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# Rounding the dangerous corners

DESPITE all the preparations and shrewd team selections on court by England captain Don Parker, England slid to defeat 4-3 by Holland at Norwich and will face yet another season in Division 1 of the European League next September. A full match report by Mike Watts will appear in the April issue of *Table Tennis News*, meanwhile we can reflect on the new situation that lies ahead.

It is certainly going to be even more difficult than before to escape from Division 1. Hungary have been relegated — European champion Csilla Batorfi will be playing in Division 1 — and there are moves afoot to reinstate the USSR in Division 1, but there is going to be some wrangling over that hot potato amongst the ETTU delegates in Paris next week.

After England's sparkling success in Belgium those of us present in Charleroi may have thought if we can beat Belgium we can beat Holland. I was one of those who underestimated the strength of the Dutch team. With a player of the calibre of Bettine Vreisekoop in the side, the Dutch were virtually two up at the start. Watching the visitors knocking up at Norwich it became clear that Haldan and Van Spanje were extremely fast and accurate and only two England men 'playing out of their skins' would get the desired result.

Regrettably, Alan Cooke did that but Desmond Douglas could not manage it, Holland are certainly his bogey team. Carl Prean and Lisa Lomas with their combination bat skills played a vital part. We did not expect to win the men's doubles and we came close to winning the mixed, however, we have to face the future and Alan Cooke is now the man who I am confident can make the 1989 European Top-12 tournament in Belgium next January.

### Chairman and his team consolidate

On the domestic front, chairman John Prean was visibly sad at the result in Norwich, but, he has been returned unopposed as chairman with his executive officers for another year. He has come smiling through adversity again and I cannot see any opposition on the horizon to stand against him in the near or middle-distance. No-one else has the time and commitment for the job and it is therefore incumbent on us all to pull together to round the dangerous corners.

**JOHN WOODFORD**

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### ★ THE COVER PICTURE

JAN-OVE WALDNER, the 22-year-old Swedish player is regarded as the best player in the world at this time, certainly by most people in Europe. He won the Europe v Asia tournament at Middlesbrough and the European Top-12 in Yugoslavia on 13 February. He is favourite to win the European title in Paris next week. Picture: PETER BARNES.



# SIDE COURTSIDE

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JOHN WOODFORD

## Belgian dog was spectator

I CANNOT recall seeing a dog watching a table tennis match, certainly not a vital European league match! Just before the start of England's wonderful success in Belgium, the 1,200 spectators included a Yorkshire terrier sitting on the lap of an attractive, youngish, Belgian lady.

To be fair it was a quiet dog and unlike the Belgian players was apparently not overawed by the occasion — the impending strike of the British bulldogs.

At that point, the dog was relegated to the owner's car I know not, but at half-time when I crossed the car park to telephone the news of England's progress to Wapping, the Yorkie was yapping away, complaining of the isolation. It is amazing where people take their dogs these days.

## Devastating Oldfield!

VALENTINE'S Day 1988 should be one to remember for Yorkshire's Chris Oldfield. At the Essex three-star Open in Hornchurch he spent much of the weekend quietly sitting alone. However, not content with winning the Men's Class 2 Singles, the young lad, ranked No 82 on the men's list earlier this year, found some truly devastating form in the Men's Singles event which should result in him rocketing up the Lentec list. He beat Graham Sandley of Middlesex in straight games 21-11 and deuce.

John Hilton had been looking forward to playing Graham Sandley in the last 16 and was a little disappointed when he discovered that he would not do so. John must have been even more disappointed, having won the Veterans' Singles quite comfort-



*Refreshments in Charleroi, Belgium for the intrepid bunch of England supporters from Norwich, skipped by Bill Todd of the Foxwood Club. Left to right: coach Stan Honor, Bill Todd, Yvonne Todd (professional caterer) and Robin Flood. That was a champagne occasion as England shredded Belgium but it was sad that the victory run was halted at Norwich. Picture: JW.*

ably, to lose to young Chris. In their last two meetings Chris and John have enjoyed close games although both of them have been won by John. This time it was different! Chris Oldfield won the first game very comfortably and John Hilton the second. Chris' 21-18 third game victory saw him through to the quarter-finals where he met the No 2 seed and eventual winner Jimmy Stokes.

During the first game of the quarter-final between Oldfield and Stokes Chris was thoroughly outgunned. Not to be too disheartened Chris fought back bravely and took the England No 5 to deuce in the second before he was just edged out. Well played Chris, you earned your ranking points!

MIKE LOVEDER

## SPOT THE BALL BUMPER ENTRY

The *News of the World* Spot the Ball table tennis competition on 10 January, attracted 19,000 entries, reports Betty Maitland of Alan Pascoe Associates. This response is understood to be rated good but some quarters would have hoped for a one per cent return, ie 80,000 on a circulation of eight million.

## AN INCREASING TELEPHONE PROBLEM . . .

A FURTHER explanation of a problem for European League match and big tournament organisers on the vital point of journalists telephone facilities. The continuous updating of GPO equipment is posing more problems. Happily, most but not all national newspapers and agencies have freephone (0800) numbers, but at peak times these are often engaged. This means that the newsman on a deadline has to contact the operator to get a transfer-charge call. At an increasing number of sports centres this is proving impossible so in some cases direct dial calls have to be made and that will not please sports centre managers. The latest example was at the Meadows Centre, Burton-on-Trent.

## CALENDAR OF WORLD EVENTS from the ITTF . . .

1988

Mar 19-Mar 27	16th European Championships Paris
April 9-	Bermuda Open Championships
April 10-April 11	4th European Junior Top-12
May 20-May 22	Czech Junior Open Championships
June 6-June 11	4th Veterans World Championships, Zagreb
June 10-June 12	Italian Junior Open, Verona
June 11-	ETTU/Nancy Evans Cup Finals, Baden Bei Wein
June 17-June 19	Hungarian Junior Open Championships, Keskemet
June 22-June 26	US Open Championships, Miami Beach
July 8-July 10	Spanish Junior Open, Alicante
July 30-Aug 7	31st European Youth Championships, Bergen
Sept 14-Sept 18	Turkish International Youth Tournament, Izmir
Sept 23-Oct 1	TABLE TENNIS AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES, SEOUL
Oct 7-Oct 14	1988 Bicentennial Open Australia Championships
Oct 27-Oct 30	Italian Open Championships, Arrezzo
Nov 17-Nov 20	Yugoslav Open Championships
Nov 23-Nov 27	Dutch Open Championships, Hertogenbosch
Dec 1-Dec 4	French Open Championships, Nantes
Dec	4th Oceania Championships, Noumea, New Caledonia

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Jan 7-Jan 8	5th European Junior Top-12, Switzerland
Feb 3-Feb 5	European Top-12, Belgium
Feb 23-Feb 26	Czechoslovak Open Championships
Mar 19-Mar 25	9th Commonwealth Championships, Cardiff
Mar 29-April 19	40th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, DORTMUND

## YUGOSLAV TOUR POSTPONED

THE proposed tour in April by the Yugoslav national team has had to be cancelled. The ETTA have been unable to agree dates with Yugoslavia, but hopefully the tour could take place next January.

## PRESSURE ON SPACE

This issue of *TTN* was full before it started! Allowing space for the increased number of advertisements, tournaments, counties and standing features, some late-arriving stories and pictures have been omitted. I think this situation will apply to the two remaining issues, April and May, so early copy please from all contributors. I will try and get as many stories and pictures in as possible. The May edition will intentionally be a few days late in order to incorporate the Leeds English Open at Bridlington.

# Vive la France!

by GEORGE YATES

BEATING Hungary 4-3 brought France their second European League Super Division title — last won in season 1977/78 — and sealed a marvellous season for them despite being beaten 5-2 by Bulgaria in their final match on 2 March. Hungary, for the first time, become due for the drop, their one victory of the season being against Yugoslavia back in December. Just one match remains between Poland and Yugoslavia scheduled, belatedly, for 13 April.

## Results

Sweden 4, Poland 3; Yugoslavia 5, Czechoslovakia 2; Bulgaria 5,

Hungary 2; France 5, FR Germany 2; Poland 4, Czechoslovakia 3; Yugoslavia 4, Sweden 3; Hungary 3, France 4; Bulgaria 3, FR Germany 4, FR Germany 6, Hungary 1.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
France	7	6	1	28	21	6
Sweden	7	4	3	28	21	4
Bulgaria	7	4	3	23	26	4
Poland	6	3	3	23	19	3
Yugoslavia	6	3	3	21	21	3
FR Germany	7	3	4	23	26	3
Czechoslovakia	7	3	4	25	24	3
Hungary	7	1	6	18	31	1

Disaster for England at Norwich with the winners, Netherlands, due to take the place of Hungary in the Super Division.

## Results

Netherlands 6, Italy 1; Turkey 6, Finland 1; Netherlands 6, Austria 1; England 6, Denmark 1; Austria 5, Denmark 2; Belgium 2, England 5; England 3, Netherlands 4; Austria 7, Finland 0.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Netherlands	6	6	0	31	11	6
England	7	6	1	35	14	6
Belgium	6	4	2	26	16	4
Austria	7	3	4	24	25	3
Turkey	5	2	3	16	19	2
Italy	6	2	4	16	26	2
Finland	7	1	6	10	39	1
Denmark	6	1	5	17	25	1



Skylet Andrew

## TWO MORE TO COME . . .

THE two final issues of *Table Tennis News* for this season (April and May) will appear near enough as scheduled. The April issue is due out on 12 April. The May issue will be delayed by about a week to include the report of the Leeds English Junior Open at Bridlington on 7-8 May, and should be despatched from Hastings by 19 May. Events held later in May and during the summer will be included in the first issue next season.

## TWENTY THOUSAND SEATS SOLD

THE French TTA report excellent sales of seats for next week's European Championships in Paris. Some 20,000 seats had been sold a fortnight ago, with all seats sold or reserved for the finals of the individual events.

## NEWS IN BRIEF



The Chief Executive

TED WALLBUTTON, popular Chief Executive of the ETTA has recovered fast from a minor heart attack. After a short break he will be working part-time at the Hastings office. He was welcomed back when he appeared at Crawley for the Leeds National Championships finals session.

NICKY JARVIS is reshaping his coaching role. He is no longer on staff, but it is expected he will retain a part-time coaching position.

JOHN HEATON, ETTA vice-chairman for development has resigned but will continue with his wife Jenny Heaton to play an active part in the sport.

CARL PREAN suffered a neck injury just before the match in Belgium. Although suffering discomfort after discarding a surgical collar he appeared for Saarbrücken soon after, where the penalty for not turning up, even if injured is dropping a rung on a ladder!

## NEWS FROM THE NORTH

THE Northumber 2-Star tournament has been cancelled because of lack of sponsorship. This event was to have been held on 7 May, the date of the Leeds English Junior Open at Bridlington.

## EVENTS COMING UP . . .

13 Mar	Leeds British League
19 Mar	ESTTA National Team Finals, Lea Green
19-27 Mar	EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Paris
1-2 Apr	English Junior Top-12, Stantonbury
3 Apr	The Leeds British League
3-4 Apr	Essex Junior 2-Star, Harlow
8-10 Apr	European Junior Top-12, Rumania
9-10 Apr	Junior Premier Week-end
9 Apr	Cornish Junior 2-Star, Camborne
9-10 Apr	Vetts Northern, Manchester
16-17 Apr	South of England 3-Star, Woking
23 Apr	Lancashire 2-Star, Bolton
23-24 Apr	Yorkshire Junior 2Star, Halifax
30 Apr	ESTTA Individual Championships, Mansfield
1 May	Hollington 1-Star, Hastings
7-8 May	Leeds English Open, Bridlington

## OFFICERS' ELECTIONS

Results of the elections are as follows:

Chairman:	J. PREAN	unopposed ELECTED
Deputy Chairman:	A. E. RANSOME	unopposed ELECTED
Treasurer:	P. H. M. HILLIER	unopposed ELECTED

Anthony J. H. Wickens

Returning Officer

May I express my sincere thanks to all our members for their continued confidence in my fellow officers and me. It will continue to be an inspiration to us to work for the sport and, with your help, move it to greater heights.

John Prean, Chairman, English Table Tennis Association.

## COACHING PAYMENTS

GOVERNMENT income tax legislation requires all employers of casual labour to make a return at the end of the tax year in April showing the name, address and amount of all payments made for casual employment.

This applies to payments made for coaching services and as far as the ETTA is concerned this will include all the payments made to coaches at Centres of Excellence.

As anyone who has ever filled in a tax return will know, there is an obligation on every individual to declare their income, whatever the source, and all coaches who receive payment for their services should be aware of this fact.

As the new coaching policy of making greater use of qualified coaches at regional level begins to take effect, more and more coaches will need to comply with this tax legislation.

All coaches be aware!

## A crown well and truly earned

By JOHN WOODFORD

ALISON GORDON has earned her second English title — she last won it in 1984. In the final, a long drawn-out final battle she managed to overcome her Reading partner Mandy Sainsbury —17, 17, 13, 19.

Mandy Sainsbury, runner-up in countless tournaments and a perfectly behaved player at all times, did Alison a favour by knocking out the holder Fiona Elliot in another epic semi-final struggle 16, 19, -12, -11, 17.

The seeding worked perfectly, the four top-ranked girls Gordon, Elliot, Lomas, Sainsbury all reached the semis. But it was for many, a disappointment to see that Andrea Holt could not repeat her triumphs at Brighton in January when she shook up the Asians.

On this occasion, Lisa Lomas found some of her best form that has been absent most of the season, beating Andrea quite comfortably 15, 10, 9. However, it is very early days yet for Miss Holt, time is on her side, which is more than can be said for most of us!

A word on the low entry — 29 women is an appalling figure.



Tony Taylor — a name to watch. Picture — Mike Loveder.

Fortunately, in most junior tournaments and veterans entries are still booming, but in the middle range it is most noticeable that entries in most (not all) what we once called 'closed' events are still falling. That seems to apply at all three levels, national, county and local town championships.

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### MEN'S SINGLES

#### Round 1

D. Douglas (Wa) b D. Charlery (E) —18, 12, 11, 16; P. Whiting (Dv) b M. Harper (Ca) 14, -14, 6, -17, 12; A. Dodd (K) b K. Samuels (He) 10, 18, 7; P. Bradbury (Bu) b G. Chapman (Sy) 7, 4, 15; S. Gibson (La) b J. Dennison (E) 19, 16, 15; S. Moore (Sx) b J. Jonah (Sy) 16, 10, 20; D. Gannon (Le) b S. Palmer (Sk) 15, 14, 13; N. Mason (Sy) b K. Richardson (Ca) 16, 18, 15; B. Billington (Dy) b D. Harding (Sx) 12, 11, 17; A. Dixon (St) b J. Burleton (K) —17, 13, 14, 11; R. Bhalla (Ha) b C. Mundy (Sx) 14, -20, 15, 16; J. Hilton (La) b P. Collino (Sy) —14, 17, 15, 18; G. Sandley (Mi) b P. Elphick (Sx) 10, -13, 15, -20, 12; P. Sayer (E) b P. Machin (Wa) 12, -17, 19, 14; I. Robertson (Nd) b Adedayo (Mi) 8, 10, 16; S. Andrew (E) b M. Wilding (Ha) 10, 11, 12; J. Stokes (Bk) b M. Short (Dv) 18, 15, 16; J. Holland (Dy) b C. Oldfield (Bk) 20, 19, -10, -14, 19; A. Moore (Sx) b L. Neil (Av) 10, 12, 11; N. Eckersley (La) b J. Taylor (He) 12, 15, 10; G. Baker (Sy) b C. Bakewell (St) w/o; P. Norcott (E) b R. Stace (Sx) —10, 12, 16, 11; A. Wellman (Bk) b R. Venner (Sx) 15, 20, -22, -17, 13; K. Sathell (Wi) b R. Bole (Sy) 13, 9, 9; J. Souter (Mi) b E. Smith (Nd) 6, 5, 13; S. Dorking (E) b M. Hammond (Sy) 11, 9, 8; F. Hams (Sy) b A. Abbott (E) 14, -19, 13, 17; T. Taylor (Ch) b B. Johnson (Wa) 12, 14, 12; C. Rogers (Le) b M. Jukes (Wo) —16, -17, 16, 17, 19; P. Giles (Dv) b G. Toole (Ha) 13, 13, 14; P. Smith (Sx) b D. Holman (Sy) 17, -17, 14, 18; A. Cooke (Dy) b C. Wilson (M) w/o.

#### Round 2

Douglas b Whiting 10, 15, 10; Bradbury b Dodd 9, 15, 15; Gibson b Moore 12, 14, 14; Mason b Gannon 13, 11, 21; Billington b Dixon 12, -19, -14, 7, 12; Hilton b Bhalla 17, 13, 17; Sandley b Sayer 19, -19, 16, 13; Andrew b Robertson 7, 13, 16; Stokes b Holland 13, 12, 13; Eckersley b Moore —18, 14, 17, 15; Baker b Norcott 16, 7, 23; Satchell b Wellman —17, 17, 13, 17; Souter b Dorking 10, 7, 16; Taylor b Hams 10, 8, 10; Giles b Rogers 17, 14, -18, -15, 8; Cooke b Smith 13, 14, 13.

#### Round 3

Douglas b Bradbury 6, 18, 16; Mason b Gibson —23, 15, 16, 11; Billington b Hilton 17, 13, 16; Sandley b Andrew —7, 15, 16, 13; Stokes b Eckersley 18, 19, 20; Satchell b Baker 17, -18, -17, 15, 18; Taylor b Souter —15, 22, 15, 27; Cooke b Giles 14, 10, 17.

#### Quarter-finals

Douglas b Mason 13, -14, -18, 19, 13; Billington b Sandley 20, 17, 12; Stokes b Satchell 18, -19, 10, 22; Cooke b Taylor 12, 18, 17.

#### Semi-finals

Douglas b Billington 15, 18, 7; Cooke b Stokes —17, 17, 17, -18, 12.

#### Final

Cooke b Douglas 15, 16, 17.

### WOMEN'S SINGLES

#### Round 1

A. Gordon (Bk) bye; D. Simmonds (Sy) b C. Moran (Li) 10, -18, 16, -14, 18; C. Buttery (Ha) b R. Knight (Mi) 14, 14, 15; J. Harris (St) b S. Scott-Pawson (Sx) 5, 8, 9; A. Holt (La) b D. Toole (Y) 19, 15, 15; J. Billington (Dy) b E. Short (Dv) 12, 13, 19; H. Lower (St) b S. Weston (Sx) 14, 11, 11; L. Lomas (Bd) bye; M. Sainsbury (Bk) b L. Cox (Np) 15, 13, 18; K. Burrows (Y) b H. Mawbey (Sx) 13, 16, 7; G. Blanch (Mi) b S. Richmond (Cv) 13, -18, 12, 19; C. Giles (Dv) b C. Potts (Sp) —20, -14, 13, 19, 6; J. Shaw (Y) b T. Moore (Sx) 17, 11, -19, 20; H. Bardwell (Hu) b M. Carey (So) 14, 17, 19; S. Collier (Bk) b S. Roden (Wo) 13, 13, -16, 9; F. Elliot (St) bye.

#### Round 2

Gordon b Simmonds 7, 8, 10; Harriss b Buttery 16, 13, 7; Holt b Billington 11, 14, 14; Lomas b Lower 11, 6, 17; Sainsbury b Burrows 12, 9, 9; Giles b Blanch 14, 14, 9; Shaw b Bardwell 15, 20, -17, 7; Elliot b Collier —13, 9, 15, 17.

#### Quarter-finals

Gordon b Harris 19, 6, 13; Lomas b Holt 15, 10, 9; Sainsbury b Giles 14, 10, -10, 12; Elliot b Shaw 19, 9, 10.

#### Semi-finals

Gordon b Lomas 15, -15, 15, 16; Sainsbury b Elliot 16, 19, -12, -11, 17.

#### Final

Gordon b Sainsbury —17, 17, 13, 19.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

#### Quarter-finals

Douglas/Stokes b Hammond/Baker 13, 20; Bradbury/Sandley b Whiting/Giles 20, -17, 16; Cooke/Rogers b Wilson/Souter —21, 11, 23; Andrew/Mason b Holland/Oldfield —23, 11, 21.

#### Semi-finals

Douglas/Stokes b Bradbury/Sandley 11, 11; Andrew/Mason b Cooke/Rogers 21, 16.

#### Final

Andrew/Mason b Douglas/Stokes 18, 14.

### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

#### Quarter-finals

Elliot/Lomas b Collier/Buttery 13, 17; Billington/Potts b Harris/Parker —20, 12, 15; Holt/Shaw b Bardwell/Toole 19, 19; Gordon/Sainsbury b Richmond/Cox 13, 8.

#### Semi-finals

Elliot/Lomas b Billington/Potts 10, 10; Gordon/Sainsbury b Holt/Shaw 20, 14.

#### Final

Elliot/Lomas b Gordon/Sainsbury —20, 12, 17.

### MIXED DOUBLES

#### Semi-finals

Andrew/Elliot b Mason/Gordon 13, 13; Cooke/Holt b Souter/Harris 17, -16, 19.

#### Final

Andrew/Elliot b Cooke/Holt 14, 16.

# Cooke heralds the new dawn

By JOHN WOODFORD

ENGLISH table tennis took on a new dimension, a fresh and sparkling promise of a new and successful era at Crawley Leisure Centre on 27 February, as Alan Cooke, 21, ascended onto the top position on the victory rostrum after that spot was held for most of the last twelve years by the legendary Desmond Douglas.

The timing of the English championships this season was unfortunate — sandwiched between two vital European league matches — it is a surprise that the England squad players were fit enough to go on court, let alone fight for the honours against the growing bunch of talented young players who had nothing to lose by going for their shots.

Desmond Douglas has never been comfortable in the glare of publicity that inevitably surrounds the country's leading player, whatever his standing in Europe or the world. Many cannot take it, Des was never happy. He is intensely relieved that organisers, officials, media will not any longer be calling him with the frequency he has endured for so long.

However, at Crawley Douglas did not have an easy draw. Sky-let Andrew was removed from his path by a sterling performance by Graham Sandley, still a man who can pull out an incredibly talented performance when least expected by most outsiders.

Whilst Sandley was the giant-killer in the top half, it was Cheshire's Tony Taylor in the bottom half. His win -15, 22, 15, 27 almost stopped the tournament and showed that he is a name to watch. Alan Cooke stopped Taylor in the quarter-finals as expected, but as Alan whispered to me in Belgium a few days earlier, 'I think I can do it!' — meaning that he had faith in himself that he could win the title.

Crawley was a triumph for both Bradley Billington and Jimmy Stokes — two young men who seem certain to win places shortly in the England squad — the best advice on offer is not to turn down any invitations, even late ones. Billington reached the semis by knocking out evergreen John Hilton 20, 17, 12 and Stokes got there by stopping another determined player Kevin Satchell who is on my list to increase stocks in the picture files of this magazine.

Stokes had to fight desperately to hold Satchell 18, -19, 10, 22. Billington stopped the Sandley advance 20, 17, 12, a key win for the other young man from Cheshire as he blasts his way up the ranking list.



The new champions of England, Alison Gordon, Alan Cooke.



## VENUE AND THE CROWDS

CRAWLEY is not an ideal venue for all purposes although it fulfils most objectives. No practice tables is one weakness and very little knocking up means players can go on stone cold and the hall was apparently 'cool' on this occasion. But the environment is pleasant, better than the stark walls of many sports centres that inside look like aircraft hangars.

Crowd estimates were that 800 people watched on the final day, against just over 1,000 last year. For most people there were extra other attractions clashing — Channel 4 table tennis as the finals finished not to mention the closing stages of the Winter Olympic Games, an event that cost table tennis and many other sports dearly, in terms of media coverage.

## DES SAID . . .

AMONGST a few things that would be out of place in this magazine, Desmond Douglas said after his defeat 'I was under a lot of pressure through tournament and frankly I did not play well, even rubbish at times. No disrespect to Alan Cooke, he played well but all the pressure was on me and I was lucky to beat Nicky Mason. I will support the tournament next year if it proves possible. I need a complete break from the game. I doubt if I shall play in the European League next season, in any case it is now time that the young players Alan Cooke and Alan Prean and the others on the way up formed the basis of the England squad. Ten years is a long time to be at the top and I shall be glad to hand over the pressure.'

Wendy Cunningham, special projects manager for the Leeds Permanent Building Society makes the presentation to the new champion Alan Cooke. In the left background a champion of the future Bradley Billington and on the right, Desmond Douglas manages to raise a smile after a gruelling spell of wins and defeats. Hiding behind the trophy should be another future star Jimmy Stokes.

# The Leeds English Open, Brighton 1

## THE DETAILS

**WOMEN'S SINGLES:** 1st rd: **M. Sainsbury** b T. Ohno (Japan) 21-17 21-16 14-21 21-15; **A. Holt** b S. Rouvier (France) 21-16 21-13 21-12; **K. Nolten** (W Germany) b J. Smith 21-13 21-12 21-14; **F. Sanovic** (Yugoslavia) b C. Polk (Denmark) 21-13 21-19 17-21 17-21 21-14; **D. Guergueltcheva** (Bulgaria) b L. Savnot (France) 21-10 21-5 21-12; **N. Struse** (W Germany) b M. Monteux (France) 21-18 17-21 12-21 21-17 21-15; **So Hung Hui** (Hong Kong) b M. Kocova (Czechoslovakia) 22-20 21-10 19-21 21-16; **L. Erlman** (Sweden) b A. Gordon 10-21 24-22 22-20 23-21; **V. Popova** (Soviet Union) b L. Lomas 21-14 21-16 21-13; **M. Svensson** (Sweden) b J. Harris 21-15 21-14 21-19; **Bun Hui Li** (N Korea) b E. Kovtun (Soviet Union) 21-13 21-11 21-15; **P. Frelih** (Yugoslavia) b A. Krauskopf (Austria) 21-11 21-18 21-16; **P. Aubry** (France) b P. Toelhof (Denmark) 21-16 21-8 21-12; **R. Kasalova** (Czechoslovakia) b Jin Sook Cords (W Germany) 21-12 16-21 24-22 21-16.

2nd rd: **He Zhili** (China) b Nolten 21-13 21-14 21-23 21-16; **Isanovic** b S. Collier 21-12 21-18 21-10; **Struse** w/o M. Hrachova (Czechoslovakia) scr; **M. Hoshino** (Japan) b M. Zillner (Austria) 21-10 21-10 21-11; **Li Huifen** (China) b Aubry 21-12 21-14 21-12; **R. Jimofeyeva** (Soviet Union) b H. Bedard (Canada) 21-6 21-12 21-8; **Guergueltcheva** b F Elliot 25-23, 21-15, 21-15; **F. Bulatova** (Soviet Union) b Sainsbury 21-19, 21-18, 24-22; **R. Jimofeyeva** (Soviet Union) b H. Benard (Canada) 21-6, 21-12, 21-8.

