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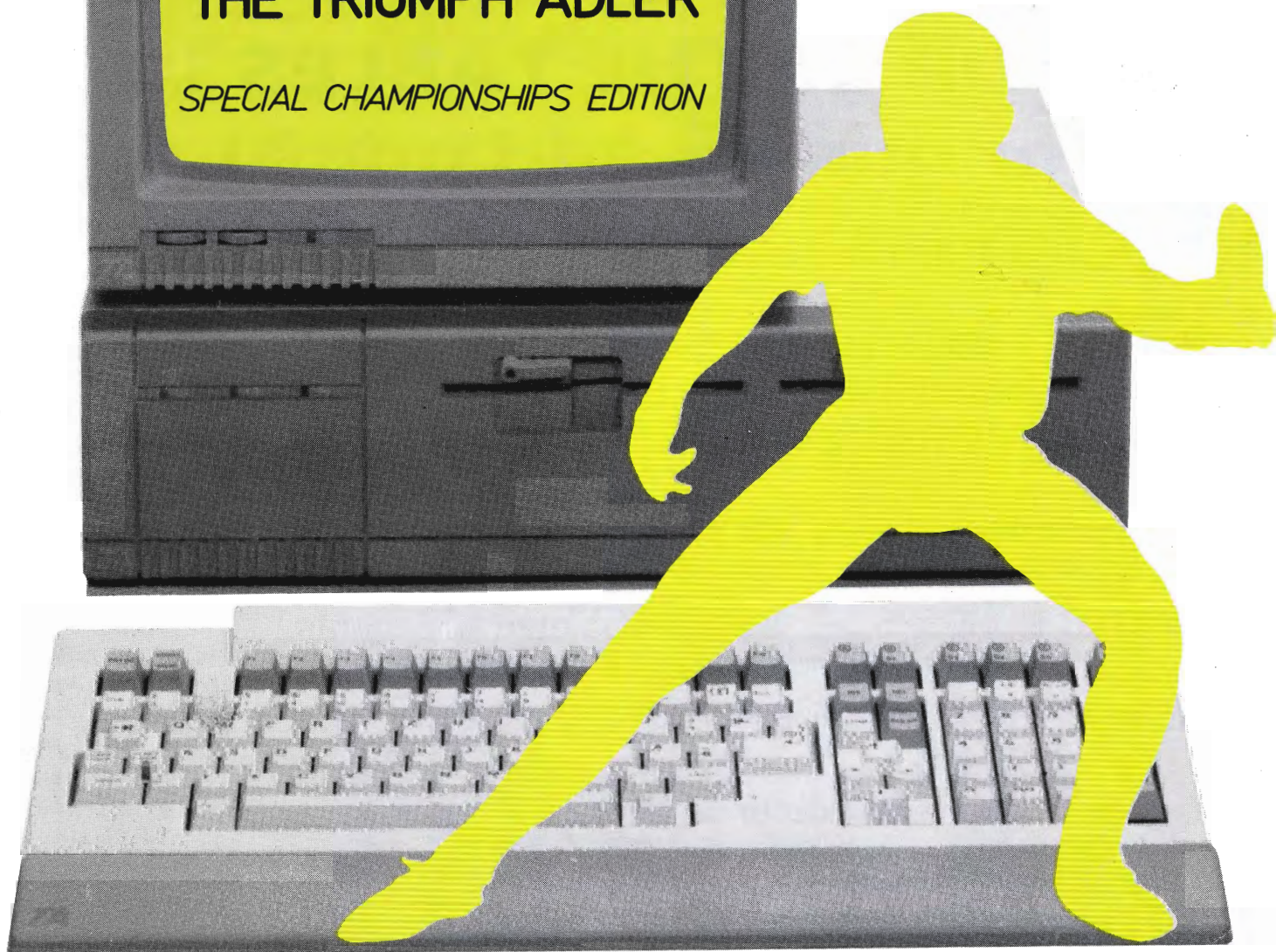
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Jaques**

## Winds of change

A variety of changes have been made in *Table Tennis News* this season. Some popular, others not so. Subscriptions will be the judge of that.

However, of all the changes, this issue is perhaps the most radical. Even as this editorial is written, its final shape and contents are but figments of the imagination.

In a way it is a gamble. Fresh ideas always bring a touch of the unknown.

It certainly is an economy measure - designed to reduce the high programme print bill linked with our major championships of the year.

But by providing subscribers with extra pages, including the draw and championship-related articles, *Table Tennis News* hopes that readers unable to spur the England players on in person will still savour the Triumph Adler English Open.

For those that fancy shooting a few bullets, the editor will be at Brighton.

I hope you will be too.



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## Second title for Stokes

Fiona Brown

Reading's Jimmy Stokes retained his Beneficial Trust English Junior Closed singles title with swashbuckling style at the Hinkley Leisure Centre, Leicestershire, over the weekend of 14/15th December 1985. Recovering from a one game deficit he wrestled the title away from No 1 seed and current England No 1 junior, Andrew Syed.

Until that point Syed had seemed invincible, sweeping aside his opponents with consummate ease. The tension which had briefly mounted at the quarter final stage when he met Chesterfield's Bradley Billington — the player who eliminated him at this stage in 1984 — was swiftly dispelled.

In the semi-final Syed crushed Sean Gibson who had earlier thrashed No 3 seed Adrian Dixon. Stokes had reached the final with only one minor hiccup, dropping the first game of his fourth round encounter against Paul Amos.

### Deserving

In the final analysis Stokes proved a deserving champion. Like a boxer he overcame the disadvantage of a shorter reach. Deft footwork and repeated attacks to the body of his opponent left the ranging Syed with no adequate response.

Junior girls champion Andrea Holt displayed a dazzling combination of solid defence and deadly attack to end Claire Potts' title ambitions.

Neither girl had encountered any serious resistance en route to the final, although Juliet Houghton, the Kent schoolgirl who has taken a year off from studies to concentrate on table tennis, demonstrated her considerable improvement in the semi-final against Potts.

At one game all, the final seemed well balanced but Holt was not to be denied as she eased ahead with an increased percentage of attacking forays. These proved sufficient to break up her opponent's game plan and secured not only the junior title but the distinction of becoming the first girl to win the cadet and junior events in successive years.

It is, perhaps, unfortunate that the successful doubles com-

bination enjoyed by Potts and Holt has, for the present, been discontinued. Whilst the former may be questioning the sense of this split the latter has taken it very much in her stride as shown by her victory with new partner Juliet Houghton.

### Triple winner

Adding these two titles to her mixed doubles success partnered by Adrian Dixon, Andrea Holt is the first triple winner in the Championship since Graham Sandley in 1979.

Both cadet finals provided in-county clashes. Yorkshire's Michael O'Driscoll and Chris Oldfield contesting the boys event, with Derbyshire's Kerry Hall and Julie Billington meeting to decide the girls. All four players came to their respective finals having dropped not a single game.

In the boys final O'Driscoll



Getting down to it

#### BOYS SINGLES Round 4

A Syed (Bk) b A Taylor (Ch) 5, 11; B Billington (Dy) b M Pernet (Sy) 11, 16; S Gibson (La) b M Connell (Y) — 19, 13, 9; A Dixon (St) b N Pickard (Nk) 18, 19; M Syed (Bk) b J Goode (Mi) 19, 16; C Oldfield (Y) b D Carse (La) 11, 15; M O'Driscoll (Y) b A Ball (Y) 10, 20; J Stokes (Bk) b P Amos (K) — 16, 14, 14.

#### Quarter-finals

A Syed b Billington 12, 8; Gibson b Dixon 16, — 20, 22; M Syed b Oldfield 10, 13; Stokes b O'Driscoll 18, 8

#### Semi-finals

A Syed b Gibson 10, 11; Stokes b M Syed 13, 12.

#### Final

Stokes b A Syed — 19, 13, 18.

#### GIRLS SINGLES Round 3

C Potts (Ch) b C Dada (Y) 21, 18; M Carey (So) b D Soothill (La) — 19, 14, 17; T Holland (E) b N McGrath (La) 15, 15; J Houghton (K) b L Pritchett (Sy) 4, 12; K Hall (Dy) b H Lower (St) 5, 19; H Broomhead (Y) b T Clark (Le) 13, 18; D Toole (Y) b L Davis (Wo) — 15, 11, 14; A Holt (La) b J Norman (Bk) 11, 6.



## Beneficial Trust Junior Grand Prix



Syed and Stokes in the action-packed final

All photos by Neil Houghton

lead from the outset, using superior reach and power to disengage the Oldfield attack. The first game, which had for the major part been a point for point struggle, went to No 1 seed O'Driscoll, the second proved to be a formality as he raced to his first national singles title in a style which suggested that it might well be the first of many.

Oldfield will doubtless have his own views on this possibility. For 1985, at least, he had to be content with victory in the boys doubles — his partner, who else — one Michael O'Driscoll.

In the girls event it was Julie Billington who came out firing on all cylinders to prove that three recent victories at local level over Kerry Hall were truly indicative of her general improvement and ability to handle the big occasion.

As father, Maurice Billington said afterwards "Twelve months ago Julie was hardly in the same league as Kerry, today's success

just goes to show what hard work can do."

### Success

The Championships were once again a great success with a strong entry, competent organisation and an enthusiastic crowd in attendance throughout.

As Alan Murray said as he witnessed his first junior tournament in fifteen years "I really am amazed at the talent of these kids, you hear so much about the bleak future of the sport — how can people say that when there is such a wealth of ability like this?"

Alan who? I can hear some of you asking. Maybe you do not know the name but next time you see Desmond Douglas at a major event cast your gaze around. Somewhere nearby is sure to be the man who introduced him to table tennis and encouraged him because he recognised the raw talent — Alan Murray.

#### Quarter-finals

Potts Carey 10, 10; Houghton b Holland 12, 12; Hall b Broomhead 16, 20; Holt b Toole 13, 17.

#### Semi-finals

Potts b Houghton 14, — 21, 16; Holt b Hall 17, 15.

#### Final

Holt b Potts 14, — 13, 15.

#### CADET BOYS SINGLES

##### Quarter-finals

M O'Driscoll (Y) b B Mileham (K) 15, 7; L Jeffries (Wa) b N Ryder (Y) — 20, 15, 15; J Taylor (Ch) b M Bawden (Co) 14, 10; C Oldfield (Y) b G Knights (St) 19, 18.

##### Semi-finals

O'Driscoll b Jeffries 1, 17; Oldfield b Taylor 12, 16.

##### Final

O'Driscoll b Oldfield 18, 12.

#### CADET GIRLS SINGLES

##### Quarter-finals

K Hall (Dy) b J Keighley (Y) 2, 11; E Meddings (Y) b J Forster (Dy) — 20, 17, 15; D Toole (Y) b C Buckley (Bd) 15, 19; J Billington (Dy) b T Sadler (So) 16, 16.

#### Semi-finals

Hall b Meddings 8, 10; Billington b Toole 15, 18.

#### Final

Billington b Hall 18, 15.

#### BOYS DOUBLES

##### Semi-finals

Oldfield/O'Driscoll b A Syed/Stokes 11, — 11, 18; M Syed/Dixon b Billington/Gibson 25, 19.

##### Final

Oldfield/O'Driscoll b M Syed/Dixon 20, — 11, 19.

#### GIRLS DOUBLES

##### Semi-finals

Holt/Houghton b Meddings/Toole 12, 12; Hall/Billington b Knight/L Hayden (E) — 12, 7, 13.

##### Final

Holt/Houghton b Hall/Billington 22, 14

#### MIXED DOUBLES

##### Semi-finals

Syed/Holt b Amos/Soothill 19, 17; Dixon/Houghton b Billington/Potts 15, 15.

##### Final

Syed/Holt b Dixon/Houghton 18, 22.

## Training to play for England

*The England team are already familiar with computers as Neil Houghton reports.*

A training camp for table tennis but with emphasis on measurement and checks on physical fitness has become an annual event for the England team. Pioneered by England national trainer Donald Parker and Paul McNaught-Davis, a senior lecturer at Eastbourne PE college, the week allows team members to obtain a guide to their present capabilities and fitness potential; particularly for the sport of table tennis.

Facilities are provided by the College - a part of Brighton Polytechnic - including the indispensable Exercise Physiology Laboratory. As well as the physical training and testing there is, of course, daily table tennis practice during the September camp.

**Perhaps, now, halfway through the season at the Triumph Adler English Open, is the time to remind the players of the pre-season treadmill!**

All the players undergo an 'anthropometric assessment' which, translated, means checking body measurements including the amount of fat and muscle.

The height and weight of the subject are first checked and then measurements taken to provide an indication of the

Somatotyping is the study of the body characteristics and shape; some scientists believe that this can be linked to personality and occupation so the measurements provide a basis for an interesting study of somatotypes in sport.

Also, of course, these measurements certainly give a factual guide to the physical state and physical development of the players and a useful annual comparison can be made for regular team members. For the younger players there is a further interest in giving a measure of adolescent growth and development.

In addition there are simple physical fitness checks on physical capabilities which may be compared with notional average or 'good' performance or, more usefully, with previous recordings. They can be of real value in monitoring a player's training which, whether including these tests or not, would be expected to improve fitness and muscle endurance. The exercises include: Sit-ups, bench jumps, and press-ups. For all these we record the number of repetitions in one minute.

Then there are shuttle runs - recording the time for ten times ten yards and, finally, a check on



*Bench jumps: Timer Jon Green has a laugh at Jimmy Stokes' expense*

rather fit, a good man managing over 60 press-ups per minute and one of the women over 60 sit-ups per minute! Bench jumps are usually well over 60 per minute.

### Reaction testing

Reaction testing a simple concept - is difficult as the biggest problem is to standardise the method of measurement.

However, it certainly provides an interesting comparison between players and some interesting figures for discussion and study.

A straightforward reaction test is fairly commonly used in biological and psychological study. In this case both the 'initial reaction time', and the 'total reaction time', including another movement are measured so that the 'movement time', can be calculated.

In the test there are two buttons with a light above each. When the lights come on the subject hits the first button and

then immediately moves to hit the second button about two feet away.

Two timers, one for each button, are activated when the lights come on and switched off as the light goes out for each button pressed. Thus the required times are shown and noted. The subject has five familiarisation practices before the tests and uses the dominant hand index finger throughout. They are checked moving to the right switch and across the body to the left for five recordings and then for another five to the left switch and across to the right.

This gives (for a right-hander) a forehand reaction with a switch to backhand and in the second five, a backhand with move to the forehand. To complicate things even further the operator can alter the machine between test to vary the time lag between the switching on and the start of the lights and timers.

Otherwise the effect of learning the time from the switch click can play a part.



*Alan Cooke (Rambo III) has his biceps measured*

form of the body.

Measurements are taken to provide the girth of muscles such as the biceps and the calf. Skinfold measurements for fat are taken at the muscles and in other places such as the hip and sub-scapular skin, below the shoulder blade. This is done using special calipers.

The results of these measurements are then compared with a chart devised by a scientist called Parnell and an idea of the person's somatotype can be determined.

flexibility in which the subject stands on a bench and stretches to touch their toes, with straight legs. The distance they can reach down past their toes is recorded.

Table tennis players need to be more than 'all-round' athletes so, they may not be so good at specific exercises as more specialist athletes. For example, having the muscles of Rambo - being able to do press-ups all day and fight the occasional war single-handed - is unlikely to help their game!

Nevertheless, they can be



*All the top players spend a great deal of time on basic practice*

In the exercise physiology assessment an energetic person has to pedal an exercise bicycle to the point where they have to stop. The bicycle is connected to a computer to record data and the subject is wired up to a respirometer (recording breathing data) and to an electrocardiogram.

Not surprisingly, a competent operator has to conduct the test with a suitably qualified person to check the person's medical history and to run a pre-test safety check on pulse and blood pressure. McNaught-Davis is especially interested and involved with the exercise physiology studies.

With the subject briefed and wired up the heart trace, pulse and some of the breathing data are shown on displays during the test; they are also shown on the computer screen together with other readings and calculations to give a whole range of useful measurements.

And a computer printer gives a continuous print-out of all data once every minute on the warm-up and once every 10 seconds on the main test - the

warm-up is when the person pedals comfortably for five minutes, the main test is for as long as the person can manage.

This is followed by a short recovery period while static on the bicycle. However, it is said to take at least two days to recover fully!

Unless the reader is already a keen sports scientist or biologist, then the data shown on the monitor may not provide instant enlightenment! However, most will easily appreciate the three categories of importance recorded with time: bicycle data including power given by person; heart data; breathing data.

Part of the breathing data is Respiratory Quotient (RQ) which is an interesting concept.

RQs of specific values are known to indicate the use of particular foodstores in respiration (chemical reactions producing energy in the body).

An RQ of 1 is for carbohydrate, fat 0.7 and protein 0.9. Food, however, can be used at the same time which will result in intermediate values and, at rest, the figure for a human is about 0.85.

The photograph shows an RQ of 0.97 which suggests that as the subject is warming up they are beginning to use more carbohydrate. Protein is rarely used except in starvation and so an RQ between 1 and 0.7 indicates respiration of fat and carbohydrate in various proportions.

During the main test values of almost 1 are produced as the muscles use oxygen to oxidise carbohydrate to give energy. Later, when the oxygen immediately available to the muscles is insufficient, RQs of more than 1 show that carbon dioxide produced is exceeding

oxygen used.

Heard of aerobics?... Well this is anaerobics! It means the muscles are demanding more energy than can be supplied by aerobic (using oxygen) respiration. Instead they use up carbohydrate without oxygen (anaerobically).

This solves the short term energy flow but produces lactic acid which either causes cramp when it builds up or is oxidised at a more suitable time. When the RQs produced are compared with those shown by athletes a sports scientist can gauge the efficiency of the subject's performance.

Actual power output through the bike is a fairly straightforward proportional figure to the efficiency of the subject. The heart trace is observed during the test for interest and safety and the heart figures give an indication of fitness.



Lisa Bellinger: "All this sea air isn't good for me"

## Useful guide

For example, many people are aware of the indications shown by the heart's pulse in relation to the fitness and recovery of athletes. The other breathing figures are valuable, too. Suffice it here, however, to say that they indicate how much air is taken in, what amounts of gases are used and expired.

They also show how much of the lung volume is being used which can be a useful guide as to fitness. For example, a person with less efficient lungs due to heavy smoking or an ailment would show a small tidal volume with a correspondingly high breathing rate on exertion. Of course, a person with a significant ailment would not be allowed to do such a test and this includes smokers.

The observers, of course, notice any adverse signs during the tests and stop if necessary. But it allows a physiologist to build up a very good picture of factors relating to the athletes' training and fitness.

## Insight

The results of all the tests during the week provided a useful insight into the England team's fitness and physical capabilities. In training for the modern game, requiring speed and stamina, the tests measure and compare performance, giving the coach and the players a pointer to future training and playing organisation.

And the most important conclusion to the strenuous week was the coaches versus players football match. Despite some very competitive play by some of the lads the final score after extra time was 4-3 to the coaches.

But they did have the services of Des (Keegan) Douglas to balance the numbers and ensure victory!

All photos by Neil Houghton

The terms shown in the monitor display are as follows:

- Time in mins and secs; Power produced with bicycle in watts.
- RPM = revs per min
- fH = heart rate per minute.
- FeO<sub>2</sub> = fraction of expired oxygen as percentage of total gas.
- FuO<sub>2</sub> = fraction of used oxygen as percentage of total gas.
- FeCO<sub>2</sub> = fraction of expired carbon dioxide as percentage of total gas.
- fR = breathing rate in breaths per minute.
- Vt = tidal volume, litres. (The amount of air breathed in one breath.)
- VE = expiratory volume in litres per min. (The amount of air that would be breathed out in one minute.)
- VO<sub>2</sub> = oxygen uptake in litres per minute.
- VCO<sub>2</sub> = carbon dioxide expired in litres per minute.
- R = respiratory quotient (RQ) = the ratio of VCO<sub>2</sub> to VO<sub>2</sub>.
- VO<sub>2</sub>/kg = oxygen used divided by body weight and then divided by 1000.
- O<sub>2</sub>pulse = Fu x fH divided by 1000.



Heavy breathing data

# Pre-computer days

Gerald Gurney

How many of today's thousands of table tennis enthusiasts - whether players or administrators - ever give any thought to the origins of their sport? Almost certainly very few. And even fewer have any idea of how the equipment, now so easily taken for granted, has developed over the years.

The origins of table tennis - like those of so many sports - are shrouded in mystery. It is quite possible that we will never know how it began.

The earliest date for a manufactured form of the sport has long been quoted as 1884, when the English sports manufacturers F H Ayres are said to have produced their 'Miniature Indoor Lawn Tennis Game'.

But not even an advertisement for this seems to have survived and it may well have been a form of lawn tennis (already about ten years old) played on the drawing-room floor of the great country houses of that period.

All references to this date can be traced back to Ivor Montagu, perhaps the main figure in the revival of table tennis in the 1920s, but he himself had serious doubts about its authenticity - in a discussion with the author before his death in 1984.

An improvised form of table tennis is another matter, and commonsense suggests that, at least in the 1880s, someone thought of adapting the outdoor game of lawn tennis to the dining-room table; at this time every respectable house in England had a separate dining room.

## Common-place

Engravings from the London Illustrated magazines even as late as 1902 show that the dining-room table was commonly used, apparently being preferred to the purpose-made tables which appear in the advertisements of this period.

We can well imagine that some lawn tennis players, frustrated by the vagaries of the English weather, borrowed some toy battledores from the nursery and soon improvised a makeshift net - two bottles and a piece of string or a broom handle resting on two chairbacks and draped with newspaper.



*Ping-pong on the dining room table — highly civilised*

*Photo courtesy BBC television series 'Eureka'*

There is also a well-authenticated story that table tennis was played in these early days by cricketers when their match was rained off; perhaps that is how W G Grace became an enthusiast.

At first a small, toy rubber ball was used but this proved far too lively in the relatively

restricted space and was also a hazard to the ornaments and chandeliers. A cork ball was tried but did not give anything like a satisfactory bounce.

It was this factor which prevented any rapid development of table tennis in the 1880s and early 1890s - that is until James Gibb's famous trip to the

United States and discovery of the celluloid ball which we now know so well. The earliest celluloid balls had a heavily lapped joint where the two parts were fused, and this made for a very unpredictable bounce which would certainly not meet today's stringent requirements.

Sometimes the celluloid ball was covered with cloth, hand-sewn in the manner of a lawn tennis ball. But this idea was quickly abandoned; very few examples have survived.

The range of materials used in the manufacture of bats (or rackets) is quite remarkable, varying from crudely shaped cardboard or cigar-box lids (in the early days) to the first pimply rubber bat, Frank Bryan's 'Atropos', patented as early as 1901. He claimed that this "causes a great improvement in the play and enables the player to get a greater amount of 'screw' or rotary motion on the ball during its flight".

Prior to this the battledore from the ancient game of battledore and shuttlecock was often pressed into service, and this is often found with its handle cut down to give a better grip. A battledore consists of a hollow bat with two sheets of vellum tightly stretched over a frame. Soon, and certainly during the 1890s, purpose-made battledores were produced for table tennis.

There are several examples of these, often with most elegantly shaped handles, in the Tamasu Museum in Japan.

## The History Man

*Gerald Gurney, an English and racket sports teacher at Colchester Royal Grammar School, has one of the finest racket sports collections in the world.*

*A qualified coach in lawn tennis, table tennis and squash he has written many articles on the origins and relationship between the racket sports which developed at the end of the nineteenth century.*

*In 1983 his collection of table tennis miscellanea featured on the BBC's Eureka programme and was exhibited at the last world championships in Gothenburg.*

*The author of 'Tennis, Squash and Badminton Bygones', he and ETTA life member Ron Crayden are currently writing 'The Story of Table Tennis', to be published in 1986.*

*In this report, reproduced here by permission of 'Table Tennis Report', he reveals some of the fascinating history behind this season's Triumph Adler English Open.*



*Victorian or Edwardian table tennis set with "drum racquets". Often (as here) the contents do not match up to the illustration*

If in Brighton with a few moments to kill or you fancy some mental gymnastics during a local league match, *Table Tennis News* asked one of the sharpest brains in the sport to conjure up a few problems to challenge readers' logic.

A free subscription for the magazine goes to the first drawn from those received by the editor by 1st March 1986.

Contemporary references state that by the time of the first open tournament, played at the Royal Aquarium, London, in December 1901, battledores had been abandoned by most players in favour of a solid wooden bat. This might be plain or covered with sandpaper to give extra 'screw' to the ball.

Patent bats were produced with aluminium and even fret-work playing surfaces; experiments show that these are surprisingly practical, but gut strung rackets designed as miniature lawn tennis rackets give practically no control over the ball (even the cloth-covered one) and they soon went out of fashion.

Many people today doubt that these rackets were used for table tennis but the few examples which survive are clearly impressed with 'Table Tennis' in gilt, and several advertisements still exist.

Table tennis really took off in the late 1890s - no more precise date can yet be ascertained - and the main impetus certainly came from the sports manufacturers of John Jaques and Son. Jaques had registered a form of table tennis under the title of 'Gossima' in July 1891, but it seems very unlikely that they

produced any equipment until several years later.

They registered the title 'Ping Pong' in September 1900 so it is quite erroneous to suppose that this was the original name.

