



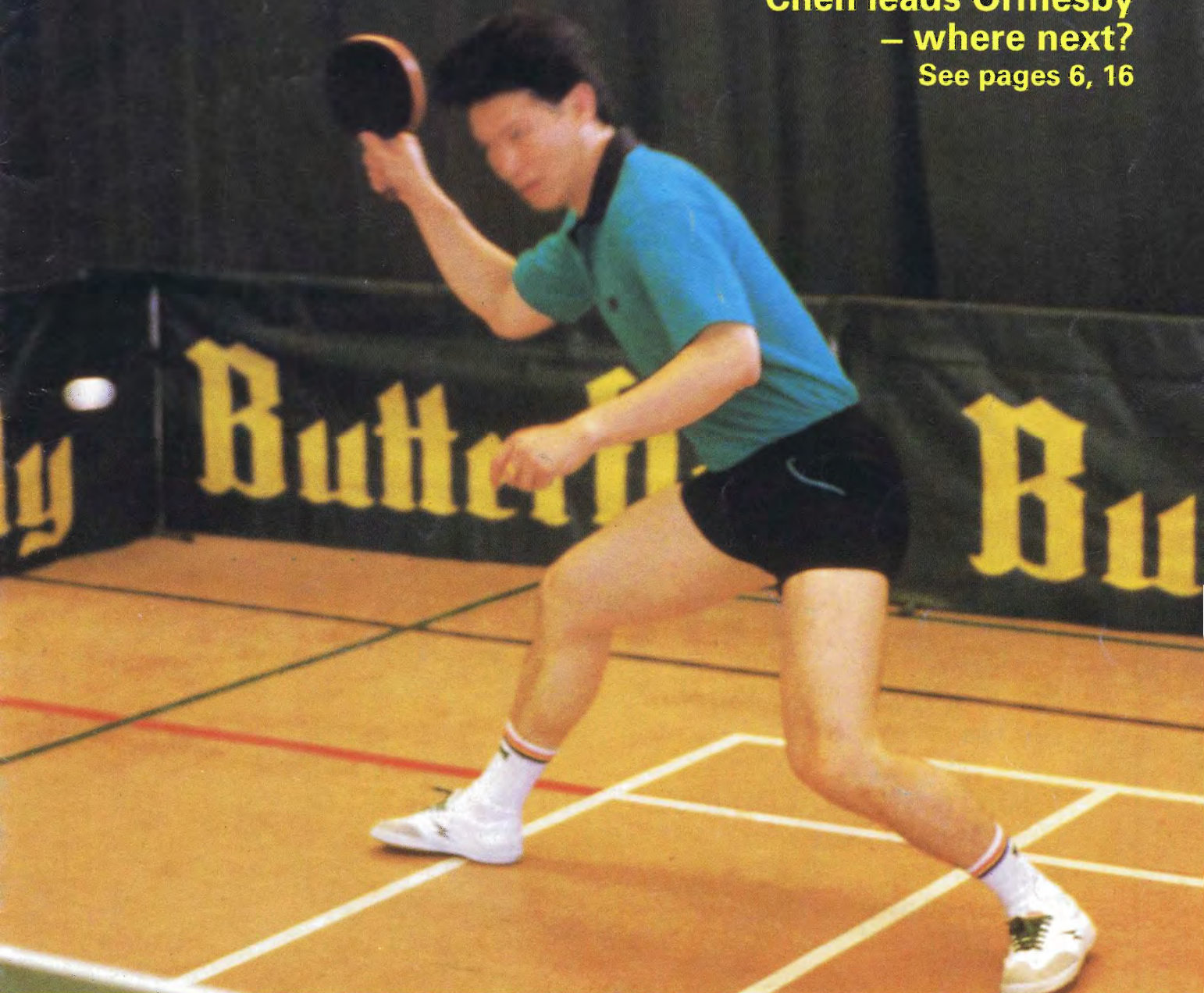
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– where next?
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**Chinese Tour – China's leader Chen Xinhua
China's leading ball – Double Fish –
World's leading table – Jaques
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The Big Four for England . . .

IT now seems crystal clear that England's fortunes as a squad, in the Swaythling Cup and the European League now rest with four talented players – Alan Cooke, Carl Prean, Skylet Andrew and Nicky Mason. These four young men have drawn clear of most of their rivals, although hopefully there will always be the brilliant youngster coming through to challenge them like Michael O'Driscoll.

The England squad and the fans will have to become accustomed to watching England without the Desmond Douglas "magic" that has delighted so many around the world for about 13 years. Desmond continues to have harsh things to say about the sport's administrators but the impact will be less embarrassing for the establishment as he moves away from the limelight. There is no doubt that he is the finest player for England in a quarter of a century. Those thrilling lightning reflexes are now being seen, I would think, for the last time on a major tour.

He announced to the Press last March when we lost to Holland that it is time England managed without him and gave "the youngsters their chances". Desmond was right.

THE decision by Yorkshire officials to cancel the Yorkshire and Humberside 3-star Open that was to be staged in Halifax in mid-October was according to a number of players, premature. The organisers were certainly faced with the most agonising decision – a small number of entries caused by the postal strike.

Down at Hastings, the 2-star Sussex Open was staged a week before the Halifax event should have happened. That went ahead with the same number of entries as last year, over 200 players, without a great deal of trouble. Why the difference? There was no canvassing by the Hastings TTA. A considerable number of players telephoned Hastings and telephone entries were accepted and in some cases monies collected on the day. Obviously, word got around amongst the players that Hastings was "on" and the tournament was saved.

The fact that Yorkshire were, it appears, unable to adapt themselves to the situation although they had an extra week to do it, robbed the players of one of the most important events on the calendar. Or is there some other reason unknown why Yorkshire officials decided to quit when they were "well up the creek without a paddle"?

THE run of key positions in the fields of international sport going to foreigners and not Britons may have ended with the news that England's homegrown Michael Lawless, after years as a freelance world promoter, started work with the International Table Tennis Federation on November 1 as their new Development and Sponsorship Manager. This is in keeping with the policy of international sporting bodies employing professionals to market their sports. Mike will be based at Rainham running the World Grand Prix, the World Cup and other events possibly including a new event – a World Team Cup, an idea (says the grapevine) that was originated by the ETTA.

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★ **COVER PICTURE**

CHEN XINHUA, the current world No. 7 is the highest-ranked player ever to appear in England and to live here. He leads the present Chinese tour, promotes the Butterfly equipment and clothing and plays for Ormesby in the Leeds British League. He reached the semi-finals of the world championships in New Delhi but in the team event Chen was beaten by Alan Cooke, now the England champion.



860 in a "casual" tournament

by GEOFF TWISS

Sarah the girl in form

SEVEN young Grove players with coach deputising for Ian Marshall (who was on England duty in the depths of Siberia) travelled to Belgium to take part in the International Tournament in Wenduine. This is a prestige event, second only to the Ostend Tournament, that attracted an entry of 860 with players coming from all over Europe to play.

Our strongest memories will be of the different approach to the rules of the game, with the Belgian attitude being much more relaxed than ours. This seems to be the result of virtually all the umpiring being done by competitors themselves, the loser remaining on table to umpire the next match. Surprisingly confident young players controlled exuberant adults with ease, although the finer points of law went by the board.

Serves came straight off the hand and competitors walked through rallies, between players and their tables, on their way to their next match. We saw white shirts, a splendid bat with light green and dark green rubbers, nets at all heights and angles, multicoloured bermuda shorts – and all in an international tournament! This is intended as no criticism of the Wenduine organisers, it seems to be the norm in Belgium.

Umpires are paid for their duties, so are only used for the later stages of the top grade events. They have priced themselves out of any wider role! Meanwhile, we experienced a teenage umpire who read a magazine behind the scoring machine

while looking up from time to time to keep an eye on events on his table.

Patient

Claire Marshall held her nerve well while explaining patiently in schoolgirl French monosyllables that a player who moved the entire table a good foot while hitting a splendid winning shot would not win the point, not in England, Belgium or anywhere else, she was umpiring! Adam Twiss, 12 years old and a qualified umpire, exploded frequently as the latest iniquity came to light – how could players from such different régimes compete on equal terms?

Incidentals aside, the Grove squad acquitted themselves well, collecting several prizes and toppling well fancied players in the process. The best result came from Sarah Creasey in the Junior Girls event; she brushed aside top seed and the previous week's Ostend champion Marleen De Soete 19, 15 before losing narrowly – 18, – 18 to second seed Tamara Van Hees in the final. This was a notable success, for it is Sarah's first year as a Junior.

Sarah was on form again in the Ladies Class C event, beating



Sarah Creasey

third seed Ingrid Jacobs 9, 24 before losing in the quarters to eventual winner Belinda Buvens – 17, 18, – 17 in a thrilling hard hitting exhibition that attracted a large gallery. She was placed fifth, while twin sister Elizabeth also reached the quarters, finishing in eighth place overall.

Contact lenses

David Morris suffered badly with his contact lenses, but reached the fourth round of the Men's B class before losing a match played with one lens only. Adam Twiss reached the quarter finals of the Cadet Boys and had the privilege of playing a round for his brother Martin in the Men's D class before the administration error was spotted. Unbelievably, the names were quietly altered and the result stood!

The Grove youngsters also took on representative teams from East and West Flanders in matches that started at 8pm and went on till midnight. How Martin Twiss, aged only 9, managed to remain awake remains a mystery, let alone find the energy to chase the

mosquitoes that were troubling the other players between his games!

Both matches were tied, with the older group winning against some well-fancied opposition. David Morris, wearing glasses by now, won seven of his eight matches and Sarah Creasey completed the double over De Soete in a tremendous struggle against a well-coached opponent, eventually winning – 18, 27, 18.

Our thanks must go to our Belgian hosts and to André Lemaire in particular. Derek Tyler kept a benevolent eye on our progress abroad and he and his wife helped out in so many ways. We made many friends and returned with invitations back to Belgium, to Germany and to Israel.

Editor's note: I shall be fascinated to hear Derek Tyler's views on the foul-servicing, umpires reading books and other vices that he must have witnessed at this event. Derek normally cringes at this sort of thing – perhaps there is some weird explanation – was it not played under international rules?

CALENDAR OF WORLD EVENTS from the ITTF . . .

Nov 3	Nov 6	Sovetskaja Kultura Tournament	Moscow URS
Nov 17	Nov 20	Yugoslav Open Championship	Belgrade YUG
Nov 24	Nov 27	Stiga World Grand Prix finals	
Dec 1	Dec 4	French Open Championships	Nantes FRA
Dec 1	Dec 4	South American Clubs Championships	Montevideo URU
Dec 8	Dec 11	Stiga World Grand Prix Masters	

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Jan 4	Jan 15	4th Euro-Asia Tournament	MAL, SIN, HKG, THA
Jan 7	Jan 8	5th Stiga Europe Junior Top 12	Wadenswil SUI
Jan 20	Jan 22	Mediterranean Top 12	MLT
Feb		7th International Ten Days of Dawn Tournament	IRN
Feb 3	Feb 5	Stiga Europe Top 12	Charleroi BEL
Feb 23	Feb 26	Czechoslovak Open Championships	TCH
Mar 19	Mar 26	9th Commonwealth Championships	Cardiff WAL
Mar 29	Apr 9	40TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Dortmund FRG
May 13	May 14	3rd Deutschland-Cup (Int. Chs. of Trier)	Trier FRG
Jul 31	Aug 4	European Championships for the Disabled	Vienna AUT
Oct		Polish Open Championships	POL
Nov 2	Nov 5	Austrian Open Championships	Linz AUT
Nov 16	Nov 19	Hungarian Open Championships	Budapest HUN
Dec		Finnish Open Championships	Helsinki FIN

British boys did well . . .

by RICHARD EATON OF *The Sunday Times*



Richard Eaton

YOU had to hang around endlessly in the middle of the night to see much Olympic table tennis on telly in this country. But perhaps we shouldn't be too disappointed. The British boys performed well. The sport of table tennis did even better.

Seoul proved an ideal place for it to have made an Olympic debut. Full houses filled the University gymnasium every night and table tennis winged its way via the TV screens to many countries at times that did not require viewers to be suffering from insomnia or unemployment.

The noise of the partisan South Koreans was from all accounts deafening, even when their high fliers were lined up against the duck eggs of the tournament. It meant that table tennis was on the monitors frequently throughout the Olympic village, causing comment amongst competitors from many different sports. It meant too that Princess Anne appeared to be impressed during her visit to the gymnasium.

"It was without doubt a successful Olympics for table tennis because it will have been noticed by many people who have not seen it before," said ITTF Secretary-General Tony Brooks. What's more the ITTF has followed it up.

Within days it was announcing the appointment of its first Development and Sponsorship Manager, Mike Lawless.

Mike, who lives in Kent, will be well known to many people in the English game, particularly for his efforts as organiser of the 1977 World Championships in Birmingham. He started his new and crucially important duties on November 1st.

I hope he can help England get better press coverage at major events that we had at the Olympics. It just shows how bare the cupboard can be when the regular table tennis correspondents decide not to go.

Having seen the paucity of the printed news it made me think about heeding the advice of my more humorous acquaintances who said I should keep a fixture list beside my bed before planning further increases in my family. That is because my reason for not going to Seoul was that I had my deadlines wrong. Our second

child was due right in the middle of the Olympics.

Much could have been made of our players' efforts. Alan Cooke did superbly to beat Jean-Phillipe Gatien, the top Frenchman who is probably Europe's most improved player. He only narrowly failed to qualify from his group and probably would have done so had he not let slip a lead of 20-17 in the fourth game against the 35-year-old Tibor Klampar.

Carl Prean narrowly lost an epic match to his bogey player Jindrich Pansky and was one of only three competitors to take a game off the eventual Olympic champion Yoo Nam Kyu.

And Desmond Douglas played splendidly to qualify for the last sixteen. His performances at the start of the new season suggest that he is playing better than when he was a part of England's silver medal success in the European Championships in March. Indeed he showed in a close 3-1

defeat to Jiang Jiali that he was certainly capable of beating a surprisingly nervous world champion.

Des and Skylet Andrew also produced some fine performances in the doubles, winning five out of seven matches - including one over European champions Waldner and Appelgren - and narrowly failing to qualify. (Skylet apparently revelled in the big time atmosphere, palling up with Linford Christie and threatening the fearsome judo star Elvis Gordon that "any lip and I'll have yer")

The Olympics confirmed what we had suspected that the Chinese dominance is wavering. They shared the four titles with the Koreans which suggests that home advantage now gives many players, even those outside the top ten, real chances of beating them. That should greatly interest the Europeans when the world championships comes to Dortmund starting on March 29.

ALLIED DUNBAR MILTON KEYNES 2-STAR UNDER 21 OPEN

Bagful of titles for Chris Oldfield

by KEN MUHR

ANDREA HOLT was undoubtedly the star, but Chris Oldfield went away with the most titles and money (£235) from this Allied Dunbar/Coca-Cola Schweppes sponsored event played at Bletchley Leisure centre on September 10.

Oldfield, perhaps inspired by the clearly audible music of Michael Jackson performing at the nearby Milton Keynes Bowl, stormed through three finals. In the mens under 21 singles final, Adrian Dixon, the top seed, fared no better than other Oldfield opponents in being unable to extend him to three games.

Earlier, Dixon had shown great tenacity in surviving clashes with Matthew Pernet (20-22, 21-16, 23-21 - 3rd Round), Peter Bowler (22-20, 23-21 - Quarter Finals) and Jonathan Taylor (21-16, 20-22, 21-19 - Semi Finals). A notable result was Ian Black's 20-22, 21-18, 23-21 victory against Alan Cole before succumbing over three games to Paul Savins in the quarters.

Oldfield was stretched, just once, in a junior boys singles semi-final clash with the greatly improved Grant Solder. Oldfield winning 21-19, 17-21, 21-17, but it was a straight games victory

again for Chris over Jonathan Taylor in the final. Peter Bowler earned himself a few computer points in the same event by defeating Leigh Jeffries, but in the following round was fortunate to survive a 16-21, 21-15, 27-25 epic with Kieron Dabbs.

The Mens under 21 doubles provided Oldfield with his third success when he and Adrian Dixon overcame Leigh Jeffries and Grant Solder. In the second round, youngsters Matthew Greenwood and Gavin Yates had been within two points of causing a major shock against the eventual champions before going down 21-18, 19-21, 15-21.

Holt Outstanding

More so even than Chris Oldfield, Andrea Holt was the outstanding player of the championships. In being eligible for two events only, she had to be content with two titles. But in neither the womens under 21

singles nor with Joanne Shaw in the under 21 doubles did anyone remotely look like beating her or seriously testing her defence.

RESULTS

Mens Under 21 Singles

Quarter Finals
Adrian Dixon (Warwicks) bt. Peter Bowler (Beds) 22, -21
Jonathan Taylor (Cheshire) bt. Leigh Jeffries (Staffs) 20, -13
Paul Savins (Berks) bt. Ian Black (Herts) -18, 13, 15
Chris Oldfield (Yorks) bt. Grant Solder (Essex) 15, 17

Semi Finals

Dixon bt. Taylor 16, -20, -19
Oldfield bt. Savins 13, 5

Final

Oldfield bt. Dixon 15, 14

Womens Under 21 Singles

Quarter finals
Andrea Holt (Lancs) bt. Rachel Knight (Middx) 12, 15
Helen Lower (Staffs) bt. Andrea Ambrose (Suffolk) 12, 6



Juliet Houghton (Kent) bt. Lisa Robins (Beds) 19, -13, 15
Joanne Shaw (Yorks) bt. Tracey Cole (Sussex) 10, 14

Semi Finals

A. Holt bt. H. Lower 14, 17
J. Houghton bt. J. Shaw 20, 15

Final

Holt bt. Houghton 11, 17

Boys Under 17 Singles

Semi Finals

C. Oldfield bt. G. Solder 19, -17, 17
Taylor bt. A. Cole 8, 11

Final

Oldfield bt. Taylor 16, 18

Girls Under 17 Singles

Semi Finals

Ambrose bt. Nicola Cracknell (Berks) 20, 17
Sara Williams (Middx) bt. Radford 12, 16

Final

Williams bt. Ambrose -14, 15, 12

Successes for Britain in Seoul



– but no medals

by THE EDITOR

Cooke beat
Gatienne and
Saive in Seoul

BRITISH CAPTAIN Donald Parker was well pleased with the performances of the British players in Seoul – that was the message I received well before the Korean Airlines jet touched down at Heathrow on October 4, carrying the British team – Desmond Douglas, Alan Cooke, Carl Preat, Skylet Andrew and a weary team manager, ETTA chairman John Preat, whose views of the Olympics will be carried in the next two issues of Table Tennis News.

PRIORITIES

I AM continually being asked why Richard Eaton and myself were not in Seoul to report the table tennis. We were both offered facilities but the costs would have been very high. My priority was the commitment to produce this magazine – had I spent three weeks in Seoul, I know of no way October TTN could have appeared before November; in addition, the very crowded programme ahead, containing the punishing Chinese tour, was another factor.

DESMOND DOUGLAS came out top of the pile with six scorching successes before he qualified but then lost to the world champion Jiang Jialiang, at 13 in the fourth game. Later Douglas was also beaten by Erik Lindh who finished third and won a bronze medal.

ALAN COOKE stacked up five wins but failed to qualify as he lost the vital game to Tibor Klampar at 23 in the fourth game, but prior to that his scalps included Jean-Phillipe Gatienne 14, –20, 15, 19; earlier Cookey roasted his other young European rival Jean-Michel Saive (Belgium) 11, 16, 12.

CARL PREAN had the roughest, toughest draw won four of his seven group matches. His victims included the Hongkong player Vong lu Veng 16, 14, 13, but losses to Leszek Kucharski (Poland) and



Picture: Mike Loveder

Jindrich Pansky of Czechoslovakia, prevented the Isle of Wight and Saarbrücken professional from qualifying.

SKYLET ANDREW, who played only in the doubles with Des Douglas landed a batch of superb wins – their victims included Waldner and Appelgren 20, 19 (possibly their best win ever) and also in amongst the victims were Chih Chin Long and Chih Chin (Taipei) –13, 14, 19.

The womens singles seems to have been dominated by China, except for the Czech No. 1 Marie Hrachova. She reached the semi-

finals but lost to Jing (China) 15, 12, 12. The womens finals was won by Jing who beat Huifen 15 in the fifth game.

Yoo Nam Kyu (Korea), from Carl Preat's group won a sparkling mens singles final partly seen on television here in England and acclaimed widely as a powerful advertisement for table tennis. Yoo beat Kim Ki Taek (Korea), –17, 19, 11, 21. The match was watched by a capacity crowd of 5,000 at the Seoul University Gymnasium and it made a fitting climax to the tournament.

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JOHN BARBER MOVES TO LINCOLN

JOHN BARBER has moved from Worcestershire to Lincolnshire. He was the Worcester secretary and is hoping to get involved in his new county.

He has been in the sport since 1926, organised his first tourna-

ment in Norfolk in 1934 and will still be on the ESTTA Executive Committee. The new Worcestershire secretary is Mrs L. Reid, 27, Allesborough Drive, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 1JH.

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Wiltshire 2-Star tournament

Win by Billington, No.5 seed

by LAURIE SELBY

DOUBLE tops were the order of the day at the Wiltshire Two Star tournament at Swindon. One of them came like a bolt from the blue but the other was expected.

Bradley Billington (Chesterfield) served up the surprise by defying his fifth seeding to win the men's singles and then teamed with Glenn Baker (Surrey) to take the doubles.

Alison Gordon (Berks) did what was expected of her by taking the women's title and then went on to capture the doubles with Carol Giles (Devon).

Billington had a great day. He overcame John Souter in the quarter final and then disposed of his doubles partner in the semis.

In the final he met the hard-working Steve Dorking (Essex) who found Billington's power too hot to handle. Jimmy Stokes, elevated to the top seed when Nicky Mason dropped out, went out in three games to Chris Oldfield who in turn lost to Dorking.

Jill Harris (Staffordshire) produced some superb play to pinch the marathon opening game from Alison Gordon in the women's final. But it seemed that Alison decided enough was enough.

There was no mistaking who was boss in the second and third

games as the England number one reeled off some scintillating shots to win the title.

George Evans (Wales) took advantage of the non-arrival of holder John Hilton to grab the veterans' singles with a straight games win over Dave Seaholme.

It was a disappointing tournament from a local point of view. Kevin Satchell, who reached the final last year and has since climbed to number eight in the England rankings, had to withdraw because of a pulled muscle.

The two best performances by Wiltshire players came from Swindon's Brenda Lee in the singles and Mike Oxley in the veterans.

Chris's Gun

Chris Oldfield, who did so well in the senior tournament, swept all before him in the junior tournament. There was scintillating play in the under 18 boys' final between top seed Oldfield and Jonathan Taylor.

Spectacular counter-hitting earned England number 3 Taylor

(Lancashire) the opening game and set him up for a good lead in the second. But Oldfield, whose points came in machine-gun like bursts, continued to go for his shots and won the next two.

The girls' singles provided the shocks with the unseeded Sarah Pengelly (Devon) disposing of number two seed Alison Gower (Essex) in the semi-finals. Sarah went one better in the final where she fought back from being a game down to beat the favourite, Linda Radford (Essex).

Lost her way

Linda was also on the losing side in the Cadet singles final for players of 14 and under. She won the opening game from Sara Williams (Hillingdon), ranked four in the country, but lost her way in the second and third.

Watch out for the names of Alex Perry and Darren Blake in future years. These youngsters showed tremendous potential as they battled out the Cadet boys' final. Perry, from Devon, won it in three games.

