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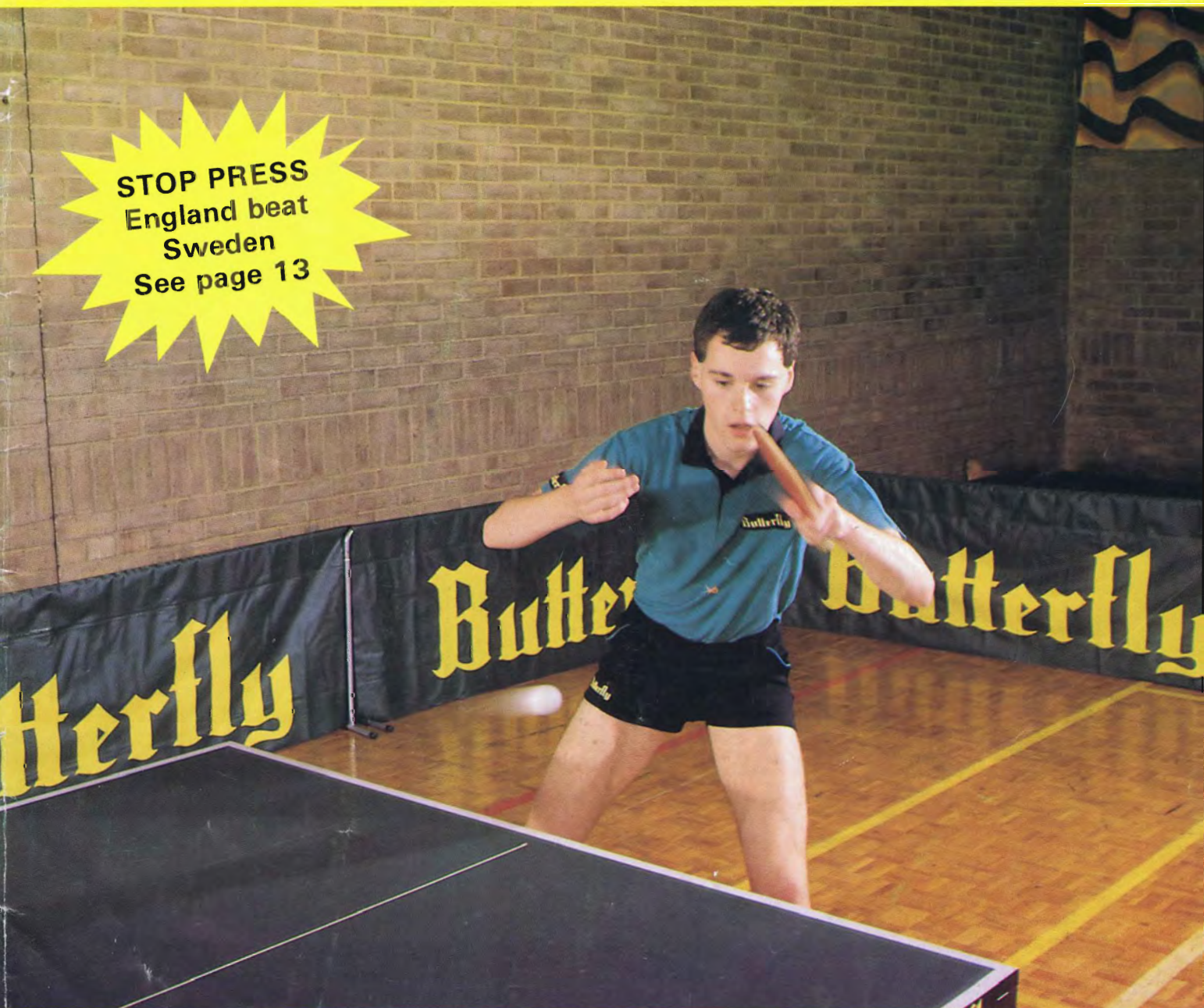
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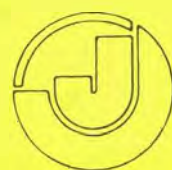
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England beat
Sweden
See page 13



**John
Jaques**

Michael O'Driscoll - future No.1 ?
John Jaques -
established No.1



Spectacular start for England

WELCOME to the first edition of Table Tennis News for the 1989 - 90 season — if the result of our first European League match is anything to go by it is one of rich promise. Who could have forecast a win in our first match away against the World Champions Sweden but may I on behalf of all table tennis enthusiasts congratulate our players on a splendid team effort and to Don Parker for sending out the players to compete in exactly the right frame of mind to secure success. Our next fixture is away to Poland and then comes our first home fixture at home to Holland on Thursday 26th October at Sheffield — we have a score to settle here for it was Holland who by their win in Norwich in the final match of the 1988 season kept us in the First Division for an extra year.

BBC Grandstand did us proud last weekend when giving us excellent coverage of the Leeds Masters at Preston Guildhall. Des Douglas again proved that he still is a force to be reckoned with in top class international table tennis and battled hard before having to concede second best to Jean Philippe Gatien in a splendid final.

This edition of Table Tennis News is also a first for me having taken over the Editorial mantle from John Woodford. John has put a great deal of journalistic expertise into this magazine and expertise on the creative side that I do not possess but I have been involved in the printing world since my schooldays a great many years ago and I hope my first venture into editing meets with your approval... Please continue to send in your items for inclusion in subsequent issues especially about your League or Club's efforts to promote our sport and if including photographs a much clearer reproduction will be obtained from a black and white. If you have any amusing stories or incidents to recall or the odd "...did you hear..." not libellous I would be grateful for your contribution. Cartoons also do a great deal to brighten up the magazine... so if we have any cartoonists among our readers please send me your handiwork via Head Office.

Wishing you all an enjoyable season's table tennis.

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★ **COVER
PICTURE**

MICHAEL O'DRISCOLL the Mirfield teenager who last season rose magnificently to the occasion to convincingly defeat all the top Korean players in the English Junior Open at Bridlington then narrowly failed to win the Junior Singles title in the European championships in Luxembourg losing out in the final to the Russian, Dimitry Gusev.

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A Remarkable Transformation, But....

THE ETTA Accounts for the year which ended last March indicated a remarkable transformation from the state of affairs which existed only two years ago. During that short period a loss of nearly £50,000 was turned into a profit of close to £100,000.

SUMMER MADNESS

It is an achievement of which we can all be proud, but it is not one that should produce yet another era of complacency when we can all relax. The achievement was no more than the Sport needed. Half of the profit merely makes good the previous loss. The other half wipes out the £50,000 overdraft on which the Association had existed during the summer months for a number of years. I regarded it as quite absurd

that a leading Sport should exist in this way under a cloud of debt and paying high rates of bank interest. That absurdity has now ended.

A further notable event was our departure from "Claremont", the Victorian slum where our offices were located. Climbing stairs is a less dangerous business now, as there is no danger of getting one's feet caught in a hole that had not been repaired for years. The stench of dry rot and decay will not be missed.

Our offices are now in a modern building in Hastings. The cost of the years of neglect was a little short of £25,000, but in real terms much greater. This would have been even more but for the negotiating skills of our Chief Executive and others in the Management Team. Our obligations under the old lease are now at an end. The costs of all this have been paid and will not be a burden in future years.

THE FUTURE

1989/90 will not produce the record profits of the last year, which was a unique one which finally rescued us from our crisis situation. A small profit is likely and one that keeps us on the same basis as that established over the last two years.

If our Members need help, for instance in staff time or even financial, we are now in a position to give this. Our new Development Officer, Diccon Gray, has been engaged to help you to develop the Sport, particularly at local level and any idea or scheme which will advance the game and bring more Members into the Sport will have our fullest support.

We shall continue to work hard for the image of the Sport, for international success and media exposure which brings the Sport to the



John Prean

attention of our fellows, in the hope that more and more will take up the game.

We are in competition with at least a hundred other sports and we have to manage our affairs at least as well as most of them just to survive and better if we are to progress.

The market place of Sport is tough and competitive. It demands idealism as well as efficiency, self-discipline as well as unity.

I look forward to the coming season and its challenges.

Let us make it a memorable one.
John Prean



Table Tennis on Channel 4

ON 29TH APRIL 1989, a special "Challenge to Sport" advertisement for table tennis was shown on Channel 4. The series was a shop window for each sport shown, encouraging children and adults to take up the game and to become regular players. 159 leagues and 147 clubs in England responded positively to a request from the ETTA to set up a "Come and try it" session where those whose interest had been fired by the programme could find out more about our sport first hand, and get straight into action.

With financial assistance from **The Daily Telegraph**, 13,000 posters were printed for league and club use to advertise their session locally, thus attempting to interest the general public as well as the programme viewers.

Immediately after the transmission of the programme, ETTA staff, plus local league volunteers answered calls on the table tennis Help-line, and thanks to the marvellous network of league and club

responses, were able to direct enthusiasts to a Come and try it session in their locality.

Each caller was given a genuine warm and positive welcome from the Help-line which can only have served to increase their wish to try our sport, and furthermore a list of local league clubs was sent out to each inquirer with the "Challenge to Sport" newspaper. From initial research, no other sporting associations featured in the series supported their programme with

such positive action; well done our leagues and clubs!

Though the number of callers directed to each Come and try it day was quite low in view of the national spread, we were well up to average of other sports recorded. From the feedback received, it is true to say that the Come and try it sessions were of mixed success in terms of attendance of new participants, with figures ranging from 0 - 70.

What was undoubtedly a great



Diccon Gray

success was the superb response and effort made by our leagues and clubs which clearly demonstrates that there are many people interested in and willing to further the development of table tennis.

Diccon Gray
ETTA Development Officer

European Ranking List

EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION SEASON 1988/89

CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL

1 EUROPEAN LEAGUE WINNERS

Super Division	Sweden
Relegated to Division 1	Bulgaria
1st Division and promoted to Super Division	England
Relegated to Division 2	Switzerland
2nd Division and promoted to Division 1	Denmark
Relegated to Division 3	Iceland
3rd Division and promoted to Division 2	Ireland

2 STIGA EUROPE TOP 12 Charleroi, Belgium (19th)

Men:

J-O. Waldner (SWE), E. Lindh (SWE), J. Persson (SWE), Ding Yi (AUT), G. Böhm (FRG), L. Kucharski (POL), J. Roskopf (FRG), Z. Primorac (YUG), A. Mazunov (URS), D. Douglas (ENG), I. Lupulescu (YUG), U. Carlsson (SWE)

Women:

O. Nemes (FRG), C. Batorfi (HUN), D. Guergueltcheva (BUL), A. Safarova (TCH), R. Kasalova (TCH), Wang Xiaoming (FRA), J. Fazlic (YUG), V. Popova (URS), M. Hrachova (TCH), E. Urban (HUN), M. Kloppenburg (HOL), F. Bulatova (URS)

3 STIGA EUROPE JUNIOR TOP 12 Wadenswil, Switzerland (5th)

Boys:

D. Heister (HOL), D. Gusev (URS), T. Wosik (FRG), P. Saive (BEL), M. O'Driscoll (ENG), T. Keen (HOL), T. Janasek (TCH), A. Smiriov (URS), T. Buza (SWE), P. Skierski (POL), S. Grucic (YUG), G. Nosal (SUI)

Girls:

C. Wirth (HUN), V. Ello (HUN), C. Pradel (FRG), P. Pettersson (SWE), M. Sopova (TCH), V. Wirth (HUN), O. Lichter (URS), M. Kravcenko (URS), A. Alessia (ITA), L. Mladkova (TCH), A. Rakos (HUN), J. Billington (ENG)

