a new spirit in English Table Tennis. It IS right to criticise. The only crime is to do nothing when things are wrong. when the ship is burning.

The captains. Don Parker and Jill Hammersley-Parker. were magnificent and until several players were called into the arena at once. the tlVo did the work of three. Then they did the work of 4 and 5. Without them or with run-of-the-mill lemonade-dispensers we would have won nothin9. Such events are not only playing but learning opportunities. If you never get time to talk to your opposite numbers and the many genuine experts in attendance. you miss an awful lot. English Table Tennis is the loser.

Both cadet teams will still be cadets next time. The boys already look like having a real

medal hope. The girls will have to find a lot more points. but why not? Matthew Syed impressed throughout. He always defended well and often hit well. Only consistent fast loopers troubled him. He had an excellent tournament. For all players in that age group: Doubles play is vital and ours need to be much. much better. If you lose your doubles. you need to win three out of four singles which means you have taken pressure off your opponents and put it on your own shoulders - not the way to win.

Lisa Bellinger. after her tremendous performances in Malmo. had problems. not least whether to defend or attack or do both. sometimes in the same rally. Today the best players seem to play one shot supremely well. The game seems to have reached a stage where both defenders and all-rounders are disappearing from the top tables. I place the main blame on legislators who have grasped neither the main opportunities nor the main problems of the Sport. The third ball basher continues to reign supreme. The artist is being eased out.

Lisa had some good wins and some disappointments. These are hard times for combination bat players. most of whom have been set back 2. 3 perhaps 4 years. perhaps forever. Only in that light can their results of this season and last be understood. I am sure good days will come again for Lisa and others.

Hats off to the Boys for their Bronze in the team event. especially when you remember all those strong teams that never

made it. We had quite a good draw. Switzerland had only Thierry Miller. a full international. likely to give trouble. but a strange Swiss playing order meant that he played only once (against Prean) and the Swiss were bundled off 5-0. The score was the same against the Welsh. The Italians. with their Chinese Coach to inspire them. were a good side and though some sets were desperately close. we won 5-2. That took us into the Top 12 unbeaten. A fair Dutch team was seen off 5-1 and then the 'impossible' was achieved when the Czechs were beaten 5-2. When did we last beat THEM at junior level?

We were now assured of a semi-final place and a Bronze. Our opponents were the eventual winners. Russia. We led 3-1. but lost 5-3. Prean lost 2-1 to Mazunov. He could have won. was 19-18 up in the 1st. then won the second. Chris Bartram unfortunately played his best match against Mazunov whom he sensationally took to three. The same form against one of the other Soviet players might have given us one more and the immaculate Syed the chance to play for the match at 4 all! The Reading boy's play was a revelation. We had our chances and gave the Russians a much harder match than the Yugoslavs who went down 5-2 in a colourless Final.

The third place match by way of contrast was a lack-lustre affair. We lost 5-2 to Sweden (Prean 2) and looked tired and drained. The Swedes brought in two fresh men and von Scheele's

services gave us endless trouble. The Bronze was nevertheless an epic performance with Prean winning 16 out of 18, and Syed 9 in 12. He had played super-stuff surpassing anything he had done at home.

## SAD STORY

The Individual Events are often a sad story as player after player whom one has been supporting and willing to win leaves the arena for the last time.

There seemed no limit to what Andrew Syed could do. Yet again he won another epic against the Italian No. 1 Francesco Manneschi, deuce in the third after one hour and 8 minutes and 'expedite'. Both boys attacked! 10 minutes later 'Syd' was called to the table again and understandably had nothing left. Dreadful scheduling. Jonyer (after Birmingham) may agree.

Prean struggled for form for a long time, but the uncanny ability to muddle through when playing badly remained. The large Italian contingent, joined by the Yugoslavs, really got behind Lorenzo Nannoni and made an awful din. This stirred the Isle of Wight boy to more positive action and another hurdle was cleared. Against Frank Gullberg, the Swedish No.1, he played a fine first game followed by a middling second, then beat Ilija Lupulescu "deuce" in the 3rd in the Semi-final. That was another full international and the No.3 seed.

The Boys' final was a fantastic match against the inevitable Andrei Mazunov. Carl won the first 21-12, led 14-11 in the second with his own service to come (which he lost 4-1) and the set 21-18. The third was total drama, as Carl led 17-14, 19-18. Then 20-18 or so we thought as the umpire turned the pages in that direction, but the other umpire had seen an edge and instead it was 19-all. The Russian gratefully took the next two points, the 21st again not without good fortune. "It was all of no avail", wrote a local Daily, "Mazunov had concluded a pact with the goddess of luck". "Mazunov won the gold, Prean our Hearts". The title was lost by one millimetre! Had the ball touched the edge at all? Afterwards there were plenty who said it had not and those who said it had. Spectators were not close enough to be perfect judges. Carl was not sure. He had heard nothing, but there was a lot of tension and noise. Something may have deviated, but DO thin edges deviate? I am quite prepared to accept the judgment of the umpire. It was a magnificent match and Table Tennis was the main winner.

Don said that Carl had improved by 14 to 15 points in

relation to the Moscow Semi-finalist Mazunov who will rank with the best winners of this event. Carl has a final chance next time to improve on his two successive Silvers, which themselves dwarfed previous English performances.

Lisa lost to the eventual winner, the Russian Elena Kovtun, a chopper (!) showing that Defence can win through; at any rate among the ladies, if the draw keeps you away from the big loopers. These were not numerous here. The best was the Hungarian Csilla Batorfi whose high-thrown service won the Girls' Team Event almost single-handed. She demolished the Russian quite conclusively on that occasion.

In the Singles she encountered the counter-hitting Olga Nemes, in German colours, and could not progress beyond this formidable semi-final barrier. The former Rumanian was no match for the Soviet chopper who played a very sound game that ruthlessly exploited her opponent's lack of penetration.

## SYMPATHISE

The Boys' Cadet finalists were head and shoulders above the rest, physically as well as in ability. The Belgian Jean-Michel Saive defeated the Czech Milan Grman 19 in the third. A trifle fortunate this time, he had also won when they met in the Team Event. A few years ago (during a Kent Junior Open) I was in deep conversation with a Belgian Coach who sketched to me all the difficulties of producing international stars in a small western country with which I did not find it hard to sympathise. To produce a European Champion is a marvellous achievement for anybody, for a small country it is miraculous.

Otilia Badescu retained the Cadet Girls' title for Rumania, keeping up with the great traditions of that country. Rozeanu, Alexandru, Constantinescu, Nemes... quite incredible, but it is no coincidence. They put a lot into Table Tennis and they will continue to produce great players.

The Rumanians had one Chinese Coach, the Italians two. The back-up in the wings and on the benches of the major nations far exceeded ours. The Scots under Graham Davies and the Irish under Frank Kennedy sent young teams. The latter even did their own fund-raising. How much harder it all is for the smaller countries with their smaller financial base! I felt both emerged with something to build on. The example of Belgium shows what can be done. For Wales Nigel Tyler had an excellent team event.

Publicity too left ours in the

shade. Most, if not all National Austrian Newspapers gave the event plenty of space. Our own English publicity seems to have passed into the hands of the Secret Service. The Organisers had some luck on that front. On the first day Austria defeated Norway 5-4 in a cliffhanger after being 4-1 down and despite Christer Johansson. As Austrian hopes gradually died, new copy emerged in the shape of Carl Prean, who became an honorary Austrian, as a German reporter had unearthed that I was born in Vienna and Carl could (but for my departure long before his birth) have played for Austria! There was great interest from then on and two appearances on Austrian Television which I did not catch, but which I am told had come over very well. The Boys' final was there complete and could not fail to enthral and argument about the disputed point continued. There was no doubt that the Sport had been given a big boost.

## IN AUSTRIA

Istvan Jonyer will play in Austria next season for a reputed £10,000 for 11 weekends of National League play and there are hopes that he will do for Austrian Table Tennis what Pele did for American Football. Promotion into Category 1 of the European Championships offers further prospects of recapturing the golden days of Richard Bergmann.

The service rule is now a disaster area. A service passed by umpire after umpire is often faulted by another. It is not clear how an official sitting by the middle of the table can judge whether a ball is served in a line behind the body. Numerous other conditions have to be observed and decisions made which can and do decide matches. I would guess that 90% of all controversies, indeed heated arguments result from service decisions. Yet there are constant changes and additions, at least on paper, as to how players should serve. The seeds are being sown for further unpleasantry.

It is time to call a halt. Let players serve in front of the body and into one half of the table. Service domination will cease, but so will many disputes that are ruining the sport. Rallies will be longer which is what most watchers want. The major need of our Game, of finding spectators and filling seats, remains. Before rushing into the voting chambers with new rules, regulations, prejudices translated into proposals and indeed any change, let legislators ask instead whether further additions and complications will make the Game more attractive to play and to WATCH.

They will be judged by these criteria. The Sport must shed its grey Cinde'rella image. That is the challenge to which we must rise. Otherwise empty benches, too frequent once again, will continue to be a reminder of our failure. Until we fill these benches, in England and elsewhere, the Sport has no future.

## INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

### Boys' Singles

#### Round 4:

A. Mazunov (URS) bt S. Varga (HUN) 16. 24;  
V. Florea (ROM) bt R. Rossignol (FRA) 15. 16;  
T. von Scheele (SWE) bt T. Rosskopf (FRG) 8. 16;  
Z. Harczy (HUN) bt D. Mommessin (FRA) 10. 18;  
I. Lupulescu (YUG) bt J-P. Gatien (FRA) -22. 18. 18;  
S. Fetzner (FRG) bt J. Braun (TCH) 16. 21;  
F. Gullberg (SWE) bt S. Efimov (URS) 17. 15;  
C. Prean (ENG) bt M. Bezdicek (TCH) -1 6. 14. 13.

#### Quarter-finals:

Mazunov bt Florea 12. 18;  
Harczy bt von Scheele -16. 15. 17;  
Lupulescu bt Fetzner 10. 16;  
Prean bt Gullberg 9. 16.

#### Semi-finals:

Mazunov bt Harczy 16. 14;  
Prean bt Lupulescu -19. 15. 20;

#### Final:

MAZUNOV bt Prean -12. 18. 19.

### Girls' Singles

#### Round 3:

O. Nemes (FRG) bt E. Maier (AUT) 19. 14;  
R. Kasalova (TCH) bt T. Krsnik (YUG) -11. 15.20;  
C. Batorfi (HUN) bt F. Khasanova (URS) 13. 13;  
E. Malmberg (FIN) bt R. Lindnerova (TCH) 21. 13;  
E. Kovtun (URS) bt I. Masarikova (TCH) 7. 5;  
L. Bellinger (ENG) bt A. Greisinger (FRG) 15.-12. 18;  
K. Bolvari (HUN) bt V. Ojstersek (YUG) 17. 18;  
R. Diachenko (URS) bt M. Svensson (SWE) 10.19.

#### Quarter-finals:

Nemes bt Kasalova 8. 15;  
Batorfi bt Malmberg 19. 13;  
Kovtun bt Bellinger 17. 9;  
Diachenko bt Bolvari 25. 17.

#### Semi-finals:

Nemes bt Batorfi 13. 19;  
Kovtun bt Diachenko 13. 16.

#### Final:

KOVTUN bt Nemes 17. 10.

### Boys' Doubles

#### Quarter-finals:

Kuschkow/Mazunov (URS) bt A. Krenhardt/A. Szosnyak (HUN) 20. 19;  
Lupulescu/Z. Primorac (YUG) bt Gullberg/G. Wrana (SWE) 19. 18;  
Braun R. Cinner (TCH) bt T. Miller (SUI)/C. Tiugan (ROM) 19. 17;  
Fetzner/Rosskopf (FRG) bt F. Manneschi/L. Nannoni (ITA) 12. 16.

#### Semi-finals:

Lupulescu/Primorac bt Kuschkow/Mazunov 17. 13;  
Fetzner/Rosskopf bt Braun/Cinner -15. 16. 18.

#### Final:

LUPULESCU/PRIMORAC bt Fetzner/Rosskopf 18. -18. 17.

### Girls' Doubles

#### Quarter-finals:

Khasanova/R. Timofeeva (URS) bt U. Hansson/M. Svensson (SWE) 11. 19;  
Kasalova/Lindnerova (TCH) bt Bellinger/S. Pircsak (HUN) 11. -20. 14;  
Diachenko/Kovtun (URS) bt Krsnik/Ojstersek (YUG) -16. 12.9;  
Masarikova/A. Safarova (TCH) bt Nemes/E. Pangert (FRG) -18. 16. 14.

#### Semi-finals:

Khasanova/Timofeeva bt Kasalova/Lindnerova 19.19;  
Diachenko/Kovtun bt Mssarikova/Safarova 19. 22.

#### Final:

DIACHENKO/KOVTUN bt Khasanova/Timofeeva 17. 7.

### Mixed Doubles

#### Quarter-finals:

Krenhardt/Nagy (HUN) bt Nemeth/G. Bohm (HUN) 16. 16;  
Grman/Kasalova (TCH) bt Harczy/Batorfi (HUN) 11. -13.22;  
Lupulescu/Ojstersek (YUG) bt Szosnyak/Bolvari (HUN) 21. 16;  
Fetzner/Nemes (FRG) bt Mazunov/Khasanova (URS) -14. 12. 13.

#### Semi-finals:

Grman/Kasalova bt Krenhardt/Nagy 19. -21. 16;  
Lupulescu/Ojstersek bt Fetzner/Nemes 6. -10. 18.

#### Final:

LUPULESCU/OJSTERSEK bt Grman/Kasalova 13. 16.

### Cadet Boys' Singles

#### Round 3:

Grman (TCH) bt S. Vardanian (URS) 14. 14;  
M. Syed (ENG) bt R. Dooley (FRG) 17.22;  
D. Gusev (URS) bt Z. Jaksic (YUG) -14. 17. 18;  
V. Vettorelli (FRG) bt B. van Haren (HOL) 13. 18;



# European Youth Championships

## GIRLS' TEAM - First Stage

|              |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |  |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|--|
| A            |     | FRA | URS | FIN | IRI |     |   |  |
| Frankreich   | FRA | X   | 0:3 | 3:2 | 3:0 | 2:1 |   |  |
| UdSSR        | URS | 3:0 | X   | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:0 |   |  |
| Finnland     | FIN | 2:3 | 0:3 | X   | 3:0 | 1:2 |   |  |
| Irland       | IRI | 0:3 | 0:3 | 0:3 | X   | 0:3 |   |  |
|              |     |     | ENG | FRG | GRE |     |   |  |
| England      | ENG | X   | X   | 2:3 | 3:1 | 1:1 |   |  |
| Bundesrep.   |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |  |
| Deutschland  | FRG |     | 3:2 | X   | 3:0 | 2:0 |   |  |
| Griechenland | GRE |     | 1:3 | 0:3 | X   | 0:2 |   |  |
| C            |     | BEL | HUN | YUG | WAI |     |   |  |
| Belgien      | BEL | X   | 1:3 | 0:3 | 3:1 | 1:2 | 3 |  |
| Ungarn       | HUN | 3:1 | X   | 3:1 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 1 |  |
| Jugoslawien  | YUG | 3:0 | 1:3 | X   | 3:0 | 2:1 | 2 |  |
| Wales        | WAI | 1:3 | 0:3 | 0:3 | X   | 0:3 | 4 |  |
| D            |     | SCO | TCH | pal | ESP |     |   |  |
| Schottland   | SCO | X   | 0:3 | 0:3 | 2:3 | 0:3 | 4 |  |
| CSSR         | TCH | 3:0 | X   | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 1 |  |
| Polen        | pal | 3:0 | 0:3 | X   | 3:0 | 2:1 | 2 |  |
| Spanien      | ESP | 3:2 | 0:3 | 0:3 | X   | 1:2 | 3 |  |
| E            |     | SUI | SWE | ITA | IUX |     |   |  |
| Schweiz      | SUI | X   | 0:3 | 0:3 | 1:3 | 0:3 |   |  |
| Schweden     | SWE | 3:0 | X   | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:0 |   |  |
| Italien      | ITA | 3:0 | 0:3 | X   | 3:1 | 2:1 |   |  |
| luxemburg    | IUX | 3:1 | 0:3 | 1:3 | X   | 1:2 |   |  |
| F            |     | NOR | Hal | AUT | DEN |     |   |  |
| Norwegen     | NOR | X   | 0:3 | 0:3 | 2:3 | 0:3 | 4 |  |
| Niederlande  | Hal | 3:0 | X   | 3:2 | 3:2 | 3:0 | 1 |  |
| Osterreich   | AUT | 3:0 | 2:3 | X   | 3:1 | 2:1 | 2 |  |
| Danemark     | DEN | 3:2 | 2:3 | 1:3 | X   | 1:2 | 3 |  |

## GIRLS' TEAM - Second Stage

|    |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| G  |     | A1  | C2  | F2  |     |  |  |
| A1 | URS | X   | 3:1 | 3:0 | 2:0 |  |  |
| C2 | YUG | 1:3 | X   | 3:2 | 1:1 |  |  |
| F2 | AUT | 0:3 | 2:3 | X   | 0:2 |  |  |
| H  |     | B2  | D1  | E1  |     |  |  |
| B2 | ENG | X   | 0:3 | 1:3 | 0:2 |  |  |
| D1 | TCH | 3:0 | X   | 3:2 | 2:0 |  |  |
| E1 | SWE | 3:1 | 2:3 | X   | 1:1 |  |  |
| J  |     | B1  | E2  | D2  |     |  |  |
| B1 | FRG | X   | 3:0 | 3:1 | 2:0 |  |  |
| E2 | ITA | 0:3 | X   | 0:3 | 0:2 |  |  |
| D2 | pal | 1:3 | 3:0 | X   | 1:1 |  |  |
| K  |     | A2  | F1  | C1  |     |  |  |
| A2 | FRA | X   | 3:2 | 1:3 | 1:1 |  |  |
| F1 | Hal | 2:3 | X   | 0:3 | 0:2 |  |  |
| C1 | HUN | 3:1 | 3:0 | X   | 2:0 |  |  |
| I  |     | A3  | C4  | F4  |     |  |  |
| A3 | FIN | X   | 3:0 | 3:0 | 2:0 |  |  |
| C4 | WAI | 0:3 | X   | 1:3 | 0:2 |  |  |
| F4 | NOR | 0:3 | 3:1 | X   | 1:1 |  |  |
| M  |     |     | D3  | E3  |     |  |  |
| D3 | ESP | X   | X   | 3:2 | 1:0 |  |  |
| E3 | IUX |     | 2:3 | X   | 0:1 |  |  |
| N  |     | B3  | E4  | D4  |     |  |  |
| B3 | GRE | X   | 3:1 | 3:1 | 2:0 |  |  |
| E4 | SUI | 1:3 | X   | 1:3 | 0:2 |  |  |
| D4 | SCO | 1:3 | 3:1 | X   | 1:1 |  |  |
| a  |     | A4  | F3  | C3  |     |  |  |
| A4 | IRL | X   | 0:3 | 0:3 | 0:2 |  |  |
| F3 | DEN | 3:0 | X   | 0:3 | 1:1 |  |  |
| C3 | BEL | 3:0 | 3:0 | X   | 2:0 |  |  |

## GIRLS' TEAM - Final Stage

|                |                       |                |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 22.7. 19.00/ 2 | 21.7. 14.30/ G1 LIRS  | 22.7. 11.30/ 6 |
| 1 HUN          | H1 TCH                | TCH 3          |
| 1 URS          | 0                     | TCH 3          |
| 2 URS          | 21.7. 14.30/ 2 J1 FRG | FRG 0          |
| 3 HUN          | 0                     | FRG 4          |
|                | K1 HUN                |                |
| 22.7. 11.30/ 1 | 21.7. 14.30/ 3 G2 YUG | 22.7. 11.30/ 7 |
| 5 SWE          | H2 SWE                | YUG 3          |
| 3 SWE          | 0                     | YUG 7          |
| 6 FRA          | 21.7. 14.30/ 4 J2 pal | POLO           |
| 1 FRA          | 0                     | POLO 8         |
|                | K2 FRA                |                |
| 22.7. 11.30/ 2 | 21.7. 14.30/ 5 G3 AUT | 22.7. 11.30/ 8 |
| 9 HOL          | H3 ENG                | AUT 2          |
| 2 ENG          | 0                     | ITA 11         |
| 10 ENG         | 21.7. 14.30/ 6 13 ITA | ITA 3          |
| 3 Hal          | 0                     | AUT 12         |
|                | K3 Hal                | 3              |

|                |                       |                |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 22.7. 11.30/ 3 | 21.7. 14.30/ 7 L1 FIN | 22.7. 11.30/ 9 |
| 13 FIN         | M1 ESP                | ESP 3          |
| 3 FIN          | 0                     | ESP 15         |
| 14 BEL         | 21.7. 14.30/ 8 N1 GRE | GRE 2          |
| 2 BEL          | 0                     | GRE 16         |
|                | 01 BEL                |                |
| 22.7. 11.30/ 4 | 21.7. 14.30/ 9 L2 NOR | 22.7. 11.30/10 |
| 11 NOR         | M2 LUX                | IUX 1          |
| 3 NOR          | 0                     | SCO 19         |
| 18 DEN         | 21.7. 14.30/10 N2 SCO | SCO 3          |
| 2 DEN          | 0                     | LUX 20         |
|                | 02 DEN                |                |
| 22.7. 11.30/ 5 | 21.7. 14.30/11 I3 WAI | 22.7. 11.30/11 |
| 11 WAL         | M3                    | IRI 23         |
| 3 WAI          | 0                     |                |
| 22 SUI         | 21.7. 14.30/12 N3 SUI |                |
| 1 SUI          | 0                     |                |
|                | 031 R1                |                |

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|              |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| A            |     | SWE | HUN | AUT | NOR | URS |     |      |
| Schweden     | SWE | X   | 3:0 | 3:1 | 3:0 | 2:3 | 3:1 | 1    |
| Ungarn       | HUN | 0:3 | X   | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:1 | 2    |
| Osterreich   | AUT | 1:3 | 0:3 | X   | 3:0 | 1:3 | 1:3 | 4    |
| Norwegen     | NOR | 0:3 | 0:3 | 0:3 | X   | 0:3 | 0:4 | 5    |
| UdSSR        | URS | 3:2 | 0:3 | 3:1 | 3:0 | X   | 3:1 | 3    |
| B            |     | ITA | FRA | SUI | ROM | ESP | TUR |      |
| Italien      | ITA | X   | 0:3 | 3:1 | 0:3 | 3:2 | 3:0 | 3:2  |
| Frankreich   | FRA | 3:0 | X   | 3:0 | 1:3 | 3:1 | 3:0 | 4:1  |
| Schweiz      | SUI | 1:3 | 0:3 | X   | 0:3 | 0:3 | 3:2 | 1:4  |
| Rumanien     | ROM | 3:0 | 3:1 | 3:0 | X   | 3:2 | 3:0 | -5:0 |
| Spanien      | ESP | 2:3 | 1:3 | 3:0 | 2:3 | X   | 3:0 | 2:3  |
| Turkei       | TUR | 0:3 | 0:3 | 2:3 | 0:3 | 0:3 | X   | 0:5  |
| C            |     | FRG | BEL | GRE | FIN | ENG |     |      |
| Bundesrep.   | FRG | X   | 2:3 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:1 | 2    |
| Deutschland  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Belgien      | BEL | 3:2 | X   | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:1 | 4:0 | 1    |
| Griechenland | GRE | 0:3 | 0:3 | X   | 3:1 | 0:3 | 1:3 | 4    |
| Finnland     | FIN | 0:3 | 0:3 | 1:3 | X   | 1:3 | 0:4 | 5    |
| England      | ENG | 0:3 | 1:3 | 3:0 | 3:1 | X   | 2:2 | 3    |
| D            |     | TCH | Hal | IRI | IUX | YUG |     |      |
| CSSR         | TCH | X   | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:1 | 4:0 | 1    |
| Niederlande  | Hal | 0:3 | X   | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:2 | 3:1 | 2    |
| Irland       | IRI | 0:3 | 0:3 | X   | 1:3 | 0:3 | 0:4 | 5    |
| luxemburg    | IUX | 0:3 | 0:3 | 3:1 | X   | 0:3 | 1:3 | 4    |
| Jugoslawien  | YUG | 1:3 | 2:3 | 3:0 | 3:0 | X   | 2:2 | 3    |

## CADET BOYS' TEAM - Second Stage

|    |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| E  |      | A2  | A1  | B1  | B2  |     |     |
| A2 | HUN  | X   | 0:3 | 1:3 | 0:3 | 0:3 | 4   |
| A1 | SWE  | 3:0 | X   | 1:3 | 0:3 | 1:2 | 3   |
| B1 | ROM  | 3:1 | 3:1 | X   | 3:1 | 3:0 | 1   |
| B2 | FRA  | 3:0 | 3:0 | 1:3 | X   | 2:1 | 2   |
| F  |      | C2  | C1  | D1  | D2  |     |     |
| C2 | FRG  | X   | 2:3 | 1:3 | 3:1 | 1:2 | 3   |
| C1 | BEL  | 3:2 | X   | 2:3 | 3:1 | 2:1 | 2   |
| D1 | TCH  | 3:1 | 3:2 | X   | 3:0 | 3:0 | 1   |
| D2 | Hal  | 1:3 | 1:3 | 0:3 | X   | 0:3 | 4   |
| G  |      | A4  | A3  | B3  | B4  |     |     |
| A4 | AUT  | X   | 1:3 | 1:3 | 1:3 | 0:3 | 4   |
| A3 | LIRS | 3:1 | X   | 3:1 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 1   |
| B3 | ITA  | 3:1 | 1:3 | X   | 3:2 | 2:1 | 2   |
| B4 | ESP  | 3:1 | 0:3 | 2:3 | X   | 1:2 | 3   |
| H  |      | C4  | C3  | D3  | D4  |     |     |
| C4 | GRE  | X   | 0:3 | 1:3 | 3:2 | 1:2 | 3   |
| C3 | ENG  | 3:0 | X   | 3:1 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 1   |
| D3 | YUG  | 3:1 | 1:3 | X   | 3:0 | 2:1 | 2   |
| D4 | IUX  | 2:3 | 0:3 | 0:3 | X   | 0:3 | 4   |
| J  |      | D5  | A5  | B5  | C5  | B6  |     |
| D5 | IRI  | X   | 3:1 | 0:3 | 1:3 | 0:3 | 5   |
| A5 | NOR  | 1:3 | X   | 3:2 | 3:0 | 1:3 | 2:2 |
| B5 | SUI  | 3:0 | 2:3 | X   | 2:3 | 3:2 | 3   |
| C5 | FIN  | 3:1 | 0:3 | 3:2 | X   | 3:0 | 3:1 |
| B6 | TUR  | 3:0 | 3:1 | 2:3 | 0:3 | X   | 2:2 |

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|        |               |              |           |
|--------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1 TCH  | 22.7. 20.30/2 | 22.7. 8.30/5 |           |
| 2 ROM  | EI ROM 1      | ITA 2 G2     | YUG 11    |
|        | -FI TCH 3     | YUG 3 H2     | ITA 12    |
| 3 FRA  | 22.7. 8.30/1  | 22.7. 8.30/6 |           |
| 4 BEL  | E2 FRA 3      | ESP 3 G3     | ESP 13    |
|        | -F2 BEL 2     | GRE 1 H3     | GRE 14    |
| 5 SWE  | 22.7. 8.30/2  | 22.7. 8.30/7 |           |
| 6 FRG  | E3 SWE 3      | AUT 3 G4     | AUT 15    |
|        | -F3 FRG 0     | IUX 0 H4     | IUX 16    |
| 7 HOL  | 22.7. 8.30/3  |              |           |
| 8 HUN  | E4 HUN 1      |              | J1 FIN 17 |
|        | -F4 HOI 3     |              | J2 TUR 18 |
| 9 URS  | 22.7. 8.30/4  |              |           |
| 10 ENG | G1 URS 3      |              | J3 SUI 19 |
|        | -H1 ENG 0     |              | J4 NOR 20 |
|        |               |              | J5 IRI 21 |

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|    |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| E  |     | A2  | A1  | BI  | B2  |     |   |
| A2 | BEL | X   | 0:3 | 3:2 | 1:3 | 1:2 | 3 |
| A1 | HUN | 3:0 | X   | 3:2 | 3:1 | 3:0 | 1 |
| BI | TCH | 2:3 | 2:3 | X   | 3:0 | 1:2 | 2 |
| B2 | FRG | 3:1 | 1:3 | 0:3 | X   | 1:2 | 4 |
| F  |     | C2  | C1  | DI  | D2  |     |   |
| C2 | HOI | X   | 0:3 | 0:3 | 3:1 | 1:2 | 3 |
| C1 | ROM | 3:0 | X   | 3:1 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 1 |
| DI | YUG | 3:0 | 1:3 | X   | 3:1 | 2:1 | 2 |
| D2 | URS | 1:3 | 0:3 | 1:3 | X   | 0:3 | 4 |
| G  |     | A4  | A3  | B3  | B4  |     |   |
| A4 | NOR | X   | 0:3 | 0:3 | 0:3 | 0:3 | 4 |
| A3 | FRA | 3:0 | X   | 3:1 | 3:1 | 3:0 | 1 |
| B3 | FIN | 3:0 | 1:3 | X   | 3:0 | 2:1 | 2 |
| B4 | ITA | 3:0 | 1:3 | 0:3 | X   | 1:2 | 3 |
| H  |     | C4  | C3  | D3  | D4  |     |   |
| C4 | GRE | X   | 2:3 | 0:3 | 0:3 | 0:3 | 4 |
| C3 | SWE | 3:2 | X   | 3:0 | 3:1 | 3:0 | 1 |
| D3 | ENG | 3:0 | 0:3 | X   | 3:2 | 2:1 | 2 |
| D4 | AUT | 3:0 | 1:3 | 2:3 | X   | 1:2 | 3 |
| B5 |     | X   |     |     |     |     |   |
| C5 | SUI | X   | 3:1 | 3:1 | 2:0 |     |   |
| D5 | TUR | 1:3 | X   | 0:3 | 0:2 |     |   |
|    | IUX | 1:3 | 3:0 | X   | 1:1 |     |   |

## FINALS

**Boys' Team**  
 UdSSR (URS) - Jugoslawien (YUG) 5:2  
 Kuschkov - Primorac 15. 21;  
 Mazunov - Zakic 13. 12;  
 Efimov - Iupulesku -10. -16;  
 Mazunov - Primorac 11. 16;  
 - Iupulesku -16. -11;  
 Efimov - Zakic 22. 20;  
 Mazunov - Iupulesku 11. 12.

**Girls' Team**  
 Ungarn (HUN) - UdSSR (URS) 3:1  
 Batorfi - Khasanova 17. 16;  
 Bolvari - Kowtun -20. -21;  
 Batorfi/Bolvari - Khasanova/Timofeeva -15. 15. 20;  
 Batorfi - Kowtun 18. 12.

**Cadet Boys' Team**  
 CSSR (TCH) - Rumanien (ROM) 3:1  
 Grman - Revisz 19. 11;  
 Mihocko - Creanga -9. -10;  
 Grman/Mihocko - Revisz/Creanga 16. 20;  
 Grman - Creanga 11. 8.

**Cadet Girls' Team**  
 Ungarn (HUN) - Rumanien (ROM) 3:1  
 Kahn - Badescu -12. 15. 16;  
 Nagy - Iohr -14. 13. -15;  
 Kahn/Nagy - Badescu/Iohr 20. 16;  
 Nagy - Badescu 11. 14.

## FINAL TEAM PLACINGS

(Previous positions in brackets)

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>BOYS</b>            | <b>GIRLS</b>          |
| 1 SOVIET UNION (1)     | 1 HUNGARY (3)         |
| 2 Yugoslavia (3)       | 2 Soviet Union (1)    |
| 3 Sweden (2)           | 3 Czechoslovakia (5)  |
| 4 England (5)          | 4 Federal Germany (2) |
| 5 Rumania (6)          | 5 Sweden (6)          |
| 6 Czechoslovakia (9)   | 6 France (14)         |
| 7 Hungary (4)          | 7 Yugoslavia (11)     |
| 8 France (7)           | 8 Poland (10)         |
| 9 Italy (17)           | 9 Netherlands (7)     |
| 10 Federal Germany (-) | 10 England (2)        |
| 11 Netherlands (11)    | 11 Italy (9)          |

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|              |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| A            |  | HUN | HUN | BEL |     | NOR | FRA |     |
| Ungarn       |  | X   | X   | 3:0 |     | 3:0 | 3:1 | 3:0 |
| Belgien      |  | BEL | 0:3 | X   |     | 3:0 | 3:1 | 2:1 |
| Norwegen     |  | NOR | 0:3 | 0:3 | X   | X   | 0:3 | 0:3 |
| Frankreich   |  | FRA | 1:3 | 1:3 |     | 3:0 | X   | 1:2 |
| B            |  | TCH | TCH | FIN | SUI | ITA | FRG |     |
| CSSR         |  | X   | X   | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 4:0 |
| Finnland     |  | FIN | 0:3 | X   | X   | 3:0 | 0:3 | 2:2 |
| Schweiz      |  | SUI | 0:3 | 0:3 | X   | 2:3 | 0:3 | 0:4 |
| Italien      |  | ITA | 0:3 | 0:3 | 3:2 | X   | 1:3 | 1:3 |
| Bundesrep    |  | FRG | 0:3 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:1 | X   | 3:1 |
| Deutschland  |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| C            |  | ROM | ROM | GRE | TUR | SWE | HOI |     |
| Rumanien     |  | X   | X   | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 4:0 |
| Griechenland |  | GRE | 0:3 | X   | 3:2 | 2:3 | 0:3 | 1:3 |
| Turkei       |  | TUR | 0:3 | 2:3 | X   | 0:3 | 0:3 | 0:4 |
| Schweden     |  | SWE | 0:3 | 3:2 | 3:0 | X   | 0:3 | 2:2 |
| Niederlande  |  | HOI | 0:3 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:0 | X   | 3:1 |
| D            |  | URS | URS | ENG | AUT | IUX | YUG |     |
| UdSSR        |  | X   | X   | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 1:3 | 3:1 |
| England      |  | ENG | 0:3 | X   | 3:2 | 3:1 | 0:3 | 2:2 |
| Osterreich   |  | AUT | 0:3 | 2:3 | X   | 3:1 | 0:3 | 1:3 |
| luxemburg    |  | IUX | 0:3 | 1:3 | 1:3 | X   | 0:3 | 0:4 |
| Jugoslawien  |  | YUG | 3:1 | 3:0 | 3:0 | 3:0 | X   | 4:0 |

## CADET GIRLS' TEAM - Final Stage

|        |               |               |           |
|--------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1 HUN  | 22.7. 19.00/3 | 22.7. 10.00/5 |           |
| 2 ROM  | E1 HUN3       | FIN 2 G2      | ENG 11    |
|        | -FI RM 1      | ENG 3 H2      | FIN 12    |
| 3 YUG  | 22.7. 10.00/1 | 22.7. 10.00/6 |           |
| 4 TCH  | E2 TCH 2      | ITA 1 G3      | AUT 13    |
|        | -F2 yUG 3     | AUT 3 H3      | ITA 14    |
| 5 HOL  | 22.7. 10.00/2 | 22.7. 10.00/7 |           |
| 6 BEL  | E3 BEL 2      | NOR 1 G4      | GRE 15    |
|        | -F3 HOI 3     | GRE 3 H4      | NOR 16    |
| 7 URS  | 22.7. 10.00/3 |               |           |
| 8 FRG  | E4 FRG 2      |               | J1 SUI 17 |
|        | -F4 URS 3     |               | J2 IUX 18 |
| 9 FRA  | 22.7. 10.00/4 |               |           |
| 10 SWE | GI FRA 3      |               | J3 TUR 19 |
|        | -HI SWE 0     |               | J4 20     |

## ENGLISH TEAM RESULTS

### BOYS

v Italy (won 5-2)  
 A. Syed bt Nanoni -16. 8. 15;  
 Prean bt Del Tomba 6, 12;  
 Bartram lost to Manneschi -15. 16. -18;  
 Prean bt Nannoni 12. 12;  
 Syed bt Manneschi -12. 12. 19;  
 Bartram lost to Del Tomba -19, -19;  
 Prean bt Manneschi 7. 18.  
 v Wales (won 5-0)  
 Syed bt Tyler 14, 12;  
 Prean bt Turner 5. 8;  
 Stokes bt Ellis 19. 17;  
 Prean bt Tyler-19. 12. 19;  
 Syed bt Ellis 12. 7.  
 v Switzerland (won 5-0)  
 Stokes bt Pfaller 11. 14;  
 Prean bt Miller 20. 7;  
 Bartram bt Veloso 6, 9;  
 Prean bt Pfaller 4. 5;  
 Stokes bt Veloso 15. 16.  
 v Netherlands (won 5-1)  
 Syed bt Verhulst 13, 13;  
 Bartram lost to Turk 21. -18. -20;  
 Syed bt Boule 7, 11;  
 Syed bt Turk 18. -16. 8;  
 Prean bt Verhulst 13, 9;  
 Bartram bt Boule 13, -19. 16.  
 v Czechoslovakia (won 5-2)  
 Syed bt Braun 19. 10;  
 Holt lost to Maier -16. -6;  
 Bartram lost to Cinner -21. -16. ;  
 Prean bt Braun 17. 16;  
 Syed bt Cinner -16. 22. 14;  
 Bartram lost to Bezdicek 21. -14. -18;  
 Prean bt Cinner 19. 18.  
 v Soviet Union (lost 3-5)  
 Syed bt Efimov 15. 19;  
 Prean bt Kuschkov 13. 17;  
 Bartram lost to Mazunov -11. 12. -14;  
 Prean bt Efimov 10. 17;  
 Syed lost to Mazunov -11. -12;  
 Bartram lost to Kuschkov -19, -20;  
 Prean lost to Mazunov -19. 15. -11;  
 Bartram lost to Efimov -17. -9.

### v Sweden (lost 2-5)

Holt lost to Mattsson -16. 9. -15;  
 Stokes lost to von Scheele -18. -1. 6;  
 Prean bt Wrana 14. 10;  
 Syed lost to von Scheele -19. -21;  
 Prean bt Mattsson 9. -14. 14;  
 Stokes lost to Wrana -5. -14;  
 Prean lost to von Scheele -19. -17.

### GIRLS

v Greece (won 3-1)  
 Bellinger bt Zerdila 12. 16;  
 Holt lost to Doumeni -14. -20;  
 Bellinger/Holt bt Doumeni/Zerdila 17. 18;  
 Bellinger bt Doumeni 14. 17.  
 v Federal Germany (lost 2-3)  
 Holt lost to Greisinger -14. -5;  
 Bellinger lost to Pangert -17. -20;  
 Bellinger/Holt bt Dekein/Pangert 10. 13;  
 Bellinger bt Greisinger 18. 20;  
 Holt lost to Pangert 14. -17. -14.  
 v Czechoslovakia (lost 0-3)  
 Bellinger lost to Kasalova -19. -12;  
 Holt lost to Masarikova -4. -8;  
 Bellinger/Holt lost to Kasalova/lindnerova 14. -12. -15.  
 v Sweden (lost 1-3)  
 Prean bt Svensson -15. -12;  
 Bellinger bt Erlman 15. 15;  
 Bellinger/Holt lost to Erlman/Svensson -9. -11;  
 Bellinger lost to Svensson -17. -15.  
 v Austria (won 3-1)  
 Bellinger bt Krauskopf 15. 19;  
 Holt lost to Maier -16. -6;  
 Bellinger/Holt bt Krauskopf/Maier 17. -14. 18;  
 Bellinger bt Maier 13, -17. 20.  
 v Netherlands (lost 2-3)  
 Holt lost to Hop -18. -15;  
 Bellinger bt van Veen 20. 15;  
 Bellinger/Holt lost to Hop/van Veen -15. 16. -13;  
 Bellinger bt Hop 18. 11;  
 Holt lost to van Veen -8. -12.

### CADET BOYS

v Belgium (lost 1-3)  
 M. Syed bt Vroonen 16. 18;  
 Billington lost to Saive -5. -18;

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The medal winners in the boys' singles (from l to r): Ilija Lupulescu (YUG). Szolt Harczi (HUN). Mazunov and Preat.  
Photo by Graham Davies, Scotland.