The Midland Bank were the major sponsors for the tournament and trophies were presented by Sue Baxter, manager of the Swindon branch, Nigel Pless, business development manager, Swindon, and Swindon area sales manager Tony Thresher.

RESULTS

Mens' singles, semi-finals: B. Billington bt G. Baker 12, 18; S. Dorking bt P. Giles -12, 14, 17. Final: Billington bt Dorking 17, 15.

Women's singles, semi-finals: Miss A. Gordon bt Miss C. Giles 9, 7; Miss J. Harris bt Miss M. Carey 9, 9. Final: Miss Gordon bt Miss Harris -23, 13, 6

Veterans' singles, Final: E. Evans bt D. Seaholme 9, 17

Men's doubles, Final: Baker and Billington bt Souter and Dorking 13, 18

Women's doubles, Final: Miss Gordon and Miss Giles bt Miss Barella and Miss Evans 8, 13

Juniors

Boys singles, semi-finalists: C. Oldfield bt G. Connelly 11, 15; J. Taylor bt G. Solder 20, 15. Final: Oldfield bt Taylor -21, 19, 18

Girls singles, semi-finalists: Miss S. Pengelly bt Miss A. Gower 8, 8; Miss L. Radford bt Miss S. Williams 15, 6. Final: Miss Pengelly bt Miss Radford 10, -19, 14

Cadet boys singles, Final: Perry bt Blake 15, -13, 17

Cadet girls' singles, Final: Miss Williams bt Miss Radford -19, 17, 19

Boys doubles, Final: Oldfield and Taylor bt Mileham and Thompson 17, 18

Girls doubles, Final: Miss Pengelly and Miss Gower bt Miss Keighley and Miss Sadler 16, -19, 13

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Bigger role for Chen?



Chen Xinhua, Ormesby

IS Chen Xinhua, now playing for Ormesby in the Leeds British League and so far undefeated, destined to play an increasing role on the coaching side for the England squad?

That is the question that occurred to England fans as they watched Chen sitting with the England players on the team bench at the last match of the Swedish tour at Andover.

He has of course, commitments here with Butterfly UK Ltd – he is promoting the full range of Butterfly equipment and clothing and is using the Butterfly Elegance blade with Tackiness D Red on the forehand and Long Feint Black on the backhand.

That seemingly deadly combination has so far meant no defeats in his opening matches, but he has yet to meet Bathwick Tyres (Desmond Douglas) and the favourites Grove, Market Drayton, the only team with four extremely powerful players, or so it seems.

The late night vigil?

HOW many table tennis fans fall asleep late at night waiting to watch some action from Seoul? The main problem was that it was not really advertised when the table tennis was going to be shown, although overall we seem to have done reasonably well.

Mopping up

Whilst Alan Cooke was going strong mopping up some well-known names like Gatien and Saive, I managed to see his interview with Tony Gubba (to whom we seem to owe a debt of gratitude for his interest) of the BBC. I managed to pick up a couple of table tennis spots on the ITV channels but it seemed that the BBC was the best channel for table tennis fans.

Impossible

In the early stages of the event it was almost impossible to get any information from either the TV or the Press, but gradually, table tennis

results began to filter through with increasing regularity.

The mens singles final between the two Koreans Yoo Nam Kyu and Kim Ki Taek fortunately for TV, proved to be real cracker and caused a number of complimentary remarks from people outside the game who watched it here on TV.

Caroline Searle, still (on paper) a racquet sports journalist but now the top media public relations person for the British Olympic Association played a prominent part in Seoul in television interviews when the drugs problems reared their ugly heads.

There was a tendency for the Korean officials to test all winners – it was Desmond Douglas who was tested on the second or third day of the table tennis tournament. Desmond and Donald Parker who accompanied him to the drug-testing centre arrived back at their accommodation in the small hours.

Prince's table tennis ball

WE suffered again badly during the Olympic table tennis tournament from sports presenters references to "ping-pong". I counted three occasions, there were probably more, when after the play, the cameras came back to the link-studio, the presenter obviously thought it funny to remark "so-and-so claims he can play ping-pong like that" referring in jocular fashion to a fellow presenter.

Another dose

The national press, in this case the Daily Mail gave us another dose of "ping-pong" on September 17. There is a tendency whenever we get a mention in general news columns to use ping-pong.

For those who did not see the story, it concerned the investiture of the Prince of Wales in July 1969 and his gem-encrusted crown.

Vat of gold

The golden orb on the top of the crown was nothing more "than a humble ping-pong ball" chortled the Daily Express. It seems that a lump of gold would have been far too heavy and the Prince could have sagged under the weight.

The table tennis ball was silver-coated and then placed in a vat of gold according to the Express Royal Correspondent Richard Kay.

So now we have yet another use for our table tennis balls – apart from in the bingo halls!

The New rule for the Anglo-Scots

ANGLO-SCOTS, those who live in England but play for Scotland – David Hannah and Janet Smith – must now give priority to certain Scottish events, a new rule this season from the Scottish TTA.

Priorities

Hannah and Miss Smith both intended to play in the Stamco Sussex 2-star open on Oct 8-9, but Janet had to give priority to the Meadowbank Open, whilst Hannah remained in plaster after his serious football injury to his knee.

Tournament

Talking of tournaments it is a mystery how some tournaments were badly affected by the postal strike – the Yorkshire and Humberside 3-star cancelled – and others (Sussex Open for one) were not affected, although the postal strike was a national affair.

Apparently, the Yorkshire event had received only one hundred entries when they took the decision to cancel; Hastings maintained their usage figure of over 200 players.

NEW JUNIOR 2-STAR AT TORBAY

by Mike Lewis

PLAY in the first Express Sports Junior Open Two-Star matched Torbay's elegant surroundings of the English Riviera.

September's early date proved no deterrent to the entry which included players from Wales and Scotland, but it was local lad David Heath, who claimed the first title beating Steve Meddings in a tight 3 game under 12 final.

Nicola Deaton's victory in the under 12 girls was a more positive affair despite Linsey Heyward stealing the second set at 19.

Gloucester's Jeremy Hyatt's third round win over Devon's Adrian Vincent in the Cadet event, showed the South Wests strength at this level and paved a way for an interesting final against Alex Perry, unfortunately for Jeremy, Alex in his home County and bang on form, won easily in two.

Nicola Meddings's chance of a title was enhanced when she won a thrilling 2nd round tie against Deaton, and title victory, it was over Sian Evans of Wales.

Wales v Scotland disputed the junior boys title, won for Wales by Steve Ward over Evan Walker, after a scare for Evan against Steve Bettison in the quarters.

A large entry made success of the Category Two events with Dave Hadley (Bristol) beating fellow South Westerner Steve Giles (Plymouth) and Nicola Meddings over Rachell Boon (Camborne).

Yes! We did like to be beside the Seaside, thanks to Players, Promoters (RCC. S.W), sponsors (Express Sports) and a grand team of Referees, and Officials.

Taking our sport to the people . . .

TABLE TENNIS can be the great participation sport of the 1990's – and then a great spectator sport – if WE can make it happen. Luck plays a big part in business as well as sport, but the odds can be shortened if luck is given a helping hand.

We are taking Table Tennis to the people and we are providing the opportunities all over the country for existing and potential members to see top class table tennis. We have brought this to towns which have never staged an international match before. We are forging excellent partnerships with local authorities in staging some big events at low cost and with little risk to the organisers.

Some expressed disappointment with the 'gates' at Swindon and Andover in our recent excellent matches against Sweden which brought the European Champion Mikael Appelgren and most of Sweden's all-conquering team to these regions. Well, perhaps . . . but we gave the season a rousing start, we made the National Press in August, we enjoyed an hour of table tennis on Grandstand as a result of the first match in Milton Keynes where there WAS a packed house. It was rather better TELEVISION, better staged, better looking than we had previously seen on Grandstand. The arena looked excellent.

Leeds our allies

Remember those floppy green partitions, those squiggly multi-coloured lines on the floor left over from basketball? Contrast that with our new arena, our blue, single-coloured floor. We took care and it showed. We had excellent allies in the Leeds and A P A and the team effort brought results. No cause for complacency. We must continue to strive for better and better things.

Snooker gates

I saw snooker a week or two ago and the gates were very much below what we achieved. Snooker is still the market leader, but we are catching up.

The improvement in our general Television coverage has been remarkable and film makers now see the sport as both an artistic challenge and a chance to hit the ratings. We have high hopes for the forthcoming Cheerleader Productions on Channel 4. Their films of the Euro-Asia have been widely admired.



SWEDEN'S top four players now getting fit for the world championships in Dortmund, West Germany in five months time, Erik Lindh, Jorgen Persson, Jan-Ove Waldner and Mikael Appelgren.

Television remains the finest way of advertising our sport. We shall continue on that road assembling major events which we can take into the regions and with which to hit the TV jackpot one day.

When you read this, you will have seen both the European Champions Sweden and the World Champions China, if not live, then on the box, perhaps both. The LEEDS Masters in Preston is coming. Grandstand will show this gala occasion in a splendid arena, the Guildhall, which you may have admired when other sports were staged. We hope the Olympics will bring table tennis to many new viewers and that among them will be some who will take up the game. When they come to your club or league, make them welcome. The beginning is never easy and newcomers need all the help they can get. A chance to make new friends and to bring new faces into your leagues.

I have referred elsewhere to encouraging signs, increased entries in both the County Championships and British League, which showed how wrong were those who fore-

saw rivalries and problems. For years the two have existed harmoniously side by side and both have profited from the gentle competition and both have grown and they will continue to do so if they have good management which is efficient as well as idealistic.

A Women's British League WILL get off the ground. I hope it will be the flagship for activity on that front where much can and needs to be done. There is immense scope for increasing our membership among women. The sport will be better if we succeed.

It remains a pleasure – and one we have more often these days when we produce more to write about – to read the articles of Richard Eaton, John Woodford and our new President Johnny Leach, who is read by up to 10 million readers at a time. These chaps

stuck with us when there was little to write about. Now there is more and we must continue to make news.

Not long ago European League matches, at any rate those in Division 1 (as opposed to the Superleague), were hard to sell and organisers often lost money. Now there is a waiting list. 12 matches of England vs China were sold out in no time. We could have staged many more. Such is the interest today.

The new selling, marketing and advertising effort is very much on its way. In time it will help to bring the new members and the public recognition and respect the sport is beginning to deserve.

Table Tennis is an excellent 'product' but that is not enough. We have to succeed in a hard competitive market place against more than a hundred other sports. Continue your own marketing and selling efforts locally, compete for members, make sure that the sport is featured in every issue of your local newspapers and make it look good.

Awakened Interest

Support our international team when it comes your way. The players have served the sport well. Much of our recent success is the result of their efforts. TV and Media interest is awakened by international success. Most of all, watch these matches because you will enjoy them, because watching the best will improve your own game and give you a new slant on our old sport.

Anything and everything is possible if we want it to happen.

JOHN PREAN

EVENTS COMING UP . . .

1 Nov	England v China Weston-Super-Mare	26 Nov	Leeds County Championships
2 Nov	England v China Hinckley	27 Nov	Junior Premier weekend
3 Nov	England v China Halifax	3-4 Dec	Middlesex 3-star
5 Nov	Woodfield 1-star	3-4 Dec	Halton 2-star junior
5 Nov	South of England 2-star junior	10-11 Dec	Leeds English Junior Nationals, Coventry
12-13 Nov	Midlands 3-star	10 Dec	Swansea Open
19-20 Nov	Cleveland 2-star Select Junior	14 Dec	England v Italy, Manchester
		17 Dec	Grove Youth 2-star

Courtside probe for Seoul

by JOHN PREAN, ETTA Chairman

MY FIRST impression remains that Table Tennis, the Sport emerged from Seoul with flying colours, its image enhanced and it did so because of the basic, inborn excellence of the game. The scheduling, the staging, the long distance between venue and Olympic Village and much else did the Sport few favours.

Tremendous Crowds . . .
You will have noted and read about the poor crowds enjoyed by many of the Olympic events including some well publicised ones. Our venue held 5,000 and for three sessions each day for nine days the hall was near capacity or full. If you saw empty spaces, these were mainly in the section reserved for players and officials.

I have read that the undoubted success I record was due to nationalism and not the sport itself, which filled the hall three times each day throughout an uninspiring qualifying period of 6 days, followed by a final stage with a mismanaged schedule.

In fact, 70% of the seats were sold before it was known which, if any Korean players would be on view. Crowds were always large and enthusiastic, as they are in other parts of the world, which is something we are trying to bring about here. That is why we are bringing top class table tennis to so many parts of the country.

Unbelievable

It was not only the excellent Korean players who emerged as winners, but the whole sport of Table Tennis. That is my message despite much criticism otherwise. It would have been much, much better if the scheduling had been more imaginative, the format more thoughtful and marketing-orientated. Starting the Men's Last 16 at 9 in the morning (which for the players meant a 7.15 start on the bus through the inevitable traffic jam) seemed a particular blunder. Meaningless matches for places 5 to 8 were played at more clement hours. It seemed absurd to expect spectators to arrive in the extreme suburbs at 9 in the morning for some of the best matches. For long periods, earlier, there was little interest in the qualifying stages which featured 8 groups of 8 men and 8 groups of 6 women, which produced a weary plod of 6 days' duration. It was moreover very, very hot, as the air conditioning was switched off, presumably because of its effect on the ball in flight. Despite this, and much else, the sport triumphed over its self-inflicted adversity.

Barcelona

The sport was very much on trial, its continued presence in the

Olympics by no means assured. There can be no doubt that it has demonstrated its right to be there among other top sports and many lesser ones. I hope that in Barcelona there will be a team event, for so long the base of Table Tennis, but especially that the scheduling will be much better and that the format will appeal to spectators and the wider TV audience. For the first 6 days TV practically blackballed the sport and who can blame them for staying away from such a weary batch of meaningless matches? The schedule seemed designed by a kindly youth club leader, anxious to give all participants as much play as possible. It had nothing to do with the marketing needs of a modern sport or its spectators. If we ignore these lessons, then we shall lose the battle against other sports, which ITTF President Ogimura has told us we must win.

None of our women won through the European qualifying competition, though many were there who were not as good as our Gordons and Bellingers. Other Continents were granted excessive representation. Voting strength decided representation, not excellence.

Loop wins

With no British representation, I shall give less time to the Ladies' Event. It was won by Chen Ying of China, a late entry (one can see why), who has the best ladies' loop I have ever seen. If her backhand matched her forehand, she would be the best of all time. Her demolition of the European Champion, Bulatova by 4, 11 and 2 tells the melancholy story of what now happens to defenders in the highest regions of the sport. A vanishing species took another step towards oblivion. A vital ingredient in the balance and enjoyment of the sport was destroyed by ill-conceived legislation, then warmly embraced, now shown to be ill-judged. Where, I ask again, are the Takashimas, Bergmanns and indeed Johnny Leach's of today? The demolition of the European Ladies' Champion was another nail in the coffin of the defender at world level.

Cooke best

In the Group matches I thought that Alan Cooke was our best

player of the tournament with world class performances against Gatien and Saive to whom he offered no chance or mercy. He lost only to the World Champion Jiang whom he matched for long periods and the ageless Klampar who eventually reached the semi-finals, enjoying yet another Indian summer. The Klampar match was the only one in which the Derbyshire player was not at his now considerable best. Even so, he led 20-17 in the 4th game. If he had levelled matters then, he must have been favourite in the fifth. Instead he went out, 'Klamps' had defeated Gatien and Saive, both in five.

Des Douglas

Des won 6 matches in good style. They were what our computer classes as 'expected wins', but nevertheless he played very well, losing only to Lindh, the eventual bronze medallist. Therefore Des reached the last 16 in which he was beaten by Jiang by 3-1. It was to be the world champion's last win, as he then lost to Lindh and quite conclusively at that.

Carl Prean

Without what the computer calls 'unexpected defeats', Carl was nevertheless not at his best by which I mean the form that won him victories against 7 of the Top 10 of a recent world ranking list. He lost narrowly to Pansky, Kucharski and the eventual winner Yoo Nam Kyu, whom he played as well as anybody. He won his other four matches.

Klampar strikes

Back with the Hungarian veteran, we noted yet another remarkable win against the Austrian Chinese Ding Yi, followed by an even better one against a Chinese, Chen Long Can, who was defeated in 5 gruelling games. A place in the semi-final was as much as fate allowed him however. A rampant Kim Ki Taek denied the Hungarian a place in the Final and Lindh denied him the Bronze.

Kim Tae Taek

Kim, always a good player, was the revelation of the tournament. He played brilliantly to overcome Xu Zengcai, China's third hope and then Waldner, Europe's first. It is hard to convey the sheer excellence of these two epics, as the Korean turned losing pos-



John Prean

itions into winning ones, playing great points when it mattered most. The Swede played with his usual impudence (in the best sense) and his customary imaginative guile and at times carelessness, but he was up against an inspired opponent and an inspired crowd.

Yoo Nam Kyu

Among all the greats assembled, Yoo seemed to me from the beginning the one most likely to win. He is a fantastic player, who does everything well. Like all class penholders he plays very well from the backhand side and he has probably the best loop in the world. I have admired him since I saw him in our Junior open at Portsmouth. I knew then that here was a future star.

Service unfair

It hurts me to say that there is a flaw in his game. He has superb service, but it is unfair. I sat in a line with the middle of the table and could not see his bat strike the ball. The definition of what constitutes a foul or fair service is now unfortunately totally obscured by verbiage so incomprehensible to the average man as to be quite laughable. Indeed that is how a reading of this rule was greeted by an AGM of my own local league. Personally, I found the Works of Schoppenhauer easier to understand. However, clear or otherwise, in international events no one seems to call invisible services any more. They may call others, for instance if the ball is thrown 5½ inches rather than 6, but invisible services are not longer called and requests for line judges are generally ignored. One recalls the agitation over black bats of the combination variety, but at least one had the advantage of one's own eyes and ears to gauge whether the ball was struck with the fast or slow rubber, but there is no way one can tell for certain whether a service has chop or float or top or side spin if it is struck behind the body. Yoo's skill is such that any indifferent return is despatched towards the barriers for a winner.

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England coasted at Wrexham

DESPITE liberal doses of the traditional Welsh hospitality England coasted to victory in the Quadrangular tournament sponsored for the first time by the Leeds Permanent Building Society at the Plas Madoc Leisure Centre and presented by the Wrexham Maelor Borough Council.



England men beat Wales and Scotland 5-0 and Ireland 5-1. The England side comprised Skylet Andrew, Nicky Mason, Sean Gibson, Alison Gordon and Fiona Elliot. England women's team were also showing their authority – they beat Wales 5-0, Scotland 5-0 and Wales 5-0.

The win scored against England came from Colm Slevin who beat Sean Gibson 19, 17. Although England were without their top three Scotland were also minus David Hannah and Carol Dalrymple. Ireland's hopes rested almost entirely on Slevin.

One of the biggest battles was in the opening match between Wales and England when Andrew only just scraped through 25, 19 against Nigel Tyler. The Welsh crowd were especially impressed with Nicky Mason whose speed left all comers gasping.

There two close matches both involving Ireland. Ireland beat Wales 3-2 thanks to Slevin's wins over Tyler and Thomas, but a magnificent victory by McIlroy (Scotland) over Dill gave the Scottish men a 3-2 success against the Irish pair Dill and Slevin.

Slevin's best win of the tournament was 10, 6 against Nigel Thomas. In the womens matches the "Big One" ended Wales 6, Ireland 4, with Justine Thomas pitted against Nora McEvoy. The Welsh girl kept cool to win – 17, 18, 19 according to Alan Griffiths whose notes helped to cobble this report together in the absence of any professional, semi-professional or amateur scribes.



Wales were the Hosts at Wrexham
England were the winners

QUADRANGULAR RESULTS

Men:

Wales 0, England 5
Ireland 2, Scotland 3
Wales 2, Ireland 3
England 5, Scotland 0
Wales 1, Scotland 4
England 4, Ireland 1

Women:

Wales 0, England 5
Ireland 0, Scotland 5
Wales 4, Ireland 1
England 5, Scotland 0
Wales 1, Scotland 4
England 5, Ireland 0.



FESTIVE SEASON REMINDER

PUBLISHING on time for the next two issues of this magazine is obviously threatened by the Christmas and New Year holidays. But, it is possible that the printers can keep any delays to a minimum providing that our contributors send copy as quickly as possible. So, copy please before the normal deadlines when possible over the next two issues.

LONDON REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the mentally handicapped Crystal Palace NSC 23.11.88 10am-4pm: Umpires urgently needed for 24 tables. Apply to Clive Oakman 0621 50550.

Forty years working with Maurice

by KEITH PONTING

NO DOUBT many tributes have been paid to the late Maurice Goldstein, O.B.E., but as one who worked closely with him for many years, I would like to be allowed to pay my own simple one.

I first met Maurice in July, 1969 when I was first elected to the National Council. The following year began an association which, for me, was the greatest privilege I enjoyed in over 40 years close involvement in our sport.

As a new recruit to national administration I was thrown in at the deep end to organise the National Team Competitions and eventually other events under his chairmanship. He was an inspiration to work for and his wise counsel, guidance and encouragement meant so much to me. We became great friends and never had a cross word during our work together.

I spent many week-ends in Birmingham enjoying the wonderful hospitality of Maurice and his wife Gladys. This always meant concluding the business I arrived for and then staying up all night helping Maurice with the multitude of tasks he was engaged in for War-

wickshire and Birmingham. I often had meals on my lap, surrounded with piles of paper work of all descriptions. Such was the measure of the man that did not mind missing a nights sleep, which was small fry compared to the contribution he made to our sport.

I never ceased to be amazed at his modesty and humility. Never full of his own importance, never arrogant and self centred, I never once heard him boast about how many unpaid hours he worked for table tennis. He did, like many more of us, all he could for the sport he loved without seeking rewards, honours or compliments.

Unfortunately, during the last years of his life he was greatly troubled by the divisions in our sport. We often spoke about it, and I know how very distressed he was. He always hoped things could be resolved and, for the sake of his memory, I hope and pray this will be the case.

There can be no doubt that Maurice Goldstein, O.B.E. was the greatest man ever in the history of the E.T.T.A. There has never been anyone like him, and we shall never see his like again. Rest in peace Maurice, you deserve it.

England capsizes Finland reserves

by JOHN WOODFORD at Bracknell

FINLAND must be one of the weakest teams in Division 1 of the European League. But the three reserves from Finland were orthodox, stylish but lacking experience. It was almost inevitable that they were going to be crushed 7 - 0 at Bracknell Sports Centre on October 12, so perhaps they decided to play for experience two young men rated 4th (Seiro) and 6th (Kontala), what happened to Pyyko and Grefberg is not known.

Although I managed to write 700 words on the match for the Daily Telegraph, it was not a memorable occasion. There were a few good rallies but in the main the talents of the young Finns were subdued by England as they started their fourth bid for promotion to the Super Division.

Carl Prean played as well as he needed to, opening the match against Kontala and playing the penultimate game 13, 13 against Seiro, the man who puzzled Sky-let Andrew in the second match of the evening. Despite his usual run of vicious services, the East London ace seemed slightly mesmerised by Seiro and missed four match points before going on to win the third 18.

Stylish

Katja Nieminen, champion of Finland seemed a stylish young lady and managed to win quite a few points before the experience of Alison Gordon came through to win 18, 17.

English clinched the match with the mens doubles with Andrew and Nicky Mason combining smoothly to win 15, 17, followed by Mason returning immediately to the table with Lisa Lomas in the mixed doubles.