**Dai Lili** (China) b Erlman 21-11 21-4 21-9; **Jiao Zhimin** (China) b S. Yoshida (Japan) 21-10 21-12 21-8; **Holt** b So Hung Hui (Hon Kong) 12-21 13-21 21-17 21-14 23-21; **O. Nemes** (W Germany) b Svensson 21-10 21-17 21-14; **Li Bun Hui** b N. Patel (Canada) 21-7 21-16 21-9; **K. Ishida** (Japan) w/o C. Batorfi (Hungary) scr; **Frelih** b Popova 21-14 16-21 24-22 21-14; **Yang Youngja** (S Korea) b Kasalova 21-15 21-18 20-22 21-16.

**Quarter-finals:** **He Zhili** b Guergueltcheva 16-21 21-13 21-18 24-22; **Dai** b Jimofeyeva 21-1 22-24 21-10 21-13; **Li**

**b Jiao** 12-21 21-16 21-16 21-17; **Li** b Ishida 21-13 21-9 21-5.

**Semi-finals:** **He** b Dai 19-21 21-14 21-9 21-12; **Li Huifen** b Li Bun 18-21 21-14 21-19 21-15.

**Final:** **Li Huifen** (China) b He Zhili (China) 12-21 22-20 21-13 21-16.

**MEN'S SINGLES:** 1st rd: **D. Douglas** b J. Harkamp (Denmark) 21-16 21-15 21-9; **G. J. Ng** (Canada) b J. Broe 21-15 21-18 17-21 21-16; **A. Mazunov** (Soviet Union) b D. Polak (Israel) 21-19 21-17 21-11; **J. Roskopf** (W Germany) b P. Jackson (N Zealand) 21-10 21-10, 21-11, 21-19; **P. Karlsson** (Sweden) b S. Andrew 21-19 21-13 21-19; **D. Mazunov** (Soviet Union) b N. Williams 21-16 21-14 21-15; **Jiang Jialiang** (China) b M. Grman (Czechoslovakia) 21-17 21-11 21-14; **Li Gun Sang** (N Korea) b P. Eckel (Austria) 21-17 21-16 21-7; **J. Persson** (Sweden) b J. Rebel (W Germany) 21-18 21-10 21-18; **R. Wosik** (W Germany) b P. Haldan (Holland) 21-14 21-23 21-14 21-23 21-17; **Z. Primorac** (Yugoslavia) b S. Huccliez (France) 21-23 21-15 22-24 21-14 21-14; **C. Prean** b P. Campagnolle (France) 21-15 21-15 21-15; **T. Watanabe** (Japan) b K. Satchell 21-19 21-23 21-23 21-14 21-16; **Teng Yi** (China) b J. Javurek (Czechoslovakia) 21-17 21-17 22-24 21-16; **Y. Miyasaki** (Japan) b M. Stein (Israel) 21-14 21-12 21-9; **C. Egehoff** (Denmark) b D. Poh (Canada) 21-17 21-14 21-23 21-13; **L. Kucharski** (Poland) b V. Dvorac (Soviet Union) 21-14 21-13 14-21 21-18; **N. Mason** b C. Slevin (Ireland) 18-21 21-13 21-17 21-15; **E. Lindh** (Sweden) b S. Fetzner (W Germany) 21-12 14-21 21-15 13-21 21-12.

**Quarter-finals:** **Persson** b Jiang 21-11 17-21 21-17 13-21 21-18; **Chen** b Mazunov 21-17 21-9 21-12; **Kim** b Teng 21-17 21-19 21-14; **Waldner** b Xu 21-19 21-16 21-17.

**Semi-finals:** **Kim Song Hui** (North Korea) b J-O Waldner (Sweden) 21-18, 17-21 21-18 18-21 26-24; **J. Persson** (Sweden) b Chen Longcan (China) 21-12 21-16 21-23 22-20.

**Final:** **Persson** b Kim Song Hui 21-19 21-19 21-15.

Brighton Pictures by Peter Barnes



The men's single's winner at Brighton, Jorgen Persson of Sweden.



Andrei Mazunov, USSR, is ranked No 8 in Europe.

## DOUBLES

EUROPE lifted themselves above Asia once again in the Men's Doubles event, when Grubba and Kucharski emerged from an incredible battle -19, 20, 24 against China's Jiang and Zu in the final. In the semi-finals the Polish pair made up for the shock defeat by Douglas and Andrew in the team event by taking out the men's doubles top seeds Chen and Wei.

In the quarters the Poles also eliminated Douglas and Andrew 18, 16. Carl Prean and Alan Cooke also survived to the quarters but lost to Waldner and Lindh.

Asian domination reared its head in the mixed doubles. A glance through the quarter-finals line-up shows very few Europeans, but Valentina Popoga and Mazunov reached the semi-finals before losing 12, 19 to Jiang and Jiao Zhimin. In the final the fifth seeds Wei Qingguang and Li Huifen took the trophy. But the Women's Doubles saw a further win for Europe — a shock victory for Popova and Guergueltcheva 18, 17 against He Zhili and Jiao Zhimin. So in the three doubles events, Asians won only the mixed.

## THE VENUE

VERY few indoor sporting events are held outside established sports centres. Wembley, The Albert Hall and the plush Brighton Centre are the three superior venues in the south where most of the top racquet sports are centred. For a two-table venue The Wembley Conference Centre takes some beating. Waldner and Persson told the media that the Brighton Centre was probably the finest larger venue they had seen. They have of course seen many stadiums abroad many of which retain the cold functional look of ice stadiums, which most of them are. But at Brighton, the atmosphere of a huge stadium could not match Thornaby's packed but smaller arena. To continue the advancement of table tennis I feel we have to carry on with prestigious venues like Brighton, although we know the costs can be frightening.

## THE TEAM EVENTS

CHINA seldom fail in team events anywhere in the world. Brighton was no exception. The Chinese men beat Sweden in the final 3-0 whilst the women landed a 3-1 win over Japan. But the Swedes rested Waldner from the final to give Persson and Lindh against players they might meet in Seoul.

In the Men's final Xu Zeng Cai was a shock winner over Lindh and the world champion Jiang improved to top Persson. After knocking out Poland, England men's pair Douglas and Andrew lost 3-0 to China although England took the first game of the doubles.

England's basically defensive pair Lisa Lomas and Andrea Holt came up with a notable win 3-2 against Sweden when both girls beat the Swedish No 2 Lotta Ealman. At 2-2 Andrea Holt was pitted against Ealman and stormed through with her unique blend of attacking bursts to win 21-12, 21-15.

England won a place in the semi-final by halting Sweden, but predictably, the girls lost 3-0 to China.

### MEN

**Quarter-finals:** China b England 3-0 (Zengcai Xu b D Douglas 21-15, 21-15; Longcan Chen b S Andrew 21-12, 21-18; Longcan & Qingguang Wei b Douglas & Andrew 12-21, 21-15, 21-15).

West Germany b Israel 3-0; South Korea b Holland 3-0; Sweden b Japan 3-0.

**Semi-finals:** China b West Germany 3-1; Sweden b South Korea 3-0.

**Final:** China b Sweden 3-0.

### WOMEN

**Second Round:** France b Scotland 3-0 (Aubey b Dalrymple 21-15, 21-11; M Monteux b J Smith 21-16, 21-18; S rouvier & Monteux b Smith & Dalrymple 21-16, 21-17).

China b Yugoslavia 3-0; Sweden b W Germany 3-0; England II wo Holland; USSR bt Czech 3-0; Japan wo Belgium; Austria b Canada 3-0; Denmark wo Hungary.

**Quarter-finals:** England II b Sweden 3-2 (L Lomas b L Ealman 14-21, 21-7, 21-11; A Holt I M Svensson 18-21, 10-21; Lomas & Holt b Ealman/Svensson 21-17, 12-21, 21-17; Lomas I Svensson 19-21, 16-21; Holt b Ealman 21-12, 21-15).

China b France 3-0; Japan b USSR 3-0; Austria b Denmark 3-2.

**Semi-finals:** China b England II 3-0 (Li Hui Fen b Holt 21-9, 21-10; Jiao Shimin b Lomas 21-18, 21-16; Jiao Zhimin & He Zhili b Holt & Lomas 21-15, 21-14).

Japan b Austria 3-0.

**Final:** China b Japan 3-1.

# Persson dazzles at Brighton

by JOHN WOODFORD

ARGUMENTS could rage all year on whether Brighton or Thornaby was the most prestigious or the most successful tournament of 1988. I believe that both were magnificent events and each scored in different ways. Once again, in general the Asian challenge was eclipsed with the pin-up boy of European table tennis Jorgen Persson keeping Europe in front.

When Persson won the European title in Prague two years ago I was not convinced that Sweden had produced a star who would prove long-lasting; it could be a flash-in-the-pan said several in the press centre in Prague. But the doubters have been proved wrong — Persson is a world-class player with a special brand of stroke-play capable of upsetting Chinese, Koreans and anyone else on the world ranking list.

The order of strength in the Asian continent is, China just in front of Korea, north or south, and Japan some way behind. This seemed to be proved by the emergence of Kim Song Hui (seeded equal nine) along with several others, to the final after accounting for Jan-Ove Waldner in the semi-finals. Waldner, ever since losing hopelessly at Wembley in September has been extremely difficult to beat. The mid-morning semi-final between Kim and Waldner produced some stunnign play.

### Personal glory

Kim continued to uphold Asian honour in the final round of the men's singles. In front of a crowd said to be 2,000 (by BBC Grandstand commentator Tony Gubba) it was personal glory for Persson as he took the first two games 12, 16 and then had to struggle, losing the third 20 and just squeezing home 22-20.

So, that marked the end of the tour by the Asians. As far as the men go, whichever continent is at home holds a big advantage. In three years, the men at home have won most of the battles, but the Asian women are strong enough to beat their European rivals whichever part of the globe finds the venue.

### Penalties

The ETTU it appears have to impose unrelated penalties in order to get their players to appear in the annual Europe v Asia series — Desmond Douglas was banned from playing in the European Top-12 because he would not play against Asia, despite a real injury. No doubt

the discipline in the Asian continent is better than Europe.

What is certain is that itineraries of the Europe v Asia are extremely punishing and for that reason alone the event should be held bi-annually, not every year.

### Cash awards

However, back to the tournament at Brighton and the showing of the English players who were spurred on by the five £1,000 awards by the tournament sponsors, the Leeds Permanent Building Society. The five winners were Desmond Douglas, Alan Cooke, Skylet Andrew, Nicky Mason and our brightest rising star Andrea Holt.

Douglas and Andrew knocked out seeded Poland in round 1 of the team event. That was a magnificent start as Poland were at full strength with Andrzej Grubba and Leszek Kucharski. Skylet's win over Kucharski who is ranked No 11 was an amazing win. Skylet has just been dropped from the European ranking list — why is it that England gets raw deal after raw deal on the European rankings? Perhaps George Yates knows the answers?

### Gallant defeat

England supporters were relieved to see the return of Desmond Douglas. Although still suffering from toe trouble, he whipped the Japanese Watanabe in round 2 of the men's singles and only went down gallantly over five games 21-14 in the fifth to Jiang.

### Limelight return

Alan Cooke did not shine at Thornaby but at Brighton he came storming back into the limelight to beat Kim Ki Taek the world No 14 and then in the quarters, took the first two games from Waldner before going down 14 in the fifth, another incredible show.

Nicky Mason knocked out five men before taking the first game from Persson and generally worrying the European champion who came through at 18 in the fourth looking really worried by the hard-hitting young man from nearby Bexhill.

### Floundering

Andrea Holt is in my book an unorthodox player, at least in a tactical sense. Most of her opponents put her straight into the pigeon-hole marked 'defender' which usually means possesses a mediocre attack. Not so, in the case of the young lady professional from Bury, Lancashire. She has an attack on both wings especially following her service that leaves the opposition floundering, flat-footed and generally flabbergasted.

Andrea's two major successes at Brighton were two that she may well remember all the days



of her life. To beat the ninth-seeded Hui So Hung and then take the legendary Jiao Zhimin to five games is either a fairy tale or a dream come true.

Finishing on the women's singles, Asia provided all four semi-finalists, with He Zhili reaching the final via Dia Lilli and in the bottom half Li Huifen (China) reaching the final and then stopping the world champion He Zhili in four games.



Lisa Lomas, the England No 3 is returning to form.



Desmond Douglas and Skylet Andrew, a dynamic men's doubles pair, that capsized Andrzej Grubba and Leszek Kucharski of Poland.

Picture Mike Loveder

## Picture Parade 1

### EIGHTEEN ENGLISH UMPIRES AT THORNABY



*It proved impossible at Brighton but it happened in Thornaby — a picture of the umpires captured before they went into action. Just to fool the cameraman there are two identical twins, Jim and John Bird. I am told they are both known as 'Jim-John' as few people can tell them apart! Top row: Peter Adamson, Jim Bird, George Turton, John Bird, Jack McAllister. Middle row: Brian Foggin, Colin McLean, Arthur Morgan, Heather Masters, David Poultney, Frank Draycott. Front row: Lewis Ward, Sally Russell, John Lawton, Peter Claus, Bill Moran, Debbie Fletcher, Laurie Wardman. Picture Peter Barnes*

### Mandy in form at Crawley



*Mandy Sainsbury, countless times she has been the runner-up in big tournaments. At Crawley at the Leeds Nationals, she finished second, but in the semi-finals she stopped the reigning champion Fiona Elliot in five gruelling games.*

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*Murray Corbin took this photograph of the Oldham Leeds British League squad prior to a match against Byker, Newcastle. Left to right: Norman Thewlis, Tony Vaughan, Darryl Sneyd, Howard Leigh, Andy Leigh, Peter Aspin (manager), John Hope on table.*



*Frank Bruno, soon going for the world heavyweight title against Mike Tyson is an Old Boy of Oak Hall School, Heathfield, East Sussex. He is seen here on a visit and he was a reasonable player, still is — 'you know what I mean 'Arry?' Picture: David Ward.*

# It WAS a month to shake the world . . .

JANUARY proved the most astonishing month. I began with that fabulous Euro-Asia Tournament about which I wrote last time. I cannot recall two better days of Table Tennis.

## The Leeds Open

We moved on to Brighton for the Leeds Open. Attendances were the highest for many years, the cast of players perhaps the best ever. There was a time, decades ago, when the English Open was the best Open Tournament in Europe. It was a smaller world of Table Tennis, which China, Japan, the two Koreas had not yet entered. Since then there have been too many occasions when neither the setting nor the quality of play matched the occasion. We were determined this time to stage the best Open in Europe and to restore to our Open all its former glories. We had a setting and organisation to match. We had perhaps the greatest cast of players ever assembled in one Open Tournament. Our supporters had the chance to see far more world class table tennis than ever before.

## Scheduling

That this was so is due very much to Referee Doug Young who revised conventional scheduling wisdom. I am sad to say that this owes more to administrative convenience than a wish to give spectators a good day. How often have we seen all the eight matches of, say, the last 16 or a big event played at the same time? How often have we seen nothing but Mixed Doubles played together? Losses of spectators were then attributed to outside factors like sponge or glue or combination bats.

We made giant strides towards more sensible and attractive scheduling and a better deal for spectators. We intend to go much further on that road. I see it as one of the keys to a better sport.

## Organisation

As in Cleveland the week before, the organisation rose magnificently to the occasion. Doreen Stannard and her team kept the show on the road throughout. Others must decide where we stood in terms of international excellence. I can say it was the best English Open I have ever seen.

## Television

We had some 'luck'. Racing was cancelled and so we were on the screens rather longer than we

might otherwise have been — well over an hour. However, I feel the quality of play was such that previous amounts of time would have been increased. This was so in Sunderland in April (England-China) when Ice-Hockey was interrupted to show the closing stages. The sport had forced itself on the screens by its own sheer excellence.

Local radio, both local TV networks (BBC South and Southern) were there to film interviews. We made our mark.



*John Prean, despite England's defeat by Holland at Norwich is sad but still smiling. He has again been returned unopposed as chairman of the ETTA, along with his fellow executive officers.*

By the time you read this, you will have seen two programmes screened by Channel 4 and each will have a duration of 1¼ hours, featuring highlights from the Leeds Euro-Asia Tournament in Cleveland.

A wealth of wonderful footage was in the can, all the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final. You will see the best players in the world. When you read this, you will know the results. I hope it will have proved great propaganda for the game and a breakthrough, the forerunner of much more table tennis on television. As I travel the country, more and more of our thoughtful members see TV as our great priority, the greatest form of advertising what we have to offer, to stimulate interest among new members and those we have lost. That is how it was during the World Championships, Birmingham 1977. That is how it must be again.

## Artistry

A point played by Jiang and Persson will remain with me forever because it lifted the sport into the realms of Beethoven and Leonardo. There are many rallies which were quite unbelievable and whole matches which were memorable, numerous heartening performances by our own players when they crossed the threshold to greatness.

We are grateful yet again to the Leeds for their imaginative thought to award £1,000 to each of five of our players for their performances in this Leeds Open. The sponsor is supporting our efforts to raise the status and rewards of the professional player and the sport itself.

That wonderful crowd, the excellence of the organisation, the compliments from so many of our overseas friends and the frequent magic of the play gave me immense confidence for the future.

## Burton . . .

The month was not over yet. A couple of days later we were in Burton-on-Trent for the first ever table tennis international, the European League Match against Denmark, again sponsored by the Leeds, which had been played in Burton.

Burton is a table tennis hot-bed

## Bitter-Sweet

Our National team travelled to Belgium and scored a marvellous win against Belgium in Charleroi before 1,200 spectators and live TV, but we failed again in our last match against Holland in Norwich's gorgeous St Andrew's Hall which denied us promotion to the European Super League. It was a bitter-sweet match with a lot of good table tennis despite the immense pressure, but in the end we did not quite make it. Alan Cooke again played magnificently, but I was proud of all our team as they played their hearts out and no one can ask for more. It may have been the end of promotion hopes this season, but I am confident that it will prove a new beginning.

## THANKS YET AGAIN

My warmest thanks yet again to the Leeds Permanent Building Society without whose encouragement and support this English Open could not have been staged. It was, in the opinion of many, the greatest Open staged in Europe this year.

**JOHN PREAN**

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# The European Top-12 in Yugoslavia

## STIGA EUROPA TOP 12

# Waldner wins — only one defeat

by GEORGE YATES

UNDEFENDED by England's Desmond Douglas the men's Top-12 title, fought for in the Hala Tivoli, Ljubljana, was taken over by Sweden's Jan-Ove Waldner adding this distinction to his Euro/Asia singles title won in Cleveland. Winner of the women's event was Fliura Bulatova of the Soviet Union who, in succeeding the absent Csilla Batorfi of Hungary, sustained just one loss as did Waldner.

Waldner's one loss was incurred in the 10th round when beaten 12, 9 and 19 by Leszek Kucharski of Poland while Bulatova suffered her sole defeat at the hands of Bettine Vriesekoop of the Netherlands who finished second in losing to Gordana Perkucin of the host country and Olga Nemes of the Federal Republic of Germany.

### Three ruled out

In addition to Douglas, Hungary's Tibor Klampar ruled himself out and injuries to Erik Lindh, at the eleventh hour, and to Ulf Carlsson meant four substitute players having to be brought in namely, Jean-Philippe Gatien of France, Zsolt Kriston of Hungary, Jörg Roskopf of F.R. Germany and Ilija Lupulescu of Yugoslavia. The latter's place could have been taken by Carl Prean but for his commitment to his Bundesliga club.

Jorgen Persson of Sweden, winner of the Leeds English Open title, was second placed in the men's category with the two

Poles, Andrezej Grubba and Kucharski, third and fourth. Best of the substitutes was Lupulescu who finished fifth with Kriston finishing bottom of the heap with a single win in eleven attempts surprisingly against Kucharski.

Injuries to both top women, Batorfi and Marie Hrachova of Czechoslovakia, brought in Mirjam Kloppenburg of the Netherlands and Alena Safarova of Czechoslovakia and a strangely absent Daniela Guerguelcheva of Bulgaria — winner of the women's singles title in the Federal German Open — had Yugoslavia's Gordana Perkucin taking over.

### High standard of play

Sadly, Perkucin finished last with her compatriot, Jasna Fazlic only one place above her. But there was no denying the high standard of play from both sexes which regrettably did not attract the same number of spectators as witnessed the Jacques Secretin-Vincent Purkart spectacular on the Friday evening.



Fliura Bulatova, the Russian defender in a study of concentration. She won the Top-12 title with only one defeat in Ljubljana, but there were some absentees including the European champion Csilla Batorfi. Bettine Vriesekoop (Holland) came second to Bulatova who might return with Russia to the European League next September. Picture: Brian Webster.

## FINISHING POSITIONS

(previous positions in brackets if applicable)

MEN				WOMEN			
	P	W	L		P	W	L
1. J.-O. Waldner (SWE) (2)	11	10	1	1. F. Bulatova (URS) (3)	11	10	1
2. J. Persson (SWE) (3)	11	9	2	2. B. Vriesekoop (HOL) (4)	11	9	2
3. A. Grubba (POL) (4)	11	8	3	3. O. Nemes (FRG) (10)	11	8	3
4. L. Kucharski (POL) (5)	11	8	3	4. E. Kovtun (URS) (-)	11	6	5
5. I. Lupulescu (YUG) (-)	11	5	6	5. R. Kasalova (TCH) (-)	11	6	5
6. J. Roskopf (FRG) (-)	11	5	6	6. O. Badescu (ROM) (-)	11	6	5
7. A. Mazunov (URS) (9)	11	5	6	7. M. Kloppenburg (HOL) (-)	11	5	6
8. M. Appelgren (SWE) (7)	11	5	6	8. A. Safarova (TCH) (-)	11	5	6
9. J.-P. Gatien (FRA) (-)	11	4	7	9. E. Urban (HUN) (2)	11	4	7
10. G. Bohm (FRG) (-)	11	3	8	10. V. Popova (URS) (7)	11	3	8
11. Z. Kalinic (YUG) (-)	11	3	8	11. J. Fazlic (YUG) (-)	11	2	9
12. Z. Kriston (HUN) (11)	11	1	9	12. G. Perkucin (YUG) (-)	11	2	9

## EUROPEAN LEAGUE, EARLIER RESULTS

### SUPER DIVISION

<b>POLAND (POL)   BULGARIA (BUL)</b>				<b>3-4 FRANCE (FRA)   SWEDEN (SWE)</b>				<b>4-3</b>			
Grubba A. b Stojanov I.	13, 14	2/0	1-0	Gatien J. P. b Lindh E.	-19, 15, 17	2/1	1-0				
Kucharski L.   Loukov M.	18, -16, -17	1/2	1-1	Birocheau P. b Persson J.	-13, 17, 16	2/1	2-0				
Szymanelis J.   Guerguelcheva	-10, -18	0/2	1-2	Wang Xiaoming b Svensson M.	19, 20	2/0	3-0				
Grubba A. / Kucharski L. b Loukov M. / Stojanov I.	7, 16	2/0	2-2	Gatien J. P. / Birocheau P.   Lindh E. / Persson J.	-14, -18	0/2	3-1				
Kucharski L. / Bilska I. / Loukov M. / Guerguelcheva	19, -19, -17	1/2	2-3	Gatien J. P. / Wang Xiaoming   Lindh E. / Svensson M.	19, -14, -17	1/2	3-2				
Grubba A.   Loukov M.	14, 19	2/0	3-3	Gatien J. P. b Persson J.	-18, 24, 17	2/1	4-2				
Kucharski L.   Stojanov I.	-18, -19	0/2	3-4	Birocheau P.   Lindh E.	-17, -17	0/2	4-3				
<b>HUNGARY (HUN)   YUGOSLAVIA</b>				<b>5-2 TURKEY (TUR)   AUSTRIA (AUT)</b>				<b>3-4</b>			
Klampar T. b Primorac Z.	14, -21, 16	2/1	1-0	Yaldiz G.   Ding Yi	-13, -17	0/2	0-1				
Kriston Z. b Kalinic Z.	17, 19	2/0	2-0	Cimen O. b Palmi D.	-6, 17, 17	2/1	1-1				
Batorfi C. b Fazlic V.	16, 18	2/0	3-0	Poyrazoglu K.   Kottek E.	-14, -9	0/2	1-2				
Klampar T. / Kriston Z.   Lupulescu I. / Primorac Z.	-21, -15	0/2	3-1	Yaldiz G. / Cimen O. b Ding Yi / Palmi D.	22, 16	2/0	2-2				
Somosi / Batorfi C. b Lupulescu I. / Fazlic J.	-11, 19, 22	2/1	4-1	Yaldiz G. / Dogan S.   Palmi D. / Kottek E.	-8, -14	0/2	2-3				
Klampar T. b Kalinic Z.	17, 11	2/0	5-1	Yaldiz G. b Palmi D.	18, 20	2/0	3-3				
Kriston Z.   Primorac Z.	-13, 19, -16	1/2	5-2	Cimen O.   Ding Yi	-15, -13	0/2	3-4				
<b>CZECHOSLOVAKIA (TCH)   FR GERMANY (FRG)</b>				<b>3-4 DENMARK (DEN)   BELGIUM (BEL)</b>				<b>3-4</b>			
Javurek P.   Roskopf J.	-18, -14	0/2	0-1	Hauth L. b Leroy D.	15, 17	2/0	1-0				
Janci T. b Bohm G.	18, -18, 21	2/1	1-1	Harkamp J.   Podpinka A.	-21, -15	0/2	1-1				
Kasalova R.   Nemes O.	-11, -17	0/2	1-2	Polk C.   Bogaerts K.	15, -15, -15	1/2	1-2				
Janci T. / Javurek P. b Roskopf J. / Bohm G.	15, -10, 17	2/1	2-2	Hauth L. / Harkamp J. b Podpinka A. / Leroy D.	12, 18	2/0	2-2				
Javurek J. / Safarova A.   Roskopf J. / Nolten K.	-16, -16	0/2	2-3	Hauth L. / Polk C.   Podpinka A. / Bogaerts K.	-12, -14	0/2	2-2				
Javurek P.   Bohm G.	-17, -14	0/2	2-4	Hauth L.   Podpinka A.	-17, -18	0/2	3-4				
Janci T. b Roskopf J.	21, -14, 20	2-1	3-4	Harkamp J. b Leroy D.	20, 17	2/0	4-3				

# Belgian bubble burst . . .

by JOHN WOODFORD in Charleroi

BELGIUM are still the danger team of Europe. But on 24 February in the former coal-mining town of Charleroi not far from Brussels, the proud Belgians were ruthlessly cut down to size by all four England players. Desmond Douglas, Alan Cooke, Alison Gordon and Skylet Andrew, all professionals to their fingertips, carried out a highly professional job, masterminded by England captain Donald Parker.

Even without Carl Preat who was absent with a neck injury, the team looked as sharp as I have seen them in years — they lifted themselves, shrugging off injuries not fully healed, in a united thrust that saw the home side shredded and reeling 5-0, before England left arena as 5-2 winners.