Bronze medals in the boys' team event (from l to r): Carl Preat, Matthew Syed, Donald Parker (NPC) and Jimmy Stokes.  
Photo by Graham Davies, Scotland.

Billington/Syed lost to Saive/Vroonen 19. -14. -9;  
Syed lost to Saive -14. -20.  
y Greece (won 3-0)  
Syed bt Panagiris 10. -20. 13;  
Billington bt Madesis -12. 19. 13;  
Billington/Syed bt Madesis/Panagiris 19. -16. 16.  
v Finland (won 3-1)  
Billington bt Kuljunlahti 7. 11;  
Syed bt Nikkarikoski 10. 17;  
Billington/Syed lost to Kuljunlahti/VNikkarikoski 10. -18. -16;  
Syed bt Kuljunlahli 12. -17. 18.  
v **Federal Germany** (lost 0-3)  
Billington lost to Dooley -18. -8;  
Syed lost to Franzel -20. -15;

Billington/Syed lost to Franzel/Vettorelli -15. -18.  
v Luxembourg (won 3-0)  
Syed bt Gillen 7. 5;  
Billington bt Dell 10. 17;  
Billington/Syed bt Dell/Gillen 20. 9.  
v Yuga.levic (won 3-1)  
Syed bt KOlakar 6. 11;  
Billington lost to Jaksic -15. -18;  
Billington/Syed bt Jaksic/Kozokar 16. 19;  
Syed bt Kozokar 19. 21.  
v **Soviet Union** (lost 0-3)  
Billington lost to D. Mazunov -15. -19;  
Syed lost 10 Gusev 19. -18. -18;  
Billington/Syed lost 10 Gusev/Mazunov -17. -12.  
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v Yugoslavia (lost 0-3)

Potts 10st 10 Kujundzic -12. 20. -12;  
Hall lost 10 Isanovic -15. -10;  
Hall/Potts 105110 Isanovic/Kujundzic -7. -9.  
v **Soviet Union** (lost 0-3)  
Potts 105110 Melnik -6. -13;  
Hall 10S110 Pavlova -13. -16;  
Hall/Pons Iosilo Melnik/Pavlova -10. -16.  
v Austria (won 3-2)  
Potts bt Wotruba 17. 21;  
Hall 105110 Zillner -17. 20. -21;  
Hall/POIS lost to Wotruba/Zillner -16. -15;  
Potts bt Zillner -14. 15. 9;  
Hall bt Wotruba 8. -20. 21.  
v Luxembourg (won 3-1)  
Potts bt Regenwetter 12. 7;  
Hall bt Schroeder 17. 17;

Hall/Palls lost 10 Regenwener/Schroeder 18. -9. -19;  
Potts bt Schroeder 14. 10.  
v Greece (won 3-0)  
Hall bt Kalogianni 16. 16;  
Potts bt Papaioannou 13. 4;  
Hall/Potts bt Kalogianni/Papaioannou 11. 14.  
v Sweden (lost 0-3)  
Hall lost to Svensson -11. -14;  
Potts 1051 10 Joki -21. -18;  
Hall/Potts lost 10 Joki/Svensson -19. 19. -17.  
y Finland (won 3-2)  
Potts bt L. Malmberg 17. 17;  
Hall lost to P. Malmberg -14. -13;  
Hall/Potts bt Malmberg/Malmberg 13. 15;  
Potts 1051 10 P. Malmberg -17. -15;  
Hall bt L. Malmberg 11. 11.

## ENGLAND INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

### BOYS

| Prean | A. Syed | Bartram | Stokes | F  | A  | Opponents      |
|-------|---------|---------|--------|----|----|----------------|
| 3-0   | 2-0     | 0-2     |        | 5  | 2  | Italy          |
| 2-0   | 2-0     |         | 1-0    | 5  | 0  | Wales          |
| 2-0   |         | 1-0     | 2-0    | 5  | 0  | Switzerland    |
| 2-0   | 2-0     | 1-1     |        | 5  | 1  | Netherlands    |
| 3-0   | 2-0     | 0-2     |        | 5  | 2  | Czechoslovakia |
| 2-1   | 1-1     | 0-3     |        | 3  | 5  | Soviet Union   |
| 2-1   | 0-2     |         | 0-2    | 2  | 5  | Sweden         |
| 16-2  | 9-3     | 2-8     | 3-2    | 30 | 15 |                |

### GIRLS

| Bellinger | Holt | Bellinger/ Holt | F  | A  | Opponents |                 |
|-----------|------|-----------------|----|----|-----------|-----------------|
| 2-0       | 0-1  | 1-0             |    | 3  | 1         | Greece          |
| 1-1       | 0-2  | 1-0             | 23 | 3  | 3         | Federal Germany |
| 0-1       | 0-1  | 0-1             | 0  | 3  | 3         | Czechoslovakia  |
| 1-1       | 0-1  | 0-1             |    | 1  | 3         | Sweden          |
| 2-0       | 0-1  | 1-0             |    | 3  | 1         | Austria         |
| 2-0       | 0-2  | 0-1             | 2  | 3  | 3         | Netherlands     |
| 8-3       | 0-8  | 3-3             | 11 | 14 |           |                 |

### CADET BOYS

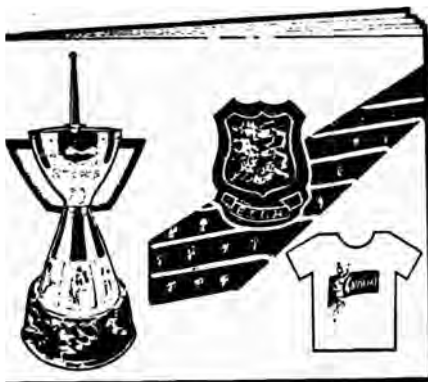
| M. Syed | Billington | Billington/Syed | F  | A  | Opponents       |
|---------|------------|-----------------|----|----|-----------------|
| 1-1     | 0-1        | 0-1             | 1  | 3  | Belgium         |
| 1-0     | 1-0        | 1-0             | 3  | 0  | Greece          |
| 2-0     | 1-0        | 0-1             | 3  | 1  | Finland         |
| 0-1     | 0-1        | 0-1             | 0  | 3  | Federal Germany |
| 1-0     | 1-0        | 1-0             | 3  | 0  | Luxembourg      |
| 2-0     | 0-1        | 1-0             | 3  | 1  | Yugoslavia      |
| 0-1     | 0-1        | 0-1             | 0  | 3  | Soviet Union    |
| 7-3     | 3-4        | 3-4             | 13 | 11 |                 |

### CADET GIRLS

| Pons | Holl | Holl/Pons | F  | A  | Opponents    |
|------|------|-----------|----|----|--------------|
| 0-1  | 0-1  | 0-1       | 0  | 3  | Yugoslavia   |
| 0-1  | 0-1  | 0-1       | 0  | 3  | Soviet Union |
| 2-0  | 1-1  | 0-1       | 3  | 2  | Austria      |
| 2-0  | 1-0  | 0-1       | 3  | 1  | Luxembourg   |
| 1-0  | 1-0  | 1-0       | 3  | 0  | Greece       |
| 0-1  | 0-1  | 0-1       | 0  | 3  | Sweden       |
| 1-1  | 1-1  | 1-0       | 3  | 2  | Finland      |
| 6-4  | 4-5  | 2-5       | 12 | 14 |              |

## FRONT COVER

John Hilton. England's former European champion who, this season, is to sample life in the Dutch National League playing for the Nikon Club.



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## European Youth Championships



Lisa Bellinger. England's most successful girl in Austria.  
Photo by S. J. Line, Shoreham-by-Sea.



Carl Prean who only just failed to win the boys' singles title in Linz.  
Photo by Stefan Alfelt. Sweden.



Chris Batram apologises for an edge.

Photo by S. J. Line.



Andrei Mazunov of the Soviet Union, winner of the boys' singles title.



Carl Prean and Matthew Syed who reached the last sixteen of the boys' doubles.

Photo by S. J. Line.



Rumania's former Top 12 winner, Olga Nemes, now playing for the Federal Republic of Germany, but beaten in the girls' singles final by Elena Kovtun of the Soviet Union.

Photo by Ian Ball, London, NW3

# ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

By THE EDITOR

## IRELAND WITHDRAW

Short on finance the Irish Association have withdrawn from Division 2 of the European League leaving just six teams in contention for a step-up to the first division the same being: Bulgaria, Greece, Portugal, Scotland, Switzerland and Wales, the latter only just managing to keep their heads above the financial waves.

Following the initial matches due to have been played on Sept. 19 the scheduled Super Division fixtures thereafter are:-

- October 10  
England v Hungary (Willington. Co. Durham)
- Czechoslovakia v Federal Germany (Rulomberok)
- Yugoslavia v Poland
- October 17  
Netherlands v Sweden (Gorsell)
- November 7  
Hungary v Czechoslovakia (Salgotarjan)
- Sweden v England
- Federal Germany v Poland
- Novemb., 14  
Yugoslavia v Netherlands
- December 12  
Poland v Sweden (Lodz)
- England v Czechoslovakia (Ipswich)
- Hungary v Netherlands (Kaposvar)
- Federal Germany v Yugoslavia
- January 23  
Sweden v Czechoslovakia
- Yugoslavia v England
- Hungary v Federal Germany
- Poland v Netherlands (tsiedlee)
- February 20  
Poland v Hungary (Azeslow)
- Netherlands v Czechoslovakia (Nijkerk)
- Sweden v Yugoslavia
- England v Federal Germany (Portsmouth)
- March 6  
Netherlands v England ('s-Gravendeel)
- Yugoslavia v Hungary
- Federal Germany v Sweden
- Czechoslovakia v Poland.

The matches due to be played on Jan. 23/85 have been re-scheduled from Jan. 9 because over the period Jan. 4/7 a Euro-Asia tournament is to be played in Hong Kong involving 12 men and 6 women from each Union, European and Asian, in both team and individual events. It is

## JOOLA TROPHY

At the 14th European Championships in Moscow, the JOOLA Trophy was presented for the second time.

The JOOLA Trophy was introduced by JOOLA Tischtennis GmbH & Co. KG and International Sport Press Association and is presented to the player with the best score in the Team Competition of the World and European Championships.

The first JOOLA Trophy was presented at the last World Championships in Tokyo.

The JOOLA Trophy is the sculpture made by famous German sculptor, Mrs. Edith Peres Lethmate. The trophy is made from bronze, dimensions are 24 x 10 x 13cm.

hopeful that the ATTU will agree to the ETTU suggestion that no team will have more than one national therein and that the men will play Swaythling Cup style and the women Marcel Corbillon Cup style.

Sport Billy, in conjunction with Telemundi, are to sponsor the EnU both for the trip to Hong Kong and in the following season in Europe.

The Joola Company who are sponsoring the equipment in the European League have extended their contract to take in Division 2 additionally to the Super and First divisions. Nittaku balls are to be used in all divisions.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

A contract has been signed between the ETTU and Sport Promotion Werbe GmbH to cooperate in a Euro Junior Top 12 tournament for both boys and girls for the years 1985, 86 and 87. The ETTU in conjunction with their Youth Committee will organise the event under like conditions as for the Europe Top 12 (except boys' event, like girls', will be best of three). The first Euro Junior Top 12 will be hosted by the Italian Association over the weekend of Jan. 5/6, 1985.

A second contract between the foregoing two parties has been signed for a Women's Grand Prix for seasons 1984/5, 85/6 and 86/7 on the lines of the former Norwich Union Grand Prix for men.

## EUROPE TOP 12

The Spanish Association who are, this season, organising the Europe Top 12 in Barcelona provide the following information:- The dates of the competition are

Feb. 1/3, 1985. "Viajes Estel" is the official travel agency who offer special prices for intending spectators inclusive of travel, hotel and meals. They can be contacted from Federacion Espanola de Tenis de Mesa, Ferraz 16, Madrid 8, Spain. Phone: 247 77 26.

## SUSPENSION

Mr. Jacques Macon of the Belgian Association has given notification that the player Thierry Cabrera has been punished by the Belgian TTF and is not allowed to play in any competitions, both in Belgium and elsewhere, until June 30/85. Mr. Macon can be contacted at 56 rue de Brouckere (B.P.20) 6160 Charleroi.

## INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR OPENS

- FRENCH. DIJON. JUNE 1/3
- BT:  
SWEDEN II bt Sweden 13-1
- M. Andersson bt L. Mattsson 1a. 20;
- T. von Scheele lost to F. Gullberg -17. -15;
- Andersson/v. Scheele bt J. Fallby/Gullberg 22. -18. 6;
- Andersson bt Gullberg 11. 15.
- GT:  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA bt Hungary 3-0
- I. Masarikova bt G. Bohm 19. 13. \*
- R. Kasalova bt S. Pirczak -10. 13. 13;
- Kasalova/Masarikova bt Bohm/Pirczak 19. 13.
- CBT:  
BELGIUM bt Franc. I 3-0
- J-M. Saive bt D. Eloi 9, 12;
- P. Vroonen bt O. Marmurek 17, 14;
- Saive/Vroonen bt Elo/V Marmurek 16. 13.
- CGT:  
FRANCE I bt Franco II 3-1
- C. Fouquet lost to A. Leroux -17. -9;
- E. Coubat bt L. Godiche -18. 13. 15;
- Fouquet/I. Leclerc bt S. Chaffard/M. Diener 13. 8;
- Coubat bt Leroux 16. 12.
- BS: a-fa:  
T. von Scheele (SWE) bt A. Krenhardt (HUN) '3. '9;
- F. Gullberg (SWE) bt J. Fallby (SWE) , 6. 12.
- Final: VON SCHEELE bt Gullberg 18, 19.
- GS: a-f.:
- M. Svensson (SWE) bt L. Edman (SWE) 15. 15;
- E. Kovtun (URS) bt S. Pirczak (HUN) 22. 18.
- Final: KOVTUN bt Svensson 13. 9.
- BD:  
M. ANDERSSON (SWE)/VON SCHEELE bt Fallby/L. Mattsson (SWE) 19. 9.
- GO:  
R. KASALOVAII. MASARIKOVA (TCH) bt J. Khasonova/R. Timofeeva (URS) 19. -13, 14.

- XD:  
VON SCHEELE/SVENSSON bt L. Nannon/VL Vignola (ITA) 9. 11.
- CBS:  
J-M. SAIVE (BEL) bt O. Marmaruk (FRA) 9. 20.
- CGS:  
E. BILLEN (BEI) bt C. Fouquet (FRA) 17. , 9.

## HUNGARIAN. SZOINOK. JUNE 15/17

- BT:  
RUMANIA bt Hungary A 3-2
- C. Toma lost to Z. Harczi -9, -18;
- V. Florea lost to S. Varga -17, -20, -16;
- Florea/Toma bt Harczi/Varga 13. 19;
- Florea bt Harczi 19. -17, 15;
- Toma bt Varga 21, -9, 14.
- GT:  
HUNGARY A bt Hungary B 3-2
- C. Batorfi lost to G. Bohm 17. -15. -1g;
- K. Bolvari bt K. Gal 18. 15;
- Batorfi/VBolcari lost to Bohm/Gal-17. -14;
- Batorfi bt Gal 14, 17; aolviri bt Bohm 11. 14.
- BS: s-fs:  
R. Cinner (TCH) bt J-P. Gatien (FRA) 18. 1a;
- Z. Harczi (HUN) bt O. aadescu (ROM) -19, 17, 12.
- Final: CINNER bt Harczi -20. 16. 19.
- GS: a-'s:  
K. Gal (HUN) bt K. Nagy (HUN) 10. 16;
- C. Batorfi (HUN) bt O. aadescu (ROM) 9. 9.
- Final: BATROFI bt Gal -16. 20, 12.
- BD:  
D. KARIOVIC/Z. PRIMORAC (YUG) bt Florea/C. Tom. (ROM) , 5. 12.
- GO:  
BATROFI/K. BOIVARI (HUN) bt Valentova/Zatkova (TCH) -9. 21. 15.
- XD:  
A. SZOSZNYAK (HUN)/BOIVARI bt M. Bezdicek/A. Safarova (TCH) 14. 12.

## ITALIAN. VICENZA. JUNE 22/24

- BT:  
YUGOSLAVIA A bt Yugoslavia B 3-0
- Z. Primorac bt Zakic 18. 12;
- I. Lupulescu bt D. Karlovic 16. -11. 11;
- Lupulescu/Primorac bt Karlovic/Zakic 18. 11.
- GT:  
HUNGARY B bt Hungary A 3-0
- G. Bohm bt C. aatorfi 17, 17;
- K. Gal bt K. Bolvari 13. -18, 15;
- Bohm/Gal bt Batorfi/Bolviri 15, 18.
- BS: s-fs:  
S. Varga (HUN) bt I. Lupulescu (YUG) , 6. 12. 16;
- Z. Harczi (HUN) bt L. Nannoni (ITA) 13. -21, 11.
- Final: HARCZI bt Varga 19. 19.
- GS: s-fs:  
E. Komrakova (URS) bt E. Maier (AUT) 14. 13;
- V. Ojstersek (YUG) bt O. Gopic (YUG) 17., 16.
- Final: OJSTERSEK bt Komrakova /A. Timofeeva
- BD: LUPULESCU/Z. PRIMORAC (YUG) bt Harczi/Vraga 15, 16.
- GO: G. BOHM/K. GAL (HUN) bt Komrakova/R. Timofeeva (URS) 7. 17.
- XD: A. SZOSZNYAK (HUN)/BOIVARI bt Harezi/Satorf, 14. 20.

In addition to the JOOLA Trophy which was awarded to the players, the prize-money (Men's Team DM 3.000,-/Ladies Team DM 1.000,-) was awarded to the Association, the player is representing.)

The winners of the JOOLA Trophy 1984 are:

- Ladies Team Competition:  
1. Marie Lindblad (Sweden)  
9:3 score 29 points
- Men's Team Competition:  
1. Jaques Secretin (France)  
14:4 score 55 points

The JOOLA Trophy was presented to the winners at the Farewell Party, by Dr. G. Lakatos, President of ETTU, Mr. M. Bachtler, Managing Director of JOOLA Tischtennis GmbH & Co. KG and Mr. M. Kozak, Secretary of A.I.P.S. TT-Section.



The presentation of JOOLA Trophy 1984 at Farewell Party of 14th European Championships in Moscow. From the left to the right: Mr. M. Bachtler, Miss Lindblad, Mr. J. Secretin, Dr. G. Lakatos, Mr. M. Kozak.

## WORLD AND EUROPEAN CLASSIFICATIONS

Despite the retirement of reigning world champion, Guo Yuehua, Chinese players still dominate the revised classification lists, issued by the I.T.T.F. on July 24th, 1984, in both the male and female categories.

No less than five men and six women are to be found in the top ten of each category, and in the first three positions, Cai Zhenhua and Cao Yanhua leading the respective fields.

Top European male is Sweden's Jan-Ove Waldner, at No.4 but the European women's singles champion, Valentina Popova, can claim no higher a position than No. 8 whereas, Ulf Bengtsson, the reigning men's singles champion is placed one place lower at No. 9.

England's Desmond DQuglas has been downgraded from No. 16 to No. 18 whilst Carl Prean is plunged from No. 25 to No. 48. Karen Witt is England's sole representative in the women's list at No. 49. Revised classifications (previous position in brackets):-

- MEN**
- 1 Cai Zhenhua (CHN) (2)
  - 2 Jiang Jialiang (CHN) (3)
  - 3 Xie Saikie (CHN) (16)
  - 4 Jan-Ove Waldner (SWE) (8)
  - 5 Wang Huiyuan (CHN) (4)
  - 6 Mikael Appelgren (SWE) (7)
  - 7 Andrzej Grubba (POL) (23)
  - 8 Kiyoshi Saito (JPN) (5)
  - 9 Ulf Bengtsson (SWE) (29)
  - 10 Fan Changmao (CHN) (9)
  - 11 Erik Lindh (SWE) (13)
  - 12 Jacques Secretin (FRA) (24)
  - 13 Chen Xinhua (CHN) (11)
  - 14 He Zhiwen (-)
  - 15 Zoran Kalinic (YUG) (10)
  - 16 Hui Jun (CHN) (-)
  - 17 Dragutin Surbek (YUG) (15)
  - 18 Desmond Douglas (ENG) (16)
  - 19 Kim Ki Taek (KOR) (12)

- 20 Eric Boggan (USA) (18)
- 21 Jindrich Pansky (TCH) (30)
- 22 Tobor Klampar (HUN) (1-1)
- 23 Cho Yong Ho (PRK) (21)
- 24 Ulf Carlsson (SWE) (27)
- 25 Patrick Birocheau (FAA) (33)
- 26 Andrei Mazunov (URS) (1-1)
- 27 Seiji Ono (JPN) (19)
- 28 Park Lee Hee (KOR) (17)
- 29 Zsolt Kristan (HUN) (28)
- 30 Chen Longean (CHN) (1-1)
- 31 Leszek Kucharski (POL) (38)
- 32 Miland Orlovski (TCH) (20)
- 33 Istvan Jonyer (HUN) (14)
- 34 Chiu Man Kuen (HKG) (31)
- 35 Vlasislav Broda (TCH) (1-1)
- 36 Kim Wan (KOR) (122)
- 37 Hong Chol (PRK) (134)
- 38 Cheng Yinghua (CHN) (-)
- 39 Josef Dvoracek (TCH) (-)
- 40 Wang Baoiung (CHN) (-)
- 41 Cho Jong Chol (PRK) (35)
- 42 Gabor Gergely (HUN) (36)
- 43 Hiroyuki Abe (JPN) (39)
- 44 Georg Bohm (FRG) (37)
- 45 Patrick Renverse (FAA) (40)
- 46 Norio Takashima (JPN) (32)
- 47 Jia Ning (CHN) (42)
- 48 Carl Prean (ENG) (25)
- 49 Juzo Nakuzuka (JPN) (43)
- 50 Miroslav Broda (TCH) (-)

- WOMEN**
- 1 Cao Yanhua (CHN) (1)
  - 2 Dai Lili (CHN) (6)
  - 3 Tong Ling (CHN) (14)
  - 4 Yang Young Ja (KOR) (2)
  - 5 Jiao Zhimin (CHN) (-)
  - 6 Qi Baoxiang (CHN) (3)
  - 7 Mi Xialiang (CHN) (7)
  - 8 Valentina Popova (URS) (13)
  - 9 Marie Hrachova (TCH) (12)
  - 10 Fumiko Shingo (JPN) (8)
  - 11 Geng Lijuan (CHN) (9)
  - 12 Filura Bulatova (UASJ) (20)
  - 13 Bettine Vriesekoop (HOL) (10)
  - 14 Kim Gyong Sun (PRK) (11)
  - 15 Zsuzsa Olah (HUN) (26)
  - 16 An Hae Sook (KOR) (141)
  - 17 Gabriella Szabo (HUN) (23)
  - 18 Emiko Kanda (JPN) (17)
  - 19 Tian Jing (CHN) (16)
  - 20 Marie Lindblad (SWE) (36)
  - 21 Branka Batinic (YUG) (43)
  - 22 Shen Jianping (CHN) (21)
  - 23 Yoon Kyung Mi (KOR) (22)
  - 24 Kui So Hung (HKG) (24)
  - 25 Li Hui Feng (CHN) (-)
  - 26 Edit Urban (HUN) (29)
  - 27 Kirsten Kruger (FRG) (28)
  - 28 Rie Wada (JPN) (18)
  - 29 Narine Antonian (URS) (-)
  - 30 Gordana Perkucin (YUG) (45)
  - 31 Kayoko Kawahigashi (JPN) (25)
  - 32 Yoshiko Shimauchi (JPN) (32)
  - 33 Mika Hoshino (JPN) (33)
  - 34 Shin Deuk Hwa (KOR) (27)
  - 35 He Zhili (CHN) (1-)
  - 36 Chang Yong Ok (PRK) (131)

- 37 Susanne Wenzel (FRG) (39)
- 38 Mok Ka Sha (HKG) (37)
- 39 Chen Lili (CHN) (351)
- 40 Pang Chun Dok (PRK) (-)
- 41 Anita Zacharlan (URS) (48)
- 42 Inna Kovalenko (UASJ) (301)
- 43 Tomoko Tamura (JPN) (42)
- 44 Mirjam Kloppenburg (HOL) (-)
- 45 Maria Alboiu (ROM) (-)
- 46 Cho Jong Hui (PAK) (47)
- 47 Sonja Grefberg (FIN) (46)
- 48 Brigitte Thiriet (FRA) (-)
- 49 Karen Witt (ENG) (-)
- 50 Kim Sook Hee (KOR) (-)

Joy Grundy come in at Nos. 23 and 24 but, sadly, Lisa Bellinger, previously at No. 18 does not figure in the revised lists which are (previous positions in brackets):-

- MEN**
- 1 Ulf Bengtsson (SWE) (14)
  - 2 Andrzej Grubba (POL) (41)
  - 3 Jan-ave Waldner (SWE) (1)
  - 4 Mikael Appelgren (SWE) (2)
  - 5 Jacques Secretin (FAA) (6)
  - 6 Erik Lindh (SWE) (3)
  - 7 Dragutin Surbek (YUG) (9)
  - 8 Zoran Kalinic (YUG) (7)
  - 9 Jindrich Pansky (TCH) (5)
  - 10 Desmond Douglas (ENG) (8)
  - 11 Patrick Birocheau (FAA) (15)
  - 12 Andrei Mazunov (URS) (-)
  - 13 Zsolt Kristan (HUN) (12)
  - 14 Tobor Klampar (HUN) (16)
  - 15 Leszek Kucharski (POL) (17)
  - 16 Ulf Carlsson (SWE) (11)
  - 17 Josef Dvoracek (TCH) (-)
  - 18 Vladislav Broda (TCH) (22)
  - 19 Milan Orlovski (TCH)
  - 20 Milan Orlovski (TCH) (10)
  - 21 Istvan Jonyer (HUN) (13)
  - 22 Miroslav Broda (TCH) (26)
  - 23 Georg Bohm (FRG) (19)
  - 24 Gabor Gergely (HUN) (25)
  - 25 Patrick Renverse (FAA) (24)
  - 26 Igor Solopov (URS) (-)
  - 27 Stefan Dryszel (POL) (28)
  - 28 Bela Mesar (YUG) (23)
  - 29 Jonny Akesson (SWE) (-)
  - 30 Ralf Wosik (FRG) (29)
  - 31 Wilfried Tieck (FRG) (-)

- WOMEN**
- 1 Valentina Popova (URS) (3)
  - 2 Marie Hrachova (TCH) (1)
  - 3 Filura Bulatova (UAS) (5)
  - 4 Gabriella Szabo (HUN) (8)
  - 5 Bettine Vriesekoop (HOL) (2)
  - 6 Zsuzsa Olah (HUN) (4)
  - 7 Branka Batinic (YUG) (6)
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  - 16 Susanne Wenzel (FRG) (13)
  - 17 Karen Witt (ENG) (16)
  - 18 Brigitte Thiriet (FAA) (14)
  - 19 Jolanta Szatko (POL) (30)
  - 20 Sonja Grefberg (FIN) (22)
  - 21 Menni Weizades (SWE) (28)
  - 22 Dana Guerguelcheva (BUL) (-)
  - 23 Alison Gordon (ENG) (-)

Apart from Guo Yuehua others departed from the previous lists are:- Men: Stellan Bengtsson (SWE) (26), Kenichi Sakamoto (JPN) (41), Diao Ming (CHN) (41), Maschiro Maehara (JPN) (42), Vong lu Veng (HKG) (45), Janos Molnar (HUN) (46), Bela Mesaro (YUG) (47), Christian Martin (FRA) (48), Ralf Wosik (FRG) (49) and Stefan Dryzel (POL) (50). Women: Huang Junqun (CHN) (5), Olga Nemes (FRG) (15), Pu Qijuan (CHN) (19), Lisa Bellinger (ENG) (34), Judit Magos (HUN) (38), Jill Hammersley-Parker (ENG) (40), Erzsebet Palatinus (YUG) (41), Barbara Lippens (BEL) (44), Lim Jong Hwa (PRK) (49) and Blanka Silhanova (TCH).

## EUROPEAN RANKINGS

In conformity with his world elevation, from No. 23 to No. 7, Poland's Andrzej Grubba now finds himself in the No.2 position, behind Moscow winner Ulf Bengtsson of Sweden in the European lists, also released in July. Douglas is also dropped in this list, from No. 8 to NO. 10 whilst Prean, previously at No. 18 is omitted.

On the distaff side Karen Witt is moved down one place, from No. 16 to No. 17 but English newcomers, Alison Gordon and



Reigning world men's singles champion Guo Yuehua of China now retired from competitive play.

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Cao Yanhua the reigning world women's singles champion.

Photo by Graham Duncan. London SW17.

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Other than Prean, previously ranked players to have been omitted are:- Men: Stellan

Bengtsson (SWE) (20), Janos Molnar (HUN) (21), Peter Stellwag (FRG) (27), Christian Martin (FRA) (30) and Milivoj Karakasevic (YUG) (31). Women: Lisa Bellinger (ENG) (18). Sonja Pircsek Szigeti (HUN) (23), Katalin Bolvari (HUN) (26) and Barbara Wiltsche (AUT).



Istvan Jonyer (left) and Tibor Klampar of Hungary the latter back in contention in the world classifications but the former sinking down both the World and European lists.

Photo by Graham Duncan, London SW17.



Sweden's Jan-Ove Waldner, the top European in the revised world classifications.

Photo by Lars Sandlin of Sweden.

## PRESIDENTIAL GREETING

Scotland's International Brian Wright visited Japan in August/September for training at the BUTTERFLY DOJO TABLE TENNIS CENTRE under the keen eye of former Hungarian coach, Zoltan Berczik. Brian is pictured here with the President of the Tamasu Butterfly Company, Mr. Tamasu.



## STOP PRESS DOUGLAS TOPS AGAIN

England again had cause to thank Desmond Douglas for four of the five wins against Poland in the opening Super Division fixture of the European League at Mansfield Leisure Centre.

Douglas had singles wins over Andrzej Grubba and Leszek Kucharski and partnered Carl Prean and Alison Gordon in two doubles successes. Miss Gordon also accounting for her counterpart Jolanta Szatko.

### Results

Super Division  
 England 5 Poland 2  
 Czechoslovakia 4 Yugoslavia 3  
 Netherlands 1 Federal Germany 6  
 Sweden 4 Hungary 3

First Division  
 Austria 2 France 5  
 Belgium 4 Italy 3  
 Denmark 4 Finland 3  
 Norway 5 Luxembourg 2

English scorers:-  
 C. Prean lost to A. Grubba -17, 18, -15;  
 D. Douglas bt L. Kucharski 18, 7;  
 A. Gordon bt J. Szatko -21, 16, 17;  
 Douglas/Prean bt Grubba/Kucharski 12, 15;  
 Douglas/Gordon bt Grubba/Szatko 11, -20, 20;  
 Prean lost to Kucharski -18, -17;  
 Douglas bt Grubba 14, -8, 20.

## EUROPEAN YOUTH RANKINGS

### RUSSIANS TOP THE POLL

Subsequent to the European Youth Championships in Linz the following Junior and Cadet rankings have been issued:-

#### BOYS

- 1 Andrei Mazunov (URS)
- 2 Carl Prean (ENG)
- 3 Ilija Lupulescu (YUG)
- 4 Zsolt Harcsi (HUN)
- 5 Thomas von Scheele (SWE)
- 6 Vasile Florea (ROM)
- 7 Frank Gullberg (SWE)
- 8 Zoran Primorac (YUG)
- 9 Radovan Cinner (TCH)
- 10 Steffen Felzner (FAG)
- 11 Calin Iorna (ROM)
- 12 Didier Mommessin (FRA)
- 13 Josef Braun (TCH)
- 14 Sandor Varga (HUN)
- 15 Jean-Philippe Gatien (FRA)
- 16 Andras Krenhardt (HUN)
- 17 Milan Bezdeck (TCH)
- 18 Mats Andersson (SWE)
- 19 Mulid Kuschkov (URS)
- 20 Andrew Syod (ENG)
- 21 Thomas Rosskopf (FRG)
- 22 Sergei Efimov (URS)
- 23 Attila Szosnyak (HUN)
- 24 Regis Rossignol (FRA)
- 25 Francesco Manneschi (ITA)

#### GIRLS

- 1 Elena Kovtun (URS)
- 2 Olga Nemes (FRG)
- 3 Csilla Batorfi (HUN)
- 4 Raisa Diachenko (URS)
- 5 Eva Malmberg (FIN)
- 6 Ivana Masarikova (TCH)
- 7 Marie Svensson (SWE)
- 8 Katalin Bolvari (HUN)
- 9 Renata Kasalova (TCH)
- 10 Lisa Bellinger (ENG)
- 11 Vesna Ojstersek (YUG)
- 12 Elisabeth Maier (AUT)
- 13 Flera Khasanova (URS)
- 14 Krisztina Gal (HUN)
- 15 Annette Gressinger (FRG)

- 16 Tatjana Krsnik (YUG)
- 17 Isabelle Delepine (FRA)
- 18 Szonja Pircsak (HUN)
- 19 Renata Lindnerova (TCH)
- 20 Elke Pangert (FRG)
- 21 Patricia Aubry (FRA)
- 22 Alena Safarova (TCH)
- 23 Olga Gopc (YUG)
- 24 Barbro Wiktorsson (SWE)
- 25 Raisa Timofeeva (URS)

#### CADET BOYS

- 1 Jean Michel Salve (BEL)
- 2 Milan Grman (TCH)
- 3 Peter Andersson (SWE)
- 4 Viktor Vettorelli (FRG)
- 5 Olivier Marmurek (FRA)
- 6 Calin Creanga (ROM)
- 7 Dmitrij Mazunov (URS)
- 8 Christian Franzel (FRG)
- 9 Patrick Chila (FRA)
- 10 Matthew Syed (ENG)
- 11 Dmitrij Gusev (URS)
- 12 Karoly Nemeth (HUN)
- 13 Romulus Revisz (ROM)
- 14 Gerard Bakker (HOI)
- 15 Ralf Dooley (FRG)
- 16 Juan Bautista Perez (ESP)
- 17 Samuel Vardanian (URS)
- 18 Henrik Pettersson (SWE)
- 19 Vladimir Mihocko (TCH)
- 20 Zlatko Jaksic (YUG)

#### CADET GIRLS

- 1 Ottilia Badescu (ROM)
- 2 Krisztina Nagy (HUN)
- 3 Katja Neuen (FRG)
- 4 Kinga Iohr (ROM)
- 5 Szylvia Kahn (HOI)
- 6 Patricia de Groot (HOI)
- 7 Fatima Isanovic (YUG)
- 8 Daniela Davidkova (TCH)
- 9 Sophie Thirion (BEL)
- 10 Gerdie Keen (HOI)
- 11 Garietta Zsemlye (HUN)
- 12 Galina Melnik (URS)
- 13 Nada Kujundzic (YUG)
- 14 Anca Cheller (ROM)
- 15 Eis Billen (BEL)
- 16 Pavla Aampova (TCH)
- 17 Jasna Fazlic (YUG)
- 18 Margarita Pavlova (URS)
- 19 Emmanuelle Coubat (FRA)
- 20 Carole Fouquet (FRA)

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WORLD CUP '84



## STAGGERING PRIZE

By Albert Shipley

The fifth 555 World Cup returned to the venue where the second one was played, the Negara Stadium in Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia. For five nights from August 29th to September 2nd, 1984, sixteen players from around the world battled for a staggering first prize of £12,500.

Six of the players came from the two strongest table tennis nations, three from China and three from Sweden, but only one of these six reached the final. The Chinese players were those ranked numbers 1, 2 and 3 in the World rankings and yet only one of them reached the semi-final stage, a sign maybe that their supremacy shown hitherto can now be breached.

Sixteen players are invited to the World Cup with at least one coming from each of the five continental associations and others according to World ranking, but availability plays a large part in deciding the final line-up. England's Carl Prean was fortunate to receive a last minute invitation owing to the withdrawal of Surbek and if he could have repeated last year's efforts when he finished sixth, a good cash reward would have been his. However, the draw was not too kind to him as his group of four included the two players destined to contest the final.

Although the first two players from each group of four were to go through to the quarter final knock-out stage, the tournament started with a surprising but deserved win by Ulf Bengtsson over Cai Zhenhua. Several more shocks were to follow such as Atanda Musa of Nigeria beating Sweden's Erik Lindh and Kim Wan of Korea defeating Jiang Jialiang of China, the latter result being viewed with some suspicion by the players.

The eight players who came through the group stage were then drawn into four quarterfinals, where the best table tennis was played, three of the matches

going to a fifth game. Atanda Musa showed that his result over Erik Lindh was no fluke by extending Ulf Bengtsson to a fifth game. Kim Wan of Korea obtained his second Chinese scalp with a 22-20 in the fifth win over Xie Saiké. The Japanese champion Kiyoshi Saito downed an out of form Cai Zhenhua and Jiang Jialiang played a very tight game to overcome Jan-Ove Waldner of Sweden.

In the semi-finals, Bengtsson seemed out of touch in losing to Kim Wan and Jiang Jialiang had to come from 2-0 down to beat Saito.

As is often the case in such tournaments, the play in the final did not approach the high standard of the previous rounds and Jiang Jialiang swamped Kim Wan, winning the game 21-4 which made my task as television commentator that much harder.

In the play-offs for the lower positions, Carl Prean started off well with a workmanlike win over Danny Seemiller of the U.S.A. and he could so easily have finished ninth, but two disappointing losses meant he ended up in 12th position. Against Chiu Man Kuen of Hong Kong, an orthodox but steady player, Carl let slip a 20-14 lead in the second game but worse was to come when he played Mario Alvarez of Dominica. Having allowed a big lead to disappear in the first game, he confidently won the second 21-10 and then raced to a lead of 18-11 in the deciding third game. At this point Alvarez threw caution to the winds and hit everything but it was very disappointing to see Carl lose ten points in a row, five of them on his own service, to lose 21-18.

The organisation of the tournament was excellent, with the players housed in five star accommodation and private transport by liaison officers to and from the venue. Being only a few degrees from the equator the temperature was high and humid in Kuala Lumpur, as were the prices of all things except taxis, but with prize money in this tournament going down to £500 for last place, the players were well rewarded for their efforts.

### 555 WORLD CUP - RESULTS

Group A  
U. Bengtsson (SWE) bt Cai Zhenhua (CHN) 14, 21; bt I. Jonyer (HUN) 19, 18; bt T. Danielsson (AUS) 12, -19, 25.  
Cai Zhenhua bt Danielsson 10, 13; bt Jonyer 22, -16, 15.  
Danielsson bt Jonyer 15, 13.  
Group B  
Kim Wan (KOR) bt Lim Chin Leong (MAL) 16, 9; bt Jiang Jialiang bt Prean 18, 12; bt lim Chin Leong 17, 10.  
Prean bt Lim Chin Leong 13, 10, 17, 10.  
Prean bt lim Chin leong 13, 10.  
Group C  
K. Saito (JPN) bt A. Musa (NIG) 14, 9; bt Chiu Man Kuen (HKG) 20, -16, 9; bt E. Lindh (SWE) 5, 12.  
Musa bt Lindh 16, 18; bt Chiu Man Kuen 16, -14, 15.  
Lindh bt Chiu Man Kuen 16, 12.  
Group D  
J-G. Waldner (SWE) bt M. Alvarez (DOM) 16, 18; bt D. Seemiller (USA) -14, 18, 18; bt Xie Saiké (CHN) -17, 16, 16.  
Xie Saiké bt Seemiller 9, 12; bt Alvarez 14, 6.  
Alvarez bt Seemiller 17, -19, 18.  
Quarter-finals:  
Bengtsson bt Musa 16, -18, 17, -10, 16;  
Kim Wan bt Xie Saiké -15, 13, -9, 18, 20;  
Saito bt Cai Zhenhua 16, -13, 12, 20;  
Jiang Jialiang bt Waldner -11, 12, 16, 29.  
Semi-finals:  
Kim Wan bt Bengtsson 17, -16, 10, 17;  
Jiang Jialiang bt Saito -12, -19, 9, 19, 9.  
Final:  
JIANG JIALIANG bt Kim Wan 14, -16, 4, 11.  
Positions 3 and 4  
Bengtsson bt Saito 21, -, 7, 14.