Lisa Lomas-Mixed Winner

This proved well within their capability, leaving Kontala and Nieminen the losers 15, 17.

The two final singles lacked interest as Prean hammered Seiro and Andrew defeated Kontala 15, 16.

The match was attended by about 200 people, the lowest attendance for a European League match for some years. Reasons? Finland could be the least attractive opponents in Division 1; Bracknell does not find it easy to attract crowds to indoor sporting events, so I am told; where we find big crowds we find that local stalwarts have usually made big

efforts to sell tickets. Were these efforts made at Bracknell?

The match was sponsored as a "Leeds International" by the Leeds Permanent Building Society and the arrangements were immaculately handled by Alan Pascoe Associates staff.

RESULTS

C. Prean bt J. Kontala 12, 16.
S. Andrew bt M. Seiro -16, 15, 18.
A. Gordon bt K. Nieminen 18, 17.
Andrew-Mason bt Kontala-Seiro 14, 10.
L. Lomas-Mason bt Nieminen-Kontala 15, 17.
Prean bt Seiro 13, 13
Andrew bt Kontala 15, 16

NEWS IN BRIEF

QUESTION on a recent radio sports quiz recently in the North of England was "Would table tennis have gained immediate and full entry into the Seoul Olympics if the Games had been in, say, Barcelona?". The panel's verdict was "highly unlikely". Why? "Because of the strength of the host nation in Seoul at table tennis."



Mike Lawless

YOUNGSTERS will be asking "Who is Mike Lawless?". He is the man who was the Director of the World Championships at Birmingham in 1977, is a former Development Officer with the ETTA and until recently was a freelance world sports promoter. Now he is back in the fold, ITTF section, as Development and Sponsorship Manager.

☆☆☆

RICHARD EATON and his wife Ann are the proud owners of new baby daughter (Catherine), delivered at Abingdon a few weeks ago with 40 minutes to spare at the hospital - Richard is always the last to reach the final departure lounge when we fly abroad! - JW.

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THERE is some division of opinion between two Hastings table tennis offices on who first suggested a World Team Championship, although one school of thought is saying do we need one as well as the Swaythling Cup?

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MANCHESTER Show promoter Joe Beadle (Tel: 061-370-0545) gives us a diary date, Saturday December 17, 7.30 at the Medlock SC, Centrefold Avenue, Droylson, Manchester, for a charity table tennis spectacular.

EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION

- Nov 3/6 Soviet Union Grand Prix "Sovetskaja Kultura Tournament (Moscow)
- Nov 11/12 International Invitation Tournament "Scania Duellen 1988" (Sodertalje)
- Nov 17/20 Yugoslav Open (Belgrade or Novi Sad) Grade 'A' Tournament
- Nov 24/27 Stiga World Grand Prix
- Dec 1/4 French Open (Nantes) Grade 'A' Tournament
- Please note Netherlands Open (scheduled for Nov 24/27, 1988 in Hertogenbosch) has been CANCELLED.
- Jan 4/15 4th EURO-ASIA TOURNAMENT (Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Hong Kong & Bangkok)
- Jan 7/8 5th STIGA EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOP 12 (Wadenswil, nr Zurich, Switzerland)
- Jan 20/22 Mediterranean Top 12 (Malta)
- Feb 3/5 19th STIGA EUROPEAN SENIOR TOP 12 (Charlroi, Belgium)
- Feb 10/11 Leeds Masters Invitation Tournament (Preston, England)
- Feb 23/26 Czechoslovak Open (Ostrava) Grade 'A' Tournament
- Mar 19/26 9th Commonwealth Championships (Cardiff, Wales)
- Mar 29 to Apl 9 40th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Dortmund, Federal Republic of Germany)

DESMOND FANS: SEE HIM NOW!

DESMOND DOUGLAS fans should not miss a single opportunity to watch him in action. He is 34 next summer, looking for a quiet life (according to the Financial Times) and rightly, many will say, asking that England's top youngsters should shoulder the burden for England, whatever the outcome.



COLGATE NORTH OF ENGLAND 2-STAR OPEN

Hilton mesmerises O'Driscoll

by George R. Yates

TIME stood still at Stretford Sports Centre on Sept 24 when, just as twelve months previously, John Hilton won both the men's and veterans' singles and Fiona Elliot again captured the women's singles title.

In the Men's singles top seed Sean Gibson fell in the quarters to Scotland's No.2, John Broe who, in turn, fell lamentably away to Hilton after winning the first game. But not as badly as young Michael O'Driscoll in the final who took on the role of rabbit, as confronted by a stoat, being seemingly mesmerised.

O'Driscoll had earlier disposed of No. 2 seed, Nigel Eckersley, Kevin Beadsley and Cheshire's transferee to Lancashire, Tony Taylor, but his performance in the final was abject.

And yet another up-and-coming in the person of Andrea Holt failed to surmount the final barrier when giving second best to Fiona Elliot who, in the semis, had been taken to three by Joanne Shaw while Miss Holt had disposed of Jill Harris 2-straight.

The best set of a lacklustre series of finals was the men's doubles in which Broe and Eckersley just got the better of Hilton and his Northumbrian partner Ian Robertson. Holt and Shaw, after winning the first game of the women's doubles final 21-6 succumbed in the second - 20 but triumphed in the decider at 18 against Elliot and Janet Dunning.

Schofield victim

In the veteran's singles Hilton was only taken to a decider once and that against Gordon Sharples of Lytham in his first encounter the champ's final victim being Derek Schofield. Introduced for the first time in the North of England the Class 2 Mixed Singles event was won by Cheltenham's David Harvey at the final expense of Beadsley.

Medal deserved

Presiding over affairs on control was long serving Leslie Jones, now in his 79th year, and orchestrating the show for the 40th time and which, according to Les, would be his last. Should it be so, then a medal should be struck or something more tangible be awarded to this northern stalwart who, over the years, has contributed so much to the sport of table tennis.



RESULTS

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:

J. Broe (Sco) b S. Gibson (La) 20, -16, 20; J. Hilton (La) b I. Robertson (Nd) 19, 12; T. Taylor (La) b A. Dixon (St) -16, 11, 17; M. O'Driscoll (Y) b K. Beadsley (Y) 10, 19.

Semi-finals:

Hilton b Broe -19, 14, 12; O'Driscoll b Taylor 13, -15, 13.

Final:

HILTON b O'Driscoll 10, 9.

Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:

F. Elliot (St) b K. Cox (Np) 17, 19; J. Shaw (Y) b J. Dunning (St) -18, 17, 10; J. Harris (St) b S. Collier (Bk) 15, 12; A. Holt (La) b K. Burrows (Y) 14, 12.

Semi-finals:

Elliot b Shaw -24, 10, 15; Holt b Harris 20, 15.

Final:

ELLIOT b Holt 17, 16.

Mixed Class 2 Singles: Quarter-finals:

Beadsley b S. Deakin (St) 15, -19, 12; D. Hanney (St) b W. Allanson (Bk) 19, 15; D. Harvey (Gs) b B. Johns (Ch) 15, -17, 16; M. Browne (Wa) b W. Percival (Ch) 18, 13.

Semi-finals:

Beadsley b Hanney 12, 15; Harvey b Browne 15, 18.

Final:

HARVEY b Beadsley 14, 13.

Veteran Singles: Quarter-finals:

Hilton b W. Moran (Li) 9, 12; W. Russell (La) b R. Dixon (St) -15, 14, 8; D. Schofield (Ch) b N. Thewlis (La) -21, 13, 20; R. Bagot (Ch) b G. Brook (Y) 20, 15.

Semi-finals:

Hilton b Russell 11, 19; Schofield b Bagot 17, 17.

Final:

HILTON b Schofield 13, 18.

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:

Broe/N. Eckersley (La) b S. Scowcroft (La)/Taylor 20, 14; Hilton/Robertson b Browne/Gibson 11, 16.

Final:

BROE/ECKERSLEY b Hilton/Robertson 18, 20.

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:

Holt/Shaw b Collier/Harris 16, 17; Dunning/Elliot b Burrows/J. Smith (Sco) 11, 15.

Final:

HOLT/SHAW b Dunning/Elliot 6, -20, 18.

Satellite TV Might Be A Problem For Us...

by

JOHN WOODFORD

EVERY time table tennis is on television people outside the sport say "You are back on television, is the sport into a revival?" or words to that effect. This is further proof that to keep in the forefront of the smaller sports we just have to get on that box some way or other, despite the internal politics of the TV media.

The fact that the Swedish tour in August was shown on BBC Grandstand is just the boost we need for a new season, but the onset of more and more satellite TV could be bad news for many sports.

Fear

Peter Tory, of the Daily Express wrote not long ago that there are "many things to be feared concerning the approach of satellite TV."

The story headline was "The heaven sent escape from sport". It appears that satellite TV will remove most of the sport from the four home channels. At present something like 500 hours of total TV are transmitted into our homes each week.

When satellite TV gets cracking there will be thousands of hours. Football, so we are led to believe will go into space, possibly cricket, along with wrestling, said to be the favourite of our ETTA patron the Queen.

ITV are said to be axeing darts and many people are becoming bored with the huge coverage of snooker.

There are a lot of people who oppose sport on the home channels as much as most of us wish to see it, table tennis and many other sports.

Certain

What is certain is that most of the sport will go on satellite. It remains to be seen how that will affect sports sponsors in general (in particular table tennis) and of course, our mainstream sponsors the Leeds Permanent Building Society.



British League

Promoted by the English Table Tennis Association



Chen in action for Ormesby – but Grove are favourites

ORMESBY seem to be getting their moneys worth from World No 7 Chen Xinhua as he comfortably won his two against Butterfly Cardiff and gained the MotM nomination. The Welsh side led 2-1 before losing 2-6 in this Ormesby's first match. Forecasts made in mid-August on the top divisions are beginning to look doubtful. With Dave Hannah's knee injury (from football!) Ashford's chances could be reduced if he cannot play before Christmas. However Ashford could survive as they are not scheduled to meet Bath or Grove until January.

Meanwhile, Grove Market Drayton get off to a flying start winning their first match 8-0. The last minute withdrawal of Kingfisher Reading I has resulted in some hasty reshuffling of teams. Bayer Bradford, Burslem ANC and Grove III all move up a division. Nevertheless it seems better for KR to withdraw than turn out a team which could struggle in a lower division.

Bradbury recruited

October's issue promised some observations on the lower divisions. Limited space prevents a comment on every team. As previously mentioned Ashford II look set to run away with Division 2 South with Max Crimmins, Alison Gordon, Joey Kennedy and Kenny Jackson as their top four. These players have proved that they could destroy most opposition at Division 1 level. Others will no doubt try to prove me wrong! Deptford Rams have recruited Phil Bradbury who should find it difficult to lose if he stays in this division. Chelmsford OC's are led by the unpredictable Des Charlery while Jolliffe Poole have the sometimes under-estimated Tony Clayton. Cheltenham Saracens have 4 players in the top 101 including Darren Griffin playing at No 3. Victory Sports Tonbridge remain unknown to me this year as I am yet to see their registrations.

Vymura International could do well in Division 2 North with their blend of youth and experience. This team includes Andea Holt with 3 of the country's top 20 veterans, namely Matt Shearer (7), Derek Schofield (8) and Roger Hampson (19). Leicester TTC have now been sponsored by the Royal Mail and should not have too much trouble in 'delivering' results. I would be most interested to see the registrations for Chan Construction II as there appears to be little separating teams in this division.

In Division 3 East AHW (Bletchley) Comets have the

reportedly talented Jonathon Bradbury (Phil's brother) in the No 1 slot. City of Milton Keynes has a number of former Middlesex players (Ken Muhr's influence?) and Dunstable Pioneer have quite a good team on paper. Watch out for the young Bowlers-Colin at No 7 in the team beat



Alison Gordon on the move

Bennie Robertson in a 3* tournament last season. Fellows Cranleigh II has recruited Clive Carthy from Rejects II and put him in at No 1 – he must have improved. Dave Solman and Martin Speight have been practising hard during the summer to provide support. Thorn Ellenborough are much strengthened and should do well having recruited the Proffitt brothers from Gunnersbury Triangle. They are assisted by Dipak Topiwala and Lesley Keast (who? – see Tyler).

Birmingham SC take Ivor Warner from TSP Larkhall II to aid them in Division 3 North with Peter Machin and Dhuru Parmer. New-look Byker TTC are led by Mark Christie and newcomers Hartlepool PC look fairly strong with Keith Rogers and Lindsay Taylor at the top of their list. Seat Peterborough seem to have strengthened since they last appeared in the League, now headed by Brian Allison, Julian Wheel and Brian Hill.

Division 3 South may be a little weaker than in previous seasons although there are still some useful players around – not to mention Steve Mills playing for newcomers Marley Ashford. The

Contrast

Lambeth 4 Tops could do well on their day with Melvyn Waldman out of 'retirement' and Matthew Pernet their promising junior. Rejects II is little changed from last year whilst in contrast Gunnersbury Triangle are rebuilding their squad. TSP Larkhall II looks as if it is basically a veterans team with countless years of experience. Pillinger Air (Croydon) RRTTL (what a mouthful!) have a stable side with veterans Henry Buist and Andy Meads. Horsham Dolphins II should do quite well with former "Reject" Alan Cole among their ranks to make this look less like a veterans division. Ashford III's youngsters will be put through their paces with this wealth of experience.

Could do well

Last, but not least, to Division 3 West where Hampshire's Graham Toole, Ramish Bhalla, Mark Wilding and Tony Catt represent Amity Generation Fareham who could do well if they find their form. Bath II is headed by Chris Holley and Andy Creed while White Hart Launceston are led by Neil Bevan and Jeremy Williams.



Andea Holt from Bury, Lancashire is now playing for Vymura International in Div.2 North with top veterans Shearer, Schofield and Hampson.



by MIKE LOVEDER

One of the 'great unknowns' must be Kingfisher Reading whose performance may well depend if their players originally in the Premier Division remain in this division.

SOME FIRST FIXTURE RESULTS IN BRIEF:

Grove produce an emphatic whitewash over Chan Construction while Butterfly Cardiff scrape a 5-3 win over Armada 400 (Plymouth) and then lose 2-6 to Ormesby. Grove II record a 5-3 win over West Warwickshire as do Ruston Marconi Lincoln over MBS St Neots. Kettler Sport get off to a healthy start with a 7-1 win over City of Leeds. In a local derby Team Ramlosa Essex produce a 5-3 victory over Dagenham FC. Horsham Dolphins beat the remains of TSP Larkhall I by 7-1. C&L Ruislip hammer Rejects 6-2 with the recent addition of Andy Wellman of Ruislip. Doleg Carpets draw with Plymouth Bulldogs.

More details next issue....

STOP PRESS

ALISON GORDON, the England champion has left Ashford and signed for Plymouth Armada in the premier division. She said last week "If I am going to aim for the top in Europe I need to play in the top division of the Leeds British League."

Leeds British League 2 - Tables

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Division 2 (North)	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Division 3 (North)	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Grove 1	3	2	1	0	20	4	5	Ormesby 11	3	3	0	0	15	9	6	Liverpool	3	3	0	0	18	6	6
Butterfly Cardigg 1	3	2	0	1	15	9	4	Well-connected Welli	2	2	0	0	15	1	4	Hartlepool People CE	2	2	0	0	14	2	4
Ormesby 1	1	1	0	0	6	2	2	Vymura International	2	2	0	0	13	3	4	Birmingham Sports CE	3	2	0	1	16	8	4
Armada 400	2	1	0	1	8	8	2	Grove 111	3	2	0	1	15	9	4	Vymura International	2	1	0	1	9	7	2
Ashford 1	1	0	1	0	4	4	1	March T.T.C.	3	2	0	1	13	11	4	Bri-Bar Byker TTC	3	1	0	2	10	14	2
Bayer Bradford (Unit)	2	0	0	2	3	13	0	Royal Mail of Leices	3	0	0	3	7	17	0	Crusaders Lincoln	3	1	0	2	9	15	2
Chan Construction 1	2	0	0	2	0	16	0	Chan Construction 11	3	0	0	3	6	18	0	Seat Peterborough	3	1	0	2	9	15	2
Bathwick Tyres 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oldham	3	0	0	3	4	20	0	Ormesby 111	3	0	0	3	3	21	0
Division 1 (North)	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Division 2 (South)	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Division 3 (South)	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Grove 11	3	3	0	0	16	8	6	Ashford 11	3	3	0	0	20	4	6	Horsham Dolphins 11	3	2	1	0	17	7	5
Kettler Sport	3	2	0	1	16	8	4	Chelmsford O'C'S	3	3	0	0	19	5	6	Lambeth 4 Tops	2	2	0	0	11	5	4
City of Leeds	3	2	0	1	15	9	4	Deptford Rams	3	1	1	1	13	11	3	Gunnersbury Triangle	2	1	1	0	9	7	3
M.B.S. St. Neots T.T	3	1	0	2	12	12	2	Cheltenham Saracens	3	1	1	1	10	14	3	Rejects 11	3	0	3	0	12	12	3
Britannia Ipswich 1	2	1	0	1	8	8	2	Butterfly Cardiff 11	3	1	0	2	11	13	2	Ashford 111	3	1	0	2	11	13	2
Ruston Marconi Linco	3	1	0	2	10	14	2	Victory Sports Tonbr	3	1	0	2	10	14	2	T.S.P. Larkhall 11	3	1	0	2	8	16	2
West Warwickshire	3	1	0	2	9	15	2	Jolliffe Poole	3	1	0	2	8	16	2	Pillinger Air (Croyd	2	0	1	1	7	9	1
Burslem A.N.C.	2	0	0	2	2	14	0	Fellows Cranleigh 1	3	0	0	3	5	19	0	Marley Ashford	2	0	0	2	5	11	0
Division 1 (South)	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Division 3 (East)	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Division 3 (West)	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
C. & L. Ruislip	3	3	0	0	18	6	6	Norwich Foxwood	3	3	0	0	21	3	6	Specsavers Barry	3	3	0	0	19	5	6
Horsham Dolphins 1	3	3	0	0	17	7	6	Thorn Ellenborough	3	3	0	0	19	5	6	Kingsfisher Reading 1	3	2	1	0	15	9	5
Team Ramlosa Essex	3	2	1	0	14	10	5	Dunstable Pioneer	3	3	0	0	16	8	6	White Hart Launceston	3	1	1	1	13	11	3
Dagenham F.C.	3	1	0	2	12	12	2	A.H.W. (Bletchley) C	3	1	1	1	10	14	3	Amity Generation Far	3	1	1	1	12	12	3
Rejects 1	3	1	0	2	11	13	2	Britannia Ipswich 11	3	1	0	2	10	14	2	Bathwick Tyres 11	1	1	0	0	5	3	2
Doleq Carpets 1	3	0	2	1	11	13	2	Fellows Cranleigh 11	3	0	1	2	8	16	1	Doleq Carpets 11	2	0	1	1	6	10	1
Plymouth Bulldogs	3	0	1	2	10	14	1	City of Milton Keynes	3	0	0	3	8	16	0	Grove 1V	2	0	0	2	4	12	0
T.S.P. Larkhall	3	0	0	3	3	21	0	Levi's Westfield	3	0	0	3	4	20	0	Leckie T.T.C.	3	0	0	3	6	18	0

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WOMEN IN TABLE TENNIS

GET on board the British League! In response to the demand for more women's competitions, the Leeds Women's British League will be inaugurated during the 1988-89 season. It is hoped that initially the competition will attract between 12 and 16 club teams of senior or junior female players, thereby allowing 2 divisions to be formed.

With sponsorship of £1,000 from the Leeds PBS the first round of 5 or 7 matches for each club team will be played over the weekend April 15-16 at the Woughton LC, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes.

Teams will be 3 players each and whilst the fees may seem high at first glance, compared to the opportunity for 4 days high level intensive competition (2 full weekends) it will actually be excellent value for money. Cost of entry £65, player registration £7 × 3 = £21 - £86, divided by 3, £28.66 each divided by 4 days play = £7.16 per day, not that much different to open tournament fees but a great deal more guaranteed play. Further information from ETTA office.



Surrey's Mason in promotion bid

THE programme started well on 1 October with 67 matches played. Surrey commenced their campaign to regain Premier status with Nicky Mason filling their No. 1 spot.

SENR 1B:

Devon 2.	9 Somerset	1.
Kent	5 Sussex	5.
Surrey	8 Middx 2.	2.
Avon	7 Dorset	3.

Surrey started with a match at the new Club at New Malden when Middx 2 were the visitors. Surrey included Nicky Mason and Glen Baker who won their 5 events to lead Surrey to a convincing win. David Goode (Mi) beat Michael Hammond in an entertaining final match with scores 15, -20, 12. Devon 2 had a good debut in Div 1 with a 9-1 win. Brian Reeves got the one event for Somerset. In the Kent/Sussex clash the visitors came from 2-4 to lead 5-4 but Andy Cunningham (K) beat Richie Venner 12, 17 to force the draw.

SENR 1A:

Herts	3 Cambs	7.
Essex 1.	8 Warwicks	2.
N'berland	7 Norfolk	3.
Worcs	5 Yorks 2.	5.

Warwicks introduced Adrian Dixon, the former Staffs player, but Essex, intent on regaining Premier status, were well on top with an 8-2 win. Of the 3 promoted teams only Cambs had success with a win over fellow promotees Herts. Norfolk, making the long journey to Newcastle, lost 3-7. The consistent John Taylor (He) won his 2 singles events against Cambs. Philip Logsdon (Nk) made a very good start being involved in the 3 Norfolk wins, including victories over Ian Robertson and Eddie Smith. Worcs led Yorks 5-3 with fine wins by Murray Jukes, beating Mick Stead at 15 in third.

SENR 2A:

Lancs 2.	8 Leics 2.	2.
Clwyd	0 Cheshire	10.
Clwyd	4 Ches 2.	6.
Notts	7 Waricks 2.	3.

Lancs/Leics was a most exciting match. The Lancs team included Andrew Eden, Wayne Renton, Howard Whewell and Marjorie Riddle all making their senior team debut. Amanda Goodwin and Marjorie Riddle won their 3 events for Lancs and Andrew Eden also won 2 singles including a -22, 10, 15 defeat of Maurice Newman. Newcomers Clwyd had a tough initiation their first match being against Cheshire 1 when they lost 0-10. They also received the Cheshire 2 team and fared better. The match score stood at 4-4 but the visitors came back to win 6-4, with the ladies - J. Hope and A. Jones - winning 3 events.

SENR 2B:

Cornwall 1.	9 Worcs 2.	1.
Cornwall 2.	5 Worcs 2.	5.
Glos	10 Dorset 2.	0.
Wilts	7 Avon 2.	3.
Herefords	4 Hants	6.

Worcs 2 journeyed to Launceston to meet the two Cornish teams. Cornwall 1 dominated the match with Sue Meredith getting the win for Worcs beating Esme Stevenson -7, 16, 15. Jane McLean (Wo) made her senior debut and with Sue Meredith narrowly lost the ladies doubles at -22, 16, -19. Sue and Jane contributed 3 wins to secure the draw against Cornwall 2, with Ken Walton beating Andrew Bevan 9 and 11 and taking the doubles with Steve Horton. Glos got a maximum win over Dorset 2 the only event going to a decider being the ladies singles in which Judy Morley beat Pat Baldwin -10, 16, 12. Wilts were demoted but with unbeaten Kevin Satchell as No. 1 they got off to a good start with a win over Avon 2.

SENR 2C:

Cambs 2.	8 Herts 2.	2.
Beds 2.	8 Hunts	2.