One thousand two hundred people and a lap-dog Yorkshire terrier came to see Belgium blast England whose men's team (Cooke, Preat) had been routed 3-0 by Belgium on an 'icy' floor at the West German Open only three weeks back. The match started in the usual continental style (avidly watched by England official Mike Watts) — 20 minutes of speeches. The Belgium team had never appeared before such a large crowd and I have no doubt this did not help them.

Parker said before the match 'The start is so important, it has to be good'. And so it proved. Desmond was the man pitted to

stop the local hero, talented, brilliant Jean-Michel Saive, the pride of Belgium for the last six years — Douglas skilfully fooled Saive into every error known to professionals to win 13, 12.

Had England lost the opening clash it would have been Wurzburg all over again with the crowd lifting the home side. Instead, although the crowd tried hard to support with unison clapping, minutes later Alan Cooke, the Derbyshire high-flier was in action crushing another 'Belgian', the imported Hungarian Andras Podpinka.

### Slim Klampar

He is a slimline version of his cousin Tibor Klampar with some extra fast attacking shots, flat-hitting, fore-hand crosscourt at alarming speed. But 'Cookey' was the man for demolition job number two. He countered 'Pod's' best drives with lethal topspin to win 21-16, 21-13, putting England 2-0 ahead. Alison Gordon, England No 1 followed



Andras Podpinka

suit by launching one of her best wins of the campaign 21-18, 21-17 against Karine Bogaerts who seems overawed by the occasion, failing to exploit her often exciting forehand armoury.

At 3-0 ahead to the visitors the cheering Belgians were (like Mike Watts) getting hoarse. The Yorkshire terrier had been relegated to a car outside the hall and England were going for the kill! Don Parker made the shrewd decision to play Cooke and Douglas in the Men's Doubles and they promptly despatched

Saive and Cabrera 19, 14.

Another quick twist of the Parker thumb-screws and Skylet Andrew was on court with Alison to win the mixed match 15-21, 21-17, 22-20 and give England their chance to win promotion against Holland at Norwich.

### Dubious

Many people were asking why England lost the last two games? My version is that Saive is a superb player, one who at the moment, can beat Alan Cooke, but again Cookey took him all the way, -19, 17, 16. At the end, Podpinka against Desmond — The Hungarian came out with a whole string of dubious services invisible to the umpire. At one stage Des lost five in a row. That unsettled him, but in the 'dead rubber' situation not a lot was at stake as Podpinka showed some of his skills to win 15, 14.

## RESULTS

D. Douglas b J Saive 13, 12 ; A. Cooke b A. Podpinka 16, 13; A. Gordon b K Bogaerts 18, 17; Douglas and Cooke b Saive and T. Cabrera 19, 14; S. Andrew and Gordon b Podpinka and Bogaerts -15, 17, 20. Cooke l Saive -19, 17, -16; Douglas l Podpinka -15, -14.

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## Tournaments home and away

### WEST GERMAN OPEN

# England crash on waxed dance floor

by DONALD PARKER

AFTER a smooth trip via British Airways, we arrived at Wiesbaden to find extreme consternation being expressed by the foreign players who had been practising at the 'Rhine-Main-Halle'. Evidently the floor had been waxed in preparation for a forthcoming dance and was extremely slippery. This we confirmed first hand and all the players find themselves quite frequently on their backside. In retrospect a team consisting of Cousins, Curry, Torvill and Dean may have had a better chance.

However, despite the problem the players conducted themselves in a very professional manner accepting that while far from satisfactory it was the same for everyone. Rather ominously the men's team lost to Belgium against whom we have a rather critical EL match shortly. The women's team progressed to the quarter finals with wins against Poland 3-1 and Germany 3-2 with Andrea saving three match points at 2-2 against her rival junior No 1, Strusse. In the quarter final we lost to France 3-0 but both Lisa and Andrea showed excellent form in patches. We have now two months before Paris to extend the length of these patches hopefully for a full 21 points each game.

In the singles Alan Cooke and Nicky Mason lost to the two Czechs, Janci and Javorek respectively while Carl Prean progressed to the third round before losing in a very tight match to Georg Bohm. Skylet Andrew had a tremendous first round win against Pansky and then met an old rival in Scotland's David Hannah. It was a very exciting match with both players having chances to win before Dave ran out the winner 22-20 in the fifth.

#### Third round

Like Carl, Lisa reached the third round before losing to Kasalova and Andrea lost in the first round to Billens of Belgium. Carl and Alan lost in the quarter final of



Carl Prean, Saarbrücken

the doubles despite leading 18-15 in the third against Roskopf and Fetzner the eventual winners. Lisa and Andrea lost once again to the French pair Wang and Thiriet and while they are not combing well at the moment they could in my opinion develop into a successful pair.

All-in-all it was not too successful a tournament, however after the successes in Cleveland and Brighton I am optimistic that we can get it together for the Europeans in Paris.



Donald Parker

### YORKSHIRE 2-STAR OPEN

# Taylor's victory over Hilton

by REA BALMFORD

RED ROSE warriors Tony Taylor and Andrea Holt staged a successful trans-Pennine invasion to return to Lancashire with Men's and Ladies' Singles titles from the Yorkshire 2\* Open Championship held at the Huddersfield Sports Centre.

Earlier, there had been further disappointment for those in West Yorkshire when the Canadian quartet, who would have added an international flavour to the event and provided a world ranked player in their No 1, Gideon Joe Ng, decided to withdraw, and the frustration was compounded when a number of seeded players failed to put in an appearance.

At least it was known before the day that the touring side had changed their plans, and surely it would not have been too much to expect for the 'stars', who are the main financial beneficiaries of any tournament, to pick up a telephone and inform the referee, thus helping to make the competition more pleasurable for those who did compete.

Back to the action, and an unbalanced top half saw John Hilton come past Dave Gannon (both seeded jointly at 5), while Taylor, top remaining seed at 2, found Eddie Smith no pushover and needed a decider before lining up against his Manchester colleague.

There was obviously a certain amount of local rivalry spicing the final, and Taylor literally swept to the title after dropping the opening game at 19.

He then began to find consistency with his top spin attack, taking the second at 14 before a bizarre interlude during which Hilton complained of dust on the floor; referee Bevan Walker produced two brushes which he handed to the players; and then, after a vigorous sweeping, the match resumed.

Taylor, undisturbed, continued where he had left off, putting the Hilton defence under a severe examination before getting home at 15.

In the Ladies event Andrea repeated her previous evening's victory over Yorkshire hope Joanne Shaw, and the rapidly rising young star from Bury showed just why she is so highly thought of now that she has added a penetrating and consistent attack to her game.

At this stage of her development, the Lancashire lass bears comparison with Jill Hammersley-Parker, one of England's all time greats in the Ladies' game and, if she maintains her progress, she could go right to the top.

As ever, the three restricted events proved extremely popular — so much so that entries had to be closed early — and the final stages proved a triumph for Sheffield's Clive Guest,



Tony Taylor — Picture Mike Loveder.

#### THE FINALS

MS: Semi Finals.  
Tony Taylor (La) b Eddie Smith (Nd) -18, 20, 14.  
John Hilton (La) b Dave Gannon (Le) 16, -13, 18.  
Final: Taylor b Hilton -19, 14, 15.  
LS: Andrea Holt (La) b Joanne Shaw (Y) 15, 20.  
C25: Clive Guest (Y) b Richard Tanner (Sk) -11, 15, 20.  
C35: Tanner b Tony Isaac (St) 12, 17.  
C45: Guest b Viv McCarthy (Mi) 15, 11.

# Waldner is the greatest?

by **RICHARD EATON** of *The Sunday Times*

JAN-OVE WALDNER is the greatest player in the world at the moment, according to some people. Not surprising therefore that he should follow up his exhausting victory in the Leeds Euro-Asia tournament at Cleveland with another triumph in the most gruelling event in the world, the European Top-12 tournament in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.

Waldner's first success was achieved against a field containing every single one of China's world title winning team; the second put the record straight against his talented compatriot Jorgen Persson, who superbly took advantage of Waldner's tiredness to become the Leeds English Open champion at Brighton.

Both of Waldner's wins were achieved in the notable absence of Desmond Douglas. For not playing in the two Europe v Asia matches England's greatest player was denied the chance to play in this country's finest event in more than a decade, and then forced to relinquish the most important title of his outstanding career without hitting a ball.

It was a conflict of interests the like of which one has seen enacted by many different char-

acters in many different sports. Amateur organisations such as the European Table Tennis Union wish to use players to promote their events. Professional sportsmen such as Douglas wish to use events to develop their all-too-brief careers in the way they think best.

### Clash of values

There is a fundamental clash of values that will never be completely reconciled. It is certain to happen again and again. Douglas has wisely tried to forget it without even investigating what the law has to say. In fact what has occurred may operate in his favour. He now has a chance to go to this month's (March) European Championships in Paris fitter and fresher. If so, Douglas, Alan Cooke, and Carl Prean should give England its best

chance since Douglas, John Hilton and Paul Day earned us the bronze medal eight years ago.

Talking of freshness, that was precisely what the Chinese were lacking. When the Europeans went to Japan a year ago for the Europe v Asia matches out there, they came back worn to a frazzle. There is no doubt the Chinese were in a similar state after their travels between Italy, Germany, Cleveland and Brighton.

Perhaps therefore it would be unwise to read too much into the series of setbacks they suffered. (Except perhaps how genial and sporting the world champion Jiang Jialiang was after fully five defeats on the tour). It did, however, tend to confirm the opinions of twelve months ago in New Delhi that the Chinese were a little lucky to win six out of seven of the world titles and when it seemed the Swedes, the Poles and the North and South Koreans had narrowed the gap.

Maybe the gap will close. The Chinese were worried about this happening as long ago as April



Richard Eaton

1986 when they called a special symposium in Peking which concluded that complacency, the lack of a junior team, and the failure to develop a variety of styles had contributed to a 'crisis' — their word, not mine.

Maybe, but we should beware. My opinion, is that the Chinese will be back in better shape and with better preparation in Dortmund for next year's World Championships and that the task facing the Europeans will be a lot harder than it was in January. Waldner has the ability to become the first world champion from Europe for 13 years. But he'd better count no chickens.



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## Five continents represented at Milk Irish Open

# Saive wins for Belgium

by GEORGE YATES

THIRTEEN countries were represented at the Milk Irish Open organised by the Ulster Branch of the Irish TTA at Maysfield Leisure Centre, Belfast over the period 28-30 January, the organisers can claim to have had representation, rather unique in a way, of having all five continental federations in the line-up viz: Canada and the USA, from North America, Brazil from South America, Japan from Asia, New Zealand from Oceania as well as seven European entries, not forgetting Israel!

Main sponsors were the Milk Marketing Board for Northern Ireland with generous financial support, backed by the Department of Education for Northern Ireland, the NI Sports Council, the Leisure Services Department of the Belfast City Council and the Management and Staff of the Maysfield Leisure Centre.

No wonder Eddie Limberg, President of the Irish TTA and the Hon Referee, together with his assistant Norman Sloan and Alan Strong, the Tournament Director, were cock-a-hoop. This was the best ever Irish Open and the play apart, receptions spiced the three days at Stormont, Barclay's Carvery, House of Sport, Maysfield and, finally, at the Conway Hotel, Dunmurry where all were accommodated. And mention must also be made of Pat Todd in charge of the Tourna-

ment Secretariat, well done all and sundry.

In the team events much was expected of the Japanese and this was true of their women but spearheaded by Yoshihito Miyazaki the men went out in the quarter-finals when beaten 3-2 by Denmark whose Lars Hauth (1) and Claus Junge (2) featured in the triumph.

But they were not to win as they were subsequently 'white-washed' by Belgium, the eventual winners who, in the final, accounted for Brazil 3-1, with Jean-Michel Saive and Thierry Cabrera the strike force. It was Brazil, in the semis, who despatched England's Skylet Andrew and Sean Gibson, the latter standing in at short notice for the injured Nicky Mason. 2-0 was the score in England's favour before the Brazilian comeback!

Going one better than the men, England's Alison Gordon and Fiona Elliot were the recipients of silver medals being beaten 3-1 by Japan's Mika Hoshino and Kiyomi Ishida in the final.

(continued on page 27)

### RESULTS

#### Team Events

##### Men:

##### Semi-finals:

Belgium 3 Denmark 0  
Brazil 3 England 2  
I. Kawai 1 Gibson 18, -14, -19; H. Oyama 1 Andrew -18, 9, -15; Kawai/Oyama b Andrew/Gibson 19, -12, 16; Kawai b Andrew -7, 20, 17; Oyama b Gibson 19, 19.

##### Final:

**BELGIUM** 3 Brazil 1  
T. Cabrera b Kawai -16, 19, 19; J-M Saive 1 Oyama 13, -18, -16; Cabrera/Saive b Kawai/Oyama -15, 11, 17; Saive b Kawai 13, 19.

##### Women:

##### Semi-finals:

Japan 3 FR Germany 0  
England 3 USA 1  
Gordon b D. Gee -10, 14, 19; Elliot b In Sook Bhusan -20, 15, 20; Gordon/Elliot 1 Bhusan/Gee -14, 21, -14; Gordon b Bhusan 21, -15, 8.

##### Final:

**JAPAN** 3 England 1  
M. Hoshino b Elliot 7, 17; K. Ishida 1 Gordon -18, -18; Hoshino/Ishida b Gordon/Elliot 24, 11; Hoshino b Gordon 10, 17.

##### Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:

T. Watanabe (JPN) b S. Andrew (ENG) 19, -11, 13, 11; J-M. Saive (BEL) b C. Slevin (IRL) 13, 10, 19; Y. Miyazaki (JPN) b G. J. Ng (CAN) 14, 12, -18, 17; T. Cabrera (BEL) b S. Gordon (ENG) 14, -20, 10, 11.

##### Semi-finals:

Saive b Watanabe 13, 14, -14, 15; Miyazaki b Cabrera 16, 15, 19.  
Final: SAIVE b Miyazaki 13, 14, -14, 15.

##### Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:

M. Hosino (JPN) b A. K. Bastman (DEN) 11, 14, 6; T. Ohno (JPN) b A. Gordon (ENG) 17, -7, -10, 19, 17; I. S. Bhusan (USA) b S. Yoshida (JPN) 15, 6, 9; K. Ishida (JPN) b F. Elliot (ENG) 12, 17, 16.

##### Semi-finals:

Hoshino b Ohno 21, 8, 18; Ishida b Bhusan 16, -18, 17, -14, 23.

##### Final:

**HOSHINO** b Ishida 8, 18, 12.

##### Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals:

Saive/Cabrera b Miyazaki/Watanabe 17, -12, 17; M. Sonnichsen/C. Junge (DEN) b P. Chila/N. Chatelain (FRA) -12, 15, 18.

##### Final:

**SAIVE/CABRERA** b Sonnichsen/Junge 15, 16.

##### Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:

Hoshino/Ishida b S. Hurry/E. McIlroy (SCO) 11,6; Bhusan/Gee b Gordon/Elliot 17, 16.

##### Final:

**HOSHINO/ISHIDA** b Bhusan/Gee.

##### Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:

Miyazaki/Hoshino b Junge/P. Toeljh (DEN) 12, 17; Oyama/Yoshida b O. Alke/C. Pradel (FRG) 19, -15, 9.

##### Final:

**MIAZAKI/HOSHINO** b Oyama/Yoshida 18, 12.

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3. Michael O'Driscoll (Mirfield)	1141	37. Andrew Bevan (Bude)	278	70. Ian Windle (St Ives)	144
4. Chris Oldfield (Sheffield)	896	38. Graham Cook (Pontefract)	272	71. Neil Simms (Pontefract)	141
5. Thomas Cutler (Neasden)	668	39. Richard Grant (Nottingham)	272	72. Stephen Horsfield (Sheffield)	140
6. Neil Bevan (Bude)	643	40. Jason Bamford (Nottingham)	265	73. Morris Greenberg (New Barnet)	139
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8. Neil Pickard (Reepham)	617	42. Dale Saunders (Lydney)	261	75. Matthew Greenwood (Amersham)	133
9. Mark Ward (Sheffield)	614	43. Brian Mileham (Margate)	256	76. David Hadley (Bristol)	132
10. Jonathan Taylor (Denton)	590	44. Jason Williams (Boston)	255	77. Simon Holmes (Sheffield)	130
11. Leigh Jeffries (Sutton Coldfield)	585	45. Jason Tendler (Ilford)	253	78. Terence Boucher (New Barnet)	127
12. David Morris (Pontesbury)	538	46. Craig Smith (Selby)	253	79. Matthew Reid (Brentwood)	126
13. Grant Solder (Barking)	517	47. Timothy Pike (Wakefield)	249	80. Mark Bawden (Launceston)	126
14. Damian Holland (Billericay)	516	48. Martin Adams (Ascot)	249	81. Robert Scott-Birchall (Allestree)	119
15. Matthew Pernet (Esher)	478	49. Gregory Bridgett (Plymouth)	246	82. Jonathan Collins (Wisbech)	118
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17. Andrew Eden (Ormskirk)	438	51. Paul Carter (Coulsden)	243	84. Christopher Nicholls (Selby)	115
18. Wayne Renton (Oldham)	430	52. James Maciver (Barnsley)	237	85. Julian Whiting (Taverham)	115
19. Michael Auchterlonie (Halifax)	422	53. Ian Bird (Rushden)	236	86. Christopher Kinsey (Leicester)	114
20. Alan Cole (Crawley)	398	54. Paul Smith (Bridgwater)	229	87. James Patterson (North Walsham)	112
21. Howard Whewell (Rossendale)	394	55. Philip Szekeres (Enfield)	223	88. Paul Poulter (Oxford)	112
22. Scott Greenbrook (Crawley)	390	56. Simon Rockall (Crouch End)	219	89. Darren Howarth (Droylsden)	112
23. Mark Stevenson (Halifax)	386	57. Stuart Miller (Stockton)	214	90. Jonathan Cockburn (Taverham)	107
24. Stephen Bettison (Nailsea)	383	58. Michael Nisbet (Stockton)	201	91. Joel Roodyn (Finchley)	105
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27. Andrew Houghton (T Wells)	352	61. Rajinder Singh (Birmingham)	194	94. Hywel Green (Bristol)	100
28. Christopher Whit (Ippelpen)	349	62. Colin Bowler (Dunstable)	191	95. Richard Pratley (Worcester)	98
29. Ian Black (St Albans)	349	63. Matthew Boon (Ashford)	181	96. Bradley Clutton (Ilford)	97
30. Peter Bowler (Dunstable)	343	64. Benjamin Kellard (Bromley)	178	97. John Menzel (Camborne)	96
31. Darryl Sneyd (Oldham)	331	65. David Stedman (Arundel)	169	98. Steven Riggins (Washington)	93
32. Paul Wood (Southwell)	328	66. Keiron Dabbs (Davenport)	157	99. Neil Finlayson (Nailsea)	88
33. Mark Beaumont (Leighton Buzzard)	302	67. Barry Foster (Whickham)	150	100. Lee Robinson (Scunthorpe)	87
34. Sean Gaylard (Plymouth)	299				

## THE WRATH OF BATH . . .

### Desmond's demolition with a Matt finish!

by MIKE LOVEDER & JIM BECKLEY

MATTHEW Syed and Desmond Douglas achieved maximums in the recent Bathwick Tyres v Grove match to help put their team well clear at the top of the Premier Division. Nicky Mason was somewhat under the weather and consequently lost his two games closely in deciding ends.

However his inclusion had the advantage of keeping Kevin Satchell and Matthew Syed at No 3 and 4 respectively. Kevin recorded a two-straight victory of Graham Sandley and Matthew gave Bradley Billington the same treatment. Jimmy Stokes and John Souter won a game each and, with the match poised at 4-3 to Bath, Matthew Syed faced Graham Sandley to entertain a huge crowd of supporters in a classic game of attack versus defence. Matthew's 21-12 third game victory earned him the Man of the Match nomination and an ovation.

A week earlier Bath beat Dunlop Express 6-2 but it was Paul Giles' turn to stay unbeaten as he triumphed over Matthew Syed 21-17, 21-17. Kingfisher Reading moved away from the relegation zone with a 6-2 win over Chan Construction. Phil Gunn's form beat Dave Barr and Chris Oldfield although Chris beat Alan Griffiths when the Berkshire side lost 6-2 to Butterfly Cardiff. The Welsh team lost 6-2 to Ormesby who had the benefit of an in-form John Broe. Grove's whitewash of Rotherham kept them in the groove for the runners-up spot.

#### (POR) POISED FOR PROMOTION

In Division 1 Horsham Dolphins move into second spot, 6 points behind Ashford, with four wins from their nine matches. Horsham have four draws to their credit, the latest being with West Warwickshire, who are in 7th place. Ritchie Venner won his two including the scalp of Adrian Dixon. Bradford IU slipped into 3rd place as Ashford I beat them 7-1. The talented Michael O'Driscoll beat Max Crammins to prevent the whitewash. He also played an excellent game against Glen Baker which he just lost 19-21 in the third. Bradford beat St Neots 5-3 with Steve Sharpe beating Mick Harper 21-19 in the third to give his team a 3-0 lead.

St Neots scraped a 5-3 win over TSP Larkhall I which must have left Dave Harding feeling depressed as he lost 19-21 in third to Peter Taylor and 20-22 in the third to Keith Richardson who had earlier beaten Mike Hammond 21-14, 21-12.

Byker Newcastle stay bottom of the Division but collected a point in their draw with Trebor Dagenham (who could do with being a minty bit stronger!). No game went to a third end in this match which saw John Burleton playing well enough to beat Mark Christie and Eddie Smith. Richard Jermyn salvaged a point in the last game of the day against Dave Godbold.

#### Dogs slip up

In the increasingly unpredictable Division 2 South Plymouth Bulldogs suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of C&L Ruislip. Despite Gary Wilson again winning his two, the Middlesex team won five 5 games. Team Ramlosa Essex, in second place, lost heavily to Rejects I who took a 6-0 lead as both Mike O'Leary and Gary Spencer seemed untouchable on the day. Richard Beckham beat Richard Darnell but the biggest bonus was a win for Peter Harry over Ian Attridge.

Doleq Carpets drew with Rejects a week later as little impact could be made on the form of Brian Jeanes. With the score at 4-3 to Rejects young Steve Ward had to play Peter Harry. Steve lost the first game but managed to pinch the second 28-26. Then it was unlucky 13 for Peter and Doleq took a point. Fellows Cranleigh chalked up their first win of the season at the expense of Gunnersbury Triangle. At half-time it was 2-2 but Cranleigh rattled off the last four games. Paul Sayer and Mark Wicker both won two. Alex Abbott beat Peter Simmonds but lost 20-22 in the third to Jonathan Proffitt.



Gary Spencer (Rejects)

#### Division 2 (South)

Most middle of the table clashes end all square, this time with March starting well against Wolverhampton. They then fell behind but finally grabbed a point when Peter Holliday beat Steve Dunning in the last match. But two defeats for Fiona Elliot.

Plymouth Bulldogs had their teeth blunted when they were beaten 5-3 by Ruislip but a few days later turned the tables to beat a struggling Kingfisher 7-1. Gary Wilson played well for Plymouth in both games.

Fellows Cranleigh were crushed 8-0 by Ruislip but forget the scoreline it was much, much closer than that. Four matches went to three games and plenty of deuces made this an exciting tussle.

Rejects had their best win of the season when they overcame Gunns 7-1 with Mike O'Leary of Rejects in form. Most of the luck went to the home side who won all four matches that went to three.

A shock for Team Ramlosa who fell 5-3 to Doleq Carpets and lose vital points in the promotion race. Two wins each for Andrew Evans and Steve Ward was mainly responsible for Doleq winning.

#### Division 2 (North)

Ruston keep their promotion hopes alive after beating Well Connected 5-3 but they did it the hard way. Well Connected took the first two matches, Ruston equalised before Dave Skerratt put the result beyond doubt in

the very last match of the afternoon.

Forget the 6-2 scoreline that shows City of Leeds beating Grove II. Six matches went to three games and Grove won the lot! It's a win that keeps Leeds right at the top but with the crunch match looming against Ruston there is still a lot at stake.

No stopping Waveney who crushed Ormesby II 7-1. A good match for Philip Logsdon named MoM and some consolation for Ormesby in the form of Michael Young who beat Trevor Bunn.

#### Division 3 (South)

Rejects II came close to a double when they beat troubled team Reigate 7-1 and then were held to a 4-4 draw at home to challengers Countrymen. Trevor Campbell recorded the longest game of the weekend winning 27-25 against Mark Romand but lost the match in the final game.

Deptford Rams continue to look serious contenders for promotion following their 5-3 win over Larkhill. Alex Facey was the hero winning two sets as did Ray Tilling.

Ashford continue to march on this time at the expense of Reigate. The 6-2 result was to be expected but two wins for Robin Williams was a good performance from the Reigate player.

#### Division 3 (East)

Perhaps the biggest upset of the season was Bath II's home defeat by Leominster 6-2. It was Bath's first defeat but they offered no excuses and with three points still in hand over rivals Jolliffe, no reason to panic yet.

#### Division 3 (North)

Clash of the struggling sides in this division ended in a draw. Vickers got their first point against a disappointing Ormesby III who were ahead 3-0 at one stage. Jonathan Lowes getting the man-of-the-match award for Vickers.

The battle at the top of this division will continue until the very last match. Chan Construction beat challengers Kingsbro 6-2 with no less than seven matches going to three. While Oldham with their new signing Paul Hutchins, beat Leicester 6-2.

# Leeds British League 2

## LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS RESULTS — 7 February

### Premier Division:

Bathwick Tyres 7, Rotherham 1; Grove 7, Butterfly 1; Kingfisher Reading, Dunlop Express 7.

### Division 1:

Ashford 6, Horsham Dolphins 2; West Warwickshire 5, Byker Newcastle 3.

### Division 2 (North):

Grove 2, City of Leeds 6; March TTC 4, Wolverhampton 4; Ormesby 1, Waveney 7; Wellingborough 2, Ruston Lincoln 5.

### Division 2 (South):

C. & L. Ruislip 5, Plymouth Bulldogs 3; Fellows Cranleigh 1, C. & L. Ruislip 8; Plymouth Bulldogs 7, Kingfisher Reading 1; Rejects 7, Gunnersbury Triangle 1; Team Ramlosa, 3, Doleq Carpets 5.

### Division 3 (East)

Giving Britannia even more encouragement was the result from Roxwell Road where Chelmsford OC's, their closest challengers could manage only a 4-4 draw with Norwich Foxwood. A good result for the East Anglian side but one that virtually means no title this season for Chelmsford.

Some close games at Birmingham Institute and none more so than between the home sides Tim Vine and Leigh Jefferies in which all three games went to deuce. But it was Pioneer who came out 5-3 winners.

Who can stop Britannia Ipswich from walking away with this division. Trebor Dagenham tried and lost 7-1 after a good start when Phil Cox beat Julian Wheel to level the scores early on. But that was that.

### First round

FEBRUARY'S first round of Leeds British League matches produced little change in the Premier Division table. Perhaps the most noteworthy individual performance came from Kevin Satchell as he beat John Hilton 21-11, 21-9. The only 'unexpected' team result was a 7-1 win for Dunlop Express over Kingfisher Reading but it was not enough to get them off the bottom of the table.