Positions 5 and 6  
Weidner bt Xie Saiké -21, 19, 20.  
Positions 7 and 8  
Cai Zhenhua bt Musa 10, -18, 10.

### LOWER PLACING RESULTS

C4 Chiu Man Kuen bt A3 Danielsson 15, -20, 16;  
83 Prean bt O4 Seemiller 11, 19;  
C3 Lindh bt A4 Jonyer 19, 15;  
O3 Alvarez bt B4 Lim Chin Leong 16, -15, 21.  
Seemiller bt Danielsson 18, -15, 20;  
Jonyer bt Lim Chin Leong 11, 10  
Chiu Man Kuen bt Prean 18, 24;  
Lindh bt Alvarez 7, 17.  
Xie Saiké bt Musa 14, 20;  
Waldner bt Cai Zhenhua -18, 15, 9.  
Danielsson bt Lim Ching Leong 15, -19, '8;  
Jonyer bt Seemiller 15, 19;  
Alvarez bt Prean 22, -10, 18;  
Lindh bt Chiu Man Kuen 21, 17.

### FINAL PLACINGS

1. JIANG JIALIANG (CHN)
2. KIM WAN (KOR)
3. ULF BENGSSON (SWE)
4. KIYOSHI SAITO (JPN)
5. JAN-OVE WALDNER (SWE)
6. XIE SAIKE (CHN)
7. CAI ZHENHUA (CHN)
8. ATANOA MUSA (NIG)
9. ERIK LINDH (SWE)
10. CHIU MAN KUEN (HKG)
11. MARIO ALVAREZ (DOM)
12. CARL PREAN (ENG)
13. ISTVAN JONYER (HUN)
14. OANNY SEEMILLER (USA)
15. TOMMY DANIELSSON (AUS)
16. LIM CHIN LEONG (MAL)



Jiang Jialiang world-ranked at No.2 but the winner in Kuala Lumpur. Photo by Stan Hilton, Billingham, Cleveland.

# IRELAND AT THE EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Frank Kennedy



Two members of the Irish team. CAROLINE ANDERSON (left) and BRIAN O'GORMAN with Alexandra Mayer (Austria) at the Opening Ceremony of the European Youth Championships at Linz.

We arrived in Linz, Austria on Tuesday July 17th with nothing to lose and a lot to learn. One of our players, Ellen McManus had been through it all the previous year, as a Cadet in Malmo, but for the rest of the players, Caroline Anderson, Martin O'Flaherty and Brian O'Gorman, and for myself as team captain, it was a completely new experience, one which we eagerly looked forward to, and from which we hoped to learn a lot. And we were not disappointed! For the Irish team, Linz 1984 was an unforgettable experience. From the moment we trundled into Linz station on the Orient Express from Vienna, we savoured every moment of the excitement, action and comradeship of the championships.

We found ourselves staying in the Jugendgastehaus, with four other countries, Spain, Federal

Germany, Czechoslovakia and the host country, Austria, just three minutes' walk from the magnificent Sporthalle where the championships took place. At first we thought that we were unlucky not to be staying in the Sommerhaus with the other twenty-one nations, but as the days passed, and we saw all the others rushing to catch the bus to the Sommerhaus, we realised we were in fact lucky to be able to walk to and from our accommodation as we pleased.

In the team-event draw, we weren't dealt any favours, with our Junior Girls pitted against U.S.S.R., France and Finland, and our Cadet Boys in with Czechoslovakia (holders), Yugoslavia, Netherlands and Luxembourg. We had hoped that the boys might cause an upset against Luxembourg, but although we got off to the best possible

start, with Martin defeating their No. 2 Pascale Dell, 19 in the third, we lost 1-3.

In the Second Stage groups, our Girls found themselves in another strong group with Belgium and Denmark, two more strong teams, the Belgians fielding Karine Bogaerts who is the only female playing Men's National League Division 1 in her home country, and who was a member of the Belgian team at the Europeans in Moscow. We finished third in this group and went on to meet Switzerland. This one, we could have won, even though their NO.1 Barbara Hoefliger was of a slightly higher standard than either of our girls. Ellen got us off to a good start, defeating their No. 2 Sandra Busi 19, 15 and Caroline fought bravely to take the first 21-18 from Hoefliger. But it was not to be, and Hoefliger came back to win comfortably in the third. However, we knew if we could take the doubles, we could win 3-2, but the girls were pipped -18 in the third, having taken the first 21-19. Hoefliger defeated McManus 11, 13 to take the match for Switzerland.

Our Cadet Boys found themselves in a strong five-country group with Norway, Finland, Turkey and Switzerland to decide places 17-21. Switzerland beat Turkey, Finland beat Switzerland, Norway beat Finland and Ireland beat Norway, comfortably. 3-1! But one win wasn't enough, and the lads were disappointed to lose out on game difference and finish bottom of the group. However, our players were not outclassed, having some very

narrow defeats, and we were all quite satisfied with their performance.

They were all agreed that they had learned a lot, particularly from observing the top players in close situations. Players whom they were very impressed by included Grman (CSSR), Fetzner (Germany), Harczi and Batorfi (Hungary), Mazunov and Kowtun (USSR) and Carl Prean (England). They have all gone back to their clubs armed with a renewed determination for next season.

Martin and Brian both celebrated their 15th birthdays while we were there, so they go into the Junior ranks for next season, but Ellen and Caroline are still Juniors and hope to be in contention when next season's team is being picked.

On the night of the finals, at the farewell dinner in the Sommerhaus, we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. and Mrs. John Prean at our table, and what an interesting and enjoyable conversation we had! With their enthusiasm for the game, it is small wonder that their son Carl is such a tremendous player. All our players were thrilled to find them such down to earth people, and will read John Prean's column with renewed interest in future!

To close, we couldn't have had four better ambassadors for our country in Linz. Neither Ellen, Caroline, Martin, Brian or myself received a single penny from our Association to cover our costs. For about six weeks previous to the trip, we were all involved in various forms of fund-raising. We had to raise IR£2,000... and we did. That's dedication!

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# 1984 UNITED STATES OPEN

## CHINESE TAIPEI SHINE IN LAS VEGAS

By Malcolm R. Anderson of the USTTA

The Chinese Taipei men showed their quality at the 1984 U.S. Open played at the Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas over the period June 28/July 1 winning the men's team event with a final 3-1 defeat of the U.S.A. and their No. 1 man, Wu Wen Chia, beating Sweden's Mikael Appelgren in the final of the men's singles.

Japan had equal success in the women's events with a final team win over the U.S.A. by 3 sets to 1 and success for Kayoko Kawahigashi over the host country's In Sook Bhushan in the singles. Results:-

### TEAM EVENTS

#### Men

##### Semi-finals:

CHINESE TAIPEI 3 India 2  
Huang Hueih-Chieh lost to Manmeet Singh -19, -24;

Wu Wen Chia, bt Venugop.1 Chandrasekhar -16, 5, 8;

Huang/Wu lost to Chandrasekhar/Singh -17\* -19;

Wu bt Singh 29, 19; Huang bt Chandrasekhar 16, -15, 11.

U.S.A. 3 Chinese Taipei II 2  
Dan Seemiller bt Chih Chin-Long 10, -19, 21;

eric Boggan lost to Chih Chin-Shui -19, -20; Boggan/Seemiller lost to Chih C-UHsu Jung-Chang 15, -17, -16;

Boggan bt Chih CAL 16, 16; Seemiller bt Chih CAS 10, -21, 11.

Final:  
CHINESE TAIPEI 3 U.S.A. 1  
Huang bt Boggan 19, 16; Wu bt Seemiller 12, 19;

Huang/Wu lost to Boggan/Seemiller -'6, .., 8; Wu bt Boggan 13, 12.

Women  
Final:  
JAPAN 3 U.S.A. 1  
Kawahigashi bt In Vuong 14, 15; Maruyama lost to Bhushan -16, -19;

Kawahigashi/Ohiwa bt Bhushan/Vuong 24, 15; Kawahigashi bt Bhushan 16, 21.

INDIVIDUALS  
Men's Singles; Round 4:  
Wu Wen Chia (TPE) bt E. Wuisan (INA) 9, 16, 17;

E. Boggan (USA) bt Chandra Mol (IND) 18, 14, 21; ChihChin-Long (TPE) bt Huang Hueih-Chieh (TPE) -16, 19, 15, -20, 16;

Z. Kosanovic (CAN) bt R. Domingo (USA) 18, 16, 17;

M. Appelgren (SWE) bt T. Busin (SU) -14, 12, 20, 20;

F. Sule (NIG) bt Cho Dong-Won (KOR) 16, 17, -10, 14;

Hsu Iing-Chang (TPE) bt E. Hucing (FRG) 18, 15, -23, -18, 20;

C. Teekaveerakit (THA) bt D. Seemiller (USA) -12, 15, -20, 11, 14.

### Quarter-finals:

Wu bt Boggan 17, -16, 9, 17; Appelgren bt Sule 16, -15, 20, -19, 16;

Chih bt Kosanovic 19, -10, 22, 10; Hsu bt Teekaveerakit 13, 11, 12.

Semi-finals:  
Wu bt Chih 17, -16, 9, 17; Appelgren bt Hsu 17, -18, 15, 21.

Final  
WU bt Appelgren 16, 18, 10 (!!!)

Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:  
Kawahigashi (JPN) bt Chang Hsiu-Yu (TPE) 14, 18, 19;

Chuang Shu-Wa (TPE) bt C. Davidson (USA) -20, 12, 12, -14, 6;

In Sook Bhushan (USA) bt Maruyama (JPN) -17, 17, 12, 12;

Ohiwa (JPN) bt Indu Puri (IND) 16, 22, 11.  
Semi-finals:  
Kawahigashi bt Chuang -20, 11, 11, 8;

Bhushan bt Ohiwa 16, 17, -12, -19, 18.  
Final: (Expedite from the start)  
KAWAHIGASHI bt Bhushan 14, 17, 11.

Shekhar and In Sook Bhushan are expecting their second child in mid-January, so don't expect to see her in Gothenburg.

M.D.: WU/HUANG w.o. E. Caetano (CAN)/Kosanovic

W.D.: KAWAHIGASHI/OHIWA bt Chang Hsiu-Yu/In Li-Zu (TPE) -14, 7, 16.

X.D.: HUANG/LIN bt No Voon-Kwang (KOR)/Ohiwa -20, 13, 19.

M.V.S.: B. DAWIDOWICZ (USA) bt D. J. Lee (USA) 14, 20.

W.V.S. M. KUCHARSKA (POL) bt P. Hodgins (USA) 11, -21, 8.

B.S.: S. O'NEILL (USA) bt Teekaveerakit 10, 16, 8.

G.S.: LIN LI-ZU bt Chen Yueh-Jen (TPE) 17, 19, 10.

### NORTH AMERICAN CLOSED

Dan Seemiller of the United States, by defeating Canada's Horation Pinteau 20 and 9 in the final, now qualifies to compete in the next World Cup, along with Eric Boggan.

Photographic coverage by Malcolm Anderson, Chairman, Photographic Committee, U.S.T.T.A.



Federal Germany's Engelbert Hucing, another Chinese Taipei victim.



Mikael Appelgren, the defeated men's singles finalist, from Sweden.



Chinese Taipei's Wu Wen Chia, winner of the men's singles,



Kayoko Kawahigashi of Japan, winner of the women's singles.

## 2nd WORLD VETERANS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

### MEDALS GALORE FOR U.K. CONTINGENT

Kent's Ron Etheridge, in the Over-60's men's singles, and, in combine, Derek Schofield of Cheshire and Matt Sheader of Lincolnshire, in the Over-50's men's doubles, topped the medals chart for English players in Helsinki by winning gold medals in the 2nd World Veterans' Championships.

Silvers too came England's way with Kent's Henry Buist, the beaten finalists in the Over-50's men's singles, Yorkshire's Les D. Arcy runner-up in the Over-60's men's singles, and Phyllis Lauder of Essex, partnered by L. Dahlberg of Sweden reaching

the final of the Over-70's women's doubles. And, for good measure, the former Welsh international, Betty Gray, the beaten finalist, in the Over-60's women's singles.

Six bronze medals were also added to the tally with Schofield and Sheader, beaten semi-finalists in the Over-50's men's singles and Ron Bolton of Notts going out at the same stage in the Over-60's men's singles.

Doreen Schofield of Cheshire fell in the semis of the Over-40's women's singles, Maureen Pemberton of Essex in the semis of the Over-50's women's singles and Phyllis Lauder in the semis of the Over-70's women's singles. All in all, a magnificent haul!

### HELSINKI BOUND

By Les D'Arcy

A challenge accepted and compass set,

To a place of friendship for every vet.

May my feet start pedalling.  
Helsinki bound, thirtieth day of May;

5 a.m. start on a fine bright day,  
As my feet go pedalling.

Seven miles go by then a punctured tyre,

Slows down the pace which I did, aspire.

Then again it's pedalling.  
Twenty odd miles then a touch of cramp.

As the day grows hot and clothes are damp;

But it's fun just pedalling.  
A hundred miles and the night is near.

Still the ground is dry and the sky is clear,

As my feet go pedalling.  
First day over, a hostel near,

So it's soon to sleep without a fear,

Of night-time pedalling.  
Morning soon, as I wave 'good-bye',

To tough new friends just standing by,

As my feet start pedalling.  
The second day goes just like the first,

With sun and wind and parching thirst,

As my feet go pedalling.  
Cambridge soon, another rest;

Tomorrow then a sterner test,  
As my feet go pedalling.

Oh, for the feel of a tail wind strong,

As clouds grow grey and shadows long;

But my feet go pedalling.  
Come in sight a distant town;

Hot legs grow cold and rain pours down.

Wet feet go pedalling.  
Rain abates with wind now still.

It's wet to dry in Haverhill,  
And again it's pedalling.

Oh for a glimpse of a hostel door,  
As cars zoom fast and lorries roar,

And feet go pedalling.  
Where is that place to rest one's head,

And warm the legs which feel like lead,

From lots of pedalling.  
One hostel more, a welcome sight;

Colchester gives a warm invite,  
To those a-pedalling.

Across the sea to Hamburg fair,  
At last I feel I'm nearly there,

After some more pedalling.  
Fifty miles flash by on Sunday,

From Hamburg Port to Travemunde;

Sore feet go pedalling.  
Then disaster strikes for the road is blocked,

By bridge repairs and time is lost;  
Feet must stop pedalling.

Back-track, speed back, clouds of dust,

To find a new way that I must,  
With all-out pedalling.

Half an hour there still is left,  
How many miles? No means to test,

Just keep on pedalling.  
Oh for the sound of our ship's loud blast,

As the heart thumps hard and the pulse beats fast;

But feet go pedalling.  
The Port looms large. Can I be there?

With ten whole minutes left to spare,

And feet not pedalling.  
I can't believe it yet it's true;

We're sailing out into the blue,  
Away from pedalling.

The sea soon merges with the sky,

Destination Helsinki -  
And REST from pedalling!

### pöytätennis



Many are the stories to be told by contestants in this most successful of events, so ably staged by the Finnish Association, and none more so than by Les D'Arcy who pedalled his way from his home in Wakefield - not across the various waters - but overland otherwise with sufficient energy left to reach the final of the Over-60's men's singles but not enough to stop the victory charge of Ron Etheridge.

### RESULTS

#### MEN'S SINGLES:

##### Over-40:

Quarter-finals:  
P. Hubner (FRG) bt Budzisz (FRG) 5, 13; A. Hold (AUT) bt K. Maier (FRG) 17, 9; F. Hansen (DEN) bt H. Neusser (FRG) 12, 18, 13; V. Langehegerman (LUX) bt E. Gomolla (FRG) 9, 14.

##### Semi-finals:

Hubner bt Hold 15, 12; Lengehegerman bt Hansen 16, -17, 11.

Final: Hubner bt Lengehegerman 17, 19.

##### Over-50:

Quarter-finals:  
D. Schofield (ENG) bt Kimura (JPN) 16, -6, 11; H. Buist (ENG) bt L. Foldy (SUI) 19, 19; M. Sheader (ENG) bt A. Persson (SWE) -16, 18, 21; H. Kleewein (AUT) bt F. el Ibrahim (EGY) 12, 6.

##### Semi-finals:

Buist bt Schofield 19, -14, 19; Kleewein bt Sheader 19, -19, 12.

Final: Kleewein by Buist 21, 16.

##### Over-60:

Quarter-finals:  
R. Etheridge (ENG) bt T. Kono (JPN) 12, -16, 22; R. Bolton (ENG) bt H-K. Franz (FRG) 14, -24, 12; L. D'Arcy (ENG) bt A. Neidenmark (SWE) 13, 13; J. Nieuwejaers (BEL) bt T. Rundberg (FIN) 16, 12.

##### Semi-finals:

Etheridge bt Bolton 12, 10; D'Arcy bt Nieuwejaers -18, 18, 20.

##### Over-70:

Quarter-finals: A. Hansson (SWE) bt M. Komatsu (JPN) 16, 10; T. Westblad (SWE) bt P. Offenber (DEN) 19, 11; V. Kyntoaho (FIN) bt R. Nogami (JPN) 17, 14; Juhl (DEN) bt H. Svensson (SWE) 11, 15.

##### Semi-finals:

Hansson bt Westblad 17, 18; Kyntoaho bt Juhl 12, 15.

##### Over-80:

Final: S. Ebina (JPN) bt Y. Yamamoto (JPN) 11, 18.

#### WOMEN'S SINGLES

##### Over-40:

Quarter-finals:  
K. Ito (JPN) bt W. Wannehed (SWE) 16, 8; D. Schofield (ENG) bt M. Ernst (FRG) 19, 18; R. Omori (JPN) bt W. de Waal (HOL) 18, 16; D. Kunzli (SUI) bt M. Kimura (JPN) 18, 20.

##### Semi-finals:

Ito bt Schofield 6, 6. Omori bt Kunzli 20, 16.

##### Over-50:

Final: ITO bt Omori 16, 8.

##### Over-60:

Quarter-finals:  
M. Pemberton (ENG) bt H. Iwata (JPN) 12, -16, 18; M. Skuratowich-Kucharska (POL) bt H. Kurokawa (JPN) 15, -14, 8; M. Wilke (FRG) bt E. Santifaller (ITA) 11, 16; K. Sasaki (JPN) bt C. Moran (ENG) 7, -18, 15.

##### Semi-finals:

Skuratowich-Kucharska bt Pemberton -22, 15, 9; Wilke bt Sasaki 10, 12.

##### Over-70:

Final: SKURATOWICH-KUCHARSKA BT WILKE 15, 19.

##### Over-80:

Quarter-finals:  
J. Delay (FRA) bt U. Bihl (FRG) 12, 16; K. Tasaka (JPN) bt G. Rebattet (FRA) 10, 13; B. Gray (WAL) bt M. Sammer (FRG) -20, 21, 19; T. Kuhn (FRG) bt E. Dunbar (SCO) 15, -13, 19.

##### Semi-finals:

Tasaka bt Delay 20, 19; Gray bt Kuhn 20, -1, 5, 18.

##### Over-90:

Final: TASAKA bt Gray 18, 11.

#### Semi-finals:

Fernberg bt Lauder 18, 18; Sundqvist bt Dahlberg 21, 16.

Final: FERNBERG bt Sundqvist 14, 10.

#### MEN'S DOUBLES

##### Over-40:

Semi-finals:  
T. Borg (SWE)/Hansen bt Hubner/Gomolla 19, 15, 20; G. Bergmann/R. Martin (FRG) bt Budzisz/D. Lippelt (FRG) 18, -20, 19.

Final: BERGMANN/MARTIN bt Borg/Hansen 14, 17.

##### Over-50:

Semi-finals:  
Schofield/Sheader bt G. Kindstedt/C. Osterholm (SWE) -18, 13, 14; Foldy/G. Mach (SUI) bt A. Anderson/N-E Svensson (SWE) 14, 13.

Final: SCHOFIELD/SHEADER bt Foldy/Mach -20, 18, 12.

##### Over-60:

Semi-finals:  
T. Berggren/A. Neidenmark (SWE) bt Kono/S. Yokosawa (JPN) 13, 14; C. Blomqvist/G. Sawerstrom (SWE) bt Franz/G. Schops (FRG).

Final: BLOMQVIST/SAWERSTROM bt Berggren/Neidenmark 19, 16.

##### Over-70:

Semi-finals:  
G. Chmielnik (SWE)/Svensson bt H. Hanson (SWE)/Juhl 18, 8; V. Petterson (SWE)/Westblad bt R. Nogami/Y. Nakamura (JPN) 13, 12.

Final: PETTERSSON/WESTBLAD bt Chmielnik/Svensson 8, 11.

#### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

##### Over-40:

Semi-finals:  
I. Bracht (FRG)/Wilke bt I. Dooose/H. Friebe (FRG) 14, 17; M. Antal-Jaquet (SUI)/Sasaki bt Skuratowich-Kucharska/R. Wetterstrom (SWE) 17, 18.

Final: ANTAL-JAQUET/SASAKI bt Bracht/Wilke 16, 17, 13.

##### Over-60:

Semi-finals:  
Kuhn/M. Yamada (JPN) bt U. Bihl (FRG)/M. Halling (SWE) 16, -17, 13; E. Hornyak (USA)/Tasaka bt R. Koervers (FRG)/Sammer 12, 13.

Final: HORNYAK/TASAKA bt Kuhn/Yamada 11, 13.

##### Over-70:

Semi-finals:  
Fernberg/Sundqvist bt Chiba/G. Sorensen (DEN) 12, 11; Dahlberg/Lauder bt Beck/Troest -18, 10, 8.

Final: FERNBERG/SUNDQVIST bt Dahlberg/Lauder 19, 20.

## International TT Club of England

By Laurie Landry

The Club had its AGM on the morning of the ETTA AGM, on July 7. Alec Brook was in the Chair and it was noted that there are many more recent international players that are now members. A bulletin has been sent out to most of these 'new boys' by our Admin. Secretary, Bernard Chatterley. It was noted with pleasure that two of our members, Alan Hydes and Alan Ransome, have been appointed as Vice-Presidents of the ETTA.

Our big event of the new season, the Hard Bat Open, will again take place at the Barnet TT Centre, on February 3, 1985, when the winners of the men's and women's singles will be invited to choose young players or organisations to benefit from money which will be available under the auspices of the Club and the Barnet Centre for use in participation in National events.



### Chairman TOM BLUNN comes to.....

#### "LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE"

Welcome back to a new season. I hope the enthusiasm is stronger than ever. I have had a very enjoyable and interesting break and have travelled around quite a lot.

The break had a bad start. First a long journey from the Beneficial Trust English Junior Open at Portsmouth to Blackpool for the funeral of a relative, followed, a week later, by two weeks' illness which caused me to miss meeting Ivor Montagu at the Veterans' tournament at Watford on his 80th birthday. At least Ivor was fit to play!

I attended the annual discussion meeting of the National League and was very impressed by the enthusiasm of the delegates and very pleased to see many new faces. In the afternoon of the same day I attended the annual conference of the County Championships and again was very pleased to see some renewed enthusiasm though the faces were more familiar.

A trip back 'home' to the AGM of the Hull Association followed by a very interesting journey to the West country. The Newbury League were celebrating their 50th Anniversary and a very pleasant evening was arranged by Mr. & Mrs. George White at

their home in Newbury for the officials of the Newbury League along with my wife and myself. The following day was one of celebration in Newbury culminating in an arranged match between Newbury players and some English international players. It was very well attended and a most enjoyable day.

We stayed a few days with our son and family, now living in Gloucester, and fulfilled a very long standing invitation to open the new club room of the Highleven Club in Rudford who play in the Gloucester League. It was a most inspiring evening and the first time I had opened a new club or anything like it.

The club had played in an upper room of a barn, owned by club chairman, Alf Pepper, for over 30 years, and with assistance from the Regional Sports Council and the local authority has managed to raise sufficient funds to build their own new club room. Almost the whole of the village population turned out and I cannot help but think why other clubs do not do the same and give themselves a new lease of life. Well done, Highleven.

The next event was our own AGM where a crucial decision was taken to give the Association the much needed increase in the affiliation fee. It was a very well attended meeting and the standard of debate was very high. On the following day my wife and I had another very pleasant duty to perform. We attended the finals day at Wimbledon and met first Ann (Haydon) Jones, then

Jill (Rook) Mills and finally Fred (World Champion) Perry.

I was able to talk over old times with them and also to present each of them with the players' achievement award. All were highly delighted and full of praise for the action of the ETTA in giving full recognition to players who have attained outstanding achievement, in various ways. The photograph indicates the delight of Ann Jones seen

to their friends in table tennis.

Finally, a trip to Linz for the European Youth Championships. The youngsters are always a delight to watch and it was a pleasure to be with them. Our results were not quite so good as we had hoped for, but the effort was maximum - we could not have asked for more. The Austrian Association entertained us exceptionally well and the event was a huge success.



receiving the award. Fred Perry has written to tell us he has placed his medal in the museum at Wimbledon where he has lodged all his tennis awards. Jill Mills, the wife of the Wimbledon Referee, looked after us very well and all asked to be remembered

Intermingling with the foregoing trips have been meetings of the National Council, Management Committee, Sports Council, Sponsors and individuals. Nevertheless, a very pleasant and rewarding "break".

## ITTF MARRIAGE

Those who visited the ITTF office at the World Championships in Pyongyang, Novi Sad or Tokyo will have met Anne O'Dwyer, who takes leave every two years from her job at the Canadian High Commission in London to act as the ITTFs Administration Director at the Worlds. She will be carrying out the same task in Gothenburg but under a new name, as on 30th June she was married to ITTF Secretary-General Tony Brooks.

The former Miss O'Dwyer is here seen at a reception in: Pyongyang alongside the ETTA Hon. Doctor Dr. David Ryde, the ETTA officials Ron Crayden and George Yates.



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# Irish Open

## DALE FARM FESTIVAL IRISH OPEN TITLES FOR NIGEL By George Yates



In a Festival of International Table Tennis, incorporated within the Dale Farm Ulster Games, sponsored by Abbeycentre and hosted by Newtonabbey Borough Council in the Valley Leisure Centre on June 1/2, 1984, an International Masters event and a junior international match between Northern Ireland and England was climaxed by the Irish Open Championships,

It was in this latter event that Nigel Tyler of Wales really came of age by underlining his potential in no mean fashion by winning both the men's and boys' singles titles with final victories over Ireland's Colum Slevin and Bradley Billington of England,

En route to his success in the men's singles young Nigel has victories over Billington. England's newly appointed National Trainer/Coach Donald Parker (quarters) and, in the semis. David Hannah of Scotland, winner of the Masters event,

Hannah, in the Masters, finished in front of Tyler, John Hilton, Slevin and Ulster's Tom Heasley, Hilton's only success came in the men's doubles of the Open when he and Parker beat Hannah and Tyler to complement the girls' singles title won by Kerry Hall who had final victory

over Nora McEvoy, the Irish Junior No. 1 from Craigavon,

England won the Junior international match 5-2 with Colin Inglis beating both Michael O'Driscoll and Billington. There was no denying the success of the Festival orchestrated by Norman Sloan and Eddie Limberg aided and abetted by Alan Strong. Ulster's Director of Coaching, and graced by the presence of Mary Peters of Olympic fame and of the Ulster Games Foundation,

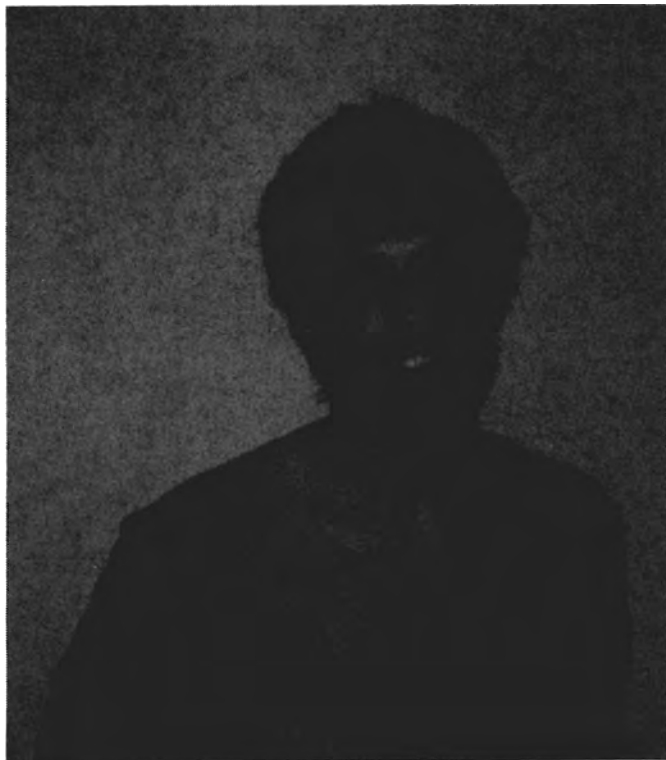
R.I.tts:  
Irish Open:  
M.S.: Q-F:  
J. Hilton (Eng) bt M. O'Oriscoll (Eng) 14, 16; C. Slevin (Ire) bt D. Weir (Ire) 15, 17; N. Tyler (Wal) bt D. Parker (Eng) 18, -19, 20; O. Hannah (Seo) bt T. Heasley (Ire) 8, 12.  
S.F.'s: Slevin bt Hilton 18, -18, 8; Tyler bt Hannah 18, 19.  
Finel: Tyler bt Slevin 15, 19.  
W.S.: C. Dalrymple (Seo) bt J. Reid (Ire) 14, 16.  
B.S.: Tyler bt B. Billington (Eng) 16, 7.  
A.S.: K. Han (Eng) bt N. McEvoy (Ire) 13, -16, 18.  
V.S.: R. C OpeI (Ire) bt U. Watson (Ire) -12, 10, 18.  
M.D.: Hilton/Parker bt Hannah/Tyler-1 O. 12, 17.  
W.O.: P. Hunter/J. Wightman (Ire) bt Dalrymple/L. Robb (Seo) 14, 19.  
X.D.: Hannah/Dalrymple bt Parker/Hall 11, 15.  
Me.ter.:  
Hannah (Sea) bt T. Heasley (Ire) 15, 12; bt Slevin (Ire) 17, 16; bt Tyler (Wal) 16, 13; bt Hilton (Eng) 15, 20. Tyler bt Slevin 18, 16; bt Hilton 9, 16; bt Heasley 10, 14. Hilton bt Heasley 15, 16; bt Slevin -12, 18, 16. Slevin bt Heasley 13, 21.  
Junior International:  
8. Billington bt A. Dennison 26, 18; M. O'Driscoll lost to C. Inglis 17, -21, -23; K. Hall bt N. McEvoy-15, 16, 16; Billington/O'Driscoll bt Dennison /Inglis 16, 17; Billington/Hall bt Inglis/McEvoy 18, -17, 20; O'Driscoll bt Dennison 12, 13; Billington lost to Inglis 16, -18, -16.



Miss Mary Peters presenting Dale Farm Ulster Games plaques to Councillor Leslie Caul (Mayor, Newtonabbey Borough Council) and George Yates (ETTA Deputy Chairman),



Prize winners in the International Masters (l to r): Nigel Tyler (silver medal), David Hannah (gold), John Hilton (bronze), Colum Slevin (fourth) and Tom Heasley (fifth) with TTN Editor, George Yates in the foreground.



Nigel Tyler, 'the pride of Wales,'



Councillor Leslie Caul with the Junior international teams (l to r): Donald Parker, Kerry Hall, Michael O'Driscoll, Bradley Billington, Nora McEvoy, Colin Inglis, Andrew Dennison and n.p.c. Jimmy Wilson.

Photos by Glenway Photography. Newtonabbey.

# NORWICH UNION MASTERS 1984

## HONG KONG TAKEOVER BY CHINESE

HE ZHIWEN, world-ranked at No. 14, not having previously figured in the ITIF classifications, became China's newest star when he found himself £4,000 better off as a result of winning the Norwich Union Masters tournament in Hong Kong over the period May 30 to June 2, 1984.

Beaten finalist was the new champion's compatriot, Xie Saikie, world-ranked at No. 3, who, in the semis, accounted for Sweden's European champion, Ulf Bengtsson, with He Zhiwen seeing off Andrzej Grubba of Poland.

England's Carl Prean finished

up with £300 in his pocket, his final position being 10th, in front of Patrick Rensverse of France and Leszek Kucharski of Poland.

Initially grouped with Jan-Ove Waldner of Sweden and Patrick Birocheau of France, the Isle of Wight boy had nothing to show for his labours but on his third visitation to the tables he put down the challenge of Kucharski subsequently losing to Ulf Carlsson of Sweden when playing for 9/1 Oth position. Results:

Group A:  
He Zhiwen (CHN) bt A. Grubba (POL) -14. 16. 14;  
bt P. Renverse (FRA) 16. 12. Grubba bt Renverse 15. 14.  
Group B:  
Chen Longcan (CHN) bt Chan Kong Wah (HKG)

16. 16; bt U. Carlsson (SWE) 18. -14. 9. Chan Kong Wah bt Carlsson 15. -15. 16.  
Group C:  
P. Birocheau (FRA) bt J-O. Waldner (SWE) 17. -14. 21; bt C. Prean (ENG) -11. 18. 12. Waldner bt Prean 18. 16.  
Group D:  
Xie Saikie (CHN) bt L. Kucharski (POL) 15.8; bt U. Bengtsson 7. 11. Bengtsson bt Kucharski 11. -19. 16.

FINAL GROUP POSITIONS

|           |               |           |            |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| A         | B             | C         | D          |
| He Zhiwen | Chen Longcan  | Birocheau | Xie Saikie |
| Grubba    | Chan Kong Wah | Waldner   | Bengtsson  |
| Renverse  | Carlsson      | Prean     | Kucharski  |

SECOND STAGE

A3 Carlsson bt B3 Renverse -14. 9. 22;  
C3 Prean bt O3 Kucharski 15. -17. 17.  
Quarter-finals:  
He Zhiwen bt Chan Kong Wah 19. 15;  
Grubba bt Chen Longcan -13. 14. 18;  
Bengtsson bt Birocheau -17. 12. 18;  
Xie Saikie bt Waldner 19. -19. 13.  
Semi-finals:  
He Zhiwen bt Grubba 19. 13. 13;  
Xie Saikie bt Bengtsson 16. 11. 14.

Final:  
HE ZHIWEN bt Xie Saikie 8. 15.-22. 10.  
Positions 3 and 4  
Bengtsson bt Grubba -16. 14. 14  
Positions 5 and 6  
Chen Longcan bt Waldner -18. 9. 13  
Positions 7 and 8  
Chan Kong Wah bt Birocheau 16. 13  
Positions 9 and 10  
Carlsson bt Prean -17. 8. 13  
Positions 11 and 12  
Renverse bt Kucharski 25. 16.

FINAL POSITIONS  
(Prize money in brackets)

- 1 He Zhiwen (£4,000)
- 2 Xie Saikie (£2,000)
- 3 Bengtsson (£1,300)
- 4 Grubba (£1,000)
- 5 Chen Longcan (£850)
- 6 Waldner (£750)
- 7 Chan Kong Wah (£600)
- 8 Birocheau (£500)
- 9 Carlsson (£400)
- 10 Prean (£300)
- 11 Renverse (£200)
- 12 Kucharski (£100)

### BOOK REVIEW

"50 Years Across the Table" is a book written by Ken Wilkinson which covers the history of the N.Z. Table Tennis Association for the 50 years, 1934-1983. The book is sponsored by SHELL

It recounts the tours by the four great Hungarians, Szabados and Kelen, Barna and Bellak in the thirties as well as the visit of Barna and Bergmann, Leach and Haguenaer.

It brings back memories of other tours such as the Japanese world champions, Ogimura and Tanaka and the women, Matsuzaki and Yamaizumi; the great exhibitions of Alser and Johansson; the exciting tour by members of the Czechoslovakian national team and the competitive exchange of visits with Australia. It mentions the impact of the first table tennis team from The People's Republic of China and eight years later a different approach by the national junior team from China.

The book traverses the decades and the adventures of the trios of the fifties who, by their sheer keenness enthusiasm, determination, initiative and guts, showed the world the true characteristics of N.Z. nationhood".

The author selects his best four N.Z. men and women players over the 50 years and brings their personalities to the fore. The story is told of the controversy of women wearing shorts and the upset selections of N.Z. teams.

There is a chapter on coaches, referring to Trevor Flint, the first N.Z. Director of Coaching and the influences of the English coaches, Ken Stanley, Peter Hirst and David Fairholm.

The book ends with a chapter about wooden bats and 'funny'

rubbers and the way the N.Z. coach, Geoff Rau sees the trend.

153 pages of narrative, supported by 72 illustrations, including one showing 'The First Ping Pong Tournament in Christchurch, February 1902' and another one also of a Ping Pong Tournament in Christchurch, May 1902, adds to the quality of the book.

The book is bound by a hard back cover together with a dust cover featuring in full colour, an action photograph of the N.Z. team captain, James Morris.

Brian Humberstone, Feature Writer for the N.Z. Herald had this to say when he reviewed the book.

"Table Tennis has long been a large part in the life of the author whose contributions to New Zealand and international administrations have long been recognised.

"As a man who has provided impeccable records of association affairs to journalists for years, anything less than a comprehensive history from Ken Wilkinson would be unthinkable."

The book is not available from retail booksellers but can be obtained from the publishers, the N.Z. Table Tennis Association, P.O. Box 867, Wellington.

After meeting costs of production, proceeds of the sale of the book go to the N.Z. Association for the benefit of Table Tennis.

The book is interesting. It has warmth and humour, but it also has agony as some of the bitter moments are told. The attractive dust cover brings attention to the book when it is associated in a library of other sports books. Because history is not generally written twice, this book could be a collector's item in years to come.

You can obtain your copy of "50 Years Across The Table" at the Championships or direct from the N.Z. Table Tennis Association. The cost of the book is \$9.95 which equates, near enough to £5.75.

GRV.

### LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS

At the AGM of the ETTA held on 7th July, 1984, the National Council was directed to renew for the 1984/85 season the dispensation regarding the law which requires the side of a blade used for striking the ball to be covered. It was therefore agreed at the National Council meeting held on 14th July, 1984 that any League, IF IT SO WISHES, can decide NOT to adopt this particular law for its own domestic competitions. This would allow a player to use a plain wooden surface for the racket in local league competition.

The international regulation which requires the surfaces of the two sides of a racket, whether used for striking the ball or not, to be of clearly different colours will again be applied to all nationally organised events in England. Leagues may, if they so choose, adopt this regulation for their own domestic competitions. County Associations may also, if they so choose, adopt this regulation for the domestic competitions they control (e.g. Inter. League, County Closed, etc.) but may not compel any member league against its wishes to apply the regulation to its own league competition.

Whilst the rules of the ETIA require all competitive play under

the jurisdiction of the Association to be under the Laws of Table Tennis as approved by the AGM, it is realised that leagues do run events which do not comply strictly with the laws, e.g. handicap tournaments. The National Council, which has the power to allow variations from the approved laws, has given authority to the Management Committee to issue a general dispensation for such events and a further announcement on this matter, specifying the type of events to be covered, will be issued in the near future.

### RACKET COLOURS

Regulation 4.2.1.2.2., which requires the two surfaces of the racket blade to be of "clearly different colours", is meant to enable a player to determine easily and immediately which side of his opponent's racket is used to strike the ball. To make clear the interpretation of this regulation the ITIF Council has agreed the following directives, which refer to the racket as seen and not necessarily to the makers' descriptions of the colours:

1. Very dark colours, such as dark brown, dark red, dark purple, dark blue and dark green, must not be used in combination with each other or with black.
2. Combinations must not consist of different shades of the same colour, such as blue with dark blue, nor of colours having a common component, such as blue with green or red with orange.
3. The two surfaces of the racket blade must be so clearly different in colour that there is no possible doubt, and combinations such as black with bright red are ideal.

# County Notes

Mary Williams reports from.....

## BEDFORDSHIRE

### OFFICERS ELECTED

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

Chairman -  
M. J. Williams (Luton)  
Secretary -  
G. Hammond (Bedford)  
Treasurer -  
Mrs. F. Mitchell (Dunstable)

The recent A.G.M.s of the leagues in Bedfordshire resulted in the following officers being elected:-

Bedford -  
Chairman - K. Beddall.  
Treasurer - G. Hammond  
Dunstable -  
Chairman - T. Dimmock  
Secretary - Mrs. G. Bellinger  
Treasurer - Mrs. F. Mitchell  
Leighton Buzzard-  
Chairman - G. Pepper  
Secretary - Mrs. J. Dimmock  
Treasurer - D. Banks

Luton -  
Chairman - M. J. Williams  
Secretary - Mrs. M. Williams  
Treasurer - G. P. Hotard

An invitation tournament was held recently at the Putteridge Recreation Centre, Luton.