Cambs 2 got off to a good start with a convincing win. Hilary Finch and Alison Edge won their 3 events as did Andy Withers, being partnered in the doubles by Gary Jordan. Beds 2 and Hunts, who were at bottom of the Table at the end of the season, met in the first match.

SENR 2D:

Essex 3.	6 Essex 2.	4.
Berks 2.	6 Kent 2.	4.
Bucks	2 Surrey 2.	8.
Oxon	3 Sussex 2.	7.

The new Essex 3 team, composed of young players, met the Essex 2 team. It was a hard fought match in which Damien Holland won the last event against Stuart Gibbs at 15 and 14 to gain the win. The match brought Alison and Kate Gower into opposition with Kate winning 20 and 19! Kent 2 lost 2 events at deuce in deciding games against Berks, who got a 6-4 win. Bucks lost 2-8 to Surrey 2 but Colin Lusbombe (Bu) lost his 2 singles at 19 in the decider and Dawn Robbins (Bu) lost to Gail McCulloch 7, -22, 20!

JUNR 1A:

Yorks 2.	7 Lancs 2.	3.
Notts	7 Cheshire	3.

The Yorks team was well served by Craig Smith who got 3 easy wins. Jason Lee played well to win his 2 singles for Lancs. Notts,

on demotion from Premier, got a good start at the expense of Cheshire.

JUNR 1B:

Avon	5 Surrey	5.
Somerset	2 Kent	8.
Sussex	8 Bucks	2.
Herts	5 Berks	5.

Avon, on promotion, had a satisfactory start with a draw against Surrey. David Hadley (Av) made a significant contribution with 2 good singles wins. There was a battle between the respective No. 1's - Ian Black (He) beat Martin Adams (Bk) 19, -22, 24!

JUNR 2A:

Warwicks 2.	4 Derby 2.	6.
Leices	6 Lancs 3.	4.
Clwyd	2 Northants	8.

Derbys did well on their visit to Coventry with a win over Warwicks. The Derby girls - Jessica Pope and Catherine Pidgeon - won their 3 events. Leices got off to 3-0 start against Lancs but the visitors fought back to 3-4 when the respective No. 1's met with Andrew Clark (Le) getting the better of Stuart Thorpe.

JUNR 2B:

Berks 2.	2 Oxon	8.
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In this Division most of the matches are being played over 2 weekends - at Ashford and St. Neots. Oxon visited Kingfisher Club, Reading and landed a good win.

JUNR 2C:

Glam	6 Devon 2.	4.
Glam.	9 Devon 3	1.
Gwent	5 Devon 2.	5.
Gwent	6 Devon 3	4.
Dorset	4 Avon 2.	6.

A good arrangement was made with 2 Devon teams visiting Abersychan to play 4 matches against Glam and Gwent. Glam got 2 wins with Chris Kelly being undefeated in singles and Denise Elward winning all her singles and doubles events. Devon success was restricted to the 2nd team making a draw with Gwent, when John Shipman (Dv) won 2 singles.

JUNR 2D:

Essex 2.	8 Norfolk 1.	2.
Essex 2.	8 Norfolk 2½	2.
Suffolk 2.	0 Essex 3.	10.
Kent 2.	3 Suffolk 1.	7.
Surrey 2.	6 Sussex 2.	4.

Norfolk visited Brentwood for 2 matches in which Essex 2, on demotion, got 2 good wins. Tayo



by DOUG MOSS

Fansanya and Allan Radford had a "clean sheet" for Essex. Suffolk 2 had a hard baptism against Essex 3 when just 1 event went to a decider.

VETS 1A:

Warwicks	0 Essex 9.	
Yorks 2.	6 Leics	3.
Norfolk	7 Northants	3.
Cheshire 2.	6 Worcs.	3.

Essex, on demotion from Premier, made a very determined start and their team of Stuart Gibbs, Peter Radford, Stan Batrick and Lesley Radford won every event in straight games. Yorks 2, promotion, also did very well to beat Leics with their No. 1 - M. Corking - winning both his singles. The other promotees, Northants, did not fare so well when they visited Norwich, when the Norfolk men were dominant. Worcs had a hard match at Hyde. The score stood at 3-3 but Cheshire took the last 3 events to secure 2 points.

VETS 1B:

Dorset	3 Herts	6.
Hants	2 Middlesex 2.	7.
Sussex 2.	6 Kent 2.	3.
Oxon	1 Surrey 2.	8.

Again the demoted team started well - Herts went from 3-3 to win the next 3 events over Dorset. Dave Seaholme (He) won his singles and the mixed with Susan Felstead. Middx 2 were in charge against Hants, for whom R. Cox won the mens doubles, partnered by Ray Lush, at deuce in 3rd and in the final event beat Trevor Campbell 15, 20. Despite Keith Clark (K) having 3 wins, including the mixed with Pam Butcher, Sussex got a 6-3 win. Mike Watts had a good start to the season beating Arthur Harmsworth and Bob Hawkins.

VETS 2A:

N'berland	4 Notts	5.
Lincs 2.	3 Cheshire 3.	6.

Notts, on demotion, had a hard match at Blaydon. The score stood at 4-4 when Ron Bolton (Ng) beat Gordon Bissett 18, 12 to get the Notts team on the promotion ladder.

Counties 1

AVON

G. Baldwin

CONGRATULATIONS to our up and coming JUNIOR Team on reaching promotion to Div 1 after winning Div 3C. Watch out the Seniors! The team consisting of S. Bettison, D. Hadley, H. Green and N. Finlayson, (Boys) with C. Webb, K. Matthews, S. Kettle and E. Stapleford (Girls) had comfortable wins early on in the season but when they travelled to Cornwall for a double header against I & II's they were without No 1 Steve Bettison through injury. Although they managed to win against II's they went down to Cornwall I's. With another two close 6-4 wins it was down to the final match of the season playing the unbeaten and 100% Dorset. Nothing less than victory could secure promotion for the Juniors, leading 5-4, all the pressure was on David Hadley for Avon to snatch the final game for a memorable 6-4 win.

The County Rankings chosen are:-

MEN		WOMEN	
1. C. Holley	M. Cohen		
2. P. Lewis	H. Perrott		
3. A. Creed	D. Booy		
4. P. Hooper	S. Lovell		
5. G. Baldwin	G. Beer		

JUNIOR BOYS		JUNIOR GIRLS	
1. S. Bettison	K. Matthews		
2. D. Hadley	J. Westall		
3. I. Johnson	T. McCourt		
4. E. Finlayson	C. Nash		
5. M. Bush	C. Davies		

CADET BOYS		CADET GIRLS	
1. E. Finlayson	E. McCourt		
2. G. Davies	C. Nash		
3. N. Ambrose	C. Davies		
4. B. Fudge	C. Dyer		
5. C. Butterworth	S. Curl		

BATH who have finished Runners-Up in Div 2 of the Midland League for the last two years have decided not to participate any longer due to the long distances travelled by away fixtures and have now opted to enter a team for the recently NEW South West Regional League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE the SECOND team travelled to Launceston, for their first fixture. With Bathwick Tyres leading 3-1 or the interval C. Holley pipped Neil Bevan 19 in the third for a 4-1 lead, Jeremy Williams, Sean Gaylard reduced the deficit to 4-3 but Diccon Gray ensured a 5-3 win for Bathwick.

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BERKSHIRE

Bob Adams

MAIDENHEAD junior Stephen Joel of Windsor Boys School, a member of the team which reached the 1988 Regional Final of the ESTTA Team Championship, earned himself a table tennis title of a different nature when he won first prize of £150 in the SW London section of the Young Engineer of Great Britain competition for his computer controlled TT robot. Besides appearing on Thames TV Stephen is scheduled for BBC's "Tomorrows World". His prototype is programmable to produce different sequences and spins during play and represents a significant advance over existing machines.

This will be the first year for more than thirty when the Maidenhead League will have to manage their affairs without the services of Hugh Bartholomew on the Committee (the last three as Chairman), although there seems little doubt that Hugh will be playing for at least another thirty if he remains as fit as he looks.

Still up at the veterans end of the spectrum five Berkshire players journeyed to Zagreb for the 4th Veteran World Championships and put in some excellent performances. Gill Knightley and Mary Stafford both won their groups and the succeeding rounds, whilst Christine Basden having teamed up with Australian Sue Griggs surpassed herself by reaching the last 16 in the Ladies Doubles against the title holding pair which included ex world champion Maria Alexandra of Rumania.



Sue Collier

Syd Montgomery and Colin Dyke had some good wins in the early stages as did Brian Halliday both in the singles and in the doubles when he and Syd had a fine win over what Brian describes in the local paper as "an argumentative Polish pair", but whether they were arguing with

Brian or with each other he doesn't say.

Jumping down to the juniors we are likely to see some hot debate over the early part of the County Championships with some controversial changes in the rankings having taken place. Karen Slatford and Antony Baker, both members of last year's unbeaten Division title winning side, have found themselves ousted by up and coming Nicola Cracknell, Marc Priddle and Nicky Bradfield who moves up to County junior No 2 behind Martin Adams. Nicky starts the season at England Cadet No 4 - just one place behind Martin's best cadet ranking last year and looks well set to keep a Berkshire player's name in the England Cadet squad. Lisa Crick, Berkshire's No 1 last season retains her place in the County team but like Karen has found herself overtaken by Nicola.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Alf Peppard

The County Closed Championships are scheduled for Sunday 20th of November at "The Cheltenham Indoor Cricket Club a venue which has proved extremely popular over several previous years. Dave Harvey the defending mens champion will face considerable opposition in defence of his crown, while'st the Ladies singles title could well be very much in balance, at the time of writing Mrs Judy Morley (the current champion) is not too sure of competing owing to an injury that she sustained as long ago as last April in Bath, lets hope that it all clears up for her because not only could her presence be welcomed - there is also an extreme shortage of Lady players in the County.

The Cheltenham T.T.A. have to be admired, for their many forms of social activities that exist in their T.T. curriculum for example:- A very positive and regular Newsletter, and from the sheer social aspect of table tennis life organised - "Barn Dances" - A full days outing to Alton Towers, and more recently a T.T. combined ex-cursion to Göttingen in West Germany.

Cheltenham's success is that they not only have a Chairperson 'WHO SITS AND ADMINISTRATES' but they are fortunate enough also to have a person 'WITH IDEAS', and who is not afraid of sharing ideas with her respective Committee, by this way of doing things - success is inevitable.

Yes, the Cheltenham League sets a great example of "LETS GET TOGETHER" - "TALK", and

above all "DO THINGS", a vibrant interest exists in what goes on beyond the 9' x 5', the future of our sport in this fringe Cotswold Town is most certainly not being neglected.

T.T. is most certainly on the upward trend in Gloucestershire, I have written before in this column about the possibility of Cirencester becoming an affiliated member, for several years they have declined all thoughts of affiliation - leastways until this years AGM, when the firm decision was taken "TO AFFILIATE". This decision will benefit the Cirencester & District TTA enormously because they possess a very high percentage of youngsters within their ranks to whom affiliation and all that goes with it is imperative, on behalf of the County - Congratulations Cirencester and welcome to the fold.

League

To date of writing, Cheltenham Saracens now in Division 2 South remain unbeaten, their first of the season encounter with Deptford Rams resulted in a very fair draw. The visitors Nol Phil Bradbury proved far too strong for our local lads and won both his singles with comparative ease, meanwhile for Saracens - Dave Harvey playing at No 4 won his two singles two straight.

In their second match of the season v Butterfly Cardiff (at Cardiff), Saracens scored a triumphant 6-2 win over last years Div 3 (West) Champions. Man of the match was Saracens Nol Mark Owen who scored a very good -16, 15, 13, win over Trevor Manning, last years - "Leeds Player of the Year".

County Trials

Of the 19 Ladies/Girls who were invited only 6 attended, it should however be noted that Judy Morley (current Ladies County singles Champion) and Lesley Dewick both wanted to attend the trials but were not able to because of injuries.

Several well known Lady Players apparently did not support the trials, therefore their over-all keenness was suspect, however having said this - I am equally sure that the Selectors would listen, very carefully to any future request to play for the County. Following the trials results below:

- No 1. Judy Morley.
2. Jac qui Carver.
3. Karen Harvey.
4. Linda Probert.
5. Heather Fannin.
6. Alison Cox.

Coaching

Paddy Jackson Gloucester's hard working coach reports favourable results emerging from last years coaching sessions in and around the City.

Counties 2

The emergence of Jeremy Hyatt and Raymond Powell as two of the most promising Juniors of the past season left nobody surprised, but Paddy mentioned that any one of 20 other players from ages 8 - 14 could be rocking their boat in 2 or 3 years time.

Big contribution

We must on the National scene congratulate George Novoth on passing yet more coaching exams and attending an England training camp. Unquestionably George has taken a considerable amount of work load from Paddy's shoulders & furthermore contributed enormously to the smooth running of coaching in Gloucester City.

DEVON

Val Heath

AS THE new season began I could not resist taking up the challenge as publicity officer so Devon has a report in each issue of the magazine. It has struck me as very sad that no one has been able to report on Devons achievements over the last year or so especially when they have been so abundant in numbers. The talent in the youngsters particularly springs to mind and the improvement in their play this season is phenomenal and has been very noticeable in recent open tournaments.

I must congratulate Malcolm Francis and Brian Pengelley on the recent Express Sports 2* tournament held in Paignton. It was the first of its kind and the venue and organisation were superb. Many families made a weekend of staying in Torbay and with the weather kind a good time was had by all. (except for those of us who had parking tickets and I had two!)

Pleasure

For Devon the pleasure of having a tournament so near was excelled by watching Devons own youngsters doing so well. Both Alex Perry and David Heath won titles on the day and other local youngsters featured well. One particular junior who has made his mark recently is Plymouths' Adrian Vincent. He has achieved some very good results along with winning two U12 competitions and must be congratulated on his hard work. Adrian is just one of the youngsters who are representing Devon in one of the three junior teams entered in National League. This year lets hope they manage to do as well as their elders in the Senior team who have managed to achieve a placing in the Premier Division. Senior ranking are as follows.

HERTFORDSHIRE

John Wood

NORTH Herts have once again proved too strong for the opposition in the Hertfordshire games, held at the Heathcote School, Stevenage in September.

The North Herts team of Mick and Sandra Harper and the Hertfordshire No. 1 Keith Samuels, who also won the title last year, amassed 9 points and an impressive 18 games for and 2 against, thanks to a 100% record by back in form Mick Harper.

Just eased out into 2nd spot were Hemel Hempstead, who had the same points but an inferior games difference of 16 for and 4 against, where Rob Liquorish and Lynne Harrison were undefeated, and Glen Wilkes and Emma Hurling with just one defeat each.

Watford were in 3rd position with 6 points, and host team Stevenage in 4th spot with 4 points.



Keith Samuels Herts No.1

The Senior ranking trials held at The Barnet Table Tennis Centre ran true to form with few surprises.

Keith Samuels and John Taylor are in No. 1 and No. 2 positions respectively, the same as last year, but there is a new face in the 3rd position that of Richard Russell of Barnet. Rob Liquorish has retained his No. 4 ranking, whilst Peter Harris drops from 3rd to No. 5.

As expected, Lynne Harrison is ranked at No. 1, with Chesunt's Maggie Pavitt in at No.2, whilst Linda Walters is at No. 4, in the Ladies ranking.

The county No. 1 junior Emma Hurling comes in at No. 4, with two ex-juniors in the No. 5 and 6 positions Barnet's Maria Williams and Caroline Seaholme from Watford.

St. Albans based and Hemel Hempstead player Ian Black is once again the top county Junior with Barnet's Morris Greenberg, George Sanders and Duncan Taylor in positions 2, 3, and 4.

Top Girl in the Under 17 ranking is Emma Hurling, with Watford's Sarah Seaholme at No. 2, Barnets' Talya Greenberg in at No. 3.



Hertfordshire's John Jermyn - Tournament Referee

Top of the tree in the Veterans is Barnets John Taylor with Watford's Dave Seaholme at No. 2, whilst No. 1 Veteran lady is Sue Felstead.

Rankings

Senior Men: 1. Keith Samuels, 2. John Taylor, 3. John Taylor, 4. Rob Liquorish, 5. Peter Harris, 6. John Lennon, 7. Mark Dare, 8. Glen Wilkes, 9. Dave Seaholme, 10. Mark Taylor, 11. Clive Carthy, 12. John McCance, 13. Tom Carr, 14. Ian Black, 15. Mark McCarthy and 16. Terry Boucher.

Senior Women: 1. Lynne Harrison, 2. Maggie Pavitt, 3. Linda Walters, 4. Emma Hurling, 5. Maria Williams, 6. Caroline Seaholme, 7. Karen Morton and 8. Lindsey Booth.

Junior Boys: Under 17: 1. Ian Black, 2. Morris Greenberg, 3. George Sanders, 4. Duncan Taylor, 5. Kevin Harber, 6. Richard Grethe, 7. Robert Barrasso, 8. Michael Danson, 9. Scott Kennedy, 10. Stuart Manning. Under 14: 1. Kevin Flowerday, 2. Oliver Sanders. Under 12: 1. Stephen Taylor, 2. Phillip Margerrison.

Junior Girls: Under 17: 1. Emma Hurling, 2. Sarah Seaholme, 3. Talya Greenberg, 4. Helen Arnold, 5. Rachel Samuels, 6. Cara Bosley, 7. Caron Harber, 8. Lesley Moorhead. Under 14: 1. Sarah Seaholme, 2. Talya Greenberg. Under 12: 1. Caron Harber, 2. Lesley Moorehead.

Veterans Mens: 1. John Taylor, 2. Dave Seaholme, 3. Alan Lamprell, 4. Stuart Greenberg, 5. Geoff Bax, 6. Derek Holden, 7. Terry Wilson, 8. Keith Hartridge, 9. Brian Gale, 10. Pete Stevens, 11. Dave Wilson, 12. George Tyler, 13. Mike Harber, 14. Dick Emmerson, 15. Alan Jones, 16. Len Flewers, 17. Frank Sharpe, 18. John Wood, 19. Jim Felstead, 20. Derek Caulder, and 21. Doug Tomsett.

Veterans Womens: 1. Sue Felstead, 2. Sylvia Tyler, 3. Gill White, 4. Sally Bax, 5. Margaret Harris, and 6. Pat Gale.

MIDDLESEX

Iris Moss

I AM sorry that there were no "Notes" from me last month but I was ill at the relevant time, so had to leave it until this month. There is no change in the Middlesex Executive Committee this season but we have appointed a President. Mr. Russel Grant, the astrologer, has accepted the post and we are hoping that he will forecast a period of success in the stars for our County.

He is very interested in keeping the name of "Middlesex" alive in all spheres - and so are we. Sadly we have lost yet another League this season. Harry Edwards, who helped to found the Uxbridge and District League in 1949, struggled manfully to keep it alive and eventually gave up the Secretaryship three years ago, but with the death of his successor last year, the League which had declined over the years as factories in the area closed down, decided to call it a day. The remaining Clubs will no doubt be absorbed into one of the other adjacent Leagues, but it is sad to see the demise of such an old established League.

Our Representative Matches Sub-Committee has sorted out the Ranking Lists for the season and there is little change in most of our lists apart from the Juniors. The top ranked players in each class are: Men: 1. J. Souter; 2. N. Tyler; 3. G. Sandley; 4. C. Wilson; 5. M. Mitchell; 6. A. Start; 7. D. Goode; 8. D. Topiwala; 9. T. Cutler; 10. M. B. Adedayo.

Women: 1. L. Tyler; 2. A. Smith; 3. R. Knight; 4. J. Svenson; 5. G. Blanch; 6. M. Sangster; 7. L. Souter; 8. R. Fisher; 9. S. Williams; 10. H. Santon.

Veteran Men: 1. M. B. Adedayo; 2. A. Lindsay; 3. W. Brookman; 4. J. Holland; 5. T. Campbell; 6. N. Slifkin; 7. A. Taylor; 8. J. Smith; 9. P. Safranek; 10. E. Alleyne.

Veteran Women: 1. M. Sawyer; 2. K. Nunn; 3. E. Britton; 4. B. Blanch; 5. M. Prowen; 6. L. Slifkin; 7. J. Tuddenham; 8. D. Stannard; 9. M. Souter; 10. F. Wade.

Junior Boys: 1. S. Rockall; 2. D. Baker; 3. M. Williams; 4. N. Keedy; 5. D. Katz; 6. G. Matthews; 7. Richard Hyacinth; 8. S. Henley; 9. Robert Hyacinth; 10. D. Abrahams.

Junior Girls: 1. R. Fisher; 2. S. Williams; 3. K. Kottasz; 4. L. Jackson; 5. E. Kottasz; 6. G. Matthews; 7. C. Walsh; 8. E. Blanch; 9. S. Cullinane. Cadet Boys: 1. D. Baker; 2. M. Williams; 3. D. Katz; 4. Richard Hyacinth; 5. S. Henley. Cadet Girls: 1. S. Williams; 2. G. Matthews; 3. L. Greenbury; 4. D. Chan; 5. S. Chan.

Plans are under way for the Middlesex 3-Star Open Cham-

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Middlesex . . . Cont from page 21 pionships which will be held at Picketts Lock Centre, Edmonton, on 3rd and 4th December. Entry forms are available (most will have been distributed by now) and with the closing date of 10th November you should still have a few days to get them in. They are available from me (01-203 4476) or Doris Moors (01-940 9203). If you don't want to enter, come along and watch the Finals at 6 p.m. on Sunday 4th December. We have selected dates for the Middlesex Closed Championships and hope they will take place at Aylestone School on 11th and 12th March 1989. So, Middlesex players, please book the date NOW and come along in your hundreds to enter your own Championships.

LANCASHIRE

George R. Yates

FOLLOWING trials at Sholver Hall Community Centre, Oldham, Lancashire's selection committee met to formulate the ranking lists:-

Men

- 1 Sean Gibson
- 2 Nigel Eckersley
- 3 Tony Taylor
- 4 John Hilton
- 5 Stephen Scowcroft (Bolton)
- 6 Andrew Eden (Southport)
- 7 Malcolm McEvoy (Liverpool)
- 8 Wayne Renton (Oldham)
- 9 Keith Williams (Liverpool)
- 10 Howard Whewell (Burnley)
- 11 David Carse (Bolton)
- 12 David Bunting (Blackpool)
- 13 Michael Malcolm (Preston)

Junior Boys

- 1 Andrew Eden
- 2 Howard Whewell
- 3 Darryl Sneyd (Oldham)
- 4 Stephen Bain (Oldham)
- 5 Jason Lee (Nelson)
- 6 Ron Pennington (Preston)
- 7 Rohit Khurana (Oldham)
- 8 Stuart Thorp (Preston)
- 9 Kevin Lewis (Southport)
- 10 David Pilling (Burnley)
- 11 Alex Cardno (Bury)
- 12 Chris Campbell (Oldham)
- 13 Gareth Edmonds (St Helens)

Veteran Men

- 1 Norman Thewlis (Oldham)
- 2 Ray Ashley (Preston)
- 3 Tony Rigby (Preston)
- 4 Bill Russell (Farnworth)
- 5 George Jones (Oldham)
- 6 Arthur Hartshorn (Nelson)
- 7 Ted Birch (Liverpool)
- 8 Peter Taylor (Liverpool)
- 9 Roger Whewell (Burnley)

Cadet Boys

- 1 Campbell
- 2 Darryl Meredith (Oldham)
- 3 Rod Manwaring (Preston)
- 4 Matthew Coombe (Oldham)

- 5 Philip Musgrove (St Helens)
- 6 Matthew Williams (Oldham)
- 7 Craig Abbott (Preston)
- 8 Andrew Bottoms (Preston)
- 9 Simon Tessier (Oldham)
- 10 Andrew Halford (Oldham)

Women

- 1 Joy Dean
- 2 Andrea Holt
- 3 Jean Parker
- 4 Mandy Goodwin (Oldham)
- 5 Marjorie Riddle (Oldham)
- 6 Brenda Buoy (Liverpool)
- 7 Paula French (Liverpool)
- 8 Sylvia Graham (Southport)
- 9 Alwyn Burrough (Blackpool)

Junior Girls

- 1 Maria Thornley (Preston)
- 2 Barbara Smallwood (Southport)
- 3 Karen Richardson (Oldham)
- 4 Joanne Wooldridge (Preston)
- 5 Tamar Connelly (Blackpool)



Tony Taylor

- 6 Debbie Fletcher (Oldham)
- 7 Helen Barnard (Preston)
- 8 Joanne Holt (Preston)
- 9 Gayle Wood (Southport)

Veteran Women

- 1 Mabel Neary (Southport)
- 2 Alwyn Burrough (Blackpool)
- 3 Kathleen Hilton (Bolton)
- 4 Freda Jackson (Oldham)

Cadet Girls

- 1 Connolly
- 2 Julie Abbott (Preston)
- 3 Tracy Abbott (Preston)
- 4 Caroline Rigby (Preston)
- 5 Donna Fletcher (Oldham)

Aggravation

Non-attendance at the trials by players who, undoubtedly, would have been ranked has caused aggravation but "no show no ranking" has been the policy up to now although provision is made to add and amend during the course of the season.