Ping Pong is clearly onomatopoeic, in imitation of the sound of the ball 'ping' on the table and 'pong' on the hollow battledore.

Jaques produced huge quantities of their boxed sets around 1900-1902 when the craze for the 'new game' was at its height. Contemporary advertisements list as many as half a dozen sets (at various prices) being available at any one time.

The top sets were clearly designed for high society, with elegant battledores (one with a thinner handle for the lady's more genteel hand), finely turned and polished posts on solid brass clamps and 'Match' balls quite remarkably similar to today's. The 'Rules and Directions' are usually missing but give an illustration of table tennis as an after-dinner diversion with ladies and gentlemen in earnest competition - although still in formal evening dress. The atmosphere is entirely relaxed and congenial, an example to us all, perhaps, in these more fiercely competitive days.



A selection of Jaques' rackets as advertised c 1900

## Vital statistics

1. The five towns held a 'Corbillon-style' competition a few years ago, the final table of which is shown below.

Late on the evening of the competition, the referee gave this table to the sports editor of the *County Record* but left before it was noticed that no match scores were given.

It was felt that the table, with no match scores, would be of little interest to readers. Then the cub reporter saw it and said he thought he could produce the missing results. *Could he?*

	W	L	F	A
A	4	0	12	3
B	3	1	11	3
C	1	3	6	9
D	1	3	5	11
E	1	3	3	11

## One-upmanship

2. "Last night", said Charles, "I beat my old rival Denis. In three, as usual", he continued, "and I noticed that the ratio of his points score in the 1st game to his points score in the 2nd, was the same as the ratio of his 2nd game score to his 3rd".

"My own decreased by the same amount each time". *What were the game scores?*

3. Once Charles gets going, he takes some stopping!

"In the same match", he added, "I won an even closer three-gamer with Alan, whose points ratio 3rd to 2nd were the same as his ratio 2nd to 1st. This time my own points total was odd".

*By what scores did Charles beat Alan?*

## Jets 5 Sharks 4

4. "You know I run the Jets youth club", said Peter. "I've been doing this for a couple of years and of course I have got them playing table tennis".

After a little thought Donald was able to produce an acceptable schedule and we won 5-4". *What was the schedule?*

"We were challenged recently to a 3-a-side all-play-all match by the Sharks who wanted to play at their club on three tables. We agreed but when we got there our captain Donald was unhappy to agree to any player more than once on any table as they were very varied in quality - he had no objection to having three sets in progress at the same time so that the match could finish in three sessions".

5. "The match was a great success", continued Peter, "and we offered to stage a return at our club. We have four tables, again very different, and we suggested 4-a-side, all-play-all, four sets on at a time to take four sessions".

"Not surprisingly the Sharks insisted that no player should play more than once on a table but again Donald came up with a solution and we won 9-7". *What was the schedule?*

(Hint: the Jets players are A, B, C, ( & D in Q5); the Sharks are (W), X, Y and Z)

## Nittaku boxes

6. "When I was a lad", said Desmond Douglas to young Matthew Syed, "these Nittaku balls used to come in very useful boxes - each ball in a tray of a dozen with its own hole, like an egg box".

"The balls would last a long time but when we'd lost a few we used to put two boxes together to make a tray of six holes by four. The trick was to serve 18 balls so that there were an even number of balls in each row and each column".

"We used to use them for service practice placing them just over the net and trying to fill the six rows of two in order".

Matthew thought for a moment. "It's impossible", he said. "Oh, no", said Des, "It was easy. There are at least 120 ways of doing it." *Sketch one of them!*

# Stiga County Championships Round-up

## Oldfield the star at premier weekend

Doug Moss and Frank Hams

The Stiga County Championships premier division weekend took place at Tolworth Recreation Centre on 30th November/1st December.

In a round-robin tournament staged by Surrey table tennis association each team played three matches during this period; the remaining matches to be concluded at Oldham in January.

With backing and sponsorship from the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames there was a visit on the Sunday from the Rt Hon Richard Tracey JP, MP, the Minister for Sport and MP for Surbiton. The minister met all the team captains and watched some of the play with keen interest.

### Lancs lead

At the end of this weekend Lancashire with three wins head the table on sets average 20 for and 7 against. Behind them Yorkshire and Middlesex, also unbeaten, are tied for second place (15-12).

But with four singles wins and unbeaten with Melody Hill in the mixed, 14 year old Chris Oldfield was surely, the man of the weekend. And he didn't even have his name listed in the programme for Yorkshire because he was a late replacement!

Yorkshire needed the last set

in two of their three 5-4 wins and in both the tournament's youngest player, Oldfield, played experienced senior players - John Burleton (K) and Dave Gannon (Le). He beat them both much to the delight of his cheering team-mates on the bench.

His display was probably best summed up by the look of astonishment from his mixed doubles partner Melody when he backhanded a fast loop against a slow one from Surrey's Jane Barella at 20-20 in the third for an outright winner past Max Crimmins.

One player he didn't beat, however, was Surrey's Mike Hammond who had a splendid tournament winning four out of six. But his habit of punching the air and shouting like a demented karate novice did attract some attention. His critics say it should be banned as

ungentlemanly conduct.

It seemed to motivate him when he was behind. Or when he was playing players to whom he was expected to lose. If all players did the same, however, we would need headache pills.

Max Crimmins (Sy) and Nigel Eckersley in his new Lancashire shirt gave the referee, Trevor Openshaw a headache, when he warned them about their conduct during a game. Max's frustration boiled over when he served off at a crucial point and was told by Nigel "What a good service". Nigel is another player who attracts attention due to verbal comment. He went too far this time.

The best individual performances came from Steve Mills (Y), David Wells and Nigel Tyler (Mi) who were unbeaten in singles with six wins apiece. Nigel Tyler came closest to losing a match when he beat Andy Bellingham (St) at 22-20 in the third game.

And Lancashire were well served by Stephen Scowcroft, Nigel Eckersley and Steven Turner who each won five of six singles. The set lost by Eckersley was inflicted by Andy Wellman (Bk) at

23-21 in the decider.

One or two players must have thought they were so far ahead in particular games that they could not lose. Paul Longstone (Y) was 15-6 up in the third against Joe Kennedy (K) but lost 25-27. Jane Barella (Sy) was 20-15 up against Karen Smith (Le) and lost. Fiona Elliot (St), however, fought back from a long way behind in the third only to lose 22-24. She did, however, fight off a challenge from Karen Smith as she came back from a big deficit.

None of the women were able to get a 100% record. Mandy Sainsbury (Bk), Smith (Le), Juliet Houghton (K) and Fiona Elliot (St) each won two sets.

On Saturday the matches were stopped before the end because the hall was required for basketball. The following day, Middlesex who had had a full squad found themselves one short to finish the remaining matches.

That they didn't lose despite the lack of John Souter, Graham Sandley and Colin Wilson owes much to the unbeaten Wells and Tyler even after conceding one set to Staffs and three to Berkshire and Kent.

	Berks	Kent	Lancs	Leics	Middx	Staffs	Surrey	Yorks
Berkshire	—		4-5		4-5	4-5		
Kent		—	1-8		4-5			
Lancashire	5-4	8-1	—				7-2	
Leicester				—		4-5	5-4	4-5
Middlesex	5-4	5-4			—	5-4		
Staffordshire	5-4			5-4	4-5	—		
Surrey			2-7	4-5			—	4-5
Yorkshire		5-4		5-4			5-4	—

## Sex swap for championships

A fairer deal for women has been suggested for the county championships. Chairman Aubrey Drapkin has written to all county match secretaries inviting opinions on proposals related to the composition of county teams and the fact that women players get only one singles and one doubles match.

The suggestions include: the exclusion of women from the present teams and running separate competitions for men and women; the extension of matches, with the same team compositions as at present, to twelve games by playing two extra womens singles; the retention of the same compositions but replacing the two doubles matches with two extra womens singles; and, finally, the bringing in of a second woman to the premier and veterans divisions and the introduction of two extra womens singles by either of the earlier options.

Table Tennis News invites readers reactions to these proposals.

## Round-up by Doug Moss

### Senior 3D

Sussex II 10 Suffolk II 0; Surrey II 10 Suffolk II 0; Suffolk I 5 Sussex II 5; Surrey II 5 Suffolk I 5

Four teams from Suffolk, Sussex and Surrey got together at Carshalton on November 3rd. There were two 10-0 results and two drawn matches, both involving Suffolk I.

In the morning the Suffolk I/Surrey II match was hard fought and lasted four hours. The match scores stood at 2-2, 3-3 and 4-4. Finally John Kitchener (Sk) won against David Dewsbury to square the match at 5-5. Stuart Palmer (Sk) was in good form with two singles

wins and combining with Kitchener to win the doubles event.

A similar battle ensued in the afternoon between Suffolk I and Sussex II and again a draw resulted. Sussex gained wins at 17, 18, and 19 in the deciding games. Palmer and Kitchener were again in good form with four singles wins. But Suffolk may have paid the penalty of leaving Palmer out of the doubles, which their pair lost 21-17, 19-21, 17-21.

### Junior 3A

Clwyd 3 Cheshire II 7

The Cheshire team of Andrew Wright, Neil Schofield and Paul Birkin won five of the six singles

events on 24 November. Alison Jones and Beverley Parkes followed this by winning their singles matches although, in the girls doubles event, they lost to Lynne Bowen and Cheryl Jones at 19 in the third game.

### Veterans 2B

Surrey 6 Hampshire 3

Brian Simmonds, the Surrey No 3 won both singles matches but, teamed with Jenny Vass, lost 12-21, 8-21 to the Kershaws in the mixed doubles. Fred Kershaw was involved in the three wins for Hants beating Frank Hams 16-21, 21-14, 21-9 and Gordon Chapman 21-18, 21-19 to add to the mixed doubles win.



## Deadly rivals as club teams clash

Rob Oldfield and Fiona Brown

Club colleagues at Omega Reading turned into deadly rivals in late December when their first and second teams clashed in the premier division of the Halex national league at Bulmershe, Woodley.

But though it offered the chance for the players to prove a point or two, club secretary Peter Charters was none too happy about the situation.

"You wouldn't expect Chelsea to play Chelsea reserves in the first division in football", he told Colin Fuller of 'The Evening Standard'. "It creates rivalry between the players and I don't think it is necessarily a good thing having two teams from the same club in the same division." "While it may be good for the players, I think it is better to have rivalry between clubs", he explained.

### Self-demotion

The situation arose because the second team won promotion from the first division last year. This season they are struggling to stay in the top grade but even if they avoid the drop Charters is hoping for the option of putting them back into the first division.

He has written to the ETTA's national league committee asking for this possibility. If that fails, he may try to switch to another venue in Reading and form a rival club for national league purposes.

The alternative might be a 'Dutch auction' for the unwanted premier division slot between the first division clubs which miss out on promotion. In the past both Sealink Milton Keynes and Bristol Cashmans have done some fancy admin work, involving first a change of venue and then the registration of a new name.

### Slim

While the second team languished in seventh place in the middle of December - two for the axe from the top flight - the Reading first team's chances of the league title seemed slim with fixtures looming near Christmas against current champions Thorn EMI Ellenborough and Grove Market Drayton.

They have also lost their No 1 Phil Bradbury who was recently transferred to the strife-hit South Yorkshire, struggling at the bottom of the premier division.

Omega manager Peter Charters was sorry to see Bradbury leave, "Phil has been with us for a long time and has served the club well, but we do not believe in keeping players who are unsettled."

The loss has resulted in an Omega reshuffle with Andrew Syed taking over the first team role while younger brother Matthew now leads the second. The return of Alison Gordon from Bath Toyota has come at an opportune moment.



Claire Potts — a blow to Jolliffe Poole's promotion hopes



Possible European championships contender Dave Wells — beaten by Scowcroft

### Super Smith

First division leaders, Butterfly Cardiff, have twice been held to a draw in recent matches. Firstly by Dagenham FC and then by TCB Dolphins. In the later match Dolphins No 1 Phil Smith played magnificently to defeat Welsh Internationals Alan Griffiths and Nigel Tyler. These wins earned Phil a rich bounty of ranking points vaulting him from No 41 to 24 in the Lentec national ranking list, the highest position of his career to date.

### Proprietors and players

Following in the footsteps of Nicky Jarvis, former international and now proprietor of the successful London-based Playrite Sports, Connie Warren is enjoying a new lease of table tennis life playing for Ashford in third division south. Two wins against Deptford's Derrick Brown and Jeff Chapman helped Ashford to a 6-2 win which keeps them top of the table.

### Jolliffe's junior jinx

Jolliffe Poole's promotion hopes took a knock when they went down 6-2 to mid-table Grove. The result included two wins for England No 1 junior girl, Claire Potts. Not to be outdone, Grove's Neil Bevan, 12, who took over the No 4 spot for the following day's match against Duchy Launceston, recorded his first national league double and earned the man of the match nomination for his efforts.

### TV stardom for Salford

Salford Target Gold National League players, together with junior club members are to appear on Nigerian television early in the New Year. Manager Graham Compton says "The Nigerian film crew were in Salford to cover the Commonwealth Handball tournament. We were quite surprised when they approached us but the players were happy to cooperate with demonstrations and interviews." As they say, there is no such thing as bad publicity — well done lads!

# Halex National League

Although not much British interest any more in the German national league, it is still very strong, reports Alan Fletcher now living in Germany.

Desmond Douglas has been replaced by Jörgen Persson at Düsseldorf and Jan-Ove Waldner has moved to John Hilton's old club ATSV Saarbrücken.

David Hannah is now playing among the 'big boys' at Hertha BSC Berlin and Carl Prean is at GW Bad Hamm in the Bundesliga West (second league).

## A special report

Other top players in the Bundesliga include: Germans Georg Böhm, Ralf Wosik, Peter Stellwag and Englebert Hüging as well as Mikael Appelgren (SWE), Erik Lindh (SWE), Josef Dvoracek (TCH), Erik Boggan (USA), Andrzej Grubba (POL) and several Chinese players.

## Metal fatigue

Late news 'on the vine' suggests that current premier division leaders GKN Steelstock Wolverhampton might be heading for an upset in early February.

It appears a pre-season fixture alteration has back-fired on the club which snatched up the signature of England No 1 Desmond Douglas.

Apparently at Wolverhampton's request, they are now due to play Thorn EMI Ellenborough on 2nd February - the date when the European-ranked Douglas is scheduled for Soderstalje in the Europe Top 12.

Unless Douglas pulls out of the lucrative round-robin tournament - as he is believed to have done already for the West German Open when GKN line-up against Reading, the club of England selection committee chairman Charters - GKN's only hope might be a 'signing of convenience' for England's No 1 Carl Prean.

Prean, though contracted to a German club, is also Sweden-bound and GKN could then claim postponement of the vital tie under the 'two players on England duty' regulation.

After eight matches, Saarbrücken were in the lead having lost just one match, closely followed by TTC Zugbrücke Grenzau, SpVG Steinhagen and Düsseldorf.

My old club, TuS Vahr Bremen were struggling in eighth place, three from the bottom. I am now with Brackwede in the Oberliga West.

Germany are hoping to host the 1989 World Championships at the Westfalenhalle in Dortmund. It would be for the fourth time; first in Berlin (1930), Dortmund in 1959, and lastly Munich in 1969.

Interestingly, the Germans are making a determined effort to enhance the image of table tennis. A new organisation called 'Club der Tischtennisfreunde' (Club for table tennis friends) has been set up.

The cost to join is £30 a year and its main aims are to help the club player identify more with table tennis and to improve the media coverage of the sport. Perhaps we can learn something!

## Low tactics

After a Halex national league match between Spicer New Malden and Deptford Rams it was discovered that the table (normally used for coaching, was 1½" lower than the standard height.

"The question is", asks Frank Hams of Surrey, "would this favour attackers or defenders?"

Answers please to Ron Wilde - captain of the Spicer's home team which contained two defenders and lost 1-7. . . Graham Bateman their only winner.

## Sunday best

'Pengelly Sports Gwent had a disastrous visit to East Anglia in November', writes Welsh Corner correspondent Roy Evans. 'Combining matches against Norwich Foxwood and EAE Waveney, the long car rides did them no good at all as they lost 5-3 and 6-2'.

Rubberneck is therefore pleased to discount the scurrilous suggestion advanced by one Mr Hogg of Norfolk that a hard bat tournament around midnight and a following disco/drinking session into the early hours at Bill Todd's Foxwood guest house, in any way contributed to their Sunday demise at Lowestoft.

## League Tables

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GKN Steelstock Wolverhampton	6	3	3	0	28	20	9
Grove I	5	2	2	1	23	17	6
Bath Toyota	5	1	4	0	21	19	6
Ormsby I	4	1	3	0	19	13	5
Omega Reading I	3	2	0	1	16	8	4
Thorn EMI Ellenborough	4	1	2	1	17	15	4
Omega Reading II	6	0	3	3	16	32	3
South Yorkshire I	5	0	1	4	12	28	1

First Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Butterfly Cardiff	5	3	2	0	25	15	8
Target Gold Salford	5	3	1	1	28	12	7 (62-32)
Dagenham FC I	4	3	1	0	24	8	7 (52-23)
Airmaster St Neots I	5	2	1	2	18	22	5
W Warwicks/B'ham	4	2	0	2	15	17	4
TCB Dolphins	5	0	3	2	16	24	3
Tibhar Larkhall	5	0	2	3	15	25	2
Ormsby II	5	1	0	4	11	29	2

Second Division North	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chan Construction I	5	5	0	0	32	8	10
Byker Newcastle I	5	5	0	0	29	22	10
Unity Bradford	5	3	1	1	22	18	7
GKN Steelstock II	5	2	1	2	21	19	5
Sincil Lincoln	5	1	2	2	18	22	4
March	5	1	0	4	17	23	2
Byron Roofing STUTE	5	0	1	4	12	28	1
City of Leeds	5	0	1	4	9	31	1

Second Division South	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EAE Waveney	6	4	1	1	29	19	9
Pengeley Sports Torbay I	4	4	0	0	25	7	8
Jaques Generation	7	3	2	2	30	26	8
Medway	6	2	2	2	23	25	6
Norwich Foxwood	5	2	1	2	18	22	5
TSP Larkhall II	5	1	2	2	20	20	4
Pengeley Sports Gwent	6	1	0	5	17	31	2
Gunnersbury Triangle	5	1	0	4	14	26	2

Third Division North	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingsbro Insurance	5	5	0	0	30	10	10
Oldham	5	3	1	1	28	12	7
South Yorkshire II	5	3	1	1	23	17	7
Crusaders Lincoln	6	3	1	2	26	22	7
Ormsby IV	5	2	0	3	19	21	4 (51-51)
Vickers Sports Barrow	5	1	2	2	19	21	4 (41-48)
Byker Newcastle II	5	1	1	3	19	21	3
Ormsby III	6	0	0	6	4	44	0

Third Division South	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ashford	7	6	0	1	42	14	12
Nittaku Ruislip	6	5	0	1	34	14	10
Rejects	5	4	0	1	29	11	8
Deptford Rams	8	3	1	4	30	34	7
Abeng Warriours Stiga	5	2	1	2	20	20	5
Erreys Print 85	6	2	0	4	22	26	4
Omega Reading III	6	1	0	5	11	37	2
Spicers New Malden	5	0	0	5	4	36	0

Third Division East	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AHW Pioneers	7	5	1	1	31	25	11
Fellows Cranleigh	6	4	1	1	30	18	9
Soham	6	3	1	2	25	23	7
Britannia Deepsure	5	2	1	2	23	17	5
Witham Town FC	5	2	1	2	19	21	5
Airmaster St Neots II	5	2	0	3	21	19	4
Playrite Northampton	5	1	1	3	16	24	3
Dagenham FC II	5	0	0	5	11	29	0

Third Division West	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Global Sports Plymouth	6	5	1	0	36	12	11
Jolliffe Poole	7	4	1	2	35	21	9
Leominster	5	4	0	1	29	11	8
Leicester TTC	6	3	1	2	30	18	7
Grove II	6	2	2	2	25	23	6
Chan Construction II	5	1	0	4	9	31	2
Pengeley Torbay II	6	1	0	5	8	40	2
Duchy Windows Launceston	5	0	1	4	12	28	1

## Player of the Month

PHIL ASPINALL

'Providing some of the most exciting table tennis seen at a Vickers Barrow national league match in third division north' earns Phil Aspinall of Oldham the November 'Player of the Month' tankard. He defeated both Alan Fay and Neil Smith as he helped his team to a 7-1 victory on 3rd November.

## Prean back into 2nd place *Fiona Brown*

Carl Prean, England's 18 year old European Youth champion, has reclaimed second place in the Lentec national computer rankings issued by the English Table Tennis Association in December.

Prean earned over 400 points for his Belgian Open victory at the beginning of November and recorded wins in Finland during the Finlandia Open and as he led England to a 4-3 European league victory (report next issue).

Desmond Douglas remains at No 1 having reached the semi-finals of both the Hungarian and Scandanavian Opens recently. He has also maintained his 100% record in the Halex national league for GKN Wolverhampton.

Reading's Andrew Syed, 17, and the surprise winner of the Middlesex 3-Star, has entered the top 10 for the first time. And Phil Smith of Horley and TCB Dolphins national league club has jumped seventeen places to

No 24 after wins over Welsh Nos 1 and 2 Alan Griffiths and Nigel Tyler.

In the womens, former No 1 Karen Witt, 24, continues to drop down the order with a new career in nursing beckoning. Wolverhampton's Fiona Elliot, 20, and Preston's Joy Grundy, 21, are both on the way up. Elliot beat world-ranked Belgian Karine Bogaerts in the Hungarian Open.



Men				Women			
No.	Name	Town of Residence	Points	No.	Name	Town of Residence	Points
1	Desmond Douglas	(Birmingham)	2400	1	Lisa Bellinger	(Dunstable)	1374
2	Carl Prean	(Ryde)	1682	2	Alison Gordon	(Reading)	1331
3	Alan Cooke	(Chesterfield)	1293	3	Joy Grundy	(Preston)	847
4	Skylet Andrew	(London E15)	976	4	Fiona Elliot	(Wolverhampton)	754
5	John Souter	(Neasden)	763	5	Karen Witt	(Reading)	665
6	Andrew Syed	(Reading)	736	6	Mandy Sainsbury	(Newbury)	523
7	Nicky Mason	(Bexhill)	714	7	Jackie Bellinger	(Dunstable)	499
8	Graham Sandley	(Potters Bar)	642	8	Joanne Shaw	(Normanton)	349
9	David Wells	(Milton Keynes)	630	9	Jill Harris	(Walsall)	331
10	Philip Bradbury	(Aylesbury)	578	10	Jean Parker	(Preston)	312
11	Colin Wilson	(Cuffley)	498	11	Karen Smith	(Leicester)	226
12	Steve Mills	(Sheffield)	496	12	Carol Butler	(Plymouth)	211
13	Steven Scowcroft	(Bolton)	451	13	Suzanne Airey	(Grantham)	187
14	Chris Rogers	(Leicester)	414	14	Helen Bardwell	(Ware)	167
15	Carl Morgan	(Birmingham)	407	15	Elaine Short	(Plymouth)	166
16	Kevin Satchell	(Frome)	389	16	Sarah Sandley	(Potters Bar)	164
17	Nigel Eckersley	(Warrington)	388	17	Susan Collier	(Maidenhead)	164
18	John Hilton	(Manchester)	364	18	Jane Barella	(Surbiton)	157
19	Matthew Syed	(Reading)	363	19	Teresa Moore	(Bexhill)	149
20	Andrew Wellman	(Reading)	361	20	Kim Mudge	(London, E13)	138
21	Keith Richardson	(Soham)	344	21	Helen Williams	(Enfield)	134
22	Michael Hammond	(Surbiton)	333	22	Claire Maisey	(Swindon)	134
23	David Dodd	(London SE7)	329	23	Jill Powis	(Wolverhampton)	134
24	Phil Smith	(Horley)	326	24	Melody Hill	(Bradford)	125
25	Adrian Moore	(Bexhill)	324	25	Elaine Sayer	(London E12)	123
26	Andrew Bellingham	(Wolverhampton)	319	26	Michelle Hams	(Morden)	119
27	Stuart Palmer	(Lakenheath)	315	27	Helen Perrott	(Bristol)	116
28	Stephen Turner	(Preston)	315	28	Karen Burrows	(Castleford)	110
29	Kevin Beadsley	(Bradford)	304	29	Juliet Houghton	(Tonbridge)	104
30	Tony Taylor	(Manchester)	303	30	Angela Mitchell	(Edmonton)	96
31	Andy Creed	(Bristol)	301	31	Debbie Soothill	(Carnforth)	90
32	Brian Johns	(Northwich)	295	32	Lisa Haydon	(Brentwood)	86
33	Bradley Billington	(Chesterfield)	295	33	Diane St Ledger	(Birmingham)	84
34	Max Crimmins	(Wimbledon)	292	34	Sandra Peakman	(Birmingham)	83
35	Neil Taylor	(Cirencester)	284	35	Jackie Billington	(Chesterfield)	82
36	David Gannon	(Leicester)	279	36	Mandy Reeves	(Slough)	79
37	Desmond Charley	(London E13)	277	37	Rebecca Russe	(Weston-s-Mare)	77
38	Stephen Moore	(Bexhill)	275	38	Julie Dimmock	(Dunstable)	76
39	Barry Johnson	(Birmingham)	272	39	Julie Revill	(Oadby)	75
40	Richard Venner	(Crawley)	269	40	Sheila King	(St Leonards)	75
41	Jimmy Stokes	(Reading)	268	41	Jenny Collins	(Reading)	69
42	Adrian Dixon	(Wolverhampton)	268	42	Doreen Schofield	(Stockport)	69
43	Joe Kennedy	(London SE15)	267	43	Joanne Palmer	(Newmarket)	66
44	Paul Whiting	(Plymouth)	258	44	Helen Shields	(Bradford)	66
45	David Tan	(London N4)	256	45	Sally Weston	(Horsham)	65
46	Stephen Holloway	(London SW18)	246	46	Susan Butler	(Plymouth)	64
47	David Barr	(Newbury)	245	47	Kerry Hall	(Chesterfield)	62
48	Philip Gunn	(Birmingham)	242	48	Cheryl Buttery	(Lincoln)	61
49	Mark Mitchell	(London N9)	239	49	Lesley Popkiewicz	(Purley)	60
50	John Burleton	(London SE15)	229	50	Deborah Simmonds	(Virginia Water)	56

## Des down one but Carl swaps with Boris

England international Carl Prean, winner of the Belgian Open in November has soared up to No 13 in the latest ranking list issued by the European Table Tennis Union.