This tournament sponsored by Gelmic Partners was open to junior boys, junior girls and cadet boys.

Although held in mid-summer and with many being on holiday quite a few youngsters enjoyed this pre-season tournament.

The results were:-  
B.S.: Lee Holmes bt Darren Keane 18,17.  
G.S.: Lisa Robins bt Ruth Forrester 5,11.  
C.B.S.: Richard Pratley bt Peter Bowler 13,-12,20.

Caroline Buckley lost 19 in the third (under-14's) in the Lewisham 2-star. Her opponent then made the final.

Two girls from Luton - Joyce Mitchell and Ruth Forrester won the under-17's doubles in the Coventry 1-star. Joyce was unlucky in the singles she went out in the semi-finals.

The Kilroy Bedfordshire Games were held on Sunday Sept 9, at the Luton Regional Sports Centre.

Teams from Luton, Mid Beds & South Beds participated in various sports with Luton the overall winner.

However the Table-tennis event saw Mid Beds in first place with South Beds second and Luton third.

Playing for Mid Beds were K. Samuels, P. Taylor, M. Harper, I. Winwood, D. Wakefield and J. Lane.

The South Beds team was I. Doughty, A. Conquest, D. Murgatroyd, J. Bellinger, J. Dimmock and D. Campbell.

Playing for Luton were M. Lyons, D. Foster, S. Buckley, L. Robins, M. Jarrett and H. Lawrence.

Each match consisted of 3 men's singles, 3 women's

singles, 1 men's doubles, 1 women's doubles and 1 mixed.

Results were:-  
Luton 8 South Beds 19  
Mid Beds 15 South Beds 12  
Luton 4 Mid Beds 23

Peter Harmer of Leighton Buzzard partnered by Eddie Thyeson (Essex) won the over 70's consolation doubles at the World Veterans' Championships in Helsinki. Peter is President of both the Dunstable & Leighton Buzzard leagues.

Together with Norman Lusher (Harrogate) Peter was also over 60's runner-up in the English Veterans' Championships at Garston, Watford.

The Leighton Buzzard league held an open disabled competition in August. The winner was Mary Evans from Leighton Buzzard.

Les Wooding reports from.....

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

### ABSENCE FELT

The close season has, unfortunately, been dominated by the serious illness of our Gen Sec, Tony Wickens. It was only when he was absent from the scene that everyone really appreciated what a tremendous amount of work he did for the County. Not that the work stopped for too long because he started dealing with urgent matters again as soon as he left hospital. Happily, no doubt assisted by the nursing skills of his wife Beth, he is once again back on his feet, attending the September Management Council meeting sporting a very trendy beard. Many players and officials have urged me to record this welcome back message, which I wholeheartedly endorse.

Tony's illness overshadowed the administrative success of the pre-season when our most distinguished player and administrator Leo Thompson was at last persuaded to take the President's position. Leo will also continue in his Vice-Chairman's position from which he will continue to influence events.

After several years of hard work our Chairman Brian Webb decided not to accept re-nomination, allowing me the opportunity to repay the debt I owe to Buckinghamshire and Tony and Leo, in particular, for 23 enjoyable years of County representative table tennis. Brian has, thankfully, not given up administration completely as he is now concentrating on E.T.T.A. representation as our National Councillor. He is already underlining what an able and competent officer he is and I am confident that he will do everything possible to close the chasm between the E.T.T.A. and the local Leagues. Our friendly

bank manager Bill Clark has agreed to once again keep the books in his impeccable style and Ron Hedley, Tony Emery and Peter Avenell are already building on the expertise they have accrued as County Match Sec, Umpires' Sec and Inter-League Sec, respectively. With Sylvia Coombs from Milton Keynes, Len Pratt from Aylesbury, Gerry Clark and John Morris from Chiltern, Roger Clark from Chalfont, Jan Curtis and Alan Catchpole from High Wycombe, Terry Williams and Graham Trimming from Slough we have a well balanced Council consisting of experienced players and administrators that must surely be the envy of many counties.

### County Championships

Both our Senior and Veteran sides finished 2nd in their respective divisions last season and were successful in gaining promotion. Early indications were that due to lack of girls we should be unable to compete at Junior level, for the 2nd year running. Contingency plans were made for friendly matches against all male teams but Ron Hedley has been trying hard to locate suitable girls and Jackie Thomas's young daughters may well have saved the team at the eleventh hour.

The trials for Senior and Veteran men took place at Hazlemere. There were few surprises, but, reference should be made to the excellent form of Jon Bradbury who was undefeated and the high ranking of Ken Muhr, who moved recently to Milton Keynes from London. Ken has a tremendous reputation as a top class coach but his pre-season form has indicated that he is also a very good player.

### Ranking Lists:

- Men  
1. Phil Bradbury (Ayl)  
2. Jon Bradbury (Ayl)  
3. Les Wooding (MK)  
4. Karl Bushell (HW)  
5. Colin Luscombe (MK)  
6. Ken Muhr (MK)  
7. Robert Harman (MK)  
8. Mark Curtis (HW)  
9. Richard Lines (MK)  
Women  
1. Julie Richards (MK)  
2. Sylvia Coombs (MK)  
3. Linda Phelps (510)  
4. Jacquie Farwell (510)  
5. Dawn Robbins (HW)  
6. Jackie Thomas (510)  
7. Cathy Haslemly (510)  
Veterans  
1. Alec Watson (HW)  
2. Frank Earis (510)  
3. Len Pratt (Ayl)  
4. Vic Sutton (MK)  
5. Brian Savage (HW)  
6. Terry Williams (510)  
7. Peter Avenell (510)  
8. Peter Hillier (510)  
Boys  
1. Richard Lines (MK)  
2. Darren Ward (MK)  
3. Patrick Creedon (510)  
4. Robert Kenny (510)  
5. Gary Cline (Chil)  
6. Stephen Baggaley (MK)

### National League

The County's two National League sides Cippenham of Slough and A.H.W. Pioneers of Milton Keynes and Dunstable will again be competing in the

3rd Division South this season. Cippenham have signed on the in-form Richard Beckham and Steve Everard to strengthen their squad. The Pioneers have, unfortunately, lost David Sharp to Larkhall but have secured the services of Jon Bradbury, Colin Luscombe and Ken Muhr. The Pioneers were without a fixture in the 1st week but Richard Beckham powered Cippenham to a dream start when they thrashed newcomers Abeng Warriors 7-1 at the Centre, Slough. Richard won his two sets in outstanding fashion, only once being extended to double figures in his four games. Ray Tilling also won twice as, for the first time, did Clive Young whilst Frank Earis was unlucky to lose the only close set of the afternoon by the narrowest of margins.

### Buckinghamshire Inter-League

High Wycombe just clinched the Div 'A' championship from Milton Keynes on sets average. They also clinched the 'B' division title with an unbeaten record, this time at the expense of Slough. Chalfont had a similar record when they took Div 'C'. The titles were shared out when Maidenhead took the Women's title, Milton Keynes the Junior and Aylesbury the Veterans' championship.

### County Cup Competitions

Cippenham of Slough became the first winners of the Premier Division Challenge Cup presented by the A.H.W. T.T.C. of Milton Keynes when they overcame Apollo of High Wycombe, 5-3, thanks mainly to a maximum 3 victories by Dave Poutney.

Manor Lords of Milton Keynes prevented a Cippenham takeover when they defeated their Slough opponents 5-2 in the final of "the Knock-out Cup thanks to 3 wins by Chas Knight.

### Aylesbury

John Rattle, Chairman, was responsible for ensuring that his League became the first to issue their handbooks, this season. This is even more commendable when the fact that he has no General Sec is taken into consideration. At the time of writing there seemed little likelihood of a Secretary being found so if you would like to help run one of the County's biggest Leagues please contact John on Thame 2265.

Their season started with the Sunnex (U.K.) Ltd. Trophy presented by Managing Director Len Pratt. The competition was excellently organised by Carol Bamsey at her home club of R.O.F. Wescott. Jon Bradbury and Stephen Boyd were the successful partnership overcoming Len Pratt and Les Wooding in the final. In the semis Dave Wackrill and Graham Cook lost to the eventual winners and Carol

Bamsey and Pete Hammond also gave a good account of themselves.

Unluckiest League team, last season, were veteran Bert Carthy, Dave Stevens and Nicky Hanscombe who just failed to secure the runners-up position in Div 5 for Molins 'D' when they needed to beat Haddenham 'D' 9-1 in their last match but only won 8-2.

## Division Winners 1983/84

Premier: Quinton 'A'  
Div. 1: Chilton 'A'  
Div. 2: Halton Tornadoes  
Div. 3: Haddenham 'E'  
Div. 4: Thame 'F'  
Div. 5: Thames 'G'  
Div. 6: Sports 'G'  
Div. 7: Halton Chinooks

### Chalfont

The leading players in Division last season were:-

|                 | P  | W  | %  |
|-----------------|----|----|----|
| 1. M. Atkinson  | 52 | 49 | 94 |
| 2. P. J. Leckie | 51 | 48 | 94 |
| 3. G. Davey     | 48 | 42 | 87 |
| 4. J. Davey     | 37 | 32 | 86 |
| 5. L. Landolfi  | 46 | 39 | 85 |

### Chiltern

The Division Champions last season were:-

Div 1: Den Club  
Div 2: Chesham High School 'A'  
Div 3: Little Chalfont 'D'  
Div 4: Amersham 61 'B'  
Div 5: Chesham High School 'E'

### Average Toppers:

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Diy 1: N. Hansell | 89%  |
| Diy 2: S. Bowen   | 100% |
| Diy 3: R. Channer | 94%  |
| Diy 4: P. Elliott | 100% |
| Diy 5: C. Wright  | 100% |

### High Wycombe

The League's top players last season were:-

|                                | P  | W  | %  |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|
| 1. K. Bushell (Apollo)         | 54 | 54 | 98 |
| 2. N. Swift (Apollo)           | 39 | 38 | 97 |
| 3. A. Watson (Bourne End)      | 24 | 21 | 88 |
| 4. M. Bartholomew (Bourne End) | 30 | 26 | 87 |
| 5. A. Gatcombe (Bourne End)    | 36 | 30 | 83 |

### Milton Keynes

A.H.W. Comets won the Premier title when they pushed their great rivals Gossard Hotspurs into second place to keep the impressive A.H.W. Club record intact. The other divisional honours were well spread. Manor Lords ran away with the Div 1 championship while a great run in the 2nd half of the season by Barclay Hawks saw them pip County Arms Choppers for the runners-up spot. Div 2 was an even closer scramble with County Arms Crickets winning by one point from Newport Pagnell Hydra.

Wolverton P.O. Wallys led Div 3 for most of the season and held on to watch Telephone Rental Masters join them in the promotion spots. Unbeaten Newport Pagnell Aquila sauntered through the season to win Div 4 by over 20 points from Open University Microns. B.B.C. One were also unbeaten in winning the Div 5 title. Nailers won a vital end of season match 6-4 over Trebles to clinch second place. It is always good to see a new team amongst the honours and this happened in Div 6 where M.K.P.O. Data won the title and in second place were the lovely ladies of E.E.T.C. Belles with Doreen Mack, Sheila Tribe,

Sandra Vizard and Sue Delmas teaming up to win their medals. Sponsorship by "Easy Jeans"

The Milton Keynes League announced that they are being sponsored for the coming season by the London based firm of "Easy Jeans". A special Table Tennis evening is being arranged between their executive committee members and the "Easy Jeans" representatives for the official acceptance of the sponsorship.

Further good news was that the League has increased its membership to 84 teams competing in 7 divisions of 12 teams.

Already four coaching courses for Junior players are taking every week and in October a Coaches and Teachers Course has been arranged under the guidance of national coach David Fairholm and 3-star coach Ken Muhr.

Leading players last season were:-

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Premier: D. Sharpe (Manor Sharks) | 93%  |
| Diy 1: B. Bishop (Barclay)        | 87%  |
| Diy 3: A. Smith (C.C. Seagulls)   | 94%  |
| Diy 4: D. Donovan (Teppo Smokes)  | 93%  |
| Diy 5: M. Russell (N.P. Aquila)   | 100% |
| Diy 6: R. Thompson (B.B.C. One)   | 94%  |
| Diy 7: D. Pieri (Macs Mixtures)   | 100% |

### Slough

In his annual report Chairman Graham Trimming was able to report that the recovery of the League was well underway. They 'now have a strong dedicated, yet still too small, band of people to organise the League's affairs. The saddest part of the season had been the death of Mr. Crevald, "the old gentleman of Slough table tennis", who had been their President for 25 years.

Jacquie Farwell was singled out for her calm maturity and foresight as the Gen Sec that belies the fact that she is still only 20 years of age. Bob Barlow did an excellent job of handling the knock-out cup competitions and Terry Williams did an unprecedented job as Press Officer and County representative. Peter Hillier ran their accounts with superb efficiency. Ena Brown made an excellent job of running the Summer League and the lovely Linda Phelps sparkled with the trophies she looked after.

All these people were naturally re-elected at the A.G.M. and they were joined by new Inter-League Secretary Rodney Potts. John Husband received the League honour of Life Membership. John thoroughly deserves this honour having served the League in many ways including Chairman from 1959-68.

The winners of the Summer League were:-

Diy 1: Cippenham Alpha  
Diy 2: Crane Packing 'C'  
Diy 3: Fords

The successful 2-man team comprised Graham Trimming and Rodney Potts and they com-

pleted the double for Cippenham by also taking the Maidenhead Summer League title.

Division Winners for 1983/84 were:-

Diy 1: Cippenham Buccaneers  
Diy 2: Cippenham Rogues  
Diy 3: LC.1.  
Diy 4: Burnham 8

Leading Players:-

|                                       |      |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| Diy 1: I. Kenyon (Calor)              | 100% |
| Diy 2: 1. M. Hicks (Cippenham Rogues) | 91%  |
| 2. P. Kates (N.W.C.A. 'A')            | 91%  |
| Diy 3: P. Stafford (I.C.L.)           | 100% |
| Diy 4: N. Blundell (Nat West Bank)    | 95%  |

Geoff Waters reports from ...

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE

### PREMIER DEBUT

Cambridgeshire have again entered four teams in the County Championships this season, with the senior first team playing in the Premier Division for the first time.

Having won Div. 2a last season, Cambridgeshire gained promotion along with Berkshire, Div. 2b winners, and replace Leicestershire and Warwickshire, who are relegated.

In addition to Berkshire, the county will also meet Middlesex, Essex, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Surrey and Staffordshire.

The matches will be played on the two weekends of Nov. 24/25 and Jan. 26/27.

The senior second team will again compete in Div. 3d, a division in which they have not had much success during the last three seasons. They should be strengthened this season by former England-ranked junior Peter Holliday, who will be competing for a place along with Geoff Davis, Julian Wheel and Martyn Livermore.

Hilary Finch and Alison Edge will be first choice for the women's positions. Hilary is one of two Cambridgeshire women in the current England ranking list, occupying the No. 45 position, with county champion Joanne Palmer at 32. This is the first time that Cambridgeshire have figured in the Women's National rankings.

The junior first team were relegated from Junior 2a last season and now find themselves in Junior 3a, the same division as their second team. They are playing several of their matches during the weekend of Dec. 1/2 at Waltham Forest YMCA.

They have lost four players from their squad, Holliday, Tim Ashman, Neil Burgess and Paul Oldroyd all now being over junior age.

The first team will consist of Nicky Ashman, Nicky Rayner and Wisbech's Joan Collins, who is currently England's No. 43 cadet. County girls' champion Helen Gipp seems certain to occupy one of the girls' positions, but,

the other spot is wide open with Loise Ward, Ruth Hutchinson, Denise Hinks and Helen Smith all in with a chance.

Cambridgeshire's opponents in this division will be Norfolk I and II; Suffolk, Essex III, Kent I, Hertfordshire ".

The season got under way with the Constable cup matches, a trophy for under-21 players. Holliday was the winner beating Wheel -17,21,18 after being 19-20 down in the third. The Ely League player failed to capitalise on his power shots when it mattered, but the March lad deserved his win. Rayner of Wisbech finished third but clearly needs a few more years to match the likes of Holliday and Wheel.

Soham " made a good start in the Hallex National League with a 5-3 win over MBS of St. Neots. Soham's No.1 Brian Richardson was missing through injury and Team Manager Trevor Smith had to step in at the last minute. This didn't seem to make too much difference for after losing the first set when Keith Samuels beat Holliday, Soham took command and were comfortable winners.

Samuels bt Holliday -10, 16, 17; bt Livermore 11,15.

Keith Willet lost to Livermore 13, 18, 18; lost to Wheel -14, 18, -10.

Helen Bardwell lost to Smith -18, -20; lost to Holliday -15, 18.

Keith Lakin lost to Wheel 19, -14, -19; bt Smith 12, -15, 19.

Brian Hudson reports from.....

## CHESHIRE

### AIR OF CONFIDENCE

The 1984-85 season opens with an air of confidence spreading up from the Juniors after their recent Ranking Weekend, through the Seniors with Div 2A beckoning after last season's promotion, and encouraging the Committee to view the Season with optimism.

The Committee is much the same as last year, with Roger Moss continuing as Chairman, Roger Vardon taking over as Secretary and Fred Happle soldiering on as Treasurer. Roger, in his other capacity as County Selector, organized the Senior trials, and makes the following report:

"When I took over as Chairman at the beginning of last season the County situation was fragmented to say the least. However, during the last season, things began to take shape, mainly due to a hard working committee whose number one priority was the COUNTY and my thanks go out to them for their efforts. This season we are hoping for a continuation of that progress and with the County 1st team now in Div 2A an improvement in playing standards. How-

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ever, whilst the committee knows its priorities, some players within the County do not appear to know theirs.

Having taken over as Senior Team Sec this year I am disturbed to find that some leagues do not appear to bother nominating members of their leagues who could be of County standard for places in the County team. We have recently had a County Senior trial, from the results of which, I have produced the following ranking lists. I would like to thank those players who attended, together with those players who could not attend but who have pledged their support to the County for the coming season.

| Men               | Women           |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. M. Hankey      | 1. D. Schofield |
| 2. B. Johns       | 2. J. Deakin    |
| 3. D. Schofield   | 3. A. Williams  |
| 4. W. Percival    | 4. A. Dakin     |
| 5. T. Worthington | 5. D. Maguire   |
| 6. S. Green       | 6. L. Harrison  |
| 7. K. Deaville    | 7. K. Tonge     |
| 8. M. McEvoy      |                 |
| 9. R. Bevan       |                 |

If, on seeing the above ranking list, you, as a player, feel you should be considered and you can give a firm commitment to Cheshire for the coming season then please either contact your league secretary or ring me direct. Tel. No. Macclesfield 0625 21188."

The Junior Ranking weekend organised by Coaching Secretary Karen Tonge at Holmes Chapel, resulted in the following:-

#### CADETS

##### Boys

- Jonathan Taylor (Hyde)
- Paul Birken (Wirral)
- Michael Parker (Stockport)
- David Sefton (Hyde)
- Steve Freeman (Ellesmere Port)
- Roger Taylor (Wirral)
- William Taylor (Sale)

##### Girls

- Claire Potts (Chester)
- Helen Potts (Chester)
- Sharon Norman (Wirral)
- Alison Jones (E.P.)
- Heidi Arrowsmith (Mid Cheshire)
- Nicola Harwood (Runcorn)

#### JUNIORS

##### Boys

- Simon Jones (E.P.)
- Bernard Wentworth (Wirral)
- Andrew Taylor (Wirral)
- Mark Danaher (Hyde)
- Stephen Colclough (E.P.)
- Martin Thompson (Mid Cheshire)
- Steve Terry (E.P.)
- Tom Parker (Stockport)
- John James (E.P.)
- Stephen Rushton (Macclesfield)

##### Girls

- Claire Potts
- Cheryl Clark (Warrington)
- Julie Hope (E.P.)
- Alison Hall (Stockport)
- Helen Potts
- Beverley Parker (E.P.)
- Angela Tickle (Runcorn)
- Alison Jones
- Sharon Norman
- Paula Gardner (E.P.)

Good luck to all our County players this season.

The County is always on the lookout for prospective Coaches and Umpires - any likely player interested, please contact any Committee member or give me a ring.

Finally a plea which will make familiar reading to regular readers of this magazine. County Notes depend upon information coming in to Publicity Secretaries, so, please, don't hide

your lights under any bushels - let me know of anything interesting on 0625-875151.

Enjoy your season!

Malcolm Allsop reports from.....

## DERBYSHIRE

### CAUSE FOR ALARM

The news that two-colour rubbers may become compulsory when local Leagues no longer have the option of using their discretion in allowing the normal club player to continue with his old and trusty weapon has caused alarm in Derbyshire.

The plea from Derbyshire is to forget compulsion upon local Leagues, we want to retain our use of discretion.

The majority of players are not interested in computer points, nor National Rankings but purely turn up each week to enjoy a social game of table tennis. At a time when local leagues are attempting to stem the flow of players away from our Sport, it would be foolish of the National Body to enforce a Rule which could cripple organised table tennis.

We all appreciate the problems caused by combination bats in the hands of skilful exponents. To the majority, the type of rubber makes little difference to their play, and even the presence of egg-shaped balls goes unnoticed. Take away the skilful exponents who do not use combination bats, and the problem is minimal; whilst non-existent outside the top division of most Leagues.

The skilful exponents need the E.T.T.A. - but the E.T.T.A. needs the less skilled players who form the majority of the membership. The cost of rubbers to these social players is extortionate, and we would lose the good will of these social players with compulsory legislation and ultimately the E.T.T.A. and the local leagues would lose their membership and the vital revenue they bring in.

The Derbyshire Committee have sent a letter to the E.T.T.A. stating the Derbyshire objection to any compulsion upon local Leagues to enforce the two-colour Rule; and we hope the rest of the Country will act in a similar manner.

Let the coaches lead the way by encouraging youngsters to use the two-colours so that the change comes about voluntarily, albeit gradually, but retaining the good-will of the membership.

The A.G.M. of the Derbyshire Association produced very few changes, with the Officers who stood for re-election being successfully returned.

Everyone will wish Alan Cooke

success as County 1st team captain, and hope that he not only gets Derbyshire promotion, but eventually into the Senior Premier Division.

A Derbyshire team will be competing in the Junior Premier Division for the first time. Some conflict may occur with the girls over their presence in the Senior or Junior 1st team, but I hope it will be resolved in the best interests of Derbyshire.

A Junior 2nd team will be run for the first time this season, and I know that there is keen competition for places. At the time of writing, the girls look fairly settled, but the boys' places are wide open and early season form will be studied closely.

The Derbyshire season started in Poland! Newly-elected National Councillor, Derek Oldman, captaining the British team in the World Student games; whilst Julie Revell, who came to work in Derby at the beginning of the year, a member of the girl's team. Julie has impressed Derby with her play and coaching enthusiasm, and will be a great asset if she remains in Derby.

### Derbyshire Inter-Town League

The Women's and Veterans Divisions of the County League were run for the first time and brought a good response from the players, and will be run again during the coming season by Brian Smith.

Danny Blair, Ernest Lough and Brian Eccleshaw generously donated trophies for the Junior, Women's and Veterans divisions. Winners were:-

Div 1: Eastwood 1st

Div 2: Eastwood 2nd

Women's: Burton

Junior: Derby

The Derbyshire Closed Championships will be held at Lea Green, Matlock on Sunday, March 24. This will be the first time that the Championships have been held at Lea Green and it provides excellent facilities with the tables being held over from the English Schools' Team Finals being held the previous day. This should provide a further boost to the county funds as it will save the cost of hire and transportation of tables in addition to the sponsorship of trophies by Trancher Engineers of Burton-upon-Trent.

### Chesterfield League

Staveley Chantry won the Chesterfield Swale Cup Competition, with a victory over Bryan Donkins 'A' in the final. Nigel Jones and Paul Williams played well for the Staveley team against the experienced opposition of John Wallhead, Andrew Henry and Steve Lyons.

### Derby League

Premier Division:  
Champions: Mechanics 1st.  
Runners-up: St. Andrews 1st  
Div 1: Champions: YMCA 1st.  
Runners-up: Memphis 1st  
Div 2: Champions: Granville 2nd.

Runners-up: Lancaster 2nd.  
Div 3: Champions: Lancaster 5th.  
Runners-up: Darbus 2nd.  
Div 4: Champions: D.B.S.  
Runners-up: Derwent Scouts 1st.  
Div 5: Champions: YMCA 4th.  
Runners-up: Cas. Don. 5th.  
Div 6: Champions: Sandiacre 3rd.  
Runners-up: Manor Hospital 2nd.  
Div 7: Champions: Emplex.  
Runners-up: Cas. Don. 6th.

95 teams start the 1984/85 season, only a slight drop from last season but the lack of premises has meant no new Clubs, a situation I cannot recall happening before.

A Special General Meeting of the Derby League gave the Committee the go-ahead with building plans for a new Headquarters in conjunction with the Derby Athletics Club. The Building will provide excellent and spacious facilities for match play and coaching. The training facilities inside the building together with the adjacent International standard Athletics Track combine with the playing facilities to provide a first-class amenity.

Mechanics 1st start favourites to retain their Premier title without any serious challengers in sight. St. Andrews 1st, Granville 1st and Castle Donington 1st should be amongst the leading group, but newcomers Spondon 1st could cause some surprises.

The retirement of Bill Druce and Keith Smart from coaching and other activities has been a blow to the Derby League. The efforts of Debbie Maguire have been much appreciated by the Derby Committee, and the return of Phil Vickers could give the coaching a boost.

Harry Black reports from.....

## DURHAM

### PETERLEE TRIALS

At the recent County Trials, held at Peterlee Sports Centre on Sept 9, the results provided the following rankings:-

#### Men.

- David Blackburne
- Stephen George
- Gary Webster
- Philip Stafford
- Martin Gent
- Trevor Di-Martino
- Michael Polkingham

#### Women

- Shirley Gelder
- Linda Spensley
- Lynne Yarnell
- Lynne Bainbridge
- Jeanette Roberts

County fixtures are:-

- Sept 22 Lincolnshire (a)
- Oct 20 Nottinghamshire (h)
- Nov 3 Clwyd (a)
- Nov 24 Northumberland (h)
- Dec 1 Northamptonshire "(a)
- Feb 16 Derbyshire (h)
- Apr 6 Cheshire" (h)

The 1984 Maureen Kerry Memorial Tournament will be held on Sunday, Nov 11, at Consett Sports Centre. The event is to be sponsored by Swan Chemicals of Kendal, Cumbria.

A new name in the Sunderland League this season is the Northumbria Centre of Washington formed by Cliff Olsson and his father, Alex. The Northumbria Centre was formerly called the Sporting Club of Washington, and was used as a training centre by Sunderland Football Club. Anyone wishing to join the club can contact Cliff Olsson at 49 Mandeville, Washington, Tyne and Wear. Phone: 4179987.

In the Halex National League, Washington got off to a good start in Div 3 North by beating Ormesby IV 7-1. The area stages a European League Super Division match when, on Oct 10, England play hosts to Hungary at the Spectrum Leisure Centre, Willington, Co. Durham.

John Holland reports from.....

## ESSEX

### TIME FOR REALISM

Welcome to the new season. The glorious summer was all too brief - I hope it re-charged your batteries. I ended last term's notes on an optimistic beat after our outstandingly successful '83/84 in the County Championships. Now it's time to temper the euphoria with realism.

Our seniors and vets are strong in depth and seem likely to do well again, even if we are short at the very top - there is no one of authentic international class though Kenny Jackson and Skylet Andrew may achieve it. Perhaps I should qualify that statement by conceding that we have vets of even world class in Stan Batrick (over 50s) and Phyllis Lauder (over 70s). This is slight compensation, however, if the future of Essex table tennis as revealed in our juniors gives cause for concern. We had a good crop of last year juniors last season but their departure has left us weak in the boys' department and with strength among the girls which scarcely extends beyond two or three outstanding individuals. There is a decline in the number of good cadets emerging which suggests the position will deteriorate further.

The causes of this problem are partly in the general loss of popularity of our sport both in the enjoyment of playing and in the spectacle presented. However, there are more specific factors we can do something about. Our junior coaching scheme collapsed a couple of years ago and has not been re-built. Coaching now only occurs in Essex in a few individual and isolated clubs. Our Management and Executive Committees of the County Association are now giving this sad situation some urgent attention. Related problems are the

decline of schools table tennis in Essex where only a handful of schoolteacher enthusiasts are to be found and the lack of venues where young people can learn to play.

In these circumstances we must look for growth points in the county to revive our junior game. The dominant clubs, such as Fellows Cranleigh at Plaistow, Dagenham F.C. and Brentwood T.T.C. have a part to play, though they are sometimes unfairly accused of sucking the blood from their less robust competitors. Can they serve a dual function as centres for elite players and those of elite potential as well as providing a general stimulus to table tennis in their areas?

Enough of homespun philosophy. On the admin. front our AGM in May found us with vacancies in the key areas of Tournament Secretary, Press and Publicity Officer and Senior Match Secretary, following the resignations of Ron Fosker (P&P) and Dick Roffe (Senior Match).



Ian Kenyon. Dagenham F.C.'s new No. 1.

Both had done prodigious work for the county; Ron had battled with some success against a morass of apathy on the information front and anybody who attended the second premier weekend last season, or the Essex 3-Star, will vouch for the sheer brilliance and precision of Dick's organisational leadership. They are difficult acts to follow. Since the AGM, Ron Pack has taken on the Publicity role with great enthusiasm and trusted stalwart Clive Oakman has resumed as Tournament Secretary.

Also at the AGM, our 'lady of the mike', Mrs. Gill Squier, and County Admin Sec, received the high accolade of the Corti Woodcock Award, and richly deserved. Young Richard Darnell showed in what high esteem his collea-



Brian Parish, winner of a hat-trick of Essex Closed Vets title in 1982/3/4.

gues hold him by gaining the 'Players' Player of the Year Award' at the age of 17. He is the youngest player ever to receive the coveted Harry Walker Memorial Trophy. Mr. W. J. Bailey, Peter Roden (our new National Councillor), Eddie Thyeson (a pillar of the Romford League) and W. Graham Moon (architect of Brentwood T.T.C.) all were elected life members.

Our first county tournament of the season is the Essex 'Closed' on Oct 27/28 at the new Wickford Sports Centre. Barry Granger will referee, assisted by Valerie Roffe. This early season timing for the 'Closed' gives it the prominence it deserves. The May '84 tournament was held at Coopers Coburn School in Upminster - not ideal conditions, especially when the lights kept failing during the senior finals. In the end, they had to be staged at a later date, Dagenham F.C. providing the venue. The biggest upset was John Dennison's victory over Des Charlery in the Men's Singles final. Unfortunately, the Women's Singles final resulted in a walk-over for Lisa Hayden, Lesley Radford had to concede owing to an ankle injury sustained in the Mixed. That final resulted in a victory for Lisa and Peter Hayden. Darnell had a treble in the junior finals and Lisa Hayden secured two senior and two junior titles.

The 'Closed' was followed hard by a successful revival of the Champion of Champions Tournament, organised by the Romford League and held at Berger Paints. The Men's Singles was captured by Charlery, avenging his 'Closed' defeat by Dennison. The Chelmsford-based Suffolk County player, Julie Dowsett, took the Women's title, including Elaine Sayer and Kim Mudge (final) among her victims. The

full list of title winners for both tournaments was:

### Essex 'Closed'

C.B.S.: Damian Holland  
 E.G.S.: Tanya Holland  
 B.S.: Richard Darnell  
 G.S.: Usa Hayden  
 B.D.: Darnell/David Cole  
 G.D.: Holland/Gillian Patten  
 J.X.D.: Darnell/Hayden  
 M.S.: John Dennison  
 W.S.: Lisa Hayden  
 M.D.: Steve Dettmar/ Kevin Caldan  
 W.O.: Kim Mudge/ Elaine Sayer  
 X.D.: Peter Hayden/ Lisa Hayden  
 V.S.: Brian Parish

### Champion of Champions

B.S. Steve Tilson  
 G.S. Lisa Hayden  
 M.S. Des Charlery  
 W.S. Julie Dowsett  
 M.D. Charlery/ John Dennison  
 W.O. Kim Mudge/ Elaine Sayer  
 X.O. Peter & Kim Hayden  
 V.S. John Holland

With the National League already underway, Dagenham F.C. and Witham Town find themselves in the 1st and 3rd East divisions, respectively. The Dagers already know they could have a struggle to avoid the trap-door after successive away defeats to Birmingham (1-7) and Reading (2-6). Fielding their strongest side in Birmingham, with new signing, Ian Kenyon, the debutant No. 1, only Tony Penny at No.3 registered a win - defeating Phil Gunn. Nonetheless there were



Steve Dettmar. defeated Reading's Matthew Syed but lost to Chris Bartram.

several close sets; Penny lost 19 and 20 to Carl Morgan, Newman and Caldan both lost three-enders to Barry Johnson, as did Kevin to Gunn.

The defeat at Reading was a little harder to swallow and demonstrated the quality and professionalism of the young home side of Andrew Syed, Jimmy Stokes, Chris Bartram and Matthew Syed. Steve Dettmar came in for Kevin Caldan in this match and defeated Matthew Syed. Dave

# County Notes

Newman beat elder brother Andrew and lost narrowly to Bartram.

Witham's campaign has not opened at the time of writing. Hil Dowsett is confident that they will be among the front-runners for promotion to the 2nd Division. Reinforced by a new top half signing in Keith Fellows (Leics), the other squad members are Nicky Standen, last term's No.1, Peter Hayden, Terry Dowsett, Robin Laing and Neil Sweeting. Steve Tilson has dropped out of the squad to concentrate more on soccer. Although they lack sponsorship like the generous support Daggers receive from Dagenham Motors, the Witham Town Football Club have provided an excellent venue and continued encouragement. Town hope to continue the arrangement whereby individual matches will have a local sponsor. This happened with a few games last season.

Our players have already been putting themselves about in the early season 'Opens'. Chalery won the Class 2 Singles at Lewisham with a final success over Andrew Dodd (Kent). At the same tournament, Damian Holland won the Cadet Boys' Singles, defeating Richard Jones (Surrey) in the final after Richard had toppled Michael Rutherford (Kent), the top seed, in the semis. Jason Tendler did very well to extend Rutherford to three ends in both U-14 and U-17 singles. Damian also won the doubles with Matthew Pernet. Kate Gower of Ingatestone reached the Cadet Girls' final losing to Julie Norman (Berks.). Lisa Hayden and Rachel Knight (Middx.) reached the girls' doubles final.

At the Bournemouth One-Star, 'Big Al' Stallard - fresh from his success in the Vets National Championships at Watford, where he reached, the over-40 singles semi - won the Veterans title with a final success over Essex coleague, Stan Battrick. Last but not least, James Griffiths overcame sturdy French opposition to win the gold medal at the 8 nation Catholic Schools International, in the Boys' Singles.

Let me give a mention to the Dunlop Schools' International in Birrillingham in July where the new celluloid ball was a hit. Lisa reached the senior girls (under-19) singles final, losing a three-ender to Jean Parker. She had an excellent semi-final victory over Laura Goldsmith, Damian lost a hard fought semi - against Sean Gibson (Lanes.) in the boys' singles (under-14) and James Griffiths had a fine win over Mark Randle (Staffs) in the intermediate (under-16).

Eleven boroughs from the

shire county competed in the Essex Games at Rochford on Sept 9 in the table tennis team competition. As last year, it resolved into a final clash between two unbeaten teams in the first and second round groups, Brentwood and Basildon. Last year Brentwood 'stole' the trophy at "deuce" in the third in the last rubber for a three-two victory. This time, Basildon, who also won in 1982, turned the tables by the same 3-2 margin. The final pivoted on a tense clash between Kim Hayden (Brentwood) and Jenny Harrison in the Women's Singles. Jenny's success at 16 in the third clinched it for Basildon. Castle Point, featuring father Dennis and offspring Russell and Hilary Finch, were third.

### Final

Brentwood 2, Basildon 3  
1 (BS): Martin Cole lost to Tony West 0-1;  
2 (GS): Lisa Hayden bt Tanya Holland 1-1.  
3 (VS): Keith Ashton lost to John Holland 1-2.  
4 (WS): Kim Hayden lost to Jenny Harrison 1-3.  
5 (MS): Richard Darnell bt Stuart Gibbs 2-3.

Alf Peppard reports from.....

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

..IISIMPLY ASTOUNDING"

I begin the new season by reporting, on Richard Coates of Minchinhampton. Richard plays in Division 2 of the Stroud League for the Cotswold Club and is severely handicapped. Sixteen years ago he lost both his hands in a Canadian sawmill accident but despite his disability and with the aid of local fund raisers (and I suspect others) Richard flew out to the World Olympic Games for the handicapped in New York.

On contacting him the day after his return I discovered that he had won a Gold medal for Lawn Bowls in both singles and pairs and also became the recipient of a Silver medal in the table tennis team event. The homecoming reception that the villagers of Minchinhampton laid on for him was, in his own words, "simply astounding". What a fine example of sportsmanship Richard sets all us able bodied people.

After 26 years of league play in the cramped conditions of my barn at Bridge Farm, Rudford, I am delighted to report that the club has now moved to more salubrious surroundings nearby. Our new HQ is a cedarwood building and was opened on June 22 by EITA Chairman, Tom Blunn, accompanied by his wife, Edna. Also in attendance among 120 guests were Pat and Bob Archdale, who put on a wonderful display of table tennis memorabilia, Mike Lewis, Bryan Merrett and National Councillor Les Smith.

The venture had taken roughly three years to emerge in the

village with less than 250 inhabitants with £4,000 of the total cost of £6,200 raised locally. The balance came from the Sports Council and a grant of £200 from the Playing Fields Asscn. In his opening speech Mr. Blunn said that enthusiasm at the grass roots of our sport was never portrayed better. Well done Rudford and Highleadon.

Success was also the keynote of the Gloucestershire ITA AGM in June with the following officers appointed:-

President - L. C. T. Davis; Chairman - J. M. Bunn; Vice-Chairman - M. J. Reeves; Hon. Sec/Treas: L. J. Smith; Coaching Officer - P. H. Jackson; Umpires Sec - L. J. Smith; Tournament Sec - G. Lee; Minutes Sec - J. Boyd; Team Sec - Mrs. J. Golding and Press Officer - A. F. Peppard.

Three reps from each of the Gloucester, Cheltenham and Stroud Leagues also serve on the County Committee.

It appears unlikely that Nina Tsakarisianos will be playing locally this season. I am informed that Nina is now resident in West Berlin where she will play in the Oberliga.

Hearty congratulations to Les Smith on his award of the Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy and well done Stan Johnstone, a 5th Division Cheltenham player, who went to the Vets World Champs in Helsinki and is now preparing for the next championships in Rimini.

The County Closed is calendar for Sunday, Nov 25 at Cheltenham. Finally it is good to see former international Roy Morley on the Gloucester City Committee. His expertise and knowledge of the game will come in extremely useful.

John Prean reports from the.....

## ISLE OF WIGHT

Many league and county officials like myself have had to explain to their members why their table tennis will cost more next season. When these notes were written that 'pleasure' was still before me. I did not look forward to it.

### A Cheap Sport?

It is a phrase one often hears. For some it is a cheap sport. They will play in old clothes, their working socks, in slippers bought in a chain store rather than from a mail order catalogue, they will change their rubber every few years and use a bat that cost little many years ago. They will play in a hall paid for by a Company, pay no rent, no lighting or heating costs.

For others the Sport is very, very expensive - like a Japanese

golf-club. They will travel the country spending hundreds among petrol stations and boarding houses, they will wear the latest clothing, flimsy, but costly shoes that fall apart after a month or two, they will change their rubbers every few weeks at £10 per sheet They may play in a club that pays an economic rent. In short: They take part in a very expensive sport.

I was astonished on my recent trip to Austria to find that rubbers were cheaper there than in England despite a VAT rate of 32½% (England 15%) and balls much cheaper than the 75 peach which we are now being asked to pay for the product of the market leaders. A cheap sport?