4 EURO/ASIA (4th Series) in Kota Kinabalu, Tawau, Singapore, Hong Kong & Bangkok.

Men's Teams: Europe 4 Asia 5

Women's Teams: Europe 1 Asia 3

Men's Singles: Kim Taek Soo (KOR)

Women's Singles: Chen Jing (CHN)

5 EUROPE CLUB CUP OF CHAMPIONS

Men's Section:

Semi-finals:

Falkenbergs BTK (SWE) 5 TTC Zugbrücke Grenzau (FRG) 4

Levallois UTT (FRA) 4 Borussia Düsseldorf (FRG) 5

Women's Section:

Semi-finals

Spartak BS Vlasim (TCH) 5 ATUS Judenburg Sparkasse (AUT) 0

Locomotiva Bratislava (TCH) 2 Statistika Petöfi (SC) 5

CALENDAR 1989/90

Oct	19/22 Polish Open (Poznan)
Nov	2/5 Austrian Open (Linz)
	16/19 Hungarian Open (Budapest)
	23/26 Soviet Union Open (Leningrad)
Dec	7/10 Scandinavian Open (SOC) (Jonkoping, Sweden)
	Finlandia Open (Helsinki)
1990	
Jan	4/7 Leeds English Open (Manchester)
Feb	3/4 Stiga Europe Top 12 (Hanover, F. R. Germany)
Mar	1/4 Federal German Open (Saarbrücken)
Apr	8/16 17th European Championships (Gothenburg, Sweden)

EUROPEAN RANKING

Issued June 1989 by ETTU Ranking Committee

MEN

1	WALDNER Jan-Ove	SWE
2	PERSSON Jorgen	SWE
3	GRUBBA Andrzej	POL
4	APPELGREN Mikael	SWE
5	LINDH Erik	SWE
6	KUCHARSKI Leszek	POL
7	MAZUNOV Andrei	URS
8	KLAMPAR Tibor	HUN
9	ROSSKOPF Jörg	FRG
10	DING YI	AUT
11	PRIMORAC Zoran	YUG
12	BÖHM Georg	FRG
13	DOUGLAS Desmond	ENG
14	LUPULESKU Ilije	YUG
15	GATIEN Jean-Philippe	FRA
16	PREAN Carl	ENG
17	SAIVE Jean-Michel	BEL
18	COOKE Alan	ENG
19	MAZUNOV Dmitrij	URS
20	KALINIC Zoran	YUG
21	CARLSSON Ulf	SWE
22	BENGTSSON Ulf	SWE
23	HALDAN Paul	HOL
24	JANCI Tomas	TCH
25	PANSKY Jindrich	TCH
26	KRISTON Zsolt	HUN
27	LOUKOV Mariano	BUL
28	PODPINKA Andras	BEL
29	KARLSSON Peter	SWE
30	CECAVA Miroslav	TCH
31	HARCZI Zsolt	HUN
32	DVORAK Vladimir	URS
33	FETZNER Steffen	FRG
34	ROZENBERG Boris	URS
35	JAVUREK Jiri	TCH
36	CABRERA Thierry	BEL
37	STOJANOV Istvan	BUL
38	ANDREW Skylet	ENG
39	YALDIZ Gurham	TUR
40	WOSIK Ralf	FRG
41	VON SCHEELE Thomas	SWE
42	RENVERSE Patrick	FRA
43	VAN SPANJE Henk	HOL
44	COSTANTINI Massimo	ITA

45	MARMUREK Olivier	FRA
46	FLOREA Vasile	ROM
47	VARDANIAN Samvel	URS
48	CREANGA Calin	ROM
49	NANNONI Lorenzo	ITA
50	GRMAN Milan	TCH

WOMEN

1	GUERGUELTCHEVA Daniela	BUL
2	NEMES Olga	FRG
3	BATORFI Csilla	HUN
4	BULATOVA Fliura	URS
5	BADESCU Otulia	ROM
6	HRACHOVA Marie	TCH
7	KASALOVA Renata	TCH
8	POPOVA Valentina	URS
9	SAFAROVA Alena	TCH
10	WANG XIAOMING	FRA
11	URBAN Edit	HUN
12	KLOPPENBURG Mirjam	HOL
13	FAZLIC Jasna	YUG
14	PERKUCIN Gordana	YUG
15	SVENSSON Marie	SWE
16	KOVTUN Elena	URS
17	GORDON Alison	ENG
18	LOMAS Lisa	ENG
19	WIRTH Gabriella	HUN
20	PALINA Irina	URS
21	NOLTEN Katja	FRG
22	BOGAERTS Karien	BEL
23	THIRIET Brigitte	FRA
24	CORDS JIN SOOK	FRG
25	ALBOIU Marie	ROM
26	ZAMPINI Giorgia	ITA
27	ERLMAN Lotta	SWE
28	GREFBERG Sonja	FIN
29	BOGOSLOV Maria	ROM
30	MELNIK Galina	URS
31	SVENSSON Asa	SWE
32	KEEN Gerdie	HOL
33	KOCOVA Miluse	TCH
34	ELLIOT Fiona	ENG
35	COUBAT Emmanuelle	FRA
36	OJSTERSEK Vesna	YUG
37	MAIER Elisabeth	AUT
38	NAGY Krisztina	HUN
39	WENZEL Susanne	LUX
40	BUSNARDO Alessandra	ITA

Tage Flisberg — Obituary

WE announce with regret the death of Tage Flisberg, one of the great players of the forties and fifties.

"Flisan", a cool and undemonstrative left-handed attacker, made his international debut in 1936 playing for Sweden against Germany, and in the succeeding years up to 1955 created a record by winning the Swedish men's singles championship 13 times. Altogether he won 54 national titles.

He could not make a living from table tennis and had to withdraw from the international scene in 1951/52. After returning at the World Championships in Bucharest in 1953, he began to play with sponge rubber with great success in Open Championships and then, at the age of 36, at the 21st World Championships at Wembley defeated Stipek, Roothoft and Bergmann, only to lose to a young Japanese hope, Ichiro Ogimura, in the finals.

The first Swedish player to reach the World Championships finals, he played a great part in developing the sport in his country and was the forerunner of the later generation of highly successful Swedish players.

Acknowledgements to Zdenko Uzorinac

November Russian Tour

The Fixtures

EUROPEAN LEAGUE - SEASON 1989/90

SUPER DIVISION

Tuesdays (Wed or Thur)

10 October	Netherlands	v	Sweden
	Yugoslavia	v	Czechoslovakia
	Poland	v	England
	France	v	F.R. Germany
26 October	England	v	Netherlands
7 November	Czechoslovakia	v	F.R. Germany
	Sweden	v	Poland
	France	v	Yugoslavia
29 November	England	v	France
12 December	Yugoslavia	v	Sweden
	Poland	v	Czechoslovakia
	F.R. Germany	v	Netherlands
23 January	Netherlands	v	Poland
	Yugoslavia	v	England
	Sweden	v	F.R. Germany
	Czechoslovakia	v	France
13 February	Netherlands	v	Yugoslavia
	F.R. Germany	v	Poland
	England	v	Czechoslovakia
	France	v	Sweden
6 March	Netherlands	v	France
	Czechoslovakia	v	Sweden
	England	v	F.R. Germany
	Poland	v	Yugoslavia

DIVISION ONE

Week ending Saturday

14 October	Austria	v	Denmark
	Italy	v	Turkey
	Finland	v	Bulgaria
	Hungary	v	Belgium
11 November	Bulgaria	v	Austria
	Turkey	v	Hungary
	Denmark	v	Belgium
	Finland	v	Italy
16 December	Austria	v	Finland
	Italy	v	Belgium
	Denmark	v	Hungary
	Turkey	v	Bulgaria
27 January	Italy	v	Austria
	Finland	v	Denmark
	Belgium	v	Turkey
	Bulgaria	v	Hungary
17 February	Hungary	v	Austria
	Belgium	v	Bulgaria
	Turkey	v	Finland
	Denmark	v	Italy
10 March	Austria	v	Belgium
	Finland	v	Hungary
	Italy	v	Bulgaria
	Denmark	v	Turkey

SOVIET TOUR TIMETABLE

VENUE DETAILS

Thursday 9th November 1989	— Worthing Leisure Centre Shaftesbury Avenue Worthing West Sussex Tel: 0903 502237
Friday 10th November 1989	— Crook Log Sports Centre Bexleyheath, Kent Tel: 01 304 5386
Saturday 11th November 1989	— Bletchley Leisure Centre Princes Way Milton Keynes, Bucks Tel: 0908 77251
Monday 13th November 1989	— Manchester/Oldham Venue to be confirmed

DIVISION TWO

Week ending Saturday

14 October	Luxembourg	v	Ireland
	Norway	v	Scotland
	Wales	v	Spain
	Switzerland	v	Greece
11 November	Ireland	v	Wales
	Greece	v	Scotland
	Switzerland	v	Luxembourg
	Spain	v	Norway
16 December	Norway	v	Ireland
	Spain	v	Luxembourg
	Scotland	v	Switzerland
	Greece	v	Wales
27 January	Luxembourg	v	Greece
	Switzerland	v	Norway
	Wales	v	Scotland
	Ireland	v	Spain
17 February	Greece	v	Ireland
	Wales	v	Switzerland
	Spain	v	Scotland
	Luxembourg	v	Norway
10 March	Scotland	v	Ireland
	Luxembourg	v	Wales
	Norway	v	Greece
	Switzerland	v	Spain

The Russians are Coming !

A FOUR match tour of England by the Soviet Union Table Tennis team will take place between 9 and 14 November 1989.

The USSR team claimed a semi-final place in the Dortmund World Championships in April with a sensational victory over a South Korean team including both the Gold and Silver Medalists from the Seoul Olympics. Although they lost to China at that stage their fourth place has underlined the dramatic shift in world table tennis dominance from East to West, with Sweden taking both team and individual titles.

The Soviet Team in Dortmund was based on the two brothers Mazunov, Andrei, the elder at 22 years of age, lives in Gorky and won the European Youth Championships in 1984, beating England's Carl Prean. He was the losing finalist in the last European Championships. His younger brother, Dmitrij (18) is flying up through the World ranking list and achieved a memorable win over Jan-Ove Waldner, now the World Champion, in last season's Yugoslav Open. Both of these players will spearhead the Soviet team, supported by V Dvorak and S Vardanian.



Andrei Mazunov

England will need to field their strongest team to score the victories which team manager Donald Parker feels are possible. Parker said "The current England Team is the best for over a decade. With Cooke, Prean and Douglas in form we are a match for any team in the World and with our home supporters behind us are confident of beating the Soviets".

BBC Television have already contracted to carry one of the matches on Grandstand on 11 November as a follow up to their highly acclaimed coverage of England's series against Sweden last season.

Silver Lining for Michael

by GEORGE R. YATES

Victories over Lindo Greve of the Netherlands, Frantisek Kanta of Czechoslovakia, Slobodan Grujic of Yugoslavia, Torben Wosik of the Federal Republic of Germany (7 and 8!) and Maxim Shmyrev of the USSR carried England's Michael O'Driscoll into the final of the boys' singles in Luxembourg.

IT WAS truly a remarkable run but alas the winning sequence was halted in the final when the Yorkshire lad seemingly lacking his previous impetus went under to the Soviet Union's Dmitry Gusev who won 16 and 19 in what was, from an English point of view, a disappointing anti-climax.