In Division 1 Bradford IU moved back into second place with a 6-2 win over a Hammondless TSP Larkhall for whom only Percy Collino could prevent a whitewash with two unexpected wins. Ashford carried on relentlessly and Trebor Dagenham climbed up the table with a 6-2 win over St Neots while Byker Newcastle lost 3-5 to West Warwickshire despite Bennie Robertson beating Michael Browne and Adrian Dixon. Ian Gunn won his two for WW relatively untroubled.

### Division 3 (East):

Birmingham 3, AHW Pioneer 5; Britannia Ipswich 7, Dagenham FC 1; Chelmsford 4, Norwich Foxwood 4; Fellows Cranleigh 7, Crusaders Lincoln 1.

### Division 3 (North):

Byker Newcastle 0; Trinity 8; Leicester 2, Oldham 6; Ormesby 4, Vickers 4.

### Division 3 (South)

Alpha 6, Thorn Ellenborough 2; Ashford 6, Reigate 2; Rejects 4, Countrymen Tunbridge Wells 4; TSP Larkhall 3, Deptford Rams 5.

### Division 3 (West)

Bathwick Tyres 2, IMI Leominster 6; Cheltenham 6, Butterfly Cardiff 2; Dunlop Express 3, Jolliffe Poole 5; Generation Fareham 2, Duchy Launceston 6.



Nicky Mason

## BULLDOGS STAY ON TOP

Plymouth Bulldogs stay at the top of Division 2 South with a 7-1 win over a three-man Kingfisher Reading II for whom Tony Duffield enjoyed a good win over Mike Short 24-22 in the third. C&L Ruislip maintained their title challenge with a whitewash of Fellows Cranleigh although four of the games resulted in a score of 21-17 in the third or closer. Rejects I reversed a first half 3-5 defeat with an emphatic 7-1 win over Gunnersbury Triangle for whom Jonathan Proffitt took consolation in beating Gary Spencer a second time.

### First Maximum

Peter Harry recorded his first maximum of the season. Doleq Carpets reversed a 1-7 first half defeat with an excellent 5-3 victory over Team Ramlosa Essex — despite Stuart Gibbs beating Brian Jeanes two-straight. Andrew Evans and Steve Ward won two a piece to leave Nick Williams wondering what happened!

## the LEEDS BRITISH LEAGUE — TABLES



(as at 7 February)

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	WS	LS	Pts	SD
Bathwick Tyres — Bath I	10	10	0	0	70	10	20	60
Grove I	9	7	1	1	56	16	15	40
Ormesby I	9	6	1	2	42	30	13	12
Rotherham TTC	10	4	0	6	31	49	8	-18
Butterfly Cardiff I	10	3	1	6	32	48	7	-16
Kingfisher Reading I	9	3	0	6	26	46	6	-20
Chan Construction I	9	2	0	7	25	47	4	-22
Dunlop Express I	10	1	1	8	22	58	3	-36

Division 1	P	W	D	L	WS	LS	Pts	SD
Ashford I	10	10	0	0	63	17	20	46
Bradford Investment Unity	10	6	1	3	44	36	13	8
Horsham Dolphins	10	4	4	2	43	37	12	6
Trebor Dagenham FC I	10	3	3	4	40	40	9	0
TSP Larkhall I	10	3	3	4	39	41	9	-2
St Neots	10	3	2	5	37	43	8	-6
West Warwickshire	10	2	2	6	27	53	6	-26
Byker Newcastle I	10	1	1	8	27	53	3	-26

Division 2 (North)	P	W	D	L	WS	LS	Pts	SD
City of Leeds	10	8	0	2	56	24	16	32
Ruston Marconi Lincoln	10	7	1	2	54	26	15	28
Grove II	10	4	3	3	39	41	11	-2
EAE Waveney	10	5	0	5	49	31	10	18
Wolverhampton	10	3	3	4	38	42	9	-4
March TTC	10	4	1	5	31	49	9	-18
Well-Conn Wellingborough	10	3	1	6	38	42	7	-4
Ormesby II	10	1	1	8	15	65	3	-50

Division 2 (South)	P	W	D	L	WS	LS	Pts	SD
Plymouth Bulldogs	10	7	2	1	52	28	16	24
C & L Ruislip	10	6	2	2	51	29	14	22
Team Ramlosa Essex	10	6	1	3	53	27	13	26
Rejects I	10	6	1	3	49	31	13	18
Doleq Carpets	10	5	3	2	45	35	13	10
Gunnersbury Triangle	10	3	0	7	30	50	6	-20
Fellows Cranleigh I	10	1	2	7	26	54	4	-28
Kingfisher Reading II	10	0	1	9	14	66	1	-52

Division 3 (East)	P	W	D	L	WS	LS	Pts	SD
Britannia Ipswich	10	10	0	0	63	17	20	46
Chelmsford OC's	10	6	3	1	54	26	15	28
Norwich Foxwood	10	4	4	2	46	34	12	12
Birmingham Athletic Institute	10	5	2	3	42	38	12	4
AHW Pioneer	10	4	0	6	35	45	8	-10
Trebor Dagenham II	10	3	1	6	31	49	7	-18
Fellows Cranleigh II	10	1	2	7	30	50	4	-20
Crusaders Lincoln	10	0	2	8	19	61	2	-42

Division 3 (North)	P	W	D	L	WS	LS	Pts	SD
Trinity Newcastle-U-Lyme	10	8	0	2	60	20	16	40
Chan Construction II	10	7	1	2	53	27	15	26
Oldham	10	7	1	2	50	30	15	20
Leicester TTC	10	6	1	3	50	30	13	20
Kingsbro Financial Services	10	6	1	3	50	30	13	20
Byker Newcastle II	10	2	0	8	21	59	4	-38
Ormesby III	10	1	1	8	23	57	3	-24
Vickers Sports Club	10	0	1	9	13	67	1	-54

Division 3 (South)	P	W	D	L	WS	LS	Pts	SD
Ashford II	9	7	2	0	51	21	16	30
Countrymen Tunbridge Wells	10	7	1	2	55	25	15	30
Deptford Rams	9	6	2	1	44	28	14	16
Alpha Warriors	10	5	2	3	40	40	12	0
TSP Larkhall II	10	3	3	4	39	41	9	-2
Rejects II	10	2	3	5	34	46	7	-12
Thorn Ellenborough	10	0	3	7	28	52	3	-24
Reigate & Redhill	10	0	2	8	21	59	2	-38

Division 3 (West)	P	W	D	L	WS	LS	Pts	SD
Butterfly Cardiff II	10	9	0	1	56	24	18	32
Jolliffe Poole	10	7	1	2	47	33	15	14
Cheltenham Saracens	10	6	1	3	45	35	13	10
Duchy Windows Launceston	10	5	0	5	41	39	10	2
IMI Leominster	10	3	1	6	35	45	7	-10
Generation Fareham	10	3	0	7	33	47	6	-14
Dunlop Express II	10	3	0	7	29	51	6	-22
Bathwick Tyres — Bath II	2	10	7	34	46	5	-12	

## Only two more fixtures left

by DOUG MOSS

WITH most teams having just two matches to play the championship, promotion and relegation prospects are certainly shape. Did we have the longest game of this season's matches when, on 6 February, B. Pearson (Y) bt B. Lowdon (La) 33-31?

**SENIOR 2A:**— Suffolk 10, Lancs II 0; Yorks II 7, Staffs 3; Cheshire 3 Worcs 7; Warwicks 5 N'berland 5.

With a 10-nil win Suffolk surge on to take the championship! Worcs, on visiting Ellesmere Port, came away with a good 7-3 win, with Trevor Washington (Wr) winning two singles. Tony Taylor/Brian Johns (Ch) lost their first doubles event to Murray Jukes/Malcolm Green -9, -18. In the Warwicks/N'berland match three events were decided at 19 in the third game and a draw seemed a fair result.

**SENIOR 2B:**— Devon 8, Kent 2; Kent 9, Hants 1; Sussex 9, Wilts 1; Somerset 3, Avon 7; Middlesex 7, Hants 3.

The one win for Wilts against Sussex was gained by Terry Bruce beating Phil Smith -16, 19, 20 — and he lost his other singles 20, -19, -19! Devon and their No 1 Paul Whiting continue to be unbeaten.

**SENIOR 3A:**— Worcs II 2, Warwicks II 8; Leics II 7, Cumbria 3; Cheshire II 4, Lincs 6.

Seven events went to a decider in Worcs/Warwicks match but Warwicks continue their winning ways. Julie Revill (Le) lost her unbeaten singles record against Julie McLean (Cu) with scores -14, 16, -20! Lincs got their win in the final event when J. Brewster beat G. Watson 17, 10.

**SENIOR 3B:**— Glos 5, Cornwall II 5, Glos 5, Cornwall I 5; Dorset 9, Herefords 1; Dorset II 8, Somerset II 2; Avon II 1, Devon II 9.

Dorset I seem invincible and Tony Clayton and Haken Sigrell continue 100% in singles and doubles. However Tony had a hard one against Mark Owen (Hr) winning 7, -13, 20. The two Cornwall teams visited Glos and the two matches were played simultaneously with 20 players participating. This enterprise resulted in two drawn matches. In each case Glos were 4-5 down but Darren Griffin and D. Smith each won the last vital singles event.

**SENIOR 3C:**— Cambs I 9, Suffolk II 1; Hants 3, Cambs II 7; Herts II 6, Beds I 4; Northants II 6, Beds II 4; Northants I 8, Beds II 2.

Cambs I continues on course for the championship. Joanne Pettitt and Hilary Finch won three events against Suffolk and continued their unbeaten run in doubles. Beds II played two matches at Northants but came away without a point. Their most successful player was Mary Jarrett who won her singles in both matches.

**SENIOR 3D:**— Berks II 6, Bucks 4; Sussex II 0, Essex II 10; Hants II 1, Surrey II 9; Sussex II 9, Oxfordshire 1.

Sussex II played two matches and started with a 9-1 win over Oxfordshire. Later they met the strong Essex II team who certainly reversed the situation with a 10-nil win to maintain their bid for the championship.

**JUNIOR 2A:**— Lancs II 4, Beds 6; Hants 5, Suffolk 5; Cheshire 9, Cambs 1; Lincs 5, Yorks II 5.

Beds beat their closest rivals, Lancs II, to be in a strong position in this Div. Peter Bowler (Bd) lost his first singles to Howard Whewell (La) -11, 18, -14. Suffolk were 3-5 down on their visit to St Neots but Andrea Ambrose won her singles and then, in the final event, Mark Dawson beat Craig Hawkins (Hu) 18, -18, 22 to secure the draw!

**JUNIOR 2B:**— Kent 7, Herts 3; Middlesex 9, Glam 1; Essex II 5, Somerset 5.

Essex II got their first point with a draw against Somerset. Bradley Clutton (E) made a good contribution with two singles wins and Linda Radford had an excellent 13, 19 win over Tina Sadler.

**JUNIOR 3:**— Cheshire II 1, Leics 9; Clwyd 3, N'berland 7; Derby II 3, Durham 7.

An interesting situation in this Div. Both Durham and Leics have dropped only one point — arising from a draw when the teams met. And both teams had further good wins. In the Derby/Durham match the home team got the three girls events — but the Durham boys won the seven events the closest one being Steven Riggins (Dv) 11, -24, 21 win over Nicholas Hayman.

**JUNIOR 3B:**— Warwicks II 9, Cambs II 1; Northants 6, Hants II 4.

Warwicks II got their first point with a convincing win over Cambs II. Cambs took the first event when Darren Rayner beat Stewart Taylor 20, 15. Northants looked in trouble when they lost the first two events to Hunts but came back strongly to force the win.

**JUNIOR 3C:**— Worcs 3, Dorset 7; Hants 4, Avon 6.

The Worcs/Dorset match was vital with both teams unbeaten. The Dorset girls — Tracy Scott-Pawson and Deborah Applin — are an important part of their team and they won their three events. But Paul Bickell's performance was impressive with two singles wins and the doubles with Keven Smith.



Matthew Syed

**VETS 2A:**— Yorks 9, Norfolk 0; Leics 1, Cheshire II 8; Notts 3, Leics 6; Worcs 7, Notts 2.

Yorks played closest rivals Norfolk and made a 'clean sweep' — and all two straight — which speaks volumes for their chances of the championship and promotion to Premier Division. Tony Hipperson (Nk) was the only unbeaten player in singles in the Div — but this came to an end.

**VETS 2B:**— Middlesex II 4, Kent II 5; Berks 3, Dorset 6; Herts II 3, Sussex II 6; Surrey I 6, Hants I 3.

Sussex continue their winning ways and Derek Holman still has a 100% record. One of the longest events of the season when Frank Hams (Sy) lost to Ken Giles (Ha) 16, -13, 26! Kent got their win when J. White beat Norman Slifkin (Mi) 18, -15, 19 in the final event.

**VETS 3A:**— Lancs 4, Yorks II 5; Cheshire III 6, N'berland 3; Lincs II 6, Hants 3.



Doug Moss

As predicted the 'Battle of the Roses' has really resolved the championship of this Div. Both sides were unbeaten and Yorks took the honours at 5-4.

It was a close fought match — both teams won 11 games. This match included the game when B. Pearson (Y) beat B. Lowdon (La) 33-31 in the first — he then lost the second at -24, and finally won at 15!

**VETS 3B:**— Hunts II 2; Essex III 7; Norfolk II 6, Berks IV 3; Beds 3, Northants 6.

Essex 3 lead the race with another good win. Derek Wood (E) still has 100% in singles events. Berks fought back from a 0-5 deficit against Norfolk but finally beaten 6-3.



Fiona Elliot

**VETS 3C:**— Surrey III 6, Wilts II 3; Berks III 3, Oxon 6; Herefords 1, Glos 8.

Oxon got an important win over Berks to keep them at the top of the table. Arthur Chilvers and John Paul won their four singles for Oxon. Glos got a resounding win over their 'Three Shires' neighbour Herefords.

**VETS 3D:**— Wilts 1, Surrey II 8; Sussex III 5, Hants II 4.

Wilts were unbeaten until they met Surrey, who got an emphatic 8-1 win and now go clearly into the lead as Hants also suffered a defeat. Sussex got their first win with Colin Monson winning both singles.

# Leeds County Championships 2

## Tables including all results received to 13 February 1988

### SENIORS

Division 2A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Suffolk	5	5	0	0	36	14	10
Northumberland	5	2	2	1	27	23	6
Worcestershire	5	2	2	1	27	23	6
Yorkshire II	5	3	0	2	26	24	6
Cheshire	5	2	0	3	28	22	4
Staffordshire	5	2	0	3	23	27	4
Warwickshire	5	1	1	3	23	27	3
Lancashire II	5	0	1	4	10	40	1

Division 2B	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Devonshire	5	5	0	0	39	11	10
Sussex	5	4	0	1	36	14	8
Kent	5	2	2	1	29	21	6
Avon	5	3	0	2	24	26	6
Somerset	5	3	0	2	24	26	6
Middlesex II	5	1	1	3	21	29	3
Wiltshire	5	0	1	4	16	34	1
Hampshire	5	0	0	5	11	39	0

Division 3A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warwickshire II	4	4	0	0	30	10	8
Lincolnshire	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
Norfolk	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Leicestershire II	5	2	2	1	27	23	6
Cheshire II	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Worcestershire II	4	0	1	3	14	26	1
Cumbria	4	0	0	4	12	28	0

Division 3B	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dorset I	5	5	0	0	45	5	10
Devonshire II	6	5	0	1	43	17	10
Cornwall I	6	4	1	1	42	18	9
Gloucestershire	6	3	2	1	35	25	8
Avon II	6	3	0	3	20	40	6
Cornwall II	6	1	1	4	21	39	3
Dorset II	5	1	0	4	16	34	2
Somerset II	5	1	0	4	14	36	2
Herefordshire	5	0	0	5	14	36	0

Division 3C	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cambridgeshire I	5	5	0	0	41	9	10
Northamptonshire I	5	4	1	0	35	15	9
Cambridgeshire II	6	4	1	1	38	22	9
Hertfordshire II	5	4	0	1	31	19	8
Northamptonshire II	5	2	1	2	25	25	5
Bedfordshire I	6	1	2	3	23	37	4
Suffolk II	6	1	1	4	20	40	3
Huntingdonshire	6	0	1	5	19	41	1
Bedfordshire II	6	0	1	5	18	42	1

Division 3D	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essex II	6	5	0	1	44	16	10
Hertfordshire I	5	5	0	0	38	12	10
Surrey II	5	4	0	1	35	15	8
Sussex II	5	3	0	2	32	18	6
Berkshire II	5	2	1	2	25	25	5
Oxfordshire	5	0	1	4	10	40	1
Buckinghamshire	4	0	0	4	9	31	0
Hampshire II	5	0	0	5	7	43	0

### JUNIORS

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	28	2	6
Lancashire	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Derbyshire	3	2	1	0	17	13	5
Essex	3	1	0	2	16	14	2
Staffordshire	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Devonshire	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Warwickshire	3	0	1	2	9	21	1
Nottinghamshire	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

Division 2A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bedfordshire	4	4	0	0	26	14	8
Lincolnshire	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
Lancashire II	5	3	0	2	30	20	6
Yorkshire II	3	2	1	0	22	8	5
Huntingdonshire	5	2	1	2	22	28	5
Cheshire	5	1	0	4	22	28	2
Cambridgeshire	5	1	0	4	13	37	2
Suffolk	4	0	1	3	15	25	1

Division 2B	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sussex	5	3	2	0	31	19	8
Kent	5	3	1	1	31	19	7
Middlesex	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
Surrey	5	3	1	1	28	22	7
Hertfordshire	5	2	0	3	24	26	4
Somerset	5	1	2	2	23	27	4
Essex II	4	0	1	3	13	27	1
Glamorgan	4	0	0	4	10	30	0

Division 3A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Durham	5	4	1	0	33	17	9
Leicestershire	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Derbyshire II	5	3	0	2	28	22	6
Northumberland	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Clwyd	4	1	0	3	17	23	2
Cheshire II	4	0	1	3	14	26	1
Lancashire III	4	0	1	3	13	27	1

Division 3B	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Berkshire I	5	5	0	0	39	11	10
Norfolk I	4	3	1	0	32	8	7
Northamptonshire	5	3	1	1	26	24	7
Oxfordshire	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Huntingdonshire II	5	2	1	2	22	28	5
Warwickshire II	4	1	0	3	20	20	2
Norfolk II	4	0	0	4	13	27	0
Cambridgeshire II	5	0	0	5	5	45	0

Division 3C	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Worcestershire	5	4	0	1	36	14	8
Avon	5	4	0	1	35	15	8
Dorset	3	3	0	0	19	11	6
Cornwall I	4	2	0	2	22	18	4
Hampshire	5	2	0	3	25	25	4
Gloucestershire	5	2	0	3	23	27	4
Cornwall II	4	0	0	4	7	33	0
Wiltshire	3	0	0	3	3	27	0

Division 3D	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Middlesex II	5	5	0	0	35	15	10
Kent II	5	4	0	1	37	13	8
Buckinghamshire	5	4	0	1	34	16	8
Essex III	5	4	0	1	30	20	8
Hertfordshire II	5	1	0	4	20	30	2
Surrey II	5	1	0	4	19	31	2
Berkshire II	5	1	0	4	15	35	2
Sussex II	5	0	0	5	10	40	0

### VETERANS

Premier Division	P	W	L	F	A	P
Kent	4	4	0	30	6	8
Cheshire	4	4	0	25	11	8
Sussex	4	3	1	21	15	6
Middlesex	4	2	2	18	18	4
Lincolnshire	4	2	2	17	19	4
Essex	4	1	3	15	21	2
Buckinghamshire	4	0	4	9	27	0
Hertfordshire	4	0	4	9	27	0



Nigel Eckersley of Cheshire

Division 2A	P	W	L	F	A	P
Yorkshire	5	5	0	35	10	10
Warwickshire	5	3	2	26	19	6
Worcestershire	5	3	2	22	23	6
Norfolk	5	3	2	20	25	6
Essex II	4	2	2	17	19	4
Leicestershire	5	2	3	18	27	4
Cheshire II	5	1	4	23	22	2
Nottinghamshire	4	0	4	10	26	0

Division 2B	P	W	L	F	A	P
Surrey	5	5	0	34	11	10
Kent II	5	4	1	28	17	8
Sussex II	5	4	1	26	19	8
Dorset	5	3	2	23	22	6
Middlesex II	5	1	4	20	25	2
Hampshire	5	1	4	20	25	2
Berkshire	5	1	4	16	29	2
Hertfordshire II	5	1	4	13	32	2

Division 3A	P	W	L	F	A	P
Yorkshire II	5	5	0	37	8	10
Lancashire	4	3	1	27	9	6
Huntingdonshire I	4	2	2	21	15	4
Northumberland	5	2	3	19	26	4
Cheshire III	4	2	2	15	21	4
Lincolnshire II	4	1	3	9	27	2
Clwyd	4	0	4	7	29	0

Division 3B	P	W	L	F	A	P
Essex III	4	4	0	26	10	8
Northamptonshire	5	4	1	29	16	8
Norfolk II	4	3	1	19	17	6
Berkshire IV	4	2	2	16	20	4
Hertfordshire III	4	1	3	17	19	2
Huntingdonshire II	4	1	3	13	23	2
Bedfordshire	5	0	5	15	30	0

Division 3C	P	W	L	F	A	P
Buckinghamshire II	5	5	0	34	11	10
Oxfordshire	5	5	0	33	12	10
Berkshire III	5	3	2	26	19	6
Surrey III	5	3	2	24	21	6
Gloucestershire	5	2	3	23	22	4
Hertfordshire IV	5	2	3	19	26	4
Wiltshire II	5	0	5	16	29	0
Herefordshire	5	0	5	5	40	0

Division 3D	P	W	L	F	A	P
Surrey II	3	3	0	19	8	6
Wiltshire I	4	3	1			

## Waldner 'Gifted but vulnerable'

THE Leeds Euro-Asia competition in Cleveland on 16 and 17 January provided the best table tennis I have seen since the 1977 Birmingham World Championships. Waldner was brilliant! His personal gifted but vulnerable image and tremendous range of shots when under pressure, produced an atmosphere of almost unbearable tension and excitement.

Less than a week later many of the world's top players again assembled, this time in Brighton, for the Leeds English Open. Although the play did not achieve quite the heights of the previous weekend, there was plenty of good quality matches.

In both events English players recorded outstanding performances. And both events were extensively televised. By the time readers see this letter, they will have witnessed on Channel Four the fantastic spectacle of the Euro-Asia, an occasion which was marred only by the absence of Desmond Douglas. (Surely a way must be found to keep Desmond, who has given so much to English table tennis and has so much yet to give, fully and contentedly active in the English scene?)

This kind of publicity must promote interest and enthusiasm in our sport, and we should expect many new recruits if we are properly geared up to accommodate them. All this would probably not have been possible but for John Prean and his team. But because he has created much greater potential for advancing table tennis, the disappointment will be doubly so if he, and the sport, fails to utilise it.

### Inspired, united

Therefore, now is the time to see that all our coaches are inspired and united in a common cause, and that all of our top players have high morale and are motivated to maintain their commitment. Coaches and top players need positive encouragement and support, to catch and coach the players of tomorrow, and to provide these players with the standard of competition and example so as to enable them to develop and prosper.

John Prean must not let personal differences with individuals get in the way of bringing in everyone to take table tennis this next step forward. He must combine magnanimity and conciliation with real leadership. Rise to the occasion John!

*PS: Since writing this letter I am saddened to learn of the resignation of Nicky Jarvis. This will be a great loss to the ETTA.*

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## Jean-Michel Saive the soldier champion

*WE have been flattered by the interest that you have shown in our young Belgian champion Jean-Michel Saive and wondered if you would be interested in this photograph printed in the newspaper Le Soir which is one of our leading daily papers.*

### Initial training

Despite the heavy demands of table tennis he finished his secondary education with the equivalent of an 'A' level in mathematics, and then opted, as from 1 December last, to commence his 12 months of compulsory military service. Apart from the first few weeks of initial training he has had no problem in obtaining leave for his essential table tennis activities, including training and representing Belgium in international events. During those weeks of initial training Belgium were involved in one European League match, and were successful in winning 4-3 in Denmark, largely through the efforts of our domiciled Hungarian, Andras Podpinka.

### Background story

The twist in the photograph arises from the fact that part of his military training took place in the small town of Saive not far from where he lives in Ans. A couple of days later *Le Soir* printed a background story of his career to date, including the family background. This was the second in the series featuring those Belgians who have qualified for the Seoul Olympic Games.

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*Editor's Note: Derek Tyler included with this letter a cutting of a front-page picture of Jean-Michel in his army uniform with a signpost leading to the Belgian town of Saive.*

## The reply from Tony Chatwin

AS chairman of the panel responsible for the selection of umpires for National and International events I would like to make the following observations in answer to the letter from Alan Shepherd (*TT News* January issue).

In season 1985/86 Alan applied for and was selected for both the Junior Closed and Junior Open events, he subsequently withdrew from the former, I cannot remember the reason given.

In seasons 1986/87 and 1987/88 Alan applied for only the Junior Closed event, in common with many umpires he was not selected due to the tremendous over subscription (60%) and also to the change in policy of the NURC which requires the panel to select prospective NUs for practical assessment at the Closed events. Nine CUs were at Macclesfield in 1986 and ten at Hinckley in 1987.

There is nothing strange about receiving invitations for foreign events as all IUs, unless they signify otherwise, are automatically invited. However, as Alan has now sent the NURC a form on which he declares his non-interest in foreign and/or international open events, this should now be rectified.

Finally, may I say that I personally still number Alan as a friend as are all umpires, I sincerely believe that we have a strong family fraternity all working for the benefit of table tennis.

TONY CHATWIN  
Chairman Umpires Selection Panel

## Where are you now?

I WONDER if you would consider running a 'Where Are You Now' feature? My early table tennis was played in Middlesex in the early 50s and I often watched some tremendous games between Michael Thornhill and Alan Rhodes. They were classic attacker and defender battles that used to make table tennis such an exciting sport to watch. I think Michael Thornhill joined Dunlop but does he still play, and has he still got that immaculate style? And does Alan Rhodes still 'carry a bomb' in his left hand?

### The loopman

Other players I remember from that era, but never hear of now, are Len Adams, Bobby Rayboud, Michael Close (Bobby Stevens and Laurie Landry who I know were playing at least a couple of years ago) and Stan Jacobson who invented the loop.

### A bullet

PS: I should also have mentioned Alan Lindsay who could I am sure have caught a bullet out of a gun in those days, his reactions were that quick.