### An expensive ETTA?

Regular readers know that my views on higher ETTA fees are divided. There is no question that to run the Sport properly the ETTA needs Equally, to run the Sport as it has been doing, EITA fees are already too high. The membership through their elected officials has voted the EITA a substantial increase which may top £40,000, depending how many members and subs we shall lose THIS season. John Woodford, some years ago, spotted this trend of not just clubs, but of whole divisions of local leagues disappearing from one season to the next.

No more excuses, please

This state of affairs was generally blamed on the recession, competition from other sports, hard luck, anything but ourselves. We live in a competitive, often cruel age and the comfortable monopoly of the EnA no longer protected us against more lively, thriving, more frequently televised sports. The main excuse then became lack of funds. Politicians too talk endlessly of a small national cake.

Well, gentlemen of the ETTA, you no longer have that excuse and, if with all that new money, you cannot produce a better image for the Sport, we shall want to know the reason why. Count on that.

Praise for the National Council!

That body (the Parliament of English Table Tennis) has ruled that the National Team is to be a No. 1 priority. I have advocated this for many years. The reason is simple: Not because I have a relative in the England Squad, but because an impressive England Team is the best and quickest way of earning media attention and with it the publicity the Sport needs to halt its decline. I applaud the N.C.'s progressive stance. Let me add to the applause: The appointment of Don Parker to the captaincy of the England Team was an imaginative move. Having criticised the 'Establishment' so often, it

gives me particular pleasure when the right thing is done. We have a man who has earned our confidence. The magnitude of the task should not be under-rated. English International Table Tennis has hit an all-time low. Recovery will be painful and slow. I hope to write on this topic in a later issue when I shall try to pinpoint what went wrong in Moscow - through the eyes, of those who were there, whose views I have collected and analysed.

### Strong Grass-Roots

Again we covered quite a few thousand miles this summer, including the European Youth reported elsewhere in this issue. Again we were greatly encouraged by the state of the grass-roots of our Sport, the efforts made by so many and the love for the Game. We were part of a tremendous day at Newbury, an unofficial International at Nailsea, the staging of which was a tour de force by Idris Lewis who triumphed over all odds, also a very happy weekend at Bristol where Mike Lewis invited us to the opening of the new Centre of Excellence. We WERE impressed by the work put in by players and coaches. The Sport cannot die when the roots are so strong.

In three Sports Centres (Crystal Palace, Nottingham University and Sutton Coldfield) we handled the Table Tennis side of the 'Intercity Sportsday for Children'. In each we had contracted for 4 sessions, but stayed for 6 - so great was the interest and still we had to turn away kids, because in the end we did not have enough tables and ran out of time. How can anyone say that Table Tennis is not a great Sport?

We compared notes with leading lights of other sports. Badminton now has its own National Centre (at Milton Keynes) and leading players have tended to move nearby to get the practice they need against each other. In 1977 the then England Coach Brian Burns advocated something like that. Leading Badminton players, I was told, can earn £30,000 per year. Our (ONE) player in that bracket had to leave the country. We have a fully staffed office at Hasting, four national coaches - none overpaid, and certainly a national organisation, but the players still get daily pittance and those only when on England squad duty. If TV and Sponsorship are what is needed, then it is on the playing side that the action is called for, rather than in staff additions, notably expensive ones like chief executives.

The image we project to the wider public where we hope to find our new members, that keep the Game afloat in the coming

years, depends largely on the success of our national players and the support we give them. In Moscow we got what we paid for.

Despite the Nat. Council support and the Parker appointment, much remains to be done.

Kath Fisher reports from....

## LINCOLNSHIRE NEW COMMITTEE

Contrary to popular belief the Lincolnshire Association is still alive, and kicking.' Due to administration problems things have been a bit quiet for the last two years, but under a new committee, headed by chairman Peter Taylor, things are starting to move again. Junior coaching rallies have resumed, the first having taken place on Sept 9 at the Clee Sports Hall, Grimsby. This was very well attended, the players worked very hard and hopefully learned quite a lot. Secretaries and coaches please note that the next session is on Oct 21 at the same venue, 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

On the National League scene Halex Crusaders Lincoln (Third Division East) have signed Brian Hill and Brian Allison and are looking forward to a better season. Halex Sinsil Lincoln (Second Division North) have also strengthened their team, joining the regular three of Dave Gannon, Matt Sheader and Stuart Worrell and former Notts County player Trev Kerry, Dave Skerrat, Suzanne Hunt and Andy Thompson. Players of the village of Alford, who play in the Mablethorpe League, been busy this summer. The Methodist Church has been very helpful and let them have the use of a large room. Led by Paddy Stern money was raised by donations, grants, sponsored swim, etc., and the result was three new tables and hopefully a fourth before Christmas. They have formed eight teams, mostly youngsters, with one adult in each to guide them along. Well done Paddy and the new Alford Table Tennis Club. The Lincs Junior Closed will be held on Sunday Oct. 14 at Clee Sports Hall, Grimsby. Details and entries available from Peter Taylor, 2 Millfields, Caistor.

The following ranking list is based on last season, a new one will be issued as soon as possible:-

| Men            | Women           |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. D. Skerrat  | 1. S. Hunt      |
| 2. S. Worrell  | 2. G. Sharp     |
| 3. M. Sheader  | 3. S. Radley    |
| 4. B. Hill     | 4. C. Moran     |
| 5. B. Allison  | 5. J. Wingad    |
| 6. S. Pullen   | 6. J. Shippey   |
| 7. A. Thompson | 7. J. Gruik     |
| 8. N. Parkin   | 8. J. White     |
| 9. A. Grey     | 9. J. Evans     |
| 10. P. Taylor  | 10. L. Thompson |

| Boys                | Girls          |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 1. M. Arnold        | 1. L. Thompson |
| 2. C. May           | 2. S. Harvey   |
| 3. M. Burwell       | 3. R. Bemrose  |
| 4. W. Noon          | 4. H. Stevens  |
| 5. D. Allison       | 5. L. Baker    |
| 6. P. Hunter        | 6. J. Duggan   |
| 7. S. Dowsett       | 7. J. Mole     |
| 8. G. Hill          | 8. S. Johnson  |
| 9. V. Carthew       |                |
| 10. P. L. Wilkinson |                |
| Men's Vets          | Women's Vets   |
| M. Sheader          | C. Moran       |
| B. Allison          | J. White       |
| B. Edlington        | M. Burgess     |
| W. Moran            | K. Fisher      |
| G. Plaskitt         | P. Hale        |
| B. Johnson          | P. Fowler      |
| A. Patrick          |                |
| J. Wiseman          |                |
| C. Pickwell         |                |

John E. Barber reports on....

## THE MIDLAND LEAGUE

At the AGM of the Midland League three new applicants were accepted into membership - Dudley, Hinckley and Bath - bringing the total number of leagues in membership to 31 for the 1984/85 season.

96 teams will compete in a Men's Section (4 Divisions), Veterans (2 Divisions), Juniors (5 Divisions) and Women's (1 Division), and a new division for Intermediates.

The admission of Bath was queried in view of possible travelling difficulties, but was finally accepted. Mr. D. Pritchard (Chairman) and Mr. M. Goldstein (Secretary) were re-elected and yours truly took over as Press Secretary.

The League was formed in 1934/35 so that the forthcoming season will be its fiftieth. Of the original 5 leagues, four still operate - Birmingham, Coventry, Leicester and Nottingham. (The fifth was Evesham).

Iris Moss reports from.

## MIDDLESEX

### A HAPPY NEW SEASON TO YOU ALL!

The Middlesex Executive Committee has only one change from last season. David Miller, although nominated for the Committee, decided that in view of his other commitments he would prefer to stay on the side-lines and do any jobs that he could fit in rather than be on the Committee and then find that he had insufficient time to devote to it. We have already found him two jobs - as Organiser of the 3-Star Open and Referee of the Junior Closed - so he won't be lost to us. In his place Geoff Woolmore (Secretary of North Middlesex League) has agreed to come onto the Committee and we've already lined him up to run the Senior 2nd team in the County Championships. Having had difficulty in getting a team to play in the first match, we hope he will not get discouraged!

So our full Committee is Michael Close (Chairman, Coach-

ing, Development), Len Pilditch (Deputy Chairman, Senior Premier team, Referee of Open Championships), Doreen Stannard (National Councillor), Harry Edwards (Distribution of Association Bulletin), David Howes (Junior 2nd team), Doris Moors (Minute Secretary), Jack Randall (Umpires & Referees), Don Smith (Veterans Premier team), Rene Templeman (Inter-League Championships), George Walsh (Selection Sub-Committee Secretary), Geoff Woolmore (Senior 2nd team) and of course me (Secretary/Treasurer). And these are just our basic jobs, so we will all be having a busy season.

We have already fixed, the dates for our Senior and Junior Closed Tournaments. The former will take place at Ellenborough Club on 27th and 28th October 1984 and in order to try and get a better entry we have circulated forms to all clubs in our Leagues. The closing date for entries is 12th October, so if you have not entered and want to do so, you should get in touch with Stuart Dane (1 Bramford Court, High Street, Southgate, London N14 6DH Telephone: 01-886 1804) without delay. We hope to hold the Junior Closed at Aylestone School (Brent Table Tennis Club) on 18th and 19th May 1985 but we are still awaiting confirmation of that booking so I will keep you informed.

The draft Entry Form for the Middlesex 3-Star Open has gone to the printers and I hope it will be available early in October. We have put in for a grant from the Greater London Council but will not know the outcome until October but we are hoping that they will support us as they did last year. Without their sponsorship there will be no Middlesex Open but we are keeping our fingers crossed.

The Selection Sub-Committee has held its first meeting and our Ranking Lists are as follows:

| Men:  |
|---|
| 1. G. Sandley; 2. D. Wells; 3. J. Souter; 4. C. Wilson; 5. M. Mitchell; 6. N. Tyler; 7. D. Tan; 8. D. Goode; 9. D. Topiwala; 10. M. Les; 11. B. Tyler; 12. P. Collino; 13. M. Adedayo; 14. M. O'Leary; 15. P. Harry; 16. W. Mascarenhas; 17. N. Stratton; 18. J. Goode; 19. S. Inklely. |
| Women:  |
| 1. S. Sandley; 2. A. Mitchell; 3. M. Reeves; 4. H. Williams; 5. M. Williams; 6. L. Goldsmith; 7. R. Knight; 8. L. Souter; 9. J. Svenson; 10. G. Blanch; 11. J. Allinson; 12. K. Baker; 13. K. Nunn; 14. M. Symes; 15. E. Britton.   |
| Veteran Men:  |
| 1. M. Adedayo; 2. A. Lindsay; 3. W. Brookman; 4. N. Sliifkin; 5. D. Smith; 6. A. Taylor; 7. J. Smith; 8. I. Redfern; 9. G. Muranyi; 10. R. Laderman; 11. M. Isaacs; 12. R. Lavasini; 13. A. Marshall; 14. A. Wood; 15. E. Alleyne.  |
| Veteran Women:  |
| 1. K. Nunn; 2. M. Symes; 3. E. Britton; 4. M. Prouen; 5. B. Blanch; 6. M. Cherry; 7. J. Tuddenham; 8. D. Stannard; 9. M. Souter.  |
| Boys:   |
| 1. J. Goode; 2. K. King; 3. P. Szekeres; 4. M. Kovaleski; 5. S. Emmanuel; 6. M. Thurston; 7. M. Jarvis; P. Matthews; 9. C. Smith; 10. A. Donovan; 11. M. Curran; 12. C. Rockall; 13. T. Cutler; 14. S. Mitzman; 15. J. Bitran; 16. J. Miller.   |
| Girls:  |
| 1. R. Knight; 2. L. Souter; 3. K. Baker; 4. S. Man; 5. C. Knibbs; 6. R. Skinner; 7. H. Smea; 8. S. May; 9. B. Wallis; 10. E. Thompson; 11. M. Dornik; 12. S. Lynes; 13. R. Danisgani; 14. L. Moore; 15. K. Humphries; 16. D. Lancaster.   |
| Cadet Boys:   |
| 1. P. Szekeres; 2. T. Cutler; 3. J. Bitran; 4. S. Rockall; 5. D. Parnes; 6. S. Homer; 7. J. Roodyn; 8.  |

# County Notes

D. Rawlings; 9. K. Jolly; 10. M. Boon; 11. S. Seghal; 12. B. Matthews; 13. M. Davis; 14. R. Norton; 15. H. Ali; 16. S. Garguilo.  
C. det Girls:-  
1. R. Skinner; 2. S. Lynnes; 3. L. Moore; 4. E. Blanch; 5. S. Williams; 6. P. May; 7. C. Walsh; 8. G. Matthews; 9. K. Kadish; 10. E. Jay; 11. S. Cohen.

Pauline Long reports from . . .

## NORTHUMBERLAND SUMMER FLOWERING

The Tyneside Summer League season was finally completed on Aug. 31. Sixty-four teams contested the eight senior divisions, and the eventual winners and runners-up were as follows:

| Div.               | Winner.                |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Premier North      | Byker CC 'A'           |
| Premier South,     | Washington 'B'         |
| 1A                 | North Shields EE       |
| 1B                 | Byker CC 'E'           |
| 2A                 | Duston CC 'B'          |
| 2B                 | St. Charles 'A'        |
| 3A                 | Jarrow CA              |
| 3B                 | Heaton URC 'A'         |
| 4                  | North Shields YMCA 'O' |
| Handicap           | KO Cup.                |
| (scratch) 351 PIS; | Sunderland West CA.    |

Runners-up  
North Shields YMCA 'A'  
Byker CC 'B'  
Byker CC 'O'  
Reyrolles 'A'  
Boldon CA  
Blyth Town Be 'A'  
Ayhope Road 'C'  
Telephones 'A'  
Shanklea 'B'  
Washington 'A'

Byker CC 'A' and Washington 'B' have yet, to play for the Premier Division championship at the time of writing.

Byker Newcastle's second team made a poor start to the new Halex National League season on Sept. 2, when they entertained Unity Leeds at Byker Community Centre. They crashed 1-7, their only set being won by last-minute choice Bob Dodds, who was successful against Julian Gittens. It looks as though we can expect another long hard season for both teams, although their eventual performance will obviously depend on which players can commit themselves for regular play.

No County trials have been held to date but ranking lists should be available for the November issue of "Table Tennis News". The main point of interest this season will undoubtedly be the performance of the newly-promoted junior team in Div. 2A, and last season's team of Thomas Blackman, Keith Patterson, Peter Curry, Clare Mouzon and Denise Wilkinson, should all be available again for selection, although Eddie Smith and Denise Campbell are now over age. It is hoped that we can field a more settled senior team this season, as persistent rumours abound at the time of writing over who is likely to be available regularly and who is not. No doubt this will have sorted itself out by the time the first ranking lists are prepared, but in my opinion the only

reasons for missing a County match should be work, illness, injury and some other form of representative duty. If our strongest possible team was available for every match, we would achieve much better results and in the case of some players, total commitment appears to be open to question. Anyone who feels they cannot make themselves available regularly for both home and away matches should come out of the ranking list now before the season gets under way.

The Northumberland League season was due to start on Sept. 17, and once again there has been a drop in the number of competing teams, no doubt in common with most other leagues in the country. One of the lower Divisions has again been scrapped, which leaves the League totalling 94 teams contesting seven Divisions. Even Byker CC have reduced the number of their teams from ten to seven, although they have still the largest number in the League followed by North Shields YMCA with six teams, and DHSS with five. Obviously the main reasons for this are partly because of the unemployment situation and lack of finance, and clubs in our area are obviously going to think twice about entering teams when it costs £19.50 per team to compete in our League at the present time. One cannot help feeling sometimes that the "grass roots" players at the bottom are being sacrificed for the necessary success at the top-which is all very well, but it should be recognised that everyone has to start somewhere.

However, it is hoped that all players 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. All but one of the main posts on the County Executive Committee remain in the same hands, the exception being the post of Treasurer, where Dave SCHOLFIELD (Procter & Gamble) has taken over from Bill Brown as Treasurer, and on the Management Committee, Gerry Cunningham (Woodlands Park) has replaced Henry Ross. The Committee has decided not to cause further hardship by enforcing the rule regarding two clearly different racket surfaces in the Northumberland League, but obviously anyone involved in County or any other representative play will have to consider what rules apply within the appropriate Association.

Finally, while I am grateful to ETTA Treasurer Aubrey Drapkin for providing a lot of the information for my reports, I am sure that there must be other news about which I do not get to hear until long after it happens! Remem-

ber, if you consider anything of interest concerning club, league or county matters worthy of inclusion, please do not complain about being left out - do something about it by letting me know details as soon as possible after the event, either by writing to me at 97 Park Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2LD, or telephoning me on 091-285-4827 (home) or 091-279-5206 (office).

Roy Williams reports from....

## NORTH WALES

FIRST MEDAL FOR WALES  
Betty Gray of Swansea won the first ever medal for Wales at the 2nd World Veterans Championships held in Helsinki in June. Betty won a silver medal in the women's singles (60's Group) losing in the final to a player from Japan.

Of the eleven players in the Welsh contingent eight were from North Wales with each league from the N.W.C.T.T.A. being represented.

Betty also reached the quarter-final stage of the over 50's women's doubles with Barbara Williams of Rhyl who herself had reached the last 16 in this age bracket of the women's singles.

Roy Williams (Prestatyn) won all his sets to top his group then went out to a player from Federal Germany. Don Hobbs (CEMAES) runner-up in his section also failed to progress at the next hurdle.

Jim Bishton (Wrexham), Ray Howland (Rhyl), Les Jones (Llandudno), Owen Williams (Holyhead), Peta Williams (Prestatyn) and Enid and Harold Thomas all gave a good account of themselves. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all and plans are well in hand for the next championships in Italy.

Welsh Veterans Association  
The Welsh Veterans Association was formed at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff in August and the following officials were

elected:- H. Roy Evans, OBE (President), Roy Williams (Chairman/Secretary), Betty Gray (Treasurer).

Committee:- Malcolm Buckle and Malcolm Hook (North Wales) Betty Gray and Enid Thomas (South Wales).

Summer League

The East Denbighshire Summer League, again organised by Charlie Bayliss, proved a success with many taking part in the various events. The Premier knock-out team championship was won by United Gravel "A" (Paul Griffiths, Phil Jones and Meirion Jones) with a 6-3 win over British Aerospace at the Telecom Social Club, Wrexham. Dave Morris, Ron Parry and Stan Houghton represented the losers.

Results of the senior and junior championships held at Wrexham Victoria Youth Club

were:-

Seniors

M.S.: Phil Jones bt Jim Bishton

W.S.: Karen Buckle bt Cheryl Jones

V.S.: Bishton bt Peter Williams

Juniors

U-14 B.S.: Kristin Mousdale bt Spencer Harris

U-14 G.S.: Tracy Sambrook bt Nicola Harris

U-17 B.S.: James Tapp bt Neil Clapton

U-17 G.S.: Karen Buckle bt Cheryl Jones

U-21 B.S.: Paul Griffiths bt James Tapp

U-21 G.S.: Karen Buckle bt Sandra Roberts.

Gerald Green reports from . . .

## SHROPSHIRE

### COUNTY RANKINGS MOVE INTO THE COMPUTER AGE

A major new innovation to the Shropshire County Table Tennis scene is the introduction of a computer ranking list which should prove a major boost for table tennis within the country.

Shropshire are following the lead set by the English Table Tennis Association in 1982.

The players ranked in Shropshire are allocated points and the ranking list will be reviewed following the newly formed Shropshire Inter-Club League (four-a-side) competition and the monthly Shropshire Star sponsored two-a-side and Grove School Graded Singles tournaments.



Men: 1 Malcolm Green 705 points. 2 Paul Barnett 690. 3 Keith Sillitor 680. 4 Colin Wilson 670. 5 David Williams 665. 6 Ian Baker 655. 7 Justin Goodall 650. 8 Gerry Owen 645. 9 David Morris 648. 10 Tony Harrison 635.

Boys: 1 David Williams 665. 2 Justin Goodall 650. 3 David Morris 640. 4 Darrell Corfield 630. 5 Simon Cooper 595. 6 Tim McGill 585. 7 Ian Garrett 565. 8 Robert Holding 540. 9 Nigel Holding 535. 10 John Lumley 515.

Women: 1 Alison Barker 575. 2 Julie Ballard 570. 3 Carol Wickstead 550. 4 Colette Soan 545. 5 Dawn Wickstead 530. 6 Alison Gibson 510. 7 Cheryl Jones 455. 8 Nicola Thornecroft 400. 9 Victoria Boyd 345. 10 Audrey Barnett 315.

Girls: 1 Alison Barker 575. 2 Dawn Wickstead 530. 3 Cheryl Jones 455. 4 Nicola Thornecroft 400. 5 Victoria Boyd 345. 6 Audrey Barnett 315. 7 Johanna Dyke 290. 8 Caroline Ashcroft 270. 9 Tara Hanley 225. 10 Claire Marshall 205.

Cadet Boys: 1 Simon Cooper 595. 2 David Morris 640. 3 Neil Martin 505. 4 Adrian Phillips 495. 5 Matthew Jeffrey 490. 6 Peter Giles 435. 7 Paul Brown 8. Neil Thomas 380. 9 Steven Eaton 370. 10 Chris Purcell 350.

Cadet Girls: 1 Victoria Boyd 345. 2 Audrey Barnett 315. 3 Johanna Dyke 290. 4 Caroline Ashcroft 270. 5 Tara Hanley 225. 6 Claire Marshall 205. 7 Louise Townsend 175. 8 Anne-Marie Williamson 165. 9 Jane Roddy 130. 10 Laura Talbot 75.

## COUNTY LEAGUE

September saw the start of a new competition for Shropshire's top players with newly formed four-a-side County Inter-Club League getting underway at the Grove.

The event, aimed at bridging the gap between local and national league, has attracted a maximum eight teams with matches being held at a central venue by rotation of Grove, Pontesbury and Oswestry.

Grove field a strong squad including Stan Deakin and Paul Barnett, but they will have to be on top form when facing a strong Belle Vue side from Shrewsbury, whose squad of Ian Baker, Dean Pountney, Mike Beaman and Keith Williams look impressive, while Gerry Owen leads a strong Fitzalan, Oswestry side with the experienced Jim Bishton and highly rated Clive Roberts.

Teams - Shrewsbury: Peter Thomas, Darrell Corfield, John Lumley, Adrian Gwilliam.

Fitzalan: G. Owen, J. Bishton, B. Jones, A. Jones, C. Roberts.

Grove: Stan Deakin, Paul Barnett, Keith Sillitor, Joe Deakin, Colin Wilson, Tony Harrison, Barry Turner, Chris Edwards, J. Ballard.

Telford A: To be announced.

Telford B: P. Fisher, R. Holding, N. Holding, A. Grainger.

Grove Juniors: D. Williams, J. Goodall, D. Morris, S. Cooper, T. McGill, A. Barker.

Belle Vue: Ian Baker, Dean Pountney, Mike Beaman, Keith Williams, Chris Thompson.

Ellesmere: Rich Harris, Allan Roberts, Dave Hughes, Brian Wilson.

## SHREWSBURY LEAGUE

Shrewsbury and District League got underway on September 24 with 69 teams playing in six divisions. This is a reduction of nine teams and one division from last season.

With five of the withdrawals

coming from teams in the top two divisions, the management committee, at its meeting last week, decided to ignore the relegation issues from last season.

With other withdrawals and a division less, some teams will find themselves playing in higher divisions than they were expecting.

## TOURNAMENTS

### TOP FORM MORRIS GRABS TITLE

Grove's David Morris hit superb form to capture the Cadet boys' singles title at the Coventry Junior Open.

Morris justified his national ranking with a series of impressive victories over John Scadden and Matthew Boulton in the group matches before progressing to demolish Roger Ambrose, Alan Hewes and Richard Tile to reach the final.

In the final the Shropshire boy faced Wolverhampton's Andrew Thorpe, who had narrowly beaten Grove's Simon Cooper in the other semi. Undaunted Morris rose to the occasion and produced a fierce barrage of attacking strokes to capture the title.

Meanwhile, Cooper had impressed in both cadet and boys' events. In the former, Cooper demolished Mark Scadden, Tim Oldham, Greg Sheppard and Daniel Ameghino before losing to the eventual runner-up Thorpe, whilst in the boys' singles the Shropshire lad caused a major upset by beating highly rated Warwickshire star Nicky Felton and progressed to demolish Sean Mytton and Graham Grimley before falling to schools' international Mark Randle, of Coventry.

Morris repeated his good form in the junior event by hammering Cambridgeshire's Nicky Ashman and Midlander Chris Nicholls before demolishing Alan Kirk en route to a close match with Bedfordshire's schools' international Peter Harris, the latter the victor by the narrowest of margins.

Tony Carey reports from.....

## SOMERSET

"Where is the fruit from the blossom?U

With a new and challenging season upon us, I am searching for signs of the great leap forward which we have been predicting would happen - hopefully this season when we would witness a challenge for senior places from both present and past junior players, also from seniors who have raised their game to a level where they can compete. In the junior ranks it was hoped that a similar situa-

tion would exist with the older players aiming to improve while the cadets would be pushing for inclusion. That is the rosy situation which I should like to report, but as I see it at present, 'with certain exceptions (and I hope that two and two will not be taken as equalling five in this context), our players, young and old, will experience a struggle to compete on equal terms with other players within our region and beyond whom I have seen training throughout this summer. I believe the equation that we formulated when we were building our pyramid (Effort + Dedication = Excellence + Success) seems to have lost its equilibrium. I hope that I am proved wrong and we will have an Indian Summer with a plentiful harvest.

With that said, back to terra firma again. Last season ended on a fairly high note for our juniors when we had four players picked for the England teams competing in the International Schools' Team and Individual Championships at Birmingham. These were Lee Sadler, Philip Payne, Melonie Carey and Sarah Webb. All had varying successes with Lee being the star by reaching the senior boys' semi-final. It certainly was a test of stamina, as I myself found while umpiring, let alone playing. The standard of play was once again fitting for the occasion, added to, some will say, by the introduction of the New Barna Ball in this country.

I should like to express a vote of thanks to Dunlop for their considerable sponsorship of this event, which I consider to be one of the highlights of the season. And also thanks to Eddie Mitchell for a well organised tournament once again.

I am pleased to report that at last after many requests there is going to be an open tournament in Bridgwater. This will be for the Under-21 age group and will be held in what is considered to be the headquarters of Bridgwater table tennis - Chilton Trinity School - on Sunday, 25 November, and I am sure that all who attend will find the conditions and play worthy of the occasion.

Jack Chalkley reports from.....

## STAFFORDSHIRE

### COMINGS AND GOINGS

September ranking lists' have been issued and are printed below. It's good to see Greg Hallam back after a year's absence, but among those missing this year are Amanda Hegarty, who is registering for Devon, and Janet Dunning, who

has decided to retire from County representative table tennis after a long and distinguished record at that level. She has served Staffordshire well, and whilst we regret that she has this decision, we thank her sincerely for her loyal service.

Once again it proved difficult to get all the players together for the trials and the organisers deserve better support. Some of the reasons for absence were possibly justified but the apathy shown by some raised questions as to whether they deserve County ranking. One junior in the top ten 'forgot' and one senior player preferred the doubtful pleasure of watching Stoke City - must be a masochist or supreme optimist!

The top three in the men's list remain unchanged, but there is every opportunity for change before the Premier Weekend in November. Fiona Elliot's splendid progress has taken her above Jill Harris after Jill has held top position for several years unchallenged. Jill Powis and Adrian Dixon, as expected, top the junior lists, and the top five junior girls also appear in the senior rankings.

| Men               | Women        |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. A. Bellingham  | F. Elliot    |
| 2. C. Bakewell    | J. Harris    |
| 3. A. Rich        | J. Powis     |
| 4. G. Hallam      | A. Sanders   |
| 5. A. Dixon       | T. Spencer   |
| 6. S. Deakin      | H. Lower     |
| 7. M. Evans       | R. Roberts   |
| 8. D. Hanney      | P. Brookes   |
| 9. R. Murray      | J. Chubb     |
| 10. J. Hancock    | S. Harper    |
| 11. K. Cartwright | D. Gardener  |
| 12. R. Hayward    | K. Rogers    |
| 13. R. Williams   |              |
| 14. S. Rochelle   |              |
| 15. E. Wilkes     |              |
| Juniors Boys      | Junior Girls |
| A. Dixon          | J. Powis     |
| R. Hayward        | A. Sanders   |
| K. Lawrence       | H. Lower     |
| S. Slater         | D. Gardener  |
| P. Fisher         | K. Rogers    |
| I. Millar         | J. Winter    |
| N. Tongue         | L. Sherratt  |
| A. Hough          | S. Hawkes    |
| M. Harvey         | N. Riley     |
| M. Riley          | J. Gallett   |
| Cadet Boys        | Cadet Girls  |
| A. Thorpe         | 1. S. Hawkes |
| G. Knights        | 2. N. Riley  |
| R. Till           |              |

The trials are to be followed by Junior Rallies to explore more deeply the junior and cadet talent in the County and top performers will have their chance to appear in the ranking lists.

For the record, the following tables were the final positions in the County League last season. The withdrawal of Stone 'A' from the first division depleted that division, but Potteries 'A' ran out clear winners to retain the trophy. The close finish in Div 4 necessitated a play-off, in which Walsall 'C' beat Potteries 'D' 7-3.

| Div.1       | P | W | D | L | FA    | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|-------|-----|
| Potteries A | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 35- 5 | 8   |
| W'ton A     | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 20-20 | 4   |
| Walsall A   | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 18-22 | 3   |
| Stafford A  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 16-24 | 3   |
| Potteries B | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 11-29 | 2   |

# County Notes

|              |   |   |   |       |       |
|--------------|---|---|---|-------|-------|
| Div.2        |   |   |   |       |       |
| W. Brom. A   | 4 | 0 | 1 | 35-15 | B     |
| Leek A       | 4 | 0 | 1 | 26-24 | 8     |
| Lichfield A  | 2 | 1 | 2 | 24-26 | 5     |
| Wton B       | 1 | 2 | 2 | 25-25 | 4     |
| Stafford B   | 1 | 1 | 3 | 22-28 | 3     |
| Potteries C  | 1 | 0 | 4 | 18-32 | 2     |
| Div.3        |   |   |   |       |       |
| Leek B       | 4 | 0 | 0 | 32- 8 | 8     |
| Wton C       | 3 | 1 | 1 | 34-16 | 7     |
| Walsall C    | 3 | 1 | 1 | 31-19 | 7     |
| Tamworth A   | 1 | 0 | 2 | 11-19 | 2     |
| Stafford C   | 1 | 0 | 4 | 13-37 | 2     |
| Staff. Vets. | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9-31  | 0     |
| Div.4        |   |   |   |       |       |
| Potteries D  | 4 | 0 | 1 | 32-18 | 8     |
| Walsall C    | 4 | 0 | 1 | 32-18 | 8     |
| Lichfield B  | 4 | 0 | 1 | 30-20 | 8     |
| Wton D       | 2 | 0 | 3 | 22-28 | 4     |
| Stafford D   | 0 | 1 | 4 | 19-31 | 1     |
| Stone B      | 0 | 1 | 4 | 15-35 | 1     |
| Div.5        |   |   |   |       |       |
| Potteries E  | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0     | 26-14 |
| Lichfield C  | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1     | 24-16 |
| Tamworth B   | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2     | 21-19 |
| Stafford E   | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2     | 19-21 |
| W. Brom. B   | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3     | 10-30 |

Stone are going through an administrative crisis at the moment, and Ron Harvey, their secretary, tells me that at one time there were doubts as to whether the league would function this year. Apparently the immediate problem has been overcome, but if there are any Stone readers of this column, I do ask you to rally round and give a hand to the administrative chores.

Wolverhampton, for example, are going through a difficult phase with the retirement of Mike Leach who did so much work there, but the signs are that they are pulling through and no doubt will. Unfortunately it means that some of the jobs are being missed and some will have to be left undone. For example, their entries for the County League have been forgotten, so we are having to delay the start of the League by a month. County League dates are Nov. 17, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 2 and Apr. 13. In addition, they will not be able to run the Malcolm Scott Restricted this year and it may well be that this event will be left but of the calendar for a second year.

I mention this not in any way as criticism of present or past administrators. One is grateful that there are those people who will come forward and do these voluntary chores. It is just necessary every now and again to take the opportunity of re-emphasising to players and complaining by-standers that these jobs don't get done by chance. Perhaps here I should refer back to a point I made in my second paragraph.

The County's financial position is in a parlous state, critical enough to necessitate serious action. Apart from putting up the affiliation fees, we are having to ask county players to contribute financially. Last year the County overspent by £250 or thereabouts, with £900 being spent on the four County Championship sides, mainly due to much higher cost of running the two teams in Premier Divisions. Hopefully, the players will con-

tribute around £200 this season, about £2 per match for seniors and £1 for juniors. Whether there will be any reaction remains to be seen, but I am sure the majority will understand the problem we face.

This year, for the first time, Staffordshire will be staging a Premier Weekend - on Nov. 24/25th. We are lucky to have obtained the facilities of the British Telecom Technical College at Yarnfield, near Stone, and all those staying overnight will be able to be accommodated in the excellent rooms at the college. We are looking for help and support from the local table tennis fraternity, and a reasonable number of spectators will be provided for.

The County Closed will be staged on March 24, Sunday, again at the Northwood Sports Centre. As already mentioned, there are doubts about the Restricted Tournament and also the Beattie Trophy, a 'blind' team handicap event which came under criticism last season. Nevertheless, we are hoping to introduce a 'hard bat' tournament at the end of the season, possibly along the lines of the excellent one run by Stafford last year. This produced a final quite outstanding in its skill and spectator appeal between John Taylor, representing, 'dare I say, the old 'uns, and Tony Morrell, the current Stafford champion, who adapted his modern skills to the hard bat (only an ordinary £1 bat) in splendid fashion. The score doesn't really matter - "deuce" in the third to Tony. Whilst discussing the Stafford scene, I should mention that our county secretary is still a very active player and chalked up a notable success last year in winning the 'over 50's' handicap, beating Norman Stanton, previously county umpires secretary, 19 and 19.

Among the new county officers and members this year, we welcome Denis, Butcher from the Potteries as County League secretary and Dave Hollins (Stafford) and Arthur Thomas (W'ton) as county representatives.

John Woodford reports from....

## SUSSEX

### NEW SUPREMO

**COLIN HYLAND**, organiser of the Sussex Open Championships for some years, is the new supremo of the Sussex Table Tennis Association. Colin, from Hastings, took the chair from retiring Bert Fretwell at the July AGM.

So, the younger men are taking over... Dennis Reed (Hassocks) is the new vice-

chairman and he also retains his jobs as chairman of the selectors and senior match secretary for the County Championships.

Football crowds, are falling lower and lower, so regrettably I now make the statement that the vast majority of National League matches and County Championships matches are being played with the players outnumbering the spectators!

It maybe some relief for table tennis organisers to know that the shortage of crowds is common throughout sport. England administrators have to go on their hands and knees to get people to watch them at Wembley against East Germany... what chance has table tennis got? Very little, I am sorry to say.

Back to Sussex: Happily, the Sussex first team in the County Championships are unchanged from last season - the Moore brothers, Phil Smith, Teresa Moore and Rachel Mackriell, starting with a fierce away fixture against Dorset.

There is another new man at the top of the junior administration - Dave Berryman, a Crawley coach. He has the difficult task of sorting out the juniors, but note that Sussex have only one junior team, but there is an increase in the number of veterans teams from two to three, signs of the times, but not a fact we can be proud of... more matches without spectators!

Paul Elphick is the Sussex No. 1 junior for the season, his last. Lynne Trussell (Crawley) was unbeaten at the junior trials, so that will be a name to watch this season.

The three names at the top of the Sussex junior rankings are all from Haywards Heath - Elphick, Martin Packham and Patrick Street, but Hastings and Bexhill are now providing some ranked juniors, the is to Dave Berryman of Crawley to bring forth juniors from that area, Crawley.

And Crawley is the new home of Graham Sandley, the England No.2. He has, it appears, moved to Sussex to be close to his personal coach Lloyd Lewis, who is now also resident in the Crawley area and clearly still preening Sandley to take over the top spot in the England rankings, in due course.

Ian Bullock reports from ...

## SUFFOLK

### MAJOR CHANGES

Since my last report major changes have taken place in both County administration and in playing policy with the retire-

ment of Mr. Dennis Barrett and the formation of a National League team in Ipswich.

Dennis decided to retire from his position as County Chairman, somewhat unexpectedly, at the last AGM on June 5. Although not enjoying the best of health for many years, Dennis never complained but soldiered on for some 24 years always putting the County first, his devotion to duty being unquestionable. During his time in office, Dennis received the wholehearted support of his wife, Edna, who has been the Match and Selection Board Secretary for the Senior and Junior County teams, for several years. Not surprisingly, Edna has decided to retire with her husband but has agreed to help out until a replacement can be found.

Dennis took a great interest in promoting the game in the schools of Suffolk. As a Diploma Coach, he conducted coaching sessions in schools throughout East Suffolk and was instrumental in seeing that the schools in and around Ipswich were equipped with a plentiful supply of tables. Apart from running the first Suffolk Schools' Tournament, Dennis played a leading part in encouraging the formation of the Ipswich Schools' TT - and then the Suffolk Schools' TT - one of the first such bodies in the county and certainly the first to have representation on the parent County Committee.

He was a National Councillor for Suffolk from 1966-1981 and as a county selector travelled widely with Junior and Senior teams for some 20 years. Dennis became Chairman in 1972 and remained for twelve years which makes him the longest serving Chairman. The first European League match to be played in Suffolk at Felixstowe was secured by the Chairman and he spent many hours towards the end of his table tennis career in re-wording the County Laws to comply with ETTA requirements.

I hope I have managed to do justice to the pair of you. Your faces will be missed at County Meetings. On behalf of the County we hope you both enjoy your retirement, have good health and we look forward to seeing you, as our guests, at all table tennis functions.

Joyce Love has taken over from Dennis. An experienced campaigner, Joyce is our present National Councillor, is Secretary of the Ipswich and District League (fifth largest in the country last season) and is well known nationally as an International umpire. We wish you every success in the future, Joyce.

After months of planning, a National League team representing Ipswich, has been formed. Known as Britannia Deepsure

the team has been entered in Division 3 East and all home games will be played at the Britannia TT Club in Ipswich. We are most grateful to our sponsors, Deepsure Ltd., a local firm of building contractors who have provided the players' kit besides a mini bus for travel to away matches. Paul Hutchinson's dream has now reached fruition.

With the coaching expertise and management skills of the ETTA Coaching Chairman Gordon Steggall and the business acumen of Colin Kerry we have assembled a formidable committee. On the playing side, the services of John Kitchener as Captain have been secured and the remainder of a large squad of eleven consists of developing youngsters who are broadening their playing experience at County level and at tournaments and centres of excellence. The full squad is John Kitchener (Capt.), Derek Wood, Shaun Caraccio, Paul Gooding, Lawrence Rutter, Richard Hutchinson, Darren Jones, Nigel Hodder, Malcolm Davis, Andrew Warner and Chris Shepherd.

## RESULTS:

September 2 v. Norwich Foxwood. Away.

An encouraging 4-4 draw against the team which narrowly missed promotion last year.

Scores (Norwich names first):  
Richard Stevenson bt Derek Wood 17, 18 lost to John Kitchener 20, -13, -10.  
Doug Bennett lost to Kitchener 19, -17, -17 bt Shaun Caraccio 12, 17.  
Paul Durrant bt Paul Gooding 18, -14, 14 bt Wood 14, 18.  
Steve Fox lost to Caraccio -15, 12, -19 lost to Gooding -14, 19, -17.  
September 16 v. MBS St. Neots II. Home.

For the first home game, the sponsors arranged a lavish buffet reception which was attended by guests who were later joined by the Mayor and Mayoress of Ipswich. However, the large, enthusiastic and well-fed crowd failed to deter the visitors who dampened the party spirit by winning 5-3. Alan Shewen, a high ranking New Zealander, maintained a high level of consistency by winning both his sets including that against Kitchener who later made amends by beating Keith Samuels quite comfortably.