The North West Region of the National Coaching Scheme is to conduct a course for the ETTA Coach Award (old Diploma 1-Star

Course) at Runcorn (Castlefields) County Youth Centre over the weekend of Nov 26/27, 1988.

Times of attendance are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day (participants must attend on both days) the course fee being £15. The tutor will be either Donald Parker, Director of Coaching, or Nicky Jarvis, Coach Education Officer.

Only one

Enrolment Forms can be had from Mrs. Karen Tonge at Runcorn (Castlefields) County Youth Centre, Kingshead Close, Castlefields, Runcorn, Cheshire. WA7 2JQ (phone: 09285 64569).

There will only be ONE course per region per year. This course is designed for existing Club Coaches to upgrade. Under new conditions, the Awards will be in future known as ETTA Assistant Coach Award (Club Coach); ETTA Coach Award (Diploma 1-Star) and ETTA Senior Coach Award (Diploma 2-Star).

New conditions

After this course all former Club Coaches will have to fulfil the new conditions which will include three, four hour NCF Level 2 Courses on set topics to obtain the Coach Award, and Club Coaches will be known as an ETTA Assistant Coach.

To attend, Club Coaches should have been qualified for at least one year and be active in coaching.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Mike Tunningley

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE County Table Tennis Association held their County Ranking Trials recently at the Sycamore Sports Centre and the results were as follows:-

JUNIOR BOYS

1. Robert Yong
2. Paul Wood
3. Peter Furneaux
4. Gary Lee
5. Paul Joyce
6. Simon Hooley
7. Andrew Dolby
8. Matthew Turner
9. Paul Smith
10. Paul Taylor
11. Gary Pestka
12. Paul Tomlinson

SENIOR MEN

1. Mark Pearson
2. Robert Yong
3. Ransford Scott
4. Tim Sheppard
5. Junior Stoddart
6. Richard Grant
7. Lee Neil
8. Paul Wood
9. Adrian Elson
10. Cecil Davis
11. Peter Furneaux

JUNIOR GIRLS

1. Sarah Smith
2. Deborah Molyneaux
3. Susan Lingard

SENIOR WOMEN

1. Ruth Bentley
2. Kay Mayall
3. Angela Brettal
4. Jackie Bull
5. Claire Oldman
6. Julie Bolton

The juniors opened their Leeds County Championship fixtures with a match against Cheshire and following last seasons relegation from the Premier League they were optimistic of success.

The boys led the way when Paul Wood, Peter Furneaux and Robert Yong all won to give Notts an early 3-0 lead. Cheshire pulled one back when Cerie Terner and Susie Sorrentino defeated Sarah Smith and Deborah Molyneaux but Notts soon increased their lead to 5-1 when the doubles partnership of Yong and Wood defeated Neil Allen and Ben Seel in three sets and Wood also gained a win over Allen in the singles.

Comfortable

Molyneaux and Smith both lost their singles matches but further wins for Yong and Furneaux over Peter Lau and Ben Seel gave Notts a comfortable 7-3 victory.

The Seniors opened their account with another 7-3 win, this time the opponents were Warwickshire 2nd. Ransford Scott won both his singles games. Warwickshire came with only one girl.

Real battle

The Worktop Table Tennis League's Summer Season is drawing to its close with a real battle between Abbey Youth Centre D and Carlton Youth Club I for the title. Despite the hardship of it being a handicap league the Abbey team of Colin Deaton, Nicola Deaton, Richard Baker and Paul Daykin have fought well against the odds but only 2 of a point separates the two teams as we go to print.

Details of China's visit to Nottingham Victoria Leisure Centre and the East Midlands Regional Ranking Trials will be given in the next edition of Table Tennis News.

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NORTHANTS

Dennis Millman

AS THE new season dawns, the local table tennis scene appears as a microcosm of modern society – one step forward and two steps back.

For the first time, and due entirely to the infectious enthusiasm of Greg Dobrowolski, there will be two sides in the Leeds County Championships, but on the debit side there will be just one senior team.

Levi's Westfield join Well Connected in the Leeds British League, but relying entirely on home based players, early results have been disappointing. However the promoted Well Connected, with Graeme McKim in full flow, have started in fine style, dependent to some extent on talented imports.

13 sides

The Rothborough Club, with its name derived from the closely linked Rothwell and Desborough townships, set a new record by fielding thirteen senior sides, but at the same time Kettering League entries are down. Research indicates that more than fifty clubs have left the league in the past eighteen years, while the number of teams has declined more steadily from fifty eight to forty three.

Wellingborough entries meanwhile increase to sixty two, causing the introduction of a twenty six week programme, but even this improvement compares unfavourably with the one hundred and seven teams competing in the 1972-73 season.

The County Performance List has finally become computerized, thanks to the generosity of Gerald Finney and the perseverance of Gwil Evans, but for the first time for several decades, we start the season without an official ranking list.

Grass roots

Better coaching, better facilities and more finance available, but somehow the flow of juniors at grass roots level seems to have slowed to a trickle, and even those who make the grade as juniors, appear to have difficulty in maintaining their enthusiasm and ability when they enter the senior ranks on a permanent basis. Despite this all the five leagues in the county are fully prepared for the new season even if last season's County League weekend has still to take place.

One aspect of local table tennis which never seems to take a backward step is the Tina Coleman Memorial Trophy and a representative selection of women players from all parts of the county turned out at Kettering on the 22nd May. Former County No. 1 Anne Wallis

with Ann Woolston to beat Joyce showed that she had lost little of her former skill as she combined Porter and Clare Waples in an entertaining final, with Clem Little/Chris Howell and Marj Chambers/Anne Abbott losing semi-finalists.

However the big event in the close season was the wedding of Graeme McKim and Joanne Hunt, with many sporting personalities on the guest list and Graeme demonstrating his fitness by carrying his beautiful bride for a bevy of photographers. On behalf of all their friends in local table tennis, I wish them every happiness as they step into a bright new future.

NORTHUMBERLAND

Aubrey Drapkin

THE Northumberland League has now got under way and there are six divisions this year. The number of teams is slightly down on last year but this is due more to older players calling it a day rather than youngsters not coming in to the game. Indeed, a new cadet division is to be launched and hopefully this will be well supported.

A number of the county's youngsters are circulating around the tournaments and already we have had two finalists this season. Graeme Sanderson got to the last stage at Kirklees in the cadet boys singles and Barry Forster did likewise at Milton Keynes.

Byker Newcastle have had mixed fortunes in their opening matches in the Leeds British League, losing 2-6 away to Lincoln and then beating Vymura International LL by the same score.

The County selection committee have issued their first ranking lists of the season and these are as follows:

Men

1. Ian Robertson
2. Eddie Smith
3. Mark Christie
4. John Crawford
5. Malcolm Lusk
6. Peter Whiteman
7. Michael Curry
8. Tom Trewhitt
9. Bob Dodds
10. Stephen Coverdale
11. Alan Matthewson
12. Barry Forster

Women

1. Clare Mouzon
2. Caron Guthrie
3. Margaret Morley
4. Christine Burke
5. Pauline Long
6. Karen Newby
7. Joan Leslie
8. Pat Young
9. Denise Wilkinson



Ian (Benny) Robertson, Northumberland No. 1

Boys

1. Stephen Coverdale
2. Barry Forster
3. Phillip Robson
4. Graeme Sanderson
5. Mark Cavendar
6. John Wesley
7. Andrew Bissett
8. Oliver Court
9. Andrew Wilkinson
10. Colin Harris
11. Geoff Spark
12. Gary Sangster
13. Chris Dodd
14. David Venus
15. Craig Sangster
16. Billy Stokoe

Girls

1. Joanne Grady
2. Susie Atherton
3. Diane Cartmell
4. Debbie Scholfield

5. Stephanie Bell

6. Kirsty Mawhinney
7. Joanne Donnelly
8. Lynsey Russell

Veteran men

1. Fred Short
2. Maurice Cheek
3. Gordon Bissett
4. John Donnelly
5. Larry Cartmell
6. Arnie Warents
7. Terry Wilkinson
8. Charles Mouzon
9. Alan Hill
10. Dave Swan

Veteran women

1. Pauline Long
2. Pat Young
3. Lily Aust
4. Vicki Landles

THOSE TOURNAMENT RESULTS . . .

CONSTRUCTING this magazine almost single-handed, the one thing I have not got the time to do is typing out results from photostats of draw sheets. Would all tournament organisers or press officers please assist by sending in typewritten reports, not too lengthy accompanied by results of finals in the usual style, eg. Cooke b Douglas, 19, -18, 20. J.W.

TO COUNTY NEWSMEN

THE new deadline is the first of the month for publication of the first of the following month. Typewritten, double-spaced copy on one side of the paper only is preferred. Cop-length-between 350-450 words plus pictures when available of the slightly less well-known players. TTN photo library has pictures in stock of all the top players, but none at all of some of the top county and Leeds British League players.

SURREY

Terry Vance

SUTTON & District League have 33 teams divided into 3 Divisions. Over a fifth of these teams come from the Rosehill Club.

The Guildford League are managing to run 8 Divisions.

There is no news from any of the other Surrey leagues.

Please let me have some information as I am sure that your League players would like to know about their own Leagues. So come on Byfleet, Wandsworth etc. how about keeping your members interested?



Glenn Baker

South of England 2 Star. This Junior Tournament takes place on 5th & 6th November at Monk's Hill Sports Centre, Farnborough Avenue, Croydon. Do come along and watch some of our future England stars:-

Darren Blake - Is he going to become Surrey's answer to Ann Haydon Jones by combining his greater earning potential at tennis with his undoubted table tennis talent?

Umpires Corner

Congratulations to Terry Carpenter and his wife on the birth of their daughter.

D. Partridge: Can anyone give me details on this player? He/she won a Surrey Table Tennis League Championship medal in the 1930's. This medal has recently become part of my collection and I would just be interested in learning more about him/her.

County Matches

A correction to last month's article. The Senior and Junior sides will be playing their matches at Graham Spicer Club, Dukes Avenue, New Malden, Surrey. The commencing time will be 2-30 p.m. on Saturdays 26th November 1988; 7th January 1989; 4th February 1989; 25th February 1989 and 18th March 1989.

The Veterans 2nd and 3rd teams will be playing their matches at Ashford Table Tennis Centre. The Veterans 1st team will of course play at the Premier Weekends due to their promotion last year.

SHROPSHIRE

Ian Marshall

PENNY Pigram gained just reward for her superb clerical skills in support of Shropshire table tennis by gaining the Bill Harris Memorial Award for the season 1987-88.

It is Penny who shoulders the burden of the massive typing and clerical workload at Grove Table Tennis Club while fulfilling the role of tournament secretary for open events and Shropshire competitions held in Market Drayton. Such conscientious people work in the background and deserve recognition for making much possible. The award is richly deserved.

The award highlights the fact that it is only through the work so freely done by volunteers that enables clubs, leagues and counties to flourish. Much seems to be happening in Telford where Bryan and Knott, spearheaded by former junior international Paul Harmer, are setting an example for the new town players to follow. Undoubtedly hard work by the Telford committee witnessed a well supported Summer League at Lilleshall with a friendly but competitive atmosphere the order of the day.

Bryan and Knott appear to be setting the standard in Telford and have entered the West Midland Regional Club League alongside Market Drayton's Grove club; hopefully more teams will follow from Shropshire for this competition which may prove a stepping stone for British League status.



Twins Elizabeth & Sarah Creasy

Predictably Grove remains a hive of activity having hosted an England junior training camp and visited Belgium during the summer holidays, while Geoff Twiss and Bill Pigram shoulder the responsibility for the plethora of competitions held in Market Drayton.

It is this duo who will fulfil major roles on the county committee with Bill Pigram continuing as secretary and Geoff Twiss having qualified as both umpire and referee becoming the umpires secretary, the post formerly occupied by county presi-

dent Gerald Green. Meanwhile Shropshire stalwart Motto Jones returns to the committee room as vice-chairman, and hopefully with all positions allocated the county will go from strength to strength. 1989-90 will see a return to the county championships under the direction of Paul Harmer.

A new season dawns and, full of hope, lets hope the sport can grow and more will play the splendid game in England's largest inland county.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Jack Chalkley

AT THIS early stage of the season the main activity was the County junior trials. Unfortunately, some initial confusion over dates caused some upset but this was quickly and effectively sorted out by the selection committee headed by Ian Knights and all juniors and cadets nominated to attend were able to take their chance.

Finalising the ranking list is no easy task at the best of times, and bearing in mind that equal ranking is not permitted, the playing results of the trials were not in themselves sufficiently conclusive to complete the lists. Other factors were taken into account and there is plenty of scope for changes to be made during the season.

We welcome the transfer of Leigh Jeffries, Nicholas Dixon and Nicola Meddings from Warwickshire. Leigh, at No. 5 in England, automatically takes over as our number one with Garry Knights at No. 2. Paul Malkin, who had the best overall results at the trial, is at No. 3 and, at this stage, is most likely to complete the team for the first junior Premier Weekend on November 26/27th. Very little separates the next three and all of them stand a chance to represent Staffs. before the end of the season.

Nicola, despite being still a cadet (No. 3 in the national list), heads our junior girls ranking. A difficult choice between Michelle Martin and Joanne Foxall for No. 2 spot has been made in favour of Michelle for this first ranking list.

Junior Boys

1. Leigh Jeffries
2. Garry Knights
3. Paul Malkin
4. Neil Malkin
5. Ben Chell
6. Matthew Parr
7. Nicholas Dixon
8. Lee Moreton

Junior Girls

1. Nicola Meddings
2. Michelle Martin
3. Joanne Foxall

4. Julie Bickerton
5. Sarah Brabazon
6. Jenny Brabazon
7. Alison Taylor
8. Louise Flaherty
9. Tracy Clift
10. Vicky Jones
11. Michelle Fisher
12. Tracey Collins

Cadet Boys

1. Matthew Brown
2. Richard Wilson
3. Paul Tomlinson
4. Richard Tilley
5. Mark Campion
6. Matthew Carlton

SUSSEX

John Woodford

FOR the first time in years Sussex start the campaign with two new No. 1. players - Phil Smith (Crawley) and Janet Smith (Brighton). The unrelated Smiths are of course both well known - Phil for the fact that although his fierce counter-hitting tactics frighten the large majority of his opponents, he still has not won the Sussex championship mens singles.

Now established in his career as a foreign currency dealer with Storehouse plc, Phil has pushed to the top through sheer hard work at the expense of the Moore brothers Stephen and Adrian who have had to pay more attention to their careers - Stephen as a certified accountant in Eastbourne and Adrian with his university studies at Keele. Their sister Teresa currently the Sussex champion is also studying to be a physical education teacher at Bedford and recently emerged as an England table tennis captain at a schools event.

So, the three Moores, all doing well in their careers have had some trouble with their England rankings, although Teresa is still around the 20 mark, the brothers have slipped - but the latest news is that they intend to fight their way back in both the Sussex and England lists.

Janet Smith is of course, better known as the well-established Scottish No.1, whose ambitions include staying at the top in Scotland and staying on top in Sussex, although the compulsory travelling to Scotland for certain events means many long hours on trains.

Fortunately, for those who live in the north of the county, and unfortunately for those in the south-east of Sussex, most county championship home matches and Leeds National matches are now held at Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre, Horsham, where the playing conditions are excellent although the room for spectators is limited.

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WARWICKSHIRE

Geoff Taylor

AT the time of writing the County have held trials and the teams for the first matches have been selected.

The Nuneaton League has been reduced to 3 divisions. One division has been dropped but now all the divisions have a full complement of teams. The good news for Nuneaton this season is that sponsors have been found for both the league and the Closed Championships. The league sponsor is Elliott Sales. Ken Elliott the owner is a Vice President of the league and for years has been a stalwart supporter. The Closed sponsor is a local firm Vidak Motor Bodies which is owned by a local player. The town is entering teams in the Midland League and also the Heart of England Cadet League. The league match and press secretary for the league is Geoff Stratford who can be contacted on Fillongley 40628.

The Stratford League have also lost a couple of teams and they will have 4 Divisions with 10 teams in each. They will have teams in the Midland League and also the Ladies Cotswold League.

The Coventry 1 star Juniors Open took place in September and with an entry of 120 competitors a good days table tennis was assured. The tournament was ably organised by Jack Elliott and excellently run and scheduled by referee Eric Teale. The only problems which arose were caused by the postal strike and players could not be notified of times of matches, surprisingly though there were only 2 or 3 scratchings. There were 6 events and results were. Cadet girls singles was won by N. Meddings over N. Williams of Wales 19 - 14 18. The cadet boys was won by A. Perry who beat D. Heath 11 18. Girls doubles was won by B. Smallwood/K. Ryan beating N. Meddings/S. Pengelley 17 20. The boys doubles was won by K. Dabbs/E. Walker beating S Shanks/P. Wood 20 14. The Girls Singles winner was S. Pengelley who beat N. Williams 8 16 and the boys winner was E. Walker from Scotland who beat S. Hanks 18 17. The Coventry League have unfortunately lost a division but as in the case of Stratford and Nuneaton it really only means a loss of 2 or 3 teams as the divisions now have complements of 12 teams.

Rugby league probably have the distinction of being the smallest League in the country with 3 clubs. They have teams playing in the Coventry League and also the Daventry League. They still manage though to have teams in the Midland League and the Heart of England Cadet League.

WORCESTERSHIRE

Dave Roden

LEE HORTON, 14 Nationally ranked at No 6 Cadet, from the Bromley Club, Dudley, won the Junior Boys Trials. With last years No 1 Richard Pratley and No 3 David Pendry now over-age, team places were up for grabs and competition was fierce. Jason Thompson, last years No 2, only lost to his team-mate Lee, and will start the season at No 2 again. Another player to catch the eye was twelve year old Adam Burman from Redditch, playing in his first trials.

There was an upset in the Junior Girls Trials when County team regular last year Nicola Jones, favourite to win the trials, finished bottom of her group, losing to both Catherine Drage (Kidderminster), and Joanne Hill (Dudley).

Sarah Stone took full advantage of Nicolas, defeats to win all her matches and will start the season at No 1 Ranked girl.

Junior Rankings

Boys

1. L. Horton (D)
2. J. Thompson (D)
3. K. Sefton (E)
4. A. Kelly (K)
5. M. Hewitt (D)
6. A. Burman (W)
7. J. Shirodkar (D)
8. R. Round (K)
9. N. Green (E)
10. E. Nixon (E)
11. N. McLean (E)
12. S. Oliver (W)
13. P. Wheeler (E)

Girls

1. S. Stone (W)
2. J. Hill (D)
3. C. Drage (K)
4. M. McDornell (W)
5. P. Hughes (W)
6. N. Jones (W)
7. C. Hunt (W)

W = Worcester

D = Dudley

K = Kidderminster

E = Evesham

Mandy Mytton, Worcestershire County 1st Team player, should by now be Mrs. Chris House. Mandy and Chris were due to get married on Saturday 22nd October at All Saints Church, Church Lench, Evesham. Mandy will be playing her local league table tennis in the Kidderminster and Wolverhampton Leagues this year, for Kidderminster Harriers and Woodfield respectively. Congratulations and best wishes to you both.

John Barber, County secretary for many years and chairman of the Bromsgrove League, has had to resign from both posts as he will be moving to Lincolnshire to live in October.



Worcester Champion Steve Dunning

John is succeeded as Bromsgrove chairman by Roy Greenhill, and Linda Reid, assistant county secretary, will act as county secretary for the remainder of the season.

John Stafford, now a County Veteran, succeeded Gary Webster as Vice-Chairman of the Dudley League at their A.G.M.

The six leagues affiliated to Worcestershire will be made up as follows for the 88/89 season:- Bromsgrove, Dudley, Malvern, Kidderminster, Evesham, Worcester.

YORKSHIRE

Rea Balmford

THE start of the season, always a time of hectic forward planning, has been more traumatic than ever in the past six weeks as the result of the disruption in postal communications.

One obvious effect - although the Editor may consider it one of the few blessings! - is the brevity of these notes, but a far more serious repercussion in the county is the cancellation of the Yorkshire and Humberside 3* Open, one of the major events in the calendar, which should have gone ahead at Halifax in mid-October.

Every effort was made but, in the end, with a firm entry of little over 100 players, the tournament committee were left with little option other than to cancel the event.

The County's apologies go to all our friends throughout the country and beyond who enjoy the 'get-together' at Halifax, but I am sure that all will agree with the decision - better not to run than to put on a tournament which would be bound to fall well below the standards that Yorkshire like to set.

There is consolation in that, by the time these notes appear in print, the enthusiasts throughout the County of the Broad Acres will all have had the chance to see World champions China in action against the improving England squad.

Two fixtures in the series have been allocated to Yorkshire, one at Halifax in the extreme west with the North Bridge Leisure Centre doing the honours, and the other on the east coast at Bridlington Spa, currently the home of the Leeds English Junior championships.

At BRADFORD Philip Chapman dominated the Arthur Bowers Youth Tournament, winning all four events in which he was entered and, not surprisingly, picking up the Merit Award.

A recognized tournament player, Philip took the singles titles at Under 18, Under 17 and



Rea Balmford journalist

Under 15 levels and shared the doubles honours with Richard Sutton, but this can only encourage a number of promising youngsters who competed, but are not yet playing League table tennis, to join the ranks.

At DEWSBURY it is goodbye to Gordon Sanders, who has left the town to follow his career in Leicester. The League will miss the services of a man who has served on the committee for the last ten years in a variety of posts and will probably be best remembered for his evenhandedness as Chairman and for the excellent press coverage he obtained for table tennis in the local papers.

The esteem in which Gordon was held was recognized when he received the League's President's Award in 1988 and was made an Honorary Life Member of the League.

The League have produced the first two editions of a new Newsletter - an interesting and informative publication from one of the County's smaller but more progressive organizations with fewer than forty teams - coverage is from International matches within reach of Dewsbury, through a proposed Junior League at the Earlsheaton Sports Centre to vital information to local players - the titbit being 'Don't get arrested or eaten by the alsatian when visiting... Enter these new directions in your handbook immediately... Well done, Dewsbury.