Nonetheless it was a great performance from the Mirfield boy whose Yorkshire compatriot Chris Oldfield reached the last sixteen losing to O'Driscoll's bete noire, Gusev. That just about sums up the extent of English successes in which all titles, both team and individual, were won by players from eastern Europe with the exception of the junior boys' doubles in which Federal Germany's Torben Wosik and Josef Hong triumphed, and the cadet boys doubles annexed by David Gustafsson and Adam Rasberg of Sweden.

Reverting to the boys' singles both Jonathan Taylor and Neil Bevan were eliminated in the first round, the former by Fredrik Lundquist of Sweden and the latter by Luis Proenca of Portugal. In the girls' singles, won by Gabriella Wirth of Hungary, both Julie Billington and Debbie Toole survived the first round only to fall in the second to Nuria Badia Font of Spain and Adriana Nastase of Romania respectively.

Again, in the girls' doubles, a first round win was not improved upon when Julie and Debbie played second fiddle to Alessia Arisi and Cristina Semenza of Italy the title going to the Hungarian sisters, Gabriella and Veronika Wirth.

No benefit accrued for O'Driscoll and Oldfield in the boys' doubles, a first round bye being followed by defeat at the hands of David Stepanek and Kanta of Czechoslovakia while Taylor and Bevan were ousted in the opening round by Jochen Kaiser of Federal Germany partnered by Sandro Caenaro of Luxembourg.

It was again disaster in the junior mixed with Oldfield/Toole failing to qualify for Round 1 when Dimitris Papadimitriou and Christina Lazaridou of Greece beat them while O'Driscoll/Billington bowed out to another Greek pair, George Hantsis and Despina Dandoula in Round 2.

What then of our cadets? Well, in the qualifying stage of the boys' singles, Barry Forster lost to Bojan Veselinovic of Yugoslavia while Alex Perry on his first visit to the table lost to Andrey Bondarev of the Soviet Union. End of story! Our girls did somewhat better especially the diminutive Nicola Deaton who reached the last sixteen of the girls' singles beating Maria Bubb of the



Chris Oldfield

Isle of Man and Ursula Rozner of Poland before falling to Nora Simon of Hungary. Sally Marling also had an IOM victim in Rd. 1, Julie Owen, but was seen off by Melissa Muller of the Netherlands in Rd. 2.

In the cadet boys' doubles Forster and Perry put down a Greek pair in the first round but then lost, desperately, to Lucjan Blaszczyk and Tomasz Krzeszewski of Poland who won 25-23, 25-23! Nicola and Sally took an early departure losing in Round one to Galle Mathieu and Cathy Rollen of Belgium.



Alex Perry

It was no better fortune in the mixed with Forster/Deaton beaten in the first round by Herbert Saenen and Vanessa Vrancken of Belgium as were Perry/Marling by Radoslaw/Zurek and Joanna Narkiewicz of Poland. Oh where, oh where do we go from here?

A look at the finishing positions in the team events also gives cause for concern with only the cadet girls improving from positions attained at the last championships in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia. In Luxembourg the junior boys dropped from 4 to 8, the junior girls from 10 to 11, the cadet boys from 8 to 13, only the cadet girls coming up from 12 to 8.

On paper England's junior boys' team of O'Driscoll, Oldfield, Taylor and Bevan appeared to be in with a chance of medals borne out in the initial groupings with 5-0 wins over Malta, Norway and Italy with only one set dropped against Poland when Taylor lost to Piotr Skierski.

Regrouped with France and the Netherlands saw us still on course with a 5-2 win over the former with O'Driscoll losing to Laurent Boudat who also beat Oldfield. Then came total disaster when the Dutch lads obliterated our fond expectations with a 5-0 hammering brought by two wins each for Merijn de Bruin and Trinko Keen with No.1, Danny Heister, nursing an injured leg, accounting for Old-

field. The debacle read:-

De Bruin b O'Driscoll 17,18;
Keen b Taylor 18,-17,12;
Heister b Oldfield 13,15;
Keen b O'Driscoll 20,-17,14;
De Bruin b Oldfield 9,14.

Positions 1 to 4 were then beyond England's reach as were positions 5 and 6 when, still demoralised by the Dutch defeat, we crashed to a second successive 5-0 reverse at the hands of Czechoslovakia. Scores:-

Kanta b Taylor 21,13;
Stepanek b O'Driscoll
-26,21,16;
Olejnik b Oldfield 19,20;
Kanta b O'Driscoll 14,-19,21;
Olejnik b Taylor 14,13.

Then, from leading Sweden 4-3 when playing for positions 7 or 8, it was the Swedes who fought back to win 5-4 O'Driscoll's treble and one from Oldfield in the opening set counting for nought in the final analysis. The Netherlands team went on to contest the final against the USSR but after De Bruin had beaten Serguei Noskov in the opening set it was then one way traffic for the Russians who ran out 5-1 winners the last set being conceded by Heister still bothered by a dodgy leg.

In the girls' team event an opening 3-0 win over Turkey was countered by a 3-1 reverse by Federal Germany but second place in the group was achieved with a 3-0 win over Norway. The next Group stage brought defeats at the hands of Sweden (2-3) and Yugoslavia (0-3) so it was for positions 9 to 12 that we were down to. And, after defeat by Poland (3-1) eleventh position it was for our final placing with a 3-1 win over Greece. Julie finished up winning 6 and losing 5 with Debbie winning 3 and also losing 5 in singles.

In the cadet boys' team event a solo win over Finland (3-0) and defeats by Luxembourg (3-0), F.R. Germany (3-0) and Belgium (3-1) netted England 4th place in the initial groupings placing us next with Yugoslavia, Poland and San Marino.

In this second group our opening match was against Poland which brought about a 3-0 defeat, but a heartening 3-2 win over Yugoslavia augured better than a 3-1 reverse at the hands of San Marino. This was despite an opening win for Forster who, against Andrea Stafanelli in the fourth set, was only beaten 22-20 in the decider. Playing finally for positions 13 or 14 we managed to beat Spain for 13th place, some five positions lower than that attained in Novi Sad.

Nicola and Sally in the cadet girls' team event had 3-0 wins over both the Isle of Man and Belgium and a 3-1 success against France but in losing 3-0 to Romania we finished in second spot behind our only conquerors in the initial group. But it was a far different story in the re-grouping stage when beaten 3-0 by Hungary and 3-2 by both Czecho-

32nd European Youth Championships 2

slovakia and Italy which left us playing Federal Germany for a final 7th or 8th place which turned out to be the latter with the Germans winning 3-0.

All told in the cadet teams Forster had 5 wins and 7 losses, Perry 3 wins and 7 losses, Nicola 6 wins and 5 losses and Sally 3 wins and 7 losses. In the junior boys' team event O'Driscoll had 9 wins and 5 losses, Oldfield 8 wins and 6 losses, Taylor 8 wins and 7 losses and Bevan, who only played in one match, 2 wins and no losses.

Calin Creanga of Romania was unbeaten in his 20 team sets but when it came for him to contest the mixed doubles semi-final his partner, Adriana Nastase, was left at the altar as Calin, like so many before him from Romania, had defected!

Most certainly not the best of championships for England leaving a great deal to be desired and much to be done before the next championships in Austria. But all credit to Jackie Bellinger, Jenny Heaton and Paul Day who gave all the encouragement they could but when it comes to the crunch it is on the table that matters with the onus on the players. On separate occasions

Jackie and Paul, in their enthusiasm, were ordered from the team bench.

Although some of our players were found wanting, not so the Federation Luxembourgeoise de Tennis de Table who, not having mounted a major championship before, did exceptionally well and all praise to them for a job well done.

All players and officials were housed either at the Parc or the Ibis hotels, both top standard, but complaints are to hand re two in a bed and four in a room. The umpires were located elsewhere and England's quartet of Liz Wilson, Fred Groom, Bill Lavis and Eric Pentland seemed to fare better for breakfast than we at the Parc. At least they had cheese and jam to go with their rolls whereas we had only jam!

At the finals night party England's Debbie Toole became the recipient of a 'Fair Play' award and the Soviet Union were the winners of the Joola award as the Association with the best results, Alexander Beliakov accepting the trophy plus a cheque from Michael Bachtler.

RESULTS

Team Competitions (31 Associations participating)

Junior Boys: 1.URS 2.HOL 3.FRG 4.ROM (28 teams)
Junior Girls: 1.HUN 2.URS 3.SWE 4.TCH (24 teams)
Cadet Boys: 1.HUN 2.URS 3.SWE 4.FRG (22 teams)
Cadet Girls: 1.URS 2.HUN 3.HUN 4.ROM (20 teams)

Individual Competitions

JB Singles: 1.D.Gusev (URS) 2.M.O'Driscoll (ENG)
 3/4 D.Heister (URS), M.Shmyrev (URS)
JG Singles: 1.G.Wirth (HUN) 2.T.Kostromina (URS)
 3/4 A.Arisi (ITA), C.Praedel (FRG)
JB Doubles: 1.T.Wosik/J.Hong (FRG)
 2.W.Schlager/K.Jindrak (AUT)
JG Doubles: 1.G.Wirth/V.Wirth (HUN)
 2.A.Arisi/C.Semenza (ITA)
JX Doubles: 1.S.Noskov/O.Laposhina (URS)
 2.T.Wosik/C.Praedel (FRG)
CB Singles: 1.V.Samsonov (URS) 2.T.Tran (FRA)
 3/4 Z.Varga (HUN), Z.Batorfi (HUN)
CG Singles: 1.G.Cojocar (ROM) 2.N.Simon (HUN)
 3/4 O.Kusch (URS), P.Cehovin (YUG)
CB Doubles: 1.D.Gustafsson/A.Rasberg (SWE)
 2.Z.Batorfi/Z.Varga (HUN)
CG Doubles: 1.G.Cojocar/L.Niculae (ROM)
 2.O.Kusch/T.Kulagina (URS)
CX Doubles: 1.V.Samsonov/O.Kusch (URS)
 2.D.Gustafsson/M.Persson (SWE)

Lancashire & Cheshire League

by GEORGE R. YATES

AN OVERALL gain of four teams into the 16 divisions making up the Lancs and Cheshire League is broken down as follows:-

	Teams			
	Divisions 1988/89	1989/90		
Men	6	50	50	=
Women	2	15	14	-1
Junrs	4	29	26	-3
Vets	4	23	31	+8

In the men's divisions Burnley 'A' and Farnworth 'A' have pulled out to be replaced by Liverpool Business Houses 'B' and Mid-Lancs. Crewe are the only fallers in the women's section whilst Burnley 'A', Hyde and Lytham will no longer operate in the junior sphere.

But it is the veterans' brigade who have so dramatically increased to such an extent that a new Div. 4 has had to be formulated. Out go Crewe from last season but the newcomers are nine in number namely:- Farnworth 'A', Hyndburn, Manchester, Oldham 'B', Rochdale 'A' and 'B', Trafford 'A', Wigan 'A' and Wirral 'B'.

Last season was a very successful one for Blackpool with the first team of Dave Bunting, Martin Ireland and Barry Crook winning Div. 2 (North) for only the third time in the town's history, the last being in 1957. Blackpool beat Trafford (7-3), Preston (9-1), Manchester (6-4) and drew with both Wirral and Southport losing only to Bolton (3-7). The points were so close between Blackpool and Trafford that the title was eventually decided by sets average, with the seaiders winning by one point!

Along with Blackpool as promoters to the top flight are the Div. 2 (South) champions, Macclesfield, taking over from the demotees, Oldham and Burnley.