Scores (Ipswich first):  
Kitchener lost to Alan Shewen -18, -15, bt Keith Samuels 17, 7.  
Caraccio lost to Samuels -10, 13, -7 bt Terry Pleasance -11, 17, 17.  
Gooding lost to Keith Lakin -12, 20, -18 lost to Shewen -15, -18.  
Lawrence Rutter bt Pleasance -18, 21 17 lost to Lakin, 18, -13, -15.

## IPSWICH & DISTRICT LEAGUE

An overall increase of two teams brings the total number to 160 to start the new campaign. Premier players are reminded of the new bat regulations introduced at the AGM which means different colours on each side and also the earlier starting time of 7.15 p.m.

## \*SUPER LEAGUE EUROPEAN LEAGUE MATCH\* ENGLAND v. CZECHOSLOVAKIA

This event must surely be the highlight of the season. Our visitors are the current European League Champions. They play England at the Corn Exchange in Ipswich on Wednesday, December 12th. It is anticipated that about 550 seats will be available. Hotel accommodation has been reserved at the Ipswich Moat House, three miles from Ipswich, at preferential rates: Single room (incl. Eng. breakfast and VAT) £24; Double room (incl. Eng. breakfast and VAT) £34.

All inquiries should be made to the Organising Secretary, Joyce Love, by 15th November. After that date we cannot guarantee the price of accommodation. Joyce is also dealing with ticket sales at 8 Dorset Close, Ipswich. Telephone Ipswich 217704.

Mary I. Rose reports from ...

## WARWICKSHIRE

### SAD NOTE

By the time these notes are published the season should be well established and I wish everyone, organisers and players alike an enjoyable and successful season.

I unfortunately start my article on a sad note as I have to inform you with deep regret that Mrs Nancy Griffin passed away on Saturday, 25th August. Nancy has worked for the Birmingham Association for over 25 years and will be sadly missed. Our condolences go to her husband Dick, the President of the Birmingham and District T.T.A.

This season's Warwickshire Trials (Juniors) were staged at Birmingham Athletic Institute, on September 16. All leagues, Coventry, Leamington, Rugby, Nuneaton, Stratford and Birmingham Schools were invited to nominate players to compete in the trial.

The Women's trial was held at the Birmingham Table Tennis Centre on September 15. For which all leagues have been invited to nominate players.

It had been decided previously not to hold a Men's Trial, but to rely on the National Ranking Lists for selection of our teams and leagues have been asked to supply their match results of top players and information on league trials.

The County Selection Committee for the 1984/85 season is: Tony Pipe (Chairman and Senior team captain); John Chandler (Junior 'B' team cap-

tain); B. Barrett, D. Richards (Junior 'A' team captain), M. Browne, P. Paine.

### COUNTY TEAMS

A decision has unfortunately been made to withdraw our Senior 'B' side from the County Championships due to financial difficulties. It is hoped that this is a temporary measure only, and that the proposed fund raising events being organised over the season will help the County to reinstate the team as quickly as possible.

### WARWICKSHIRE CLOSED

The Warwickshire Closed Championships were staged too late for a report to be included in the May edition of the magazine. The Championships were played at the newly-opened Sports Centre for the Disabled (Tile Hill Coventry). The venue was first class and thanks must go to Coventry, Birmingham and Nuneaton officials for their efforts in making the competition such a success, although the entry could have been higher. Carl Morgan won the Men's singles, only losing one set on his way to the Championship, and that to Warwickshire's top veteran Ralph Gunnion. Karen Groves won the Women's Singles beating Sandra Peakman in the final.

### COACHING

The County hope to arrange a number of Coaching Rallies during the season for our juniors at the BAI.

Details of these rallies will be circulated to all leagues.

### BIRMINGHAM

#### BOYS' CLUB SUCCESS

Colebridge Boys' Club, Shirley completed the double by winning both the singles and double events at the National Association of Boys' Clubs TT Championships.

The championships were held at the Gloucester Leisure Centre and boys' clubs from England, Wales and Scotland were taking part.

Previous rounds to these championships were held throughout the year on a county and regional final knockout.

The Colebridge and Warwickshire singles representative was Steve Bertie, the winner of last year's singles. Steve won his group with superb wins over D. Forsey, Berkshire, D. Thomas Mid-Glamorgan and C. Milton, Dorset. The winner of the other group, Mark Burke, Tynesdale Boys' Club, Scotland, then met Steve in the final and both displayed some hard hitting and superb topspin serves, both

forehand and backhand, with Steve winning 20, -19, 19.

The doubles saw Steve's younger brother Stewart and fellow club member Darren Garey displaying their skills.

They played their group matches winning their group and playing the final against the winners of the second group Gray and Kazmarck. This final as in the singles went to 3, Bertie and Garey losing the first, but coming back to take the second 24-22 and winning the third 14.

It has been suggested that the sight of a note of legal tender displayed by the Colebridge Club leader, inspired Bertie and Garey to make such a fighting finish.

### WEST WARWICKSHIRE CLUB INVITATION

The West Warwickshire Invitation Tournament sponsored by the Bristol and West Building Society, reached a magnificent climax with a superb finals day.

The men's event which attracted a powerful entry went according to seedings up to the semis.

The final saw a repeat of 1983 with the holder, Warwickshire's Morgan facing Yorkshire's Alan Fletcher. Last year an iii-prepared Fletcher was swept aside by the local star. This time he was to offer a tremendous challenge.

He took the first with some sparkling play only for Morgan to come back strongly and force the decider. Fletcher led 14-11 with all five of his serves to come. However, it was Morgan who showed the better temperament and in an exciting finish came out a worthy winner.

The women's final followed a similar pattern with the holder Warwickshire's Sandra Peakman being taken to a decider by the County No.1 Karen Groves. Miss Peakman took a 16-11 lead and looked to be heading for a clear-cut win only for Miss Groves to show her fighting spirit and level at 17-17. Miss Peakman composed herself for the tense closing-points and emerged the champion at 21-19.

The doubles title went to Barrington Barret and Barry Johnson who just eased home against Spilsbury and Morgan in an entertaining final. Defeated semi-finalists in the men's event were Staffordshire's Johnson and Bellingham, while in the women's event Warwickshire's ever popular Di St. Ledger and Joan Harden from the host club were the pair to just miss out.

The presentations were made to the winners by Mike Gawt, manager of the Solihull branch of the Bristol and West Building Society.

# County Notes

Les D'Arcy reports from.....

## YORKSHIRE

### DEATH OF A STALWART

Preparations for the early season's activities have been saddened by the untimely death of our hard working General Secretary, Frank Briggs who will be sorely missed. (Frank's obituary) appears on page 44).

In the present emergency, Keith Shepherd the Leeds League Match and Press Secretary has taken over as Y.T.T.A. Gen. Sec. and all relevant correspondence should be addressed to him at 24, Hillfoot Avenue, Pudsey, West Yorkshire LS28 30N. Tel: 0532-577591.

After several months of uncertainty on the County Championships position the season starts with a record number of teams representing the county. At the end of last season it seemed that the two junior and two senior teams would have to disband when no one could be found to take over from national councillor, Eric Hill, who has done a marvellous job as County Match Sec. since he took over from that other great worker for Yorkshire table tennis, Bert Dainty in 1978. Alec Head who became County Chairman last year is to combine jobs with initial guidance from Eric until a suitable volunteer can take over. Alec will be assisted by Paul Rook (senior teams), Bevan Walker (junior teams) and Mr. & Mrs. Geoff Brook will look after the arrangements for the newly formed veterans team. The many veterans throughout Yorkshire will be encouraged by this endeavour of the Y.T.T.A. to promote their interest. Twenty-two players reported for the veterans' ranking trial, with England-ranked Geoff Brook not required, but placed No. 1 automatically because of his national ranking.

Outstanding at the trials were 12-year-old Debbie Toole who topped both junior and cadet trials; 10-year-old Ellen Meddings, third in the cadets, and Neil Yeats, Graham Cook, Chris Oldfield, Allison Evans, Clive Guest and Richard Whiteley who all made a big impact in their respective age groups. Abig thank you to the organisers of the Trials Richard Scruton (junior) Eric Hill and Alec Head (seniors and veterans) Rowden Fullen, Mick Wilcockson (Cadets) with a great deal of help from Y.T.T.A. coaches and other officials.

### Rankings

| V.T.T.A.        |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Men             | Women        |
| 1. A. Fletcher  | J. Shaw      |
| 2. K. Beadley   | H. Shields   |
| 3. S. Mills     | M. Seaton    |
| 4. S. Sharpe    | L. Broomhead |
| 5. T. Sanderson | J. McLean    |
| 6. D. Munt      | A. Evans     |
| 7. D. Rook      | K. Burrows   |
| 8. J. Naser     | R. Bray      |
| 9. T. Dyson     | A. Huitt     |
| 10. R. Whiteley | J. Newton    |

11. C. Guest
12. D. Indriks
13. T. Bottomley
14. P. Longstone
15. D. Illingsworth
16. M. Emmerson

### Ranking List - 11th September, 1984

| Boys             |               | Girls            |               |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. C. Guest      | J. Shaw       | 1. C. Guest      | J. Shaw       |
| 2. M. O'Driscoll | A. Evans      | 2. M. O'Driscoll | A. Evans      |
| 3. N. Newton     | R. Bray       | 3. N. Newton     | R. Bray       |
| 4. J. Bult       | D. Toole      | 4. J. Bult       | D. Toole      |
| 5. C. Oldfield   | K. Bray       | 5. C. Oldfield   | K. Bray       |
| 6. A. Bassano    | H. Broomhead  | 6. A. Bassano    | H. Broomhead  |
| 7. M. Connell    | C. Dada       | 7. M. Connell    | C. Dada       |
| 8. M. Land       | A. Speight    | 8. M. Land       | A. Speight    |
| 9. T. Miller     | J. Harrison   | 9. T. Miller     | J. Harrison   |
| 10. M. Ward      | S. Phillipson | 10. M. Ward      | S. Phillipson |
| 11. N. Carr      |               | 11. N. Carr      |               |
| 12. R. Buxton    |               | 12. R. Buxton    |               |
| 13. A. Ball      |               | 13. A. Ball      |               |
| 14. N. Sims      |               | 14. N. Sims      |               |
| 15. N. Ryder     |               | 15. N. Ryder     |               |
| 16. G. Cook      |               | 16. G. Cook      |               |

### Cadet Boys

- M. O'Driscoll
- C. Oldfield
- N. Simms
- N. Ryder
- M. Ward
- A. Whiteley
- K. Sangster
- N. Yeats
- G. Cook
- J. Swaine
- R. Carle
- J. Milner
- M. Stephenson
- P. France
- D. Milner
- G. Horsfield

### Vets (Men)

- G. Brook
- L. D'Arcy
- R. Jackson
- M. Farnhill
- R. Lowery
- K. Burgess
- R. Ridge
- D. Norburn
- D. Kelly

### Cadet Girls

- D. Toole
- J. Harrison
- E. Meddings
- P. Hookem
- K. Jackson
- R. Metcalfe
- E. Connell
- K. Smith
- J. Roberts
- H. Wilkinson
- R. Smith
- D. Leyland

### Vets (Women)

- Mrs. C. Judson
- Mrs. J. Brooke

### Coaching

The new season is almost upon us and with it the new challenges, as always, leading up to the new season, several V.T.T.A. coaching courses, meetings and trials have been held. These include nine full days at Pontefract Kings High School. Twenty-five youngsters attended the first course (three days) and thirty-five attended the second which was for all grades, including 'England' ranked. The four coaches on the course who gave their services voluntarily were very encouraged when twelve children came back from the first course to join the second, by contrast there was a poor response on the adults one day course with only three men attending. I would like your views on what coaching you feel the adult players of today need. Rowden Fullen, Graham Bailey and Brian Johnson once again gave up some of their holiday time to staff the courses. They did a thoroughly professional job and have firmly established this annual course as a coaching highlight in the Wakefield Metropolitan Area's Festival of Sport. A sincere 'thank you' to our three coaches, to Dunlop Sports Co. who once again sponsored the tables and other equipment on the courses and to Mr. Roger Rothery and his Festival of Sport staff for their continued help and co-operation. Thank you also to the Headmaster and Staff of the Pontefract Kings School for supporting the setting up of the project.

On the last day at Pontefract our new National Coach for the North, Peter Simpson was guest speaker at a 'Coaches get-together'. In addition to hearing Peter's views on a number of topics, coaches had the opportunity of discussing local and county matters. They also took part in a table tennis practice session.

A great deal of work has been done at North East and West Regional levels to build up a strong cadet force below Centre of Excellence level. If your League has not yet participated in regional coaching sessions the new season is the time to start. Please contact the Regional Coach for your Region for further details of training/coaching sessions: Mick Wilcockson (N.E.), Rowden Fullen (W.) and Graham Bailey, acting Regional Coach for the South.

### Top Awards

York Sports Council's 'service to sport' award for 1983-84 has been awarded to David Atkinson, general secretary of York and District.

Mr. Atkinson has been a player for over 20 years but it has been as an administrator that he has really made his mark in the table tennis world.

He has held many official posts in the York and District Association.

David has been treasurer, match secretary, competitions secretary, tournaments secretary and for the last eight years he has held the post of general secretary.

For some years, he served on the Yorkshire T.T.A. Management Committee and he was awarded a special County Badge for his services to Yorkshire Table Tennis.

### Honour

The York Association has honoured David with the West Yorkshire Trophy on eight occasions. This is awarded annually to the player or official considered to have done the most for the York Association during the current year.

David's unfailing enthusiasm for committee work and playing the game itself have made him widely known and respected not only in York but throughout Yorkshire.



## Welsh Corner

by H. ROY EVANS

### 27th European Youth Championships

With hospitality provided by the Host Country reduced by 50% in accordance with ETTU decree, we were not able to send the large contingent of youngsters to Linz, as we did to Malmo last season. Our boy's team was Nigel Tyler, John Ellis and Jeff Turner, with Brian Everson in charge, whilst Gerald Watkins looked after the girls' team of Heidi Cotter and Evelyn Wright.

Despite the charm of this Austrian City, the excellent playing conditions at the Stadt und Sporthalle, and the very comfortable accommodation at the students' hotel attached to the Johannes-Kepler University, the Welsh failed to find much inspiration in any of this.

Nigel Tyler was head and shoulders above his team mates, winning 12 out of his 16 matches. And indeed he was within an inch of the truly fine performance, leading Carl Prean 19-17 in the third of our match against England, and just missing by a whisker a smash I am sure would have brought him a great win. Too often Welsh players have dropped into a passive role when seeming to have a chance to win. Not so, Nigel, and no-one can regret his going for a shot for which he had worked hard.

John Ellis, at fourteen, found the going hard, and rarely played at the standard we knew he was capable of. Strangely enough it is his temperament, so calm and unmoved, that is now his weakness, because he rarely seemed to get involved in the play. But he is very young yet, is gaining a lot of experience in grades higher than his own, and if he can add some aggression to his undoubted talent he will be very good.

Jeff Turner found the experience nerve-wracking, and try as he would, his game just would not come. It's true of course that he is mostly a blocker, without many attempts to hit, and whilst this kind of play brings him success in the limited arena of Welsh play, it just isn't good enough at this level. He, too, has

time to remedy this weakness and is dedicated enough to do so.

We finished in 23rd position, losing to Switzerland 3-5 (Nigel 2 John 1), to England 0-5, to Italy 2-5 (Nigel 2), to Luxembourg 2-5 (Nigel 2), to Finland 3-5 (Nigel 3), to Greece 4-5 (Nigel 3, John 1).

Nigel lost to the seeded Krenhardt in the first round of the singles, and Jeff lost to the Norwegian Grime. John played in the cadet event, losing in the second round to the French boy Chila. Nigel and John, after beating a Turkish/Luxembourg combination in the first round, lost to the strong Swedes Gullberg and Wrana in a close match.

With the Girls  
We were near the bottom of

the pile here too, finishing 21 st out of 23, ahead of Switzerland and Ireland whom we were not required to play.

Heidi seemed to lack the confidence that her game should give her. She has top spin and a powerful hit, but seemed reluctant to commit herself to attack. Too many unforced errors, especially in return of service, continue to lose her valuable points.

Evelyn has plenty of determination, but her game showed limitations one would not expect from a basic defender. Her chopped returns from the backhand are still far too high, and opponents punished her for this. And, until later on, her reluctance to hit the occasional put-up ball, left the initiative in her opponents' hands.

We lost 0-3 to the strong Yugoslavs, 0-3 to the eventual champions Hungary, 1-3 to Belgium, with Evelyn winning one singles and she and Heidi putting up a good show in the doubles, lost to Finland 0-3, lost to Norway 1-3, Evelyn winning one and Heidi giving a much better account of herself, and won our final encounter against Switzerland, with Evelyn taking two and Heidi one. In the individuals Heidi went out to the Yugoslav Kanic, whilst Evelyn lost to Andersen of Denmark.

They lost to a Spanish pair in the doubles. In the Mixed, Nigel and Heidi beat Revisz and Billen, but rather needlessly lost in the second round to Iglesias and Weisz. John and Evelyn lost to a Greek pair.

Junior and Cadet Matches

We lost a cadet international 4-6 against Scotland at Castell Alun, but turned the tables when we met the Scottish Junior sides at the same venue in June. The boys - Tyler, Ellis, Turner and Kelvin Roberts won 6-2, but the girls - Evelyn, Heidi, Karen Buckle and Theresa Petty drew 4-4.

2nd World Veterans' Tournament

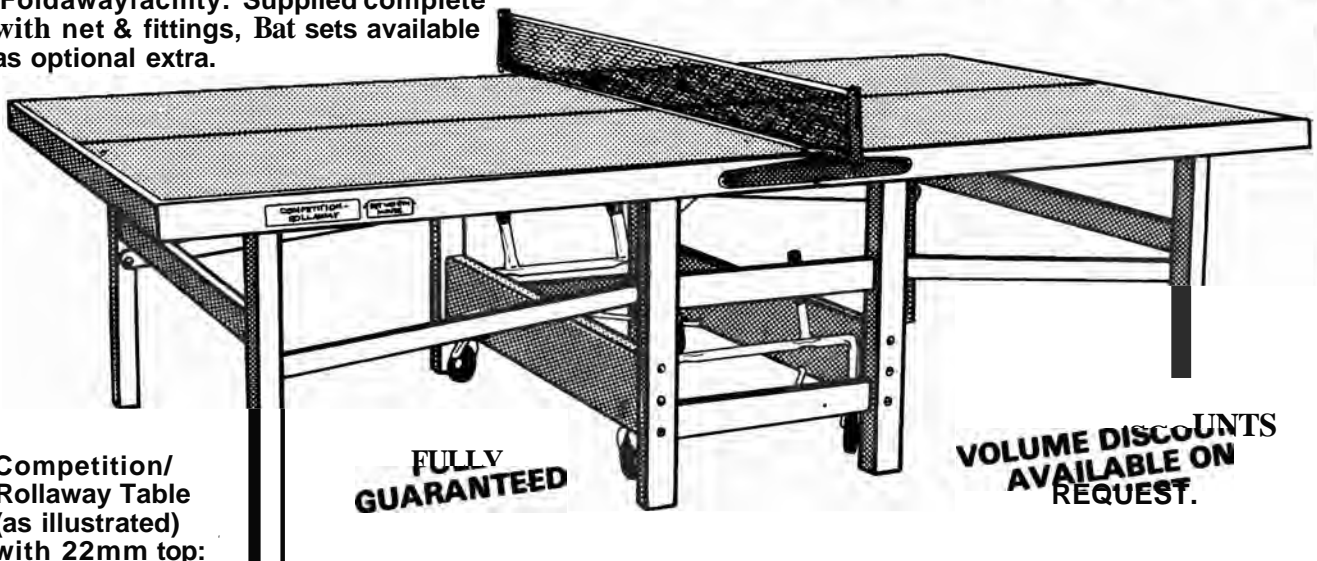
Eleven "veterans" made the journey from Wales to this highly successful and enjoyable "get together" of the older ones in Helsinki. Betty Gray got a "silver" losing in the final of the over-60's to Tasaka of Japan, who played in the strong Japanese team in World Championships about the same time as Betty did.

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# NATIONAL LEAGUE

By Fiona Brown

The Halex National League began on 2nd September following a summer full of player transfers and exciting new sponsorship agreements.

Jaques Fareham said goodbye to Carl Preat who steps down to the first division where he will spearhead Bath Toyota's promotion challenge. Alan Cooke also leaves Fareham to take over the Ormesby No. 1 spot from departing Dutch international, Hank van Spanje.

Paul Chester, manager of new premier division team GKN Wolverhampton, must be congratulated for overcoming the problems which threatened his team's future. When Duggie Johnson and Carl Morgan both moved to Birmingham. Optical, he was faced with the news that sponsors Tarmac were to withdraw their support. Replete with internationals Skylet Andrew, Max Crimmins and a new sponsor, the club now begins the season with a realistic chance of success.

Speculation that John Hilton might join either Grove or South Yorkshire has finally been dashed by the news that he is to play in Holland for the Nikon Club. Another player moving abroad is David Hannah, who joins a German club. His former team, Hassy Soham, have as yet made no replacement signing and so the task of completing a hat trick of consecutive premier division title wins now rests with the established squad of Paul Day, Kenny Jackson and John Souter.

HALEX NATIONAL LEAGUE - SEASON 1984/85  
Club ranking lists for first half of season:

## PREMIER DIVISION

### HASSY PERFECTION SOHAM I

1. K. Jackson
2. J. Souter
3. P. Day

### THORN EMI ELLENBOROUGH

1. G. Sandley
2. D. Wells
3. C. Wilson
4. M. Mitchell
5. N. Tyler
6. L. Lewis

### ORMESBY I

1. A. Cooke
2. E. Eckersley
3. R. Yule
4. L. Taylor

### GROVE MARKET DRAYTON I

1. A. Fletcher
2. S. Turner
3. K. Beadsley
4. P. Bowen
5. M. Green
6. A. Majid

### GKN STEELSTOCK WOLVERHAMPTON I

1. S. Andrew
2. M. Crimmins
3. A. Bellingham
4. S. Scowcroft

### OMEGA READING I

1. P. Bradbury
2. D. Barr
3. A. Wellman
4. D. Reeves

### JAQUES FAREHAM I

1. N. Mason
2. M. Oakley
3. K. Satchell
4. G. Baker

### T.IBHAR LARKHALL

1. R. Jermyn
2. D. Dodd
3. J. Kennedy
4. G. Spencer
5. P. Namdjou

## FIRST DIVISION

### BIRMINGHAM OPTICAL

1. D. Johnson
2. C. Morgan
3. B. Johnson
4. P. Gunn
5. P. Demetrius

### BUTTERFLY CARDIFF

1. N. Thomas
2. A. Jones
3. A. Healan
4. T. Manning
5. B. Tyler
6. N. Williams

### ORMESBY II

1. D. McIlroy
2. D. Campbell
3. J. Broe
4. S. Brunskill
5. B. Wright

### MBS ST NEOTS I

1. S. Moore
2. K. Richardson
3. P. Taylor
4. M. Harper

### DAGENHAM FC

1. I. Kenyon
2. D. Newman
3. A. Penny
4. K. Caldwell
5. S. Gibbs
6. S. Dettmar

### BATH TOYOTA

1. C. Preat
2. A. Creed
3. C. Sewell
4. A. Moore
5. P. Jackson
6. K. Edwards

### SOUTH YORKSHIRE I

1. C. Rogers
2. Chu Van Que
3. S. Mills
4. S. Browne

### OMEGA READING II

1. A. Syed
2. J. Stokes
3. C. Bartram
4. Miss A. Gordon

## SECOND DIVISION NORTH

### SALFORD TARGET GOLD

1. B. Johns
2. T. Taylor
2. A. Boasman

4. A. Leigh
5. H. Leigh

### SOUTH YORKSHIRE II

1. A. Sanderson
2. M. Illingsworth
3. D. Illingsworth
4. N. Bailey

### GKN STEELSTOCK WOLVERHAMPTON II

1. A. Rich
2. C. Bakewell
3. M. Evans
4. S. Dunning
5. T. Washington
6. Adrian Dixon
7. R. Hayward
8. R. Williams

### HALEX SINCIL LINCOLN

1. D. Gannon
2. D. Skerratt
3. M. Sheader
4. S. Worrell
5. T. Kerry
6. Miss S. Hunt
7. A. Thompson
8. D. Worrell

### KINGSBRO'INSURANCE SERVICES

1. M. Corking
2. S. Souter
3. I. Plummer
4. T. Murphy
5. S. Cooper
6. P. Crawford

### MARCH

1. S. Palmer
2. G. Davies
3. A. Withers
4. R. Swift
5. M. Palmer

### BYKER NEWCASTLE I

1. P. McQueen
2. I. Robertson
3. N. McMaster
4. E. Smith
5. T. Blackman
6. S. George

### CHAN CONSTRUCTION

1. L. Bertie
2. I. Gunn
3. R. Tanner
4. A. Pilgrim
5. M. Jukes
6. K. Chan

## SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

### GUNNERSBURY TRIANGLE

1. J. Proffitt
2. S. Proffitt
3. W. Mascarenhas
4. P. Harry
5. S. Inkley
6. S. Gennari

### TCB DOLPHINS

1. S. Holloway
2. P. Smith
3. G. Gillette
4. R. Venner
5. K. Horton
6. P. Richardson
7. P. Elphick

### OMEGA READING III

1. Miss K. Witt
2. M. Syed
3. Mrs. M. Sainsbury
4. P. Savins
5. S. Rowland
6. S. Hodder
7. G. Kemp
8. W. Allanson
9. K. Hodder

### JAQUES FAREHAM II

1. A. Dodd
2. G. Toole
3. R. Bhalla
4. C. Shetler
5. M. Wilding
6. M. Gilbert

### TSP LARKHALL

1. D. Sharpe
2. P. Collino
3. G. Chapman
4. D. Holman
5. D. Harding
6. A. Cunningham
7. C. Williams

### SPICER NEW MALDEN

1. M. Hammond
2. M. Shuttle
3. A. Sexton
4. N. Sutton
5. S. Cuthbertson
6. G. Bateman
7. M. Wilde

### CRANFIELD COLOURS HALEX

1. G. Wilkins
2. B. Jeanes
3. G. Evans
4. A. Evans
5. J. Hobbs
6. W. Armstrong
7. Miss S. Jones

### HOLTS CARPETS SALISBURY

1. D. Constance
2. A. Clayton
3. G. Lambert
4. S. Heaps
5. M. Werner
6. M. Holt
7. A. Holt

## THIRD DIVISION NORTH

### BYKER NEWCASTLE II

1. A. Hammett
2. A. Matthewson
3. P. Curry
4. K. Petterson
5. S. Waugh
6. J. Scope
7. R. Dodds

### ORMESBY III

1. J. Healy
2. D. Fewsdale
3. M. Simon
4. A. Wattis
5. C. Metcalfe
6. L. Atkin
7. J. Hoque
8. I. Hume
9. J. Nicholson

### VICKERS SPORTS BARROW

1. A. Murphy
2. N. Yardley
3. A. Fay
4. N. Smith
5. A. Manson
6. S. Halesworth
7. J. Backhouse

### SOUTH YORKSHIRE III

1. C. Guest
2. D. Hinchliffe
3. G. Roberts
4. P. Longstone
5. P. Aspinall
6. B. Bennett
7. N. Newton
8. J. Hopkins
9. C. Oldfield
10. N. Simms
11. Miss J. Ryalls

### WASHINGTON

1. A. Gelder
2. C. Olsson
3. D. Godbold
4. T. Robson
5. W. Reay
6. R. Reed
7. T. Trewitt
8. P. Stafford
9. D. Maciver
10. A. Thompson
11. D. Bissett
12. M. Grimes
13. P. Smith
14. D. Lawrence

## UNITY BRADFORD

1. S. Sharpe
2. D. Indriks
3. C. Render
4. M. O'Driscoll
5. A. Ball
6. Miss H. Shields
7. K. Pickles
8. Miss R. Beaumont
9. Miss S. Broadbent
10. S. Worsman

## UNITY LEEDS

1. T. Dyson
2. K. Mklandla
3. P. Sanderson
4. I. Duxbury
5. P. Russam
6. B. Metcalfe
7. M. Connell
8. J. Gittens

## ORMESBY IV

1. G. Jordan
2. D. Hughes
3. C. Watson
4. J. Miller
5. S. Miller
6. M. Birrell
7. B. Stephenson

## THIRD DIVISION SOUTH

### NITTAKU RUISLIP

1. J. Burleton
2. L. Eadie
3. D. Topiwalla
4. R. Bole
5. M. Les
6. V. McCarthy
7. J. Davidson

### ASHFORD

1. D. Goode
2. P. Simmonds
3. D. Windsor
4. M. Butler
5. J. Goode
6. P. Shirley
7. L. Gresswell
8. P. Baker
9. D. Burnham

### CIPPENHAM

1. R. Tilling
2. R. Beckham
3. A. Watson
4. C. Young
5. S. Everard
6. F. Earis
7. D. Pountney
8. G. Trimming

### MEDWAY

1. A. Mitchell
2. P. Amos
3. B. Brown
4. T. Spain
5. G. French
6. M. Ling
7. P. Bannister
8. S. Hardman
9. A. Longhurst

### THE DSC RAMS

- (CORNILLEAU)
1. D. Charley
  2. J. Dennison
  3. J. Facey
  4. P. Ademakinwa
  5. A. Briscoe
  6. J. Chapman

### AHW PIONEERS

1. Miss L. Bellinger
2. Miss J. Bellinger
3. L. Wooding
4. I. Doughty
5. C. Lustcombe

### ABENG WARRIORS (STIGA)

1. F. Rasul
2. L. Faure
3. A. Fitzgerald
4. N. Miller
5. R. Munn
6. J. Smith
7. B. O'Grady

### ERREY'S PRINT TTC 84

1. P. Rowden
2. P. Bartram
3. G. Batt-Rawden
4. A. Rowden

5. M. Watts
6. R. Warner

## THIRD DIVISION EAST

### PLAYRITE NORTHAMPTON

1. G. McKim
2. G. Alden
3. K. Nicoll
4. R. Marchant
5. I. Hawes
6. A. Edmunds
7. A. Hawes

### HALEX CRUSADERS LINCOLN

1. B. Hill
2. B. Allison
3. J. Malone
4. A. Wignall
5. R. Harper
6. S. Brophy
7. A. Burwell
8. R. Hodgson
9. I. Sleight
10. M. Thornley

### EAE WAVENEY

1. P. Logsdon
2. R. King
3. M. Broughton
4. T. Bunn
5. N. Pickard
6. D. Smith
7. D. Henderson

### MBS ST NEOTS II

1. K. Samuels
2. A. Shewan
3. D. Issaac
4. S. Barby
5. K. Willett
6. T. Pleasance
7. Miss H. Bardwell
8. K. Lakin

### BRITANNIA DEEPSURE

1. J. Kitchener
2. D. Wood
3. S. Carraccio
4. P. Gooding
5. A. Hutchinson
6. L. Rutter
7. D. Jones
8. N. Hodder
9. M. Davis
10. A. Warner
11. C. Shepherd

### HASSY PERFECTION SOHAM II

1. B. Richardson
2. M. Livermore
3. P. Holliday
4. J. Wheel
5. T. Smith

### WITHAM TOWN FC

1. N. Standen
2. K. Fellowes
3. P. Hayden
4. R. Lang
5. T. Dowsett
6. S. Griew
7. S. Tilson
8. N. Sweeting

### NORWICH FOXWOOD

1. R. Stevenson
2. D. Bennett
3. M. Stevenson
4. S. Steward
5. P. Durrant
6. D. Honor
7. S. Fox

## THIRD DIVISION WEST

### JOLLIFFE POOLE

1. R. Thomas
2. J. Robinson
3. J. Creasey
4. M. Hughes
5. S. Davies
6. R. Ellis

### OLIVERS SHOES HINCKLEY

1. P. Smith
2. M. Pickles
3. M. Newman
4. G. Hall
5. J. Yeasey
6. J. Illiffe
7. K. Mitchell
8. P. Bumpas

## PENGELEY SPORTS TORBAY

1. M. Ellett
2. P. Whitting
3. G. Wilson
4. P. Giles
5. Miss C. Butler

## GROVE MARKET DRAYTON II

1. S. Deakin
2. P. Barnett
3. N. Jobling
4. K. Sillitoe
5. J. Deakin
6. C. Wilson
7. D. Morris
8. C. Potts
9. A. Barker

## LAUNCESTON KERNOW

1. J. Williams
2. J. Bassett
3. M. James
4. I. James
5. G. Reed
6. A. Hunt
7. X. Ly
8. B. Tran
9. D. Ly
10. K. Stevenson
11. M. Stanley
12. N. Bevan
13. M. Bawden
14. S. Cleworth

## GKN STEELSTOCK WOLVERHAMPTON LADIES

1. Fiona Elliott
2. Jill Harris
3. Jean Parker
4. Karen Groves
5. Jill Powis
6. Amanda Hegarty
7. Janet Dunning
8. Angela Sanders

## GLOBAL SPORTS PLYMOUTH

1. T. Sweet
2. M. Short
3. G. Wiltshire
4. M. Shearman
5. P. Waldron

## HEREFORD TIMES

1. M. Owen
2. D. Griffin
3. M. Owens
4. A. Castle
5. S. Claxton
6. R. Cooke

## FIXTURES

### Premier Division

- Sunday, 14th October:  
 Omega Reading v Hassy Soham  
 Jaques Fareham v Ormesby  
 Thorn EMI Ellenborough v GKN Steelstock  
 Tibhar Larkhall v Grove

- Sunday, 21st October:  
 Jaques Fareham v Omega Reading

### First Division

- Sunday, 14th October:  
 South Yorkshire v Omega Reading  
 MBS St Neots v Birmingham Optical  
 Bath Toyota v Ormesby  
 Butterfly Cardiff v Dagenham FC

### Second Division North

- Sunday, 14th October:  
 Byker Newcastle v South Yorkshire  
 GKN Steelstock v March  
 Kingsbro Insurance v Halex Sincillincoln  
 Chan Construction v Patsun Target Gold

### Second Division South

- Sunday, 14th October:  
 Cranfield Colours v Omega Reading  
 Spicer New Malden v Holts Carpets  
 TSB Dolphins v Jaques Fareham  
 TSP Larkhall v Gunnersbury Triangle

### Third Division North

- Sunday, 14th October:  
 South Yorkshire v Byker Newcastle  
 Vickers Barrow v Ormesby III  
 Washington v Unity Leeds  
 Ormesby IV v Unity Bradford

### Third Division South

- Sunday, 14th October:  
 Medway v Cippenham  
 AHW Pioneers v Nittaku Ruislip  
 DSC Rams v Abeng Warriors  
 Ashford v Erreys Print

- Sunday, 21st October:  
 AHW Pioneers v Medway

### Third Division East

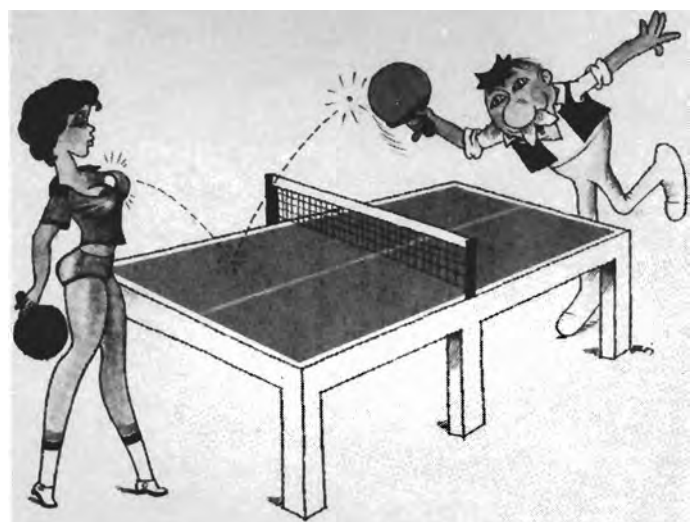
- Sunday, 14th October:  
 Hassy Soham v Norwich Foxwood  
 MBS St Neots v EAE Waveney  
 Playrite Northampton v Britannia Deepsure  
 Halex Lincoln v Witham FC

- Sunday, 21st October:  
 Witham FC v Norwich Foxwood

### Third Division West

- Sunday, 7th October:  
 Olivers Shoes v Launceston Kernow
- Sunday, 14th October:  
 Global Plymouth v Launceston Kernow  
 GKN Steelstock Ladies v Pengeley Torbay  
 Hereford Times v Grove  
 Jolliffe Poole v Olivers Shoes
- Sunday, 21st October:  
 Jolliffe Poole v GKN Steelstock Ladies
- Sunday, 28th October:  
 Pengeley Torbay v Olivers Shoes

# TOP SPIN



By Budimir Vojinovic. Novi Sad. Yugoslavia.

## NATIONAL LEAGUES CHAMPIONSHIPS

### WILLESDEN POWER HOME

By Keith Ponting

With the exception of the Bromfield Trophy for Girls, all titles changed hands at Mansfield Leisure Centre on June 10th when the finals of the National Leagues Championships were contested.

Willesden, represented by Skylet Andrew, Nicky Mason and Phil Bradbury, steamrolled their way to a 5-0 victory over Birmingham's Carl Morgan, Phil Gunn and Barry Johnson in the Wilmott Cup final.

But, in the final of the J. M. Rose Bowl, North Middlesex did not have so easy a passage in coming back from a 2-3 deficit to beat Wolverhampton 5-3 thanks to three wins by Angela Mitchell and two from Sarah Sandley as against two successes for Fiona Elliot and one from Jill Harris.

Wolverhampton were again on the wrong end of a 5-2 scoreline in the Carter Cup with North Middlesex the victors after losing the first two sets. Welsh international Nigel Tyler had a treble for N. Middx with Andrew Dodd and Philip Szekeres obtaining

one each, whilst Murray Jukes and Adrian Dixon got the losers off to a great start.

At the third time of asking Wolverhampton came good in the J. M. Bromfield Trophy retaining their title with a 5-3 win over North Middlesex. Amanda Regarty was the victors' player of the match beating, in turn, Alison Boxall. Lesley Souter and Laura Goldsmith with Angela Sanders contributed the other two.

**Willesden 5 Birmingham 0**  
S. Andrew bt P. Gunn 13. -20. 8;  
N. Mason bt B. Johnson 13. 14;  
P. Bradbury bt C. Morgan -20. 12. 15;  
Mason bt Gunn 12. 15;  
Andrew bt Morgan 16. -21. 17.  
**North Middlesex 5 Wolverhampton 3**  
M. Williams lost to J. Harris -9. -4;  
A. Mitchell bt J. Dunning 15. 12;  
S. Sandley lost to F. Elliot 15. -17. -10;  
Mitchell bt Harris -14. 16. 14;  
Williams lost to Elliot 18. -10. -18;  
Sandley bt Dunning 15. 15;  
Mitchell bt Elliot -14. 18. 15;  
Sandley bt Harris -10. 15. 15.  
**North Middlesex 5 Wolverhampton 2**  
M. Jukes bt A. Dodd 19. 16;  
A. Dixon bt P. Szekeres 9. 9;  
K. Cartwright lost to N. Tyler -16. -15;  
Dixon lost to Dodd -12. 16. -21;  
Jukes lost to Tyler 18. -13. -16;  
Cartwright lost to Szekeres -13. -21;  
Dixon lost to Tyler -14. -19.

**Wolverhampton 5 North Middlesex 3**  
J. Powis lost to L. Souter -9. -12;  
A. Hegarty bt A. Boxall 11. 18;  
A. Sanders lost to L. Goldsmith -14. -11;  
Hegarty bt Souter 6. 12;  
Powis lost to Goldsmith -13. 15. -15;  
Sanders bt Boxall 12. 20;  
Hegarty bt Goldsmith -15. 18. 16;  
Sanders bt Souter 20. 20.

Congratulations also go to Referee Tony Chatwin and his team of Umpires who conducted affairs in a quiet but efficient way.

After the presentations by President, Maurice Goldstein OBE and Chairman Tom Blunn, teams and officials were entertained to a reception provided by the Notts County Council's Leisure Committee, to whom we extend our grateful thanks for the financial support given.

### NATIONAL CLUB K-O CHAMPIONSHIPS

These Championships were a triumph for the Omega Club from the Reading League, who won both the Men's and Women's

events, the first time this has been achieved for a number of years.

In the Men's event for the Ormesby Cup they beat the Preston champions, Penwortham GRYF 5-1, and in the Gainsford Cup for Women they overcame the Dagenham champions, Fellows Cranleigh, by the same score.