Prean, whose previous ranking of 28 caused an ETTA protest to

be lodged, will now join Desmond Douglas on the trip to Sodertalje in Sweden — reserve for what could be his first top 12 in February. Joy Grundy is also ranked but just misses the top 30 names, having dropped two places to No 34.

### Men (previous positions in brackets)

1	(1)	Andrzej Grubba	POL	16	(24)	Zsolt Kriston	HUN
2	(2)	Jan-Ove Waldner	SWE	17	(8)	Milan Orlovski	TCH
3	(6)	Erik Lindh	SWE	18	(12)	Ulf Bengtsson	SWE
4	(3)	Mikael Appelgren	SWE	19	(26)	Mariano Loukov	BUL
5	(4)	Leszek Kucharski	POL	20	(23)	Janos Takacs	HUN
6	(5)	Desmond Douglas	ENG	21	(21)	Georg Bohm	FRG
7	(7)	Jacques Secretin	FRA	22	(30)	Henk Van Spanje	HOL
8	(10)	Jindrich Pansky	TCH	23	(36)	Vladimir Broda	TCH
9	(13)	Tibor Klampar	HUN	24	(18)	Patrick Renverse	FRA
10	(17)	Ulf Carlsson	SWE	25	(32)	Patrick Birocheau	FRA
11	(14)	Jorgen Persson	SWE	26	(27)	Ilie Lupulesku	YUG
12	(11)	Andrel Mazunov	URS	27	(25)	Ralf Wosik	FRG
13	(28)	Carl Prean	ENG	28	(19)	Igor Solopov	URS
14	(9)	Dragutin Surbek	YUG	29	(15)	Boris Rozenburg	URS
15	(16)	Zoran Kalinic	YUG	30	(—)	Zoran Primorac	YUG

### Women

1	(4)	Olga Nemes	FRG	15	(13)	Mirjam Kloppenburg	HOL
2	(2)	Marie Hrachova	TCH	16	(19)	Brigitte Thiriet	FRA
3	(1)	Bettine Vrieskoop	HOL	17	(17)	Alice Pelikanova	TCH
4	(5)	Zsuzsa Olah	HUN	18	(26)	Otila Badescu	ROM
5	(9)	Csilla Batorfi	HUN	19	(25)	Anita Zacharian	URS
6	(3)	Valentina Popova	URS	20	(22)	Sonja Grefberg	FIN
7	(6)	Flura Bulatova	URS	21	(16)	Nadine Daviaud	FRA
8	(7)	Branka Batinic	YUG	22	(21)	Lisa Bellinger	ENG
9	(12)	Maria Alboiu	ROM	23	(17)	Barbro Wiktorsson	SWE
10	(11)	Gordana Perkucin	YUG	24	(—)	Andrija Ojstersek	YUG
11	(18)	Daniella Guergueltcheva	BUL	25	(23)	Alison Gordon	ENG
12	(14)	Edit Urban	HUN	26	(36)	Anke Schreiber	FRG
13	(8)	Marie Lindblad	SWE	27	(—)	Gyorgyi Fazekas	HUN
14	(10)	Narine Antonian	URS	28	(—)	Jolanta Szatko	POL
				29	(33)	Marie Svensson	SWE
				30	(—)	Alena Sarafova	TCH

## Coaching for coaches

A new series of courses designed to develop highly trained sports coaches has been launched in the West Midlands with the aim of making sure coaches in any sport learn to coach to the best of their knowledge and ability, taking advantage of all the latest developments in coaching knowledge and skills.

The training programme started in January and is supported by the West Midlands Sports Council and run by the National Coaching Foundation. It is open to both new coaches and experienced coaches who want to brush up on the latest training techniques.

Over the twelve courses the aim is to make coaches more

aware of the science and theory of exercise and body mechanics by studying the basics of coaching and physical development. Rehabilitation after injury and how to plan an effective coaching programme are among the topics covered.

The National Coaching Foundation believes they will enable coaches to do a better job through having a greater understanding of the mental and physical aspects of sport.

Full details on future courses from: *Courses for Coaches*, Sports Council, West Midlands Region, Metropolitan House, Five Ways, 1 Hagley Road, BIRMINGHAM B16 8TT. Tel: (021) 454 3808.

## Sports Medicine Exhibition

'Sports Medicine in Action' is an exhibition to be held at The Kensington Exhibition Centre, Derry Street, London W8 on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th March 1986.

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Over 60 exhibitors from fields such as bio-mechanics, fitness and performance testing, psychology, nutrition and all other areas of medicine in sport, will be on hand to give advice and useful information to visitors.

The exhibition, being staged with the assistance of the Sports Council, is also running a full lecture programme with speakers from the National Coaching Foundation, Tottenham Hotspur FC, the Human Motor Performance Laboratory and Leeds University.

You will be able to find out who to see about a serious sports injury, where to find a coach for your particular sport, how to correct bad techniques (which are often the cause of an injury) and how to begin a rehabilitation programme if you are already injured.

The chairman of the Sports Council, John Smith, said of the exhibition: "We are delighted to be involved in what promises to be a most worthwhile event. As more and more people get involved in sport, either for sheer enjoyment or through a desire for greater fitness, sports medicine will have a vital role to play".

For further information and full lecture programme contact: Judy Dobias/Beverley Bailey, Camron PR (01-240 9541)

## ESTTA Course

News just in as the magazine goes to print is of an ESTTA Coaching course for pupils at Lea Green, Matlock, Derbyshire on 1st-4th April 1986.

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*Community Programme eligibility criteria apply to these posts*

If you think that you could make this a successful scheme, please contact: Arun Leisure and Tourism Department, Council Officers, LITTLEHAMPTON, West Sussex, BN17 9EP. Tel: 0903 716133; or: *ETTA, 21 Claremont, HASTINGS TN34 1HF.* Tel: 0424 433121.

*Negotiations have also begun for an Editorial Assistant vacancy under this scheme to assist with the production of Table Tennis News.*

*Potential applicants for this post should have an interest in sports journalism, be able to type proficiently and be prepared to learn basic word-processing and typesetting.*

Enquire briefly, in writing, to the Editor, 193 Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint, HASSOCKS BN6 9RT. Approximate rate of pay: £60 for a 24 hour week.



Coaches and players (right to left) Stuart Palmer, Richard Hutchinson, Paul Gooding, Mick Palmer, Paul Hutchinson and Andrea Ambrose with some of their young pupils

## Lowestoft Coaching

David Holland

Mick and Stuart Palmer, Paul Gooding, Paul and Richard Hutchinson, and Andrea Ambrose were at Lowestoft sports centre recently to demonstrate their skills in front of local junior and adult players . . . the climax of a twelve week coaching course which they had been attending.

Juniors were invited to play singles and doubles matches during the exhibition which they thoroughly enjoyed. And the evening session turned out to be a great success.

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## Sponsor's Message

Bernhard Kotarski, Managing Director, Triumph Adler (UK) Ltd

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this, the first Triumph Adler English Open Table Tennis Championships. I join the ETTA in hoping you enjoy what promises to be a really first class sporting occasion.

The English Open is this country's premier table tennis tournament. Teams from over twenty countries are participating this year, a response which reaffirms the truly international nature of the event. And good reason why Triumph Adler, represented in almost every country in the world, should be associated with the sport, and join forces with the ETTA to promote the 1986 Championships. Those of you not familiar with Triumph Adler's activities will find a brief description on page 15 of this programme.

Of course, one of the most distinctive features of table tennis has always been its tremendous popularity, not only across national frontiers, but across many of the barriers which

otherwise divide our society. A table can be set up almost anywhere, and the equipment needed to play is relatively inexpensive. Regardless of class or sex, age or race, table tennis is within reach of almost everyone.

In the field of computers, on the other hand, this has not always been the case. Computers were for a long time a mystery to most people. The technology was perceived as difficult to understand, and the uses to which machines were put, obscure and vaguely threatening.

All that, thankfully, is changing. Indeed the whole area of high technology is gradually 'opening up' to the general public. The current boom in consumer products which use the new technology has a lot to do with it. From home computers and press button telephones to the view data services on TV, the technology is finding its way into people's living rooms.

In the office, too, rapid

changes are taking place. Sophisticated typewriters, electronic mail and personal computers, are just some of the products now common in Britain's offices, giving their users the kind of power which, a few years ago, was only available to specialist departments in large companies.

Every major newspaper has a technology page. Every evening sees computer ads on the TV. And almost every school in the country has a microcomputer.

All this attention and exposure is doing a great deal to diminish the 'Techno-fear' which inhibits acceptance of the new technology. And this is an important and welcome development. The divide which separates those who *do* understand technology from those who *don't* is of absolutely no benefit to anyone.

Manufacturers can't afford, in the long run, to alienate their customers. And the ordinary citizen can't afford to ignore the changes going on around him. He has a right to be involved in deciding what those changes should be.

We may seem to have come a long way from the subject of table tennis, but I don't think so. Sport, and particularly sports



like table tennis, played by people from all walks of life, play a vital part in eroding the barriers that otherwise divide them - barriers, for example, like that between those who understand the new technology and those who don't. By encouraging people to meet and play together, the prejudices which help build that kind of barrier are dealt with at source.

Triumph Adler is delighted to be associated with such a sport, and looks forward to a long and happy partnership with the game of table tennis.



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### Special Supplement

These pages are the start of a special Triumph Adler English Open programme supplement for Table Tennis News readers.

On page 16 is national trainer Donald Parker's predictions for the competition in which England No 1 Desmond Douglas defends his mens singles title.

The eight page draw section beginning overleaf allows readers to follow the progress of the events via the results in the national press and on page 130 of ITV's Oracle teletext service. A fuller results round-up will be included in next month's magazine; readers are advised to look out for draw changes — such as the withdrawal of the Hungarian players — when following the fortunes of the championships.

## Chairman's Welcome

Tom Blunn, Chairman, English Table Tennis Association

Two years ago we brought these championships to the super luxury of the Brighton Centre for the first time. Now, in 1986, and complete with a splendid new sponsor, Triumph Adler (UK) Ltd., it is with great delight that we return to enjoy the marvellous facilities once again.

The 1986 Triumph Adler English Open Championships brings together some of the world's leading players. It is, therefore, a feather in England's cap that we are able to offer not only playing conditions of the highest order but excellent accommodation and hospitality in the top class Metropole Hotel.

Over the years many of our foreign visitors have expressed their delight in coming to Brighton for these championships the finals of which were

held in the famous Dome. Indeed, the 1979 men's singles final from that venue still reappears on our TV screens from time to time as one of the BBC's '100 Great Sporting Moments'.

Thanks to the hard work and co-operation of the Brighton Corporation, in particular the management and staff of the Brighton Centre, the move has proved tremendously successful. Whilst we were, in the initial stages, a little nervous of moving to such a modern venue the response of players and spectators has been most encouraging.

Whilst many sports are now suffering from player misconduct and related problems I am proud to say that table tennis projects a very disciplined im-

age, one which Triumph Adler are pleased to associate with the quality and efficiency of their computer products. It gives me great pleasure to welcome to the championships Bernhard Kotarski, managing director of our sponsors.

The computer is, without doubt, the machine of the future - we look forward to the future of the English Table Tennis Association with our new sponsors.

So, what of the players' futures? Many are now looking forward to 1988 and Seoul, South Korea, where table tennis becomes an official Olympic event. What better preparation could England give its players than the opportunity of meeting their adversaries on home soil in such excellent conditions? And again, of course, in the English Opens of 1986 and 1988.

It is Jaques tables which have again been selected. Thanks are due to John Jaques and Son Ltd., for their valued support and to Dunlop with whom they alternate in the provision of tables for this event.

Our other equipment sponsors are evident, too, and I am pleased to acknowledge their support: Rodan UK Ltd,



distributors of Stiga equipment, through the supply of Nittaku balls; and Butterfly for the clothing with which the England team are so smartly equipped.

Once again BBC 'Grands-tand' cameras are here for spectators throughout the land to join us in Brighton to see whether England's Desmond Douglas can retain his title in the mens singles event. If he succeeds it will be his third English Open singles title.

The championships involve a great deal of preparation, much of which has been done by voluntary officials. My thanks goes to them; their reward will be the success of this the 56th Triumph Adler English Open Championships.



## Sponsorship: New for TA (UK)

Triumph Adler is a German company owned by the Volkswagen Group.

In almost every country in the world, TA markets a wide range of products in the field of office automation and information technology.

Best known in the UK for their Adler and Imperial typewriters, TA was one of the first companies to manufacture microcomputers, and is now one of the largest suppliers of personal microcomputers in Europe. Other products manufactured or marketed by TA include calculators, photocopiers, minicomputers, printers and software.

A selection of Triumph Adler computer products is being exhibited in the Sunrise Room of the Brighton Centre, next to the Hewison Hall, and interested parties are welcome.

Triumph Adler, the Group, has for many years sponsored Golf GTI rally cars - not surprising considering its VW parentage. In the UK, however, TA's only involvement with sport to date has been to provide the British Cycling Federation with a computerised results service for the annual Milk Race.

In the UK, TA markets its products through a network of dealers, covering most parts of the country. TA is confident that opportunities for their dealers to involve themselves locally in promoting the sport - at County Championship level, for example, or at regional tournaments - will consolidate the relationship inaugurated with the January competition. And it is hoped that the English Open Championships herald a successful and long-lived partnership between Triumph Adler and the sport of table tennis.

## Parker's prophecies

Rob Oldfield

Before the Triumph Adler English Open at Brighton, national trainer Donald Parker was optimistic about England's chances in this year's twenty-nation tournament. The team and qualifying events begin on Thursday 23rd January, followed by the individuals and final rounds on Friday and Saturday.

"I feel with Douglas and Prean playing at their best, we could win the mens team event", he said. "We have Holland in our first match - and Henk Van Spanje won two against us in the European league last year - but if Des and Carl play well we should win".

England would then almost certainly meet Sweden - weakened by the absence of their leading players Erik Lindh, Jan-Ove Waldner and Mikael Appelgren preparing for the Europe Top 12 in early February.

"I see No 3 seeds Japan as the main threat", continued Parker. "Yoshihito Miyazaki beat Andrzej Grubba at the Worlds and then a Chinese so he's got to be good. We would meet them in the semi-finals."

"If he plays like he did at Gothenburg he could win two but either Des or Carl could match him."

With Japan the toughest challenge for the men, Parker was disappointed with the hard first round draw for England I (Lisa Bellinger and Fiona Elliot) in the womens team. "It puts Lisa up against her Swedish clubmate Pia Eliasson and they practice together . . . that tends to favour the topspin player."

But he tipped England II (Alison Gordon and Joy Grundy) as quarter-finalists against Federal Germany with Hungary out and Poland bringing only a mens team. Germany are led by the former Rumanian Olga Nemes.

"Katja Nolten only beat Joy 3-1 in the Belgium Open", he said. "So if our women play well they should look for two from her"

"And in the final of the Belgian womens doubles Joy and Ali led Nemes and Nolten 16-12 in the third before losing narrowly. It could be a tough match!"

### Concerned

In a review of singles chances, Parker admitted he was concerned about the schedule for Douglas leading up to the defence of his English Open title. "Des' contract with the ETTA obliges him to play in a certain number of 3-Star tournaments", he explained. "I hope to pace him through the Cleveland, European league and international matches ready for the singles championship."

Lurking in Douglas' quarter and seeded equal fifth is the lanky Yugoslav Zoran Kalinic. The tallest international player in Europe, his penholder serves and powerful angled hitting will test the reflexes of the Birmingham left-hander.

**With a copy of the Triumph Adler English Open Draw, Table Tennis News asked England national trainer Donald Parker to gaze into the crystal ball.**

"Kalinic is difficult", admitted Parker. "You have to remember that not long ago he was No 3 in Europe".

"Although Des beat him in the Top 12 at Barcelona last year in three very close games of a five-game set, he'll need to be moving quickly and returning serve well".

Before that quarter-final meeting, Douglas might face a tough challenge from Soviet Boris Rozenburg - whom he beat, but not easily, in the recent Swedish and Hungarian Opens.

### Dryszel poser for Prean

Prean, ninth seed for the Open but elevated to No 13 in Europe since the draw was made, seems likely to play in the forthcoming Top 12 in Sweden with European champion Ulf Bengtsson rumoured to be in doubt due to injury. "Carl has an interesting first round against Stefan Dryszel - third member of the Polish team which reached the European final in Moscow", said Parker.

Poland were stumped on that occasion by France whose popular Jacques Secretin is the highest seed near to Prean. "Carl lost to him 28-26 in the third during the team semi-finals in Belgium recently", Parker recalled. "But Jacques is notorious for his dislike of combination-bat players even though seventh in Europe".

If Prean wins, look out for a repeat of the 1985 European Youth final against the exciting young Soviet Andrei Mazunov in the semis. First Mazunov has to get past the athletic Jindrich Pansky of Czechoslovakia.



Nemes the favourite

Olga Nemes, the new European No 1 yet only 17, has to be favourite for the womens England's national trainer conceded. English fans remember her spectacular Top 12 victory in Cleveland three years ago.

"She is not so reliable against backspin though", grinned Parker as he recalled his wife Jill's victory over the short counter-hitter, "so there is always the chance of an upset, perhaps for Lisa, but very very tough".

For the others, Joy Grundy has the challenge of Holland's Mirjam Kloppenburg - beaten by both Gordon and Bellinger in the Swedish Open. And Gordon faces a third-round re-match against the girl she met in last year's Omega v Zagreb European Club Cup clash, Yugoslavia's Branka Batinic.

The two English girls best chances could be together in the womens doubles having beaten both Bettine Vriesekoop (HOL)/Marie Hrachova (TCH) and Csilla Batorfi/Zsuzsa Olah (HUN) on their way to the Belgium Open final.

The mens doubles finds Douglas and Prean paired together again and seeded equal fifth for the championship.

"They were Dutch Open champions in 1984", said Parker, "but were then split - apart from European league and foreign team events. Douglas was paired with Grubba until the Polish Sports Ministry intervened to insist on all-Polish pairings in preparation for the 1988 Olympics".

### Pressure points

Those thrilling encounters in prospect, the draw has thrown up many other fascinating ties. And not just ex-England rebel Bob Potton (now Holland) against Alan Cooke in the first round!

"Nicky Mason v Steven Scowcroft is interesting", mentioned Parker. "Mason a possible for the European championships squad; Scowcroft nothing to lose. It's a big pressure match for Nicky on his home Sussex ground".

"The young Syed brothers could be under pressure too", he continued. "Matthew clashes with Nigel Eckersley in the first round of the qualifiers and Phil Bradbury could be the one who stops Andrew's chances".

The fiery redhead from Buckinghamshire put out the French ace Secretin in an astonishing result at the last Open championships.

"My tips for the others are John Souter v Steve Mills and look out for Dave Wells. The first two are Grove club-mates and know each others games very well. The pressure will be on European championships contender Souter with Mills going for his best shots".

"And Wells, who has not had a good first half of the season by his own standards, could do his chances no harm with good Cleveland and English Open performances".

# The International Teams and Competitors

## Austria (AUT)

- 56 Dietmar PALMI
- 19 Peter GOCKNER
- 168 Barbara WILTSCHKE
- 188 Andrea KRAUSKOTS

## Brazil (BRA)

- 55 Claudio KANO
- 172 Lee Yen HUA

## Canada (CAN)

- 20 Gideon Joe NG
- 38 Horatio PINTEA
- 76 Alain BOURBONNAIS
- 152 Marianne DOMONKOS
- 195 Thanh MACH
- 181 Cindy CHOY

## Czechoslovakia (TCH)

- 29 Jindrich PANSKY
- 23 Milan GRMAN
- 7 Vladislav BRODA
- 164 Alice PELIKANOVA
- 196 Renata KASALOVA

## Denmark (DEN)

- 31 Jan HARKAMP
- 9 Lars HAUTH
- 17 Johnny HANSEN
- 155 Charlotte POLK
- 200 Dorthe HAUTH

## England (ENG)

- 1st Team 28 Desmond DOUGLAS
- 51 Carl PREAN
- 2nd Team 34 Alan COOKE
- 5 Skylet ANDREW
- 1st Team 158 Lisa BELLINGER
- 173 Fiona ELLIOT
- 2nd Team 183 Alison GORDON
- 193 Joy GRUNDY

## Federal Germany (FRG)

- 50 Georg BOHM
- 13 Ralf WOSIK
- 24 Jorg ROSSKOPF
- 42 Stefan FETZNER
- 150 Olga NEMES
- 202 Katja NOLTEN
- 180 Anke SCHREIBER (Olschewski)
- 167 Inge BOHNING

## Finland (FIN)

- 18 Jarmo JOKINEN
- 41 Stefan SODERBERG
- 197 Sonja GREFBERG
- 160 Katja NIEMINEN

## France (FRA)

- 57 Jacques SECRETIN
- 8 Patrick RENVERSE
- 21 Patrick BIROCHEAU
- 39 Bruno PARIETTI
- 66 Francois FAROUT
- 198 Nadine DAVIAUD
- 170 Brigitte THIRIET
- 163 Beatrice ABGRALL
- 187 Muriel MONTEUX

## Hungary (HUN)

- 22 Zsolt KRISTON
- 35 Zsolt HARCZI
- 177 Zsuzsa OLAH
- 190 Csilla BATORFI

## Ireland (IRL)

- 32 Colum SLEVIN
- 2 ANDREW DENNISON
- 174 Anne LEONARD
- 182 Elizabeth CHEEVERS

## Japan (JPN)

- 114 Masahiro MAEHARA
- 1 Yoshihito MIYAZAKI
- 54 Juzo NUKAZUKA
- 157 Kiyomi ISHIDA
- 189 Yukino MATSUMOTO
- 199 Kyoko UCHIYAMA

## Netherlands (HOL)

- 6 Paul HALDEN
- 45 Henk van SPANJE
- 33 Bob POTTON
- 106 Frank BOUTE
- 105 Eric NOOR
- 81 Gerard BAKKER
- 191 Mirjam KLOPPENBERG
- 159 Ellen BAKKER

## Norway (NOR)

- 16 Tom JOHANSEN
- 47 Hakon HOFF

## Poland (POL)

- 52 Stefan DRYSZEL
- 25 Norbert MNICH
- 4 Zbigniew MOJSKI
- 161 Katarzyna CALINSKA
- 192 Ewa BRZEZINSKA

## Scotland (SCO)

- 27 David HANNAH
- 53 John BROE
- 179 Carol DALRYMPLE
- 166 Janet SMITH

## Sweden (SWE)

- 14 Ulf BENGTSOON
- 36 Jorgen PERSSON
- 44 Ulf CARLSSON
- 184 Barbro WIKTORSSON
- 176 Pia ELIASSON
- 162 Marie SVENSSON
- 203 Lotta EHRLMAN

## Switzerland (SUI)

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- 11 Stefan RENOLD
- 153 Monika FREY
- 194 Ines MESSER

## U.S.A. (USA)

- 37 Eric BOGGAN
- 12 Sean O'NEILL

## U.S.S.R. (URS)

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- 26 Boris ROZENBERG
- 3 Vladimir DVORAK
- 48 Valery SHEVCHENKO
- 78 Aleksandr STADNICHENKO
- 204 Fliura BULATOVA
- 171 Anita ZACHARIAN
- 156 Inga JAVOROVSKAYA
- 186 Elena KOVTUN

## Wales (WAL)

- 115 Alan GRIFFITHS
- 46 Nigel TYLER
- 10 Nigel THOMAS
- 201 Lesley TYLER
- 169 Shirley CAIN-WILLIAMS

## Yugoslavia (YUG)

- 15 Zoran KALINIC
- 49 Ilie LUPULESCU
- 40 Zoran PRIMORAC
- 178 Branka BATINIC
- 165 Gordana PERKUCIN

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## International Team Competitions Thursday, 23rd January

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# 1986 Triumph Adler English Open Championships