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*Editor's Note: What ever happened to old so-and-so is an idea that I value when space will permit. Information and pictures usually comes from other people as the subjects themselves are usually too modest or busy to come forward.*



Jean-Michel Saive, Belgium Champion

## BERKSHIRE

Bob Adams

AT THE Berkshire Closed Tournament several titles changed hands, with three of these going to the 1987 losing finalists. Isabel Walker took the Cadet Girls' title by beating Kelly Duell whilst Lisa Crick (last year's winner) moved up to become Junior Girls Champion. Partnered by Karen Slatford, Lisa will also be pleased to see her name on the Junior Girls' Doubles Cup. Martin Adams went home with an armful of trophies by retaining the Cadet title for the fourth successive year and adding the Junder under-17, the Cadet Doubles and the Junior Doubles titles, the last two partnered by Nicky Bradfield. At one moment it looked as though Martin was in with a chance in the under-21 event when he demolished No 2 seed Graham Kemp in the second round, but his hopes were dashed by fourth seed Darren Jones in the semi-final, who then came within two points of taking the title in the final against Paul Savins, but just failed to make it. Darren also featured prominently in the Men's Singles by reaching the semi-final only to go out to Malcolm Hayes. In the other half of the draw Tony Duffield narrowly defeated Graham Kemp in the semi-final, and it was Tony who went on to take the title.

In the Ladies' Singles Mary Stafford was victorious over Jackie Thomas. However Mary and Gill Knightley were unable to hang on to last year's Ladies' Doubles, as Mary Allan and Christine Basden snatched it from their grasp. Veterans Frank Earis and Alec Watson won the Men's Doubles event but could not manage either the Veteran Doubles or Singles crowns. Brian Halliday and Wally Allanson took the former whilst Wally achieved a good double by winning the Veteran Singles.

A superb win for Nicky Bradfield over former England No 3 Cadet Andrew Eden at the Cotswold 2 Star heralded his historic performance at the Nationwide/Anglia Maidenhead Closed when he became the first player to lift the U-13, U-15 and U-17 boys titles in the same year. Lisa Crick repeated her Berkshire victory over Anna Watton by taking the Junior Girls title and Alec Watson and his Chippenham colleague Frank Earis performed similarly in the Men's Doubles, with Alec going one better in the Maidenhead event by taking the Men's singles title from defending champion Mark Curtiss. England ranked Susan Collier became Ladies' Champion for the time.



Sue Collier

## CUMBRIA

Gordon Brown

CUMBRIA were again propped up by the women players as they tumbled to their fourth defeat and are still searching for their first win since returning to the senior ranks of the county championship this season.

Leicestershire IIs beat them 7-3 at the Knighton Park Table Tennis Club.

Cumbria lost the first set when the Leicestershire No 2 beat the new Cumbria No 1 Roger Stewart 10 and 20, Roger recovering well from a shaky start.

Tim Pachul had been picked for his county return but work commitments prevented him from turning out. Stephen Temple was his last minute replacement after being originally dropped.

This was due to his position in a recent rankings tournament, as his county form had been good. He continued this putting Cumbria on level terms 19 and 19 over the home number three, recovering well from being 13-17 down in the first game.

John Backhouse then took on the home number one and in a tight, entertaining match just went down -22, 18, -18.

Leicestershire then took a firm hold on the match by taking both the men's and women's doubles, following up with a 10 and 12 win for the number two against Temple.

Karen Backhouse stopped the rot and made the match score 5-2 with a good 10 and 18 win in her singles.

Leicester, however, secured both points in the next set when the home number one beat Stewart 14 and 12. Skipper Julie McLean (Carlisle) then gained some consolation with a 14, -16, 20 victory over England ranked Julie Revill in a game that could have gone either way.

In the final set, John Backhouse (Barrow) struggled to find his magic touch and eventually lost -13, 18, -17 in a disappointing finale. The county's next

game is at Whitehaven Sports Centre on Saturday, 5 March, against Worcestershire IIs.

Leicester names first: Keith Fellows beat John Backhouse 22-20, 18-21, 21-18; beat Roger Stewart 21-14, 21-12. Maurice Newman beat Roger Stewart 21-10, 22-20; beat Stephen Temple 21-10, 21-12; Stephen Day lost to Stephen Temple 19-21, 19-21; beat John Backhouse 21-13, 18-21, 21-17. Julie Revill lost to Julie McLean 14-21, 21-16, 20-22; Tracey Clark lost to Karen Backhouse 10-21, 18-21. Maurice Newman and Keith Fellows beat Roger Stewart and John Backhouse 21-12, 21-13. Julie Revill and Tracey Clark beat Julie McLean and Karen Backhouse 21-18, 21-12.

Backhouse's Vickers lead the Barrow League Division One at the time of writing and Backhouse himself is joint top of the league averages with 35 wins out of 36, the same as club mate Neil Smith, who went to the end of January before suffering his first set-back. This was to Jonathan Lowes Jr when second placed Ponderose inflicted on Vickers their first defeat of the term.

Ponderose's Tim Pachul was third in the average's at the beginning of February, having dropped two sets from 39.

## DERBYSHIRE

Malcolm Allsop

BRADLEY Billington won the Men's Singles title for the third time in the Derbyshire Closed Championships which had an increased entry upon its return to the Alfreton Leisure Centre, the most popular venue with competitors.

Bradley was extended 21-12, 19-21, 21-15 by Stephen Yallop in the semi-final but always controlled the final against John Holland.

Bradley added the Boys' Singles trophy to his expected haul, with sister Julie winning the Junior Girls' Singles and then beating mother, Jackie, 21-17, 21-11 in the Women's Singles final.

The Under-12 Singles (being contested for the first time) was won by Nichola Deaton, who added the Under-14 Girls' and Women's Doubles (with Julie Billington) to her titles.

### Burton League

The Meadows Leisure Centre was the venue for the European League match against Denmark in January, with an excellent promotion being provided by Terry Gadsby with help from the Leeds Permanent Building Society, the East Staffordshire District Council and the *Burton Daily Mail*.

The Coaching Scheme continues to prosper to the benefit of the Burton League, and the county strength of Derbyshire and Staffordshire.

The twinning with Lingen grows in popularity each year as friendships are made and developed. An invitation to visit Germany at Easter is being organised by Ray Harrison and Terry Gadsby.

The next step in the Burton development is a team in the Leeds British League which enthusiastic Ian Knights is hoping will receive plenty of support and sponsorship.

In Division One of the Burton League, reigning Champions Granville appear to have lost all chances of retaining their title by not playing their leading players often enough. The title is being keenly contested by Uxbridge Gold and Castle Hotel.

### Derby League

The Derby League held the Individual and Divisional Championships on the same day, and the surprisingly high entry extended the tournament to over 13 hours.

Philip and Jane Vickers retained their Singles titles and combined to win the mixed doubles again, but the surprise of the tournament was veteran Doug Foulds who reached four finals. He won the Veterans and Division One titles, but an exhausting day ended with defeat in the Handicap and Men's Singles Finals.

### Results:

Men's Singles: Philip Vickers (YMCA) b Doug Foulds (Darbus) 9, 9.

Women's Singles: Jane Vickers (YMCA) b Penny Corden (Lancaster) 10, 7.

Senior Doubles: Tony White/Jason Bamford (Belper) b Barry Taylor/Stephen Taylor (YMCA) 19-21, 21-17, 21-18.

Mixed Doubles: J. & P. Vickers b P. Corden/Chris Francis 13, 15.

Handicap Singles: B. Taylor b D. Foulds 16, 19.

Veteran Singles: D. Foulds b Dave Dawkins (Lancaster) 12, 13.

Junior Singles: Jason Bamford (Belper) b Robert Scott-Birchall (Lancaster) 13, 16.

Junior Doubles: J. Bamford/Simon Hall (Mechanics) b R. Scott-Birchall/William Hollingworth (Lancaster) 19, -17, 21.

Division One: D. Foulds b Michael Davies (Belper) 3, 10.

Division Two: Andy Powell (Cas Don) b Darren Pacey (Belper) 13, 8.

Division Three: Mark Melbourne (Belper) b Dave Walker (Loco) 12, 16.

Division Four: Steve Hateley (Spondon) b Steve Ratcliffe (Spondon) -18, 13, 16.

## DORSET

Martin Hughes

DORSET senior first team continued their bid for a quick return to Division 2 of the Leeds County Championships with a convincing 9-1 victory over Herefordshire in Division 3B.

After being relegated on games difference last season, they are proving too strong for 3B.

Tony Clayton, Hakan Sigrell, John Robinson, Cheryl Skevington and Mae Allen all won, with only the last game of the day slipping away as Robinson lost to Michael Owens.

Owens came into this match with a 100% record in this season's County Championships, but Clayton took that record away from him as he beat him in straight sets.

The senior seconds who are at the opposite end of 3B also had a convincing victory; their first this season; beating Somerset seconds 8-2. Terry Glennon, Martin Hughes and Martin Tate made up the winning combination with two wins each, and Glennon and Tate also winning the men's doubles.

The juniors are having their best season for many years, and their latest match saw them take on Worcestershire who, like Dorset, were unbeaten coming into this match.

Dorset were the jubilant victors by seven games to three, with Paul Bickell, Tracey Scott-Pawson and Debbie Applin all undefeated.

Kevin Smith also won for Dorset, and both the boys and girls doubles pairings were successful.

Clayton Fitzpatrick made his debut in this match, but was unable to make any impression in his two games.

### Clayton maximum

Tony Clayton and Hakan Sigrell ensured a victory for Jolliffe Poole over Hampshire neighbours General Fareham in the Leeds British League, as they both recorded maximum wins of two singles apiece.

John Robinson took the other game for Jolliffe Poole in a 5-3 victory which keeps them in second place in the Third Division West.

Tony Clayton was nominated man-of-the-match for the third time this season after his wins against the Hampshire numbers 2 and 3, Graham Toole and Ramish Bhalla.

Dunlop Express II went on the same way as Generation Fareham, as Jolliffe Poole won by five games to three at Yeovil.

## ESSEX

Alan Shepherd

I SEE that the gremlins got into my January piece so that boy wonder Dorking became Larkin. Was this some kid of Freudian slip by the Editor? Could he possibly know what Steve got up to that time we were in Germany? Or was it revenge for my copy being too long?

Way back in December I lightheartedly accused my star junior Grant Solder of being big-headed. Could you believe that apparently some people (who cannot know me) thought I was being serious! Let me assure them that Grant is just a terrific player, and quite modest. Still it could explain that picture of a rather fed-up looking boy at the top of the County Championship column in the same edition and the caption 'Grant Solder, Hertfordshire'. Despite everything, he is not for sale.



Grant Solder, of Essex

In the February matches Essex Senior Second team, lead by Dave Newman, crushed Sussex II by an amazing 10-0. This result gives us a real hope of getting out of Division 3D, but the crunch match will be against unbeaten Herts I on 5 March. A win over them by any score will probably leave them needing to beat Sussex II by another white-wash to lead us on sets average.

Our Junior Second team at least got some reward when drawing 5-5 with Somerset. Everybody played well with Bradley Clutton winning both his singles and the side was a shade unlucky not to take both points. Unhappily the remaining programme requires us to play Middlesex I and Surrey I, who are both near the top of the table and we would need to beat one of these, plus Glamorgan, to avoid relegation.

The Junior third team, on the other hand is doing really well, and we even managed to beat Sussex II with a completely different team to that which had won against Bucks in January. This time Paul Stone, Jonathan West (our No 1 cadet) Neil Butcher, Martina Hicks and Tracey French

formed the squad, and played splendidly to win 8-2. I saw a lot of my old friends down at Southwick and I would like to thank Sussex for their most friendly and hospitable welcome.

Finally I must mention the ESTTA Area Finals at Brent on 24 January. The winning schools who go forward to the Regional Finals at Monks Hill in February all come from Essex County and were as follows:

Under 19 Boys, Peniel Academy, Brentwood; Under 16 Boys, Mayflower School, Billericay; Under 13 Boys, Plume School, Maldon; Under 11 Boys, Buttsbury School, Billericay; Under 11 Girls, Buttsbury School, Billericay.

*Editor's note: Sorry about the Larking for Dorking misprint, perhaps it illustrates the point that typewritten copy is so essential. Regarding Grant Solder, I have two photos of the player with 'Hertfordshire' on the back, but have now corrected them to Essex!*

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Alf Peppard

I have reported in previous issues of this magazine that The Matson Community Centre in Gloucester are all set on outline proposals to completely redevelop the existing somewhat dilapidated Centre and to ultimately rebuild in more modern context.

John Williams of the SW Sports Council and myself visited the club early in the new year and were assured that table tennis was most definitely on their agenda, in fact I have heard within the past couple of days that Matson have bought a TT table from the Rudford Club.

It now appears that they are looking for a coach to help out with their existing youngsters, it is rumoured that a very well known former English international in Gloucester might be approached for this position, I for one hope he accepts.

### Young players from Gloucestershire who earned recognition in the Coltswoold Junior.

Congratulations to: Beth Walker from Forest Green Club Stroud, who in the Under-12s Girls' Singles managed to get to the last Quarter Finals before losing to Haley Beaumont of Beds. Well done Raymond Powell of Gloucester who got through his group in the Under-14s only to crash out in the first round proper.

Likewise the same happened in the Boys' Under-17 to Lydney's Dale Saunders, getting through his group OK but like Powell going out in the very next

round.

By the time that this month is out — League TT will have drawn to a close and one begins to wonder, 'Just where has this season gone'. However we still have the enjoyment of a series of 'Final's Nights' to look forward to, hopefully I will be reporting on them in the next edition of TTN.

In the Leeds British League Division 3 West the Saracens Club of Cheltenham pulled off the most surprising win of the entire season.

Already positioned third from the top of the table they beat — 'Top of the Table' Butterfly Cardiff II, by a scoreline of 6-2.

Saracens team comprise the best available players in Gloucestershire, and are — Darren Griffin, Steven Moreman, Graham Slack and Dave Harvey.

### Full match report below, Home team Saracens names first

Darren Griffin b Jeff Morgan 10, -14, 12; Steve Moreman b Trevor Manning, 17, -12, 10; Graham Slack b Mark Simon 11, 17; Dave Harvey b Paul Lewis, 20, -19, 17; Griffin lost to Manning -12, -19; Moreman lost to Lewis -15; -17; Slack b Morgan 17, 15; Harvey b Simon 13, 10.

### The Exeter One Star (Juniors) Under-17, Under-14 & Under-11

This Under 14 event was won by 12-year-old Raymond Powell of Gloucester. Powell a very promising Cadet Player recently ranked No 30 beat Johnny Maggs (Bude) 7, 10, in the semi-finals and thus qualified for the final against another Cornish player Steven Barrett (also of Bude). Powell beat Barrett, 7, 7, in the final to take the title.

### Recent revised county rankings — Senior Men/Women (January 1988)

#### Men

1. Graham Slack (C)
2. Dave Harvey (C)
3. Darren Griffin (G)
4. Steve Moreman (G)
5. Will Dawe (G)
6. Sylvester Callum (G)
7. Dave Smith (G)
8. Dale Saunders (G)
9. Martin Lane (G)
10. Frank Jones (G)

#### Women

1. Cathy Robb (C)
2. Judy Morley (G)
3. Jennie Ellery (G)
4. Jaquie Ardern (G)
5. Julie Hogarth (G)
6. Julie Taylor (C)
7. Cheryl Fannin (G)
8. Wendy Nicholls (S)
9. Penny Wyatt (S)
10. Linda Probert (C)

G (Gloucester); C (Cheltenham); S (Stroud)

# Counties 3

## HERTFORDSHIRE

John Wood

KEITH SAMUELS of North Herts and Lynne Harrison of Hemel Hempstead are the two new names engraved on the Singles Trophies, of the Hertfordshire Closed Championships held at the Barnet Table Tennis Centre.

Samuels, a past Men's Singles Champion, bounced back this year to beat last year's winner John Taylor from Barnet.

The final was a classic battle between attacker and defender, with Samuels overpowering Taylor with a display of scintillating looping.

Taylor took the first set 11, defending really well, but a determined Samuels fought his way back to take the second and third sets 10, 7.

Harrison, of the Hiretech Hemel School Club, proved too strong for Cheshunt's Alison Boxall in the Ladies' Singles Final, winning an all out attack battle in two straight sets, 13, 19.

The Mixed Doubles Final saw the holders Mark Dare and Maggie Pavitt from Cheshunt, retain their trophy when they beat Rob Liquorish of Barnet and Alison Boxall of Cheshunt, 17, 19.

Dare and Pavitt, who won the trophy for the first time last year, have not met each other all year, so they must be naturally suited to one another.

Harrison also won the Ladies' Doubles in partnership with Watford's Caroline Seaholme, beating Stevenage's Karen Morton and Lindsey Booth in the final, -19, 12, 18.

Barnet's Taylor bounced back after his Men's Singles defeat to take the Men's Doubles Trophy with Singles winner Samuels, when they overpowered Barnet's John Lennon and Alan 'Digger' Lamprell, 19, 8.

Ladies Veterans' Final was won by North Herts' Sue Felstead, when she beat Cheshunt's Sylvia Tyler, 24, -18, 15.

The Men's Veteran title was

won by old campaigner and super defender Dave Seaholm from Watford, when he beat Barnet's Stuart Greenberg, 16, 17.

Keith Harrison of Welwyn and Hatfield won the Senior Veterans' title, when he beat Watford's Geoff Bax in a repeat of last year's final, 11, 11.

Meanwhile the Hertfordshire Senior Inter-League competition has been won for the very first time by Hemel Hempstead, who were represented by Glen Wilkes, Rob Liquorish and Lynne Harrison.

Hemel Hempstead narrowly pipped Watford to the post winning by a mere game's difference, on Sunday 7 February at the Barnet Table Tennis Centre.

## LEICESTERSHIRE

Terry Bown

WITH the local season well past the half-way stage in each of our three Leagues the principal front runners are as follows: Loughborough — The present leaders of the Loughborough League's Division 1 — sponsored by Princes Sports Ltd — Cavaliers 'A' recently beat their nearest rivals Sawley 'A' by 8-2 and look almost certain of yet another championship win. Whilst Sawley 'A' have lost the services of Neil Russell, Wayne Glossop is now a regular of the squad but could make no impact on the League leaders. Knightthorpe 'A' are battling for third place with Barrow 'A' and close at hand, should the former two mentioned falter, are Unicorn 'A' in fifth place. Sutton Bonington (6th) have performed well at this level and Matt Wilson has yet to record a fruitless match. With only three matches played out of eight Swithland 'A' have a severe fixture backlog but are unbeaten and could progress up the division if they ever play again! Students 'A' and Sawley 'B' are locked in the battle for bottom spot and each have yet to record

a win, but have not yet played each other.

Hinckley — Hinckley League's Couture Division 1 is currently headed by Exclusive Kitchens 'A' who look well on their way to another championship success. It would seem that no team and indeed very few individual players are able to compete with the strength-in-depth of captain John Iiffe and his squad. In fact they have only dropped points (the Hinckley League adopt the points per sets gained format) in two matches; to a superb maximum by David Grundy of Croft and when they turned up one player short at Market Bosworth. Second in the division are Croft 'A' for whom David Grundy has maintained a 100% record with good support from his team mates. Market Bosworth (3rd) are another team with good overall strength, but have suffered from player unavailability on occasions mainly due to the production of micropersons by their wives! Eight points then separate Ashby Parva 'A', Barwell Libs 'A', Gas, Ferry Pick 'A' and Earl Shilton Institute with Barwell Libs 'B' and Ferry Pickering 'B' fighting it out in the relegation zone.

Leicester — Knighton Park 1 are yet again at the top of the Leicester League's division one but their accustomed authority is unusually fragile (no Chris Rogers) and have lost to 2nd placed Thorn Lighting who have dropped but one point. Thorn's John Holland heads the individual list on 95% with Phil Smith of Knighton Park 1 second (93%) and Loughborough Kingfishers' Tony Kinsey third (93%). Loughborough Kingfishers 1 lie in third place while their second string with Paul Bumpus (81%) performing well are fourth. Jones & Shipman 1 are currently hanging on to 6th place thanks mainly to Steve Day on 67%, and above them in the unusually low position of 5th place are Great Glen 1 with Maurice Newman and Suzanne Aiery at the helm.

The results were as follows:

**Semi-Finals:** J. Tee bt M. Bradford, 18, 17; P. Spittlehouse bt A. Goodacre, 18, -17, 19.

**Final:** P. Spittlehouse bt. J. Tee, 10, -18, 7.

Julian Tee gained his revenge in the doubles, teaming up with Mike Bradford to beat Paul and Brian Spittlehouse in the final.

The day was apparently successfully run, and it was encouraging to note that entries were up on previous years.

### Inter-Town Competitions

The Inter-Town Cup matches are now over half-way through, and this is how the tables currently stand:

#### Haigh Cup

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincoln	5	3	1	1	31	19	7
Grantham	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Grimsby	4	2	0	2	20	20	4
Louth	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Gainsb'ro	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Scunthorpe	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Stamford	4	1	0	3	12	28	2

Top Individuals: Chris Bryan (Grantham) 9/9; Matt Sheader (Louth) 8/9.

#### Butcher Cup

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gainsb'ro	5	5	0	0	43	7	10
Mablethorpe	4	4	0	0	29	11	8
Grantham	5	3	1	1	25	25	7
Grimsby	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Lincoln	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Spalding	5	1	0	4	20	30	2
Stamford	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Boston	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Scunthorpe	4	1	0	3	8	32	1

Top individuals: Beryl Voss (Mablethorpe) 9/9; David Moore (Spalding) 12/12; Bob Garner (Gainsborough) 6/6; Stuart Allbones (Gainsborough) 11/12.

#### Butlin Cup

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grantham 1	3	3	0	0	19	11	6
Grantham 2	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Louth	3	0	2	1	14	16	2
Grimsby	3	0	1	2	13	17	1
Gainsb'ro	2	0	0	2	5	15	0

Top individuals: Connie Moran (Grimsby) 8/9; Jane Strawson (Grantham 1) 8/9; Joanne Mole (Grantham 2) 8/9.

#### Veteran Cup

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grimsby	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Stamford	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Lincoln	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Gainsb'ro	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Mablethorpe	4	1	0	3	13	17	2
Boston	2	0	0	2	4	16	0

Top individuals: Mick Corry (Grimsby) 6/6; Mike Twydale (Grimsby) 6/6; Brian Spittlehouse (Stamford) 6/6.

## LINCOLNSHIRE

Sharon Harvey

I MUST begin these notes with an apology to Lincolnshire junior players, as unfortunately the results from the Lincs Junior closed have not reached me. However, I hope to have them in time for the next issue.

I do have some results from the Stamford Closed which was held at the Oakham Sports Centre at the end of November. Paul Spittlehouse and Julian Tee were the finalists in the men's singles, both beating the top seeds in the semi-finals.

### A LINCOLNSHIRE OBITUARY

We were greatly saddened to hear of the death in January of Mr Frank Whittle of Grantham. Frank was the Area Organiser of the English Schools Table Tennis team and individual competitions for over 20 years, and played an important part in promoting table tennis within the Northern region. His work was appreciated by everyone connected with the schools' events, and he will be missed by us all.



Hertfordshire Champions, Keith Samuels, Lynne Harrison.

## NORFOLK

Ray Hogg

A WORD of congratulations to those responsible for collating and sending out the county results. Matches played Saturday, results phoned in Sunday, printed Monday, posted Tuesday and through my letterbox Wednesday. What a difference from waiting for the next but one edition of TTN.

We in Norfolk are in for a busy month what with the crunch international organisation and coping with the ever escalating costs thereof. If we have to donate many more 'complimentary' tickets we will have to make a silver collection on the night. Sorry to criticise the poster advertising the match but to the unconverted there is no indication that this is a TABLE TENNIS match and even the picture only shows a player heading a ball and this with no right arm.

### Convenient

The other event is the Leeds Junior eastern region. We staged this at Long Stratton which has a convenient leisure centre with 10 tables. An entry of 85 of the top players from Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambs & Herts should make for an interesting day.

### Well-known

Jim Defty writes from Kings Lynn on their championships with 400 entries over 2 days each of 12 hours on 9 tables. 650 games played with a mixture of Norfolk and Cambs players. Well known names amongst the winners were, Alison Edge (who won everything she entered) Veteran Paul Jackson, Wisbech Junior John Collins (who won the open singles). Up and coming Gary Hewitt under-13 Norfolk champion made his mark on several events and regulars like Steve Barrett, Dave Ashmore, Lee Diggins, the Blocks were all in the final stages.

In the Wymondham championships superbly organised by a committee led by Dennis Whitham. Stephen Howlett won his usual treble and has been the most consistent player of that league for the last 10 years. Les Rayment is the veterans champion and Kate Longbottom took the Ladies title and Stephen White the Juniors.

### Logsdon free?

I see Philip Logsdon has won the Universities title again. He comes back home for next season. I wonder who in Norwich he will play for and which British League team? — get your bids in now.

## NORTHANTS

Dennis Millman

A BRILLIANT sustained attacking display from debutant Adrian Roper lifted the Leeds County Championship tussle between Northants IIs and Bedfordshire IIs from mediocrity to scintillating extravaganza.

After David Gallo, replacing the injured Tim Chamberlain, had lost the opener, Roper summarily dismissed former Northampton player Paul Birch to level the scores.

Northants went down narrowly in the ladies doubles and Ian Hawes could consider himself unfortunate to lose his first singles, but Roper inspired Gallo to retrieve a lost cause in the men's doubles, and Gallo responded by putting the home side level in his final singles.

Mary Jarrett proved too difficult for Donna Furniss, but Hawes played splendidly to beat the Bedfordshire No 1, and Caroline Perkins put the County ahead by seeing off Dawn Campbell in straight games. This heralded the return of Roper, who in a tremendous game of epic and thrust, held on for an epic success over Keith McConnell.

After the earlier drama, when the Firsts faced the same opposition, only Andy Edmonds, on his return from injury, and Mandy Brown, again in superb form, lived up to expectations.

Edmonds proved his right to the No 3 spot in no uncertain terms as he raced to two clear-cut victories, and Brown was never extended either in singles or doubles. Otherwise it was a lacklustre performance with Graeme McKim having to save match point against Gavin Black, before he could emerge unscathed, and the unusually hesitant Mark Randle falling to the irrepressible McConnell.

Keiron Dabbs and ten year old Sally Russell — the youngest player ever to represent the county — impressed in the six four win against Hunts Junior IIs, while at veteran level, Keith Jones and Joyce Porter were in unstoppable form against Beds, with Geoff Atkinson and Greg Dobrowolski adding the vital singles which keeps Northants in with a realistic chance of promotion.

At the latest County Executive Committee meeting it was agreed that Gwil Evans' brain-child, the County Performance List, should be given full publicity for the remainder of the season. On 6 February Rafe Miller led the field with 4,786 points, closely pursued by Graeme McKim on 4,512.

## NORTHUMBERLAND

Pauline Long

In the county matches played on 9 January and 6 February, the seniors beat Cheshire 6-4 and drew 5-5 away to Warwickshire. Ian Robertson was yet again unbeaten in singles matches. The juniors returned from Clwyd with as 7-3 victory, Michael Curry, Stephen Coverdale and Barry Forster winning all singles and doubles sets. The veterans beat Lincolnshire II 6-3, with Fred Short and Maurice Cheek remaining unbeaten, but lost by a similar score away to Cheshire III when without Short due to injury.