Scores:

**Om.ge 5 P.nworthem GRYF 1**  
D. Reeves bt P. Huggon 16. -19. 15;  
A. Syed bt S. Turner 14. 19;  
D. Barr bt P. Rainford 18. 8;  
Reeves lost to Turner -15. 22. -15;  
Barr bt Huggon 10. 22;  
Syed bt Rainford 11. 12.

**Omega 5 Fellows Crenligh 1**  
J. Collins lost to S. Aldborough -16. 18. -14;  
M. Sainsbury bt K. Mudge 6. 9;  
A. Gordon bt E. Sayer 16. 7;  
Sainsbury bt Aldborough 15. 17;  
Collins bt Sayer 18. -17. 18;  
Gordon bt Mudge 14. -22. 10.

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PERSONAL COMMENT

I refer to the letter which appeared in the May/June issue of Table Tennis News entitled "Listen and Analyse" written by Les Wooding. Bedfordshire County Table Tennis Association would like it to be known that the content of Les Wooding's letter has never been discussed at a county meeting and therefore the comment stated is not a view of the County Association.

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MARGINAL DIFFERENCE

In response to Mr. Greenberg's reply to my reply to his letter in the April edition of TT News, I invite him and any other reader who may be in doubt about selection policy regarding ranking to read pages 46 and 47 of TT News at the beginning of last season (Oct '83). These pages contained an article explaining the reasoning behind the long established principle of not using ranking as anything more than an approximate guide to selection.

At the end of the paragraph in bold print was written "The lists issued are not necessarily an order of merit or ability." The whole article was making the point that a ranking list (especially a computer one) did not and could not put players in strict order of ability. For many years Ron Crayden, my predecessor as Selection Committee Chairman, and myself have regularly made the point in the magazine that ranking does not mean selection.

It has been said to me that as the subsequent "LENTEC" list showed Kenny Jackson above Skylet Andrew that the Selection Committee were proved right. This is not so and is another misreading of the relationship between ranking and selection. The fact is that both are fine table tennis players and the difference between these two (plus a small number of other players) was marginal: not as Mr. Greenberg suggested wide enough for the decision to be described as "extraordinary" and "amazing"; and Skylet to have been "victimised" and "maltreated".

PETER CHARTERS,  
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GET IT RIGHT

After organising a 2-Star tournament for three years it is clear that there is confusion amongst some players, coaches and parents etc., over the restrictions surrounding an event. Although it is obvious that the event is run for the player it is worthwhile highlighting the following points:-

- 1) Issue of entry forms. A familiar cry is "I haven't seen one" or "you didn't send me one". Clairvoyancy isn't a prerequisite for organisers so with the address in the diary, copies sent to county junior representatives, other organisers, requests from previous year of four or more, copies with our referee and all who phone or write - what more can be done? There is of course a poster campaign to reinforce the point.
- 2) Closing date. This is fixed to enable the draw to be made, the event timed and information passed back to the player. With the entry forms available 3 months ahead how can people try to enter after the closing date and even after the draw!
- 3) Doubles partner choice. After the closing date partners are chosen for those without or various criteria. Neither the organiser or referee has the ability to determine a player's requirement for second choice if his choice doesn't enter.
- 4) Entry form completion. Not every player indicates the event entered, sends too much or too little money, unsigned cheques made out to the wrong people, no s.a.e., no address etc.

The easy way out is to reject any entry not conforming with the regulations but the event is for players after all. The object of this letter is really to stimulate some discussion from organisers, for I am sure there are other problems, but perhaps to persuade the minority to do it right the next time.

MIKE PAYNE  
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PLEA FOR REASON

I write concerning the trend towards the 'Open Letter', people not writing to each other any more but communicating through the pages of TT News, if anyone wishes to break the pattern and write to me, I will contact them in return.

I am not against an open, lively debate; constructive criticism and even controversy are sometimes good for us all - they keep people on their toes. I certainly do not always disagree with those with whom I have had magazine correspondence. I share many of John Preat's concerns for table

tennis and agree wholeheartedly with John Holland's latest campaign about equipment. I found Pat Snoxell's second offering useful and constructive.

In most cases I have taken exception when contributions to TT News have been purely destructive or have sunk to the level of personal abuse. I found some of Mr. Wooding's comments in the May/June issue of the magazine to be in the latter category. Some of his remarks were insulting about an individual whose dedication to table tennis has been beyond question. These comments were totally unnecessary to the point he was making, which could have been made just as forcibly without them. Such comments often say more about the author than the object of abuse, for they appeal to the element in our table tennis society who enjoy the cheap snigger at someone else's expense.

My plea, yet again, is for reasoned, constructive criticism in the pages of TT News. Let us keep the tone and level of debate high.

Another point regarding Mr. Wooding's letter would be his criticism of one of our national coaches. May I ask Mr. Wooding or anyone else who has such a complaint to, in the first instance, write to the Chairman of the National Coaching Committee Gordon Steggall c/o the ETTA office in Hastings, who will instigate a complaints procedure. If satisfactory answers, solutions or results are not forthcoming then such public criticism in the pages of TT News might be justified.

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RETURN TO ROOTS

The whole Essex Inter League system is in ruins- competitively speaking. The prime reason for such a league must surely be to encourage the utmost competitiveness between all the leagues throughout Essex. It is no longer possible to achieve this in the inter-league competition. With the wholesale migration of top players - like Lemmings - all congregating in one area, (namely Dagenham) virtually kill the inter-borough rivalry. Playing selfishly against each other in endless permutations in one or two elite clubs. This is surely suicide for table tennis in Essex, certainly in the Boroughs, eventually this could effect progress even up to International levels, if the whole country did likewise..

The Ilford League is just one of the many local leagues to be effected, defections of its home-grown players over recent years seems an endless trend. Many youngsters are coached and nurtured by their home Boroughs and clubs for many years, helped along with their game until it is perfected and are primed to be of use to their leagues' representative squads. Then what do they do "SCARPER" - "blow you - I am much too high a standard for you lot". I appeal to all such players, where is your loyalty - don't be selfish- give something back.

By all congregating in a group without expansion, the sport can and will get weaker. Young players only learn by the older stronger players, adding to their interest, if the standards in their own locality are good and thriving. If all you players of power are content to share your glories by yourselves playing with the top ten teams all from one league- then you leave the Essex Inter-League stone dead.

I am not saying do not play for more than one League, just have some sense of loyalty representatively. Let Table Tennis thrive. Spectators will not travel to see one Borough play itself, even with all the top players in it and they have the top six places in the first division - all interest is lost with no Inter-Borough rivalry.

Sadly, and in many ways more importantly, many youngsters will be lost to table tennis, future standards will slump in the weaker Leagues, eventually even the Essex County will suffer. There is only one answer- return to your ROOTS.

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VISION OF THE FUTURE

As we begin a new T.T. year perhaps a suitable resolution would be that we don't wash our dirty linen in public. No family with any self respect would do so, if we really have a respect for our sport a circumspect approach would be more healthy and positive.

As a member of the E.T.T.A. and of the National Council I have frequently expressed "opposition views", both in the forum of the Council, thereafter available in minutes, and privately in the appropriate ear. In several instances I have continued to express very strong opposition to policies I have felt to be wrong. I am happy that the views and influence of our membership

can and is felt through the Council, which I believe to be an important part of our Association, sometimes rejecting and sometimes modifying proposals.

The main weakness is that Council rarely instigates policy and tends to be a rubber stamp or wet blanket, the reason for this I believe to be the current management structure, which can be good in the business world but is not suited to an association essentially dependant on volunteers. As I hold this view very strongly I make a point of preparing carefully for each meeting.

Each time I catch the Chairman's eye at a meeting I wonder if he is wishing I had something better to do that day. However I have never been denied a hearing - perhaps cut short, but who shouldn't from time to time!

Happily my efforts to serve in this way are recognised. I feel that all our work will be rewarded if piece by piece we build our association from the base. In your last issue I was pleased to see for once a positive suggestion from J.P. in the I.O.W. notes for more local events and competitions.

he will be pleased to know I pressed for this at National Council some months earlier.

John, looking for charming, intelligent, articulate men to run our association is not the answer, other qualities must be there as well and one meeting does not normally discern those qualities. I believe we should not be grabbing at castles in the sky, but building at a speed we can cope with, and with a vision of the future.

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## "WHERE'S THE MEET!"

I am writing at the request of the Executive Committee of the North Middlesex League, in reply to the letter from Mr. S. Teasdale of Ashlyn Vikings in your April issue.

We do not propose to dwell at length upon Mr. Teasdale's

opinion of the playing conditions, or the hospitality at Thorn EMI Ellenborough as we are quite sure that they are well able to answer these criticisms themselves. Suffice it to say that we have a vetting committee, headed by an International umpire, whose sole purpose is to check playing conditions at clubs and to investigate any complaints made to us where these conditions are thought to be below standard. We have never received any such complaint about Thorn EMI Ellenborough.

We also understand from Mr. Yarrow that he has been completely misquoted by Mr. Teasdale, and that what he in fact said was to the effect that he had heard comments about lack of refreshments at some clubs, whereupon he explained their arrangements to Mr. Teasdale to avoid any misunderstanding. Unfortunately Mr. Yarrow does not appear to have been very successful in achieving this aim! In any event, surely a break for refreshments in mid-match (if this had been requested) would have extended the finishing time and allowed the visitors no choice between staying for a drink, or making a quick departure.

Finally, we are sorry to learn that Ashlyn Vikings had such an unenjoyable time in the league last season, but such sweeping statements are really not very constructive and we are sure that the number of the clubs that have not received Mr. Teasdale's personal mark of approval, must be wondering what they did to offend him. Any formal complaint to the league is always investigated most thoroughly, and disciplinary action taken where necessary. Again, we have received no such complaints from or against any team in that division.

Fort-unately, several hundred other player's do not find a season in the 'North Mid' quite akin to a free holiday in ALCATRAZ! In the words of Walter Mondale 'where's the meat' Mr. Teasdale?

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General Secretary.

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## DEPTHS UNPRECEDENTED

Just when I was about to lay my pen to rest over the saga of combination bats, and standardisation of equipment, all of a sudden in the May/June 1984 issue of Table Tennis News I read perhaps the most intelligent letter written for almost two years on the subject of Mr. Peter Luxton from Australia.

Mr. Luxton has said what I have been trying to say for months and months, the only difference is Mr. Luxton has said it with far more clarity perhaps than I have.

I agree with virtually every point Mr. Luxton has made, and he deserves every possible

support from true Table Tennis enthusiasts, not only in this country and Australia, but all over the world. The ITTF and the ETTA have allowed our game to deteriorate to depths unprecedented in any other sport.

Bravo Mr. Luxton, an excellent article, I just hope that there are enough people around who understand what you are trying to say, and to quote a pun, the "spin-off" is such that some action is actually taken by our Authorities in creating the standardisation which is so needed.

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## OBITUARY

FRANK BRIGGS

The Yorkshire Table Tennis Association and the Bradford Table Tennis League suffered a great loss when Frank Briggs died on August 26th, after a short illness. Ironically, Frank was in the process of preparing for his well earned retirement from work when he was taken ill. Our heartfelt condolences to his widow, Maisey, his son Tony and daughter, Pam.

Frank Briggs has served his County Association well during his twenty-one years as a member of the Y.T.T.A. Management Committee, the last fifteen years as General Secretary. Frank was also Chairman and a vice-president of the Bradford League. Last season he stepped down after an equal length of service on his local league committee. During that time he missed only two meetings.

In recognition of his service to Bradford table tennis, Frank was presented with a silver inscribed tray by Bradford League President, John Page at a presentation evening and received an unprecedented standing ovation. Reporting on the event, Mr. Malcolm Hartley, one of the Y.T.T.A.'s vice-pres-

idents' commented, "Frank has led with authority and integrity, one of the most dependable men I have ever met." Malcolm went on to recall an occasion when, in a thick fog, Frank had walked eight miles to fulfil a league fixture rather than leave his team a man short. He played more than seven hundred matches for his work's team, "Crofts" until the firm closed last year and then continued playing with Eccleshill Community Centre in his last season.

Frank's outstanding ability was recognised by the E.T.T.A. when they made him a vice-president of the Association after his service as a national councillor. The same qualities were in evidence at Yorkshire Management Meetings where his ability and friendliness commanded respect and affection from all who served with him. The many county tournaments at which he officiated will be so much poorer by his absence.

Many friends throughout the County will wish to be associated with a permanent memorial to a man who was unsparing in his work for others. Further details from Mr. Maurice Pennock, 15 Moore Close, Killinghall, Harrogate HG3 2DY. Tel: 0423 5'6404.

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### SPONSORSHIP BOOST

Scotland's young table tennis players received a significant boost with the announcement in July that National Girobank's Scottish Office is to sponsor the Scottish Junior set-up for season 1984/85.

The sponsorship money will be used to help finance the Scottish Junior Assessment Tournaments on Sept 23, 1984 and Feb 23, 1985. Some cash will also go towards helping regional associations with junior squad training and it is anticipated that up to 300 youngsters in Scotland will benefit directly from the scheme.

Bryan Cassidy, National Girobank's General Manager for Scotland said today, "This is our first major sponsorship arrangement since we opened our Scottish Headquarters in January this year. It is particularly pleasing that as a young bank we are associated with young players and can help the future of Scottish Table Tennis."

### ETTA EVENTS DIARY

Would you please draw the attention of your members to the availability of the Events Diary containing the dates of all open tournaments, etc., including the names and addresses of the various organisers from whom entry forms can be obtained. The Diary costs £1.75 per copy, including post/packing, and for bulk orders of twelve or more the price is £17.50 per dozen.

### 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 your clubs that are interested to contact the ETTA office.

### TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINE

May we remind you that installed in the ETTA office at Hastings is a telephone answering machine. As telephone calls cost much less in the evenings and at weekends, it is hoped that this facility will be utilised. Recorded messages will be played over first thing on the next working day. The number - (0424) 433121.

Scottish National Coach, Graham Davies, commented, "It is a very valuable sponsorship for us. More and more young players are taking up the sport and we have many players in Scotland who could mould quite a future for themselves. This cash injection may even help develop players who could compete in Seoul, South Korea, in 1988 when table tennis becomes an Olympic sport."

### DUNLOP LANCASHIRE 2-STAR OPEN

In the English Tournaments section of the Events Diary, the date of the Dunlop Lancashire 2-Star Open is given as 2.2.85 and the closing date 21.1.85. The tournament, the 30th to be held at British Aerospace Dynamics, Lostock, nr Bolton will be held on Saturday, April 20, 1985 and the closing date will be Saturday, April 6, 1985.



### RED LEITER DAY FOR ALAN

by Mike Holt

Tuesday, June 26, was a red letter day for Derbyshire international Alan Cooke, when he signed a sponsorship agreement with the Nuneaton supplier of pneumatic products, Automatic Valve Systems. The signing took

place at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre where the company displayed their wares at Flumex 84, the International Fluid and Mechanical Power Exhibition. Shaking hands on the deal are Mr. B. Thomas of AVS and an appropriately tracksuited Alan. The photograph is by courtesy of The Birmingham Post Studies of Colmore Circus.

### 6TH KIRKLEES 2-STAR OPEN

A prize fund of £1,080 will be at stake in this season's Kirklees 2-Star Open to be played at Batley Sports Centre over the weekend of Nov 17/18, 1984. The event is organised by the Dewsbury TTL in conjunction with Kirklees Leisure Services who are co-sponsors with Yorkshire Television. Butterfly equipment is to be used with Schildkrot 3-star balls.

Events comprise MS, WS, BS, GS, MD, WD and Class 2 singles for both men and women. Closing date for entries is Saturday, Oct 27/84 the tournament organiser being Bevan Walker, 1 Rooks Close, Wyke, Bradford BD12 9LR: Phone: Bradford (0274) 672005.

### YORKSHIRE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Yorkshire Open Championships, which, in the final calendar were scheduled to be played on Sunday, September 9th, have now been arranged for Sunday, March 24th, 1985.

Venue will be the magnificent North Bridge Leisure Centre at Halifax which, for the past two years, has been the home of the Yorkshire Junior 2\* Select and it is anticipated that play will take place in groups on eighteen tables, with the Finals at about 7.30 p.m.

A new event, a Class 3 Mixed Singles, will be held for the first

time, and a heavy entry is expected.

Forms will be circulated when available - probably early in the New Year - and all applications for forms which have been received for the September date will be dealt with at that time.

The Tournament Organiser (Rea Balmford, 30, Glebe Road, Wawne, Hull, HU7 5XR - Tel: 0482 821279) or Tournament Secretary (Mike Hanley, 53, Green Lane, Selby, North Yorkshire - Tel: 0757 702282) will be pleased to deal with any further queries.

E.S.T.T.A.

Mr. L. C. Henry, General Secretary of the English Schools' TTA writes to say that the ESTTA Individual Finals has been arranged for Sunday, May 5th, 1985 at Mansfield Leisure Centre. It is shown in the Events Diary as Saturday, May 4.



**STIGA/NAYC TABLE  
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Hinckley Leisure Centre was besieged with young people on Saturday, 9th June, both to play and support the National Association of Youth Clubs National Table Tennis Championships which is sponsored by Stiga AB Limited.

Over 200 young people contested the Boys' Singles, Girls' Singles and Mixed Doubles events and the winners were:

**BOYS' SINGLES:**  
Adrian Dixon representing Wal-

sail Association of Youth Clubs.  
**GIRLS' SINGLES:**  
Sue Collier representing Berkshire Association of Youth Clubs.  
**MIXED DOUBLES:**  
Andrew Till & Amanda Hegarty representing Walsall Association of Youth Clubs.

**GIRLS' SINGLES WINNER**  
Sue Collier representing Berkshire Assoc. of Youth Clubs with Mike Watts, Deputy General Secretary ETIA.

**BOYS' SINGLES WINNER**  
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Missing at the AGM Alan Hydes, on the following day in conjunction with the Birmingham International Schools' Championships, is here seen accepting his Vice-President's badge from ETTA President, Maurice Goldstein OBE.

## HONOURS LIST

At the AGM of the ETTA held at the Ivanhoe Hotel, London on July 7 the meeting agreed, on the proposal of the Chairman. Mr. Blunn, on behalf of the National Council, the election for a term of three years of the following Vice-Presidents:

Mr. Alan Hydes (Dunlop Sports), Mr. Alan E. Ransome (Cleveland) and Mr. Philip Reid (Leicestershire). Only Alan Ransome was present to accept his badge and expressed his pleasure at the honour.

## AWARDS

The Chairman referred to the recent retirement of Mrs. Elsie Carrington as the Coaching Administrator and paid tribute to her tremendous contribution to coaching over very many years. On behalf of the Association he presented her with a gift. Mrs. Carrington spoke of the many friends she had made and of the pleasure she had derived from being associated with table tennis.

The Ivor Montagu Award for 1983/84 was presented by the

Chairman to the Rev. Bernard Rowley in recognition of his work in coaching and training, and for his contribution to the securing of important national sponsorship. In response Bernard Rowley said he was particularly pleased that the award was in recognition of the important role played by Coaches.

Maurice Goldstein OBE, the ETTA President, presented the Malcolm Scott Award for 1983/84 to Mr. George White as a mark of appreciation for his hard work and expertise in administration. Mr. White expressed his gratitude.

## DEATH OF A STALWART

It is with deep regret, as we go to press, to learn of the death of Philip Reid, the stalwart of Leicestershire who only became a Vice-President of the ETTA at this year's AGM. An obituary will appear in the November issue.

## SOUTH OF ENGLAND 2-STAR JUNIOR OPEN

Will intending competitors please note that this tournament will be held at Woking Leisure Centre over the weekend of Jan 12/13, 1985. This is a change of date from that shown in the ETTA Calendar of Events 1984/85 and in the Events Diary.

On the Saturday of the tournament the Junior (U-17) boys' and girls' singles and doubles events will be played, including finals. On the Sunday there will be four Cadet (U-14) and two Under-12 events. This arrangement will leave players who are only eligible for Junior events free to go to the Bath 2-Star tournament on the Sunday, if they wish.

## TAMESIDE A.T.C.

by David Kinder

The Tameside A.T.C. was set up to cater for leagues within the Greater Manchester area and commenced operations in September 1983 after talks between Tameside Metro Boro Council, Donald Parker and myself.

When started the players were little more than beginners with one or two exceptions. None of the youngsters had previously had coaching of any significance but soon developed into competent players.

We have 16 juniors, including cadets, who attend at the George Lawton Hall, Mossley, every Wednesday evening, the main coach being John O'Sullivan,

assisted by myself. John making the round trip of some 100 miles each and every week from Liverpool.

We can now boast having two Cheshire champions from the squad namely Lynne Harrison, who won the Cheshire girls' singles title, and Tom Parker, the Cheshire cadet boys' champion. Tom was by no means the star when we started nor, indeed, was Johntham Taylor, a boy of 11 years of age who won the Hyde League Div. 3 championship in his first year as a league player and the title was won against open aged players!

Numerous trophies have been won by squad members and the photograph shows them on display in front of the smiling squad.



NEW VICE-CHAIRMAN

Ian Whiteside, a former National Councillor for Essex and more recently Chairman of the County Championships, has been appointed the new Vice-Chairman for Administration on the ETTA's Management Committee in succession to George White who officially retired at the AGM in July. Ian's address is: 40 Elm Walk, Rayne, Braintree, Essex. CM7 5ES 'Phone: (0376) 21908.

New faces on the National Council this season are those of Charles Usher for Cumbria, taking over from R. Gale; Derek Oldman of Derbyshire, from Arthur Morgan; Peter Roden of Essex, from Alan Shepherd; Phil Willett of Hunts., from K. Chamberlain and Michael Tunningley of Notts from J. Collen.



NEW APPOINTMENT

The English Table Tennis Association have recently appointed a new Development Officer, Miss Fiona Brown (25) in succession to Robert Oldfield.

A former junior player for her home county, Derbyshire, Fiona comes to the Association from Newcastle-on-Tyne where she has recently completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sports Studies.

In addition to table tennis her interests include squash and skiing.

The post includes responsibility for all aspects of development and as Press Officer for the Association it is hoped that Fiona will succeed in attracting media attention to the changing face of table tennis, a move which will increase public awareness and hopefully generate new interest in the sport.

## TABLE TENNIS 1985 YEARBOOK

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## LANCASHIRE LIFE

### NEW COUNTY MATCH SEC.

By George Yates

At AGM of the LTIA, held in Manchester on May 22, Mrs. Marjorie Riddle of 29 Holcombe View Close, Moorside, Oldham OL4 2QD ('Phone: 061-633 0978) took over the Match Sec. position vacated, after long and faithful service, by Gerdon Campbell.

On the same evening David Wolstencroft succeeded his Bolton colleague, and LTIA President, George Yates, as Chairman of the Selection Committee, the latter being now heavily committed to ETTU affairs.

Arthur E. Upton and his Liverpool colleague, John McKim, were duly re-appointed, unopposed, as Chairman and Hon. Sec. respectively and Messrs. Stan Clarke (Liverpool), Stan Leigh (Bury) and Bob Wood (Fleetwood) were co-opted onto an otherwise unchanged Executive Committee.

The Selection Committee comprising D. R. Wolstencroft, Mrs. Riddle and Messrs. Stan Leigh, Dennis Smith and Stuart Sneyd have subsequently conducted trials at Lostock and Bamber Bridge and ranking lists have been formulated as follows:

#### MEN

1. John Hilton
2. Donald Parker (Pr)
3. Steve Turner (Pr)
4. Stephen Scowcroft (Btm)
5. Shaun Browne (Btm)
6. Philip Aspinall (Old)
7. Andrew Gray (Pr)
8. Steve Bevan (Fld)
9. Andrew Leigh (Btm)
10. Ian McLean (Old)
11. Phil Blake (Bbn)
12. Keith Jackson (Bbn)
13. Graham Clarke (Bbn)
14. Lawrence Bainbridge (Old)
15. Howard Fling (Wgn)

#### WOMEN

1. Joy Grundy (Pr)
2. Jean Parker (Pr)
3. Amanda Goodwin (Old)
4. Paula French (Lpl)
5. Carey French (Lpl)
6. Carey Whitehead (Old)
6. Susan Crook (Pr)

#### BOYS

1. Andrew Eden (Pr)
2. David Carse (By)
3. Sean Gibson (Pr)
4. Lee Brown (Rch)
5. Colin Hogarth (Fld)
6. Nigel Greenwood (By)
7. Phillip Crankshaw (Fld)
8. Graham Jeffries (By)

#### GIRLS

1. Lynne Harnden (Spt)
2. Nicola McGrath (Pr)
3. Kristina Cox (Lpl)
4. Mandy Holmes (Fld)
5. Julie Clegg (Pr)
6. Vivien Smallwood (Spt)
7. Barbara Smallwood (Spt)

#### CADET BOYS

1. Andrew Eden
2. Sam Valentine (Pr)
3. Darryl Sneyd (Old)
4. Wayne Renton (Old)
5. Ruhvit Khurana (Old)
6. Alan Carse (By)

#### CADET GIRLS

1. Nicola McGrath
2. Julie Clegg
3. Barbara Smallwood
4. Rebecca Greenwood (Old)

#### KEY:

Bbn=Blackburn  
 Btm=Bolton  
 By=Bury  
 Fld=Fleetwood  
 Lpl=Liverpool  
 Old=Oldham  
 Pr=Preston  
 Rch=Rochdale  
 Spt=Southport  
 Wgn=Warrington

Cutbacks in entries' of representative teams by member league of the Lancashire and Cheshire TTL has reduced the overall membership to 103 teams as against the 113 of last season. Nonetheless there will be 59 teams competing in 8 men's divisions, 16 teams competing in 2 women's divisions and 28 teams competing in 3 junior divisions.

Departed are: Men - Bury "A", Crewe "A", Farnworth "B", Glossop and Glossop "A", Liverpool Business Houses "A", Manchester Banks "A", Rochdale "A" and Salford. Women - Bury and Rochdale. Juniors - Bury "B", Ellesmere Port "A", Rochdale "A" and Warrington "A".

Hyde are newcomers (men), Ellesmere Port and Warrington "A" (women) and Hyde and Sale (Juniors).

Lancashire " and Juniors begin their home fixtures at the Delph Club, Oldham on Oct 20 when, the senior second team play hosts to Suffolk and the Juniors welcome Staffordshire" these after away matches to Bucks and Northumberland respectively.

#### LICENSED BALLS

The balls that are licensed for play in this country are as follows: (3-Star and 2-Star grades):

- Nittaku
- Schildkrot
- Halex
- TSP
- Dunlop Tournament
- Dunlop Premier Tournament

The last named ball is made of celluloid, whereas the Dunlop Tournament (previously known as the Dunlop Barna Super) is now of a polymer plastic.

## TYNESIDE SUMMER LEAGUE CLOSED TOURNAMENT

By Pauline Long

The Tyneside Summer League's Annual Closed Tournament was played at Scotswood Sports Centre, Newcastle, on July 21, and although there was not a very large entry, the standard of play was very good. Thirteen events were staged on eight tables, and those with the smaller entries were played in group form, ensuring that everyone had a reasonable number of games.

As expected, England-ranked players Peter McQueen and Clare Mouzon won the men's and women's singles events. McQueen was never extended in the men's event and came safely through the top half of the draw which produced only one surprise when Peter Curry lost in straight sets to Bob Dodds. The shocks came in the bottom half with both the second and third seeds, Tony Gelder and Eddie Smith, being beaten by Peter Whiteman and Thomas Blackman respectively. Blackman then defeated Whiteman to reach the final, but McQueen's experience proved too much as he beat the County junior champion 9 and 8.

With only five entries in the women's singles, this was played on a group basis, and Clare Mouzon had matters pretty much her own way, only losing one end in the entire event to Lyn Spensley. Shirley Gelder, losing only to Clare, finished as runner-up. However,

Lyn and Shirley gained partial consolation when they paired up to narrowly win the only set played in the women's doubles against Clare and Pauline Long.

Singles finalists McQueen and Blackman combined to win the men's doubles title, the losing finalists being Gelder and Norman Hunt. Blackman also won the junior singles with a victory over Phil Stafford in the final, after beating second seed Keith Patterson in the semis. Stafford had come through the top half of the draw in place of Smith, who had withdrawn from this event, and had a good win over Steven Waugh in the semi-final, the latter having previously put out the seeded Curry.

Blackman appeared in his fourth final when partnered by Michael Roughley, he took the junior boys' doubles title, beating Patterson and Curry in the final. Roughley, however, went one better by reaching four finals and winning them all. He won the cadet singles by beating Paul Swift in the final paired up with Swift to win the cadet doubles, and took the Div. 1 singles for his fourth success.

Swift, however won the Div. 2 singles, beating Joe Muldowney in the final and Brian Bell defeated Aubrey Drapkin in the final of the Div. 3 singles. The Div. 4 singles was won by Michael Curry, who got the better of his club mate Steven Penman in the final.

### 11THE COACH"

Did you know that Tony Russe of 8a Ellenborough Park Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon BS23 1XJ ('Phone: 0934-27988 (h) 414815 (b)) edits a quarterly

bulletin on behalf of the National Coaching Committee. Why not contact Tony and get yourself on the mailing list, it's really a must for all coaching enthusiasts.

#### "PLAYER OF THE YEAR"

By a convincing majority Susanne Wenzel of TSV Kronshagen was again elected as the Federal German Ladies' Player of the Year 1984. In a close contest for the male counterpart Peter Engel, the unexpected 1984 Federal German champion of ATSV Saarbrücken just pipped the veteran Wilfried Lieck for the title. The voting was conducted by the Joola Table Tennis Com-

pany in conjunction with the Federal German Assocn. Voting was by officials of the DTTB and all Bundesliga players and managers.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. Ken Muhr a frequent contributor to this publication has moved to 23 York Road, Stoney Stratford, Milton Keynes, MK11 1BJ. 'Phone: 0908-565348.

## SHORT SERVICE AND RECEIPT OF SHORT SERVICE

By DONALD PARKER, National Trainer/Coach

The actual nature of the short service has changed over recent years. Certainly in the late seventies, the short service was the service that bounced at least three times on the opponent's side. However, the majority of technically competent players can now receive this serve in such a fashion as to create an advantage for themselves. It is comparatively easy to push a very short service back short to the server and hence cancel out the advantage of the service which should be a distinct advantage. Likewise, on the very short service it is comparatively easier to get angles on the flick receive and also being closer to the server's side more likely to catch him by surprise as the time factor is less. Therefore, except for tactical reasons which depend on a particular match, the short service is now the one where the second bounce should be on the receiver's base-line. There are several reasons why this serve has become more popular:

- 1) It is much more difficult to push short and therefore keep tight.
- 2) Should it be pushed long and fast or flicked the angle is not as great and the server has a little more time to anticipate where the receive is going.
- 3) The receiver is frequently caught in two minds as to whether the ball is going to bounce twice and therefore often hesitates wondering whether to

treat it as a short or long service.

To achieve this "second bounce on the white line" service it is necessary for the ball to bounce around the middle of the table on the server's side. The type of spin affects exactly where the ball should bounce, however, it is always somewhere around the centre of the table as opposed to the long service which should bounce near the baseline. The ball should be struck about six inches above the table so as to keep it low over the net as opposed to the long service which should be struck about 4 inches above the net. The wrist should be very loose so that the racket is travelling fast when it hits the ball and the contact between bat and ball should be a brushing one so that the velocity of the racket is converted to spin and not speed. With the short service deception of direction is not as crucial as deception of spin and therefore different points of contact should be used on the ball to vary the spin. It is the edge of the bat which is travelling the fastest and if possible this is the part that should be used to brush the ball. As after any stroke, the server should recover, and this should be within the service action, to the appropriate part of the table.

The philosophy of just returning the service and hoping the opponent makes a mistake is one that will achieve little if any success at International level.

The receive must be POSitive, with a definite purpose in mind, so as to put the server under pressure. By positive some people believe the ball has to be "belted" however, needless to say this is not the case as indeed the short push, the most delicate of shorts, cancels out the server's advantage and is therefore a positive receive. On the International scene there are three positive ways to return the short service:

- 1) Short push:- The ball is taken before the peak of the bounce when the ball is the same height as the net. The racket is held comparatively loose so as to facilitate this touch stroke and the centre of the racket (centre of percussion) is used to make contact with the ball.
- 2) Fast attacking push:- The ball is taken at the top of the bounce using the elbow and wrist to push it long and fast. This push is being used more and more at International level as if it is sufficiently fast and long the server cannot attack it too strongly and the receiver then capitalises on a comparatively weak third ball.
- 3) Flick:- The ball is taken at the top of the bounce using mainly the wrist and also the elbow. The racket angle should be slightly close hitting the back or top of the ball and certainly not underneath the ball. As for the fast push the edge of the racket should be used.

Clearly, the wrist plays a crucial role in all three receives, and for the latter two a fast accelerating racket will reduce the effect of spin. If the wrist is not used optimal speed of racket is not achieved and therefore spin has a far greater effect as the dwell time is longer.

The degree to which these three receipts should be used will vary dependent upon the tactics adopted against particular players. However it is vital that any top player should be very competent at all three.

The footwork is common to all receipts making sure that when contact is made the playing arm is slightly bent and that the head is comparatively close to the bat. For the short service to the forehand there are two acceptable techniques:

- 1) The furthest foot from the ball moves across which will automatically bring the shoulders round. If the short service is in fact coming long, it is still possible with this technique to make an easy adjustment and execute a strong topspin. With this technique it is vital to recover quickly as the backhand is quite exposed.
- 2) The nearest foot moves to the ball which obviously is a shorter movement than above. With this technique the backhand is not as exposed, however, it is difficult to play a strong topspin if the service is misjudged.

Both techniques have their advantages and disadvantages and both can be seen in top International play. Personally I would assess which of the two appear to be the most natural to a player and then encourage that particular technique.

At the recent European Youth Championships, several England players were guilty of always receiving on the diagonal. It is vital that a player is not only capable of the three positive receipts of a short service but also capable of playing them to all parts of the table.

## THERE IS LIFE AFTER 17

Says Les Bridges  
Reporting from the West Country

The Chiltern club of Bridgwater is hoping to start a trend with their new season's Under 21 Open. The tournament is at Chilton Trinity School, Chilton St., Bridgwater, Somerset on Sunday, Nov 25, 1984. Main sponsor is B.C.L. Ltd., a local company, but one of the world's largest manufacturers of packaging films.

The aim of the tournament, says organiser John Reakes, is to maintain interest in our sport for the over 17's. One of the considerations is that many serious junior players find the jump to senior open tournament play just too much. At the same

time in all but the strongest leagues they may have attained a standard too high for local play. U-21 events of this kind could fill the gap.

Young ladies get a special deal at the Chifton U-21 - they can enter the open singles as well as the ladies. Prize money will be given as well as trophies. Please help our sport by encouraging young players to enter.

Forms can be obtained from John Reakes, 44 Sedgemoor Road, Bridgwater, Somerset. ('Phone: 0278 55722 or your County Coaching Officer).

## NORTH WEST TOP TABLE '84

HITS, THE JACKPOT

Organised by Keith Soothill, whose brainchild it was, and assisted by Dave Hewitt, following prior sessions at South Ribble Leisure Centre, Leyland, the culmination of the North West Top Table competition occurred at British Aerospace Dynamics, Lostock, nr. Bolton on Saturday, July 28th.

From a 70-plus entry the top eight in the final points table were invited to Lostock and only one - Jean Parker who finished sixth - was unable to attend, her place being taken by Ian McLean who finished 9th, after beating Phil Blake of Blackburn in a play-off.

John Hilton scooped up the top cash award of £200 in beating Steve Turner, the recipient of

£75, in the final. The £50 third place award went to Stephen Scowcroft who, against Nigel Eckersley, redeemed himself after losing to Hilton in the semis.

Thanks are due to the North West Sports Council for their financial support, to Butterfly for the equipment and to the Trustee Savings Bank for the trophies and total involvement which brought their Fulwood, Preston and Blackrod Managers to Lostock in the persons of Tony Ratcliffe and Peter Knappe.

Results:-

Quarter-finals:  
S. Scowcroft (Bolton) bt A. Leigh (Bury) 16, 13;  
J. Hilton (Manchester) bt M. McEvoy (Wirral) 21, 16;  
S. Turner (Preston) bt K. Williams (Liverpool) -11, 16, 19;  
N. Eckersley (Wilmslow) bt I. McLean (Oldham) 11, 14.  
Semi-finals:  
Hilton bt Scowcroft 13, 9;  
Turner bt Eckersley 19, 18.  
Final:  
HILTON bt Turner 14, 18.  
Third Place:  
Scowcroft bt Eckersley 15, -17, 12.

# SELECTION MATTERS

By PETER CHARTERS,  
Chairman, National Selection Committee

With the 'LENTEC/ETTA' computer ranking scheme running well and requiring little committee work the two panel system used by the Selection Committee for the past few years has been dispensed with. Any ranking matters will now be dealt with by the whole Selection Committee. However, the oft repeated principle of ranking and selection being considered separate still applies: ranking will be used only as a rough guide to selection along with the many other considerations.

The Selection Committee this season will be:- Chairman - Peter Charters, National Trainer - Donald Parker, Nicky Jarvis, John Hilton, Bryan Merrett and Mike Kercher with Mike Watts as Secretary.

Miss Susan Drummond at the ETTA office will administer the ranking scheme at the ETTA's end and queries should be directed to her. The ranking system for the current season is as follows:-

## THE SYSTEM

The National Selection Committee have decided that for the coming season the scheme will continue with a wins only system.

## CALCULATION OF POINTS

The following formula will be used:

### Expected Win Table

| Points Difference | Points Gain |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 0 - 5             | 6           |
| 6 - 15            | 5           |
| 16 - 30           | 4           |
| 31 - 55           | 3           |
| 56 - 100          | 2           |
| 101 and over      | 1           |
|                   | x weighting |

### Unexpected Win Table

| Points Difference | Points Gain |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 0 - 5             | 7           |
| 6 - 15            | 8           |
| 16 - 30           | 9           |
| 31 - 55           | 10          |
| 56 - 100          | 11          |
| 101 and over      | 12          |
|                   | 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 are as follows:

### Senior

All National League (other than Premier and First)

All County Championships (other than Premier)

National Club K.O. Competition  
National League Team K.O. Competition

2 Star Open Tournaments (x 1)

County Championships - Premier Division

European Club Cup (Men and Women)

National League Premier Division and First Division (x 2)

International events - Class III (x 3)

International Events - Class II  
3 Star Open Tournaments  
Ranking Trial (x 4)

English Closed

Commonwealth Championships

International Events - Class I

European League

Europe Top 12 (x 5)

European/World Championships (x 6)

### Juniors/Cadets

County Championships (other than Premier Division)

Regional Trials (Round Robin)

2 Star Open Tournaments (x\*1)

County Championships Premier Division (x 2)

International Events - Class II  
Select Open Tournaments  
Ranking Trials (x 3)

English Closed

Europe Top 12

International Events - Class I (x 4)

European Youth Championships (x 5)

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## CATEGORIES

Results will be included only in the category under which the event is played, eg., a Junior player's Senior wins will not count towards his/her Junior ranking, only his Senior ranking.

## BONUS POINTS

Bonus points will be awarded as follows:

European/World Championships  
Winner (400 points) Runner-up (200 points)

Losing Semi-finalists (150 points)  
Losing Quarter-finalists (100 points)

Last 16 (50 points)

Europe Top 12  
Winner (200 points)

Runner-up (100 points)  
Third place (75 points)

Fourth Place (40 points)  
Fifth Place (25 points)

International Events - Class I  
Winner (150 points)

Runner-up (75 points)  
Losing Semi-finalists (40 points)

Losing Quarter-finalists (25 points)

English Closed  
Winner (100 points)

Runner-up (50 points)  
Losing Semi-finalists (25 points)

Losing Quarter-finalists (10 points)

3 Stars, Selects, Ranking Tournaments, Vets Age Group

International Events - Class II  
Winner (50 points)

Runner-up (30 points)  
Losing Semi-finalists (16 points)

Losing Quarter-finalists (10 points)

International Events - Class III,  
Vets Regional

Winner (30 points)  
Runner-up (16 points).

2 Stars  
Winner (10 points)

## STARTING FACTOR

Players on the final 1983/84 ranking lists have been awarded points on the new lists by dividing all final 1983/84 scores by two.