Out and about

**WREXHAM,
BRIDLINGTON,
PARIS, LONDON**



THE all-smiles England party with the coveted British Aerospace trophy includes on the left England's supremo-captain Don Parker with young Adam Parker making his debut in front of Denis George's camera. England squad newcomer is Sean Gibson between Skylet Andrew and Jill Parker. England (Skylet Andrew, Nicky Mason, Sean Parker) won the men's matches 5-0 against Scotland and Wales and 5-1 against Ireland. The England women came through without dropping a single game.



Brian Mileham

BRIAN MILEHAM is a name to watch for. The young man from Kent was runner-up to Neil Bevan at Crystal Palace at the Leeds Youth Cup finals. But how the lad from Margate is only No. 30 on the England list is a mystery.



At Bridlington, Tony Hooper (left) from Clacton and Alan Griggs (Andover) received their ETTA merit awards for services to the ETTA Championships Committee chaired by Mrs Doreen Stannard, a new life-member of the ETTA.



It was Brian Webster's camera in Paris that managed to snapshot the former world women's doubles champions Rosalind and Diane Rowe. Diane Scholer has lived in West Germany for many years is of course married to Ebbie Scholer.



Neil Bevan from Bude in Cornwall is a winning name these days. He is pictured here at Crystal Palace Leeds Youth cup finals with Leeds executive Steve Wild.



We finally managed to get a photograph of the three English umpires in Paris – Brian Webster's long lens again captured left to right John Lawton, Doug Young and Colin Hyland.

Women's requests to ETTA and Scotland



ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION "WOMEN IN TABLE TENNIS SEMINAR" 20th August, 1988 COMMUNIQUE

This Seminar requests that the English Table Tennis Association, National Council and all members endorse the "WOMEN IN TABLE TENNIS" Campaign, and implement the following proposals:

1. That the National Council endorses the formation of a Women's Steering Committee as part of the Development Department.
2. That the ETTA establish a full time position for a "WOMEN IN TABLE TENNIS" Co-Ordinator, initially with Sports Council funding as part of their Women in Sport initiative.
3. That Regional Co-Ordinating Committees, County Associations and all Local Leagues appoint a Women's Organiser with the terms of reference to promote and organise table tennis programmes for women within their geographical areas of jurisdiction and to liaise through the levels of the organisation with the National Co-Ordinator.
4. That the ETTA develop a Five-Year Plan to take into account all women's needs.
5. That the ETTA undertakes an intensive programme of promotion aimed at bringing more women and girls into table tennis, including brochures, posters and exhibitions.
6. There is an urgent need to establish places for women to play, positive initial recommendations being a "Bounce Into Action" programme at Leisure Centres during the daytime and the setting up of table tennis evening classes similar to other sports.
7. Competition organisers should re-examine their events and implement all necessary changes designed to attract more women and girls into league and tournament play. Currently women have insufficient matches to guarantee a good day's play or warrant the necessary travel. Furthermore, it is important that women play at their own level. The following recommendations were made:
 - Introduce group play for all women's events, including doubles, and combine this with a grading system to allow all players to get 6/10 matches against players of their own standard.
 - Introduce a grading system for tournaments, i.e. Class 1: top 25 players, Class 2: 25-50 players, Class 3: 50-100 players.
 - Re-introduce Mixed Doubles events.
 Bring the social side back into tournaments. Suggested that a disco, for instance, be organised for the Saturday evening of a weekend event, so that young players can enjoy the table tennis during the day and have an enjoyable social time on the Saturday evening, similar to the VETTS events.

8. Recommended that a definite start be made on the Women's British League along the lines already proposed of two weekend days at a central venue, and that the League be organised by the Women's Steering Committee. The rules of the Men's league could be used to start and everything should be done to encourage the top women players to compete whilst not barring them from the Men's competition.
9. Recommended that each Regional Co-Ordinating Committee should be encouraged to establish a Women's Regional Club League where players could compete at their own level in a meaningful competition.
10. Local Leagues should be encouraged to establish a local Women's division competition on a weekly basis at grass roots level.
11. That the ETTA combines with the English Schools Table Tennis Association to ensure that table tennis is introduced to children in schools as an activity equally as good for girls as boys.
12. Recommended that the top female players go into primary schools and put on exhibitions to show that women play table tennis to a high level, this to be followed by a local coach/organiser to arrange table tennis programmes for the children. This could also generate some useful income for the top women players.
13. That the ETTA take the necessary steps to qualify an increased number of women coaches regionally and locally to meet the demand, this to be assisted through the Sports Council's regional participation grants.
14. That the ETTA implement all necessary measures designed to bring about international success. Recommendations include:
 - Equal prize money for women and girls in tournaments to enable more women and girls to train and play full time. In addition, this would help to eliminate the second class conditioning which starts at cadet level with less prize money being offered to girls although entry fees may be equal.
 - Allow the top 10 women, who are currently exempt, to play in the Class 2 events.
 - Arrange separate sponsorship for the Women's team if necessary, possibly along a feminine line, additional and not conflicting with Leeds and Butterfly.
 - Encourage manufacturers to change the image of women's clothing to make the game more attractive and fashionable.

SCOTLAND

BY DENIS GEORGE

WE ARE very happy to announce major sponsorship of Scottish table tennis by the LEEDS PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY. On November 5 "the LEEDS CHALLENGE" will be held at the Bell's Sports Centre, Perth. This invitation tournament, will have players from 10 countries - including the touring Chinese squad - participating. The event will be tele-recorded for subsequent showing throughout Scotland on November 12.

In addition the LEEDS are also sponsoring the Scottish National League which will now be known as 'the LEEDS SCOTTISH LEAGUE'.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE, DIVISION 2.

Due to the high cost of playing matches on a 'home' or 'away' basis, the eight countries

involved met in Paris during the European Championships and everyone, except SPAIN, agreed to play-off the 1988/89 fixtures at three centralised venues:

3/4.11.88 : 7 countries at Perth, Scotland.

4/5. 2.89 : 4 countries in Greece.

4/5. 2.89 : 3 countries in Norway.

SPAIN, however, will play their matches home and away in the conventional manner. Their match with SCOTLAND being played in Perth on 4.11.88.

The players of all eight countries will compete in the LEEDS CHALLENGE on 5.11.88.

the LEEDS SCOTTISH LEAGUE

The three-year sponsorship of the Scottish National League by SCOTRAIL ended last March, in consequence the announcement on September 23 of a new sponsorship by the LEEDS PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY was received throughout the league with great joy. 18 teams will be competing this season in three divisions, the first matches being played on 24th September.

SCOTTISH TEAM CUP, Meadowbank, Edinburgh

CENTRAL YMCA (Glasgow), represented by David McIlroy, Ian McLean and Euan Walker won the title for the 9th successive year. KNIGHTSWOOD (Glasgow) were in 2nd place.

the LEEDS JUNIOR/CADET INTERNATIONAL, PRESTATYN

Honours were shared in this annual series of matches:

Junior Boys: WALES 5, SCOTLAND 5

Junior Girls: WALES 3, SCOTLAND 7

Mixed Cadets: WALES 7, SCOTLAND 3

The CAIRNDALE JUNIOR QUADRANGULAR, Dumfries, 18/19.6.88

This 'one off' event, sponsored by the Cairndale Hotel, was held to celebrate the opening of the Dumfries Table Tennis Club's new club house. The England team (Jonathan Taylor, Leigh Jeffries, Marie Thornley, Joanna Roberts with Ian Robertson as

NPC), as expected won quite easily, dropping only four individual matches - three to Scotland (Sarah Hurry won her two and Euan Walker beat Leigh Jeffries) and one to Wales (Steven Ward also beat Leigh Jeffries):

SCOTLAND 4, WALES 4
ENGLAND 8, IRELAND 0
SCOTLAND 7, IRELAND 1
ENGLAND 7, WALES 1
SCOTLAND 3, ENGLAND 5
WALES 5, IRELAND 3

Final Table	P	W	D	L	Pts
1. ENGLAND	3	3	0	0	6
2. SCOTLAND	3	1	1	1	3
3. WALES	3	1	1	1	3
4. IRELAND	3	0	0	3	0

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, Novi Sad.

Both our junior teams improved on their 1987 performances. The girls (Sarah Hurry & Lorraine Anderson) were 19th of 23, and our boys (Euan Walker, Andrew Bruce, Raymond Elder & Colin Robertson) finished 22nd of 26. Sarah Hurry performed with credit, winning 6 of her 10 matches.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA JUNIOR OPEN

England in three quarter-finals

by Jenny Heaton

HELD in Bratislava in their new purpose built table tennis hall with room for 12 tables (although only 9 were used for this tournament), and seating for 450 spectators. The hall, which is used from morning until late at night by men and women of the Bratislava Club Lokomotiv, by schools and the Youth squad, had only been opened a year earlier.

18 countries with 151 players competed in the Championships which was to be a tough test for many of the top contenders for the titles at the forthcoming European Youth Championships at Novi Sad.

Smallest team

England had the smallest team with 4 players but managed to make some impression, reaching the quarters in the boys team, boys doubles and girls doubles.

Our performances in the singles events were a little disappointing, with both Chris Oldfield and Julie Billington losing in the first round and Debbie Toole and Brad Billington going out in the second. Let me add straight away their opponents were all good players. There were few easy matches to be had in this tournament!

The playing schedule was pretty hectic with the first team matches timed to start at 8am. Unfortunately some tables got way behind and it meant our boys team in Round 1 and our girls team in Round 2 went on at the same time. After getting the boys underway with their match I confidently left them, as it was obvious the girls were going to have more problems with Hungary 'B'.

The boys fulfilled my confidence and beat Poland 3-0. The girls had a close game but went down 3-1.

The next day was just as full starting at 8.40 am with mixed doubles and finishing with 3rd round games at about 9.00 pm. It was difficult for the players and myself to fit meals in around the schedule as we had to be lucky enough to catch coaches at the

right times to get us to the hotel and back in time for the next matches.

The third day was less hectic after we were knocked out of the girls and boys doubles at 8.30 am but we all enjoyed and learned from some good, closely fought games in the quarters and semis of the singles events.



Jenny Heaton

RESULTS

GIRLS

Team - Hungary 'B'
 J. Billington bt. Demeter 17, 17
 D. Toole Lst. V. Wirth 11, -12
 Doubles 18, -14, -12
 J. Billington Lst. V. Wirth -18, -20
 Hungary 'B' lost 3-2 to Czech the finalists who lost 3-2 to Romania Semi - Czech 'A' bt. Sweden 3-0, Romania bt. Hungary 'A' 3-1

BOYS

Round 1 - v - Poland won 3-0
 B. Billington bt Skierski 18, -10, 7
 C. Oldfield bt Kolodziejczyk -17, 12, 18
 Doubles won -11, 18, 12

Round 2 - v - France 'B' won 3-0
 B. Billington bt Debruyne -21, 9, 18
 C. Oldfield bt Chaplain 14, 18
 Doubles won -16, 17, 18

Quarter Final - v - Czech 'A' lost 0-3
 C. Oldfield Lst. Minocko -16, 13, -11
 B. Billington Lst. Korbel 17, -11, -22
 Doubles Lst. -12, -10

Czechoslovakia lost in Semis to Sweden 'A' 3-1

Sweden 'A' lost 3-2 to Romania in Final.

Romania beat surprise semi-finalists Netherlands who had earlier beaten USSR 'A' team of D. Mazanuv and Gusev.

Boys Singles

Round 1
 B. Billington bt. Patterson (Swe) 17, -17, 13 (4/5)
 C. Oldfield Lst. Janasek (Czech) -22, 19, -12

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Oldfield – power and experience

by REA BALMFORD

THE second East Yorkshire Junior 2 Star open Championships, which created such a good impression in their inaugural season twelve months ago, again attracted an entry of 220 plus competitors, despite all the problems posed by the postal disruption.

Under the control of referee Stuart Sherlock and deputy Richard Scruton, the event ran smoothly despite the necessity for a last minute readjustment of the seedings in the Junior Boys events resulting from the non-arrival of Michael O'Driscoll.

Moving up into pole position in both Singles and Doubles was O'Driscoll's Yorkshire colleague Chris Oldfield, and the Sheffield boy duly collected the titles, moving confidently to a Singles victory without the loss of a game, and then teaming up with scratch partner Graham Cook to add the Doubles honours.

Nottingham's Jason Bamford, seeded at 3, squeezed through the opposite half with three set wins over Ian Collier (quarters) and Howard Whewell, the second seed (semi-final) to make his first appearance in the final of a major tournament after getting a taste for life at the top with a number of outings in the later stages of previous competitions.

Like Michale Auchterlonie in the other semi, however, Bamford found the power and experience of Oldfield too much for him, but put up a tremendous fight which is hardly reflected in the scoreline.

In an all Yorkshire Doubles final the Oldfield – Cook team overcame Stephen Horsefield – Tim Pike, who had dismissed second seeds Whewell – Auchterlonie in the semi.

The Girls events were also dominated by the Yorkshire squad, but it was Julie Billington, the only semi-finalist from beyond the confines of the host county, who came out on top in the final clash with Debbie Toole, after previously teaming with her beaten opponent to claim the Doubles past Joanne Keighley – Ellen Meddings.

The ever-improving Sally Marling added both Cadet titles to Under 12 honours before going up for a fourth award as winner of the Junior Girls (Restricted) event, while, on the Boys side Barry Forster (CBS), Edward Hatley and Chris Sladden (CBD) and Steven Meddings (12BS) took top billing.

RESULTS

Junior Boys Singles
Semi-Finals: Chris Oldfield (Sheffield) bt Michael Auchterlonie (Halifax) 17, 6; Jason Bamford (Nottingham) bt Howard Whewell (Rossendale) -19, 15, 18.
Final: Oldfield bt Bamford 17, 11.

Junior Girls Singles
Julie Billington (Chesterfield) bt Debbie Toole (Normanton) 9, 15.

Junior Boys Doubles
Graham Cook (Pontefract)/Oldfield bt Stephen Horsefield (Sheffield)/Tim Pike (Wakefield) 16, -17, 18.

Junior Girls Doubles
Billington/Toole bt Joanne Keighley (Bradford)/Ellen Meddings (Harrogate) 17, -16, 11

Junior Boys (Restricted) Singles
Nicholas Bradfield (Maidenhead) bt Darren Howarth (Stockport) 20, 17.

Junior Girls (Restricted) Singles
Sally Marling (Hull) bt Gail Ottolini (Market Drayton) -14, 18, 14.

Cadet Boys Singles
Final: B. Forster bt N. Bradfield 15, 20.

Cadet Girls Singles
Sally Marling bt Nicola Meddings (Sutton Coldfield) 20, 19

Cadet Boys Doubles
Edward Hatley (Frimley, Surrey) Chris Sladden (Southend) bt Andrew Nicholls/Graeme Sanderson (Washington) 17, 17.

Cadet Girls Doubles
Sally Marling/Nicola Meddings bt Angela Johnson (Hull)/Caroline Bentley (Bradford) 11, 12.

Cadet Boys (Restricted) Singles
Justin Brunton (Barrow in Furness) bt Phillip Neal (Hull) 14, -16, 19.



Chris Oldfield

Cadet Girls (Restricted) Singles
Zoe Buchanan (Stockport) bt Tracy Garratt (Market Drayton) 13, 16.

Under 12 Boys Singles
Steven Meddings (Sutton Coldfield) bt Paul Hudson (Essex) 12, 15.

Under 12 Girls Singles
Sally Marling bt Michelle Martin (Devon) 16, 17.

HALTON CANCELLED

DUE to "insufficient staff to handle all the paperwork" the Halton 2-star Junior Open (Widnes) due to happen on December 3 and 4 has been cancelled.

The organisation is under review and hopefully it will take place in 1989.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

3-day international coming

by DAVID LOMAS

PLANS are already underway to organise the Leeds Schools International Championships at Stockland Green Leisure Centre, Erdington, Birmingham, on June 30, July 1/2, 1989. Last season's Championships – the first under the sponsorship by the Leeds Permanent Building Society – were the first major event at the new Stockland Green venue.

Although the national stages of the Dunlop National School Team Championships do not commence until January, 1989, most counties will be arranging local and county competitions this term. Entries are due in by December 10th, with preliminary notice of events to be entered to be notified by November 14th.

At the ETTA National Council meeting on October 8th, ESTTA Chairman John Arnold informed members about some of the recommendations of the School Sport Forum. The Forum was set up jointly by the Departments of the Environment and Education & Science. Its 41 page report was released in August of this year and is entitled "Sport & Young People – Partnership and Action". One of its recommendations is that Schools Sports Associations should encourage their members to link schools with clubs and encourage teachers and coaches to work together. Haven't I heard that somewhere before and sometime previously called "Bridging the Gap"?

The Association's new handbook has been published and is available from the ESTTA General Secretary, Chuck Henry, Engelberg, Badger Lane, Woolley Moor, Derby DE5 6FG at a cost of £1.

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From John Prean, Chairman, ETTA

I FEEL a number of comments in the leading article of the October issue need a reply.

1. The 11 up system is far from dead internationally. A highly successful TV tournament was played in Germany towards the end of last season. The scoring began at 10 all and ended at 21. The competitors, who included Waldner, Appelgren, Persson and Prean entered into the spirit of things and, needless to say, there was none of the hassle which we got in our own English Top 12, which so discouraged administrators and sponsors. I receive numerous letters from local officials asking us to explore different scoring systems to make the game more interesting. The original idea came from a TV Producer and considerable interest in the experiment was shown by our European colleagues during meetings in the course of the European Championships. The survey taken during the English Top 12 showed a very favourable audience reaction.

All these are factors which one cannot simply ignore and walk away from because one or two players and others prefer the ways

of the last 50 years which have brought table tennis to the low status from which we are now energetically rescuing it.

2. I am at an even greater loss to understand the disparaging remarks about our England/China series which was such an enormous success in April 1987, being received with great enthusiasm by crowds which have not been seen in table tennis for very many years. When we announced the news that we had arranged a further visit, twelve matches had been arranged in a matter of weeks, organisers and sponsors found. Such is and was the interest. Similarly, I am at a loss to understand the comments on "rest days" since our busiest players will have three rest days in the tour of 12 matches and are never required to play more than two singles per evening, compared with six singles and five doubles in one day in a 3 star Tournament!

It is a pity that a warmer welcome cannot be given in our own magazine to what, I am confident, will have proved a wonderful shot in the arm for table tennis.

JOHN PREAN

Last straw – "Ping-pong" on television

WHAT'S in a name? Where Table Tennis is concerned quite a lot.

I attended the seminar on Women in Table Tennis and made a point of saying that Table Tennis should first, and foremost, put forward the right image. We are playing a sport that requires hard work, movement and dedication, not the image of 'Ping Pong' which the ordinary 'lay' people refer to, of pit patting a ball over the kitchen table, which is as the name sounds. I always thought that the game of 'Ping Pong' was a game designed for the kitchen or dining room table with vellum bats, which is something completely different to the game which is known as Table Tennis and played today.

Amazed

I was rather amazed and I must say, rather incensed that the majority of those present did not appear to agree with me (including the Chief Executive and Vice Chairman of the ETTA and top women players and coaches, who did not seem to mind what it was called as long as people played), if this is the case then I suggest we should change the name of the ETTA to the EPPA (English Ping Pong Association) when maybe more people will be encouraged to join. I must point out that this is not the first time that I have had occasion to put this question to the ETTA and have never received a proper answer.

Old names

When Table Tennis is mentioned to 'lay' people the answer usually goes 'like the Chinese we have seen on television', not like Desmond Douglas or any of our other current internationals. The only English names that they appear to remember are Johnny Leach, Chester Barnes or in the case of women the Rowe Twins, my point being that if this is the thinking of the general public what chance have the women in the sport to make a mark to become recognised? this will never happen whilst it is called 'Ping Pong'.

The last straw came when the BBC gave a review of Carl Prean before his departure to the Olympics and finished by saying in a derisory manner 'Ping Pong in Seoul'. Does Carl Prean consider himself a Ping Pong player? I hope not and if the ETTA do not promote the right image and name, then in my opinion we have no hope at all of being recognised as a sport with a future.

PAT WALES (Mrs)
WEST SUSSEX

Aged 82 last season

I have decided this coming season will be my last in competitive table tennis. By the time it ends next March I shall have reached the age of 82.

If any enthusiast for the game is interested I possess "Table Tennis" for 1965/66 and "Table Tennis News" 1966/67 to 1988 up to date. For distribution free of charge, preferably to someone who can call at this address to collect them. They are all in good condition.

K. WOODARD
E.T.T.A. "100" Club Member
Tooting, London SW17

STOP PRESS

MANDY IS BACK!



MANDY Sainsbury very seriously injured in a car crash last year has made a remarkable recovery and is back in action and playing for a team in West Germany.


RETIRING IN BRADFORD

MR NUNN of Sedbergh Boys Club, Bradford is retiring from voluntary youth work after serving the community for over 45 years, 23 of these at Parkside Sports Centre, Bradford, but most of his work has been done at Sedbergh Boys Club, Bradford. His services have been honoured by National Association Boys Clubs, Yorkshire Association Boys Clubs, England Table Tennis Association, Bradford Table Tennis Association, and Yorkshire Table Tennis Association, who have just made him a Vice President for his work.

All his table tennis friends at Sedbergh thought you should know he has for many years helped to raise funds for the twin towns and the Bradford Childrens Cinderella Homes.

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TABLE TENNIS is primarily and foremost a delicate game of skill. It demands in the player quick, fast and speed movement; controlled and co-ordinate arm and muscle dexterity, a good eye, plus – if one wants to succeed competitively at the winner's edge – sustained and errorlessly orchestrated practice.

Like in all games of skill and technique, in Table Tennis too, the role of luck and fortune cannot be discounted. But basically good equipment and right technique constitutes the decisive winning factor in the game.

Table tennis also has international visibility – a lot of it really – due to the national and regional traditions that have grown up with it today. In the East, China and Japan, both have very rich traditions of the game going back to many years of sporting history.

World leader

Japan, a world leader in the manufacture and marketing of Table Tennis products and equipment, has in recent years, been making a rapid dent in the world market in TT goods. The most prestigious Japanese name in Table Tennis is "Butterfly". Tamasu, the makers of "Butterfly", with a fine range of Table Tennis equipment and clothing, are right in the forefront today as manufacturers and market suppliers and also – in the best Japanese tradition – researchers and hi-tech production leaders. The secret of Japanese success is on-line research backed with technology and innovative design. Here, in Table Tennis, Tamasu easily maintains a lead.

The newest state of the art advances and expertise in Table Tennis, for players, are communicated world wide by Tamasu in the excellent "Table Tennis Report" which they publish. The "Report" is a glossy magazine, packed with superb colour pictures, and is available to subscribers with an English language supplement. The Tamasu "Report" covers international Table Tennis with on the spot reportage and carries plenty of action to spotlight technique and strategy.

The English supplement to the "Report" is certainly a help for the non-Japanese reader, but even without it, the pictures in the magazine communicate their own message. The Tamasu "Table Tennis Report" is today one of the best instruction cum coaching packages one can buy in the market.

In Table Tennis, the basic tool or equipment for the player, is always the blade, sometimes called the racquet. The quality of the blade determines, with right inputs of expertise and technique, how well the game goes. Speed, spin, defence, stroke, smash or whatever one brings into it, in more ways than one, is delicately controlled and balanced by the speed and accuracy of the blade one uses. Of course, it must be added that in the final analysis, it is the player and not the blade that ultimately wins the tough competition.