### Out

The Northumberland League bowed out of the Wilmott Cup losing 4-5 to Harrogate (Robertson and Smith 2 each), and the Carter Cup team of Curry (2), Coverdale (1) and Forster went down 3-5 to Ormesby.

### Distinguished

Coverdale, Forster and Phil Robson all went to the recent Cadet U-14 trials held at Lilleshall as part of the national junior ranking trials. Coverdale and Robson finished 3rd and 6th in their groups respectively, but Forster distinguished himself by finishing first as runner-up in his group and then by beating Martin Adams (ranked 6) to move into the last eight. He then narrowly lost to James Patterson (ranked 4) but this was still a tremendous performance by the lad to reach this stage. The latest Leeds British League results included the Byker Newcastle first team's tremendous 4-4 draw against Dagenham (Robertson 2, Smith and Christie 1 each). The second team, however, lost 2-6 away to Oldham, with only Short and Peter Whiteman meeting with any success.

Latest England rankings include Smith (23), Robertson (46), Peter McQueen (147), Christie (163), Thomas Blackman (183), and Clare Mouzon (53) and Caron Guthrie (58) in the women's list.

Finally, I must compliment Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council and all others involved for staging such an enthralling Europe v Asia match at Gateshead Leisure Centre on 18 January. This provided a rare opportunity to see top class table tennis in our area, and I am sure that the considerable crowd could not fail to be impressed with the excellent standard of play.

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## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Mike Tunningley

THE Worksop league retained the annual Inter Town Trophy when they defeated Retford 14-4 in the second leg after drawing the first leg 9-9. Dale Ajeto had the spectators on the edge of their seats when he defeated Retford's Hon Chio 21-3, 32-30 in a real entertaining match but the highlight of the fixture came when Worksop's Stephen Harrison defeated the in-form John Gazeley 17, -21, 17. Worksop's number one Paul Clarke remained undefeated following his win over Mike Hocivelli and has yet to be beaten in this competition. The match was played very competitively although it had the added factor of sportsmanship running throughout.

On the league front Bassetlaw Hospital are currently leading Division One and their squad which includes Paul Clarke, Mick Bartrop, Clare Oldman, Pete Woodward and Pete Richardson look destined for the title. CWS Glassworks are in second place but Genefax A are not yet out of the race.

### Runners-up race

Genefax C have recently pulled away from the field in Division 2 with David White, Graham Harris and Ann Wass hitting top form when it mattered most. The race for the runners-up spot is between Cricket Club B, Cricket Club C, Gerhard Moeller and Genefax B and with just four points between them at the time of this report a battle to the finish is envisaged.

### Way ahead

Carlton Youth Club A are way ahead of their rivals in Division 3 while the runners-up position rests firmly between Carlton Youth Club B, Cricket Club D and Abbey Youth Centre.

In the highly competitive Nottingham Premier League it is Sycamore Racket Sense who head the division with a maximum 100% record after 13 matches. Aply led by Terry Bull, who himself has 10 wins out of 11 to his credit the team of John Holland, Trevor Kerry and Martin Kinsella recently defeated their nearest rivals Mapperley Sports by a 6-4 margin thanks to a hat-trick from Kinsella. The defeat was Mapperley's first of the season and with each of their five man squad averaging over 75% they are not out of the title race yet. The top six in the Premier League are John Holland 97%, Phil Vickers 95%, Tony Kinsey 94%, Phil Logston 93%, Les Neil 93%, Terry Bull 91%.

## SHROPSHIRE

Ian Marshall

THE Section 2 series of matches in the Shropshire Inter Club League came to a close in predictable style as the Grove squad of Keith Sillitoe, David Morris and Mark Turner emerged victorious in the Shropshire Star sponsored First Division with Telford the runners up thanks to a series of consistent performances by the ever reliable duo of Robert and Nigel Holding.

It was to be the class and experience of Sillitoe and Morris gained at British League level that told with both players unbeaten throughout the nine match programme and sealed success with the rapidly improving Mark Turner establishing himself as a threat on the county scene. The Grove with a vast squad of players on which to call dominated the competition with the irrepressible duo of Sarah and Elizabeth Creasey underlining their undoubted talent to win the Farmers Garage Second Division title in typical aggressive style with clubmates Ian Hand and Tracey Nigh in second spot and a further Grove squad of Clare Hand, Gail Ottolini and Claire Marshall in bronze medal position. However, it was pleasing to see the splendid young men of Telford in the guise of brothers Robert and Nigel Holding gain runners-up spot in the Shropshire Star First Division ahead of Wrexham's Ian Woolley and Phil Jones, the former a regular player in county circles a decade ago when the now defunct Whitchurch League was thriving. Meanwhile Telford can take further hope for the future in Luke Cutler and Craig Strickley who made notable strides in the Farmers Garage Division Two and hopefully will encourage more players from the new town to take part in county events.

Meanwhile Shrewsbury's only representatives in the county league Longville Arms found life tough in the first division but a brave rearguard action by Martin Pain and Ian Pennington avoided relegation — a fate to be the lot of Manor House duo Mike West and Phil Evans and the young Pontesbury duo of Chris Day and Paul Corfield.

The February Graded Singles tournament held at Grove School witnessed its usual large entry with the rule of 'last received, first out' having to be applied as 18 tables were in constant use. It was to be a day of reward for the stalwarts as the home club reaped success with the H&E Scaffolding event going the way of Keith Sillitoe in the Elite section and Liz Creasey in the Grade A competition whilst further suc-

cess for Grove followed in the Rainbow Flowers Grade C event as Richard Sutton ousted father Geoff Sutton in an excellent final and the ever reliable Ruth Barnett played as calmly and consistently as ever to win the Roofrite Grade D singles ahead of Newcastle's Gary Chadwick.

## STAFFORDSHIRE

Jack Chalkley

STAFFORDSHIRE duly paid the price for turning up at Bradford one player short for their County Championship match with Yorkshire II, the home side thrashing the visitors by 7 matches to 3. Any ideas that Staffs could take the points despite conceding two of the women's matches were dashed from the outset when Adrian Dixon lost the first match to the Yorkshire No 2, Richard Whiteley, who gained a surprise, but well-deserved, victory over three games. Nervous and inaccurate hitting by Dixon enabled Whiteley to keep the points close and then run away with the game at the critical time. Yorkshire raced to a 5-0 lead before Andy Rich stopped the rot with a splendid, concentrated effort, also against Whiteley. Good wins by Helen Lower and Craig BAKEWELL at the end of the match failed to raise much cheer in the Staffs camp and an altogether lack-lustre performance left the visitors wending their way home thinking of what 'might have been'.

Table tennis players throughout the county must wonder how it is that the county senior team can turn up a player short. Although seven women were registered it was not anticipated that we would need to go outside our top three or four players. Whether there was a lack of commitment to the County by some players I do not know. I know that by the time some were asked they already had commitments to play hockey; another was ill. But I also know that it was not only the County which was let down but, in a way more important, it was their fellow players who were ill-served and disappointed.

**Results:** Dixon lost to Whiteley 19, -19, -16; lost to Mick Stead -21, 19, -20; Bakewell lost to Stead -12, -16; bt Nick Davies -19, 9, 15; Rich lost to Davies -17, -18; bt Whiteley -8, 14, 17; Bakewell & Dixon lost to Stead & Davies -12, -14; Helen Lower bt Miss J. Ryalls 17, 19.

At the Stafford League Finals Night, Potteries player Colin Braxton beat Adrian Hough to take the men's trophy. Rachel Roberts gained three titles, beating Louise Sherratt in the

## SURREY

Lucinda Stockwell

### Croydon closed —

#### Results

Men's Singles — Martin Lowe bt Emil Emezc; Veterans' Singles — Emil Emezc bt Mick Pearson; Hard Bat Championship — Emil Emezc bt Ken Snaith; Men's Doubles — Emil Emezc/John Culcutt bt Richard Tanner/Matthew Pernet; Mixed Doubles — Emil Emezc/Lesley Popkiewicz bt Martin Lowe/Hazel Earl; Ladies' Singles — Lesley Popkiewicz bt Hazel Earl; Lower Division Singles — Glyn Johnson bt Graham Odden.

### Surrey Championships

AGE overcame Matthew Pernet when he had the chance of becoming the first Junior to win the Senior Championships. He beat Jerome Jonah, the eventual winner but then lost to the venerable Bryan Simmonds in the groups and thus lost the group by 2 points.

#### Results

	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-up
Men's Singles	Jerome Jonah	Andrew Sexton
Ladies' Singles	Deborah Simmonds	Linda Clemett
Restricted Singles	Matthew Pernet	Martin Lowe
Veterans' Singles	Derek Holman	Frank Hams
Men's Doubles	Tony Fitzgerald & Derek Holman	Simon Phillips & Jerome Honah
Ladies' Doubles	Linda Clemett & Heather Payce-Drury	Deborah Simmonds & Susan Adamson
Mixed Doubles	Brian Simmonds & Deborah Simmonds	Stuart Wilford & Heather Payce-Drury
Under 12 Boy's Singles	Darren Blake	Edward Hatley
Under 12 Girl's Singles	Diana Chan	Harriet Walker
Under 14 Boy's Singles	Jason Blake	Darren Blake
Under 14 Girl's Singles	Karen Ashley	Miranda Markham
Under 17 Boy's Singles	Matthew Pernet	Graeme Connelly
Under 17 Girl's Singles	Hannah Webber	Karen Ashley
Under 14 Boy's Doubles	Jason Blake & David Annenberg	Darren Blake & John Blasco
Under 14 Girl's Doubles	Karen Ashley & Claire Ashley	Andrea Hopkinson & Jill Whitehead
Under 17 Boy's Doubles	Graeme Connelly & Matthew Pernet	Paul Carter & John Blasco
Under 17 Girl's Doubles	Karen Ashley & Claire Ashley	Mandy Dewsbury & Miranda Markham
Under 17 Mixed Doubles	Matthew Pernet & Kiara Coady	Jeremy Krzysiniak & Karen Ashley

#### Juniors

Under 17 Girl's Singles nearly went to expedite as all three games lasted over 13 minutes.

In the Vet's Cup Competition Croydon have high hopes after beating Reading who were last year's runners up.

### Staffordshire — (cont from Col 2)

women's final and capturing doubles titles in partnership with Hugh Edwards (mixed) and young Alison Taylor in the women's — a good performance this! Another young player, Richard Wilson, took the spotlight with wins in both the under 15s and the handicap singles. Some good wins in reaching the final of the handicap event point to this young player, still only in Division 4, being quite a prospect for the future. Nigel Tongue and Stuart Mylrea beat veterans' John Taylor and Martin Pickles in the men's doubles, and Taylor had the better of his partner — current holder of the County veterans' title — in the vets' final.

Kevin Lawrence won the Walsall men's title, beating Keith Baker in the final, but Neil Inman created an upset when he beat Lawrence in the under 21s. This was a particularly good perform-

ance, as Neil is, at present, suffering a problem with his vision in one eye. Alison Flaherty beat Cheryl Simms in the women's final, and the two finalists partnered each other to take the doubles. Peter Toft and Marc Devitt beat Eddie Birch and Barry O'Brien in the men's doubles but Barry took two titles — the mixed doubles with Greta Willacy and the veterans singles. The junior events were dominated by the Hassall brothers, Andrew taking the under 13s, David the under 17s and, together, the junior doubles. One other notable winner was Don Pritchard in the hard bat event, run as part of Walsall championships. Without doubt this gave Don considerable pleasure, but I now want to see him carry forward his skills to the County tournament at the end of the season. Chris Davis was the beaten finalist.

# Counties 6

## SUSSEX

John Woodford  
and  
Paul Elphick

RITCHIE Venner remains the most consistent player in the county and will start as No 1 seed and favourite for the all-Sussex championships to be sponsored by the Trustee Savings Bank.

Venner's recent win over Adrian Dixon in the Leeds British League is a typical Venner result. In some quarters Phil Smith is regarded as the Sussex player more difficult to beat. There is certainly very little between the two.

At Crawley, it looks as the trio of Scott Greenbrook, Alan and Tracey Cole and the three players on whom Sussex will be relying in future years. Greenbrook's British League debut wins over Mandy Sainsbury and David Welksman were most impressive.

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## Northumberland rankings

### Men

1. Ian Robertson
2. Eddie Smith
3. Peter McQueen
4. Mark Christie
5. Malcolm Lusk
6. Peter Whiteman
7. Fred Short
8. Tom Trehwhitt
9. Dave Armstrong
10. Michael Curry

### Junior Boys

1. Curry
2. Stephen Coverdale
3. Barry Forster
4. Phil Robson
5. Mark Cavender
6. Graeme Sanderson
7. Michael Karczewski
8. Andrew Bissett

### Women

1. Caron Guthrie
2. Clare Mouzon
3. Margaret Morley
4. Christine Burke
5. Pauline Long
6. Karen Newby (née Wilkin-son)
7. Joan Leslie
8. Pat Young (previously Small)

### Junior Girls

1. Joanne Grady
2. Jane Bellwood
3. Susan Atherton
4. Lindsey Russell
5. Dianne Cartmell
6. Joanne Donnelly
7. Stephanie Bell

### Veteran Men

1. Short
2. Maurice Cheek
3. John Donnelly
4. Larry Cartmell

Andy Walker, 22, the Sussex No 6 upset the form book when he took the Haywards Heath men's singles crown from local favourite and title holder Paul Elphick. Walker controlled the game from the start never allowing Elphick to play his shots and the scores of 21-18, 21-18 could have been of a greater margin but Elphick fought hard in the 2nd game to try and retain his crown — but to no avail.



Janet Smith, Sussex No 1

Once again Walker has proved that he can beat the best in the county — he took out county champion Ritchie Venner at last seasons Hollington Open. He was also the last Sussex player left in the Sussex Open and next time the new England list is published he should be on it following good county championship results.

Sally Weston kept her crown easily beating all before her in a round robin event. Her final victim was Sussex veteran Val Jackson.

## WORCESTERSHIRE

Dave Roden

CONGRATULATIONS to Murray Jukes, our County No 1, on reaching No 47 on the ETTA Men's Ranking List, the first time Murray has reached the top fifty.

Our two representatives in the National Ranking Trials in January, Sarah Stone in the Junior Girls and Lee Horton Cadet Boys, didn't fare too well, Sarah winning one match and Lee two. Sarah did well to complete at all, as she was still suffering from the effects of being knocked down by a car a few days earlier, on her sixteenth birthday. She needed hospital treatment, but was determined to take her place in the trials.

Worcs County 1st Team returned to winning ways in Div 2A of the County Championships with a well-earned 7-3 success over Cheshire at Ellesmere Port on 6 February. Murray Jukes won a close opening set against Brian Johns, and received good

support from the rest of the team of Malcolm Green, Trevor Washington, Sandra Roden and Mandy Mytton.

Tony Taylor won his two singles for Cheshire and Janet Deakin beat Worcs No 1 Sandra Roden, but Trevor Washington won his two singles and with both Ladies' and Men's Doubles going Worcs way, the visitors could be well satisfied.

The County 2nd team didn't fare so well in their local derby at home to Warwick's 2nds in Division 3A, losing 8-2.

Ken Walton beat Paul Machin, and Paul Garner beat Andy Hare, but Kwak Chan, Linda Reid and Sue Meredith all failed to record a win.

Our County Veterans beat visitors Nottinghamshire 7-2, Alf Saunders, Notts' stalwart, scored two expedite victories, beating Mervyn Wood 19 in the third and Roy Norton 20 in the third, Janet Hunt and Ray Dixon were both unbeaten for Worcs.

The Juniors entertained Dorset and suffered their first reverse, losing 7-3. Richard Pratley, Jason Thompson and David Pendry had one win each, but Dorset's girls proved too strong on the day.

## YORKSHIRE

Rea Balmford

The change of plan which resulted in the withdrawal at short notice of the Canadian squad from the Yorkshire 2\* Open, threw an additional heavy burden on the shoulders of tournament referee Bevan Walker, who had raised a Yorkshire side to entertain the visitors in a pre-tournament 'friendly' on his home territory at Batley Sports Centre.

The hall had been booked, tickets gone on sale, and the Yorkshire quartet informed, but a hectic session on the telephone, plus the willing co-operation of four of the top ranked players enabled the unflappable Bevan to 'get the show on the road'.

A big thank you to John Hilton, for long a popular visitor to Yorkshire, and Tony Taylor,



Claire Potts had a tough draw at Crawley — Picture: Mike Loveder.

Andrea Holt and Helen Lower, three of the newer generation, who revised their schedule at short notice to form an England side.

To put the icing on the cake for a disappointingly small attendance, the result — England 3, Yorkshire 5.

Looking round the county unbeaten Saint Albion A, who have added Stuart Worrall from Lincoln to the squad of Clive Guest, Kevin Thompson and Paul Clarke, look to be well on course to regain the Super League title in Sheffield.

They have already beaten nearest challengers Castle A, who will be weakened when they lose Paul Longstone for the remainder of the season. Paul and wife Lesley (née Broomhead) are to move to Luxembourg, to where Lesley's work has taken her.

Former county player and six times Sheffield champion David Rayner is back in action with Abbeydale B, where he lines up alongside Yorkshire Closed champion Josette Ryalls in a squad which is likely to take one of the promotion spots in the Premier Division.

Junior team secretary Christine Fox, a bank employee, has agreed to take over the duties of League Treasurer in Doncaster following the sad loss of Geoff Godfrey, recent recipient of the ETTA Merit parchment, who finally lost a long and brave battle against failing health. Condolences go to his family and to colleagues in the Doncaster League.

### In brief:

Harrogate's Wimott Cup side of Richard Whiteley, Nicky Davies and Keith Bell reached the Zone Final with an excellent 5-4 victory at Newcastle, Richard coming through undefeated in his three outings.

David Wood, who has done excellent work with the juniors in the Huddersfield area, has taken over as Coach in Charge at the Leeds ATC.

Lee Hewitt, ranked No 2 in Hull behind Derek Munt, has been appointed as assistant to Grimsby's Peter Taylor at the Humber side centre.

Sheffield Publicity Officer John Hatfield estimates that over 50,000 foul services are delivered each season in his League — over 90% of the total!

How does you League compare? About 'par for the course' will be the probable answer, so what about a big 'clean-up' campaign. County Umpires' Secretary Ron Wilson, an International umpire and Tournament Referee, will, I am sure, be only too pleased to help any League who feel that he can be of assistance.

# Irish Open — continued

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But to reach these they had a show stopping 3-1 in the semis over the United States whose In Sook Bhusan and Di Gee put up the sternest resistance in a 3-hour battle with all four sets going into a deciding game. What a workout for the girls, better than any training camp!

### Japan triple

And so to the individual events with the Japanese taking three titles and Belgium two. Saive retained his men's singles crown with a final win over Miyazaki and, in company with Cabrera, added the men's doubles. Japan's Hoshino claimed a treble in winning the women's singles — a title last won by England's Joy Dean (née Grundy) — the women's doubles, with Ishida, and the mixed with Miyazaki.

### Skylet out

Skylet went out to Japan's Takehito Watanabe and Sean to Cabrera, this after beating Hauth, the pair falling in the doubles to Denmark's Mogens Sonnichsen and Junge. In the women's singles Alison fell to Tomoko Ohno and Fiona to Ishida, Bhusan and Gee eliminating them in the doubles repeating their win in the team event.

No joy either in the mixed with Gibson/Gordon losing to Junge and Pia Toelhj of Denmark and Andrew/Elliot also suffering a first round departure at the hands of Gideon Joe Ng and Nathalie Patel of Canada.

### Saive victims

Of the home association's players only Colum Slevin excelled reaching the quarter-final stage of the men's singles before bowing out to Saive 3-straight, after wins over Sonnichsen and Oliver Alke of the Federal Republic of Germany. Andrew Dennison was yet another Saive victim while, in the women's singles, Jennifer Reid fell to Toelhj of Denmark and Nora McEvoy to Diane Gee of the USA both in the first round.

### Morgan's whip

But the real Irish triumph was the tournament itself with twelve Dunlop tables constantly in use and under the whip of Derbyshire's Arthur Morgan, the umpires from England, Scotland and the host association, were allowed little respite. Well done lads it really was worthwhile travelling to Belfast. Where could you receive better hospitality with Transport Manager, Stewart Reilly, calling up the buses.

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The Reading Chronicle kindly sent this photograph of the official opening ceremony at the Kingfisher Table Tennis Club at Reading. A report on the opening will appear in the next month's edition of Table Tennis News. Left to right: Leeds English National Championships finalist Mandy Sainsbury, John Redwood, MP for Reading, Jean Hodder, Johnny Leach cutting the tape, Jim Hodder and the new England champion Alison Gordon, also of Reading.



Mr H Roy Evans is pictured left receiving a Ford Escort XR3i, on behalf of the Joint UK Table Tennis Committee, from Neil Summerville, managing director of Budget Rent A Car UK and Ireland, at a reception to launch Budget's 1988 Olympic Appeal. Budget Rent A Car has launched its 'Turn Silver Into Gold' 1988 Olympic Appeal, which will raise at least £75,000. Budget is further supporting the British team by providing a Ford XR3i to each of the 23 sports associations sending a team to the Games in Seoul.



England No 15 from Chorley, Lancashire is Sean Gibson. At Crawley, he just failed to reach the quarter-finals after losing -23, 15, 16, 11 to Nicky Mason, but Gibson can be bracketed with Billington and Stokes as a young man to watch. Picture: Mike Loveder.



Jack Randall is the chief photographer amongst the umpires, not Fred Groom who was incorrectly captioned as the man with the camera at St Albans. This shot was also taken in Bulgaria (Sofia) at the World Students Championships with that Bulgarian hostess in the centre of things. Messrs Groom and Randall also prominent.



Ian Williams (left), representing Williams Garage, Market Drayton handing over the keys of the mini-bus which has been donated to the Grove Table Tennis Club.

## Old friends meet at Metropole Hotel

# Swaythling Club reunion at Brighton

by RON CRAYDEN

THE SWAYTHLING CLUB was founded in 1967 and will shortly be reaching its 21st birthday. It was therefore most appropriate that the English section of the Club was able to celebrate with a reunion party at Brighton on the occasion of the Leeds English Open Championships.

For the uninitiated the Swaythling Club is rather 'up market' without being snobbish, having an exclusive membership that is only open to players and captains who have represented their country in a World Championship. What is more, eligibility is by invitation only. Since its inception some memorable get-togethers and holidays have been given to its members by generous Associations where merry-making and nostalgic conversations have taken place, often in a mix of languages.

The initial aims of the Club were for fostering old friendships, helping those who had fallen on hard times and to encourage younger players to realise that, in the long run, sportsmanship and international relationships can be just as important as winning trophies and tournaments. The reception at Brighton was in accord with the fundamental principles of the Club and it enabled many old friends to meet again and talk over old times. It was an occasion where goodwill and conviviality were in evidence.

### Eminent personalities

As there was a strong entry for the Championships some eminent table tennis personalities made the journey to Brighton so it was a pleasure to welcome such as Lollo Hammarlund (Vice President of the ITTF), Misha Kapetanic (President of the European Union) and George Yates (General Secretary of the European Union). John Prean, the new Chairman of the ETTA, also found the time to join the assembly and to meet some of the champions of the past. In one corner the irrepressible Ernie Bublely with the backing of Stan Proffitt was trying to convince Jeff Ingber of the advantages of pre-War table tennis and even how modern snooker was easier to play than in the past, when the balls were heavier and the end pockets more restricted. On the other side of the room we had Steve Boros deep in conversation with Brian Kennedy and the bubbling Australian, Lou Laza. There are those of course whose names have omitted as space does not allow me to include everybody, but it would be remiss of me not to mention Canadian member José Ransome and our own Veteran's World Champion, Phyllis Lauder. Finally, and as a point of interest two founder members, Ron Crayden and Johnny Leach, with forty-five years of World Championship table tennis experience between them, were to be seen in conversation discussing the possible repeat of a successful reception.



At the Swaythling club assembly at Brighton, left to right, Johnny Leach, Ron Crayden, both former captains of England and Brian Kennedy (Yorkshire) at least a former England No 2.



Looking slightly surprised at Ron Crayden's camera, another shot taken at the Swaythling gathering at Brighton is the ETTA chairman John Prean, TTN editor John Woodford (dressed for work I am afraid) and the vice-president of the ETTU, Lolla Hammarlund from Sweden.



At the Peterborough Top-16 tournament, sponsored by Coalite Building Supplies, Simon Pryke (right) won the trophy and a £50 cash prize. The event was held at the Peterborough Table Tennis Centre and involved the top sixteen in the local league. Simon beat Melvyn Davies 14, -14, 19, 12 in the final. The losing semi-finalists were brothers Kevin and Martin Gladders.



Graham Slack of Cheltenham is the new Gloucestershire champion and the county's No 1 player. He plays for the Saracens club.

# The future of English table tennis

by JOHNNY LEACH, former world champion



Johnny Leach

YOUR editor invited me to write on a subject of my own choosing. I have chosen a subject that concerns us all: the future of English table tennis. For a start, it does have a future — which is something no one could claim with certainty 18 months ago. When John Prean and his new team took control the game was at rock bottom in this country; so the only ways it could go were up — or out. Fortunately, we've seen it rise quicker than one dared to hope, though good fortune has had less to do with this astonishing transformation than sound leadership, professionalism and sheer hard work.

To bring about this remarkable recovery called for someone special, a strong personality who knew exactly what had to be done and made it happen, sometimes at the cost of his own popularity. Such a man is chairman John Prean.

I respect John's fearless decisions. I haven't always agreed with them and, when I haven't I've said so, often in print, I shall continue to do so when necessary. But the overall effect has been good for our sport and one can claim with justification that the ETTA is now structured correctly and operates, as it should, as an efficient business.

Andrew and Nicky Mason all impressed me at the Leeds English Open and put up some terrific fights before eventually bowing out to the world's best.



Andrea Holt

## The back-up

I must also pay tribute to John's back-up groups of Stalwarts — Deputy Chairman Alan Ransome, Albert Shipley, Mike Watts and the management team. Dedicated amateurs and professionals alike have played their part.

In Ted Wallbuton we have a Chief Executive who is an expert in Sports Marketing — someone we've needed for a long time. He is doing an excellent job.

The team's biggest coup to date was to clinch major sponsors in the Leeds Building Society. The Leeds and their PR Company, Alan Pascoe Associates, have already transformed the image of table tennis events in England. They appreciate that our sport must be expertly presented in order to attract major media exposure. Thanks to their skilful work we are now seeing much more TV and national press coverage and more local radio spots than was the case for many years.

On the playing side we are lucky to have in Donald and Jill Parker the best trainers, coaches, motivators and selectors in one formidable package. Since Donald was appointed Supremo — a move I helped to campaign for — we have seen a marked improvement in our playing strength. I wouldn't be at all surprised if our men's team were to win the European team title in Paris this month. Des Douglas, Alan Cooke, Carl Prean, Skylet

As for the girls, 17 year old Andrea Holt convinced me that she is an international champion of the future.