## EQUALITY

Where two players are level on points the player who was previously ranked the highest will remain in that position.

## FOREIGN (NON-ENGLISH) PLAYERS

Foreign players will be allocated dummy positions on the computer list. Dummy positions will have automatic movement with Dummies 1, 2 and 3 given 101 points, 31 points and 6 above the number one position. Further dummy places will be situated at strategic places on the lists.

## GROUP EVENTS

Results in group play between English players do not blend well to the computer system, therefore appropriate points will be awarded to players based on their overall finishing position.

## 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 in any of the events for a reasonable period.

## ISSUE OF RANKING LISTS

Up to a maximum of six ranking lists will be published during the year for Senior, Junior and Cadet categories. There will be three Veterans' lists for the season. Publication dates will be decided by the Selection Committee as appropriate.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The class grading for each International Event will be decided in advance by the Selection Committee.

## STARTING POSITIONS AND POINTS 1984/85

### MEN

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| 1 Desmond Douglas (Wa)    | 933  |
| 2 Graham Standley (Mi)    | 520  |
| 3 Carl Preen (IOW)        | 498  |
| 4 Alan Cooke (Oy)         | 400  |
| 5 Kenny Jackson (E)       | 366  |
| 6 David Wells (Mi)        | 365  |
| 7 Skylet Andrew (E)       | 346  |
| 8 Philip Bradbury (Bu)    | 322  |
| 9 John Hilton (La)        | 273  |
| 10 Nicky Mason (Sy)       | 2.69 |
| 11 Colin Wilson (Mi)      | 261  |
| 12 Max Crimmins (Sy)      | 261  |
| 13 John Souter (Mi)       | 259  |
| 14 Paul Day (Ca)          | 242  |
| 15 Alan Fletcher (V)      | 240  |
| 16 David Barr (Bk)        | 235  |
| 17 Richard Jermyn (He)    | 229  |
| 18 Chris Rogers (Le)      | 221  |
| 19 Duggie Johnson (Wa)    | 220  |
| 20 Carl Morgan (Wa)       | 216  |
| 21 David Dodd (K)         | 213  |
| 22 Mark Mitchell (Mi)     | 212  |
| 23 Nigel Eckersley (Ch)   | 212  |
| 24 Andrew Bellingham (St) | 209  |
| 25 Andrew Wellman (Bk)    | 204  |
| 26 Steven Turner (La)     | 201  |
| 27 Stephen Scowcroft (La) | 182  |
| 28 Kevin Beadsley (V)     | 178  |
| 29 David Reeves (Bk)      | 176  |
| 30 Ian Kenyon (K)         | 168  |
| 31 Mark Oakley (Sy)       | 166  |
| 32 Kevin Satchell (Wi)    | 162  |
| 33 Andrew Syed (Bk)       | 162  |
| 34 Andy Creed (Av)        | 158  |
| 35 Chu Van Gus (Nd)       | 147  |
| 36 Stephen Moore (Sx)     | 147  |
| 37 Chris Sewell (Av)      | 147  |
| 38 Glen Baker (Sy)        | 143  |
| 39 Phil Bowen (La)        | 140  |
| 40 Steve Mills (V)        | 140  |
| 41 Tony Clayton (Do)      | 139  |
| 42 David Tan (Mi)         | 135  |
| 43 Stuart Palmer (Sk)     | 134  |
| 44 Barry Johnson (Wa)     | 129  |
| 45 Malcolm Green (Sp)     | 128  |
| 46 Gary Spencer (K)       | 128  |
| 47 Jimmy Stokes (Bk)      | 128  |
| 48 Dave Constance (Do)    | 125  |
| 49 Keith Richardson (Ca)  | 124  |
| 50 Philip Gunn (Wa)       | 118  |
| 51 John Burleton (K)      | 118  |
| 52 Joe Kennedy (K)        | 118  |
| 53 Peter Taylor (He)      | 117  |
| 54 John Payne (Mi)        | 117  |
| 55 Lindsay Taylor (Cv)    | 116  |
| 56 Paul Jackson (Av)      | 115  |
| 57 David Newman (E)       | 115  |
| 58 David Gannon (Le)      | 115  |
| 59 Adrian Moore (Sx)      | 113  |
| 60 Stephen Sharpe (V)     | 107  |
| 61 Ian Horsham (E)        | 105  |
| 62 John Kitchener (Sk)    | 103  |
| 63 Gary Lambert (Dv)      | 100  |
| 64 Stephen Holloway (Sy)  | 99   |
| 65 Brian Johns (Ch)       | 98   |
| 66 Desmond Charley (E)    | 96   |
| 67 Michael Harper         | 96   |
| 68 Shaun Browne (La)      | 94   |
| 69 Chris Bartram (K)      | 94   |
| 70 Billy Gleave (Ch)      | 93   |
| 71 Andrew Rich (St)       | 90   |
| 72 Andrew Dodd (K)        | 89   |
| 73 Clive Bakewell (St)    | 87   |
| 74 Lester Bertie (Wa)     | 87   |
| 75 Stephen Brunskill (Cv) | 87   |
| 76 Matt Shearer (Li)      | 86   |
| 77 David Sharpe (Bd)      | 85   |
| 78 Peter McQueen (Nd)     | 84   |
| 79 Paul Namdjiou (K)      | 82   |
| 80 Phil Smith (Sx)        | 82   |
| 81 Percy Collino (Mi)     | 79   |

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|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| 82 Tony Penny (E)         | 78 |
| 83 Tony Sanderson (V)     | 78 |
| 84 Mark Ellett (Dv)       | 73 |
| 85 Graham Toole (Ha)      | 71 |
| 86 Malcolm Francis (Sx)   | 71 |
| 87 Derek Munt (Wa)        | 71 |
| 88 Paul Rainford (La)     | 70 |
| 89 Benny Robertson (Nd)   | 70 |
| 90 Michael Hammond (Sy)   | 70 |
| 91 Stanley Deakin (St)    | 69 |
| 92 Keith Samuels (Hu)     | 67 |
| 93 Jonathon Proffitt (He) | 67 |
| 94 Richard Beckham (K)    | 65 |
| 95 Matthew Syed (8k)      | 65 |
| 96 Tony Taylor (Ch)       | 64 |
| 97 Rupert Bole (Sy)       | 63 |
| 98 Les WOODing (Bd)       | 63 |
| 99 Geoff Davies (Ca)      | 63 |
| 100 David Skerrett (U)    | 62 |
| 101 Kevin Edwards (Wl)    | 62 |

## WOMEN

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1 Alison Gordon (Bk)        | 363 |
| 2 Karen Witt (Bk)           | 337 |
| 3 Joy Grundy (La)           | 335 |
| 4 Usa Bellinger (Bd)        | 280 |
| 5 Jackie Bellinger (Bd)     | 148 |
| 6 Karen Smith (La)          | 148 |
| 7 Fiona Elliot (St)         | 146 |
| 8 Jill Harris (St)          | 143 |
| 9 Joanne Shaw (V)           | 125 |
| 10 Sarah Sandley (Mi)       | 124 |
| 11 Mandy Sainsbury (Bk)     | 120 |
| 12 Susan Collier (Bk)       | 118 |
| 13 Suzanne Hunt (U)         | 117 |
| 14 Jean Parker (La)         | 108 |
| 15 Helen Williams (Mi)      | 92  |
| 16 Angela Mitchell (Mi)     | 86  |
| 17 Mandy Reeves (Mi)        | 83  |
| 18 Karen Groves (Wa)        | 75  |
| 19 Carol Butler (Dv)        | 73  |
| 20 Nina Tsakarianos (Gsl)   | 69  |
| 21 Cheryl Buttery (I)       | 63  |
| 22 Rebecca Russe (Av)       | 62  |
| 23 Lisa Hayden (EJ)         | 61  |
| 24 Jenny Collins (Bk)       | 58  |
| 25 Jill Powis (St)          | 57  |
| 26 Carol Spain (K)          | 57  |
| 27 Mary Denbow (Ox)         | 55  |
| 28 Helen Bardwell (He)      | 55  |
| 29 Sandra Peakman (Wa)      | 55  |
| 30 Teresa Moore (Sx)        | 53  |
| 31 Helen Shields (V)        | 52  |
| 32 Joanne Palmer (Sk)       | 50  |
| 33 Elaine Sayer (E)         | 48  |
| 34 Debbie Soothill (Cu)     | 48  |
| 35 Laura Goldsmith (Mi)     | 46  |
| 36 Amanda Hegarty (St)      | 39  |
| 37 Melody Hill (V)          | 39  |
| 38 Claire Maisey (Wi)       | 38  |
| 39 Vvonne HalliLle          | 35  |
| 40 Taryn Napier-Vallis (Bk) | 35  |
| 41 Susan Radley (U)         | 34  |
| 42 Deborah Simmonds (Sy)    | 33  |
| 43 Sally Weston (Sx)        | 32  |
| 44 Melanie Seaton (V)       | 32  |
| 45 Hilary Finch (Ca)        | 31  |

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| 46 Jane Barella (Sy)      | 31 |
| 47 Christine Peacock (La) | 31 |
| 48 Pauline Simpson (NgJ)  | 31 |
| 49 Julie Oimmock (Bd)     | 29 |
| 50 Julie Revill (Le)      | 28 |

## GIRLS

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 1 Joanne Shaw (V)        | 277 |
| 2 Jill Powis (St)        | 212 |
| 3 Debbie Soothill (Cu)   | 172 |
| 4 Juliet Houghton (K)    | 160 |
| 5 Clare Moulon (Nd)      | 136 |
| 6 Angela Sanders (St)    | 127 |
| 7 Lesley Popkiewicz (Sy) | 104 |
| 8 Lisa Hayden (E)        | 102 |
| 9 Andrea Holt (La)       | 101 |
| 10 Louise Davis (Wo)     | 101 |
| 11 Claire Potts (Ch)     | 95  |
| 12 Rachel Knight (Mi)    | 79  |
| 13 Tanya Holland (E)     | 76  |
| 14 Sarah Webb (So)       | 68  |
| 15 Alison BoxaU (He)     | 68  |
| 16 Usa Robins (Bd)       | 63  |
| 17 Helen Perrott (Av)    | 60  |
| 18 Louise Forster (Le)   | 59  |
| 19 Sarah Hammond (Ha)    | 56  |
| 20 Alison Evans (V)      | 53  |

## A80VE THIS LINE EXEMPT FROM REGIONAL TRIALS

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| 21 Susan Butler (o v)        | 41 |
| 22 Amanda Shufflebotham (Ox) | 41 |
| 23 Ruth Bray (V)             | 41 |
| 24 Claire Brooks (Sy)        | 39 |
| 25 Julie Billington (Oy)     | 38 |
| 26 Debbie Simmonds (Sy)      | 38 |
| 27 Lesley Souter (Mi)        | 36 |
| 28 Keny Hall (DYI)           | 35 |
| 29 Melanie Carey (So)        | 35 |
| 30 Kristina Cox (La)         | 33 |
| 31 Cheryl Clarke (Ch)        | 33 |
| 32 Jane Roberts (V)          | 33 |
| 33 Mandy Holmes (V)          | 31 |
| 34 Michelle Cohen (Av)       | 28 |
| 35 Lynne Trussel (Sx)        | 28 |
| 36 Claire Nicholls (Sk)      | 25 |
| 37 Alison Barker (Sp)        | 24 |
| 38 Gillian Patten (E)        | 23 |

## CADET BOYS

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| 1 Matthew Syed (Bk)       | 630 |
| 2 Bradley Billington (Dy) | 330 |
| 3 Michael O'Driscoll (Vi) | 272 |
| 4 Michael Rutherford (K)  | 137 |
| 5 Chris Oldfield (V)      | 128 |
| 6 Neil Pickard (NK)       | 108 |
| 7 Andrew Houghton (K)     | 93  |
| 8 Damien Holland (E)      | 90  |
| 9 Dale Saunders (Gs)      | 67  |
| 10 Neil Simms (V)         | 60  |
| 11 Matthew Pernet (Sy)    | 49  |
| 12 Nicky Ryder (V)        | 46  |
| 13 Robert Vong (Ng)       | 43  |
| 14 Gary Knights (Dy)      | 43  |
| 15 Steve Miller (Cv)      | 42  |
| 16 Andrew Eden (La)       | 39  |

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| 17 Simon Cooper (Sp)     | 39 |
| 18 David Morris (Sp)     | 37 |
| 19 Michael Roughley (Ou) | 37 |
| 20 Mark Ward (V)         | 37 |

## A80VE THIS LINE EXEMPT FROM REGIONAL TRIALS

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| 21 Andrew McKeown (Cv)   | 32 |
| 22 Adrian Thorp (St)     | 31 |
| 23 Andrew Whiteley (V)   | 29 |
| 24 Leigh Jefferies (Wal) | 28 |
| 25 Jonathon Collins (Ca) | 27 |
| 26 Brian Mileham (K)     | 26 |
| 27 Ou Ly (Col)           | 24 |

## BOYS

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| 1 Carl Preen (IOW)        | 1005 |
| 2 Andrew Syed (Bk)        | 595  |
| 3 Jimmy Stokes (Bk)       | 307  |
| 4 Andrew Cunningham (K)   | 237  |
| 5 Adrian Dixon (St)       | 220  |
| 6 Murray Jukes (Wo)       | 159  |
| 7 Matthew Syed (8k)       | 144  |
| 8 Billy Gleave (Ch)       | 123  |
| 9 Clive Guest (V)         | 123  |
| 10 Mark Randle (Wa)       | 122  |
| 11 Martin Firth (IV)      | 108  |
| 12 Richard Hayward (Wa)   | 104  |
| 13 Paul Amos (K)          | 103  |
| 14 Paul Savins (Bk)       | 96   |
| 15 Rodney Thomas (Do)     | 92   |
| 16 Sean Gibson (La)       | 80   |
| 17 Michael O'Driscoll (V) | 78   |
| 18 Stuart Craggs (Cv)     | 77   |
| 19 Paul Elphick (Sx)      | 68   |
| 20 Nicholas Newton (V)    | 61   |

## A80VE THIS LINE EXEMPT FROM REGIONAL TRIALS

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| 21 Jonathon Goode (Mi)     | 60 |
| 22 John Bult (V)           | 58 |
| 23 Bradley Billington (Dy) | 56 |
| 24 Philip Szekeeres (M il) | 56 |
| 25 Neil Pickard (NK)       | 55 |
| 26 Graham Kemp (8k)        | 48 |
| 27 Adrian Bolton (Ng)      | 48 |
| 28 Peter Curry (Nd)        | 46 |
| 29 Paul Bumpus (Le)        | 46 |
| 30 Michael Rutherford (K)  | 45 |
| 31 Tony Blackman (Nd)      | 45 |
| 32 Philip Payne (So)       | 44 |
| 33 Karl Ball (K)           | 42 |
| 34 Shaun Carracio (Sk)     | 41 |
| 35 Julian Dudman (Sy)      | 37 |
| 36 Bernard O'Grady (K)     | 35 |
| 37 Bernard Lazarus (E)     | 31 |
| 38 Paul Gooding (Sk)       | 30 |
| 39 Greg Barden (K)         | 26 |
| 40 Tony West (E)           | 26 |
| 41 Andrew Henry (Oy)       | 26 |
| 42 Craig Saunders (Gs)     | 26 |
| 43 Colin Hogarth (La)      | 25 |
| 44 Mark James (Co)         | 24 |

## CADET GIRLS

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| 1 Claire Potts (Chi)      | 385 |
| 2 Kerry Hall (Oy)         | 290 |
| 3 Andrea Holt (La)        | 275 |
| 4 Julie Billington (Oy)   | 132 |
| 5 Debbie Toole (V)        | 74  |
| 6 Julie Norman (8k)       | 48  |
| 7 Tracy Scott-Pawson (Do) | 46  |
| 8 Julie Forster (Le)      | 43  |
| 9 Julie Brion (8k)        | 33  |
| 10 Jane Wright (Dv)       | 31  |

## A80VE THIS LINE EXEMPT FROM REGIONAL TRIALS

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| 11 Judith Grant (Du)   | 29 |
| 12 Janine Harrison (Y) | 26 |
| 13 Cheryl Bateman (Sy) | 25 |
| 14 Helen Potts (Chi)   | 23 |
| 15 Ellen Meddings (V)  | 22 |
| 16 Anne Pashley (Cv)   | 22 |

## VETERAN MEN

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1 D. Schofield (Ch)   |  |
| 2 M. Shearer (Ii)     |  |
| 3 P. O'Acy (Chi)      |  |
| 4 R. Gunnion (Wa)     |  |
| 5 H. Buist (K)        |  |
| 6 R. Norton (Hu)      |  |
| 7 O. Seaholme (He)    |  |
| 8 S. Battrick (E)     |  |
| 9 B. Adedayo (Mi)     |  |
| 10 A. Stallard (E)    |  |
| 11 B. Allison (Ii)    |  |
| 12 W. Allanson (Bk)   |  |
| 13 A. Murray (E)      |  |
| 14 J. Hotland (E)     |  |
| 15 E. Griffiths (Ch)  |  |
| 16 G. Chapman (Sy)    |  |
| 17 B. Edington (L)    |  |
| 18 T. Adams (K)       |  |
| 19 G. Aldwinckle (Le) |  |
| 20 A. Sanders (Ng)    |  |

## VETERAN WOMEN

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1 D. Schofield        |  |
| 2 M. Dignum (K)       |  |
| 3 S. Coombes (Bu)     |  |
| 4 C. Moran (Ii)       |  |
| 5 J. Coop (Dol)       |  |
| 6 J. Hunt (Wo)        |  |
| 7 M. Pemberton (E)    |  |
| 8 E. Britton (Mi)     |  |
| 9 A. Robinson (Bd)    |  |
| 10 V. Gillam (Sx)     |  |
| 11 P. Hammond (Ng)    |  |
| 12 S. Tyler (He)      |  |
| 13 S. Carroll (E)     |  |
| 14 M. Symes (Mi)      |  |
| 15 M. Harris (He)     |  |
| 16 M. Ilynyckyj (Chi) |  |
| 17 P. Butcher (K)     |  |
| 18 J. Porter (Np)     |  |
| 19 M. Hooker (Av)     |  |
| 20 S. Bruton (Bk)     |  |

## BIRMINGHAM OPTICAL NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM:-

"Er . . . Sorry I'll be late for Sunday lunch but I'M TRYING TO BORROW CONCORDE" was the surprise telephone call, that left Gwen, wife of the Birmingham Optical National League team manager, Ray Barton speechless.

Ray explained, "the silence on the other end of the phone was deafening, I think my wife thought I had 'flipped the lid', but on returning from a very successful trade display at the National Exhibition Centre, by the sponsors, Birmingham Optical, as a photographer, I decided to call in at the Birmingham International Airport, and then discovered that Concorde was to land on the following Monday."

Ray continued, "I simply went in, explained that for the first time in the history of the National League I had managed to get a top Birmingham Company to sponsor top Birmingham players in the best league in the Country, that the sponsors had just given us brand new track suits and . . . Please could I borrow Concorde for the first team photograph?"

It was at this point that the marvellous West Midland County Council took a hand, overcame numerous problems with British Airways and back came the reply:-

"You can borrow Concorde" On the day before Her Majesty the Queen was due to visit the airport, the security was of course super strict. but everyone was magnificent and Ray was able to

obtain some marvellous team photographs of the newly-formed Birmingham Optical National League team.



Photo shows: (Left to right) Mr. Bernard Nightingale, President and Managing Director, Birmingham Optical Team Manager, Ray H. Barton, Peter Demetrious and John Cooper, (Sales Manager Birmingham Optical). Front Row:- (L to R) Phil Gunn, Duggie Johnson and Carl Morgan.

# Schools' Reports

## BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

By DAVID LOMAS

England players were well on top in the Birmingham International Schools' Championships which took place at the Birmingham Athletic Institute on July 6/7/8th.

All the six Individual events were won by English Schools' players and the England 'A' team again won the team trophy with England 'B' in second place.

The successful format of previous years was followed. Almost 150 players were involved with welcome first appearances from Iceland and the Isle of Man. as well as traditional opposition from Ireland and Scotland. Teams of four contested the team events with matches consisting of eight singles and two doubles sets. This was the first occasion on which the International had been held in Birmingham (previous venues being Middlesbrough, Edinburgh, Bradford and Gloucester) and thanks are due to the Birmingham City Council for their sponsorship which enabled the Championships to take place.

Only one of the six Individual titles went to a previous holder. That was Jean Parker (Senior Girls) who won the Intermediate category in 1981. None of the titles was successfully defended and there were some surprises. Jean beat Lisa Hayden in the final although she surprisingly dropped a game. Previous winners of the Senior title include other Lancashire players Christine Peacock and Joy Grundy.

Keith Samuels (Bedfordshire) seized an unexpected chance in the Senior Boys' event and defeated David Blackburne (Durham) in the final.

Unseeded Clive Guest (South Yorkshire) registered his first-ever win over Murray Jukes (Hereford & Worcester), the No. 1 seed, in the final. having beaten No. 2 seed Mark Randle (Warwickshire) in the semi-final. Another unseeded player, Angela Sanders, scored a surprise win over Jull Powis (Staffordshire) in the Intermediate Girls' final.

Sean Gibson (Lancashire) had a tough battle to beat Derbyshire's Bradley Billington 23-21, 22-20, whilst Andrea Holt repeated her Dunlop English Schools' Individual win over Claire Potts (Cheshire) in the Cadet events.

The tenth International Championships were organised by the English Schools' Table Tennis

Photographs by John O'Sullivan of Liverpool.



Keith Samuels (England 'A') receives the International Team Trophy from Councillor F. Grattidge of sponsors Birmingham City Council Leisure Services Committee.



England's Senior Girls' 'A' Team: l to r: Claire Hunter, To Thuy Dung, Sylvia Broadbent (n.p.c.), Lisa Hayden, Tom Matthews, ESTTA President. Laura Goldsmith. Jean Parker.



INTERMEDIATE GIRLS' Individual event l to r: Louise Davis (3rd). Angela Sanders (1st), Jill Powis (2nd), Juliet Houghton (3rd) with Mrs. Margaret Arnold - wife of ESTTA Chairman, John Arnold.



INTERMEDIATE BOYS' Individual event, l to r: Mark Randle (3rd). Clive Guest (1st), Murray Jukes (2nd), Adrian Dixon (3rd) with Mrs. Margaret Arnold - wife of ESTTA Chairman, John Arnold.

Association. Dunlop provided the equipment including the new Premier Tournament Celluloid ball, making its tournament debut.

Results:  
**TEAM EVENTS**  
 1. England "A"  
 2. England "B"  
 3. Ireland  
 4. Scotland

**Individual Events:**  
**Senior: Boys:**  
 Keith Samuels (Beds.) bt David Blackburne (Durham) 9, -19, 13.  
 3: Colin Inglis (Ireland) and Lee Sadler (6omerset).  
**Girls: Jean Park.r (Lancashire) bt Lisa Hayden (Essex County) 13, -18, 13.**  
 3: To Thuy Dung (Derbyshire) and Laura Goldsmith (Middlesex).  
**Intermediate:**  
**Boys:**  
 Clive Gu...t (South Yorkshire) bt Murray Jukes (Hld. & Wores.) 19, -14, 21.  
 3: Adrian Dixon (West Midlands) and Mark Randle (Warwickshire).  
**Girls:**  
 Angela Sand.r. (West Midlands) bt Jill Powis (Staffordshire) 16, -5.  
 3: Louise Davis (Shropshire and Juliet Houghton (Kent County).  
**Cadet:**  
**Boys:**  
 Sean Gibson (Lancashire) bt Bradley Billington (Derbyshire) 21, 20.  
 3: Damian Holland (Kent County) and Richard Jones (Surrey Metropolitan).  
**Girls:**  
 Andre. Holt (Greater Manchester) bt Claire Potts (Cheshire) 25, 11.  
 3: Kerry Hall (Derbyshire) and Helen Lower (West Midlands).



England's Senior Boys "A" Team: l to r: Keith Samuels, Nigel Tyler, Tom Matthews (ESTTA President), Michael Thomas, John Reed (n.p.c.), Stuart Worrell, Neil Sutton.

## ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

By David Lomas

During the summer preparations have been taking place for the Association's competitions programme for the new season. From early in the new school term County Schools' Associations will be staging their own local and county competitions which will lead to school teams competing in the Dunlop National School Team Championships. The national Area Finals are due to take place on the weekend of Jan, 19/20, 1985 at twelve venues throughout the country. (Please note that this date has been brought forward a week from the dates originally allocated and notified.) The winners in each of the eight events go forward to one of three Regional qualifying competitions on Sunday, Feb. 24 at Leeds (North), Stroud (Midlands & West) and Orpington (South & East). Thence to the National Finals at Lea Green, Matlock, Derbyshire on Saturday, March 23.

Full details of how to enter can be obtained from the new organiser. Mr. G. R. Gardiner, 36 Froom Street, Sherley, Lancs, PR6 OAN, (Chorley 02572) 64873).

Later in the season come the Dunlop English Schools' Individual Championships. Entry is only via county qualifying competitions. It is likely that here too there will be a change in date to Sunday, May 5th, at Mansfield

Leisure Centre, Firm news after the ESTTA Executive Council meeting on Sept, 23rd.

It is hoped to stage the prestigious Schools' International Championships towards the end of the season, in the established format which has evolved over the past ten years.

This season sees the second year of the sponsorship of the Dunlop Sports Company. Full details of the ESTTA's activities are contained in the new edition of the Official Handbook which is available from the ESTTA Hon. General Secretary, Mr. L C. Henry, Dronfield Junior School, Dronfield, Sheffield S18 6RY, Price 50p including postage.  
 Finally a reminder that the "two-colour" bat rule will apply to the Individual Championships in 1984-5 but will not be applied to the Dunlop National School Team Championship until next season, 1985-6.

### 'THE NEW RULE'

(OR - ALL ON ONE IEG)  
 By Ted Fisher

A coaching session, held last season,  
 A worthy cause, a worthy reason;  
 To hold at Swindon's Church fields Centre,  
 A real good night for all to enter.  
 Although, FEW did; don't be surprised,

For this event was NOT well advertised,  
 Tho proved to be event on merit,  
 With Peter Hirst and Bryan Illerrett,  
 Mike Lewis too, helped with a 'knock',

But HE, poor chap, had such a shock;  
 Spellbound! as if by magic wand?  
 "When hees pied ashapely blonde;  
 This lady with her hair so fair,  
 On ONE leg stood, at table there!  
 Now this was Swindon's Margaret Plumb,  
 'Tho she be blonde, she's far from 'dumb'.  
 Poor Mike that night at Churchfields School,  
 How could he know it was the NEW RULE;

That one-leg stance, now's 'all the rage',  
 Look up the rules! (don't know which page?)  
 But there was MORE to this great night,  
 Dear Margaret, she had such a fright;  
 When to her car, she homeward 'HOPPED',  
 She almost wished she hadn't stopped,  
 For looked and saw, a tyre had burst,  
 But there on hand was Peter Hirst;  
 He changed the wheel with skill and speed  
 No wonder 'Maggs' thinks he's 'top seed';  
 Pete save the lady from her plight,  
 And so became HER gallant knight!  
 So as it was, all ended well,  
 But is old Mike STILL in her spell?

## E.T.T.A. 100 CLUB

### FULL HOUSE AND NEW CHAIRMAN by Doreen Stannard Hon. Secretary

Following the Association's A.G.M. on Saturday, 7th July, 1984, thirty-five members and guests enjoyed a Dinner and musical entertainment on a very warm evening.

The occasion marked the end of John McDonnell's reign as Chairman and his successor already wears a Chairman's hat - Tom Blunn. The third Dinner under Tom's term of office will be the 50th, so you can all expect something special when it occurs, probably around January 1986.

ERNIE did not come up with anything special in the way of a big prize but sufficient to provide five amounts of £25. These, and the main draw prizes, were as follows:

£100 0, Reeves  
 £50 A. K. Vint  
 £10 L Landry  
 £25 each to Miss M. Bateson, J. Heaton, L. Landry, W. Moran and R. Smith,

The theme song of the Club again becomes "I hear you knocking but you can't come in," as we have the full complement of 100 members.

# THE LADBROKE HOTELS FIRST NATIONAL VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Mike Watts

Played at Watford Leisure Centre over the weekend of May 26/27. 1984 and sponsored by Ladbroke Hotels group this tournament was a huge success.

The Veterans' English Table Tennis Society (V.E.T.T.S.) was only inaugurated in January, yet the Committee felt that there was sufficient interest to organise a national tournament as soon as possible. Their decision was justified, as 97 Veterans (70 men and 27 women) battled out the 11 titles with the honours being evenly shared.

The highlight of the weekend was the appearance on Saturday afternoon of the Hon. Ivor Montagu, the founder Chairman of the E.T.T.A. and 80 in April partnering Maurice Goldstein, President of the E.T.T.A. and V.E.T.T.S., in the over 60 doubles. Alas there was no fairy tale ending to their endeavours beaten 21-9, 21-8 in their first match.

Initially all the Singles events were played in Groups of three with the winner and runner-up in each group proceeding to the knock-out stage. The Schofields from Cheshire were, as expected, in the thick of things with Derek taking home the Over40 Singles trophy and a half share in the Over 50 Doubles whilst wife Doreen annexed the Over 40 Women's Singles and a half share of the Over 40 Doubles. The surprise of the tournament was the other Over 40 Men's Singles finalist David Seaholme from Hertfordshire who had a succession of excellent wins, including a 21, -9, 17 win over dark horse Ralph Gunnion (Warwickshire) the fourth seed in the third round.

The sponsors Ladbroke Hotels expressed complete satisfaction with the running of the tournament and have already agreed to sponsor the event in 1985.

At the finals, Mr. Maurice Goldstein presented two perpetual trophies, the 'Ivor Montagu' Trophy and the 'Bill Vinf Trophy' donated by the E.T.T.A. to the Over 40 Singles winners whilst Mr. Brian Levy, General Manager of the Ladbroke Hotel at Watford presented two similar trophies donated by Ladbroke Hotels to the winners of the Over 50 Singles events. Other presentations were made by Miss Carole Luck, Special Projects Manager from Ladbroke Hotels.

At a buffet supper on the Saturday evening over 80 guests agreed to a succession of ideas

for promoting Veterans' Table Tennis in this country. The V.E.T.T.S. Committee hope to take on board most of the ideas during this coming Season which will include three further Regional Tournaments as well as the National again.

Results:

#### Over-40

Men's Singles: Quart.-finals:  
D. Schofield (Ch) hi S. Battrick (E) 15. 14;  
M. Sheader (Li) bi B. Allison (Ul) 12. 8;  
D. Seaholme (He) bi H. Buist (K) 19. -18, 15;  
A. Stallard (E) bi R. Norton (Hul) 19. -19, 15.  
Semi-finals:  
Schofield bi Sheader 16. -16, 19;  
Seaholme bi Stallard 9. 17.  
Final: **SCHOFIELD** bi Dignum 18, 20.

Women's Singl.-: Quarter-fin. I.:  
D. Schofield (Ch) bi A. Robinson (Bd) 11. 12;  
J. Hunt (Wa) bi S. Tyler (He) -17, 17, 8;  
S. Coombes (Bu) hi E. Britton (Mij) 19. -16, 14;  
M. Dignum (K) bi J. Coop (Do) 16. 17.

Semi-finals:  
Schofield bi Hunt 14. 18;  
Dignum bi Coombes 11. 8.  
Final: **SCHOFIELD** bi Dignum 18, 20.

Men's Doubl. -: Final:  
P. D'ARCY (Ch)/R. GUNNION (IWA) bi Schofield/  
Sheader 11. -18, 15.  
Women's Doubles: Fin":  
C. MORAN (IU)/SCHOFIELD bi M. Cherry (M);/  
Coop -17, 18, 16.

#### Over-50

Men's Singles: Semi-finals:  
Schofield bi Battrick 7. 7;  
Sheader bi B. Adedayo (Mi) 9, 19.  
Final: **SHEADER** bi Schofield 15. -14, 19.

Women's Singl. -: Semi-finals:  
Moran bi B. Bonner (So) 18, 7;  
M. Pemberton (E) bi B. Andrews (He) 12\* 12.  
Final: **PEMBERTON** bi Moran 12, 16.

Men's Doubl. -: Final:  
SCHOFIELD/SHEADER bi Battrick/T. Donlon  
(Ch). 7. 18.  
Women's Doubl": Final:  
PEMBERTON/M. SYMES (M); bi Andrews/  
Cherry 18, 13.

#### Over-60

Men's Singles: Semi-finals:  
R. Etheridge (Kl) bi W. French (Sy) 11, 8;  
N. Lusher (V) bi A. Gould (La) 17, 20.  
Final: **ETHERIDGE** bi Lusher 10, 3.

#### Women's Singles:

Group Winner- **BONNER**  
Men's Doubles: Final:  
FRENCH/GOULD bi P. Harmer (Bd)/Lusher 18,  
19.

The general reaction of competitors to the tournament was that it was a great occasion.

Here are extracts from some of the letters received since the tournament:

..... I would like to congratulate V.E.T.T.S. on a most professionally run table tennis championships. I certainly enjoyed the time I spent with you over the weekend and was most impressed with the standard of play. The finals were all thoroughly nail-biting stuff! Looking forward to the V.E.T.T.S Championship 1985, ..

..... thank you for a most enjoyable weekend and I hope it is the start of great things to come.

.... I would like to extend a big thank you for the work in organising !the First National Veterans' Tournament. I assure you that everything went well and I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

.....Thank you for an enjoyable visit and revival of old memories. And the Press commented!

## VETS' RALLY

The Hon. Ivor Montagu 80 last month has entered the V.E.T.T.S. Championships which begin at Watford tomorrow. (DAILY MIRROR - FRIDAY 25th)

## STILL SERVING AT 80

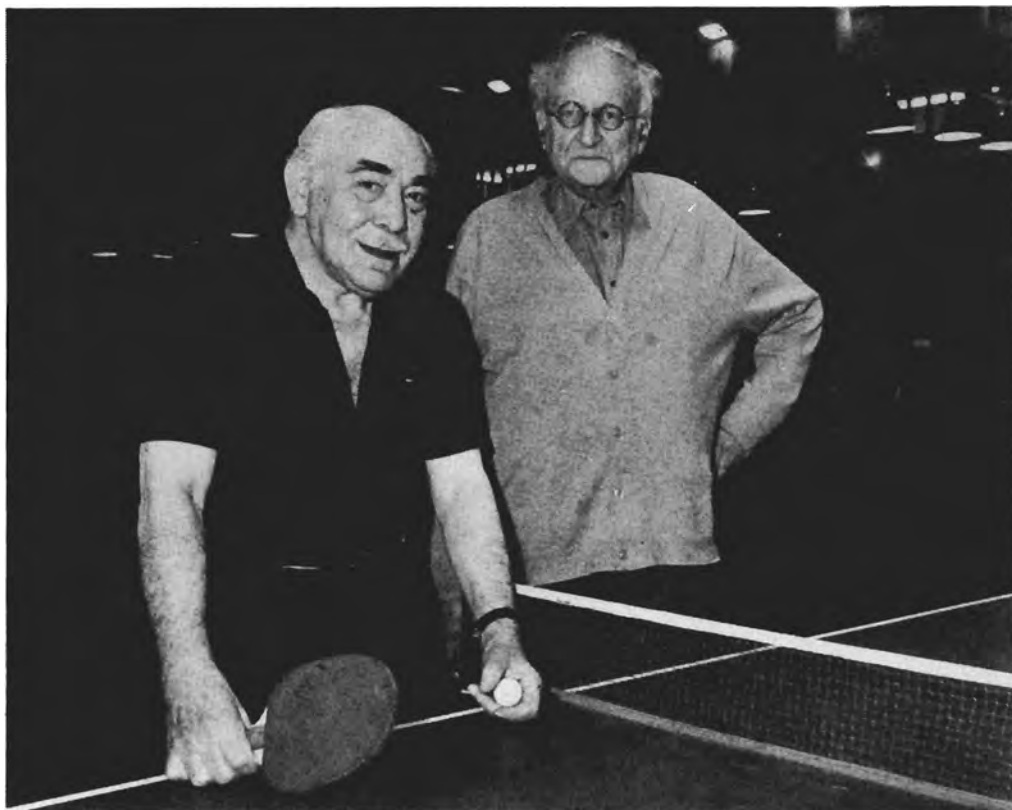
The "father" of English Table Tennis, the Hon. Ivor Montagu now 80 heads nearly 100 of the sports veterans in their first national championships.... (EVENING STANDARD - FRIDAY 25th).

## TABLE TENNIS

The Hon. Ivor Montagu who was 80 last month is an entrant for the National Veterans' Championships this weekend. "I just cannot remember the last time I played competitively", said Montagu who was the founder Chairman of the E.T.T.A. in 1927 and later became founder President of the International Federation. (GUARDIAN - FRIDAY 25th).

Veterans supreme. Maurice Goldstein and the Hon. Ivor Montagu all set for their first (and last) match at Watford Leisure Centre.

Photo by courtesy of the West Herts and Watford Observer.



**WHArS ON AND WHERE**

**October**

- 6/7 Sussex 2-Star Open (Hastings)  
North Yorkshire 2-Star Junior Open (North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax)  
Aberdare Open (Wales) and Scottish Team Cup (Edinburgh)
- 10 EUROPEAN LEAGUE – SUPER DIVISION – ENGLAND v HUNGARY (Willington, Crook, County Durham)
- 13/14 Grove 2-Star Junior Open (Market Drayton)  
Merton 1-Star Open (Bournemouth)  
Hallex National League (4)
- 14 East of Scotland 2-Star Open (Edinburgh)
- 19/21 NETHERLANDS OPEN (Rotterdam)
- 20 County Championships (2) and Junior County Weekend
- 21 Regional Junior Trials
- 27 Woodfield 1-Star Junior Open (Wolverhampton)(13.10.84)
- 27/28 Humberside 3-Star Open (YPI Ferens Recreation Centre, Chanterlands Avenue North, Hull) (5.10.84)
- 28 Woodfield 1-Star Open (Wolverhampton) (13.10.84)  
Midlands 1-Star Open (Dundee) (14.10.84)

**November**

- 1/4 ITALIAN OPEN (Venice)
- 3 County Championships (3)
- 3/4 West Yorkshire 2-Star Open (Bradford)
- 4 Hallex National League (5)  
Meadowbank 2-Star Open (Edinburgh) (21.10.84)
- 7 EUROPEAN LEAGUE – SUPER DIVISION - SWEDEN v ENGLAND
- 10/11 Midland 3-Star Open (Alumwell Centre, Walsall) (22.10.84)  
Kent 2-Star Junior Open (Folkestone) (6.10.84)
- 11 Stirlingshire Open (Stirling) (28.10.84)
- 15/18 YUGOSLAV OPEN (Ljubljana)
- 17/18 6th Kirklees 2-Star Open (Batley Sports Centre) (27.10.84)  
Universities Athletic Union Championships
- 24 Cardiff Open - Entries from Miss J. Beer, 23 Earl Rd., Penarth CF21UN  
County Championships (Third Division only)
- 24/25 Senior Premier Division Weekend  
Cleveland Junior International (Eston) (29.10.84)
- 25 Chilton U-21 Open (Chilton Trinity School, Bridgewater, Somerset) (10.11.84)
- 30- Nov. 2 FRENCH OPEN (Rennes)

Bracketed date is the closing date for entries.

**COACHING COURSE**

There is to be a coaching course over the weekend of Oct. 13/14 at The Gym, Rainbow Drive, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes commencing at 9.30 a.m. each day. Immediate contact should be made with David Fairholm at "The Forest", Island Farm Road, Ufton Nervet, Reading, Berks. RG7 4ER. 'Phone: 073-529 2990.

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We were able to enter a boys' and girls' team in the English and Italian Junior Opens and have a five day training camp with the Swedish Junior Team. The clothing was very kindly donated by Butterfly U.K. at no cost to the Foundation.

The selections were done on the basis of nominations from the membership and in fact all but one were included in one of the activities. This forthcoming season it is intended that any nominations will be considered by a duly elected selection committee which will be chaired by Barry Johnson, the current Players' Representative.

It is hoped that as a member of Table Tennis public, you feel the Foundation has made a contribution and if so hope that you may consider it worthwhile to become a member. Below is a list of the current members 11p and if you would like to add your name to the list please fill in the attached form.

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