## EVENT 1 – Men's Singles – Qualifying Competition Thursday, 23rd January

	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	
58 John Souter (Mi)	1250 – 1	1625 – 8	1810 – 12	Qualifier 1
59 Steven Mills (Y)				
60 Paul Amos (K)	1250 – 7	1625 – 7	1810 – 9	Qualifier 2
61 David Constance (Wi)				
62 Costas Papantoniou (Mi)	1250 – 8	1700 – 11	1845 – 9	Qualifier 3
63 Terence Glennon (Do)				
64 Paul Whiting (Dv)	1250 – 9	1735 – 11	1810 – 8	Qualifier 4
65 Keir Donaldson (Ha)				
66 Francois Farout (FRA) (N)	1400 – 7	1735 – 7	1845 – 10	Qualifier 5
67 David Gannon (Le)				
68 Nicky Mason (Sy)	1400 – 8	1735 – 12	1845 – 10	Qualifier 6
69 Stephen Scowcroft (La)				
70 Colin Wilson (Mi)	1400 – 11	1735 – 9	1845 – 6	Qualifier 7
71 Ritchie Venner (Sx)				
72 Kevin Satchell (Wi)	1400 – 12	1735 – 10	1845 – 6	Qualifier 7
73 Allen Murray (Wa)				
74 David Harding (Sy)	1440 – 7	1735 – 11	1845 – 9	Qualifier 3
75 Carl Morgan (Wa)				
76 Alain Bourbonnais (CAN) (N)	1440 – 8	1735 – 7	1845 – 9	Qualifier 3
77 Andy Creed (Av)				
78 Aleksandr Stadnichenko (URS) (N)	1440 – 11	1735 – 7	1845 – 9	Qualifier 3
79 Gordon Chapman (Sy)				
80 Anthony Catt (Ha)	1440 – 12	1735 – 7	1845 – 9	Qualifier 3
81 Gerard Bakker (HOL) (N)				
82 John Hilton (La)	1250 – 11	1625 – 9	1810 – 8	Qualifier 4
83 Neil Taylor (Bk)				
84 Peter Burrows (Sx)	1250 – 12	1625 – 10	1810 – 8	Qualifier 4
85 Martin Abbott (Do)				
86 Stephen Moore (Sx)	1325 – 11	1625 – 10	1810 – 8	Qualifier 4
87 Barry Johnson (Wa)				
88 David Wells (Mi)	1325 – 12	1625 – 10	1810 – 8	Qualifier 4
89 Tony Taylor (Ch)				
90 Michael Hammond (Sy)	1325 – 1	1625 – 11	1810 – 10	Qualifier 5
91 John Payne (Mi)				
92 Neil Harris (K)	1325 – 7	1625 – 11	1810 – 10	Qualifier 5
93 Graham Toole (Ha)				
94 Alun Garraway (Sy)	1325 – 8	1625 – 12	1810 – 10	Qualifier 5
95 Adrian Moore (Sx)				
96 Matthew Syed (Bk)	1325 – 9	1625 – 12	1810 – 10	Qualifier 5
97 Nigel Eckersley (La)				
98 Andrew Dodd (K)	1515 – 7	1735 – 12	1845 – 10	Qualifier 6
99 Colin Luscombe ((Bu)				
100 Andrew Syed (Bk)	1515 – 8	1735 – 12	1845 – 10	Qualifier 6
101 Phillip Smith (Sx)				
102 Adrian Dixon (St)	1515 – 11	1735 – 9	1845 – 10	Qualifier 6
103 Philip Bradbury (Bu)				
104 Colin Pitt (E)	1515 – 12	1735 – 9	1845 – 10	Qualifier 6
105 Eric Noor (HOL) (N)				
106 Frank Boute (HOL) (N)	1550 – 7	1735 – 10	1845 – 6	Qualifier 7
107 Percy Collino (Mi)				
108 Pat Glynn (Wa)	1550 – 8	1735 – 10	1845 – 6	Qualifier 7
109 Jimmy Stokes (Bk)				
110 Paul Giles (Dv)	1550 – 11	1735 – 8	1845 – 6	Qualifier 7
111 David Dodd (K)				
112 Rupert Bole (Sy)	1550 – 12	1735 – 8	1845 – 6	Qualifier 7
113 Stephen Dorking (E)				

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## EVENT 1 – Men's Singles (Oldroyd Cup) Friday 24th January – Saturday 25th January

	FRIDAY ROUND 1	FRIDAY ROUND 2	FRIDAY ROUND 3	FRIDAY QUARTER-FINALS	SATURDAY SEMI-FINALS	SATURDAY FINAL
1 Yoshihito Miyazaki (JPN) (N) Q5	(S1) 1455-1					
2 Andrew Dennison (IRL) (N)						
3 Vladimir Dvorak (URS) (N)	1455-2	1725-3				
4 Zbigniew Mojski (POL) (N)						
5 Skylet Andrew (ENG) (N)	1455-3		1915-5			
6 Paul Halden (HOL) (N)		1725-2				
7 Vladislav Broda (TCH) (N)	(S9=) 1455-4					
8 Patrick Renverse (FRA) (N)	(S9=) 1455-5			2015-6		
9 Lars Hauth (DEN) (N)						
10 Nigel Thomas (WAL) (N)		1725-7				
11 Stefan Renold (SUI) (N)	1455-6		1915-3			
12 Sean O'Neill (USA) (N)						
13 Ralf Wosik (FRG) (N)	1455-7					
Q6		1725-11				
14 Ulf Bengtsson (SWE) (N)	(S5=) 1455-8					
15 Zoran Kalinic (YUG) (N)	(S5=) 1455-9				1020-4	
16 Tom Johansen (NOR) (N)						
17 Johnny Hansen (DEN) (N)		1725-8				
18 Jarmo Jokinen (FIN) (N)	1455-10		1925-1			
19 Peter Gockner (AUT) (N) Q4						
20 Gideon-Joe Ng (CAN) (N)		1725-10				
21 Patrick Birocheau (FRA) (N)	(S9=) 1455-12					
22 Zsolt Kriston (HUN) (N)	(S9=) 1530-1				2025-2	
23 Milan Grman (TCH) (N)						
24 Jorg Roskopf (FRG) (N)		1725-12				
25 Norbert Mnich (POL) (N)	1530-2		1925-4			
26 Boris Rozenberg (URS) (N) Q7						
27 David Hannah (SCO) (N)		1725-6				
28 Desmond Douglas (ENG) (N)	(S3=) 1530-5					
29 Jindrich Pansky (TCH) (N)	(S3=) 1530-4					
30 Thierry Miller (SUI) (N)						
31 Jan Harkamp (DEN) (N)		1805-7				
32 Colum Slevin (IRL) (N)	1530-6		1935-9			
33 Bob Potton (HOL) (N)						
34 Alan Cooke (ENG) (N)	1530-7					
35 Zsolt Harczí (HUN) (N)		1805-1				
36 Jorgen Persson (SWE) (N)	S9=) 1530-8					
37 Eric Boggan (USA) (N)	(S9=) 1530-9				2035-3	
38 Horatio Pintea (CAN) (N)						
39 Bruno Parietti (FRA) (N)		1805-11				
40 Zoran Primorac (YUG) (N)	1530-10		1935-6			
Q1						
41 Stefan Soderberg (FIN) (N)	1530-11					
42 Stefan Fetzner (FRG) (N)		1805-8				
43 Andrei Mazunov (URS) (N)	(S5=) 1530-12					
44 Ulf Carlsson (SWE) (N)	(S5=) 1605-5					
45 Henk Van Spanje (HOL) (N)						
46 Nigel Tyler (WAL) (N) Q2		1805-6				
47 Hakon Hoff (NOR) (N)	1605-7		1945-10			
48 Valery Shevchenko (URS) (N)						
49 Ilie Lupulescu (YUG) (N)		1805-5				
50 Georg Bohm (FRG) (N)	(S9=) 1605-6					
51 Carl Prean (ENG) (N)	(S9=) 1645-3				2045-4	
52 Stefan Dryszel (POL) (N)						
Q3		1805-12				
53 John Broe (SCO) (N)	1645-11		1945-2			
54 Juzo Nukazuka (JPN) (N)						
55 Claudio Kano (BRA)	1645-12					
56 Dietmar Palmi (AUT) (N)		1805-3				
57 Jacques Secretin (FRA) (N)	(S2) 1645-4					

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**Desmond Douglas (ENG)  
Holder**

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## EVENT 2 – Men's Doubles Qualifying Competition Friday, 24th January

ROUND 1		ROUND 2	
101/71 P. Smith & R. Venner (Sx)	1040 – 7	1125 – 8	Qualifier 1
80/65 A. Catt & K. Donaldson (Ha)			
109/100 J. Stokes & A. Syed (Bk)	1015 – 10	1055 – 8	Qualifier 2
97/69 N. Eckersley & S. Scowcroft (La)			
82/87 J. Hilton & B. Johnson (La/Wa)	1015 – 11	1055 – 8	Qualifier 2
88/103 D. Wells & P. Bradbury (Mi/Bu)			
110/64 P. Giles & P. Whiting (Dv)	1015 – 12	1055 – 8	Qualifier 2
105/33 E. Noor & B. Potton (HOL) (N)			
58/70 J. Souter & C. Wilson (Mi)	1015 – 1	1055 – 11	Qualifier 3
102/75 A. Dixon & C. Morgan (St/Wa)			
92/99 N. Harris & C. Luscombe (K/Bu)	1015 – 2	1055 – 11	Qualifier 3
95/86 A. Moore & S. Moore (Sx)			

## EVENT 2 – Men's Doubles (Ed. W. Jones Cup) Friday 24th January – Saturday 25th January

	FRIDAY ROUND 1	FRIDAY ROUND 2	SATURDAY QUARTER-FINALS	SATURDAY SEMI-FINALS	SATURDAY FINAL
21/57 P. Birocheau & J. Secretin (FRA) (N)	(S1) 1150 – 1	1240 – 9	0900 – 3	0945 – 4	Johnny Akesson/ Jorgen Persson (SWE) Holders
37/12 E. Boggan & S. O'Neill (USA)	1150 – 2				
18/41 J. Jokinen & S. Soderberg (FIN)	1150 – 3	1240 – 10	0900 – 5		
3/55 V. Dvorak & C. Kano (URS/BRA)	(S5 =) 1150 – 4				
Q2	1150 – 5	1240 – 1	0910 – 10		
19/56 P. Gockner & D. Palmi (AUT)	(S5 =) 1150 – 6				
53/27 J. Broe & D. Hannah (SCO)	1150 – 7	1240 – 2	0910 – 4		
23/29 M. Grman & J. Pansky (TCH) (N)	(S3 =) 1150 – 8				
43/26 A. Mazunov & B. Rosenberg (URS) (N)	1150 – 9	1240 – 5	0955 – 5		
5/34 S. Andrew & A. Cooke (ENG) (N)	(S3 =) 1150 – 10				
Q3	1150 – 11	1250 – 3	0910 – 4		
52/25 S. Dryszel & N. Mnich (POL)	(S5 =) 1150 – 12				
81/106 G. Bakker & F. Boute (HOL) (N)	1215 – 6	1250 – 4	0910 – 4		
20/38 G-J. Ng & H. Pintea (CAN)	(S5 =) 1215 – 7				
42/24 S. Fetzner & J. Roszkopf (FRG) (N)	1215 – 8	1250 – 4	0910 – 4		
44/15 U. Carlsson & Z. Kalinic (SWE/YUG) (N) (S3 =)	(S5 =) 1215 – 9				
49/40 I. Lupulescu & Z. Primorac (YUG)	1215 – 10	1250 – 4	0910 – 4		
31/9 J. Harkamp & L. Hauth (DEN)	(S5 =) 1215 – 11				
47/16 H. Hoff & T. Johansen (NOR)	1215 – 12	1250 – 4	0910 – 4		
48/78 V. Shevchenko & A. Stadnichenko (URS) (N)	(S5 =) 1215 – 13				
30/11 T. Miller & S. Renold (SUI)	1215 – 14	1250 – 4	0910 – 4		
2/32 A. Dennison & C. Slevin (IRL)	(S5 =) 1215 – 15				
50/13 G. Bohm & R. Wosik (FRG) (N)	1215 – 16	1250 – 4	0910 – 4		
1/54 Y. Miyazaki & J. Nukazuka (JPN)	(S5 =) 1215 – 17				
28/51 D. Douglas & C. Prean (ENG) (N)	1215 – 18	1250 – 4	0910 – 4		
35/22 Z. Harczy & Z. Kriston (HUN)	(S5 =) 1215 – 19				
10/46 N. Thomas & N. Tyler (WAL)	1215 – 20	1250 – 4	0910 – 4		
7/4 V. Broda & Z. Mojski (TCH/POL) (N)	(S5 =) 1215 – 21				
6/45 P. Halden & H. Van Spanje (HOL) (N)	1215 – 22	1250 – 4	0910 – 4		
Q1	(S5 =) 1215 – 23				
39/8 B. Parietti & P. Renverse (FRA) (N)	1215 – 24	1250 – 4	0910 – 4		
14/36 U. Bengtsson & J. Persson (SWE) (N)	(S2) 1215 – 25				

## EVENT 3 – Women's Singles Qualifying Competition Thursday, 23rd January

ROUND 1		ROUND 2	
205 Lesley Popkiewicz (Sy)	1700 – 8	1810 – 11	Qualifier 1
206 Susan Collier (Bk)			
207 Teresa Moore (Sx)	1700 – 9	1810 – 7	Qualifier 2
208 Juliet Houghton (K)			
209 Jane Barella (Sy)	1700 – 10	1810 – 7	Qualifier 2
210 Sally Weston (Sx)			
211 Carol Butler (Dv)	1700 – 12	1810 – 7	Qualifier 2
212 Claire Maisey (Wi)			

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## EVENT 3 – Women's Singles (Nicholls Cup) Friday 24th January – Saturday 25th January

	FRIDAY ROUND 1	FRIDAY ROUND 2	FRIDAY ROUND 3	FRIDAY QUARTER-FINALS	FRIDAY SEMI-FINALS	SATURDAY FINAL
151 Olga Nemes (FRG) (N)	(S1)					
Bye						
152 Marianne Domonkos (CAN) (N)		1605-1				
153 Monika Frey (SUI) (N)	1345-7					
154 Jackie Bellinger (Bd)			1725-5			
155 Charlotte Polk (DEN) (N)	1345-8					
156 Inga Javorovskaya (URS) (N)		1605-10				
157 Kiyomi Ishida (JPN) (N)	(S9=)	1345-9				
158 Lisa Bellinger (ENG) (N)	(S9=)			1955-3		
159 Ellen Bakker (HOL) (N)	1345-10					
160 Katja Nieminen (FIN) (N)		1605-9				
161 Katazena Kalinska (POL) (N)	1345-11					
162 Marie Svensson (SWE) (N)			1725-4			
163 Beatrice Abgrall (FRA) (N)	1345-12					
Bye		1605-2				
164 Alice Pelikanova (TCH) (N)	(S5=)					
165 Gordana Perkucin (YUG) (N)	(S5=)				2045-1	
Bye						
166 Janet Smith (SCO) (N)		1605-3				
167 Inge Bohning (FRG) (N)	1345-1					
168 Barbara Wiltsche (AUT) (N)	Q1		1725-9			
	1345-2					
169 Shirley Cain-Williams (WAL) (N)		1605-11				
170 Brigitte Thiriet (FRA) (N)	(S9=)	1345-3				
171 Anita Zacharian (URS) (N)	(S9=)			1955-5		
172 Lee Yen Hua (BRA)	1345-4					
173 Fiona Elliot (ENG) (N)		1605-12				
174 Anne Leonard (IRL) (N)	1345-5					
175 Jill Harris (St)			1725-1			
176 Pia Eliasson (SWE) (N)	1345-6					
Bye		1605-4				
177 Zsuzsa Olah (HUN) (N)	(S3=)					
178 Branka Batinic (YUG) (N)	(S3=)					
Bye						
179 Carole Dalrymple (SCO) (N)		1645-7				
Q2	1420-1					
180 Anke Schreiber (FRG) (N)			1805-4			
181 Cindy Choy (CAN) (N)	1420-2					
182 Elizabeth Cheevers (IRL) (N)		1645-6				
183 Alison Gordon (ENG) (N)	(S9=)	1420-3				
184 Barbro Wiktorsson (SWE) (N)	(S9=)			2005-1		
185 Mandy Sainsbury (Bk)	1420-4					
186 Elena Kovtun (URS) (N)		1645-8				
187 Muriel Monteux (FRA) (N)	1420-5					
188 Andrea Krauskots (AUT) (N)			1805-9			
189 Yukino Matsumoto (JPN) (N)	1420-6					
Bye		1645-5				
190 Csilla Batorfi (HUN) (N)	(S5=)					
191 Mirjam Kloppenberg (HOL) (N)	(S5=)				2055-5	
Bye						
192 Ewa Brzezinska (POL) (N)		1645-2				
193 Joy Grundy (ENG) (N)	1420-7					
194 Ines Messer (SUI) (N)			1805-10			
195 Thanh Mach (CAN) (N)	1420-8					
196 Renata Kasalova (TCH) (N)		1645-1				
197 Sonja Grefberg (FIN) (N)	(S9=)	1420-9				
198 Nadine Daviaud (FRA) (N)	(S9=)			2005-4		
199 Kyoko Uchiyama (JPN) (N)	1420-10					
200 Dorthe Hauth (DEN) (N)		1645-9				
201 Lesley Tyler (WAL) (N)	1420-11					
202 Katja Nolten (FRG) (N)			1805-2			
203 Lotta Ehrلمان (SWE) (N)	1420-12					
Bye		1645-10				
204 Fliura Bulatova (URS) (N)	(S2)					

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**Anita Zacharian (URS)  
Holder**

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## EVENT 4 – Women's Doubles (Coronation Cup) Friday 24th January – Saturday 25th January

	FRIDAY ROUND 1	FRIDAY ROUND 2	SATURDAY QUARTER-FINALS	SATURDAY SEMI-FINALS	SATURDAY FINAL
90/177 C. Batorfi & Z. Olah (HUN) Bye	(S1)				
200/155 D. Hauth & C. Polk (DEN)		1215 – 9			
176/162 P. Eliasson & M. Svensson (SWE) (N)	1125 – 1				
158/173 L. Bellinger & F. Elliot (ENG) (N)			0925 – 9		
153/194 M. Frey & I. Messer (SUI)	1125 – 2				
179/166 C. Dalrymple & J. Smith (SCO)		1215 – 10			
157/189 K. Ishida & Y. Matsumoto (JPN) (N)	(S5 =) 1125 – 3				
196/164 R. Kasalova & A. Pelikanova (TCH) Bye	(S5 =)			1005 – 3	
154/185 J. Bellinger & M. Sainsbury (Bd/Bk)		1215 – 11			
163/187 B. Agrall & M. Monteux (FRA) (N)	1125 – 4				
161/192 K. Kalinska & E. Brzezinska (POL)			0925 – 5		
167/180 I. Bohning & A. Schreiber (FRG) (N) Bye		1215 – 12			
204/186 F. Bulatova & E. Kovtun (URS) (N)	(S3 =)				
151/202 O. Nemes & K. Nolten (FRG) (N) Bye	(S3 =)				
152/195 M. Domonkos & T. Mach (CAN)		1215 – 1			
159/191 E. Bakker & M. Kloppenberg (HOL)	1125 – 6				
182/174 E. Cheevers & A. Leonard (IRL)			0935 – 10		
197/160 S. Grefberg & K. Nieminen (FIN)	1125 – 7				
209/210 J. Barella & S. Weston (Sy/Sx)		1215 – 2			
198/170 N. Daviaud & B. Thiriet (FRA) (N)	(S5 =) 1125 – 9				
183/193 A. Gordon & J. Grundy (ENG) (N)	(S5 =)			1015 – 9	
169/201 S. Cain-Williams & L. Tyler (WAL)	1125 – 10				
156/171 I. Javorovskaya & A. Zacharian (URS) (N)		1215 – 3			
188/168 A. Krauskots & B. Wiltche (AUT)	1125 – 11				
203/184 L. Ehrلمان & B. Wiktorsson (SWE) (N)			0935 – 3		
172/199 Lee Yen Hua & K. Uchiyama (BRA/JPN) (N) Bye	1125 – 12				
78/165 B. Batinic & G. Perkucin (YUG)	(S2)	1215 – 4			

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**Patrice Germain/  
Brigitte Thiriet (FRA)  
Holders**

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## EVENT 5 – Mixed Doubles (Bill Stamp Cup) Friday 24th January – Saturday 25th January

	FRIDAY ROUND 1	FRIDAY ROUND 2	FRIDAY ROUND 3	FRIDAY QUARTER-FINALS	SATURDAY SEMI-FINALS	SATURDAY FINAL
15/178 Z. Kalinic & Branka Batinic (YUG) (N) Bye	(S1)					
25/192 N. Mnich & Ewa Brzezinska (POL) (N) 9/200 L. Hauth & Dorthe Hauth (DEN) (N)	0900-1	0950-2				
30/153 T. Miller & Monika Frey (SUI) (N) 50/167 G. Bohm & Inge Bohning (FRG) (N)	0900-2		1040-4			
38/152 H. Pinteá & Marianne Domonkos (CAN) (N) 5/173 S. Andrew & Fiona Elliot (ENG) (N)	0900-3	0950-1				
44/162 U. Carlsson & Marie Svensson (SWE) (N) Bye				2135-6		
66/170 F. Farout & Brigitte Thiriet (FRA) (N) 54/189 J. Nukazuka & Yukino Matsumoto (JPN) (N)	0900-4	0950-6				
56/168 D. Palmi & Barbara Wiltsche (AUT) (N) 3/186 V. Dvorak & Elena Kovtun (URS) (N) Bye	0900-5		1040-3			
7/164 V. Broda & Alice Pelikanova (TCH) (N) (S5=)		0950-7				
22/190 Z. Kriston & Csilla Batorfi (HUN) (N) (S5=)						1115-4
114/199 M. Maehara & Kyoko Uchiyama (JPN) (N) 45/191 H. Van Spanje & Mirjam Kloppenberg (HOL) (N)	0900-6	0950-8				
76/181 A. Bourbonnais & Cindy Choy (CAN) (N) 8/163 P. Renverse & Beatrice Abgrall (FRA) (N) Bye	0900-7		1040-5			
26/171 B. Rozenberg & Anita Zacharian (URS) (N)		0950-9				
10/169 N. Thomas & Shirley Cain-Williams (WAL) (N) Bye				2135-2		
27/179 D. Hannah & Carol Dalrymple (SCO) (N) 2/182 A. Dennison & Elizabeth Cheevers (IRL) (N)	0900-8	0950-10				
41/160 S. Soderberg & Katja Nieminen (FIN) (N) 42/202 S. Fetzner & Katja Nolten (FRG) (N) Bye	0900-9		1040-6			
28/183 D. Douglas & Alison Gordon (ENG) (N) (S3=)		0950-12				
14/177 U. Bengtsson & Zsuzsa Olah (SWE/HUN) (N) (S3=)						
52/161 S. Dryszel & Katazena Kalinska (POL) (N) 53/166 J. Broe & Janet Smith (SCO) (N)	0900-10	0950-3				
11/194 S. Renold & Ines Messer (SUI) (N) 48/204 V. Shevchenko & Fliura Bulatova (URS) (N) Bye	0900-11		1055-1			
23/196 M. Grman & Renata Kasalova (TCH) (N)		0950-4				
21/187 P. Birocheau & Muriel Monteux (FRA) (N) Bye				2135-3		
20/195 G-J. Ng & Thanh Mach (CAN) (N) 24/151 J. Rosskopf & Olga Nemes (FRG) (N)	0925-1	1015-5				
55/172 C. Kano & Lee Yen Hua (BRA) 46/201 N. Tyler & Lesley Tyler (WAL) (N) Bye	0925-2		1055-9			
51/193 C. Prean & Joy Grundy (ENG) (N) (S5=)		1015-6				
49/165 I. Lupulescu & G. Perkucin (YUG) (N) (S5=)						1115-5
101/210 P. Smith & Sally Weston (Sx) 18/197 J. Jokinen & Sonja Grefberg (FIN) (N)	0900-12	0950-11				
39/198 B. Parietti & Nadine Daviaud (FRA) (N) 17/155 J. Hansen & Charlotte Polk (DEN) (N) Bye	0925-3		1055-10			
81/159 G. Bakker & Ellen Bakker (HOL) (N)		1015-7				
32/174 C. Slevin & Anne Leonard (IRL) (N) Bye				2135-4		
34/158 A. Cooke & Lisa Bellinger (ENG) (N) 19/188 P. Gockner & Andrea Krauskots (AUT) (N)	0925-4	1015-8				
78/156 A. Stadnichenko & Inga Javorovskaya (URS) (N) 13/180 R. Wosik & Anke Schreiber (FRG) (N) Bye	0925-5		1055-2			
1/157 Y. Miyazaki & Kiyomi Ishida (JPN) (N) (S2)		1015-9				

Winners: \_\_\_\_\_

**Seiji Ono/  
Yoshiko Shimauchi (JPN)  
Holders**

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## CHRIS WINS FINAL SETT



Avon chairman Eric Wynn (centre) presenting the county mens doubles trophy to singles champion Chris Holley (right) and Gary Baldwin

Chris Holley is the new Avon mens champion. In the county closed tournament, sponsored by Badgerline, at Nailsea on 7th/8th December he defeated Bob Murray 21-18, 21-15 in the final to take the title.