Best of all, the Parkers are not only producing potential champions but strength in depth which is so important to England's future success.

Well, that's the good news. We can be quietly pleased and proud of the recent progress made. But there is a lot to be done before we can catch up with such big money, modern sports as lawn tennis, golf, snooker and darts. That must be our aim because that's the company in which we rightly belong.

## Entertaining

Big money comes from extensive TV coverage. I think that table tennis lends itself more to TV than most other sports, but to achieve full recognition it must become consistently entertaining. In my view, this could best be achieved by restricting players to the use of standardised bats with similar playing surfaces on both sides, but alas this is not likely to happen in the foreseeable future. So we must concentrate on these improvements which are within our power.

## Presentation

One thing I do want to see for everyone's benefit, is better presentation of tournaments, espe-

cially major championships. It was most frustrating to see quarter finals of the Leeds English Open being tucked away in corners while other players practised on intervening free tables. After all, the world stars involved deserve star treatment, and so did the spectators. There should have been four centre court tables for the occasion. This would have involved taking down the remaining tables and reorganising the hall for a short period. So what? I'm sure volunteers could have been found to carry out the extra work if necessary, table tennis has never been short of willing helpers.

## Coach trips?

Then again, we must find ways of increasing spectator support at major events. Table tennis is very enjoyable to watch at its best, especially when one has a special interest in one of the teams and certain players involved. Why can't clubs and leagues organise package coach trips for supporters in order to encourage them to attend major events and add to the colour and excitement of the occasions?

I know that Donald Parker envies Sweden who have for several years been able to send eight or nine players to international open tournaments as

opposed to our three or four. No wonder Sweden are the best in Europe, if not in the world. But Donald is obliged to keep our top players on the boil, ready for major events, and we lack the cash necessary for him to send our most promising youngsters along with them for experience. Specific sponsorship of England squads is what is needed — any chance of British Airways and one of the Big Five Banks being persuaded to chip in?

## £20 per club?

Lack of money is, of course, the biggest problem of all. John Prean and his dedicated team deserve a fresh start without continually having to plead for money to meet past commitments, not of their own making.

I wonder, need it be such a big problem? After all, we have 6,000 active clubs enjoying organised table tennis in England — just suppose each club were to raise £20.00 and donate it to the ETTA. Wouldn't that go a long way towards solving major financial problems?

In other words, let's help ourselves and enjoy the satisfaction and pride emanating from a really worthwhile achievement.

## SOUTHERN REGION

### Cippenham still leading by BRIAN LAMERTON

In the Leeds Southern Region Men's League with a crushing 7 sets to 2 victory over their nearest rivals Kingfisher A, the Slough club Cippenham A led by Frank Watson have taken a decisive lead at the head of the table. The Isle of Wight, now under the leadership of Roger Hookey who leads from the front have now found their feet in this very promising and enjoyable newcomer to the calendar.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Cippenham A	6	6	0	42	12	18
Kingfisher A	5	4	1	31	14	12
Hursley	4	3	1	24	12	8
Generation 11	5	2	3	20	35	7
Isle of Wight	6	2	4	21	33	5
Kingfisher B	4	1	3	12	24	3
Cippenham B	6	0	6	12	42	1

## Exchange visit?

A CLUB in France has expressed interest in arranging an exchange visit with an English club. Interested parties please contact: M. P. Martin, 7 Rue du Mont Mouchet, 48200 St Chely D'Apcher, France.

# Stiga to sponsor World Grand Prix

STIGA, a leading name in table tennis equipment, will sponsor an international circuit to be known as the 'Stiga Grand Prix'. The Stiga World Grand Prix will consist of a number of International Open Championships, at each of which players will be awarded points relative to their achievement. At the end of the circuit the leading players in the points table will qualify for the Stiga World Grand Prix Finals, with a prize money total of US\$50,000.

Stiga is the world-wide trading name of Swedish Table Tennis AB based in Tranås, and, in announcing a three-year sponsorship of the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Finals, the president of the company, Mr Tomas Berner, said: 'The name Stiga stands for the highest quality in table tennis equipment as well as being committed to developing table tennis as a professional sport, and therefore we are very proud to co-operate with the International Table Tennis Federation on the Stiga World Grand Prix. The Stiga World Grand Prix will be a new challenge for the players and provide the possibility for table tennis followers from all over the world to watch the progress of players throughout the season.'

The Stiga World Grand Prix and Finals will be promoted and staged by the International Management Group in agreement with the International Table Tennis Federation. Mr Ichiro Ogimura, president of the International Table Tennis Federation and former world champion, welcomed the new arrangement. 'The World Grand Prix combines all the major tournaments throughout the year culminating in a finals event, which is one of our three premier tournaments,' he said, 'and we look forward to working with Stiga to ensure the success of the Grand Prix over the next few years.'

## Stiga World Grand Prix

The 1987/88 Stiga World Grand Prix will consist of three categories of International Open Championships from the following countries.

<b>Cat A</b>	<b>Cat B</b>	<b>Cat C</b>
Poland	USSR	Brazil
Hungary	Finland	Uganda
Sweden	Ireland	Israel
England		Bermuda
West Germany		
USA		

Any other tournaments not yet notified to the International Table Tennis Federation will be included in Category C. Players will be awarded points as follows:

	<b>Cat A</b>	<b>Cat B</b>	<b>Cat C</b>
Winner	300	200	100
Runner-up	225	150	75
Semi-finalist	150	100	50
Quarter-finalist	105	70	35
Last 16	75	50	25
Last 32	45	30	0
Last 64	25	0	0

At the end of the circuit the ten players leading the points table will automatically qualify for the Stiga World Grand Prix Masters (which will be held in December 1988). The two remaining places will be filled on a wild card basis. There will be a limit of three players from any one country.

## Stiga World Grand Prix

Leaders after English Open, 20-23 January, 1988.

1	900 points	Lindh, Erik	Swe
2	755 points	Kim Song Hui	Prk
3	495 points	Persson, Jörgen	Swe
4	435 points	Applegren, Mikael	Swe
5	430 points	Waldner, Jan-Ove	Swe
6	370 points	Chen Zhibin	Chn
7	350 points	Kucharski, Leszek	Pol
8	330 points	Mazunov, Andrej	Ussr
9	305 points	Wang Hao	Chn
10	300 points	Grubba, Andrej	Pol
11	295 points	Bengtsson, Ulf	Swe
12	280 points	Chu Jong Chol	Prk
13	270 points	Gatien, Jean-Philippe	Fra

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The next coming tournaments included in the Stiga World Grand Prix will be: Irish Open Championships, 28-30 January (B Category); Federal Germany Open Championships, 4-7 February (A Category); Israel Open Championships, 1-3 March (C Category).

## A WORKING BREAKFAST WITH THE ITTF PRESIDENT

# Ogimura is visiting 80 countries

by JOHN WOODFORD

ICHIRO OGIMURA, as President of the International Table Tennis Federation, the most powerful person in the sport, kindly invited Richard Eaton and myself to a working breakfast at the Metropole Hotel, Brighton.

In the 90 minutes of sizzling bacon and eggs before he dashed off to catch his next flight, he gave us a run-down on the sport in world terms. My first and lasting impression of him is that he is a dynamic gentleman speaking fluent English who can hold his own in the company of government ministers throughout the world and is a worthy successor to Roy Evans.

### Plausible

After spending time in his company, it becomes easier to understand how he won the voting battle in Delhi. He seems plausible, confident, youngish and of course a former world single's champion (1954 and 1956) — the fact that he got that far may not impress some inside

the sport, but it could impress many outsiders, some that matter, some whose decisions could do table tennis a lot of good.

### Rumour

Since he took office he has had six meetings with Juan Samaranch President of the IOC and has visited 66 countries. He is aiming for over 80 countries. Rumour has it that he travels economy class by air — whilst most of the other presidents of trans-world companies and sports relax up front in Club or First Class!

I hope to write more of the interview shortly, meanwhile just three quotes from Ichiro Ogimura the new global ambassador for table tennis.



*ITTF President Ochiro Ogimura invited journalists Richard Eaton and John Woodford to an 8 am working breakfast at the Hotel Metropole, Brighton.*



He said, 'The IOC accepted assistance all the way from the ITTF on the Korean issue' — reference to the delicate political balance in Korea. 'I am very impressed with the enthusiasm worldwide for table tennis.' He added 'So many countries I have visited lack money to promote the sport and now that a table tennis bat costs more than most lawn tennis rackets, the situation becomes even more difficult.'

# North of the Border

## SCOTLAND

BY DENIS GEORGE

### EUROPEAN LEAGUE, Division 2

AFTER a resounding 7-0 victory over Wales in Llandrindod Wells and a 2-5 loss to Norway in Bergen in December, Scotland played Luxembourg at the Dick McTaggart Centre, Dundee, on 25 January. With John Broe being rested and David Hannah unfit, David McLroy, Gordon Clancy and Carole Dalrymple were considered to be strong enough to defeat a side we had beaten 5-2 away last season. Carole was in good form to beat Angela Schroeder 2-0 and, with Clancey, won the Mixed Doubles. But David McLroy, usually so reliable, had a bad day and just could not get his game going — losing 0-2 to both Maas and Wintersdorff. With the match unexpectedly lost Gordon Clancey beat Wintersdorff in the final tie to make the endline Scotland 3, Luxembourg 4.

David McLroy 1 to Daniel Wintersdorff -10, -15; Gordon Clancey 1 Yves Maas -12, 19, -16; Carole Dalrymple b Angela Schroeder 14, 12; McLroy/Clancey 1 Maas/Wintersdorff -19, -10; Clancey/Dalrymple b Maas/Schroeder 16, 17; David McLroy 1 Yves Maas 7, -13; Gordon Clancey b Daniel Wintersdorff 20, 18.

### 10.1.88: STA Senior Assessment Tournament, Meadowbank SC, Edinburgh.

Uniquely in Scottish TT annals husband and wife won singles titles in the same tournament when David and Eleanor McLroy celebrated the New Year by achieving the double in the first event of 1988.

**MEN:** John Broe cruised through with 6 straight-set wins with but one hiccup — a 1-2 loss to David McLroy. David, however, lost 1-2 to Brian Wright and dropped 'ends' to Clancey, McLean and Stokes, but took top place in Category 1 by virtue of his defeat of Broe. Brian Wright took 3rd place, losing only to the top two. It was good to see top juniors Euan Walker and Andrew Bruce gaining 14th and 15th places. Apart from the top 32 who contested the 4 category groups of 8, the non-qualifiers played off in a series of matches, winners playing winners and losers playing losers, to achieve a 'classification' right down to '64th'.

Category 1	Won
1. David McLroy	6
2. John Broe	6
3. Brian Wright	5
4. Ian Stokes	4
5. Ian McLean	4
6. Callum Gerrard	2
7. Gordon Clancey	1
8. David Thomas	0

**WOMEN:** The two top women were unable to compete — Carole Dalrymple was working and Janet Smith had been bitten by a dog on her playing hand! In consequence Eleanor McLroy and Sarah Hurry topped the category with five wins and one loss, with Eleanor taking top place — having beaten Sarah 2-1, Eleanor's loss being to young Jennifer Hook 'deuce in the third'.

Category 1	Won
1. Eleanor McLroy	5
2. Sarah Hurry	5
3. Lorraine Anderson	4
4. Isabel Lappin	2
5. Linda Hood	2
6. Jennifer Hook	2
7. Elizabeth Robb	1

### 17.1.88: STTA Junior Assessment Tournament, Meadowbank SC, Edinburgh.

**Junior Boys:** Both Andrew Bruce and Euan Walker came through to Category 1 with 2-0 wins in Stage 2 — having been excused Stage 1. Bruce was in very dominant form, beating Walker 15 and 15 and dropping ends only to Colin Robertson and Stuart Grassick.

Category 1	Won
1. Andrew Bruce	7
2. Euan Walker	6
3. Stuart Grassick	4
4. Kevin McKellar	4
5. Colin Robertson	3
6. Raymond Elder	3
7. Kenny Campbell	1
8. Jim Dyson	0

**Junior Girls:** Sarah Hurry had no problems gaining top place with 5 2-0 victories but No 2 Junior Lorraine Anderson had a poor day (she defeated Sarah in the September Assessment) winning only against Helen Lothian and then only 2-1. Claire Hood finished in 2nd place with a good 2-0 win over Jennifer Hook.

Category 1	Won
1. Sarah Hurry	5
2. Claire Hood	4
3. Jennifer Hook	3
4. Lesley Reid	2
5. Lorraine Anderson	1
6. Helen Lothian	0

### 24.1.88: STTA Cadet Assessment Tournament, Bellahouston SC, Glasgow.

**Cadet Boys:** Kevin McKellar clearly emphasised his No 1 ranking by sweeping through with 10 straight sets wins, only twice permitting the opposition to get into the 'teens'.

Category 1	Won
1. Kevin McKellar	7
2. Stuart Crawford	6
3. Fraser Lewis	5
4. Douglas Winslow	4
5. Stuart Dunn	2
6. Richard Payne	2
7. Malcolm Munro	1
8. Craig Montieth	1

## THE COTSWOLD JUNIOR SELECT

### Oldfield, Toole triumph

by ALF PEPPARD

A SUCCESSFUL tournament which commanded some 320 entries and of the ten titles that were up for grabs, local prestige once again took a rather severe hammering at least to the extent that very few rising stars even managed to get through their respective groups, among those who did were — Raymond Powell in the Under-14s and Dale Saunders in the Under-17s, both players won their groups but crashed in the very next round.

Beth Walker from Stroud got as far as the quarter finals of the Under-12 Girls' Singles, Penny Wyatt and Wendy Nicholls of Stroud got through the first round of the Under-17 Girls' Doubles, and then alas curtains.

With Michael O'Driscoll absent — the stage was seemingly wide open for Chris Oldfield to display his talents. He did indeed by beating Neil Bevan in the final to take the title.

After losing the first game at -15, Bevan appeared to probably be struggling with some form of ailment and lost out game -9 in the second.

Debbie Toole retained the Under-17 Singles title that she won here last year with a very convincing -10, -17, win over Joanna Roberts.

Interesting factors (worthy of note) emerged in the Boys' Under-17 Doubles, such was the energy extended by all four players, that at one stage they actually knocked the surrounds over at the back of the court twice in their efforts to retrieve the ball.

## RESULTS

**Boys' Singles — Under-12 Final**  
Darren Blake (Surrey) b Alex Perry (Devon) 16, -20, 14.

**Girls' Singles — Under-12 Final**  
Nicola Deaton (Derby) b Hayley Beamont (Beds) 10, 7.

**Boys' Doubles — Under-14 Final**  
Brian Mileham (Kent) and Alex Perry (Devon) b Garry Knights (Staffs) and Neil Bevan (Cornwall) 18, -13, 14.

**Girls' Doubles Under-14 Final**  
Tracey Cole (Sussex) and Linda Radford (Essex) b Helen Potts (Cheshire) and Ellen Meddings (Yorks) 17, -21, 19.

**Boys' Singles — Under-14 Final**  
Neil Bevan (C) b Brian Mileham (K) -20, 18, 18.

**Girls' Singles Under-14 Final**  
Ellen Meddings (Y) b Kate Goodhall (Y) 15, 17.

**Boys' Doubles Under-17 Final**  
Chris Oldfield (Yorks) and David Morris (Salop) b Leigh Jefferies (Warcs) and Neil Pickard (Norfolk) 15, -12, 15.

**Girls' Doubles — Under-17 Final**  
Julie Norman (Berks) and Nicola McGrath (Lancs) b the Wright Sisters Jane and Helen (Devon) 15, 12.

**Girls' Singles — Under-17 Final**  
Debbie Toole b Joanna Roberts 10, 17.

**Boys' Singles — Under-17 Final**  
Chris Oldfield (Yorks) b Neil Bevan (Cornwall) 15, 9.

## SOUTH WEST REGION NEWS

by ALF PEPPARD

LOCAL interest will centre on the ESTTA Regional Team Final's at the Stroud Leisure Centre. Gloucester's Crypt School team of: Raymond Powell, Paul Morley, Tim Dewick & Russell Ramford qualified for this event several weeks ago, I am equally sure that all Gloucestersians will be willing them to win through to the ultimate finals. City and Guilds Sports and Recreation — Melonie Carey of Bridgwater, Somerset gained a distinction in the first year which turned out to be the second best award in the country.

And for this she will be receiving a bronze medal, Melonie is still actively engaged in table tennis within the precincts of the National Circuit and also involved in county play.

Her very latest success was in the Middlesex Senior 3 Star where she gained useful Lentec points from some good wins to take her into 19th position in the ladies senior rankings, this I understand being the highest position achieved by any male/female player in the county.

### Cadet League

This year has seen an increase in the number of teams competing in this popular competition, which has made it necessary to establish north and south divisions.

Bristol A pipped at the post by Bourne-mouth in 1987 are in the north, pole position (sorry about that!) closely pursued by Gloucester, whose Raymond Powell remains unbeaten to date.

Steaming ahead in the south are Inter-city A, with Cambourne just three points behind.

This league now 20 teams strong is probably the best project RCC south west have instigated and is ideal competition grounding for its very fine crop of Under-14s.

### LEAGUE POSITIONS

South	
Inter-city A	35
Cambourne A	32
S/D Torbay A	19
Cambourne B	19

# Parker Foundation, Under-12 squad

RE-ELECTED . . .



Alan Ransome has been re-elected unopposed deputy chairman of the ETTA.

## WEST MIDLAND REGIONAL CLUB LEAGUE

Mike Leach

THERE is still a battle for the top three places although West Warwicks are favourites to win the League even if they lose to Burslem when they play the last match as they have a superior set average.

The Individual Performance award should be won by Dougie Johnson of West Warwicks with a 100% record at the moment, but his team-mate Simon Claxton has only lost one game so anything could happen when the last two matches are played on Sunday 27 March.

### Results of matches played 7 February 1988

Grove 0, Burslem 10; Four Pools 4 Norton 6; Leckie 3, West Warwicks 7; Sheffield 0, Thorns 10; Four Pools 6, Grove 4; Norton 1, Leckie 9; Burslem 10, Sheffield 0; West Warwicks 6, Thorns 4.

### Played 24 January

Sheffield 8, Grove 2; Norton 0, Thorns 10; Burslem 3, Leckie 7; West Warwicks 10, Four Pools 0; Grove 0, Thorns 10; Norton 0, Burslem 10; Four Pools 1, Leckie 9; Sheffield 1, West Warwicks 9.

### League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Warwicks	12	11	0	1	101	19	22
Burslem	12	10	0	2	92	28	20
Thorns	12	9	0	3	89	31	18
Leckie	12	7	1	4	73	47	15
Norton	12	3	1	8	38	82	7
Sheffield	12	3	1	8	31	89	7
Four Pools	12	2	0	10	33	87	4
Grove	12	1	1	10	23	97	3

## OBITUARY

### JARMO JOKINEN

JARMO JOKINEN, aged 30, the Finnish No 1 (and World Ranked No 92), was tragically killed in a domestic accident shortly before the Finlandia Open in December, at which event everyone present stood in silence to his memory.

Jarmo, a popular all-round player, had been the mainstay of the Finnish team for the past ten years. He represented Finland in the ETTU Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Karlsruhe in mid-November, when he failed to qualify for Stage 2 despite achieving three wins out of four in Stage 1.

## Hundreds of young players coached weekly

by VINNY DAWSON

TAMESIDE MBCs Recreation Dept has now what is considered to be one of the best coaching development schemes for youngsters, run by a local authority, in the country. With hundreds of youngsters attending weekly sessions ranging from basic to advanced coaching at their own ATC it was inevitable that a sizeable proportion entered the 3rd Tameside 2 Star Open.

This year saw a record entry with the department, having to 'close the doors' on a massive 200 entrants. Sponsorship was by Datsun Services and presentation by Mr Sim Teo.

This is fast becoming a prestigious event in the national calendar with entrants from all over the UK and Europe. For the second year running Malta supplied entries. This year it was the turn of Carl and Edward Wisemeyah, who unfortunately seemed a little overawed by the occasion, but seemed to show a lot of promise.

Tameside's Jonathon Taylor (Ranked No 7) proved once again that he is a force to be reckoned with, he has an impressive record in the three years of this event. It reads. Winner of Cadets 1986, R/up Juniors 1987, Winner of Juniors 1988.

### Results

Junior Boys' Doubles — A. Eden (Preston)/Wayne Renton (Oldham) b Lee Jeffreys/Gary Knights 18, 16.

Junior Boys' Singles — Jonathon Taylor (Tameside) b Andrew Eden 16, 8.

Junior Girls' Doubles — Sarah and Elizabeth Creasey (Salop) b Kath Goodall/Joanna Roberts (Yorks) 17, -17, 19.

Cadet Boys' — Gary Knight (Burton) b Ian Collier 11, 9.

U/12s Girls' — Natasha Williams (Wales) b Caroline Watt (Cumbria) - 19, 12, 16.

U/12s Boys' — Darren Blake (Croydon) b Andrew Nicholls (Yorks) 17, 19.

Cadet Girls' Singles — Kath Goodall (Yorks) b Elizabeth Creasey -18, 8, 17.

Junior Girls' Singles — Joanna Roberts (Yorks) b Kath Goodall 20, 14.

Cadet Boys' Doubles — Barry Forster (Cumberland)/Stephen Coverdale b Gareth Jones (Selby)/Gary Knights (Burton) 21, 13.



## THE JILL HAMMERSLEY-PARKER TABLE TENNIS FOUNDATION

### Benefits for ten youngsters

LATEST news from Jill — We entered two teams in the English Junior Open and sent six players to the 4th Luxembourg International Youth Championships. Jenny Heaton, Sylvia Broadbent, Peter McQueen and Barry Johnson acted as non-playing captains and we are very grateful for all their help and assistance.

#### Top international players?

Only time will tell whether your investments have helped produce top international players. However, for sure 10 young players are much the richer for the experiences provided by the Foundation. I hope members feel that we are a worthwhile cause and would consider renewing membership by sending £10 (payable to the Jill Hammersley-Parker Table Tennis Foundation) to the above address.

You are possibly aware, that I am now working for the ETTA and have a young family. It is therefore difficult to devote the amount of time necessary to the Foundation for fund-raising activities. If anyone has any advice or could offer any help I would be delighted to hear from them.

## CREST UNDER-12 SQUAD IRELAND

# Nicola Deaton — three victories

by JACKIE BELLINGER

ON 15-17 January the Crest Under-12s squad travelled to Ireland to compete in the Munster Open and a previously arranged Under-12 match wit

Representing England were Sally Marling (Yorkshire) and Nicola Deaton (Derbyshire) for the girls, Alex Perry (Devon) and Andrew Nicholls (Yorkshire) for the boys.

Under the guidance of Jackie Bellinger, the squad were meant to compete in the senior events on the Friday evening, but due to the ferry functioning on half its normal speed capacity we arrived in County Cork just prior to midnight.

On the Saturday morning, our young prospects played in the Under-12, Under-14 and Under-17 age groups. The entry in all these age groups was large, but it wasn't long before it was established that England had the quality, as our young hopefuls brushed aside the opposition in both girls and boys events.

The most successful English player was 11-year-old Nicola Deaton who scored a creditable hat-trick of titles, winning the Under-12, Under-14 and Under-17 girls singles. In all three finals, Nicola defeated Sally Marling, and the Under-12s was perhaps one of the best finals witnessed in Ireland at Cadet or Junior level. Both Nicola and Sally created a big impact with the Irish fraternity.



Jackie Bellinger, sister of England No 3 Lisa Lomas is the manager of the England Under-12 squad.

Alex Perry displayed his modern game to good effect to win the Under-14 and Under-12 titles, defeating his team mate Andrew Nicholls in the final.

In the friendly international matches too, England were successful with the girls winning 3-0 and the boys 2-1. A tiring but exhausting weekend, was enjoyed and there can be no denying that our current Under-12 squad looks to have great potential for the future.

## ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

# Regional finals completed

by DAVID LOMAS

THE winning teams from three Regional Finals of the Dunlop National Schools Team Championships are due to compete for national honours when the Grand Finals take place at Lea Green, Matlock, on 19 March. Only two of the current holders will be defending their titles: Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School bid to hold on to the Under-19 Girls' trophy, and Cumnor House, Croydon, look favourites to defend the Under-11 Boys' Crown.

The Regional Finals took place on 21 February at Pontefract (North), Market Drayton (Midlands & West) and Croydon (South & East).

### North Region

B19 Caistor Grammar (Lincolnshire); G19 Kesteven & Grantham Girls (Lincolnshire); B16 Selby (North Yorkshire); G16 Kesteven & Grantham Girls (Lincolnshire); B13 Parkview, Barrow-in-Furness (Cumbria); G13 Bredbury, Stockport (Greater Manchester); B11 Yarlside, Barrow-in-Furness (Cumbria); G11 Yarlside, Barrow-in-Furness (Cumbria).

Only one player was unbeaten in the B19 event, Wayne Noon of Caistor. His team edged through 5-3, in the deciding match against Hulme Grammar, Oldham. Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School's quarter of Joanne Mole, Jeanette Baxter, Hayley Sims and Catherine May chalked up the only whitewash at Pontefract when the registered three 8-0 scores. It was a double success for the Grantham girls because their Under-16 team beat Parkview, Barrow-in-Furness, 6-2, with Catherine Challis and Nicola Skinner unbeaten. Watching the action was KGGS No 1, Sarah Kate-Jackson, with her arm in a sling.

But Bredbury and Parkview proved too strong in the G13 event. Bredbury 8-0, 8-0, wins meant that a 4-4 draw against Parkview would see them through on superior sets ratio — and that's exactly what the scoreline turned out to be.

It was a good day for Yarlside, Barrow-in-Furness. Their G11 returned verdicts of 8-0, 8-0 and 7-1. Three players were unbeaten — Nicola Garnet, Julie Baker and Caryn Longmuir. The Yarlside Boys also won through, 8-0, 6-2, 6-2 with No 1 Grant Cumberbatch, unbeaten.

There was an unexpected upset in the B13 event. Parkview's scores of 8-0, 8-0, over Hulme Grammar, Oldham, and Gosforth Central Middle, Newcastle-on-Tyne, compared favourably with Gosforth, Dronfield, who only won 8-0 and 7-1. In a closely-fought battle Parkview's No 2, Justin Brunton, was the

Cumbrian hero as they got the 4-4 result that they needed.

Selby will be the first-ever North Yorkshire school to qualify for a place in the National Finals. They notched wins, 7-1 over Sydney Smith, Hull, 5-3 over Aldercar, Heanor, and 5-3 over yet another Parkview team.

### Midlands & West Region

B19 Budehaven, Bude (Cornwall); G19 Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College (Staffordshire); B16 Brislington, Bristol (Avon); G16 The Grove, Market Drayton (Shropshire); B13 Budehaven, Bude (Cornwall); G13 Brookhouse, Bucknall (Staffordshire); B11 Holymead Junior, Bristol (Avon); G11 Marychurch Primary, Bucknall (Staffordshire).