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England's only representatives in the E.T.T.U. Nancy Evans Cup are Blackburn Postal and in the Mens' section they have been drawn at home to T.T.C. Julich, one of the strong Bundesliga teams from Federal Germany.

Cadet Five Nations Tournament 1

Determination: Nicola's recipe for success

NICOLA MEDDINGS proved to be the most successful player for England at the Cadet Five Nations Tournament held in the small Danish town of Sakskobine from June 2nd to June 4th with the girl from Sutton Coldfield giving a fine display to help England gain runners up spot in the team event and excelling all expectations to reach the final of the singles.

It was in the Cadet Girls singles that the determined Midlander showed her strength of character to oust West Germany's Ulrike Sallandt in the quarter finals and the conqueror of Sally Marling also from West Germany Sandra Stroezel in the penultimate round. The final proved to be the closest of matches with the talented Swede Marie Persson using her consistent topspin play to good effect to beat Miss Meddings who stuck to her task magnificently making the path most difficult for the eventual victor.

The tournament proved a fine event for the girls with the spirited quartet of Nicola Deaton, Sally Marling, Nicola Meddings and Clare Pengelly only beaten by the well organised West Germans to gain second place ahead of Sweden, Denmark and France with all the team winning vital matches under the excellent captaincy of Jackie Bellinger.

Meanwhile on the singles scene all four girls gave excellent performances, with both Marling and Deaton quarter finalists, the latter falling in a high class match to Persson the eventual winner, whilst Miss Pengelly exceeded all her expectations ousting top German Sallandt in the group matches, all girls can be pleased with their exploits.

The boys found life difficult against tough opposition with the quartet of Barry Forster, Alex Perry, Edward Hatley and Nick Bradfield in fourth place with the side well beaten by the top two nations West Germany and Sweden. It was a 9-1 the reverse on both occasions but the splendid Forster beat Marcus Becker and Edward Hatley accounted for Swede Henrik Gustavsson. However it was to be Alex Perry who hit top form in the match against France beating both David Johnston and Remy Ludevic as England fell 6-4 with doubles success in harness with Forster and a win over Johnston by the latter the England wins. However, success did come against Denmark with both Perry and Forster unbeaten and Hatley adding the vital win whilst on the singles scene Forster proved the most successful player with a splendid win over West German Sascha Kastner but defeats by Gallier (France) and Gustavsson (Sweden) halted hopes of qualification.

A high class tournament and lessons to be learnt, on the girls side the ability of the Swedes and the West Germans to spin the ball proved vital whilst for the boys the sheer consistency of topspin play from both forehand and especially backhand overcame the faster play of the Englishmen.

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Chris Oldfield used his power from both backhand and forehand to dominate proceedings in the boys singles event at Rishan le Zion in Israel from June 20th to June 22nd beating Grove clubmate Jonathan Taylor in the final after the top Israeli duo of Guy Basis and Gary Divald had been beaten in the semi-finals.

However, there was to be a shock in store for the Grove boys in the semi-final of the team event losing the tightest of matches to Israel's top side Guy Basis, Gary Divald and Dov Portnot with the latter playing the game of his life to beat the luckless Oldfield, the end of the road for the home team came at the hands of Falkenberg with the Swedes victorious by the margin of 5-4.

Meanwhile the Grove girls team of Sarah Creasey, Claire Marshall and Elizabeth Creasey excelled all expectations to clutch fourth place in the team event, beating the Israeli national side 5-3 with all three girls accounting for top Israeli girl Mihal Josefsberg and further vital success coming from Claire and Sarah. However the reverse result was the order of the day as Grove lost the fight for third and fourth place against Bergfarka from Sweden with the German girls from Sud West the well deserved champions.

A tournament of quality involving Swedes, West Germans, French, Israelis and England with a vast number of matches crammed into a day's play with Belgium stars Jean Michel Saive and Thierry Cabrera giving a splendid exhibition on the last day for the happy but thoroughly exhausted English teams.

A three day rest and then on to the Israeli Youth Open but the Israeli idea of rest was to take all the teams out for the weekend on a 600 mile coach trip to Eilat on the Red Sea via Jerusalem, the Dead Sea and Masada with an overnight stay in the resort of Eilat where winter apparently does not exist.



Jonathan Taylor

ISRAELI YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

A brilliant display by England's Jonathan Taylor in beating both Polish stars Skierski and Kaczmarek to give success at the semi final stage was the highlight of the Israeli Youth Open held at Rishan Le Zion near Tel Aviv from June 26th to June 28th.

The semi-final team event against Poland proved to be a classic with the vicious backhand topspin of Skierski beating the hard working Oldfield followed by Taylor recovering from an opening set deficit to beat Kaczmarek in a thriller. A further setback as the doubles went to Poland leaving England at the point of no return but it was Taylor who rose to the occasion to beat Skierski in the best match of the tournament with the Englishman ahead on only one occasion in the third set and that at the most important point 22-20. The scores level Oldfield rose to the occasion and in a critical third set the Englishman exploited the weakness of Kaczmarek wide to the left handers forehand to clutch success and a final spot against Hungary.

England proved to be the only Western European nation to reach the final stages as Poland faced Hungary in the girls match, with the former successful, and England beat Hungary 3-1 with only the doubles going astray for Oldfield and Taylor, with Taylor beating both Darv and Lavsko for victory. It was certainly a tough task for the English boys playing thirty minutes after their mammoth semi-final with Taylor and Oldfield both exhausted after their outstanding efforts, a victory they thoroughly deserved.

Meanwhile there was a splendid performance in the boys doubles event from Leigh Jeffries and Garry Knights who accounted for top Israeli's Basis and Divald before losing to eventual winners and final conquerors of Oldfield and Taylor the Polish duo of Skierski and Kaczmarek. In similar vein Jeffries and Knights both reached the latter stages of the boys' singles with the former losing to Darv of Hungary in the quarter finals and the latter to Marciano of Israel at the same stage.

The singles event was to prove the semi-final of revenge as by the narrowest of margins Taylor fell to the runner up Kaczmarek and Oldfield in a match of high quality lost to the eventual winner Skierski.

However, all four boys mounted the final rostrum and gained rewards for their efforts with Oldfield and Taylor winners in the team event and losing semi-finalists in the boys singles, whilst reward came to Knights and Jeffries being the boys doubles bronze medalists.

Cadet Five Nations Tournament 2

The strength of the Eastern Europeans from Poland and Hungary shone through in the girls events alongside the thoroughly efficient West Germans but there was success for the Grove trio of Claire Marshall, Sarah Creasey and Liz Creasey beating the Danish girls of Roskilde 3-1 before losing to Israel with Sabit Hose the most impressive Israeli.

In the singles event Claire Marshall proved the most successful beating Pederser of Denmark before losing to the defensive skills of French girl Pougam whilst the eventual winner Rakos of Hungary ended Liz Creasey's progress and Johnsons of Sweden defeated Sarah Creasey.

However, success for England, a vast number of matches played and all players stuck to their task in incredible heat and the most humid of conditions, a tour which will be remembered always.

SPANISH YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The England duo of Grant Solder and Andrew Eden dominated proceedings in the Spanish Youth Open held at Sar Cugat near Barcelona from July 14th to July 16th 1989.

The team event and the boys singles title returned to the green and pleasant land as the English were not to be denied. However it was a shaky start for England

beating Spain II 3-2 thanks to an unbeaten display by Andrew Eden but a comfortable 3-0 win against Portugal saw England face tough opposition in the semi finals against Israel, to the eternal credit of Eden and Solder the boys played tactically well and romped home 3-0 to face tough opponents Spain in a well staged final. However the team spirit of the English boys shone through and Eden was again unbeaten in a 3-1 success thoroughly deserved by the hard working pair.

In similar vein young Daryl Sneyd coached the cadet girl duo of Sara Williams and Nicola Meddings to first place in the Cadet Girls Team Event with Spain providing the toughest hurdle as Miss Meddings completed the event unbeaten in a crucial 3-1 win. Unfortunately the Cadet Boys Team lost narrowly to Spain with David Baker and Ray Powell fighting all the way whilst the defensive skills of top Spanish girl Panadero proved to be the stumbling block for Ellen Meddings and Alison Gower against Spain.

Eden and Solder continued their domination in the boys singles with Eden losing his only singles match of the weekend at the expense of Solder in the boys final with Divald of Israel and Pons of Spain the vanquished in the semi-finals. Meanwhile the runners up spot was the end result in the Cadet Girls Singles with the talented left hander

Perez beating Sara Williams having ousted Nicola Meddings one round earlier in the semi finals. Once again the ace Spanish defender Panadero beat Miss Gower in the girls singles whilst Sempere of Spain ousted Ellen Meddings whilst splendid

efforts from Powell and Baker in the Cadet Boys singles were halted by Spaniards Graca and Sanchez with Sanchez the eventual winner of the tournament.

Les Constable - obituary

IT WAS with deep sadness that I learned of the death of Les Constable, who collapsed while on holiday at Hastings in July, at the age of 73.

Les was the father of table tennis in Cambridge, for he was one of the founder members of the Cambridge League back in 1936 and he has been on the committee ever since. He has served in every capacity over the years, including coaching, umpiring and on the evening prior to leaving for his holiday, he was re-elected General Secretary for the Cambridge League for yet another year. He was also President of the Cambridgeshire Association, a founder of the South East Midlands League and a Vice-President of the English Table Tennis Association.

It is not surprising, in view of the tremendous amount of work that he has given to the sport, that he received an award from the Sports Council. Les was also a great cricket enthusiast and I have spent many happy hours with him at Fenners, the home of Cambridge University Cricket Club, where he used to relate tales of all the great players from between the wars.

It was perhaps inevitable that Les died after a game of table tennis in the town where the sport has its offices.

He was a widower and he leaves five children and eight grandchildren.

Geoff Waters

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England's representatives in the women's section of the Europe Club Cup, CLYCAN SOVEREIGNS of Grantham, have been drawn at home against DESCH TENNIS CADO of Luxembourg. Should they be successful, a meeting with the cup holders from Hungary is the likely outcome.

Russia Wins Joola Nations Trophy



Pictured above the Russian captain of their team at the European Youths Championships, A. Beliakov, after receiving the Nations Trophy and cheque for DM 5000. Joint presenters of the trophy were George Yates (Hon. Sec. E.T.T.U.) and M. Bachtler (Managing Director of Joola Tischtennis GmbH & Co.)