Impressive Tamasu

Tamasu, with an impressive track record of nineteen gold medals, for champion winners, who used "Butterfly" equipment, now showcase their newest product line, the "Carbon Tamca Blade". The new Carbon Tamca Blade is a sophisticated product which uses carbon lining to give speed to the blade.

The product line is as follows: **Tamca – 5000 – Gergely** – Designed for fast speed. Excellent for the power drive at mid-distance, **Tamca – 5000 – Allure** – A good blade for defence, particularly for a player with a range of stable chops, **Tamca – 5000 – Scorna** – A blade created specially for combination bat players, **Tamca – 5000 – Klampar** – A fast bat, superb on the drive, specially close to the table.

SOUTH WEST REGION NEWS

Report by

ALF PEPPARD

TOWARDS the end of the summer ranking trials were held for Bath Juniors at the Bath Sports Centre. With the top 5 finishers qualifying for the Avon Junior preliminary ranking trials at Weston-s-Mare on Sept 4th. The system employed was based on an American Round Robin style of play, and the top seven places went to the following.

- No 1. Danny Anstice, (Timsbury Y.C.).
2. Scott Carpenter, (R.N.S.T.).
3. Phil Millen, (Timsbury).
4. Stuart Durk, (Timsbury Y.C.).
5. Andrew White, (Copenacre).
6. Alan Billing, (Timsbury Y.C.).
7. Richard Acres, (Timsbury Y.C.).

The Western Counties Team Tournament will be staged by Avon on Sunday 12th March at Horfield Sports Centre Bristol.

WEST CORNWALL

Membership has slumped badly this season. Roger Bunt, who has given Cornish T.T. a life time of service – has resigned as League Chairman and duly elected a Vice-President at this years AGM.

I understand that Tom Honey is leaving Cornwall next year to take up permanent residence in Girvan Ayrshire, Cornwall's loss – could well be Scotland's gain.

Tom's several decades of dedicated T.T. work for Cornwall will indeed be sadly missed and more so – Cornwall must make the most of him for this current remaining season.

Representing the S.W.R. in the British Open table tennis Championships for the disabled recently in Derby, Glynn Lloyd from Newent in Glo'shire won the British Open Mens Doubles with Cornwall's Pat Wilson.

Lloyd a paraplegic player with some 20 years of T.T. experience behind him contacted polio before he was five years old and is paralysed from the waist downwards.

Last year in these championships Glynn actually won the Open Singles Title, he plays T.T. in the Gloucester City 3rd Division League, and many able bodied players find him very difficult to beat.

Bath and District T.T.A.

The Bath Junior ranking trials were held recently at the Bath Sports Centre, with the top five finishers qualifying for the Avon County Junior preliminary rank-

ing trials on September 4th at Weston-Super-Mare.

The ranking system was run on a American tournament group style – and the top positions are as follows:- 1. Danny Anstice (Timsbury Y.C.), 2. Scott Carpenter (R.N.S.T.S.), 3. Phil Millen (Timsbury TTC), 4. Stuart Durk (Timsbury Y.C.), 5. Andrew White (Copenacre TTC), 6. Alan Billing (Timsbury Y.C.), 7. Richard Akers (Timsbury Y.C.).

The Bathwick Tyres T.T.C. has re-opened its "Friday Night" club practice at the Bath Sports Centre and it is good to see new Junior Players attending on the first couple of weeks, lets hope that there is no fall-off of these players.

New teams join the Wiltshire League: The 47th season of the West Wilts T.T. League begins on Sept 19th with a total of 41 teams (an increase of 3 on last season).

New teams competing in the Premier Div will be County Gents & Spinners, who will be playing at the Heywood Village hall & Melksham T.T. Club "A" team.

Both of these teams will have an International Presence, the Heywood team will include veteran Jimmy Lowe, a former England player, while the Melksham team will be led by England ranked player and local professional coach – Kevin Satchell at the time of writing No 8 in the Country.

CADET CHAMPIONS – INTER CITY A VETERAN CHAMPIONS – SWINDON

DIVISIONAL TABLES CADETS SOUTH

1. Inter City	A 78 – 3
2. Cambourne	A 57 – 24
3. Torbay	B 55 – 26
4. Torbay	A 54 – 27
5. Launceston	43 – 38
6. Coombe Dean	41 – 40
7. Cambourne	B 40 – 41
8. British Rail	23 – 58
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VETERANS SOUTH

1. Global	30 – 6
2. Exmouth	23 – 13
3. West Cornwall	20 – 16
4. Launceston	16 – 20
5. Trelawny	1 – 35
6. Choughs	0 – 36

CADETS NORTH

1. Swindon	72 – 9
2. Bristol	A 71 – 10
3. Gloucester	55 – 26
4. Bridgwater	47 – 34
5. Bristol	B 47 – 34

THE LENTEC NATIONAL RANKING LIST

JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS

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JUNIOR BOYS

1. Michael O'Driscoll (Mirfield)	958
2. Chris Oldfield (Sheffield)	710
3. Jonathan Taylor (Denton)	599
4. Neil Bevan (Bude)	521
5. Leigh Jeffries (Sutton Coldfield)	520
6. Grant Solder (Barking)	515
7. Andrew Eden (Ormskirk)	382
8. Howard Whewell (Rossendale)	285
9. Jason Bamford (Nottingham)	284
10. Alan Cole (Crawley)	279
11. Damian Holland (Billericay)	271
12. Michael Auchterlonie (Halifax)	268
13. Gary Knights (Barton u/Needwood)	258
14. Graeme Connelly (Frimley)	256
15. Ian Black (St Albans)	247
16. Martin Adams (Ascot)	238
17. Mark Stevenson (Halifax)	225
18. Christopher White (Ippelpen)	224
19. Darryl Sneyd (Oldham)	222
20. Mark Beaumont (Leighton Buzzard)	216
21. Stephen Bettison (Nailsea)	212
22. Peter Bowler (Dunstable)	203
23. Paul Carter (Cousden)	203
24. Stephen Horsfield (Sheffield)	196
25. Stephen Hanks (Burton on Trent)	195
26. Paul Wood (Southwell)	181
27. Michael Nisbet (Stockton)	174
28. James Nicholson (Stockton)	173
29. Gregory Bridgett (Plymouth)	172
30. Brian Mileham (Margate)	172
31. Colin Bowler (Dunstable)	161
32. David Hadley (Bristol)	155
33. Simon Rockall (Crouch End)	155
34. Graham Cock (Pontefract)	153
35. Ian Collier (Sunderland)	152
36. Timothy Pike (Wakefield)	151
37. Robert Scott-Birchall (Allestree)	147
38. Craig Smith (Selby)	145
39. Darren Howarth (Droylsden)	132
40. Keiron Dabbs (Daventry)	131
41. Rajinder Singh (Birmingham)	126
42. Barry Forster (Whickham)	147
43. Matthew Greenwood (Amersham)	111
44. Martin Vickers (Bradford)	110
45. Ian Windle (St Ives)	109
46. Hywel Green (Bristol)	104
47. Benjamin Kellard (Bromley)	101
48. Morris Greenberg (New Barnet)	100
49. Lee Robinson (Scunthorpe)	100
50. Andrew Hawes (Taverham)	99
51. Nicholas Bradfield (Maidenhead)	99
52. Jeremy Krzystyniak (Teddington)	97
53. James Patterson (North Walsham)	97
54. Ian Parker (Hull)	94
55. Paul Bickell (Bransgore)	91
56. Julian Whiting (Taverham)	87
57. Jonathan Collins (Wisbech)	87
58. Mark Bawden (Launceston)	85
59. Jonathan Cockburn (Hellesden)	82
60. Jason Blake (S Croydon)	80
61. Mark Wilson (Taverham)	78
62. Keith Buers (Brentwood)	77
63. Allan Radford (Upminster)	76
64. Matthew Rushton (St Ives)	74
65. John Menzel (Camborne)	72
66. Matthew Reid (Brentwood)	72
67. David Clarke (Coventry)	71
68. Neil Simms (Pontefract)	70

69. Christopher Nicholls (Selby)	69
70. Spencer Thompson (Rainham)	67
71. Graeme Sanderson (Washington)	66
72. Jason Thompson (Brierly Hill)	66
73. Jonathon Maggs (Bude)	65
74. Simon Holmes (Sheffield)	65
75. Steven Giles (Plymouth)	62
76. Steven Rand (Upminster)	61
77. Kevin Hill (Oldham)	60
78. Ian Johnson (Bristol)	59
79. Andrew Nicholls (Selby)	59
80. Stephen Coverdale (Greenside)	59
81. Alexander Perry (Crediton)	58
82. Jeffrey Giles (Winchester)	57
83. Neil Finlayson (Nailsea)	56
84. Stephen White (Hethersett)	53
85. Gareth Jones (Yorks)	53
86. Joel Roodyn (Finchley)	52
87. Gary Woodward (Coventry)	52
88. David Baker (Heston)	52
89. Steven Riggins (Washington)	51
90. Mark Holton (Peterborough)	51
91. Christopher Weston (Peterborough)	50
92. Anthony Baker (Newbury)	47
93. Neil Martin (St Austell)	46
94. Gary Tendler (Ilford)	46
95. Adam Cole (Lowestoft)	45
96. Jonathan May (Plymouth)	44
97. Gavin Yates (Thame)	43
98. Martin Gunn (Bromley)	43
99. Raymond Powell (Gloucester)	41
100. Phillip Chapman (Bradford)	41

JUNIOR GIRLS

1. Julie Billington (Chesterfield)	704
2. Deborah Toole (Normanton)	669
3. Joanna Roberts (Leeds)	546
4. Caroline Buckley (Renhold)	420
5. Kerry Hall (Chesterfield)	388
6. Ellen Meddings (Harrogate)	388
7. Andrea Ambrose (Ipswich)	304
8. Helen Potts (Chester)	260
9. Katherine Goodall (Leeds)	241
10. Helen Wright (Plymouth)	239
11. Linda Radford (Upminster)	199
12. Nicola Deaton (Chesterfield)	196
13. Maria Thornley (Chorley)	195
14. Alison Gower (Ingatstone)	190
15. Joanne Keighley (Shipley)	163
16. Karen Perkins (Ipswich)	161
17. Julie Forster (Loughborough)	154
18. Emma Hurling (Berkhamstead)	150
19. Susan Lawton (Ormesby)	149
20. Sara Williams (Hillingdon)	137
21. Anne Pashley (Guisborough)	136
22. Rebecca Fisher (Tottenham)	134
23. Sarah Pengally (Paignton)	130
24. Tracey Cole (Crawley)	129
25. Karen Richardson (Oldham)	128
26. Dawn Barnett (Banbury)	124
27. Tina Sadler (Yeovil)	123
28. Sally Marling (Hull)	117
29. Alison Ledwith (Birmingham)	116
30. Gail Ottolini (M. Drayton)	103
31. Elizabeth Creasey (M. Drayton)	102
32. Kitti Kottasz (Victoria)	102
33. Sarah Creasey (M. Drayton)	100
34. Nicola Meddings (Birmingham)	96
35. Sally Marling (Hull)	96

36. Lisa Crick (Maidenhead)	92
37. Barbera Smallwood (Formby)	72
38. Anna Watton (Stoke Green)	70
39. Sally Hughes (Banbury)	66
40. Nicola Cracknell (Reading)	65
41. Sally Johnson (Lincoln)	64
42. Jessica Pope (Burton-on-Trent)	56
43. Rebecca Ledwith (Birmingham)	53
44. Nicola Jones (Worcester)	52
45. Rachel Boon (Launceston)	51
46. Alison Taylor (Elmham)	47
47. Nadine Barthee (Brentwood)	47
48. Lisa Jackson (Southgate)	45
49. Tracy French (Chelmsford)	39
50. Elizabeth Bryant (Leicester)	38

CADET BOYS

1. Barry Forster (Whickham)	288
2. Alexander Perry (Crediton)	228
3. Andrew Nicholls (Selby)	222
4. Nicholas Bradfield (Maidenhead)	214
5. Darren Blake (S Croydon)	174
6. Lee Horton (Brierly Hill)	144
7. Mark Dawson (Sheffield)	123
8. Adam Cole (Lowestoft)	122
9. Christopher Sladden (Southend)	115
10. David Baker (Heston)	108
11. Robert Sharp (Northallerton)	96
12. Graeme Sanderson (Washington)	91
13. Edward Hatley (Frimley)	89
14. Steven Barrett (Bude)	88
15. Katz Dov (Stanmore)	67
16. Kevin Hodgson (Barrow in Furness)	63
17. Stephen Meddings (S. Coldfield)	61
18. Ewan Finlayson (Nailsea)	59
19. Samuel Henley (Middx)	51
20. Raymond Powell (Gloucester)	49
21. Simon Tang (Torquay)	48
22. Benjamin Ware (Chingford)	47
23. Mark Williams (Hillingdon)	42
24. John Blasco (South Croydon)	41
25. Jonathon May (Plymouth)	41

CADET GIRLS

1. Katherine Goodall (Leeds)	699
2. Sally Marling (Hull)	402
3. Nicola Meddings (S Coldfield)	362
4. Sara Williams (Hillingdon)	354
5. Linda Radford (Upminster)	329
6. Nicola Deaton (Chesterfield)	270
7. Tracey Cole (Crawley)	208
8. Claire Pengally (Paignton)	157
9. Sarah Seaholme (Watford)	127
10. Caroline Watt (Barrow i/Furness)	103
11. Rachel Boon (Launceston)	90
12. Clare Hand (M Drayton)	71
13. Zoe Buchanan (Stockport)	61
14. Lindsey Heyward (Newton Abbott)	57
15. Jennifer Coleman (Brentwood)	56
16. Tamar Connolly (Blackpool)	51
17. Tracy Garratt (Market Drayton)	50
18. Abigail Durrands (Grantham)	48
19. Catherine Challis (Grantham)	37
20. Laura Greenbury (Middx)	36
21. Sarah Gardner (Chelmsford)	32
22. Claire Ashley (London SW20)	30
23. Miranda Markham (New Malden)	29
24. Jill Bateman (New Marske)	29
25. Talya Greenberg (New Barnet)	28

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1. Desmond Douglas (Walsall)	1377
2. Alan Cooke (Chesterfield)	1372
3. Carl Preat (Ryde)	1144
4. Skylet Andrew (Stratford)	831
5. Nicky Mason (Bexhill)	670
6. Jimmy Stokes (Reading)	614
7. John Souter (Neasden)	557
8. Kevin Satchell (Melksham)	496
9. Bradley Billington (Chesterfield)	477
10. Glenn Baker (Guildford)	443
11. Sean Gibson (Reading)	440
12. Matthew Syed (Reading)	435
13. Nigel Eckersley (Wilmslow)	403
14. Graham Sandley (Potters Bar)	403
15. Tony Taylor (Manchester)	402
16. Steven Dorking (Hornchurch)	397
17. Philip Bradbury (Aylesbury)	381
18. Paul Giles (Saltash)	360
19. Paul Whiting (Plymouth)	352
20. Colin Wilson (Waltham Cross)	351
21. Adrian Dixon (Reading)	349
22. John Hilton (Manchester)	343
23. John Holland (Nottingham)	339
24. Chris Rogers (Leicester)	331
25. Steve Mills (Ashford)	324
26. Andrew Wellman (Didcot)	322
27. Ian Robertson (North Shields)	320
28. Michael O'Driscoll (Mirfield)	318
29. Desmond Charley (Basildon)	315
30. Carl Morgan (Birmingham)	315
31. Christopher Oldfield (Sheffield)	313
32. Edward Smith (Gosforth)	311
33. David Gannon (Leicester)	307
34. Phillip Smith (Crawley)	304
35. Andrew Dodd (Stamford Hill)	303
36. John Burleton (Milton Keynes)	301
37. Max Crimmins (Reading)	300
38. Ritchie Venner (Crawley)	297
39. Andrew Cunningham (Beckenham)	296
40. Stephen Scowcroft (Manchester)	288
41. John Taylor (Golders Green)	286
42. Phillip Gunn (Birmingham)	286
43. David Dodd (Charlton)	286
44. Joseph Kennedy (East Ham)	286
45. Michael Hammond (Tolworth)	285
46. Stuart Palmer (Brandon)	282
47. Gary Wilson (Plymouth)	278
48. Michael Stead (Bradford)	277
49. Barry Johnson (Solihull)	276
50. Percy Collino (London SW5)	274
51. John Dennison (Brentwood)	270
52. Kenny Jackson (Soham)	270
53. Paul Sayer (Manor Park)	265
54. Keith Richardson (Cambridge)	263
55. Richard Tanner (Ipswich)	262
56. Anthony Stark (New Barnet)	260
57. Stephen Moore (Bexhill)	258
58. David Harding (Carshalton)	256
59. Murray Jukes (Kidderminster)	253
60. Andrew Rich (Wolverhampton)	253
61. Anthony Clayton (Lythett Matravets)	251
62. Adrian Moore (Bexhill) (same)	250
63. Michael Harper (Biggleswade)	250
64. Steven Sharpe (Wakefield)	250
65. Craig Bakewell (Stoke)	250
66. Michael Short (Yelverton)	247
67. David Newman (Maldon)	244
68. Alexander Abbot (Hullbridge)	244
69. John Kitchener (Ipswich)	243
70. Anthony Sweet (Plymouth)	239
71. Philip Vickers (Burrowash)	236

72. Rupert Bole (Kingston)	235
73. David Goode (Hayes)	232
74. Mark Owen (Hereford)	231
75. Neil Bevan (Bude)	230
76. Graham Slack (Cheltenham)	223
77. Ian Attridge (London E13)	223
78. Denis Neale (Redcar)	221
79. Lee Neil (Bristol)	221
80. Paul Elphick (Haywards Heath)	221
81. Keith Samuels (Arlesey)	221
82. Michael Browne (Birmingham)	220
83. Graham Toole (Southampton)	219
84. Brian Johns (Northwich)	219
85. Stephen Slater (Stoke)	219
86. Hakan Sigrell (Bournemouth)	216
87. Graham McKim (Towcester)	216
88. Richard Stevenson (Norwich)	214
89. Gary Lambert (Exmouth)	213
90. Walter Allanson (Shillingford)	211
91. Dipak Topiwala (Edmonton)	210
92. Darren Griffin (Gloucester)	210
93. Richard Whiteley (Harrogate)	210
94. Lee Sadler (Yeovil)	205
95. Christopher Holley (Bath)	205
96. Michael O'Leary (Sutton)	205
97. Michael Owens (Leominster)	204
98. Trevor Washington (Kingswinford)	203
99. Ramish Bhalla (Guildford)	202
100. Stephen Turner (Preston)	202
101. David Harvey (Cheltenham)	202
102. Jeremy Williams (Falmouth)	200
103. Henry Buist (Orpington)	200
104. Phillip Cox (Orpington)	200
105. Jonathon Proffitt (Whetstone)	198
106. David Barr (Newbury)	198
107. Peter Machin (Birmingham)	195
108. Stephen Yallop (Derby)	193
109. Ronald Weatherby (Chard)	192
110. Tim Vine (Cambridge)	192
111. Geoffrey Davies (Brierhill)	192
112. Phillip Logsdon (Norwich)	192
113. Steven Moreman (Tewkesbury)	192
114. Ian Gunn (Birmingham)	191
115. Steven Dettmar (Whitham)	190
116. Peter Norcott (Canning Town)	189
117. Phillip Smith (Huncote)	188
118. Malcolm Green (Telford)	188
119. Malcolm Corking (Stockton)	188
120. Stuart Worrell (Lincoln)	187
121. Kevin Buddell (Plymouth)	183
122. Frank Hams (Morden)	182
123. Stanley Deakin (Stoke)	182
124. Colin Luscombe (Luton)	182
125. Mark Randle (Coventry)	177
126. Richard Beckham (Rainham)	177
127. Neil Pickard (Norwich)	177
128. Russell King (Lowestoft)	176
129. Brian Allison (Louth)	176
130. Steven Brunskill (Stockton)	176
131. Paul Gooding (Ipswich)	176
132. Simon Proffitt (Beckenham)	175
133. Richard Darnell (Brentwood)	175
134. Paul Savins (Reading)	174
135. Jerome Jonah (Wandsworth)	173
136. Raymond Tilling (Upper Norwood)	171
137. Thomas Cutler (Neasden)	170
138. Peter McQueen (Newcastle)	168
139. Derek Munt (Beverley)	168
140. Andrew Creed (Bristol)	167
141. Stuart Gibbs (Dagenham)	166
142. John Robinson (Bournemouth)	165
143. Martin Pickles (Leicester)	161
144. David Skerratt (Scunthorpe)	161

WOMEN

1. Alison Gordon (Reading)	1012
2. Lisa Lomas (Dunstable)	796
3. Fiona Elliot (Wolverhampton)	699
4. Joy Dean (Preston)	514
5. Andrea Holt (Ramsbottom)	498
6. Mandy Sainsbury (Newbury)	446
7. Jill Harris (Walsall)	317
8. Carol Giles (Plymouth)	274
9. Joanne Shaw (Normanton)	253
10. Susan Collier (Maidenhead)	222
11. Helen Bardwell (Ware)	182
12. Claire Potts (Chester)	181
13. Helen Lower (Wolverhampton)	177
14. Julie Billington (Chesterfield)	175
15. Melonie Carey (Puriton)	166
16. Jean Parker (Preston)	160
17. Sandra Roden (Dudley)	159
18. Deborah Toole (Normanton)	158
19. Teresa Moore (Bexhill)	156
20. Karen Smith (Leicester)	145
21. Cheryl Buttery (Lincoln)	140
22. Elaine Short (Plymouth)	137
23. Helen Perrott (Keynsham)	135
24. Kim Mudge (London E13)	133
25. Karen Burrows (Castleford)	129
26. Juliet Houghton (Tonbridge)	127
27. Claire Maisey (Swindon)	119
28. Debbie Simmonds (Virginia Water)	119
29. Kerry Hall (Chesterfield)	116
30. Jane Barella (Surbiton)	110
31. Sally Weston (Horsham)	106
32. Susan Radley (Lincoln)	102
33. Gail Blanch (Enfield)	102
34. Elaine Sayer (London E12)	101
35. Sheila King (St Leonards)	100
36. Lynne Harrison (H. Hempstead)	99
37. Alison Boxall (Cheshunt)	90
38. Susan Butler (Plymouth)	90
39. Linda Clemett (Raynes Park)	89
40. Suzanne Airey (Grantham)	88
41. Nicola McGrath (Preston)	83
42. Rachel Knight (Twickenham)	76
43. Lesley Radford (Upminster)	73
44. Julie Dimmock (Dunstable)	72
45. Lesley Popkiewicz (Purley)	72
46. Claire Plumridge (High Wycombe)	71
47. Janet Deakin (Warrington)	70
48. Susan Richmond (Northallerton)	60
49. Sandra Peakman (Birmingham)	60
50. Debbie Soothill (Carnforth)	58
51. Sarah Hammond (Southampton)	57
52. Lisa Hayden (Hotton)	55
53. Constance Moran (Grimsby)	54
54. Michelle Cohen (Bristol)	53
55. Claire Mouzon (Ashington)	52
56. Caroline Buckley (Luton)	50
57. Sarah Turner (Southampton)	49
58. Brenda Buoey (Liverpool)	47
59. Kristina Cox (Rushden)	46
60. Susan Culbertson (Birmingham)	46
61. Hazel Kavanagh (Hull)	42
62. Karen Guthrie (Northumberland)	42
63. Carol Hewitt (Brighton)	39
64. Joanne Pettit (Newmarket)	38
65. Angela Mitchell (Edmonton)	36
66. Debbie Hoyland (Bexhill)	34
67. Janet Hunt (Worcester)	33

Picture Parade 2



Lion Sport (UK) Ltd executives in conference at Worthing – On the left of the picture is Mr Anthony Fung, who is said to be the owner of the world's largest table tennis company Lion International. They produce almost four million table tennis bats each year and they have the world's most advanced technological know-how. Alan Hydes (right) said "Sales in our first six months were fantastic, we sold twice as much as expected in the six months."