Three Staffordshire schools through is a record. It's also quite some time since only one Shropshire side qualified. Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College narrowly edged out Bridgwater College (Somerset), drawing 4-4 with superior sets ratio. The Grove look very strong at G16 level. Their line-up was Gail Ottolini, Elizabeth and Sarah Creasey and Claire Marshall, and they must be firm favourites at Lea Green.

Two teams from Bucknall won the G13 and G11 events. Lynsey Foxall, Marychurch's No 1, played particularly well.

Organiser, Ian Marshall, reports a good standard in the Boys' events at Stroud. Budehaven have two teams through. Their Under-19 side was led by Andrew Bevan but it was No 3 John Maggs, who took the eye. There was little between all four sides in the B13 category. Budehaven beat The Grove, 5-3, Crypt Boys, Gloucester 5-3, and Salesian College, Farnborough 7-1. Salesians' only success was a win for No 1 Steven Barratt. Brislington are a good all-round side and according to Ian 'a cut above the rest'. Holymead (B11) also have a good strong line-up with Martin Smith at No 1.

### South & East Region

B19 Ifield Community College, Crawley (West Sussex); G19 Luton Sixth Form College (Bedfordshire); B16 Mayflower, Billericay (Essex County); G16 Peniel Academy, Brentwood (Essex County); B13 Cumnor House, Croydon (Surrey Metropolitan); G13 Hillcross Middle, Morden (Surrey Metropolitan); B11 Cumnor House, Croydon (Surrey Metropolitan); G11 Buttsbury Junior, Billericay (Essex County).

Monks Hill Sports Centre, South Croydon, was the venue for this region. Locals, Cumnor House, are very strong at Under-11 where they are led by national Under-11 holder, Darren Blake. They will have two teams through — joined by B13 hopefuls. Three Bedford Modern teams had to be content with runners-up spots. This will be the first time for ten years that Bedford Modern will not be represented in the national finals. Their B19 team — current holders — lost 6-2 to current B16 holders, Ifield Community College, Crawley. Ifield No 2 Alan Cole, was in sparkling form but Scott Greenbrook lost to Bedford Modern's



David Lomas



No 1, Gavin Black. Mayflower, Billericay, head three Essex county finalists. They have Damian Holland and Russell Thornton at 1 & 2. Peniel Academy make their debut, joined by Buttsbury Junior. Hillcross Middle School, Morden, seemingly flying a lone flag for Girls table tennis in Surrey, add to their number of finals appearances in the G11.

## WEST MIDLANDS REGION

### The new girls' league

TWENTY junior girls from ten teams competed in this new two-a-side Regional Girls League, the first of its kind in the West Midlands.

Teams from all over the region took part playing three matches on three Sundays at Lilleshall to complete the nine fixtures.

Players, team organisers and parents gave a big thumbs up to the friendly but competitive way the games were played and with more clubs showing interest for next season's league, it may be necessary to have two divisions.

### Sisters dominate

The winners of the league were Alison and Rebecca Ledwith representing their Birmingham club Smith and Nephew. They did not lose a match and only dropped six games. Alison only lost one game but that was not enough to win the individual award which was won by Nicola Meddings from Westminster club (Birmingham) who won all 18 singles.

Second place went to the Leamington club Lillington Free Church who was represented by Kate Ryan who son 16 out of 18, Vickie Clarke and Kerry Moran.

Third spot was secured by another pair of sisters, Sarah and Liz Creasey from Grove Club (Market Drayton).

Medals and cash awards were presented by Jim Hayward (RCC Chairman).

### Final positions

1 Smith and Nephew (Birmingham); 2 Lillington (Leamington); 3 Grove B (Market Drayton); 4 Westminster (Birmingham); 5 Norton A (Potteries); 6 Grove A (Market Drayton); 7 Highfields A (Wolverhampton); 8 Highfields B (Wolverhampton); 9 Leckie (Walsall); 10 Norton B (Potteries).

### Individuals

1 Nicola Meddings (Westminster); 2 Alison Ledwith (Smith and Nephew); 3 Kate Ryan (Lillington) 4 Sarah Creasey (Grove B).

League organiser Jenny Heaton would be pleased to hear from any more clubs interested in taking part next season. (Tel: 021-364 5408).

## How they stand on the continent

# EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION

CLASSIFICATION LIST — FEBRUARY 1988

(Previous position in brackets)

### MEN

1. WALDNER, Jan-Ove (SWE) (1)
2. LINDH, Erik (SWE) (2)
3. PERSSON, Jörgen (SWE) (5)
4. GRUBBA, Andrzej (POL) (3)
5. KUCHARSKI, Leszek (POL) (7)
6. DOUGLAS, Desmond (ENG) (4)
7. APPELGREN, Mikael (SWE) (6)
8. MASUNOV, Andrei (URS) (8)
9. KLAMPAR, Tibor (HUN) (9)
10. ROSSKOPF, Jörg (FRG) (15)
11. GATIEN, Jean-Philippe (FRA) (13)
12. CARLSSON, Ulf (SWE) (10)
13. LUPELESCU, Ilije (YUG) (17)
14. BOHM, Georg (FRG) (12)
15. KALINIC, Zoran (YUG) (11)
16. KRISTON, Zsolt (HUN) (14)
17. PREAN, Carl (FRG) (16)
18. LOUKOV, Mariano (BUL) (18)
19. PANSKY, Jindrich (TCH) (19)
20. BENGTTSSON, Ulf (SWE) (20)
21. PRIMORAC, Zoran (YUG) (21)
22. COOKE, Alan (ENG) (22)
23. BIROCHEAU, Patrick (FRA) (23)
24. HALDAN, Paul (HOL) (31)
25. WOSIK, Ralf (FRG) (25)
26. SAIVE, Jean-Michel (BEL) (26)
27. DING YI (AUT) (27)
28. HARCZI, Zsolt (HUN) (28)
29. ROSENBERG, Boris (URS) (29)
30. CECAVA, Miroslav (TCH) (21)
31. RENVERSE, Patrick (FRA) (31)

### MEN (continued)

32. FEJER, Andras (ROM) (32)
33. DVORAK, Vladimir (TCH) (33)
34. STOJANOV, Ivan (BUL) (34)
35. STEFANOV, Stefan (BUL) (35)
36. JAVUREK, Jiri (TCH) (36)
37. YALDIZ, Gurham (TUR) (37)
38. MOLENDIA, Piotr (POL) (38)
39. PODNOSOV, Igor (URS) (39)
40. JANJI, Tomas (TCH) (40)
41. DRYSZEL, Stefan (POL) (41)
42. CONSTANTINI, Massimo (ITA) (42)
43. FETZNER, Steffen (FRG) (43)
44. PODPINKA, Andras (BEL) (44)
45. PALMI, Dietmar (AUT) (45)
46. CIOCA, Daniel (ROM) (46)
47. FLOREA, Vasile (ROM) (47)
48. CABRERA, Thierry (BEL) (48)
49. SHEVCHENKO, Valeri (URS) (49)
50. VAN SPANJE, Henk (HOL) (50)

### WOMEN

1. BULATOVA, Fliura (URS) (3)
2. VRIESEKOOOP, Bettine (HOL) (4)
3. GUERGUELTCHEVA, Daniela (BUL) (5)
4. BATORFI, Csilla (HUN) (1)
5. HRACHOVA, Marie (TCH) (2)
6. NEMES, Olga (FRG) (10)
7. URBAN, Edith (HUN) (6)
8. BADESCU, Otilia (RUM) (7)
9. KASALOVA, Renata (TCH) (8)
10. KOVTUN, Elena (URS) (9)

### WOMEN (continued)

11. KLOPPENBURG, Mirjam (HOL) (13)
12. SAFAROVA, Alena (TCH) (14)
13. POPOVA, Valentina (URS) (11)
14. FAZLIC, Jasna (YUG) (12)
15. PERKUCIN, Gordana (YUG) (15)
16. WIKTORSSON, Barbro (SWE) (16)
17. OLAH, Zsuzsa (HUN) (17)
18. THIRIET, Brigitte (FRA) (18)
19. LOMAS, Lisa (ENG) (19)
20. BATINIC, Branka (YUG) (13)
21. BOGAERTS, Karine (BEL) (21)
22. WANG, Xiaoming (FRA) (22)
23. NOLTEN, Katja (FRG) (23)
24. SVENSSON, Marie (SWE) (24)
25. GREFFBERG, Sonja (FIN) (25)
26. ALBOIU, Maria (ROM) (26)
27. SZATKO-NOWAK, Jolanta (POL) (27)
28. KOCOCA, Miluse (TCH) (28)
29. GORDON, Alison (ENG) (29)
30. OJSTERSEK, Vesna (YUG) (30)
31. DAVIAUD, Nadine (FRA) (31)
32. NAGY, Krisztina (HUN) (32)
33. TIMOFEEVA, Raisa (URS) (33)
34. ELLIOT, Fiona (ENG) (34)
35. ERLMAN, Lotta (SWE) (35)
36. ZAMPINI, Giorgia (ITA) (36)
37. MAIER, Elisabeth (AUT) (37)
38. BOHNING, Ilka (FRG) (38)
39. LOHR, Kinga (ROM) (39)
40. LIPPENS, Barbara (ESP) (40)

This list will be used for seeding positions in the European Championships, Paris, 19-27 March 1988

## VETERANS ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS SOCIETY

# Henry Buist, the triple champion

by MIKE WATTS

VETTS staged their Midland Masters at the Hinckley Sports Centre over the weekend of 30/31 January and again the entry was high with 153 players taking part.

The tournament was again a high spot for the evergreen Henry Buist who captured three titles and a runners-up spot in a fourth.

The ever popular Kent stalwart saw off Ralph Gunnion in the final of the Over 40s and Derek Schofield in the Over 50s then combined with Cleve Judson to pick up the Over 40 doubles from Brian Allison and Andy Meads and only just failed to make it a clean sweep when partnered by Mike Watts they led Schofield and Matt Shearer by a game and 20-16 before finally losing at 21-19 in the third. In the Men's Over 60 final Ron Bolton from Nottingham stopped the steady flow of wins by Ron Etheridge from Kent.

The Women's Over 40 singles was again won by Doreen Schofield beating surprise finalist Janet Hunt from Worcester who had earlier beaten the second seed Pat Bassano from Yorkshire.

Joyce Coop from Dorset took the Over 50 singles, her final victim being Kath Fisher from Lincs who had knocked out second seed and county colleague Connie Moran in the semi-final.

The Men's Over 60 doubles was won by Ron Etheridge partnered by Dick Satchell from Sussex winning two straight against Alec Gould from Lincs and John Husbands from Bucks.

In the Over 40 Women's doubles Carol Judson and Pat Bassano both from Yorkshire overcame Gill Knightly from Berkshire partnered by Pat Wales from Sussex and Joyce Coop gained a second title when in partnership with Mary Symes from Middlesex they beat the top seeds Connie Moran and Pam

Butcher from Kent. The Mixed Doubles provided Derek Holman from Surrey and Margaret Dignum from Kent with their second successive Mixed title when they beat Doreen Schofield partnered by Alan Kinsey from Leicester a late replacement for Doreen's usual partner.

The presentations were made by Mrs Theresa Goode from Ladbroke's Hotels the sponsors of the event. At the previous evenings dinner VETTS Chairman Derek Schofield paid tributes to the Referee Geoff Taylor who did an excellent job and the Organiser this year Mike Holt from Leicester who was a master at preparing the venue in good time.



Mike Watts

VETTS now move on to Manchester for the Northern Masters which is due to take place over the weekend of 9/10 April 1988 at the Armitage Centre which forms part of the University of Manchester Sports and Conference Centre. This is a new venue and their will be 15 tables in operation with accommodation at the Ladbroke's Hotel at Manchester Airport. More details can be provided by Roger Moss, 396 Buxton Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire.



## ITTF PRESIDENT REPORTING

### OLYMPICS

On 19 January in Lausanne I had my sixth face-to-face meeting since last April with IOC President Mr Samaranch. During our talks we agreed that:

(a) The agreement between the ITTF and IOC for table tennis to be played in Pyongyang expired on 17 January 1988. It was also agreed that from now on the ITTF will accelerate its efforts to prepare for the table tennis events in Seoul.

(b) Nevertheless, as long as the IOC keeps its door open for negotiations between North and South Korea, the ITTF will continue its support and will be ready to discuss the possibility of playing its events in Pyongyang if the IOC succeeds in making a full agreement with North and South Korea. In this case the IOC would guarantee that table tennis in the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad should receive fair and equal treatment as the other sports.

We shall have a further meeting in March or April.

At the time of writing we have details (included in this Bulletin) of some 130 players from 38 Associations who have qualified

to participate in the table tennis event of the Olympic Games. I consider this a reasonable geographical distribution having regard to the maximum number of players we are limited to, and I express my special thanks to the Continental Federations for their careful planning and enthusiastic efforts in organising the qualification tournaments.

### FUTURE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

I have already met the Dortmund organisers of the 40th World Championships and I shall be meeting them again together with the Secretary-General in April. I have, of course, also met the organisers of Chiba City (1991), and will be having further discussions with our United States contacts so as to establish whether we can be sure that all our member-Associations could obtain visas to travel there for a possible World Championships in 1993. I am optimistic about this prospect.

### DOPING TESTS

These will be carried out during the Games according to a schedule which has been laid down

by the IOC. The ITTF's representative to the IOC Medical Commission for the supervision of the tests is the Deputy President Mr Lollo Hammarlund.

Some more forbidden substances have been added to the list published in Bulletin No 197 in June 1987. Details may be obtained from the ITTF Secretariat, or through National Olympic Committees.

### PLAYERS' CLOTHING AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Players' clothing is, of course, the responsibility of their National Olympic Committee, but all Associations and manufacturers should be aware of the IOC rule on the subject. The following is an extract from Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter.

#### Regulations

'No advertising is permitted on equipment used in the Olympic Games nor on the uniforms or numbers worn by contestants or officials, in fact nothing may be worn on the uniforms of contestants or any persons with an official function except the flag or emblem of the NOC or of the OCOG as approved by the IOC.



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#### Disqualification?

The display of any clothing or equipment such as shoes, skis, handbags, hats, etc, marked conspicuously for advertising purposes in any Olympic venue (training grounds, Olympic villages or fields of competition) by participants whether competitors, coaches, trainers or anyone else associated with an Olympic team in an official capacity, shall normally result in immediate disqualification or withdrawal of credentials.'

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# Pontefract Open, Central London League



Skylet Andrew is like the Pied Piper of Hamelin with schoolchildren. He entertained this school group for over two hours on the Ostend-Dover ferry after the match against Belgium.

## MIDLAND LEAGUE

by JOHN BARBER

### Men's Section

**Division 1** — Coventry 2 Gloucester 8; Derby 7 Notts B 3; Wolves A 8 Coventry 2; Notts B 2 Notts A 8.

Derby's strength in depth was the deciding factor against Notts B, whose recovery was of no avail after being four down. An unusual finish at Wolverhampton who were leading 3-2 against Coventry. A dispute over the correct way to serve then ensued, which was unresolved between the teams. The visitors declined to continue with the match and left. (Surely the new rule is simple enough.)

**Division 2** — Bath 7 Dudley 3; Gloucester 8 Nuneaton 2; Stratford A 6 Nuneaton 4; Loughborough 5 Chesterfield 5, Loughborough trailed 1-4 but came back to earn a draw.

**Division 3** — Leamington A 4 Stafford 6. Stafford 2 down, then each of their players took two singles to maintain their team's unbeaten record.

**Division 4** — Stratford 4 Banbury 6; Cheltenham 5 Bromsgrove 5; Bromsgrove 2 Leamington B 8; Coventry B 6 Leamington B 4. Jon Williams (Leamington B) in fine form at Bromsgrove with three wins. Coventry B have won their four matches played and look good for promotion.

### Veterans' Section

**Division 1** — Walsall A 7 Birmingham B 3; Notts A 4 Birmingham A 6; Oxford B 6 Leamington 4; Walsall B 1 Notts A 9; Coventry A 1 Birmingham B 9; Birmingham A 9 Walsall A 1.

Nottingham A and Birmingham A were engaged in their usual marathon, this time the match lasted only 5¼ hours! Five of the sets went to expedite. At some time at about midnight, the result might have been decisive in deciding the championship. The two teams each won well against Walsall teams which put in brave efforts but without much to show for them.

**Division 2** — Telford 9 Notts B 1; West Brom B 6 Notts B 4; Stroud 3 Telford 7; Stafford 9 Kidderminster 1, Alan Giles won his three for Stroud against Telford who were too strong for the rest of the team. Telford look prospective champions with 5 wins out of 5.

**Division 3** — Coventry B 2 Stratford 8; Coventry B 8 Rugby 2.

### Junior Section

**Division 1** — Notts A 9 Notts B 1; Leicester 6 Stroud 4; Stroud 9 Coventry 1; Coventry 1.

**Division 2** — Eastwood 6 Dudley 4. Jason Bamford scored three for Eastwood in closely contested match.

**Division 3** — Walsall 2 Banbury 8; West Bromwich 9 Leamington B 1. Leamington narrowly lost four sets which went to the third, giving the home side a convincing win.

**Division 4** — Gloucester 7 Cheltenham 3; Cheltenham 1 Birmingham B 9; Kidderminster 5 Hinckley 5; Hinckley 7 Coventry C 3; Glos 8 Rugby 2; Birmingham B 6 Hinckley 4.

Matthew Taylor and Richard Hall both had maximum wins for Hinckley against Coventry. Taylor also took three at Birmingham but this did not prevent Birmingham gaining their fifth win a row.

### Intermediates Section

Walsall 10 Nuneaton 0; Nuneaton 4 Leamington 6; Dudley 4 Eastwood 6.

## PONTEFRACT 1-star OPEN

### JUNIOR DEBBIE TAKES SENIOR OPEN TITLE

DEBBIE Toole retained all three titles in the Pontefract Open championships at the Featherstone Sports Centre.

In the women's singles final, she defeated Karren Burrows, also of Coaching Club, 12, 16.

Earlier, Toole had defeated another team-mate, K. Goodall, in the semi-final 13, 12.

Burrows got some consolation when she helped Toole repeat last year's triumph in the women's doubles with a 20, 13 win over R. Bray (Hull) and S. Giddings (Leeds).

Toole then went on to complete a fine day's work by defeating E. Meddings (Harrogate) 15, 17 to take the junior girls' singles title.

Michael Stead of Bradford won the men's singles final against Ian Robertson of Northumberland 17, -10, 16.

Stead and Robertson then teamed up to take the doubles title.

Mark Ward of Sheffield won the junior boys singles while the veterans singles went to Matt Shearer of Grimsby.

## THAMES INSURANCE CENTRAL LEAGUE

THE London's Thames Insurance Central League which is as strong as ever and being very keenly contested. Even at this stage of the season it remains a four-horse race. Division 1 is currently headed by the Department of the Environment first team which comprises Peter Harry, Mike O'Leary and Dave Emery with Steve Carpenter, Mike Loveder and Gary Spencer in reserve. International Students House are level on points in second place led by Joe Kennedy and Richard Jermyn. Lying in third place are last season's runners-up Club 25 Larkhall and this team contains the same players that represent Larkhall in Division 1 of the Leeds British League, namely Mike Hammond, Dave Harding and Percy Collino with Rupert Bole, Steve Davis and Brian Garroway in reserve.

Last season's league champions, Exiles I, are currently sitting in fourth place just three points behind the leaders. Richard Beckham, Peter Norcott and Dave Solman represent Exiles I and despite lying in fourth place they all have individual averages of 70% or more. DOE I have produced two shock results this season which they will need to repeat to stay at the top. Harry, O'Leary and Emery beat Kennedy, Jermyn and Scotland's Dave Fraser 6-3 with an excellent maximum from Peter Harry. The same DOE team beat Beckham, Norcott and Solman by the astonishing score of 8-1 with Peter Norcott scraping home against Dave Emery to prevent the white-wash. Club 25 Larkhall are the only team to have beaten DOE but have themselves lost two matches so far.

Further down the table Jolliffe Poole's Jason Creasey is getting some tough match practice with

the Met Police team who also have the services of the experienced Peter Harris. Rejects II's Gordon Holmes is doing well this year leading the Exiles II side. One place off the bottom of the division are St Brides II who are struggling despite the form of Paul Namjou. Paul is one of five players to have beaten Joey Kennedy this season. DOE's second team are enjoying some long matches with veterans Bill Brookman and Frank Hams helping Dave Randall to chop the night away! Bethnal Green in eighth place are being held together by the talented Pete 'Farmer' Hunt. Just above them are St Brides I who are led by the improving Selwyn Campbell.

### Thames Insurance Central League Division 1

	Pld	Pts
DOE I	9	24
ISH	10	24
Club 25	9	23
Exiles I	9	21
Met Police	10	20
Exiles II	8	16
St Brides I	10	12
Bethnal Green	8	11
DOE II	10	9
Exiles III	8	6
St Brides II	10	6
Stepney Green	9	4

1 Peter Harry (DOE)	25/27	93%
2 Mike Hammond (Club 25)	12/13	92%
3 Dave Harding (Club 25)	12/14	86%
4 Peter Harris (Met Police)	22/27	81%
5 Percy Collino (Club 25)	17/22	77%
6 Peter Norcott (Exiles I)	17/23	74%
7 Richard Beckham (Exiles I)	11/15	73%
8 Gordon Holmes (Exiles II)	15/21	71%
9 David Solman (Exiles I)	14/20	70%
10 Joe Kennedy (ISH)	11/16	69%
11 Selwyn Campbell (St Brides I)	20/30	67%
12 Dave Emery (DOE I)	18/27	67%
13 Richard Jermyn (ISH)	10/15	67%

## NORTH WALES COUNTIES TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

by C. T. Bayliss

### North Wales Counties Championship

HELD at Castell Alun Sports Complex, Hope, near Wrexham on 17 January.

At the end of the day we saw a number of new champions with also a few of the holders managing to retain their titles.

Paul Griffiths the men's holder retained his crown in a good final in which he beat Clwyd County Veteran player Karl Harrison in straight games by 21-14 and 21-11.

In the Ladies' Singles the holder Cris Watkins went out in the semi to Joyce Jones from Malpas, Joyce however also lost in the final to the Clwyd County Junior player Justine Thomas.

Anglesey's Don Hobbs lost his title in the Veterans' Singles final after taking the first game only then to lose the next two games against Ivor Jones by -10 and -11.

Junior Boys' Singles holder Spencer Harris held on to his title beating in the final Gary Jones after their set had gone into a third game.

Justine Thomas took the Girls' Junior Singles with the holder going out in the final by -14 and -16.

Natasha Williams did however retain her Cadet Girls' Singles with a third game win over her fellow County player Susan Lees.

Andrew Jones won the Cadet Boys' Singles with a win over Paul Robertson, newcomer Robertson did however win the Novices' Singles final and another newcomer Simon Gresty took the Novices' Consolation final.

#### Men's Singles — Holder Paul Griffiths

Semi-finals: P. Griffiths b J. Evans 15, 16; K. Harrison b N. James 19, -14, 9.  
Final: Paul Griffiths b Karl Harrison 14, 11.

#### Ladies' Singles — Holder Christine Watkins

Semi-finals: J. Thomas b N. Williams 15, 15; J. Jones b C. Watkins 18, 13.  
Final: Justine Thomas b Joyce Jones 16, 16.

#### Veterans' Singles — Holder Don Hobbs

Semi-finals: I. Jones b K. Harrison 13, 8; D. Hobbs b R. Rowland 16, 11.  
Final: Ivor Jones b Don Hobbs -17, 10, 11.

#### Cadet Boys' Singles — Holder Spencer Harris

Semi-finals: A. Jones b D. Harris 7, 9; P. Robertson b A. Hopwood 16, 17.  
Final: Andrew Jones b Paul Robertson 12, 9.

#### Cadet Girls' Singles — Holder Natasha Williams

Semi-finals: N. Williams b M. Davies 6, 4; S. Lees b A. Thompson w/o.  
Final: Natasha Williams b Susan Lees 22, -23, 16.

#### Junior Boys' Singles — Holder Spencer Harris

Semi-finals: S. Harris b N. Furber 11, 13; G. Jones b A. Jones 14, 12.  
Final: Spencer Harris b Gary Jones -14, -16, 19.

#### Junior Girls' Singles — Holder Natasha Williams

Semi-finals: J. Thomas b V. Williams 5, 14; N. Williams b S. Lees 16, 11.  
Final: Justine Thomas b Natasha Williams 14, 16.

#### Men's Doubles — Holders Simon Jones/Richard Lloyd

Final: Justin Evans/Paul Griffiths b Ivor Jones/Richard Lloyd 10, 11.

#### Ladies' Doubles — Holders Cris Watkins/Nalda Holden

Final: Joyce Jones/Justine Thomas b Susan Lees/Tracy Sambrook 19, 11.

#### Mixed Doubles — Holders Justin Evans/Natasha Williams

Final: Paul Griffiths/Justine Thomas b Justin Evans/Natasha Williams -19, 18, 13.

#### Veteran Doubles — Holders Karl Harrison/Ray Howland

Final: Don Hobbs/Ray Howland b Karl Harrison/Ken Jones -20, 8, 19.

#### Junior Doubles — Holders Kris Mouldsdale/Tracy Sambrook

Final: Spencer Harris/Martin Furber b Susan Lees/Natasha Williams -15, 9, 14.

#### Novices Competition (Round Robin) Final

Final: Paul Robertson b Hywel Window 19, 12.

#### Novices Competition (Round Robin) Consolation

Final: Simon Gresty b Tom Young 18, 19.

#### North Wales Junior Ranking List

The following ranking list was compiled after a Junior Ranking Tournament was held at St Asaph Sports Centre on 23 January.

#### Boys

1 Spencer Harris; 2 Gary Jones; 3 Martin Furber; 4 Andrew Jones; 5 Darren Bagnell; 6 Steven Parry; 7 Paul Robertson; 8 Martin Handy; 9 Russell Handy; 10 Andrew Hopwood; 11 Hywel Window; 12 Martin Hopwood; 13 Tom Young; 14 Mathew Fernee; 15 Daniel Harris; 16 Simon Gresty; 17 Kevin Thompson; 18 Gareth Williams.

#### Girls

1 Justine Thomas; 2 Natasha Williams; 3 Susan Lees; 4 Angela Thompson; 5 Joanna Bastin.

#### Welsh League — Junior Division

Eastern Valley/A Team b Wrexham 5-2; Barry b Wrexham 5-2; Cardiff/A Team b Wrexham 5-2.

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09.00 Junior Girl's singles (Groups)	09.30 Cadet Girl's singles (Groups)
12.30 Junior Boy's doubles	10.30 Under 12 Boy's singles
12.45 Junior Girl's doubles	10.30 Under 12 Girl's singles
14.00 Junior Boy's singles (Rounds)	11.30 Cadet Boy's singles (Rounds)
14.15 Junior Girl's singles (Rounds)	11.30 Cadet Girl's singles (Rounds)
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