World Ranking List

WORLD RANKING

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Ranking Committee

Men	
1	WALDNER Jan-Ove SWE
2	PERSSON Jorgen SWE
3	GRUBBA Andrzej POL
4	JIANG JIALIANG CHN
5	YOO NAM KYU KOR
6	APPELGREN Mikael SWE
7	LINDH Erik SWE
8	CHEN LONGCAN CHN
9	YU SHENTONG CHN
10	TENG YI CHN
11	XU ZENGCAI CHN
12	KIM KI TAEK KOR
13	MAZUNOV Andrei URS
14	KLAMPAR Tibor HUN
15	KIM TAEK SOO KOR
16	KIM SONG HUI PRK
17	KUCHARSKI Leszek POL
18	LI GUN SANG PRK
19	WEI QINGGUANG CHN
20	CHU JONG CHOL PRK
21	ROSSKOPF Jörg FRG
22	DOUGLAS Desmond ENG
23	SAITO Kyoshi JPN
24	MA WENGE CHN
25	HUI JUN CHN
26	LO CHUEN TSUNG HKG
27	PRIMORAC Zoran YUG
28	WU WEN-CHIA TPE
29	BOHM Georg FRG
30	GATIEN Jean-Philippe FRA
31	XIE CHAOJIE CHN
32	PREAN Carl ENG
33	CHEN ZHIBIN CHN
34	DING YI AUT
35	KIM WAN KOR
36	LUPULESKU Ilije YUG
37	KALINIC Zoran YUG
38	AHN JAE HYUNG KOR
39	CARLSSON Ulf SWE
40	SAIVE Jean-Michel BEL
41	MAZUNOV Dmitrij URS
42	COOKE Alan ENG
43	MATSUSHITA Koji JPN
44	MIYAZAKI Yashihito JPN
45	KRISTON Zsolt HUN
46	CECAVA Miroslav TCH
47	WANG YONGGANG CHN
48	PANSKY Jindrich TCH
49	MUSA Atanda NGR
50	BENGTSSON Ulf SWE
51	HALDAN Paul HOL
52	KANO Claudio BRA
53	LOUKOV Mariano BUL
54	ONO Seiji JPN
55	HARCZI Zsolt HUN
56	NUKAZUKA Juzo JPN
57	GRMAN Milan TCH
58	DVORAK Vladimir URS
59	KARLSSON Peter SWE
60	FETZNER Steffen FRG
61	JANCI Tomas TCH
62	LIU FUK MAN HKG
63	WANG TAO CHN
64	ROZENBERG Boris URS
65	PODPINKA Andras BEL
66	JAVUREK Jiri TCH
67	CHIH CHIN-LONG TPE
68	WOSIK Ralf FRG
69	RENVERSE Patrick FRA
70	CABRERA Thierry BEL

71	COSTANTINI Massimo ITA
72	VAN SPANJE Henk HOL
73	HUANG HUEI-CHIEH TPE
74	SUN JIANWEI CHN
75	YALDIZ Gurhan TUR
76	SHIBUTANI Hiroshi JPN
77	VON SCHEELE Thomas SWE
78	MEHTA Kamlesh IND
79	CHIH CHIN-SHUI TPE
80	ANDREW Skylet ENG
81	LIU WEI-CHUNG TPE
82	PARK JAE HYUN KOR
83	MARMUREK Olivier FRA
84	KIM MYONG JUN PRK
85	BOGGAN Eric USA
86	STOJANOV Ivan BUL
87	NG Gideon Joe CAN
88	ZHOU XINGHANG CHN
89	PINTEA Horatio CAN
90	SAIVE Philippe BEL
91	WANG YANSHENG CHN
92	VON IU VENG HKG
93	BANKOLE Yome NGR
94	LIN ZHIGANG CHN
95	STEFANOV Stefan BUL
96	YUN MUN SONG PRK
97	O'NEILL Sean USA
98	PALMI Dietmar AUT
99	VARDANIAN Samvel URS
100	HAUTH Lars DEN
Women	
1	QIAO HONG CHN
2	CHEN JING CHN
3	LI BUN HUI PRK
4	HYUN JUNG HWA KOR
5	CHEN ZIHE CHN
6	LI HUIFEN CHN
7	GUERGUELTCHEVA Daniela BUL
8	LI JUN CHN
9	BATORFI Csilla HUN
10	NEMES Olga FRG
11	DENG YAPING CHN
12	UCHIYAMA Kyoko JPN
13	BULATOVA Fliura URS
14	HOSHINO Mika JPN
15	HRACHOVA Marie TCH
16	BADESCU Otilia ROM
17	CHAI PO WA HKG
18	WANG XIAOMING FRA
19	URBAN Edit HUN
20	DING YAPING CHN
21	CHAN TAN LUI HKG
22	SAFOROVA Alena TCH
23	GAO JUN CHN
24	CHO JONG HUI PRK
25	HU XIAOXIN CHN
26	POPOVA Valentina URS
27	KASALOVA Renata TCH
28	HE QIANGGONG CHN
29	KLOPPENBURG Miriam HOL
30	MOK KA SHA HKG
31	FAZLIC Jasna YUG
32	HONG CHA OK KOR
33	PANG CHUN DOK PRK
34	AN HUI SUK PRK
35	YU SUN BOK PRK
36	PERKUCIN Gordana YUG
37	YAMASHITA Fumiyo JPN
38	GORDON Alison ENG
39	HAN HYE SONG PRK
40	KOVTUN Elena URS
41	LEE TAE JOO KOR
42	LOMAS Lisa ENG
43	WIRTH Gabriella HUN
44	HUI SO HUNG HKG

45	SVENSSON Marie SWE
46	LIU WEI CHN
47	ISHIDA Kyomi JPN
48	PALINA Irina URS
49	BHUSHAN IN SOOK USA
50	GAO LIJUAN CHN

Further English players to appear are Nicky Mason at No.127, Fiona Elliot at No.79 and Andrea Holt at No.103.

The order of the English players reverses that of the Lentec Ranking List. In both, Carl Prean is listed as the No.2 English player, but on the World Ranking List, Desmond Douglas is shown at No.1 and Alan Cooke at No.3, whilst on the Lentec List, Cooke is at No.1 and Douglas at No.3.

The Swedes have 4 players in the Men's Top 7 and the Chinese have 4 in the Women's Top 6.

The Chinese player, Xu Zengcai has had a meteoric rise to No.11 which, according to ETТА Chairman, John Prean is well deserved. John is astonished at the low rating of Chen Zhibin at No.33 who was China's most impressive player on their tour of England and has since won two big Opens in addition to the Scandinavian and Yugoslav a little earlier. John regards him as several points better than the former World Champion, Jiang who appears at No.4, despite being a shadow of his former self at Dortmund. The highest placed defender is the North Korean, Li Gun Sang, whose No.18 place in no way flatters him.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

3rd Deutschland-Cup		Trier	13/14 May 1989
MS	SF Yang Jianhua (CHN) bt A. Grubba (POL)	T. Klampar (HUN) bt Guo Yuehua (CHN)	19,-13,20,-13,19 6,12,12
	F A. Grubba	bt Yang Jianhua	-19,17,16,-19,19
WS	SFD. Guerguelcheva (BUL) bt M. Kloppenburg (HOL) bt F M. Kloppenburg	R. Zatkova (TCH) bt E. Urban (HUN) bt D. Guerguelcheva	19,15,8 13,18,-19,-19,18 19,14,-17,16
MD	F Yang Jianhua/ Wang Yunsun (CHN)	bt Lu Quiwei/ Li Yuxiang (CHN)	17,-12,15
WD	F D. Guerguelcheva/ J. Fazlic (BUL/YUG)	bt R. Zatkova/ Sopova (TCH)	16,19

A stunning final between Grubba and former Chinese International Yang Jianhua, who now plays for Carl Prean's new Club, Grenzau in the German Bundesliga.

China Open		Shanghai	18/21 May 1989
MS	SF Ahn Jae Hyung (KOR) bt Chen Zhibin (CHN)	P. Karlsson (SWE) bt Ma Wenge (CHN)	15,18,19 -18,-20,21,16,11
	F Chen Zhibin	bt Ahn Jae Hyung	19,18,14
WS	SF Chen Jing (CHN) bt Deng Yaping (CHN)	bt Ding Yaping (CHN) bt Li Juan (CHN)	18,11,12 14,8,15 13,13,11
	F Deng Yaping	bt Chen Jing	
MD	F Yu Shentong/ Ma Wenge (CHN)	bt Chen Longcan/ Wei Qingguang (CHN)	26,20
WD	F Chen Jing/ Deng Yaping (CHN)	bt Ding Yaping/ Li Juan (CHN)	8,14
XD	F Chen Longcan/ Chen Jing (CHN)	bt Ma Wenge/ Deng Yaping (CHN)	-20,13,18

Hong Kong Open			25/28 May 1989
Men's Team		China bt Korea R	3-0
Women's Team		China bt Hong Kong (1)	3-0
MS	SF Lin Zhigang (CHN) bt Chen Zhibin (CHN)	bt Teng Yi (CHN) bt Xie Chaojie (CHN)	-20,19,19,17 13,-14,20,12
	F Chen Zhibin	bt Lin Zhigang	13,13,12
WS	SF Deng Yaping (CHN) bt Chan Tan Lui (HKG)	bt Chai Po Wa (HKG) bt Chen Zihe (CHN)	14,-15,12,17 14,-19,16,-21,16
	F Deng Yaping	bt Chan Tan Lui	11,15,17

A remarkable double by Chen Zhibin, who was China's most successful player on their tour of England last season. Not perhaps absolutely top-class fields with many players still resting after the exertions of the World Championships, but stunning performances from Chen just the same.

1st Japan Open		Tottori	1/4 June 1989
MS	SF T. Janci (TCH) bt Ma Wenge (CHN)	bt P. Karlsson (SWE) bt K. Matsushita (JPN)	-19,19,-18,9,15 11,16,11
	F Ma Wenge	bt T. Janci	-15,19,19,-20,18
WS	SF Qiao Hong (CHN) bt Chan Tan Lui (HKG)	bt Chai Po Wa (HKG) bt Liu Wei (CHN)	19,19,18 21,15,-12,12
	F Chan Tan Lui	bt Qiao Hong	16,20,-14,21
MD	F K. Saito/ Y. Matsushita (JPN)	bt T. von Scheele/ P. Karlsson (SWE)	14,9
WD	F Qiao Hong/ Hu Xiaoxin (CHN)	bt Liu Wei/ Tao Haidong (CHN)	

Championships for the Disabled



Above: Bill Bloomer
Right: Trudy Barker
Below: P. Gabriel -v- D. Terry



Grand Metropolitan National Table Tennis Championships for the Disabled

by LES WOODING



I CAN honestly say that having the honour to have umpired at these championships held at the Rivermead Leisure Centre at Reading on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th August 1989 was the most exciting, memorable and happiest event in my table tennis career.

The records will show that the North West Region took many of the awards. What they will not record is the tremendous abilities of scores of sportsmen and sportswomen from all over the British Isles to overcome extremely debilitating illnesses and to play table tennis at a standard unmatched by most able bodied athletes.

What the records will also fail to depict is the warmth, idolatry and indeed love that the North West Region hold for our National Coaches Donald and Jill Parker. It was no coincidence that this Region had unsurped the Southern Region from prominence. It was down to the unselfish and dedicated help of these two hardworking people.

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Victory over Sweden

Mashed Swedes !

by DONALD PARKER

THE ENGLISH team could not have wished for a better start to their first season for four years in the European Super League.

Carl Prean, Alan Cooke, Lisa Lomas, Alison Gordon and team captain Donald Parker, travelled to Vellinge in the very south of Sweden to start this season's campaign. Our hosts from Vellinge were quite superb with nothing being too much trouble for them.

As is now the prerogative of the home team, the match was played on two tables. However, it still lasted well over two hours. On the morning of the match, Alan Cooke complained of a shoulder injury, the same one that prevented him competing in February's Leeds Masters. To their credit the organisers, with a little persuasion from myself, arranged physiotherapy and whilst Alan was certainly not

100% fit he was able to compete in the match.

The two men's singles were the first matches on and the new Swedish star Peter Karlsson found Carl Prean in excellent form and on the night, simply too good. Alan fought hard against Erik Lindh and under the circumstances put up a creditable performance losing two close games.