But the honours went to David Hadley who took four junior titles - the cadet and junior boys singles and, with Tyler Moore, the junior boys doubles and the junior team event.

The tournament, staged at Nailsea for the first time attracted over 200 entries. And Badgerline representative Dennis Lush, on hand to present some of the trophies, said, "I was very impressed with the standard of table tennis played, the enthusiasm and sportsmanship of the players and the efficient running of the event which is a great credit to the county organisers."

"We were delighted to be associated with this successful and prestigious tournament".

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MS: Holley b Murray 18, 15. WS: Michele Cohen b Helen Perrott 13, 15. MD: Gary Baldwin/Holley b Paul Hooper/Paul Lewis -20, 16, 20. WD: Cohen/Perrott b Michelle Holt/Mary Heffernon 11, 12. XD: Lewis/Perrott b Hooper/Heffernon -17, 17, 10. VS: Tony Brown b Roy Smith 13, 12. JBS: Hadley b Steve Bettison 13, 18. JGS: winner - Sarah Kettle; runner-up - Carey Webb. JD: Hadley/Moore b Bettison/Neil Finlayson 16, 7. CBS: Hadley b Bettison 12, 11. CGS: Kate Matthews b Emma Stapleford 9, 8. U12BS: Michael Jackson b Ewan Finlayson -17, 17, 15. U12GS: Stapleford b Emma Yeo 6, 12.

## BEDFORDSHIRE

by Mary Williams

In the Bromfield Trophy recently Luton entertained Leamington Spa at the Luton regional sports centre. Joyce Mitchell, Ruth Forrester and Louise Dean had a fine win over their opponents and were due to play Wolverhampton in the third round by the end of December.

Luton raced into a 5-1 lead before the visitors' Tracey Green won her second set - this time at the expense of Joyce. But Luton hit back to win 7-2 overall with Ruth undefeated.

There has been success, too, for Caroline Buckley. She won the cadet singles at the Kent Junior 2-Star in early November beating Ruth Skinner in the final and was runner-up in the cadet girls doubles.

### AHW Pioneers

With several 5-3 wins under their belt AHW Pioneers looked forward

to their match against Soham in the Halex National League when injury-plagued Ian Doughty made a long awaited return to the side. County No 2 Doughty won one of his sets and helped his team to another 5-3 win in one of the most exciting matches AHW have played.

Five out of the eight games went the full distance of three games with David Sharpe and Karl Bushell undefeated for the Pioneers.

In the following match they entertained Fellows Cranleigh - the Essex team that have been chasing them hard all season. Sharpe, Les Wooding, Doughty and Bushell were hoping to repeat the 5-3 winning formula.

But Fellows Cranleigh took the match 6-2 with Paul Sayer, Jeff Drew and Peter Norcott in fine form for the visitors.

## CUMBRIAN JUNIORS COVER

Colin Taylor

After a break of two years from the senior county championships, it looked as though the decision to re-enter was the wrong one when the county trials were held at the beginning of the season. Many regular faces were found to be conspicuous by their absence.

In the end, the senior ranking lists were filled with the talented and keen juniors from Barrow and Kendal. But it left gaps in the senior team when both played on the same day.

The juniors started in fine form winning their first two matches against Cheshire II and Clwyd. And the seniors also started with a win, beating Northumberland II 7-3 at Kendal.

In the latter, one gained the impression that the young women from Barrow, Karen Griffiths and Karen Backhouse, could prove to be the backbone of the side in future matches.

But the second match, against Warwickshire II at Birmingham, was lost 1-9 though Backhouse kept her unbeaten singles record with a straight games win. Only the mens doubles involving Tim and Andrew Pachul of Barrow, and Tim's encounter with his opposite No 1 S Bertie went the full distance.

In their third match, the seniors lost to Lincolnshire 3-7 at Millom

despite a hard fight and top class performances from the Pachul brothers to win three singles between them: Tim, in particular, had impressive scores of 21-16, 21-15 over Stuart Worrell and 15-21, 21-18, 22-20 over David Skerratt. Griffiths, by no means outclassed, just lost to Susan Radley 19-21, 20-22.

### Seventy at Carlisle coaching

In a successful coaching weekend held by the Carlisle league under the guidance of national coach Peter Simpson, approximately 70 players attended. The league premier division of seven teams is currently led by SC Spartans - unbeaten after eight matches and with a useful four point advantage over last seasons champions Royal Oak.

Roger Stewart of Spartans, top of the averages for a number of years, has yet to be beaten. His teammates are Colin Powell and Roger Armstrong.

Dumfries head division one narrowly from Civil Service B. Roger Ridley is the only unbeaten player in the division but his team, Cavendish, are stuck in mid-table.

Sands A, new to the league, are topping division two ably led by John Bailey. Ferguson A, lying second, have the only unbeaten player in the division - Les Taylor.

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## DERBYSHIRE NOTES

Malcolm Allsop

Matlock produced the shock result in the opening matches of the Derbyshire Inter-Town league by thrashing last season's division one champions Burton by 9-1. Geoff Gill and Tony Gregory won all their sets for Matlock, with Stuart Brooks gaining Burton's consolation win in the final singles over Mick Thorley.

Bill Fowkes and Malcolm Allsop won two singles each and combined to win the doubles for Eastwood in a close 6-4 victory over Derby. John Whittaker and Chris Francis won a singles each for Derby.

In division two, Derby II continued their successful run with Harry Grantham, John Hibbert and Neil Russell in convincing form in a 10-0 win over Matlock II.

Micael Peska won his singles for Eastwood, but could not prevent Burton II from gaining a 6-4 victory.

In the veterans division, champions Matlock had a convincing 10-0 win over Chesterfield; with Burton 8-2 victors over Buxton.

Charles Horn and Robin Seale won two singles each for Derby who were held to a 5-5 draw by Eastwood after leading 5-3 - Dave Inkle played well for Eastwood to gain two singles wins.

Derby's hold on the junior division took a nosedive when they were beaten 8-2 by a strong Chesterfield team, with only Penny Corden putting up any resistance to the fighters from the 'spire town'.

### Derby HQ plans

Plans are still in hand for a new league headquarters to be built this

year and fund-raising efforts are being stepped up to ensure that the building can go ahead.

However, on the playing side, the league's divisional championships were held at the St Ralph Sherwin school with Martin Simpson playing well to win the premier division singles and doubles titles.

In the singles he beat Stephen Yallop 21-19, 17-21, 21-16 and combined with Philip Vickers for the doubles.

David O'Donnell was the most successful player on the day with a hat-trick of titles in the divs 5 & 6 singles and the div 6 doubles.

### Exciting Eastwood

The divisional championships of the Eastwood league produced some exciting and interesting table tennis at the Heanor community centre.

Bill Fowkes was in brilliant form and was never troubled on his way to winning the division one title, beating sixteen year old Stephen Taylor 21-17, 23-21 in the final.

Taylor had caused the surprise of the tournament in beating his elder brother and last season's champion, Barry, in a good semi-final match.

The junior division was enthusiastically contested with Stephen Porter fighting back well to win a close final against Darren Facey 20-22, 21-12, 21-16.

The tournament, excellently organised by Les Allwood, was sponsored by Birchprint whose managing director, Melvin Birch, is vice-president of the league.

## PETERLEE HEAD DURHAM LEAGUE

Harry Black

Peterlee are clear leaders of the senior division with a maximum haul of twelve points from six matches. In their latest they inflicted the first defeat on an understrength Philadelphia A, 8-2.

Darlington also lost their unbeaten tag when they travelled to play Sunderland B. In a close match where six sets needed a deciding game, Sunderland emerged as 6-4 winners.

Ken Bowman on representative debut for the home side was unbeaten with victories over former county No 1 John Crawford, Keith Wilson and Tony Langley. Tom Bainbridge and Barry Cuthbertson were the other winners for Sunderland.

Senior Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
Peterlee	3	3	0	0	12
Philadelphia A	4	3	0	1	11
Darlington	3	2	0	1	9
Sunderland A	2	2	0	0	8
Sunderland B	4	2	0	2	7
Bishop Auckland	3	0	1	2	2

Junior Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
Sunderland A	3	3	0	0	11
Sunderland B	3	2	0	1	9
Bishop Auckland	3	2	0	1	8
Peterlee	3	1	0	2	4
Philadelphia	4	0	0	4	0

Durham have still to register their first points in the county championships even after three matches. Their latest setback was a 3-7 home defeat against Clwyd at Washington on 30th November.

Pride of place must go to the women of the team. Had it not been for them, the side would not have won a set.

Lynne Yarnell and Lynne Bainbridge won their singles matches and then combined to take the doubles. David Godbold, not for the first time this season, gave an excellent account of himself by taking a game off Trevor Manning and going close to Mark Thomas.

### Sunderland cup successes

Sunderland's mens and boys teams are already through to the third round of the Wilmott and Carter Cup competitions. Both had been drawn at home to the Tyneside Summer League and the score was 6-0 in both matches. The men now entertain Northumberland; the boys Ormesby or Westmoreland.

### Good on yer Len

Len Cockfield, chairman of the once mighty Newton Aycliffe league in County Durham, has launched an appeal to rebuild the league which folded two years ago.

It was once one of the strongest leagues in the area and had 20 teams in two divisions. Newsagent Len recently returned up north after running a shop in Cambridgeshire.

"It seems there are difficulties getting teams these days because there are not the people around to do the hard work of being a secretary. But I'm prepared to give it one last go", he told Darlington's *Northern Despatch*.

## RESHUFFLE IN ESSEX SHAKE-UP

Laurie Darnell

Essex management committee have decided that the first of the 'Plan for Essex' suggestions to be implemented should be the reorganisation of themselves!

Roy Franklin of Braintree, and a member of the working party which compiled the report, is to draft the rule changes which might be necessary to disband the executive committee; to hold management committee meetings every six weeks instead of quarterly at a central venue; to ensure sub-committees meet at least three times a year and prepare formal minutes; and to circulate minutes within two weeks of meetings.

"This was felt necessary", explained working party chairman Clive Oakman, "so that members would have time to implement the actions required of them by committee decisions. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the report can purchase them from me at 27 Darnet Road, Tollesbury MALDON, Essex, price £2.00".

### The largest inter-league?

With 131 teams representing 16 leagues playing once a month between November and March, the Essex inter-league competition must be the largest in the country.

With not more than six teams in each division, there are twenty four divisions in total, including five mens, eight veterans and four juniors. Southend are the most enthusiastic with twelve teams in four of the six competitions, while Chelmsford and Romford have eleven - spread across the full range.

Competition secretary Barry Granger is seeking to make changes for next season - replacing two doubles from the veterans matches with singles; altering the scoring system so that each set won counts as one point; requiring players to play 33% of league matches instead of 25%; and introducing a fine system for conceded matches.

## SWEDE STARS IN DORSET DERBY

Martin Hughes

The Wilmott Cup brought Dorset's local sides Poole and Bournemouth together in a second round clash. Bournemouth eventually won the match 5-4 with the result resting on the final game of the afternoon.

Hakan Sigrell, a Swedish student residing in Bournemouth for the next three years made his debut for the league team as he won two sets in fine style.

And Rodney Thomas showed his true form when he demolished Poole's Tony Clayton 21-18, 21-18 - the only local player to beat Clayton this season.

### Tees Sport Super League

The local super league has been a resounding success in its first season and with only a few games remaining before Christmas brings an end to the first session, Clayton is assured of first prize.

He has only been beaten once in the league so far; Thomas being responsible for inflicting the damage in an otherwise fine display of consistent table tennis.

Current standings (Played/won): Tony Clayton 41/40; Mark Werner 41/30; Martin Abbott 41/28; John Robinson 43/27; Rodney Thomas 46/25; Graham Toole 46/25; Jason Creasey 42/23; Martin Hughes 43/13; Terry Glennon 38/11; Mike Hughes 40/5; Steve Davies 44/4.

### Lychett top of the Poole

In the Poole league, Lychett A are still dominating the premier division. They have dropped just one point without having to field their strongest team of Clayton, Thomas and Robinson.

Broadstone A are in contention behind Lychett while Ashurst have benefitted from the experience of county veteran Mike Toole in their promising start.

Ringwood are leading division one with a 100% record and in division two, eight players have averages over 80%. One of these is the evergreen Geoff Platt who has been playing for over 50 years and is still a very competitive player.

## NEW GLOUCESTERSHIRE LEAGUE

Alf Pepperd

In November's *Table Tennis News* John Preat mentioned that table tennis in general is losing members at an alarming rate. He even quoted percentage figures of around 8% for last season alone.

I have no doubt at all that John's figures are anything but correct. Nevertheless, here in rural Gloucestershire, table tennis is on the upward trend.

For so many years we have only been able to muster a total of three leagues - Gloucester, Stroud and Cheltenham. However, recently, due to sterling work by several county committee members (past and present) it appears highly likely that organised table tennis will shortly return to Cirencester - after a lapse of 26 years.

A number of clubs have already signified their willingness to participate and a steering committee has been elected with the intention of commencing league matches in January.

### Darren takes over

Held in Cheltenham - as last year - the county closed championships proved a worthy success and a highly exciting event. County No 1 Darren Griffin took the singles title from defending champion Graham Slack 21-17, 21-19, and then teamed up with fellow Rudford clubmate Frank Jones to win the mens doubles.

17 year old Churchdown schoolgirl Jenny Ellery won the womens singles and also took the junior girls. Veteran player Peter Wood from the CEGB retained his title beating Cheltenham's Mike Grey 21-8, 21-8 in the final.

## YOUNG RETAINS HANTS TITLE

by David Cosway

The Hampshire closed tournament was again run at the Redbridge Sports Centre, Southampton. The mens singles early rounds were predictable with the top 4 seeds reaching the semis.

At that stage Graham Toole disposed of his county captain, Chris Shetler, 21-15, 21-16, while Clive Young had a suprisingly easy passage against Ramesh Bhalla 21-14, 21-16.

### Rudford lead county club league

With a different format this year - three teams from Gloucester, two from Cheltenham and one from Stroud and ten matches to decide the best overall club team - the **Capital Providence** county premier league is already well underway.

Only three meetings have taken place at the time of writing but Gloucester's Rudford club appears to be head and shoulders above the rest and unbeaten as well.

With the county's No 1 Griffin, Steve Moreman, Martyn Lane and Richard Pepperd, this team will take a lot of beating but it is early days yet.

### Radio anniversary

On special occasions, the powers that be at Severn Sound Radio have allowed me to do several live table tennis broadcasts this season. To date this season I have done ten weekly broadcasts, three recorded interviews (with Gill Smith - Cheltenham's first female chairperson, Darren Griffin and Jenny Ellery).

And this month I celebrate five years of continuous table tennis broadcasting. The regular DJs gently refer to me as 'Mr Ping-Pong'. Oh well, it creates a laugh!

It meant a repeat of last year's final and Clive Young proved that last year's result was no fluke. He was, however, taken the full distance by Toole before retaining his title 16-21, 21-12, 23-21.

The womens singles was played in four groups with the winner only going through to the semi-finals. This could be a slightly unfair method with a few difficult floaters in view of Hampshire's glut of good women players at the moment!

The surprise of the early group matches was the defeat and therefore elimination of Sarah Hammond by Jane Packington (nee Mitchell), the former Surrey Junior, 21-19, 21-18. Then in the semi-finals, No 1 seed Jill Green went down to the No 2 Cheryl Buttery 21-17, 16-21, 12-21.

In the other half Kathy Ridgard beat Jane Packington 21-15, 21-16. Kathy, making her swan song before (I hope) temporary retirement to add to her family, as always fought all the way. On the day, however, there was only one winner with Cheryl Buttery gaining her first county title 21-16, 21-17 and being promoted to county No 1.

It was good to see the emergence of the young Basingstoke pair of Tony Palasky and Tony Duffield in the mens doubles where they beat the experienced pair of Bhalla and Derek Holman in the final 21-16, 9-21, 21-18. In the womens doubles Green and Barbara Clark retained their title against the surprise package of the event, Hammond and Laura Savaka, 21-17, 15-21, 21-10. Hammond joined Toole to win the mixed title with a 21-13, 21-14 final win over Bhalla and Green.

Peter Thorne as referee, and Harold Albery as secretary achieved their usual efficiency but looking through the list of umpires one is impressed by the number of international, national and county umpires with which the county is blessed.

They are at present often noted at major events wherever one goes.

What a pity most were notable for their absence at this tournament.

The situation was even worse in the Dorset county match, where if it were not for county secretary Harold Pearce, who umpired all 10 sets, no umpires put in an appearance. Surely the gaining of the status of county national or international umpire and the perks that go with it also carry some responsibilities?

One of those responsibilities I would suggest is the supporting of county matches and tournaments!

### New Rankings

The ranking lists were slightly revised by the team management and selection committee to take account of this tournament. The top four in the mens and womens lists now read:

#### MEN

- 1 *Graham Toole*
- 2 *Clive Young*
- 3 *Ramesh Bhalla*
- 4 *Chris Shetler*

#### WOMEN

- 1 *Cheryl Buttery*
- 2 *Jill Green*
- 3 *Sarah Hammond*
- 4 *Kathy Ridgard*

### Encouraging result

A much more encouraging match for the county first team against Essex but still a defeat by 3-7.

In the next match against Dorset there was a good performance but again defeat, this time by 4-6.

The junior team, however, took a good 8-2 win over neighbours Dorset with Martin Johnson of Southampton making a winning debut with two singles victories. Paul Hudless of Aldershot and Lisa Rice of Gosport and Fareham and Rachel Chaffey of Southampton contributed to a good team effort.

## LEICESTERSHIRE

Terry Brown

Thirteen year old Christopher Kinsey, the eventual winner of the Philip Reid Memorial Trophy, was always one of the pre-tournament favourites. For his final adversary, though, this handicap event provided a fairy-tale ending.

Keith Boulter, had previously never won either a winners or runners up medal during his 20 or so years of playing in the Leicester league. But he played well above his modest grading to pick up the prestigious runners-up plaque.

The inaugural staging of the tournament was held in the week commencing Monday 9th December and ran through to the final 31 matches at three different club venues - Bevans, Belgrave Liberals and Knighton Park.

With well over 100 players entered, there were inevitably a few who failed to turn up but the vast majority that did far outweighed this disappointment.

And the final stages at Knighton Park on Sunday 15th - like the earlier preliminaries during the week - proved highly successful. They provided many exciting matches as the climax to this well-thought out competition, superbly organised by Richard Green.

### Results

#### Semi-finals

Keith Boulter (+2) b David Croucher 14, 5; Chris Kinsey (+9) b Graham Hibberd -19, 8, 18.

#### Final

Kinsey b Boulter (+9) 15, 19.

## LINCS INTER-LEAGUE BOOST

The Lincolnshire inter-town competitions have got underway with an increase of five teams since last season - making twenty-five altogether. The veterans, with newcomers Stanford, Gainsborough and Louth, have increased 50%. And in the Haigh Cup, Stanford and Scunthorpe have joined the six other teams.

Unfortunately, Louth dropped out of the Butcher Cup - a decrease to seven teams. Also Lincoln in the Butlin Cup for women.

However, these losses were made up again by the entry of Gainsborough and Louth - an encouraging slight increase in the number of female players.

Current league tables:

Veterans	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grimsby	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Lincoln	1	1	0	0	9	1	2
Stanford	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Gainsborough	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Louth	2	0	0	2	5	15	0
Boston	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

Haigh Cup	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grantham	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Lincoln	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Grimsby	3	1	1	1	18	12	3
Scunthorpe	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Boston	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Louth	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Gainsborough	3	0	1	2	13	17	1
Stanford	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

Butcher Cup	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boston	3	2	1	0	22	8	5
Lincoln	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Grimsby	2	1	1	0	15	5	3
Gainsborough	3	1	1	1	18	12	3
Grantham	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Scunthorpe	2	0	0	2	4	16	0
Spalding	2	0	0	2	0	20	0

## MIXED FORTUNES FOR MIDDLESEX CLUBS

Despite a 5-0 thrashing of Dutch champions De Blauwe Werelt on 12th October, champions Thorn-EMI Ellenborough faced a tough task before a crowd of over 200 in their third round European Champions Cup match against the champions of Hungary on 9th November, writes Sylvia Tyler.

Led by Zsolt Kriston, currently Hungary's No 1, Spartacus Budapest never looked in too much trouble and when Malcolm Temperley lost a close-fought battle in the sixth set against Zoltan Kaposztas, the home side's 1-5 defeat was sealed.

In the opening set a determined Graham Sandley found the precocious Janos Molnar, ranked No 3 in Hungary, a rare handful. Encouraged by a partisan crowd which included England's twice world champion Johnny Leach, Graham tried very hard before being narrowly beaten in straight games.

But the feeling in the hall was that if this set had gone to three games the England star would have won.

Against Kaposztas, Dave Wells showed his class to win comfortably in the third and give just a glimmer of hope to the home supporters. But from then on Spartacus - coached by the 1953 world champion Ferencz Sido - dominated the match.

Spartacus now meet West Germany's Saarbrucken in the semi-finals of this prestigious event.

### Thorn EMI Ellenborough (ENG) 5 De Blauwe Werelt (HOL) 0

(Graham Sandley b Jap Van Spanje 13, 17; Malcolm Temperley b Edwin Anganent 17, 18; Dave Wells b Anne Vlieg 7, 18, 20 (sic); Sandley b Anganent 10, -14, 20; Wells b Van Spanje 16, 19.)

### Thorn EMI Ellenborough 1 Spartacus Budapest 5

(Sandley 1st Janos Molnar -12, -19; Temperley 1st Zsolt Kriston -15, -19; Dave Wells b Zoltan Kaposztas 11, -20, 15; Sandley 1st Kriston -15, -14; Wells 1st Molnar -17, -9; Temperley 1st Kaposztas -20, -18.)

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## NEW NORFOLK CHAMPION

Mike Tunningley

We - the county committee - have just battled through two twelve hour days; setting up, looking after, and then taking down . . . yes, you've guessed . . . the annual closed championships. If we had closed for entries on the day stated on the form we would have finished both junior and senior on one day with one table! (*Us East Anglians loike things slo - Ed*)

In the end we finally obtained an excellent entry for both days apart from some very noticeable absentees in the mens singles who then came to watch.

Simon Steward finally realised his potential to clinch the mens singles after one of the best matches ever seen in the championships with Neil Pickard in the semi-final. Wendy Hogg, Ruth Hogg, Mick Broughton, Chris Anema and Louise Winter shared the other titles.

For the juniors Neil Pickard took both U17 and U15 titles. He had a very hard two days - I cannot help but wonder whether that really is too much for a 14 year old with homework.

Rachel Wilson, Rachel Hodson, Helena Darkins, Michelle Cooper, Lee and Ricky Diggins were all among the honours and the 12 year olds Ricky and Stephen White put on an all-action U13 final to make us wonder what they will be like when they grow up a foot or two.

### Adnams addiction

There seems a lot of talk about drugs and glue around. No doubt our sport will suffer from accusations but here in Norfolk the main drug used is Adnams ale to which many of the players are completely addicted.

On the glue front, most only need it to stick the rubber on once now and again.

There was an incident recently when Neil Pickard's rubber actually parted from his bat during a rally and some time was spent putting it back on. Rule books were examined but there seemed nothing to cover this contingency so a let was called.

On the county front our seniors have had two victories and a defeat without a shot being fired . . . we gave the match away as it clashed with an already committed event and our opponents were unable to alter the date. But our vets, after much administrative confusion, reached Northumberland and enjoyed the hospitality of Maurice Cheek and his team.

At home we were able to field our very strongest team and beat Hunts II comfortably. With Cheshire III looming I am willing to bet that we will not be able to send our strongest team there.

Ashford table tennis centre have established a premier league within just a few weeks of its inauguration - writes club secretary Ray Tucker. Plans are now underway to add a second division next season.

Playrite Sports put up a £500 prize fund for the league and local businesses £300 for the first league's annual tournament, to be held in January. This must make it one of the best-sponsored local leagues in the country.

The league is designed for top players within a 20-mile radius of Ashford who find that they cannot get sufficient high-standard league matches. The playing format has proved most popular, as expected.

Teams of two play a match every other week at the Ashford Centre. A maximum of three

players can be registered for any one team. Matches consist of four singles and a doubles set and all take place on the same night of the week. One point is awarded for each set won plus a bonus of two points to the winning team. The prize fund will be shared by the top three teams in the final league tables and the top three doubles teams.

Matches tend to be finished by 9.30 pm giving players time to socialise afterwards or get home at a reasonable hour. With all players contesting three sets there is not the waiting around generally associated with league matches.

Ashford officials hope others will take note as they firmly believe that a two-man team format is the way for table tennis to progress. All their premier league players wholeheartedly agree.

## NOTTINGHAM NOTES

by Ray Hogg

Worksop league are to play hosts on Sunday 16th February to the Hales National League match between South Yorkshire and Ormesby. The league are hoping for a good attendance at Bassetlaw Centre for this leading premier division fixture with players like Alan Cooke, Horatio Pinta, Phil Bradbury and Chris Rogers on show.