IOC AWARD FOR ROY

ROY EVANS, mastermind of the ITTF for some 36 years was presented with an Olympic Order in Seoul for his part in getting table tennis into the full Games programme.

He was secretary of the ITTF for 16 years and its president for 20, before losing the chair to Ichiro Ogimura in New Delhi last year. Said Roy in Seoul "It was a great surprise and a final accolade, this is the jewel in the crown." Roy and Nancy Evans now have another task ahead of them – masterminding the organisation of the Commonwealth Games in Cardiff next March.



Roy Evans, Cardiff
Hon. Life President
ITTF



This photograph shows Keith Horton, Sussex heavyweight winner of the Veteran Singles title at the Sun Life Bristol Open Table Tennis Championships. Keith, aged 43, defeated Walter Allanson of Oxford in a hard-fought final by 23-21, 21-17.

JILL THE BRISTOL WINNER



Our photograph shows John Lewis, Promotions Officer of Sun Life Assurance, presenting a cheque and medallion to Jill Harris, winner of the Women's Singles title at the Sun Life Bristol Open Table Tennis Championships held on 22nd May. To round off a very satisfactory day's work, Jill then went on to win the Women's Doubles title, partnered by Sue Collier of Maidenhead.

ITTF COACHING CONFERENCE IN GREECE

England coaches in hot 7-day seminar

by

KEN MARCHANT, Deputy Chairman, National Coaching Committee

I WAS privileged to be invited to attend on behalf of the Association accompanied by Stuart Worrel a Coach from Lincoln with experience as a Non-Playing Captain with England teams, to an International Coaching Seminar in Ancient Olympia, Greece from 2nd-9th August.

This Seminar of top level coaches from 15 countries was hosted by the Greek T.T. Association in conjunction with the International Olympic Academy of Greece and was held at Ancient Olympia which is a 5 hour coach journey from Athens.

The lecturers conducting the seminar were Vlado Miko of Czechoslovakia Radivoj Hudetz of Yugoslavia, Kjell Johansson of Sweden and Zhuang Jiafu top Chinese Coach, the seminar being under the supervision of the ITTF President Ichiro Ogimura of Japan.

The subjects were:

1. The development tendencies of the technique as well as about the possibilities and methods of improving the individual technique of a player (Hudetz)
2. Swedish Training Camp System (National & National Junior) - Club Training - Swedish T.T. School in Falkenberg (Johansson of Sweden)
3. The system of training Czechoslovak National Team and other top players in Czechoslovakia (Miko)
4. The training system of Chinese Junior National teams (Zhuang Jiafu) National Coach 29 yrs & Vice Chairman Coaching Committee.

The lectures took place in the mornings from 9.0 - 1.00 with breaks after every 45 minutes due to the intense heat and also for the team of women interpreters who were in unbearable soundproof cubicles.

The afternoons were free in which we spent at the outdoor swimming pool and lectures were resumed at 5.0 until 7.0 with again breaks in between, followed by evening meal at 8.0 with the rest of the evening spent in bar, sitting outside or walking 2 miles into the Olympic village.

Tuesday was our first morning at the Olympic Academy having

arrived there late Monday afternoon.

We were awakened by the music of the Zorba Dance played very loud relayed through a loud-speaker on a tree in the grove where our rooms were situated.

The opening session was an Official Ceremony with speeches and then standing for the Greek National Anthem.

The first item on the agenda was for each national representative to come out to the front to introduce themselves stating, what country they were from and what they did.

The Chinese coach gave his lecture in the morning and evening and concluded with a video tape of training session by Jiang Jialiang lasting 35 minutes.

On the Wednesday morning everyone went on a guided tour to the ancient ruins to see the temples and the first Olympic Stadium of 776 B.C. during which the ITTF President laid a wreath on the statue of Pierre Coubertin who was responsible for the first Modern Olympics in Athens in 1896.

Lectures resumed on Wednesday evening with Kjell Johansson and he concluded his subjects with the first lecture on Thursday morning. The second lecture of the morning was by Ichiro Ogimura the President highlighting the future plans of the ITTF and afterwards gave a gift case of coloured marking pens.

The evening session was somewhat of a surprise when it was announced that each country would be asked to give a report on his country's coaching structure.

After half of the countries had done this, it was decided that the remainder would give their report next morning. To finish the session Johansson gave a demonstration of forehand drive and smash sequence. A tournament was organised for Senior and Veteran players. This was like playing in a sauna as there was no air conditioning in the room. Stuart and I both lost in the First Round.

The Saturday morning lecture was by Miko and he continued in the evening by showing two tapes, one of service and topspin play in the World Championships and the other showing footwork

and body position sequences outlined by visual aid - *a very good tape this last one and is worth trying to obtain.*

The Chinese coach had most of the questions put to him and he finished off by giving a short demonstration of service technique. This was followed by the Seminar Administrator George Selionatakis who is Chairman of the Greek T.T. Association's Technical Committee presenting each representative with a gift from his Association plus a signed Certificate of Attendance and a very nice book of the International Olympic Academy.

In conclusion, I have to praise the remarkable organising ability of George Selioniotakis who undoubtedly made the Seminar such a great success.

CZECH JUNIOR OPEN-RESULTS cont. from page 28

Round 2

B. Billington Lst. Stepanek (Czech) -16, -17

Korbel (TCH) was eventual winner, after beating Cioea (Rom) in Semis and Mihocka (TCH) in Final, Mihocka defeated Mazanuv (USSR) in the other Semi-Final.

Girls Singles

Round 1

J. Billington Lst. Elke Billens -16, 19, -18

D. Toole bt. Plaisant (Fra) -14, 20, 15 (5)

Round 2

D. Toole Lst. Hegedus (Hun) -14, -15
Hegedus reached semis where lost to Freljh (Yug)

Eventual winner of Tournament was G. Wirth (Hun)

Boys Doubles

Round 1 bt. Debruyne/Chaplain (Fra)
2 bt. Pettersson/Gunnarsson (Swe)

3 Lst. Nemeth/Turbek (Hun)
Eventual winners Korbel/Mihocka (TCH)

Girls Doubles

Round 1 bt. Regenwetter/Oth (Lux)
2 bt. Schers Chrtalova (Hol/TCH)

3 Lst. Demeter, AnSun OK (Hun/PRK)

G. Wirth, Hegedus won event beating Demeter, AnSun OK in final.

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Conclusion of John Prean at the Olympics

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CHAIRMAN IN SEOUL

(continued from Page 9)

He played magnificently. He has fantastic mobility and a loop fit for an angel. I think he would have won with a fairer service; not all shared that view. The game itself remains in turmoil, whilst such services are allowed. Officials seem more concerned about rubbers particularly those with which hardly anybody now plays. Cries for standardisation (as if this were possible) can still be heard, mainly from those who last played with a hard bat.

Tough

For Europe it was a bitterly disappointing event. Apart from the Lupulescu/Primorac Doubles Silver only 2 medals and those only bronze! The one by Lindh and by Perkucin and Fazlic in the Ladies' Doubles and that would hardly have been won if the Chinese or Koreans had been able to field 2 pairs rather than one. However, my confidence in European Table Tennis remains. My next notes will include a fuller analysis of the apparent European failure and the Chinese disappointments. I end as I began, my faith in the sport undiminished, but in

organisation and marketing terms, it seemed to me that the international body suffers from the same malaise which the English Association has begun to put right during the last couple of years. This has to be in some respects a tough process, but one that has to be faced if the sport is to have a future.

Despite riveting play at times, the dull patches dominated. Presentation, showmanship were not merely poor: They did not appear to have been thought of. The Sport will not match the success of others until it matches their marketing skills. Whilst our rivals have begun to present their sports as show business and have attracted vast publics, the Olympic Table Tennis Show remained rooted in our youth club and amateur traditions. It was flat, limp and uninspired. We were lucky in our players, because they alone saved the day. The Olympics were not the breakthrough the sport needed. It was another opportunity lost. Barcelona must be better. I PRAY WE MAKE GOOD USE OF THE TIME.

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TEST, TREAT AND TRAIN AT LILLESHALL

by JENNY HEATON, an England captain

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The New Human Performance Department at Lilleshall opened in January and was funded by the F.A., primarily for footballers, but also available to all sports people.

This department assesses the fitness of any sportsperson and provides guidance on appropriate training requirements for individuals or squads. The assessment programme can be tailored to suit the fitness requirements of any individual sport.

I attended a seminar at Lilleshall in June which included a practical demonstration of the fully computerised exercise testing equipment used to measure various fitness factors. These include:-

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range of equipment. Residential and non-residential attendance is available and there is also a sports injury clinic each evening and at weekends for the treatment of short term sports related injuries.

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With the acknowledged importance (by the Minister Colin Moynihan and Seb Coe of the Sports Council) given to Sports Science for success at the top of any sport, it is good to know that our National Squad trains at Lilleshall, now one of the most advanced Sports Science Centres in the country.

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2.	Derek Holman	469
3.	Peter Radford	436
4.	Ralph Gunnion	429
5.	Henry Buist	424
6.	Keith Horton	372
7.	Matt Sheader	359
8.	Connie Warren	354
9.	Derek Schofield	353
10.	Robin Stace	351
11.	Cleve Judson	300
12.	Brian Allison	293
13.	Ramesh Bhalla	293
14.	Babs Adedayo	285
15.	Walter Allanson	276
16.	Andy Meads	265
17.	Clive Morris	250
18.	Alan Timewell	240
19.	David Seaholme	239
20.	Gordon Chapman	233

WOMEN

1.	Doreen Schofield	436
2.	Marion Garlinge	266
3.	Linda Reid	246
4.	Gillian Knightly	244
5.	Patricia Bassano	242
6.	Margaret Dignum	228
7.	Janet Hunt	224
8.	Constance Moran	215
9.	Joyce Coop	207
10.	Carol Judson	204
11.	Mary Stafford	1179
12.	Christine Basden	159
13.	Mary Symes	147
14.	Joan Beadle	145
15.	Mabel Neary	135
16.	Pamela Butcher	125
17.	Susan Felstead	118
18.	Christine Davies	112
19.	Jean Smith	106
20.	Gillian White	101

Six tournaments ahead

MEMBERS and non-members of the thriving Veterans English Table Tennis Society have a busy season ahead with five tournaments, open to both members and non-members. The events are:

1. Eastern Masters 22nd/23rd October
Grimsby (South Humberside)
2. Southern Masters 19th/20th November
Andover (Hampshire)
3. Midlands Masters 28th/29th January
Coventry (West Midlands)
4. Western Masters 4th/5th March
Swindon (Wiltshire)
5. Northern Masters 8th/9th April
Manchester
6. National Masters 27th/28th May
Bracknell (Berkshire)

Most of the tournaments include a dinner and music for dancing on the Saturday evening. Membership qualifies for a discount on Entry Fees to these tournaments.

Record six wins for Alison

by **RON SPENCER**

ENGLAND squad members Nicky Mason (No.5) and Alison Gordon (No.1) retained their Stamco Sussex Open singles without being unduly stretched at Hastings Sports Centre on October 9. They each won two titles.

Mason retained his Mens Singles title and pocketed a cheque for £220 with a comfortable final victory over Guildford's Glenn Baker. Mason's passage to the final was made easier through the absence of Steven Mills and Matthew Syed. Steven Dorking bowed out to Andy Cunningham.

Sussex County player Ritchie Venner came through to meet Mason in the semi-final with an excellent three set victory over Joe Kennedy. In the other half, Colin Wilson came in to take a seeded position occupied by David Hannah, but unable to compete due to injury, and both he and Baker came through comfortably to meet in the semi-final which Baker won after a close match.

The Womens Singles final was again a triumph for England's No 1 Alison Gordon, having chosen to play in the tournament and not in a rearranged British League match, Alison had a comfortable two set victory over Sue Collier in the final taking the title for the

fifth time in a row and the sixth time in all, so overtaking the achievements of Karen Witt and Karenza Matthews respectively, Alison beat former winner Lesley Radford in the semi-final; Lesley taking advantage of the absence of Carol Giles (who was taking Alison's place in the British League match). Sue Collier came through to the final with a hard earned victory over 2nd seeded Jill Harris.

Doubles shock

The Mens Doubles provided a big shock when the holders Nicky Mason and Steven Dorking went out in the quarter-final to the Moore brothers from Sussex, in 3 games. Unfortunately, the Moores were denied a final place going out to Ian Attridge and Joe Kennedy in the semi-final despite taking the first set. In the other half of the draw, Baker and Wilson came through without many problems and took the title.

In the Womens Doubles, semi-

final opponents Jill Harris and Sue Collier teamed up to take the title beating Alison Gordon and Juliet Houghton.

Two for Joe

With the two top Singles seeds teaming up, it was odds on that Mason and Alison Gordon would take the Mixed Doubles title but they were made to fight in the semi-final beating John Burleton and Juliet Houghton and then a close victory over Joe Kennedy and Jill Harris in the final. Kennedy had won this title two years running with Mandy Sainsbury.

After winning the title for four successive years, Henry Buist was unable to defend his Veterans Singles title and after a hard fought semi-final and final, it was Peter Radford who took the trophy this year. In the semi-final, he beat Sussex's Keith Horton game 21 in the third and had a narrow victory over last year's losing finalist, Derek Holman.



Alison Gordon

RESULTS

MS: SF: N. Mason b R. Venner, 14, 11
G. Baker b C. Wilson 17, 20
FINAL: Mason b Baker 13, 16.

FINALS:

WS: A. Gordon bt A. Collier 16, 13
MD: Baker-Wilson bt I. Attridge-J. Kennedy 19, 16.
WD: Collier-J. Harris bt Gordon-J. Houghton 13, -15, 17.
XD: Mason-Gordon bt Kennedy-Harris 15, 20
VS: P. Radford bt D. Holman -19, 14, 18.

LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE LEAGUE

by **GEORGE YATES**

As last season 51 teams will participate in the seven men's divisions of the Lancashire and Cheshire League this despite the loss of Mid-Lancs (2 teams), St Helens (1 team) together with Bury 'A' and Farnworth 'B'.

Compensation has been afforded by the entry of Hyndburn, Macclesfield 'A', Manchester Banks 'A' and Southport 'A' and 'B'. The four juniors divisions however show an overall loss of two teams with Nelson 'A' being the only newcomers against the loss of Burnley 'B', Crewe 'B' and Macclesfield 'A'.

Oldham have withdrawn their 'A' team from the women's second division their place having been taken over by Preston 'A' but in the three veterans divisions the loss of Liverpool 'A' and Mid-Lancs has been more than made good by the entry of Liverpool Business Houses, Nelson, Oldham 'A' and Wigan.

The overall entry is:-

Section	Divisions	Teams
Men's	7	51
Women's	2	16
Juniors	4	30
Veterans	3	24

Re-jigged after the unaugural season the three veterans divisions are made up as follows:-

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Bolton	Blackpool	Barrow
Farnworth	Burnley	Lancaster/Morecambe 'A'
Liverpool	Crewe	Liverpool Business Houses
Macclesfield	Ellesmere Port	Nelson
Preston	Halton	Oldham 'A'
Stockport	Lancaster/Morecambe	Rochdale
Warrington	Trafford	Wigan
Wirral		Wirral 'A'

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KIRKLEES JUNIOR 2-STAR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Debbie Toole overturns top seed

by GORDON SANDERS

LOCAL favourite MICHAEL O'DRISCOLL of MIRFIELD, the current English Junior Champion, delighted some 300 spectators in retaining the Boys' Singles title at Huddersfield Sports Centre.

In a closely-fought final, he defeated the No 2 seed, county colleague and fellow international CHRIS OLDFIELD -21, 13, 19. Yorkshire was well represented in the honours as DEBBIE TOOLE of NORMANTON overcame the No 1 Seed JULIE BILLINGTON of Chesterfield 16, 18, in the Junior

Girls Singles. SALLY MARLING of Hull justified her No 2 national cadet ranking by beating LINDA RADFORD of Upminster (No. 5) in the Cadet Girls Singles, and NICOLA DEATON of Chesterfield in the U/12 event and then taking the Category 2 Junior Girls' Singles title, where her sister

SAMANTHA was her unfortunate victim.

In the Cadet Boys' Singles the No 2, 3 and 4 ranked players were eliminated early leaving EDWARD HATLEY of FRIMLEY (national No 13) to emerge as champion, whilst ADRIAN VINCENT (No 29 from PLYMOUTH)

overcame STEPHEN MEDDINGS of SUTTON COLDFIELD in the U/12s.

Good move

The tournament attracted 248 entries and the staging of the main-event finals during the afternoons proved to be hugely popular with players and spectators alike.

RESULTS

J.B.S.	S/F	M. O'Driscoll	b	J. Taylor	-19, 14, 19
		C. Oldfield	b	H. Whewell	11, -18, 13
	FINAL	O'Driscoll	b	Oldfield	-21, 13, 19
J.G.S.	S/F	J. Billington	b	N. Deaton	8, 18
		D. Toole	b	S. Pengelly	13, 7
	FINAL	Toole	b	Billington	16, 18
J.B.D.	S/F	D. Holland/G. Solder	b	J. Taylor/G. Knights	16, 16
		M. O'Driscoll/C. Oldfield	b	P. Bowler/S. Hanks	11, -19, 12
	FINAL	O'Driscoll/Oldfield	b	Holland/Solder	15, 13
J.G.D.	S/F	S. Marling/S. Marling	b	J. Pope/J. Thomas	8, 15
		J. Billington/D. Toole	b	N. Deaton/L. Radford	20, 11
	FINAL	Billington/Toole	b	Marling/Marling	19, 18
C.B.S.	S/F	E. Hatley	b	J. Braunton	14, -11, 9
		G. Sanderson	b	R. Powell	19, -20, 16
	FINAL	Hatley	b	Sanderson	17, 14
C.G.S.	S/F	Sally Marling	b	C. Pengelly	8, 13
		L. Radford	b	N. Deaton	20, 18
	FINAL	Marling	b	Radford	18, 11
C.B.D.	S/F	D. Baker/M. Hewett	b	D. Katz/E. Hatley	12, 16
		P. Neal/S. Meddings	b	J. May/A. Vincent	20, -14, 11
	FINAL	Baker/Hewett	b	Neal/Meddings	22, 19
C.G.D.	S/F	S. Lees/N. Williams	b	L. Heyward/C. Pengelly	12, 15
		L. Radford/N. Deaton	b	C. Bentley/Z. Buchanan	12, 16
	FINAL	Radford/Deaton	b	Lees/Williams	14, -14, 17
U/12.8.5	S/F	A. Vincent	b	D. Heath	12, -19, 17
		S. Meddings	b	G. Thornton-Allen	11, 17
	FINAL	Vincent	b	Meddings	18, 11
U/12.G.S.	S/F	N. Deaton	b	L. Heyward	10, 13
		Sally Marling	b	M. Martin	9, 13
	FINAL	Marling	b	Deaton	-13, 18, 14
CAT.2.I.B.S.	S/F	G. Jones	b	M. Greenwood	6, 15
		C. Bowler	b	I. Collier	-12, 18, 16
	FINAL	Bowler	b	Jones	17, 11
CAT.2.J.G.S.	S/F	Samantha Marling	b	S. Creasey	23, 12
		Sally Marling	b	E. Baggeley	12, 12
	FINAL	Sally Marling	b	Sam Marling	15, -15, 13
CAT.2.C.B.S.	S/F	S. Crouch	b	M. King	18, 19
		D. Hacker	b	J. Sewell	-14, 7, 15
	FINAL	Crouch	b	Hacker	9, 16
CAT.2.C.G.S.	S/F	N. Williams	b	C. Challis	6, 7
		T. Garrett	b	C. Hand	14, -17, 20
	FINAL	Williams	b	Garrett	19, 11



Michael O'Driscoll, Yorkshire

WEST COUNTRY NEWS

by ALF PEPPARD

THE annual Three Cities Festival of Sport ie; Gloucester - Hereford - Worcester, hosted this year by Worcester at the Perdiswell Sports Centre was a great success, the hosts eventually ran out clear winners with Gloucester coming second and Hereford third, Dave Watton Worcesters Chairman played an excellent role as Hon-Referee.

Dave Harvey the current County Singles Champion has been coaching Lady Players on Saturday afternoons this summer at the Chalton-Kings Sports Complex just outside Cheltenham, with the greatest respect to the fairer sex - Gloucester in recent years have not been rated for much strength in Ladies play.

Dave's proteges in the coaching were the following. Alison Cox - Linda Probert - Julie Taylor - Karen Harvey - Leslie Dewick - Jacqui Carver - Heather Fannin - Helen Arnold - Gill Smith & occasionally Roz Ross.

The annual County Closed Championships will again be played in Cheltenham on Sunday Nov 20th.

In the Leeds British National League Cheltenham Saracens find themselves in the 2nd Div (South) for this season, owing to a team pull-out. Last year the Cheltenham based club finished up the season in Division 3 West in third position.

Bob Attwood, Saracens Secretary informs me that the team will be without the valued services of Steve Moreman this season which is indeed a great pity because Steve did much valued work for both County and Saracens, however I understand that Mark Owen ranked at 74 on the Senior rankings will be taking Steve's place.

At the Sun-Life 2-star Bristol Open



John Lewis, Promotions Officer of Sun Life Assurance, with Nicky Mason (left) and Stephen Dorking, winners of the Men's Doubles title at the Sun Life Bristol Open Table Tennis Championships. The pairing fully justified their No. 1 seeding for the event in beating Glenn Baker and Sean Gibson in the final by 21-15, 21-13.



John Lewis, Promotions Officer of Sun Life Assurance, with Sue Collier (left) and Jill Harris, winners of the Women's Doubles title at the Sun Life Bristol Open Table Tennis Championships. The pairing fully justified their No. 1 seeding in defeating Janet Smith and Susan Butler in the final to win by 21-19, 13-21, 21-14.

OBITUARY

ROY MOOR

Journalist

I LEARNT only recently of the death in June of one of the doyens of sports journalism Roy Moor, who wrote about many sports for many years including table tennis for the Daily Mail. His former colleague Ian Wooldrige wrote recently of Roy "An utterly honourable man". That is absolutely true from my own personal experiences.

The hassle

Most, if not all sports editors want to know about the hassle, the disagreements that go on in all sports because regrettably, that sells newspapers. Roy Moor somehow or other, managed to write with great flair about the more pleasant things, although how he got away with it is still a mystery.

He lied only about his age. The Mail reminded him he was 65 when in fact he was 69. He died when he was 77, but he looked 67 and was active to the last working for the Sports Aid Foundation.

Tenacious

His tremendous asset was his tenacity in reaching people by telephone anywhere in the world. Many years ago he managed to find and talk to open golf champion Max Faulkner driving off the sixth tee at a golf tournament in America - one of the few clubs where walkie-talkie phones were allowed on the course!

He was the most pleasant of all sports journalists I have met. Those of us who knew him will know exactly what Ian Wooldrige meant when he wrote of Roy "he showed us all how to live our lives".
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