The next two games on were crucial, the men's doubles and women's singles. With Lindh and Karlsson playing for the same Swedish club team Falkenberg, plus being a left hand, right hand combination, we anticipated a very tough game. Not to be, Alan and Carl playing one of their best games in their comparatively short career together won very convincingly.

Lisa Lomas: Amazing fightback in third set against Gustafsson.



Carl Prean: Two vital singles wins to ensure England victory.

However, a totally different situation had developed on the next table. On paper, our best chance in any of the games was the women's singles with the Swedes fielding Helene Gustafsson found herself 14-3 up in the third against Lisa Lomas. Quite remarkably Lisa recovered to win 22-20 and we found ourselves 3-1 in the lead needing one more win for victory.

This victory came in the very next game, the mixed doubles, with Carl Prean continuing his excellent play very ably assisted by Alison Gordon against Lindh and Gustafsson. With the match now secure there seemed little point in risking further injury to Alan's shoulder and so his game against Peter Karlsson was conceded.

Carl finished the match off in fine style, beating Europe's No. 5 Erik Lindh very easily. On his last trip to Sweden for a European League match four years ago, Carl was unbeaten in singles against Waldner and Bengtsson. This year, he won both his singles and doubles, a quite remarkable achievement and hopefully a good omen for the European Championships this season in Gothenburg.



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The Rivermead Leisure Centre proved to be a really excellent venue with the staff exceptionally friendly and helpful. However, even this venue paled into the background compared to the hospitality of the Caversham Hotel under their manager Robin Winter. The barbecue next to the Thames was an experience beyond description. The dedication and helpfulness of all the Caversham staff went far, far beyond the call of duty. Throughout the tournament, directors of the Grand Metropolitan were in attendance and they must surely gain great personal satisfaction from the pleasure they gave to so many.

Chairman of the British Sports Association for the Disabled, Philip Lewis, himself a local Table Tennis player, supported a very strong and excellent official team headed by the Championships director John Jenkins. John Freeman did an excellent job as Tournament Referee backed up by Bob Morley and

Bob Walton and many others. Scores of young boys and girls from the Reading schools, organised by Peter Charters, put the finishing touch as ball boys and girls to one of the most successful days in B.S.A.D. history.

Of the tournament itself, the attitude and spirit of the event was encapsulated by Birmingham's Michael Swann, who received the award of 'player of the tournament'. He also won the Group 4 mens singles title. Bronze winner in 1988, Polio victim Fran Pratt at last secured Gold with a victory over Scotland's Sharon Morley.

Another top performance came from a member of the famous Heaps Table Tennis family. Tim Heaps, who has only one arm, was a deserving winner of group 6, emulating successes in the able-bodied game of Simon, Judy and Nick.

Full Results

Winning Men's Regional Team:
North West

Winning Women's Regional Team:
North West
Grand Metropolitan Trophy for the Winning Team:

North West
Player of the Tournament:
Michael Swann (West Midlands)

Men

Group 1
David Russell (South)
Group 2
Bob Clauson (North West)
Group 3
Ken Martlew (Greater London)
Group 4
Michael Swann (West Midlands)
Group 5
Peter Gabriel (Wales)
Group 6
Tim Heaps (South)
Group 8
David Evans (Greater London)

Women

Group 2
Joyce Cockcroft (North West)
Group 3
Trudi Barker (North West)

Group 4
Joyce Thirtle (West Midlands)
Group 5
Diane Patterson (Scotland)
Group 6
Fran Pratt (North)

Doubles

Groups 1/2
Bob Clauson/Ian Littlewood (North West)
Group 3
Joe McGuire/Tim Phillips (West Midlands)
Group 4
Joyce Thirtle/Michael Swann (West Midlands)
Group 5
R. Reading/A. Yates (North)
Group 6
Tim Heaps/Brian le Cras (South)

Invitation Event:

Winners: Jill and Don Parker
Runners-up: Karen Witt and Nicky Jarvis

ANGER

A New Generation Emerging Rapidly

by MIKE LOVEDER

LONG-ESTABLISHED players now seem to be slipping down and making way for a relatively new generation. Alan Cooke has retained his rightful position at No. 1 in the country and really did have to earn his national title in Portsmouth. Carl Prean is now challenging strongly for the No. 2 position and this was reflected in his 3-1 first ever victory over Desmond Douglas. Although Douglas should not yet be written off as a has-been, his 100% British League record was truly smashed last season with him losing four games. This is also an indication of the rising strength of the Leeds British League which attracted Chen Xinhua, two Canadians, two Belgians, two Jamaicans and a New Zealander.

Even the mighty Chen slips out of the world rankings, down from No. 7 and last season alone he lost games to Des Douglas, Carl Prean and Thierry Cabrera in various events. One defensive player still on the way up is the entertaining Matthew Syed. He performed exceedingly well last season, starting with victories over Jacques Secretin and the French No. 1 Jean-Phillipe Gatién. At the Leeds National Championships he recorded a remarkable 18, 12, -12, 4 victory over Nicky Mason and trailed at only 10-13 in the fifth against Alan Cooke before being overcome with severe cramp. He has plenty of years ahead to perfect his defence and should please many crowds. He is frequently the talking point of domestic tournaments and has proved the rumour untrue that he went to the Delhi World Championships to interpret the menus!

Skylet Andrew has had a fairly quiet season with the exception of success at the Dortmund World Championships where he played well. He fell to Steve Dorking at the Essex 3-star last season and made little impact on the National Championships this time, only taking the Mens Doubles title again in partnership with Nicky Mason. Jimmy Stokes has had an indifferent Leeds British League season finishing with only 45% as he no longer plays full time. He ended the season on a high though with an unexpected victory over Skylet Andrew at Portsmouth. Not all of his 55% losses have been too disappointing as he did well to lead Jean-Michel Saive 20-16 in the third in the British League, but lost 6 consecutive points. Saive continues to improve as the pride of Belgium and inflicted two of Douglas' losses.

John Souter has had a quiet season except for winning the Middlesex 3-star, and he was surprisingly absent from the National Championships. Souter is now

being overtaken by Derbyshire's Bradley Billington. Brad and Sean Gibson are a powerful pair working their way up although the latter suffered a setback with a shoulder injury last season. However Sean is



Jimmy Stokes: Ended season on high note with victory over Skylet Andrew at Portsmouth in the Leeds National Championships. (Photo: Mike Loveder)

back on course for a Top 10 position. Nicky Mason continues with occasional brilliant performances including a victory over the Soviet No. 1 in the USSR Open. He stretched Des Douglas to 23-25 in the third at his second attempt in the Leeds British League but has at times been equally disappointing — although I cannot see him losing 4-

21 again to Matthew Syed in a hurry! Before long I hope players will recognise the importance of some practice against defence. Nicky now needs stronger opponents to improve his position further and I hope the Leeds British League will provide such competition before he thinks about moving abroad.

Michael O'Driscoll is a relative newcomer to the top notch who reached No. 8 in the mens national rankings after reaching the final of the Middlesex 3-star with most stronger opponents away at the French Open. He does have great talent and I look forward to the time when he has his 'A' levels behind him. Another potential star and Yorkshire youngster is of course Chris Oldfield who gave our National Champion the fright of his life as he recovered from 12-18 down in the fifth to deuce. He provided 'Cookies' closest contest at the National Championships as he just lost out 22-24. He has in the past beaten Top 20 players and I feel a season in the Leeds British League Premier Division should make or break him.

John Holland has done equally well and his greatest achievement must have been taking the National Mixed Doubles title in partnership with Julie Billington. They removed both the top two seeds on their way to victory to earn their title. Mason and Andrew paired with Alison Gordon and Fiona Elliot respectively must have wondered what went wrong! Other relative newcomers to watch are likely to include Jonathan Taylor, Neil Bevan, Grant Solder, Tommy Cutler, Neil Pickard, Leigh Jeffries, Scott Greenbrook and Paul Carter.

The situation among the ladies rankings seems to have changed little. Alison Gordon competed quite well against the men in the Leeds British League which is the sort of competition she needs to improve still further, but she lost her National title to Lisa Lomas who seems to be making a revival despite married life. BBC Breakfast Time showed part of her extraordinary effort at Portsmouth in the Ladies final. Fiona Elliot stays among the Top 3 too and is followed by Andrea Holt as Joy Dean starts the slippery slope downwards. Andrea does not appear to have reached her full potential yet, but she does need to be more consistent in her results. She had what appeared to me a disappointing season in the Leeds British League where she lost convincingly to Helen Lower. Jill Harris stays near to the top and will take some removing, nevertheless a great talent lies with Julie Billington who represents a danger to many of our leading players.

Among our junior boys Ormskirk's Andrew Eden performed well in the Leeds British League leading Liverpool to victory in Division 3 North. He still needs to be tested on the senior circuit but he has a surprise win over Chris Oldfield to his credit. Another potential threat to the seniors is Alan Cole who is now emerging on the senior circuit and he showed great potential last season. Debbie Toole is a good young player still to be tested by the senior ladies. At No. 2 in the juniors she just squeezes into the Ladies Top 20 and should move higher before too long.

In short we have many up-and-coming players to maintain our campaign in the 'Super Division' of the European League. It will no doubt prove tough but we are no longer out of our depth as we increase our strength in depth. I hope that the world rankings realistically reflect our players in the not too distant future — Des Douglas at No. 22 and Alan Cooke at No. 42 does not seem quite right somehow! Similarly in the European rankings Des is at No. 13 while Alan is shown at 18. I guess they'll catch up with us sooner or later...

John Hilton is the least young in the Top 20 but he is not yet over the hill despite his nickname Hilltop! He and Graham Sandley are both clinging on to Top 20 positions, but one suspects perhaps not for much longer. Tony Stark has rocketed up the rankings with a series of unexpected wins over the past year but he will find it tough near the top.



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All Change Please !

by M. J. LOVEDER

A NEW-LOOK Premier Division has now been formed and once again the transfer market has been busy during the summer months. Sadly there is a mixture of good news and bad. First of all I welcome the return of Alan Cooke who, with Des Douglas, makes Grove I look invincible. Not only do Grove now have the No.1 and No.3 men, but also the No.1 and No.3 women in the country. Alison Gordon and Fiona Elliot are listed under Grove's second team in Division 1 North. The late withdrawal of League Champions Ashford I is the bad news. It seems all the League Champions withdraw after a year or two of being at the top. I was looking forward to seeing Jean-Michel Saive going into battle with Des Douglas and Alan Cooke. Maybe someone else will try to sign up the Belgian star...? Ellenborough, former League Champions, make a return to the Premier after many years absent (alias C&L Ruislip) and produce one of the strongest teams from the London area although only Nigel Tyler continues from last season's Ruislip team with 3 recruits added. Another new strong London-based team is of course Dulwich Rams led by Glenn Baker and Phil Bradbury. Ormesby are little changed and could pose some threat to the favourites Grove if only they could turn out at full strength (i.e. with both Canadians). Michael O'Driscoll or John Broe provide a strong No.4 for Ormesby this season. Nicky Mason returns to Bath who once again look like the 'bronze medal' candidates — Matthew Syed will continue to entertain for them and his games in particular against Grove and Ormesby should prove pretty lively and memorable. Kettler Sport should survive their first season in the Premier providing they do not slip up against either of the relegation contenders. Butterfly Cardiff look set to struggle in the absence of the Thomas's and the Australians they were rumoured to be recruiting a few months back. Plymouth Bulldogs, who were relegated to Division 2 South last year, re-emerge as Armada 400 for what is likely to be a temporary visit to the Premier. They have only added Paul Whiting in their bid to avoid the plunge once again. In short the Premier looks fairly predictable now, but in-season recruitment could change a great deal. As far as I can see there are still a few leading players who have not yet been signed up (at the time of writing): Steve Dorking, Jimmy Stokes and Andy Wellman to name but three.