### Nottingham take town title

Nottingham, represented by Lee Neil, Mark Edwards, Mark Pearson, Angela Brettall, Dave Pearson and John Holland, were the winning team in the Notts county annual Inter-town competition held recently at the Valley Sports Centre, Worksop, losing only three sets to capture the A league title.

And their B team followed this success in the second division with Ransford Scott, Cecil Davies, Terry Bull, Sue Everatt, Pat Shilcock and Tim Sheppard.

Mr Joe Ashton MP for Bassetlaw presented the awards. Final league tables:

A League	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Nottingham	3	3	0	20	3	6
Worksop	3	2	1	11	16	4
Mansfield	3	1	2	11	14	2
Retford	3	0	3	8	17	0
B League	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Nottingham	3	3	0	22	4	6
Mansfield	3	2	1	15	11	4
Retford	3	1	2	10	10	2
Worksop	3	0	3	6	21	0

### Local league leaders

YMCA A and Rolls Royce Raiders are currently joint early season leaders in the Nottingham premier league. YMCA's Neil has started his season in fine form while Richard Tilford and Scott have lost only one set each.

Phil Vickers of Rolls Royce is unbeaten so far, as are Terry King for Gelding and Tim Sheppard of Mapperley Sports.

In the Worksop league CWS are topping division one at the moment with three wins and two draws in their opening fixtures. Last season's champions Unbrako, without the Worksop champion Paul Clarke, went down 8-2 to the current leaders.

But Genefax are close behind CWS - currently runners-up and undefeated so far.

### County juniors impressive

Nottinghamshire county juniors have maintained their impressive unbeaten run in division 2A with a confident 7-3 victory over Northants in the latest fixture.

At 3-2 in Notts favour, John Holland - feeling well below par - struggled to beat Northants David Evans. But Claire Oldman justified her county No 2 ranking by defeating Joanne Abbott to give Notts a comfortable 5-2 lead. The overall performance from the Notts team has given them the confidence to go into their next match with Cheshire full of optimism.

The seniors, however, having started with a close 6-4 defeat against Cheshire II in division 3A, found Clwyd provided stiff opposition when the two sides met in the second fixture of the season.

Clwyd ran out comfortable winners by a 9-1 scoreline with Terry Kerry being the only Notts player to register a win. The strong Clwyd team could well be amongst the leading pack in this division at the end of the season.

## GRAEME IN THE MONEY

Dennis Millman reports from Northants

Graeme McKim dominated the recent Money Concepts (UK) Ltd County Closed championships with his fourth successive title in the mens singles. His fleetness of foot, quick reflexes and unrivalled athleticism enabled him to dispatch a series of challenges without the semblance of difficulty.

Those same qualities stood him in good stead as he combined with Andy Edmonds to deprive Ian Hawes and Steve Kendall of their mens doubles title. And he also captured the mixed event with Joanne Abbott - surprisingly the first time this title has fallen victim to his winning ways.

In the mens final, McKim met an old rival in David Gallo, who had earlier excelled to beat both Edmonds and the victor over the No 2 seed Iain Randle, Chris Handshaw. However, it was not to be Gallo's day. In a final of fitful brilliance, the result was never in doubt.

The womens final was much more unpredictable and after countless changes of fortune it needed the final point before some intriguing exchanges were settled in Mandy Brown's favour.

Once again it was her forehand loop deep to her opponent's backhand that proved the downfall of Margaret Maltby, though there were times when this particular ploy appeared to be mastered.

The win gave Mandy her fifth win - thus equalling the record of Ann Lenton - and deprived Margaret from being the first to win the title three times in a row.

Mandy had further success with Dorothy Marsh when they defeated Margaret and Sue Whitehall in the womens doubles.

Geoff Atkinson took his first

veterans honour with the author taking up the all too familiar role of beaten finalist. And in the junior boys Andy Trott's flair just enabled him to get the better of the dependable and ever-improving Richard Elliott before they combined together to make the junior doubles a formality.

The girls events were more pedestrian affairs with Joanne Abbott and Caroline Perkins taking the doubles and Joanne coming from behind to beat Caroline in the other. The cadet boys event saw three emerging prospects with David Evans out on top by accounting for Michael Cross after the latter had scored an outstanding win over Neil Atkinson.

Finally, reflecting on the day's events, apart from Mandy Brown's return to the fold and that man McKim, the pertinent question is why, despite such a flourishing schools organisation within the county and more coaching than ever before, has the junior entry slumped by 60% in the last five years?

### Results

MS: Graeme McKim b David Gallo 13, 13. WS: Mandy Brown b Margaret Maltby 17, -10, 17. MD: McKim/Andy Edmonds b Ian Hawes/Steve Kendall 15, 8. WD: Brown/Dorothy Marsh b Maltby/Sue Whitehall 12, 21. XD: McKim/Joanne Abbott b Hawes/Marsh 19, 16. VS: Geoff Atkinson b Dennis Millman -19, 17, 11. JBS: Andy Trott b Richard Elliott 18, -12, 18. JGS: Abbott b Caroline Perkins -10, 16, 18. JBD: Trott/Elliott b John Tebbutt/Richard Ambrose 15, -19, 15. JGD: Abbott/Perkins b Clare Waples/Ruth McDaren 14, 9. CBS: David Evans b Michael Cross 19, 17.

## NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

Pauline Long

The first senior and veterans ranking lists of the season were too late for the last issue of the magazine but the latest available are:

### Men

- 1 Peter McQueen
- 2 Neil McMaster
- 3 Ian Robertson
- 4 Eddie Smith
- 5 Thomas Blackman
- 6 Fred Short

### Women

- 1 Clare Mouzon
- 2 Caron Guthrie (nee Buglass)
- 3 Christine Burke
- 4 Joan Leslie
- 5 Karen Wilkinson
- 6 Daphne Russell

### Veteran Men

- 1 Fred Short
- 2 Larry Cartmell
- 3 Maurice Cheek
- 4 Arnold Warents
- 5 Terry Wilkinson
- 6 Charles Mouzon

### Veteran Women

- 1 Pauline Long
- 2 Lily Aust
- 3 Olive Drapkin

The county first team of McQueen, McMaster, Robertson, Guthrie and Burke have got off to a cracking start in division 3A with three successive wins over Clwyd (9-1), Northumberland II (10-0) and Notts II (7-3)!

The victories have all been achieved without the services of Clare Mouzon who, although playing in the Northumberland league and ranked No 1 in the county, is not available for selection at the present time.

It is hoped to see her back on the scene before too long and, certainly now she has started work with the Newcastle DHSS, at the national

DHSS and Civil Service finals early in 1986.

By contrast the second team have lost their first three matches in the same division - against Cumbria (3-7), Northumberland I (0-10), and Warwickshire II (0-10).

This team was supposed to compensate for the lack of a junior team this season by giving county chances to leading young players. But apart from the two women, Leslie and Wilkinson, there has been little continuity in the selection of the men. On some occasions they have had to go right to the end of the ranking list to find available players.

Meanwhile, the newly-formed veterans team of Short, Cartmell, Cheek and Long have made an excellent start in division 3A with successive 5-4 victories over Norfolk and Northants. Cheek and Long are unbeaten in singles so far while Cheek and Short have won both mens doubles.

In the Halex National League, Byker Newcastle - from McMaster, Robertson, Smith, Blackman and Stephen George - are high at the top of second division north with five successive victories.

The second team are not doing so well - second from bottom in third division north - with just one win and a draw from five matches.

In the recent Scottish Midland tournament Smith and Robertson reached the final of the mens doubles but were beaten by Scotland's David McIlroy and Brian Wright. Smith also reached the mens singles semi-finals.

David Watson finished third in the junior regional trials at Thornaby and thus qualified for the English national ranking trials in early January.

## BRIXTON NO-GO AS UMPIRES STAY HOME

by Frank Hams from Surrey

Junior Facey, organiser of the Lambeth 2-Star, has told me that the Surrey and Kent umpires who had promised to officiate, failed to turn up for the October tournament.

The event, held at Brixton Leisure Centre in conditions suitable for a 3-Star tournament, deserves as many umpires as is required.

That the event was run with only four umpires with no apparent ill-effect gives credit to them and the organiser.

Perhaps, the absentees were worried about the trouble in Brixton which had occurred over a week beforehand.

In the Midland 3-Star Rue Bole beat Andy Bellingham in the groups. Following his wins at Hastings there is speculation this might persuade the watching Mike Kercher, whose

eyebrows were raised so high they were lost in his quiff, to pick him for a county match.

Alan Garroway might also wonder after his win over Lester Bertie.

In the Rosebowl, Thames Valley's women beat Maidenhead 5-4. Michele Hams playing her first match this season took on Sue Collier, Mary Stafford and Gill Knightley beating them all. Jane Barella won one and Debbie Simmonds won the final set when the score was 4-4.

In the Ormesby Cup Dulwich league champions Irving Sports beat London Business House champions DOE 5-2.

The senior second team played two matches against Suffolk forcing a 5-5 draw against the firsts and win-

ning 9-0 over the seconds. They hope this season to clinch promotion.

The veterans lost their first match away to Berkshire. But Gordon Chapman and Ron Wilde both broke their ducks and with Frank Hams were the winners in the 4-5 defeat. Vera Beesley was unable to win her womens singles. In their second match they beat Hants 6-3.

The junior first team played their first match at home to Glamorgan and lost 3-7. Only the girls Cheryl Bateman and Lisa Pritchett were winners in singles and doubles. The boys, Richard Jones, Matthew Pernet and Simon Philips all lost.

In their second game the same team played Cornwall. It was a cold, wet and windy morning when they met team captain Alan Grant at 6.30am and proceeded by road to

Launceston over 200 miles away.

It was still cold, wet and windy when they arrived. It warmed up slightly due to a 9-1 win and the hospitality of their opponents.

It was still cold, wet and windy on the return journey. For their next match the same players had another long journey away to Devon. They won 6-3. Everyone won one singles each and the girls won the doubles, too. For these matches they might have preferred a junior weekend tournament on the same lines as the seniors.

In the Southern regional trials Richard Jones, Lisa Pritchett, Jeremy Krzystniak, Amanda Dewsbury all qualified for the national ranking tournament in January. The Surrey ranking list will be published soon.

# County Notes

## STAFFORDSHIRE

by Jack Chalkey

Undoubtedly the headline news in Staffordshire was the tremendous performance put up by our juniors in the first premier division weekend. Three wins and a draw put them on top of the table along with Yorkshire on the same number of points.

But with slightly better sets average and possibly the easier secondhalf programme, in March, Staffs have an excellent chance of winning the junior championship for the first time in our history.

100% performances by Adrian Dixon in his singles and our two girls, Jill Powis and Helen Lower, in both singles and doubles formed the basis of our success. Stephen Slager contributed six wins but unluckily his two defeats at 19 in the third against Yorkshire proved to be critical.

Kevin Lawrence had three wins out of eight and in the boys doubles we had two wins out of four. Once again a defeat at 19 in the third in the doubles against Yorkshire enabled the Northern county to gain the all-important draw against us.

Our junior second team also achieved success in their second match of the season when they travelled to Northampton and came back with two points from a 7-3 victory.

## WILTS SHAKE-UP

Laurie Selby

There has been a shake-up in the Wiltshire rankings following the latest assessments.

Swindon's Raymond Powell heads the junior boys' lists and leaps to No 5 in the senior section following his inspired play in the last ranking tournament when he won both the junior and the senior events.

But there have been no changes at the top of the mens and womens lists which reflect the continuing dominance of Kevin Satchell and Claire Maisey.

There has been a tremendous surge of interest in veterans table tennis in the county and this has led to three ranking lists being issued - for the over 40s, over 50s and over 60s.

Former England closed champion Bryan Merrett leads both the over 40s and over 50s sections after winning the most recent ranking tournament.

Adrian Thorp and also our two girls, Louise Sherratt and Jane Winter, were unbeaten and Mark Stretton added a single and Nigel Tongue partnered Thorp in the doubles win. This win gives promise that the team will hold their place in division 2A for another year which will give a lot of satisfaction to the team captain, Derek Sherratt and coach, Roy Spencer.

### Men

1	K Satchell
2	K Edwards
3	J Chandler
4	T Bruce
5	R Powell

### Women

1	C Maisey
2	J Parker
3	C Hunter
4	J Neale
5	B Lee

### Junior Boys

1	R Powell
2	P Tuck
3	J Singh
4	M Edwards
5	M Auchterlonie

### Junior Girls

1	L Cox
2	S Wivles
3	T Mills
4	S Devine

### Cadet Boys

1	M Auchterlonie	80
2	N Pickett	45
3	A Collar	43
4	P Fry	41
5	P Collar	39

### Veteran Men

1	B Merrett	126
2	B Powell	106
3	E Howell	95
4	M Oxley	86
5	B Thompson	85

### Veteran Women

1	S Morse	55
2	G Hazell	45

### Pts

300	1	B Merrett
150	2	E Howell
100	3	B Thompson
95	4	J Bright
93	5	D Waters

### Over 50s

1	B Merrett
2	E Howell
3	B Thompson
4	J Bright
5	D Waters

### Over 60s

1	P Baseve
2	J Macey
3	B Hussey

A fighting display gave Wiltshire table tennis team a hard-earned point against Sussex in the county championships at Swindon.

Wiltshire had only three of their top players - and they battled brilliantly to force a 5-5 draw.

Kevin Satchell, Claire Maisey and Janet Parker rose to the challenge magnificently.

Wiltshire were 2-0 down after Ray Hughes lost to Stephen Moore 21-5, 21-12 and Jan Hook went down 21-6, 21-14 to Phil Smith.

But county champion Satchell stopped the slide with a classy 21-11, 21-14 victory over Adrian Moore.

At 4-4, Wiltshire took the lead for the first time when Claire Maisey's determination brought her a 21-13, 16-21, 21-16 win against Teresa Moore.

Sussex made it all square in the final match which Adrian Moore won 21-7, 21-13 against Hook.

Swindon boys team swept into the third round of the Carter Cup national competition with an 8-1 victory away to Maidenhead.

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## KUT ABOVE THE REST

John Woodford from Sussex

Phil Smith of Horley, newly promoted to No 41 on the England list is the new champion of West Sussex and Kut Tion Giua of the University of Sussex is the new champion of East Sussex.

Smith's winning back of the crown he held two years ago was not a surprise; after dethroning Alan Griffiths in the national league for TCB Dolphins just two weeks previously there seemed little chance of anyone upsetting the brilliant counter-hitting of the Crawley/Horley man.

Only young Ritchie Venner, son of the former England international Harry Venner, looked as if he could upset the Smith applecart by taking the first game in the final. But Smith again showed maturity, recovering superbly by hitting back accurate balls that looked as though they could have been Venner winners.

Smith triumphed at 21-15 in the third game.

Sally Weston, the all-Sussex champion took the western crown without any real opposition. In the final she beat Worthing's Barbara Bayford who lifted the womens doubles title with Pat Wales.

Wisely the organisers of the West Sussex event avoided a clash with the national league, but the East Sussex administrators had few options on dates. The result was a poor entry with hardly any county players except Sheila King who won the womens singles against Sue Haffenden in the final, just a fortnight after winning the Hastings Tigers Open, again against Haffenden in the final.

Kut Tiong Giua, is a Chinese name if ever I saw one and he comes from Singapore. He is 18 and will be studying electrical engineering at

Sussex University for the next three years.

So far he is unbeaten in Sussex but has yet to clash with the four men at the top of the Sussex rankings, Stephen and Adrian Moore, Smith and Venner. Frankly, I shall be surprised if he remains undefeated when he really gets amongst them.

He is due for a test shortly in the Brighton league when the University take on Shoreham who can field some powerful players including Robin Stace, Keith Horton and Venner. That will be the crunch for the man from Singapore.

### Jackson explains

After my comments in the last issue on Keith Jackson's attack on the Sussex administration, Jackson has pointed out that raising finance is not a waste of time (as the story might have implied) but a necessity

if Sussex are to run all the events that the county would wish to.

"In my opinion", he said, "We should raise money from sponsorship and other fund-raising activities. At that meeting I did offer to run a '200 Club' throughout Sussex if a replacement could be found for my job as inter-league secretary".

On his criticism of president Keith Watt's solitary appearance at the annual meeting, he explained; "I would not object to his appearance at the annual general meeting if he attended some of the council meetings during the season".

Debbie Hoyland is the young Sussex player creating surprises at this time. She has made some senior appearances as well as junior and winning for the senior team. She is from Bexhill and is a pupil from the coaching stable of Roger Standen.

## WORCESTERSHIRE NEWS

by Doug Moss

Worcestershire had some good success at the regional junior trials. Nicola Jones, Sarah Stone and Michelle McDornell, three Worcester cadet girls, ended ranked 3rd, 5th and 8th respectively.

Nicola, in fact, was joint first with Alison Ledwych (B'Ham) and Kate Ryan (Leamington) who each won 9 of their 10 matches. Ironically the matches involving these three players evened out with them all beating one of the others in two straight games.

Finally the top ranking was decided on a count of points scored. However, the four top players go on to the national trials.

Jane McLean (age 14) in her first year in the junior section had some good wins and was finally ranked 8th. The junior and cadet boys results are not yet to hand.

An assessment of entries to the affiliated leagues shows that throughout the county there were a few losses and a few new entries. Overall there was little difference from the previous season, although there has been a reduction in teams over the past three seasons.

A report from the Dudley league mentioned an interesting doubles match in division 5. Two very young players Jason Thompson and Lee Horton, with a combined age of 23, represented Bromley E.

Their opponents, of the Beams B team, were Joe Richards and Eddie Thomas, with a combined age of 129! The veterans were the winners of this match!

The County I team, on promotion to division 2, entertained Derbyshire for the first match. They found Martin Kinsella in very good form beating both Murray Jukes and Simon Claxton and teaming up with Ivor Warner to win the mens doubles, against the same players, in

straight games. The most successful Worcs player was Sandra Roden who beat Marilyn O'Sullivan 21-17, 21-15 but Louise Davis had a hard match against To Zhung Thuy, winning the first game at 21-18. Zhung Thuy went on to take the second at 22-20 and clinched the issue at 21-15 in the decider, which gave the Derbyshire team their sixth event and the vital two points.

The second team made a promising start to the season when they visited Oxfordshire and shared the points. As a result of the team trials it was good to see Tim Holder and Mark Roden at 1 and 2.

The second team went on to beat Bucks II the following week when Lynda Reid and Helen Pogmore won their sets in straight games. Tim Holder and Mark Roden again won the other three events - a singles each and the mens doubles. Tim Holder fought well against the very experienced Les Wooding before losing at 17-21 in the third game.

The juniors visited Berks II for their second match. With Jenny and Sue Burgess and Jane McLean not available Nicola Jones and Sarah Stone (both 13) made debuts.

Paul Smith was in excellent form confidently winning his singles events and partnering Peter Canavan to take the boys doubles. Peter Canavan did well to beat the Bucks No 1 but later lost to the opposing No 3.

Nicola and Sarah found the county match atmosphere very different to their usual experience and were naturally nervous. However, they fought well to win the girls doubles in the deciding game. Sarah was rather tentative in her singles match and Nicola fought well only to lose at 17-21 in the third game.

## MIDLAND LEAGUE

In division one of the Midland league Gloucester started well with two fine wins against Nottingham and Wolverhampton A, writes *John Barber*. Notts gave them a close 6-4 call with Phil Logsdon winning his three sets. But the below-strength Wolves were nine down before Kevin Cartwright notched their solitary success at 24-22 in the third.

Martin Simpson took three in Derby's 7-3 win over Stafford. And Derby were again too strong for Loughborough in a 9-1 home triumph.

Notts B and Birmingham have both notched up maximum victories - at the expense of Loughborough and Leamington.

### Veterans

In the veterans Leicester's Geoff Arwinckle scored three convincing wins at Leamington but this was not enough as Brian Aston and Bert Banks each took two and teamed up for the doubles in Leamington's 6-4 victory.

Oxford led 3-2 against Notts A

but the visitors then took five on the trot to win 7-3 - Alf Saunders gaining maximum success. Telford meted out the same treatment to Leamington with their Mike Beaman and John Holding both scoring maximums.

Birmingham A trailed too, 2-4 to Oxford B. But then Mervyn Wood led the home side to an exciting 6-4 win.

### Juniors

Birmingham juniors owed their division one 6-4 success over Nottingham to a fine three from Rajinder Singh. Two other recent matches ended in draws with Nottingham tied against Derby and Coventry A held at Leicester.

The second division match between Walsall and Eastwood also ended in a draw while Singh again featured in action at Burton. The home side fell behind at the ninth set as they went down 4-6 to Birmingham B.



*Jackie (left) and Lisa Bellinger with the managing director Nigel Harford of London European Airlines. The Luton Airport based company, which flies to Amsterdam and Brussels, have agreed to sponsor the two Bedfordshire sisters*

## YORKSHIRE CLOSED

Yorkshire's Rea Balmford

On the playing front activity in Yorkshire since my previous notes has been dominated by tournaments - there has been an event within the county almost every weekend - and by the performances of our sides in the county championships.

Things have been equally busy behind the scenes with widely respected international umpire Alec Head vacating the chair which he so courageously took over at a moment's notice some two years ago.

However, having never spared himself in the interests of Yorkshire, Alec is maintaining close connections with county affairs supported by his friendly and helpful wife Elsie. He was in charge for the recent county championship matches in Bradford before moving on to Selby the following day to put in his usual long stint of umpiring at the cadet closed championships.

New chairman is national councillor Eric Hill who has not taken over at an easy time, but has already begun to stamp his personality on Yorkshire affairs.

The county closed championships, held at the magnificent 15-table Huddersfield Sports Centre, saw the return to county competition of Dave Indricks. He had decided to reduce his table tennis commitments this season and it certainly proved a successful return. At the end of a long day, the Bradford player was crowned mens singles king.

Joint eighth seed, he was spared a confrontation with young Michael O'Driscoll when the Dewsbury schoolboy had to withdraw as a result of illness. But, when the crunch came, Indricks made no mistake, ousting first Tim Dyson (semi-final) and then Derek Munt to take the title.

With players allowed to enter mens singles, restricted singles and, where appropriate, veteran/junior events, the tournament was rather long drawn-out - a lesson which has been assimilated for the 86/87 season. But, as ever, it produced its quota of surprises.

There were outstanding displays from players at both ends of the age range. Evergreen Geoff Brook, in his home town, put aside the challenge of first Richard Whiteley and then Nicky Newton to reach the mens semi-final before bowing out in three to Derek Munt.

And promising cadet Debbie Toole sidelined Melanie Seaton on her way to the womens semis taking consolation with a win in the restricted event.

### Results

MS: Dave Indricks (Bradford) b Derek Munt (Hull). WS: Melody Hill (Bradford) b Josette Ryalls (Sheffield). MD: John Bult/Nicky Newton (Hull/Doncaster) b Tim Dyson/Matthew Connell (Hud-

dersfield/Leeds) WD:

Ryalls/Melanie Seaton(Doncaster) b Hill/Helen Broomhead (Sheffield) JBS: Chris Oldfield (Sheffield) b Connell. JGS: Alison Evans (Hull) b Kathryn Bray (Hull). VS: Mick Farnill (Hull) b Ron Jackson (Hull). Restricted MS: Newton b Oldfield. Restricted WS: Debbie Toole (Castleford/Pontefract) b Broomhead.

### Oldfield to the rescue

Cadet title holder, Chris Oldfield, still in the age group, of course, missed out on this one, for he was polishing the image of the county's new young brigade down in the metropolis at the premier division get-together.

In my last notes 'Life after Fletcher' Oldfield's name was one to the fore as a likely cornerstone of Yorkshire table tennis of the future. The Sheffield youngster's chance came sooner than expected.

With Fletcher unable to get a flight with his new home in Germany and Kevin Beadsley currently out of the reckoning, Oldfield came in to complete an all-Sheffield mens squad led by Steve Mills, the only experienced player in the trio.

The typical Yorkshire fighting spirit was there in plenty, however, as Mills, leading from the front, came through to return an unbeaten sheet and lay the foundations for the weekend's 5-4 wins over Surrey, Kent and Leicestershire.

Sharing the limelight with Mills, however, was Oldfield, who twice needed to win the vital final game to clinch victory and, on both occasions, proved himself equal to the challenge and capable of coping with the pressure.

To complete a fine performance by the South Yorkshire lad, he partnered Melody Hill to three mixed doubles wins - a success story which pleased Melody equally as much as her young partner. When we add to Oldfield's battling performance the comment from one official based well beyond the confines of Yorkshire that his attitude on and off the table was an example to all present, the feeling is that here is a very rare gem indeed.

Chris has set a high standard, but an even more difficult task faces him in maintaining that standard, not only on court, but more particularly off it in a sport in which bad manners and exhibitionism seem, unfortunately, to be on the increase.

It was encouraging to learn that Indricks had a change of heart after taking over the mantle of Yorkshire champion and he was back in a Yorkshire line-up who pulled off a fine 7-3 win at the Hermits club in Bradford against a Warwickshire side, who, only two years ago, were in the premier division.

With the veteran seconds overcoming Cheshire III 7-3, also at Hermits, and the junior seconds 10-0 runaway winners against Lincolnshire at Caistor, affairs on the county championships front are going well.

Although the veteran side came back from Leicestershire on the wrong end of a 5-4 result, they were highly satisfied to have shared in a very competitive encounter which was not decided until the final game.



Wakefield-based former international Alan Hydes of Dunlop gives Roy Castle some tips before the "Record Breakers" programme in November when Des Douglas and Alan Cooke broke the world speed-hitting record with 168 hits in one minute. Dunlop later donated the equipment used for the successful challenge to a charity of Roy Castle's choice.

The cadet closed championships, held at Selby High School on the first day of December, had a disappointing entry of only 69 - probably partly because of the current situation in the schools where many of our promising youngsters take their first steps along the table tennis road. But there was the usual high standard of play, particularly in the later rounds of the competition.

Coach Bob Ryder, who turned his talents to duty as referee Bevan Walker's first lieutenant, had a satis-

fying day as, from his position on the control table he watched sons Nicky and Julian annex the cadet boys and U12 boys singles titles, as well as reach the semi-finals of the cadet boys doubles before losing to eventual winners, Neil Simms and Tim Pike, in three.

Mark Stephenson, relinquishing the U12 crown which he won last season, made his presence felt among the cadets when he took out top seed Simms in a straight sets semi-final before going down to the eldest of the Ryders.

Debbie Toole and Ellen Meddings the highest stars in the firmament maintained the stranglehold they established in the girls events last season, again making a clean sweep of the three titles. But, as with the boys strength in depth was there, with the highly ranked England cadets having to work hard to retain their triple crown.

And the new generation of Yorkshire startles is already on its way up with nine year old Andrew Nicholls from Selby and Hull's Sally Marling, who celebrated her ninth birthday shortly before picking up the U11 title at the Cleveland Junior, runners-up in their respective U12 events.

A good base for the future with no less than nine local leagues represented among the finalists:

### Results

CBS: Nicky Ryder (Dewsbury) b Mark Stephenson (Halifax). CGS: Debbie Toole (Castleford/Pontefract) b Ellen Meddings (Harrogate). CBD: Neil Simms/Tim Pike (Doncaster/Wakefield) b Stephenson/Graham cook (Castleford-Pontefract). CGD: Toole/Meddings b Joanna Roberts/Katherine Goodall (Leeds). U12BS: Julian Ryder (Dewsbury) b Andy Nicholls (Selby). U12GS: Meddings b Sally Marling (Hull)

## CLWYD

Charles Bayliss

The early matches arranged in the North Wales Inter-league programme involved only veterans teams in the first instance. Future dates are for senior, junior and womens divisions

With three teams from Wrexham the A side are already going well - thanks to the duo of Arthur Jones and Brian Bradley. Both won a set in the 3-2 defeat of Llandudno A and combined to take the doubles.

Neither had much trouble against Llandudno's third team as they raced to a winning 3-0 result.

East Flintshire, however, after a break of some seasons resumed their inter-league programme with mixed success. Their A team lost first to St Asaph A 3-2 and then reversed the scoreline in their favour over Rhyl A.

In the first, John Bowen of Flint-

shire beat John Cartwright but Ivor Griffiths lost both singles. They made amends, however, by taking the doubles.

The better result - against Rhyl - brought Griffiths success against the luckless Hook; Griffiths and Bowen again taking the doubles.

### East Flintshire league

In division one of the East Flintshire league Caergwrle Boys Brigade and British Steel Shotton currently share the lead with North Western District in third position.

Harwarden A, Boys Brigade C and Mold Ex-Servicemens club are level in division two with 62 points.

The Challenge Cup is now at its final stage with the semi-finals played during the first week in January.

## Keeping up with the Joneses

by H Roy Evans

The strength of the Glamorgan Closed was somewhat reduced by the absence of Nick Williams and Warwick Armstrong, both on national league duty for Pengelly Sports Gwent. But Swansea's Andrew Jones took full advantage of this by winning the mens singles in brilliant style.

Tony Healan was the only one to offer him much resistance, Jones winning a three game tussle 18 in the third of the semi-final. But in the final, against David Kenefick who has shown some improvement lately, he was in devastating form, and brushed Kenefick's resistance aside with almost contemptuous ease.

David Griffiths, on vacation from university, looked to be playing better and gave Kenefick some trouble up to the middle of their match.

Cath Jones made it a family celebration by winning the womens singles, but the final was an affair of unforced errors by both players - with Jones coming out that bit steadier ahead of Chantal Nicholls.

Jones beat Theresa Petty in her semi-final, whilst Nicholls accounted for Joanna Lee.

Healan and Kenefick took the doubles title, beating Jones and Stephen Lee in a three-game final. The winners dropped a game to Jeff Rigby and John Elward in the semi-final, but Jones and Lee disposed of Byron Davies and Griffiths very easily in the other.

The womens doubles, a very small event, went to Lee and Petty, who had a good win over Jones and Nicholls.

Jones came back with a mixed win in partnership with Healan over Nicholls and Rigby. The latter won the first game comfortably, lost the second, and could have won the decider, but unaccountably Rigby played very badly in that, he and his partner did not get double figures.

Kelvin Roberts survived a close struggle with Lee Jones to take the junior boys event, the latter having a good win over Richard Harry in the semi-final. Kelvin easily beat Mark Russ in his semi. The Kelly boys and Andrew Kinsey played well.

Sian Evans had a good result in the junior girls when she beat Theresa Petty in the semi-final, but she was not good enough to extend Joanne Lee in the final.

## ATTP recruitment drive

The Association of Table Tennis Players, actively recruiting members, is keen to extend its benefits to the thousands of ordinary league players throughout the country. In an interview with *Table Tennis News* ATTP coordinator Derek Baddeley dismissed the spectre of an 'anti-establishment' organisation.

"We do not want to be seen purely as a 'players union' to deal with grievances and complaints, though we shall perform that function if necessary", said Baddeley. "We want to provide the initiatives to guide our game to the front rank of British sport".

"Of course it won't happen immediately", he acknowledged, "but we *all* need to be much more positive and constructive if table tennis is to achieve the wider appeal and following it deserves".

"We shall certainly not do this by wasting time and effort, criticising, attacking and antagonising hard-working unpaid officials - however lacking or misguided they might be".



Baddeley

"I, personally, see no reason why our game should not be as popular as squash or snooker", he continued. "Both have 'sold' themselves to TV, newspapers and the world at large by their own efforts".

## Cardiff record

There was a record entry in the Cardiff Open writes Roy Evans and there was splendid support from across the border.

Nigel Tyler emphasised his improvement with a fine two straight win over the twice holder Carl Morgan of Birmingham. Tyler crushed Avon's Andy Creed in the semi-final whilst Morgan beat Paul Giles of Devon.

Lesley Tyler had a good opening game against Jill Harris in the semi-final, but her challenge faded, and Jill went on to beat Sandra Peakman in the final, the latter having eliminated Sarah Webb.

Nigel added to his successes with a doubles win, partnered by Nigel Thomas, over Carl

Morgan and Lester Bertie, although the winners played so poorly in the opening game that no-one gave them a chance.

Welsh pair Lesley Tyler and Shirley Cain-Williams lost in the doubles final to Jill Harris and Esme Stevenson.

Kelvin Roberts carried Welsh hopes to the final of the junior boys event but he played very poorly and gave Somerset's Philip Payne no trouble at all. Lisa Robins got to the semi-final of the junior girls, losing to runner-up Melanie Carey, who was beaten in the final by Helen Perrott.

Newport's Steve Ward gained the only other Welsh success with a convincing win over Chris Kelly of Cardiff. The latter seemed below form, but had a good win over the diminutive but tenacious David Buck in his semi-final. Steve deserved his title for continued improvement.

## National league

Butterfly Cardiff's national league gallop was halted at Dagenham FC when David Tan scored an all important win over Alan Griffiths, and also accounted for Nigel Thomas. Nigel Tyler beat Newman and Penny, Alan Griffiths beat Newman and Nigel Thomas did a rescue act by beating Charley. Gary Wilkins lost his two. Match drawn.

### Results

MS: Andrew Jones b David Kenefick  
 WS: Cath Jones b Chantal Nicholls -18, 13, 15  
 MD: Tony Healan/Kenefick b Jones/Stephen Lee 15, -13, 13  
 WD: Theresa Petty/Joanne Lee b Jones/Nicholls 14, -17, 17  
 JBS: Kevin Roberts b Lee Jones 16, 19  
 JGS: Lee b Sian Evans 14, 18  
 CBS: C Kelly b Barrie Kellow 12, -20, 12  
 CGS: Evans b Denise Elward (group play-off)

The ATTP are in the process of drawing up a five-year plan which, amongst other priorities, contains ideas to improve the quality and environment in which league table tennis is played. "It really is time we got out of factory canteens and church halls!", says Baddeley.

"On a higher level, table tennis has the potential to entertain if the right sort of matches are staged well at tournament finals, county and national league matches. Exhibitions and pro-celebrity events have not been exploited to any great extent", he continued enthusiastically.

"These ideas are being discussed with the ETTA", he claimed, "with the aim of mutual cooperation. We want to work with the association to persuade, cajole and push for the vital reforms and innovations which are needed".

"We do feel though that the

ETTA has too readily accepted a minority role for table tennis in national sport", he said. "The same state of mind existed in the ruling bodies of squash, snooker and, some years ago, tennis - until a new breed of entrepreneur/promoter appeared and forced the necessary changes".

"What the ATTP means is that instead of complaining about the state of the game, you have a chance to help in *doing* something to improve the situation".



Membership of the ATTP costs £2.00. Their secretary is Colin Wilson, 25 Brookside Crescent, CUFFLEY, Herts.

## Out of Court

ETTA legal watchdog Alan Shepherd of Essex is believed to be watching the case of Colin Hart-Leverson QC with unusual interest. Shepherd, it will be remembered, represented a player following an English Closed disturbance a few years ago.

It appears that public-school educated Hart-Leverson, a 49 year old Crown Court judge was subject to a police summons issued by a Marylebone magistrate in private during December.

Details of the charge have yet to emerge. But if the judge, whose hobbies are reported as jazz and table tennis, claims in defence he was trying to recruit a mixed doubles partner, 'bringing the game into disrepute', could be a challenging double-justice case for disciplinary committee chairman Arthur Upton.

## Shorts straw

Sleep eluding her (no sexism here!) one Christmas night, *Rubberneck* resorted to the remedy traditional in such circumstances - the Regulations for International Competitions in the new *ITTF Handbook*. There, outlined in tasteful grey, she learnt of the 10mm limit on edge trimming for permitted clothing.

Conscious that sharp-eyed readers would spot the difference between a band and edge trim with a telescope from the Brighton Centre balcony a telegram was dispatched immediately to the Stiga-sponsored Swedish association:

*Request not bring Stiga pastel blue shorts with cream band. Hi-tech TA Open cultivating 1930s clothing image so baggy pants preferred. ETTA vice-chairman happy to supply if difficult to obtain. Rubberneck.*

*Rubberneck* felt readers should know of this remedial action taken to avoid a clothing row fiasco at the forthcoming table tennis showpiece. And that any action by referee John Wright will therefore have her fullest support.

## Des grace Gong

Spare a thought for No 1 Des Douglas won't you. Give him an extra cheer when he comes into the arena at Brighton.

The European No 6 just might need that extra surge of adrenalin faced with the possibility of, shall we say, an interesting schedule between 17th January and 2nd February:

17th - Japan friendly at Gateshead; 18th/19th - Cleveland 3-Star; 20th - travel to Hertford; 21st Denmark european league match; 22nd - travel to Brighton; 23-25th - TA English Open; 29th - travel to Sweden; 31st-2nd - the lucrative Europe Top 12 in Sodertalje.

Not for nothing does captain Donald Parker describe him as "the most consistent player in Europe over the past ten years". And he still remembers he's pulling on an England shirt.

Having alerted ETTA members to the need for a 'Director of Coaching' and prompted an abrupt change in policy (TTN - November 1985), *Rubberneck* was disappointed in the lack of recognition for this achievement when the New Year Honours were bestowed.

Ringing the Palace to investigate, the name of Sharon Brown got through the switchboard without difficulty to a 'prince in the know'.

"Table tennis? Isn't that the sport where the Swedes made £200,000 on the world championships last year?", said the royal voice. "Remind me, what happened in Birmingham?"

"But I wasn't around then", said *Rubberneck*: "Anyway, you gave Jill Hammersley an MBE".

"Ah, yes, Jill . . . now, there's a nice girl. . .!"

They tried to gag me . . . but a good Rubberneck always bounces back



## Diplomacy Tactics

With players queueing up for the chance of a prolonged and unofficial stay in our green and pleasant land, readers can imagine the circumstances behind Hungary's withdrawal from the TA English Open.

Had the draw not been made, their place might have been taken by Israel who offered to fund their own air fares and hospitality for a few days by the sea.

But despite phone calls between Reading, Scarborough and Kingston - tapped in the interests of national security by BT engineer *Rubberneck* - no place was found for the tardy Israelis.

No doubt England will now graciously decline the all-expenses paid package offered by the organisers of the forthcoming Israel Open.

Encouraged by the review in December's edition, *Rubberneck* sought out a copy of national coach Fairholm's 'Pocket Guide to Table Tennis Tactics'.

Being a simple fellow he was confused by the time of page 10, faced with 'coachspeak' such as 'five mother strokes' and 'table tennis is a high-fidelity sport' . . . mercifully rare examples not repeated later in an otherwise excellent book.

But Fairholm's advocacy of sportsmanship was interesting, too. "If you admit that a ball touched the edge of the table, you are a two-time loser"; he states on page 24.

Fortunately no such policy has yet been associated with the England No 1 Desmond Douglas whose picture appears opposite this dubious advice.

## No smoke without ire

Sitting behind the ETTA's puffing representatives at the CCPR conference in Bournemouth (reported last issue) *Rubberneck* had left the room during the fag-sponsorship debate for a breath of fresh air. The CCPR's refusal to condemn the association between the weed and active sport put them at odds with their major funders - the Sports Council - and a dossier from the Health Education Council and the British Medical Association.

It reminded *Rubberneck's* mole at the fume-filled October National Council of a vice-chairman suggestion ruled out without debate or vote by ETTA chairman Tom Blunn whose touch had not deserted him after a meeting's absence from the chair.

Undaunted and flying in the face of democracy, five vice chairmen's signatures were found on the survey promptly circulated inviting support for a 'voluntary no smoking code of conduct at council meetings'.

"90% voted", says the mole, "71% in favour". The air, which has caused more than one to leave in the past, improved immediately.

Talking of smoke and steam, there was some hot-air by South Yorkshire's Graham Coe in a recent 'Sheffield Morning Telegraph' when Chu Van Que and Kevin Beadsley failed to turn up for matches against Toyota Bath and Omega Reading in the Halex national league.

Coe was furious, wanting redress against players who failed to honour their obligations.

The two's absences are believed to have cost the club around £200 - a sum not believed to be near that being claimed by Chu in outstanding player payments from the South Yorkshire team.

## Apology

orry to all tho e ub criber who were late in receiving the November i ue of the magazine.

*Rubberneck* can reveal that thi lip-up wa entirely due to a 'technical malfunction' and not at all related to the way in which key were pre ed in order to exclude all reader beginning with the letter ' '.

## Daylight Ahead

I read Barry Granger's quotes on the European Youth Championships, "England really have no players to match the skills of the top Europeans", with disbelief.

This man could not possibly have seen the play of Carl Prean in the junior event or Matthew Syed in the cadets. Prean was in a class of his own and (fact) there wasn't one foreigner who matched his skills. And Syed together with Mazunov (USSR) were clearly the best cadets in Europe and produced the best match I have seen between two players of their age in the team finals.

For Mr Granger to make his comments is an insult to these players and one must wonder whether he is suffering from a severe bout of the English 'knocking disease'.

Not only have we these two outstanding players, there are several others who put up very encouraging performances and who are improving at least as quickly as their foreign opposition. To emphasise my point consider the results and improvement shown in Prean, Syed brothers, Stokes, Dixon, Billington and O'Driscoll this season.

Unlike Mr Granger I feel the future is encouraging, not bleak, and I hope his comments will add more determination to these young players.

Our girls team are very young now and I would admit that the Eastern block girls are ahead at present. Traditionally, Eastern Europeans have dominated the junior and cadet girls events and I feel although we can compare with our Western European counterparts we must set our sights at raising our standard to that of the Rumanians and Russians.

To get our players right to the top it is essential the coaches who are training the talented youngsters are fully aware of how the game is progressing and can see what is required to develop a winning game at top international level.

It is essential that we must develop stronger backhands and improve our power techniques with both backhand and forehand. In general there are too many players in England who are basing their game on negative strategy just keeping the ball on the table and relying

on opponents mistakes rather than developing a more aggressive point-winning style.

The problem with this aggressive style is that in the short term it can lead to a few defeats. But the safety style although successful at cadet level and possibly at junior level leads eventually to mediocrity and will definitely not bring international success.

I recommend to all enthusiastic and ambitious coaches to buy or at least make sure they see the two video tapes made by Donald Parker, one on the 1985 World championship and the other on the 1985 European youth championships. From these, people can see how the game is changing and the areas in which we must make improvements to our players' games.

The most important advice I can give is to aim high, think long term and not just look for short term success at the expense of the overall development of the players.

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## A hit missed

I believe I express the views of many readers when I write to say that I greatly miss John Prean's monthly contribution to *Table Tennis News*. John's column was generally of a controversial nature but his sincerity and genuine affection for the game have never been in doubt.

A typical example of this was two years ago when it was announced that Carl would be devoting the whole of his time to the game. On the spur of the moment, having not met either Carl or John previously, I rang their home and asked if they would be available for a two day group coaching session in April.

John displayed an immediate enthusiasm but explained that travelling costs from the Isle of Wight would probably be prohibitive, I agreed as I recognised the addition of a coaching fee would place the overall cost beyond our financial limits.

## Bath videos

I noted with interest and agreement the two articles on the use of video cameras in our sport (*Table Tennis News* - Nov 85).

In Bath Toyota's first season in the premier division of the Halex national league, we consider ourselves to have gained, not without mistakes, considerable experience in the preparation for and promotion of our matches; including the videoing of all our matches for sale to players, spectators and sponsors.

We consider the quality of our videos to be far in excess of that produced by Donald Parker - mainly because his equipment is now out of date.

I for one agree that more funds should be made available for him to update his equipment. Video recordings of our matches are available at £10 per match and we are prepared to aid coaches if required to produce coaching films at reasonable prices.

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## No Perks

Annoyed, disappointed and disillusioned but somehow managing to keep my enthusiasm for the game.

I was annoyed that *Table Tennis News* should be so late in arriving. I was furious that when it did its content was reduced to 38 pages from 56 pages, yet the price has risen from 0.60p to 0.80p per copy. How on earth can this be justified? Is it because of the better quality of paper? If so, I, for one, would have been quite happy to have stayed with last year's quality if it meant maintaining the content. I do not want to read about somebody's holiday. I want to read about table tennis. If you are short of material then get John Prean to write and stop being so bigoted.

I was disillusioned when I read the wisdom of the people who run our sport when I read in the May/June issue that the Chairman says national coverage has been improving in recent years and that members are not being lost due to lack of television or newspaper coverage.

How can national coverage be improving when it is rarely on television and occasionally in newspapers? I would suggest that it is doing the opposite - it is lessening.

How can membership improve without media coverage? Youngsters are not going to join a sport they never see. Football will testify how lack of television has badly affected the attendances at football matches.

In today's marketing and advertising environment we need people who can match the forward free-thinking ideas of their compatriots in other sports. If the present people who run our sport aren't capable of doing this they should make way for people who can. If not our sport will lag further and further behind.

For Heaven's sake, if bowls can sell themselves to television surely a sport with our excitement can.

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Readers can be assured that John is aware that his contributions are welcome at any time - Ed.

## Numbers game

Concern has been expressed for some years about the decline in membership, yet little national effort is being put into recruiting new members.

In Derbyshire there are an increasing number of players competing in more than one League. The majority of players in the top division of our local leagues are playing in at least one other league, and this trend is quickly spreading to the players in the lower divisions.

The ETTA method of estimating the total number of players is misleading. If the Derbyshire trend is being followed nationwide - there are an increasing number being counted more than once into the total national figures.

This means that the actual playing membership is dropping even quicker than the figures indicate.

## Stannard support

Following Doreen Stannard's remarks in the magazine (*Rubberneck* - November *Table Tennis News*) regarding umpires many discussed this at the Middlesex 3-Star tournament.

I would ask any others interested to contact me, so that we can see how many umpires would wish to follow Doreen's lead.

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Every league expects to lose a certain number of players each year through natural wastage i.e. players retiring though old age, working commitments or leaving the area.

The worrying trend in Derbyshire is the loss of players in the 20-35 age range. These should provide the backbone of the local league. Perhaps we will not have any veterans in future years if this continues!

New players have to be obtained through coaching schemes or other recruitment methods.

Rather than blaming the rules, I would like to see a recruitment campaign with national co-ordination and leadership.

We are doing our best at local level. Let the ETTA come out of the 'Ivory Tower' and put some weight behind our efforts.

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## Fitness trial

In the Southern region trials the junior boys played twelve matches each, over a very long day. Surely survival of the fittest and not a question of skill?

Could this, along with all-day coaching sessions, be an answer to Barry Granger in the November issue?

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## Top 12 officials

I read in the November issue (*Rubberneck*) of the way in which members of the English Championships committee reacted to the request for umpires to attend the Top 12 at Milton Keynes. I felt I should reply to at least set the record straight.

Firstly, I would correct the statement that I am the secretary of the NURC. I am a member of the committee and am chairman of the panel responsible for umpire appointments. The other members are Mrs D Stannard, B Foggin, and F Groom.

As far as the invitation to umpires, the invitation explained that the Top 12 was a new event and that umpires would be expected to pay for one night's accommodation (£14) and that there would be no subsidy for travel. Incidentally, I understand similar information was given to the players.

We had sufficient replies to make selection a necessity. Thirteen international umpires and four national umpires. The following umpires were selected and participated; all of them asked to be considered if the event is repeated: Mrs H Masters, Miss D Moors, B Foggin, G Hammond, D Miller, A Morgan, J Randall, G Tyler, H Willis, D Young, T Vance, A Drapkin.

I would leave it to the reader to decide the umpiring standard.

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## Gladys Goldstein

On behalf of all members, the officers of the English Table Tennis Association wish to express their sincere condolences to our president Maurice Goldstein OBE, on the tragic loss of his dearly beloved wife Gladys on Thursday 2nd January 1986 following many years of indifferent health which she fought with great courage.

During almost 50 years of married life, Gladys always supported her husband in his life's work for the sport and conducted herself with the utmost dignity as the wife of the president. She was essentially a back-room person who worked behind the scenes for the local league in Birmingham.

Mrs Goldstein accompanied her husband on national duties wherever possible and many will remember her last appearance at the annual dinner of the ETTA 100 Club last July.

She was full of life and those who were privileged to be in her company will never forget the great courage she displayed by making the supreme effort even to be there.

Our sympathy is also extended to Maurice's three sons and their families, particularly to the seven grandchildren.

At the request of the president, donations in memoriam might be made to the ETTA's Ivor Montagu Fund for Juniors.



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## Lisa's patience pays off

England's two top women stars provided a grandstand finale to the Wiltshire 2-Star Open reports *Laurie Selby*.

On one side, England No 1 Lisa Bellinger - patient, probing but quick to pounce on any loose shot. On the other Alison Gordon - powerful, punishing and determined to retain her trophy.

It was an absorbing final with Lisa, from Dunstable, sometimes being driven through the barriers behind the tables to scrape back Alison's thunderbolt forehands.

It looked as though Alison's awesome attack was going to give her victory as she took the opening game and held the upper hand in the second.

But Lisa, using all her touch and tenacity, inched home in the second. Again Alison, from Reading, opened up a good lead in the deciding game but again Lisa battled back and then teased her opponent into error to take the match.

Lisa chalked up a double triumph when she and her elder sister Jackie won the womens doubles against the holders Alison and Mandy Sainsbury from Newbury.

Alan Cooke, the England No 3 from Neasden, became the first player to retain the mens singles after beating John Souter in the final.

Wiltshire's Kevin Satchell set the hall buzzing when he toppled No 2 seed David Wells. Kevin came within a point of reaching the final but was finally beaten by Souter in the final game.

### MENS SINGLES

#### Semi-finals

Alan Cooke (Dy) b Nigel Eckersley (La) 13, 14; John Souter (Mi) b Kevin Satchell (Wi) 20, - 20, 13.

**Final**  
Cooke b Souter 9, 20.

### WOMENS SINGLES

#### Semi-finals

Lisa Bellinger (Bd) b Mandy Sainsbury (Bk) 15, 11; Alison Gordon (Bk) b Karen Witt (Bk) 18, - 19, 13.

### VETERANS SINGLES

**Final**  
W Brookman beat R Bhalla 15, - 13, 17.

### MENS DOUBLES

**Final**  
Eckersley/Colin Wilson (La/Mi) b Cooke/John Hilton (Dy/Ka) - 17, 17, 7.

### WOMENS DOUBLES

**Final**  
Jackie & Lisa Bellinger (Bd) b Sainsbury/Gordon (Bk) 16, - 19, 7.

### BOYS SINGLES

#### Semi-finals

John Ellis (WAL) b Leigh Jeffries (Wa) 8, 10; Adrian Thorpe (St) b James Griffiths (E) 15, 16.