Favourites to lead Division 1 South appear at present to be Ashford and Horsham Dolphins — from the registrations seen so far. Team Peniel (formerly Ramlosa) may have the strongest No. 1 in the division having recruited John Holland but the rest of the team will need to excel if they are to make any significant impact. Rejects introduce Scott Greenbrook to their first team to give him the opportunity of gaining a top 100 position. The others could struggle if they do not get into regular practice although I expect Percy Collino to cause one or two upsets — I doubt if Max Crimmins relishes the prospect of playing him again! TSP Larkhall have a large squad which should survive and I hear that Dave Harding has been promoted to Press Officer. Chelmsford OC's, having lost a player, won't find things easy and Colley Toyota (formerly Doleq Carpets) will need to find some good form in order to survive. Britannia Anglia are newcomers to this division and are quite likely to inflict some damage and perhaps take third place. Relegation in this division is impossible to forecast accurately as the bottom half of the division is expected to be very close.

Division 1 North looks very difficult to forecast too. The ladies of Grove II could upset quite a few of the men and with Jonathan Taylor they have potential to do well. Will Well Connected men swear? Led by John Burleton and Graeme McKim, Well Connected Menswear should do fairly well but should not

find their campaign as easy as they did last season. West Warwickshire appear to have a solid side as do MBS St.Neots. At a guess I suspect Bayer Bradford and City of Leeds should survive but Chan Construction and Ruston Marconi Lincoln will probably find it tough going.

Further down the League there is quite a number of new teams entering and once again a new division has been added. This season the new teams we welcome to the League include Newport Pagnell, Harlesden PCC, Brentwood, Humberside Andro, SEE South West Durham, Tigers (Telford),

Huddersfield Concorde, Thorns (Worcester area), Concord Flash and last but not least Bude Surfers (formerly White Hart Launceston II).

Provisional Premier Line up:

Grove: Alan Cooke, Des Douglas, Brad Billington, Chris Oldfield and Sean Gibson

Ormesby: Chen Xinhua, Joe Ng, Horatio Pintea, John Broe & Michael O'Driscoll

Bath: Nicky Mason, Matthew Syed, John Souter, Kevin Satchell & Chris Rogers

Ellenborough: Nigel Tyler, Graham Sandley, Tony Stark & Colin Wilson

Dulwich Rams: Glenn Baker, Phil Bradbury, Carl Morgan, Des Charlery & Jon Bradbury

Kettler: John Hilton, Adrian Moore, Stephen Scowcroft & Stephen Slater

Cardiff: Tony Taylor, Paul Giles, Ian McLean, Paul Lewis & Jeff Morgan

Armada: Paul Whiting, Gary Lambert, Mike Short, Gary Wilson



Andy Wellman

1988/89 Final Leading Averages:

Premier: Chen Xinhua, Ormesby 26/27 (96.3%), Des Douglas, Bath 22/26 (84.6), Matthew Syed, Bath 23/28 (82.1), Sean Gibson, Grove 13/16 (81.2), Graham Sandley, Grove 16/20 (80), Glenn Baker, Ashford 17/22 (77.3)

additionally Jean-Michel Saive was unbeaten but played insufficient to qualify for the averages.

1 South: Nigel Tyler, C&L Ruislip 23/24 (95.8), Andy Wellman, Ruislip 19/20 (95), Richard Jermyn, Dagenham 13/16 (81.2), Andy Cunningham, Ruislip 19/24 (79.2) and John Burleton, Dagenham 19/26 (73.1)

1 North: John Hilton, Kettler 23/26 (88.4), Chris Oldfield, Grove 17/20 (85), John Kitchener, Britannia 23/28 (82.1), Phil Logsdon, Britannia 20/26 (76.9) and Steve Slater, Kettler 20/28 (71.4).

The Leeds County Championships 1

The Leeds County Championships

by DOUG MOSS

THE NUMBER of teams has again increased — this season by 5 — making a total of 181! With 62 teams in the Senior Section and 60 in the Veterans it provided the possibility to introduce the minimum number of two 3rd Divisions with 6 teams in each. The County representatives at the Annual Conference voted overwhelmingly for the 3rd Divisions rather than have some Divisions with 9, or possibly 10 teams. With 59 teams in the Junior Section this arrangement was not possible and therefore three 2nd Divisions have 9 teams.

A proposal by Devon Association that Senior Premier Division teams should include 2 ladies received very good support and a change of Rule was approved. Matches would be played on the same basis as the Junior Premier Division. As entries for 89/90 had already been made on the basis of only 1 lady per team it

was decided the change should take effect for the 90/91 season.

There were also proposals for separate Sections for men and women at Senior and Junior level. After a full discussion it was considered that, with teams playing in different Divisions and possibly at different levels, there could be —

more travel and increased costs

more Officials needed to run County teams

some Counties short of ladies and reluctant to enter

the likelihood that it would result in less ladies playing in the Championships.

The proposals were withdrawn and it was decided that a Working Party be formed to examine the question of the participation of ladies in the Championships.



Glen Baker: Leading average in Senior 1B list



Crossing the Solent by Hovercraft

by ALF PEPPARD

AT THE kind invitation of our Chairman and Mrs. Prean, I took a day off back in the summer to sample the delights of crossing the Solent by Hovercraft with the thought in mind of a second Radio interview with John Prean.

Accompanied by my wife Gladys and a BBC tape recorder we were made most welcome and the final results were one 11½ minute interview with John and 6½ minutes with Carl.

In conversation with John I was left with no doubt that our sport in general is indeed on the upward trend, John Prean's resilience hard

hard work and optimism for the future are part of his character that he has unflinchingly thrown himself into 100% - restoring confidence and credibility back into table tennis and perhaps only those that work closely with him and others that know him, can only too well appreciate.

Of course he has not done it all by himself, no individual can run an Association the size of the ETTA entirely on their own, but John's choice of Officials who surround him has it appears unquestionably paid off — meanwhile vivid memories of darker days of "not so long ago", must not be forgotten.

Heading back to the mainland with Ryde and the Isle of Wight gradually receding into the distance I suddenly felt that John Prean just might lose the odd occasional table

tennis battle or two now and again, but having said that I am convinced that he will win most of his table tennis wars.

PS. Both BBC interviews will be given extensive coverage over the air — locally and also nationally.

The Leeds County Championships 2

Final Leading Averages 1988/89

compiled by DOUG MOSS

QUALIFICATION — 4 matches plus at least 70% wins



Matthew Syed: Leading average in Senior Premier list

SENIOR PREMIER	W	L	Av%
Mathew Syed (Bk)	8	0	100
Graham Sandley (Mi)	11	3	79
Nigel Tyler (Mi)	11	3	79
Chris Oldfield (Y)	10	4	71

Andrea Holt (La)	7	0	100
Carol Giles (Dv)	5	2	71
Mandy Sainsbury (Bk)	5	2	71
Palmer/Kitchener (Sk)	7	0	100
Tyler/Keast (Mi)	3	1	75

SENIOR 1A	W	L	Av%
Steve Dorking (E)	10	2	83
Phil Gunn (Wa)	10	2	83
Phil Logsdon (Nk)	8	2	80
Desmond Charlery (E)	11	3	79
Eddie Smith (Nd)	11	3	79
Adrian Dixon (Wa)	9	3	75
Malcolm Green (Wo)	5	2	71
Dave Newman (E)	10	4	71
Nicky Davies (Nd)	7	3	70

Sandra Roden (Wo)	6	0	100
Yvette Hooks (Ca)	6	1	86
Helen Bardwell (Ca)	5	1	83
Mandy House (Wo)	5	1	83
Clare Mouzon (Nd)	5	1	83
Ruth Bray (Y2)	4	1	80
Helen Broomhead (Y2)	3	1	75
Dorking/Charlery (E)	6	0	100
Gunn/Johnson (Wa)	3	1	75
Bardwell/Hooks (Ca)	5	1	83
Mouzon/Guthrie (Nd)	5	1	83
Roden/House (Wo)	4	1	80

SENIOR 1B	W	L	Av%
Glen Baker (Sy)	10	0	100
Tom Cutler (Mi2)	7	0	100
Mike Hammond (Sy)	7	1	88
David Goode (Mi2)	10	3	77
Richie Venner (Sx)	9	3	75
Sue Butler (Dv2)	6	0	100
Gillian Blanch (Mi2)	6	1	86
Juliet Houghton (K)	6	1	86
Helen Perrott (Av)	5	1	83
Jane Barella (Sy)	5	2	71
Stark/Goode (Mi2)	3	1	75
Carey/Sadler (So)	3	1	75
Barella/Simmonds (Sy)	5	2	71

SENIOR 2A	W	L	Av%
Keith Williams (La2)	8	1	89
Ian Gunn (Wa2)	7	1	88
Lee Neil (Ng)	7	1	88
Malcolm McEvoy (La2)	8	2	80
Maurice Newman (Le2)	11	3	79
Michael Browne (Wa2)	9	3	75
Andrew Eden (La2)	6	2	75
Tim Sheppard (Ng)	7	3	70
Marjorie Riddle (La2)	7	0	100
Julie Revill (Le2)	4	0	100
Amanda Goodwin (La2)	5	1	83
Joanne Pickles (Le2)	5	2	71
Johns/Percival (Ch1)	6	0	100
Goodwin/Riddle (La2)	6	0	100

JUNIOR PREMIER

	W	L	Av%
Michael O'Driscoll (Y)	14	0	100
Chris Oldfield (Y)	8	0	100
Mark Stephenson (Y)	11	1	92
Colin Bowler (Bd)	12	2	86
Andrew Eden (La)	12	2	86
Lee Jeffries (St)	11	3	79

Nicola Deaton (Dy)	7	0	100
Debbie Toole (Y)	6	0	100
Julie Billington (Dy)	4	0	100
Joanne Roberts (Y)	5	1	83
Esme Kottasz (Mi)	3	1	75
Linda Radford (E)	5	2	71
O'Driscoll/Oldfield (Y)	4	0	100
Bamford/Hanks (Dy)	5	2	71
Solder/Holland	5	2	71
Billington/Deaton (Dy)	4	1	80
Kottasz/Williams (Mi)	3	1	75
Toole/Roberts (Y)	3	1	75

JUNIOR 1A

	W	L	Av%
Darren Howarth (Ch)	8	0	100
Ian Collier (Du)	10	2	83
Steven Riggins (Du)	9	3	75
Graham Cook (Y2)	10	4	71
Paul Wood (Ng)	10	4	71
Stephen Horsfield (Y2)	7	3	70
Chris Nicholls (Y2)	7	3	70

Joanne Keighley (Y2)	5	1	83
Debbie Newman (Y2)	5	1	83
Kate Ryan (Wa)	5	1	83
Hayley Sims (Li)	5	1	83
Tina Connolly (La2)	3	1	75
Sally Johnson (Li)	3	1	75
Alison Ledwitch (Wa)	5	2	71
Singh/Clarke (Wa)	4	1	80
Furieux/Wood (Ng)	3	1	75
Keighley/Newman (Y2)	4	1	80

JUNIOR 1B

	W	L	Av%
Ian Johnson (Av)	11	1	92
Alan Cole (Sx)	10	2	83
Brian Mileham (K)	11	3	79
Jason Blake (Sy)	9	3	75
Ian Black (He)	10	4	71
Steve Bettison (Av)	10	4	71
David Hadley (Av)	10	4	71