**Final**  
Thorpe b Ellis - 13, 19, 19.

## Cornish Cream

The long journey from Cornwall proved worthwhile for the rising west country protégé Neil Bevan with both the U12 and the U14 singles titles falling to the Launceston player in the Grove School Junior Open sponsored by H&E Scaffolding of Telford, writes *Ian Marshall*.

It will be a day the Cornish boy will long remember as he won the cadets without the drop of a game and was only extended to a third when Burton's Gary Knights clinched the second game of the U12 final.

Partnered with colleague Chris White top seeds Andrew Eden and Damian Holland gained the verdict in the semi-finals of the cadet boys doubles over the Cornish duo. However, a closely balanced final saw Knights and Leigh Jeffries victorious with Eden and Holland the runners-up at 20-22 in the decider.

Meanwhile, Yorkshire's Debbie Toole used her wide range of strokes and excellent control to good effect as the top two seeds faced each other in the cadet girls final with Derby's Julie Foster the runner-up.

The name Potts has appeared on the trophies of the Grove School Junior Open on innumerable occasions but with

Claire withdrawing through illness younger sister Helen upheld family tradition to win the U12 girls singles in fine style. The Cheshire girl gave a superb display to beat the talented Elaine Meddings in a high-class final.

The absence of Claire revealed an interesting and hard-fought junior girls singles event with Melonie Carey in determined mood overcoming Avon's Helen Perrott. Helen gained consolation in the girls doubles final with Melonie beating Helen Lower and Katrina Cox.

In the boys singles, Staffordshire's Adrian Thorp made a nonsense of the seeding. The determined Midlander won the event with seeds Matthew Pernet, Gavin West, Adrian Ball and James Griffiths left in his wake before beating a somewhat tired top seed John Ellis by the narrowest of margins in the final.

Ellis was a first-round loser twelve months ago and has shown great progress but back-to-back matches proved too much. He joined clubmate David Morris to win the boys doubles with Yorkshire's top seeds Mark Land and Alaric Bassano the runners-up.

## Payne's Progress

Philip Payne, who has always shown an appetite for winning, confirmed that his determination and dedication are beginning to pay off at the South of England Junior 2-Star on 16/17th November, writes *Malcolm Green*.

Seeded tenth in the U17 singles at Woking, the Somerset youngster disposed of No 7 seed Neil Pickard and top seed Sean Gibson before clashing with Middlesex's Jonathan Goode in the semi-final.

It was a superbly entertaining encounter for the assembled spectators. At one game-all the quality of play seemed to increase. Goode, looking to get his big forehand in but wary of his opponent's long pimples, began to hit some superb shots. But they all came back.

Payne, defending stoically, and a joy to behold amongst the current armada of rollers, also showed his ability to kill a ball if the opportunity arose.

At 20-19 in the final game to Payne, Goode hit a ferocious forehand which just clipped the edge. Payne smiled, shrugged his shoulders and said "Too good, Jonathon!"

But he triumphed when Goode tried to kill a 'wrong 'un'. Definitely my match of the tournament.

The other semi-final, pale by comparison, saw Paul Amos from Kent defeat the cadet singles winner from the previous day Damian Holland (E) fairly comfortably. The final, closely contested all the way and an excellent match in its own right was won by second seed Amos 21-19, 21-19.

In the girls U17 event the top two seeds soon came to grief. Sarah Hammond (Ha) aggressively saw off top seed Lisa Hayden (E) in the third round and second seed Tanya Holland (E) lost her first match against Katrina Baker (Mi).

However, these giant-killers did not make it to the final which saw No 3 seed Melonie Carey (So) comfortably defeat fourth seed Lesley Souter from Middlesex.

The tournament benefitted from the participation of the Canadian junior side. They proved to be a very useful young outfit indeed.

Caroline Sylvestre, seeded at three surprised top seed Ellen Meddings (Y) in the final to take the cadet girls singles title. Caroline very nearly triumphed in the cadet doubles, too.

### RESULTS

#### Finals

#### JUNIOR BOYS SINGLES

Paul Amos (K) b Philip Payne (So) 19, 19.

#### JUNIOR GIRLS SINGLES

Melonie Carey (So) b Lesley Souter (Mi) 16, 18.

#### JUNIOR BOYS DOUBLES

Joh Mah/Peter Ng (CAN) b Peter Harris/Keith Hodder (He/Bk) 11, 16.

#### JUNIOR GIRLS DOUBLES

Carey/Helen Perrott (Av) b Helen Lower/Christina Cox (Wa/La) 13, 15.

#### CADET BOYS SINGLES

Damian Holland (E) b Leigh Jeffries (Wa) 19, 15.

#### CADET GIRLS SINGLES

Caroline Sylvestre (CAN) b Ellen Meddings (Y) - 12, 12, 16.

#### CADET BOYS DOUBLES

Holland/Jeffries b Mike Auctherlonie/Mark Bawden (Wi/Co) 11, 15.

#### CADET GIRLS DOUBLES

Caroline Buckley/Tracey Hooker (Bd/Bk) b Sylvestre/Delia Holland (E) - 14, 15, 20.

#### U12 BOYS SINGLES

Neil Bevan (Co) b Martin Adams (Bk) 8, 19.

#### U12 GIRLS SINGLES

Meddings b Helen Wright (Dv) 18, 15.

## Wiltshire surprises

The Wiltshire Junior 2-Star tournament produced a string of surprises as players battled for high prize money and vital computer points which decided their places in the ranking lists *writes Laurie Selby*.

Only two events - the girls doubles and the girls U14 singles - were won by the top seeds.

Neil Simms was seeded to win the U14 event but didn't. Instead he took the top prize money of £50 for winning the coveted U17 singles title.



Gary Knights of Burton was expected to win the U12 singles but he lost - and then went on to win the U14 event.

Simms of Pontefract had lost in two finals before he met top seed Sean Gibson of Chorley in the U17 final. But the Yorkshire lad played dream table tennis to win in straight games.

It was a gritty performance by Simms who fought off the disappointment of losing to Knights in the final of the U14 singles.

Neither of the top seeds in the U17 girls singles made the final. The favourite, Lisa Hayden of Brentwood, went out to Helen Perrott of Bristol and No 2 seed Melonie Carey of Somerset crashed to Debbie Toole of Yorkshire.

Helen continued her good form to win the final in straight games.

*Cadet girls singles winner Debbie Toole*

*All photos by Laurie Selby (0793 824376)*



*A winning smile from Neil Simms (left) who beat Sean Gibson in the Wilts U17 final. Tournament organiser John Webb presents the trophies*

The youngest age group, the girls U12 provided one of the most exciting finals, which again went to an unseeded player. Helen Williams of Devon beat Sara Williams of Middlesex in a cliff-hanger.

Other unseeded players to go away with a title were Mark Land and Alaric Bassano who won the doubles final against Andrew Ball and Neil Simms.

But the girls doubles went as expected with favourites Rachel Knight and Lisa Hayden beating Melonie Carey and Helen Perrott in the final.

### RESULTS

#### JUNIOR BOYS SINGLES

**Semi-finals**  
Neil Simms (Y) b R Hutchinson 13, 16;  
Sean Gibson beat J Ellis 8, 22.

**Final**  
Simms b Gibson 15, 19.

#### JUNIOR GIRLS SINGLES

**Semi-finals**  
Helen Perrott (Av) b Lisa Hayden (E) 17, -22, 11; Debbie Toole (Y) b Rachel Knight (Mi) 14, 18.

**Final**  
Perrott b Toole 17, 17

#### JUNIOR BOYS DOUBLES

**Final**  
Mark Land/Alaric Bassano (Y) b Alan Ball/Simms 18, -9, 19.

#### JUNIOR GIRLS DOUBLES

**Final**  
Knight/Hayden b Perrott/Melonie Carey 21, 19.

#### CADET BOYS SINGLES

**Final**  
Knights b Simms 18, 13.

#### CADET GIRLS SINGLES

**Final**  
Toole b Buckley 10, 17.

#### U12 BOYS SINGLES

**Final**  
Bevan b Knights -19, 19, 19.

#### U12 GIRLS SINGLES

**Final**  
Wright b Williams -18, 17, 18.

## Douglas on home ground

It was a bumper entry in the first of the 3-Star events held this season, with over 180 entries for the mens singles, over 50 for the womens, 30 for the veterans and 180 for the Class II singles events at the Midland Open on 9/10th November.

As well as attracting a high number of players it also boasted an entry that included 19 out of 20 English men (Carl Prean the only missing name), David Hannah (the Scottish No 1), Alan Griffiths (Welsh No 1) and Malcolm Temperley (New Zealand No 1).

It was the same picture in the womens event with 18 out of the top 20 entering.

Media interest in the tournament was tremendous with preview articles and reports in five local newspapers as well as a slot on BBC Midland Sports Round Up. This was due mainly to the return of Desmond Douglas.

As expected he won the mens singles and did it in fine style. He didn't drop a game and

always looked in command. His hardest set was probably the semi's against Hannah who played some spectacular shots in losing 19 and 15.

In the final Douglas gave the 300-plus crowd a lesson in how to return Skylet Andrew's best serves, reading them early enough to hit them past him consistently.

Skylet in reaching the final had straight game wins over Nicky Mason and Graham Sandley and Alan Cooke in the semis. A good tournament for him, too!

### Best Match

The most exciting and gripping match of the mens event was the tussle between Alan Cooke and Andrew Syed in the quarters. The rallies were long and hard and the final game couldn't have been closer.

Everyone was absorbed. Alan had four game points before he eventually came out the winner with a ball just creeping over the net followed by a forehand drive clipping the edge!

### Major upsets in the womens

The top half of the draw was first upset by the non-appearance of Karen Witt. Jean Parker seized her opportunity and comfortably reached the semis.

Then Joanne Shaw stepped into action beating first Fiona Elliot 21-16, 21-19; then No 1 seed Lisa Bellinger 18-21, 21-17, 21-10; and, finally, Jean Parker 21-16, 21-16 to reach the final. A superb performance.

In the bottom half all the seeds got through resulting in a semi-final clash between Joy Grundy and Alison Gordon. This produced two good games; the first going to Joy and the second to Alison. But in the final game Joy came out an easy winner.

It was Joy, too, who finally put an end to Joanne's run with a two straight games win in the final as she retained her title.

### Veterans

In the veterans singles Ralph Gunnion (Birmingham) notch-

ed up yet another title with a final win over Babs Adedayo (London). But his toughest game was in the quarters when he played Maurice Billington (Derby).

### RESULTS

#### MENS SINGLES

**Semi-finals**  
Desmond Douglas (Wa) b Dave Hannah (SCO) 16, 16; Skylet Andrew (E) b Alan Cooke (Dy) 18, 10.

**Final**  
Douglas b Andrew 8, 12.

#### WOMENS SINGLES

**Semi-finals**  
Joanne Shaw (Y) b Jean Parker (La) 16, 16; Joy Grundy b Alison Gordon (Bk) 14, -16, 9.

**Final**  
Grundy b Shaw 18, 15.

#### MENS DOUBLES

**Final**  
Douglas/Cooke b Phil Bradbury/Dave Wells (Bu/Mi) 12, 13.

#### WOMENS DOUBLES

**Final**  
Jackie & Lisa Bellinger (Bd) b Mandy Sainsbury/Alison Gordon (Bk) 10, 16.

#### CLASS 2 MENS SINGLES

**Final**  
Gary Wilson (Dv) b Steve Dorking (E).

#### CLASS 2 WOMENS SINGLES

**Final**  
Jane Barella (Sy) b Debbie Soothill (Cu) -17, 11, 9.

#### VETERANS SINGLES

**Final**  
Ralph Gunnion (Wa) b Babs Adedayo (Ldn) 18, 17.

## Matthew wins as England triumph

With Matthew Syed in excellent form, England boys dominated the Cleveland Junior Open supported by Cleveland Leisure Services at Eston Leisure Centre on 23/24th November.

First England beat Holland in the final of the Ladbroke Dragonara International Team Event 3-2. Adrian Dixon won both his matches including beating the visitors No 1 Frank Boute, 3-2 in the deciding set.

Then Syed won the boys singles title after beating the Canadian No 1 John Mah, 21-19 in the third set of his quarter-final.

Syed also produced the best display of the championship in the semi-final when he beat No 1 seed Boute, 21-11 in the third game with brilliant defensive play.

But his closest match was in the final when he beat Derbyshire's unseeded Bradley Billington.

Billington created an excellent chance to take the title when he won the first set 21-10, but he lost the second on deuce. Syed was in command throughout the decider, winning 21-13.

The Dutch took their fair share of the honours, winning the boys doubles and the main girls titles. The girls went to Gerdie Keen - the Dutch girl proving too steady for Andrea Holt in the final.

In the Ladbroke team event, Holland won the title by beating England 3-1 in the final, with Gerdie sharing all three Dutch

victories by winning her singles and doubles with Pat de Groot.

The cadet boys event was won by Michael O'Driscoll of Yorkshire who beat his county team colleague - Chris Oldfield in straight games in the final. Both boys had won through their respective halves comfortably.

The girls cadet championship went to Kerry Hall of Derbyshire beating Scotland's top prospect Sarah Hurry in straight games in the final.

The prizes were presented by Alan Alden, the Leisure and Arts Officer for Cleveland County Council and Keith Radcliffe of Ladbroke.

### JUNIOR BOYS SINGLES

**Final**  
Matthew Syed (ENG) b Bradley Billington (Derby) -10, 20, 13.

### JUNIOR GIRLS SINGLES

**Final**  
Gerdie Keen (HOL) b Andrea Holt (ENG) 14, 13.

### JUNIOR BOYS DOUBLES

**Final**  
Frank Boute/G Vergeagh (HOL) b Chris Oldfield/Michael O'Driscoll (Y) 12, 18.

### JUNIOR GIRLS DOUBLES

**Final**  
Julie Houghton/Debbie Soothill (K/Cu) b Julie Billington/Kerry Hall (Dy) 19, 15.

### CADET BOYS SINGLES

**Final**  
O'Driscoll b Oldfield 19, 12.

### CADET GIRLS SINGLES

**Final**  
Hall b Sarah Hurry (SCO) 10, 12.

### CADET BOYS DOUBLES

**Final**  
O'Driscoll/Damien Holland (E) b Oldfield/Neil Simms (Y) 18, 16.

### CADET GIRLS DOUBLES

**Final**  
Billington/Hall b Elaine Meddings/Debbie Toole (Y) 16, 15.

### U11 BOYS SINGLES

Winner: A Nicholls (Y)

### U11 GIRLS SINGLES

Winner: S Marling (Y)

### LADBROKE DRAGONARA INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT JUNIOR BOYS

**Final**  
ENG 3 HOL 2

### JUNIOR GIRLS

**Final**  
HOL 3 ENG 1

### CADET BOYS

**Final**  
Dagenham 3 Granville 0

### CADET GIRLS

**Final**  
Pontefract 3 Hoton 1

*The successful England team at the Cleveland Junior Open and the Ladbroke Dragonara International Team Event. Left to right: Adrian Dixon, Clare Potts, Paul Day (capt), Matthew Syed, Andrea Holt. Also shown is Mr Keith Radcliffe of Ladbroke*



## Luck of the non-Irish

John Broe the peripatetic international player from Glasgow won the mens title at the Dresswell Ulster open after a titanic struggle with David Barr (Newbury) who is making a comeback to the sport after a lay-off to complete accountancy examinations.

Ulster players dominated the tournament writes Alan Strong but they were unable to handle the skills of Broe and Barr. Ulster's youngest No 1 and Irish Junior No 1, Andrew Dennison of Glenburn Xidex club, almost had the last laugh when he and fellow Ulster Junior player Peter Robinson only lost 21-18 in the third set to cross-channel players Broe and Barr.

Loughside Recreation Centre receptionist, Nora McEvoy, who has a collection of Irish senior caps took a hat-trick of titles beating Louise Taggart of Lisburn in the final, teaming up with fellow international Jennifer Reid for the doubles title and with her Tullygally club coach, Jimmy Robinson, for the mixed.

### RESULTS

#### MENS SINGLES

##### Semi-finals

John Broe (Glasgow) b M Kelly (IRE) 13, 20; David Barr (Newbury) b J Dill (Shankill) 16, 10.

##### Final

Broe b Barr 20, -16, 15.

#### WOMENS SINGLES

##### Final

Nora McEvoy (IRE) b Louise Taggart (Ulster) 14, 13.

#### MENS DOUBLES

##### Final

Broe/Barr b Andrew Dennison/Peter Robinson -18, 16, 18.

#### WOMENS DOUBLES

##### Final

McEvoy/Jennifer Reid (IRE) b C Leonard/G Redmond (Limerick/Dublin) 18, 9.

#### MIXED DOUBLES

##### Final

Robinson/McEvoy b J Fall/M Dunleavy (Ballymoney/Lisburn) 19, 15.

#### VETERANS SINGLES

##### Final

U Watson (Shankill) b T Caffrey (Balbriggan) 21, 13.

#### U21 MENS SINGLES

##### Final

M Kelly (IRE) b A Redmond (Dublin) 13, 13.

#### U21 WOMENS SINGLES

##### Final

Reid b McEvoy 15, -13, 14.

#### JUNIOR BOYS SINGLES

##### Final

Dennison b Redmond 6, 22.

#### JUNIOR GIRLS SINGLES

##### Final

G Redmond (Dublin) b K Stafford (Ulster) 18, -9, 18.

## Moore decisive in student victory

Mark Horsfell

After falling at the final hurdle last season Adrian Moore of Keele went one better to win the men's singles in the UAU Individual Championships at Canterbury on 16/17th November.

Jean Parker also confirmed her top seeding by making it two in a row in the women's singles.

Moore was taken no closer than 21-15 in any game and emerged the most decisive winner for many seasons, eventually triumphing over Nottingham fresher Phil Logsdon. Jean was equally impressive in her domination of the womens not dropping a game on the way to a final 21-13, 21-17 victory over Sheffield's Lesley Longstone (nee Broomhead).

In the mens doubles Leicester's Colin Wilson and John Roberts, seeded 3, took out Sheffield's top-seeded Neil Bailey and Phil Aspinall in the semi-finals before ending the fine run of Manchester's Mike Levene and Jim Balkwill to take the title.

Loughborough's Jane Leonard continued her fine doubles record annexing the womens doubles this year with new partner Tracy Ashdown, surviving three match points in the final against last year's runners-up Mary Hefferman and Sian Herbert of Bristol.

One hundred and eighty five players entered the champs, open to students at English and Welsh universities.

### RESULTS

#### MENS SINGLES

##### Semi-finals

Adrian Moore (Le) b Colin Wilson (Le) 10, 15; Phil Logsdon (Nottingham) b R Tanner (Salford) 11, 20.

##### Final

Moore b Logsdon 14, 10.

#### WOMENS SINGLES

##### Semi-finals

Jean Parker b Rowe (Keele) 16, 11; Lesley Longstone b Mary Hefferman (Bristol) -10, 9, 18.

##### Final

Parker b Longstone 13, 17.

#### MENS DOUBLES

##### Final

Wilson/Roberts b Levene/Balkwill 16, 14.

#### WOMENS DOUBLES

##### Final

Leonard/Ashdown b Hefferman/Herbert -23, 12, 20.

#### MIXED DOUBLES

##### Final

Moore/Rowe b Aspinall/Longstone 19, 15.



## January

**21 EUROPEAN LEAGUE DIVISION 1**  
 England v Denmark  
 Venue: Castle Hall, Hertford. Tel: (0992) 59024. Tickets: £4.00 & £3.50.  
 From: K Grethe, 13 Edmunds Road, HERTFORD SG14 2EY. Tel: (0992) 51802. *Lentec rating: x4.*

**23 TRIUMPH ADLER ENGLISH OPEN**  
 to 25th.  
 Venue: The Brighton Centre, Kings Road BRIGHTON. Tel: (0273) 202881. *Organiser:* ETTA, 21 Claremont, HASTINGS TN34 1HF. Tel: (0424) 433121. *Events (Thurs):* MTeam, WTeam. Evening finals. *Events (Fri & Sat): MS, WS, MD, WD, XD.* From 9.00 am, staged final rounds 7.15 pm Friday, 9.00 am Saturday, and 1.30 pm Saturday. *Equipment:* Jaques tables, Nittaku balls. *Closing date:* 2nd December 1985. *Lentec rating: x4.*

**25 PONTEFRACT 1-STAR OPEN**  
 (Dunlop)  
 Venue: Featherstone Sports Centre, nr Pontefract. Tel: (0977) 795934. *Organiser:* R B Govan - enquire change of address via ETTA office. Tel: (0424) 433121. *Events:* MS, WS, MD, WD, VXS, Class 2 XS. *Equipment:* Dunlop tables and celluloid balls. *Closing date:* late December.

**26 Halex National League (9)**  
*Lentec rating:* Premier division, x2; Other divisions, x1.

**31 EUROPE TOP 12**  
 to 2nd February. In Sodertalje, Sweden.  
*Lentec rating:* Bonus points 20-400.

**1 BENEFICIAL COTSWOLD JUNIOR SELECT**  
 to 2nd.  
 Venue: Gloucester Sports Centre. Tel: . *Organiser:* L J Smith, Endfield, Cowle Road, STROUD GL5 2JR. Tel: (0453) 63217. *Events:* JBS, JGS, JBD, JGD, JXD, CBS, CGS, CBD, CGD, U12BS, U12GS. *Equipment:* Butterfly tables, Schildkröt balls. *Closing date:* 31st December 1985. *Lentec rating: x3.*

**2 NORTH BOURNEMOUTH 1-STAR OPEN**  
 Venue: Winton YMCA, Jameson Road, Bournemouth. *Organiser:* C B Cashell, 16 Victoria Avenue, Winton, BOURNEMOUTH BH9 2RN. Tel: (0202) 529910. *Events:* MS, WS, MD, WD, XD, JXS. *Equipment:* Jaques tables, TSP balls. *Closing date:* 18th January 1986.

**8 ESSEX 3-STAR OPEN**  
 to 9th.  
 Venue: Harlow Sports Centre. Tel: (0279) 21792. *Organiser:* C R Oakman, 27 Darnet Road, Tollesbury MALDON CM9 8XG. Tel: (0621) 869761. *Events:* MS, WS, MD, WD, VXS, Class 2 XS. *Equipment:* Butterfly tables, Schildkröt balls. *Closing date:* 11th January 1986. *Prize fund:* £920. *Lentec rating: x3.*

**8 EXETER JUNIOR 1-STAR OPEN**  
 Venue: St Thomas High School, Exeter. *Organiser:* K Ponting, 21 Southport Avenue EXETER EX4 1RA. Tel: (0392) 78642. *Entries secretary:* Mrs V Addicott, 7 Exwick Road, Exeter. *Events:* JBS, JGS, JBD, JGD, CBS, CGS, U11BS, U11GS. *Equipment:* Jaques tables, TSP balls. *Closing date:* 25th January 1986.

**13 FEDERAL GERMAN OPEN**  
 to 15th. In Karlsruhe.  
*Lentec rating: x4.*

**14 ETTA Coaching course**  
 to 16th. Crystal Palace National Sports Centre.  
*Information:* Coaching Administrator, ETTA, 21 Claremont, HASTINGS TN34 1HF. Tel: (0424) 433121.

**15 Stiga County Championships (5)**  
*Lentec rating: x1.*

**16 Halex National League (10)**  
*Lentec rating:* Premier division, x2; Other divisions, x1.

*ESTTA Regional team finals*  
 In Leeds, Stroud and Croydon  
*Information:* G R Gardiner, 36 Fromm Street, CHORLEY PR6 0AN. Tel: (02572) 64873.

## February

### Spot the champions!

Thirty-one past English Open champions (singles and doubles) are hidden in the grid and anagrams by Beth Davies.

#### Names

- FRED PERRY
- ICHIRO OGIMURA
- SANDOR GLANCZ
- LI CHUNG KUANG
- SEIJI ONO
- GABRIELLA SZABO
- MILAN ORLOWSKI
- MARIA ALEXANDRU
- RICHARD BERGMANN
- DIANE ROWE
- DENIS NEALE
- LI CHEN SHIH
- MARY SHANNON
- EVA FOLDI
- JOHNNY LEACH
- PERCY BROMFIELD
- DAI LILI
- LINDE WERTLE
- ROSALIND ROWE
- ILONA VOSTOVA
- TENG YI
- JILL HAMMERSLEY
- VERA DACE
- ZOYA RUDNOVA
- BO PERSSON

#### Anagrams

- TIBET GRIT? HIRE IT!
- A LOW HARD DIN
- IN DENSE ALE
- DAMON'S DOGS DUEL!
- RAMBO LIT PARK!
- CAN'T PANIC TO SIN!

Up, down, left, right and diagonal — see how many you can spot in the odd moments between matches!

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K	A	S	V	P	A	L	U	J	D	I	R	N	U	C	N	W	B	S	V	L	P
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L	Y	I	V	L	A	D	O	R	E	N	S	H	R	S	M	I	H	G	V	E	L
E	A	E	E	Y	S	Z	R	N	S	T	E	S	U	N	G	L	C	E	A	D	Y
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