Tina Sadler (So)	4	0	100
Lisa Crick (Bk)	6	1	86
Emma Hurling (He)	5	1	83
Hannah Webber (Sy)	5	1	83
Tracey Cole (Sx)	5	1	83
Nicola Cracknell (Bk)	5	2	71
Desiree Joseph (K)	5	2	71
Black/Sanders (He)	5	2	71
Cracknell/Crick (Bk)	7	0	100
Watton/Baggaley (Bu)	5	1	83

VETS PREMIER

	W	L	Av%
Henry Buist (K)	13	1	93
Brian Kean (Ch)	12	2	86
Clive Morris (K)	11	3	79
Derek Schofield (Ch)	11	3	79
Malcolm Corking (Y)	9	3	75
Doreen Schofield (Ch)	6	1	86
Pat Bassano (Y)	4	1	80
Holman/Warren (Sy)	6	0	100
Horton/Stace (Sx)	4	1	80
Shirley/Waters (Bu)	5	2	71

VETS 1A

	W	L	Av%
Peter Radford (E)	12	0	100
Fred Lockwood (E)	10	0	100
Stuart Gibbs (E)	9	1	90
Mick Broughton (Nk)	10	2	83
Ray Dixon (Wo)	8	2	80
Keith Powell (Ch2)	9	3	75
Alan Timewell (Ch2)	9	3	75
Graham Tomlinson (Ch2)	9	3	75
Lesley Radford (E)	5	0	100
Carol Judson (Y2)	5	1	83
Janet Hunt (Wo)	5	2	71
Broughton/Hipperson (Nk)	6	0	100
Timewell/Powell (Ch2)	5	1	83

Mixed Doubles — No Qualifiers

	W	L	Av%
VETS 1B			
Brian Simmonds (Sy2)	10	2	83
Mike Watts (Sx2)	10	2	83
David Seaholme (He)	11	3	79
Alf Davies (Ox)	6	2	75
Joyce Coop (Do)	6	0	100
Sue Felstead (He)	5	2	71
Pauline Steel (Sx2)	5	2	71
Millward/Watts (Sx2)	5	1	83
Slifkin/Nunn (Mi2)	4	1	80
Chilvers/Brown (Ox)	3	1	75

ROLL OF HONOUR

The following 8 players were unbeaten in all their singles and doubles matches —

Marjorie Riddle (La2)	— Senr. 2A
Linda Radford (E3)	— Senr. 2D
* Michael O'Driscoll (Y)	— Junr. Prem.
* Chris Oldfield (Y)	— Junr. Prem.
Diane Elward (Gn)	— Junr. 2C
Allan Radford (E2)	— Junr. 2D
Norman Thewlis (La)	— Vets 2A
Jim Hobley (E2)	— Vets 2B

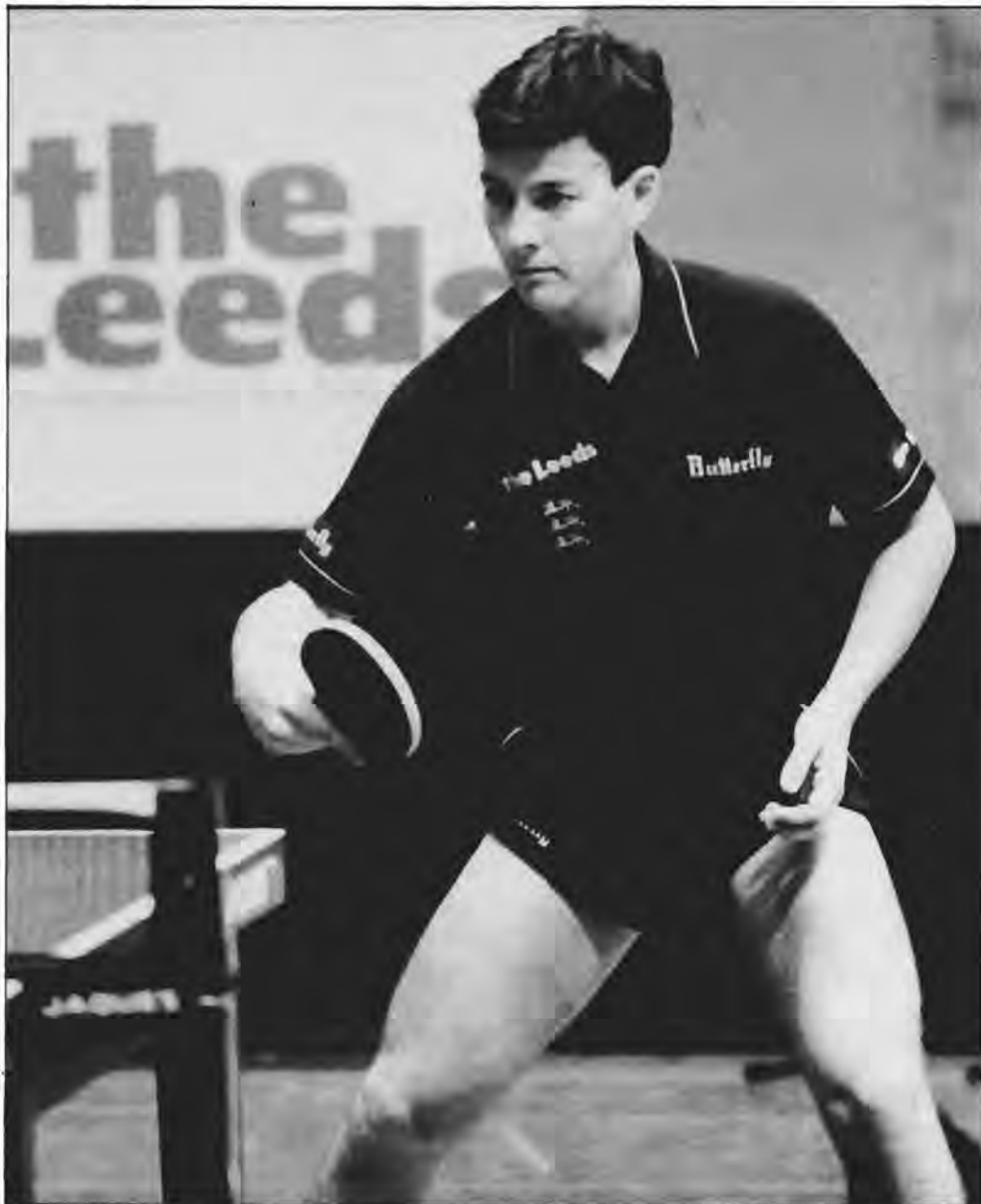
* 2nd consecutive season

Maurice Goldstein Trophy

Cooke Tips the Balance

by JOHN WOODFORD in Burton-on-Trent

MIDDLESEX ARE the champions of the Leeds County Championships but Derbyshire are the strongest team. That was the conclusion at Burton-on-Trent on May 13 when Derbyshire became the first holders of the Maurice Goldstein trophy, taking a 5-3 lead over Derbyshire, but ending 5-4 to the home side as Nigel Tyler used his experience to come from behind to win a closely fought battle against John Holland.



Cooke imposes authority on the match.

Alan Cooke's world-class form just tipped the balance, or so it seemed to me. Had Cooke and Bradley Billington both been available earlier in the season it appears they would have won the championship again, but the addition of the new England mixed doubles champions Holland and Julie Billington to the Derby-

shire teams makes them an extremely formidable combination.

About 120 fans (not bad these days for a county match), watched Middlesex surge through to take a 2-0 lead as John Souter showed us again some of his best shots to beat Bradley Billington 21-19, 14-21, 21-17.

You can never rule out Graham Sandley. He came forward to lose the first against John Holland but recovered stylishly to turn the tables 21-13, 21-10. Holland's flashing backhands are the feature of his game and surely contributed to his magnificent win at Portsmouth with Miss Billington. So, Middlesex tails were up 2-0 to the visitors.

Then Alan Cooke began to impose his authority although he was way down the creek without a paddle in the second against Tyler. The Welsh No.1 was sailing home looking to win the second at 19-13 up, but Cooke turned up the heat so skilfully that Tyler could hardly believe he had been beaten 21-17, 23-21.

The mixed doubles that followed saw Lesley Keast at her best applying fierce topspin that at times confused the flat-hitting Julia Billington, but Derbyshire came through 21-15 in the third. Derbyshire then played their trump card as Hollington's doubles skills were apparent — in the mens doubles Holland and Billington defied Tyler and Souter to win in three games.

A women's singles win by Lesley Keast over Julie Billington was cancelled out by another key win by Derbyshire as Billington halted Sandley in yet another three-setter. Cooke clinched the Derbyshire success when he cut out the frills to beat Sandley 21-16, 21-18.

In the last game it seemed as if young Holland was about to reach even higher in the England list as he opposed Tyler, but the vastly experienced "Welshman" finally scorched home 21-19 again in the third. Six of the nine games went to three!

The organisation at Burton in the hands of such capable men as Terry Gadsby and referee Tony Chatwin was excellent and appreciated by myself as the only journalist present — it was a long way on a day excursion but the trip was well worthwhile although the chances of being mugged at Birmingham New Street by hooligans returning from Crystal Palace were high.



Nigel Tyler — too much experience for Holland on this occasion.

RESULTS

DERBYSHIRE 5, MIDDLESEX 4
J. Souter b B. Billington 19, -14, 17
G. Sandley b J. Holland -14, 13, 10
A. Cooke b N. Tyler 17, 21
Cooke and Miss J. Billington b Sandley and Mrs. L. Keast 15, -14, 15
Holland and Billington b Tyler and Souter -13, 18, 11
Mrs Keast b Miss Billington 10, 20
Billington b Sandley 10, -17, 18
Cooke b Souter 16, 18
Tyler b Holland -14, 14, 19

Director of Coaching Don Parker on rankings

"LENTEC" Ranking Scheme 1989/90

The "Lentec"/ETTA Computer Ranking Scheme enters its 9th season with a few, but rather important, changes from the system operated last year.

The most significant change is that regarding 'group results'. In 1989/90 the qualifying rounds of domestic knockout events, with the exception of the National Championships, will not count for computer ranking points. The omission of these results will eliminate a considerable amount of computer input and raise the accuracy levels on the remainder. With over 20,000 individual results being fed in each season even an accuracy level of 99% will generate 200 errors and it is these we are seeking to remove. So the logic behind the move is to have an accurate list with less results, rather than seek to include everything.

LENTEC COMPUTER RANKING SYSTEM

The "Lentec"/ETTA Computer Ranking Scheme has again been highly successful and will continue for 1989/90, its ninth season. For the start of the season, all points gained at the end of the 1988/89 season have been divided by two, except those for the cadets which have been divided by 3.

EXPECTED WIN TABLE

POINTS DIFFERENCE	POINTS GAIN	
1 to 20	8	
21 to 50	7	
51 to 90	6	
91 to 140	5	×
141 to 200	4	The
201 to 270	3	Weighting
271 to 350	2	Factor
351 & over	1	

UNEXPECTED WIN TABLE

POINTS DIFFERENCE	POINTS GAIN	
1 to 20	9	
21 to 50	10	
51 to 90	11	
91 to 140	12	×
141 to 200	13	The
201 to 270	14	Weighting
271 to 350	15	Factor
351 & over	16	

When players are level on points at the time of playing a match, one point will be awarded to the winner to make the result an expected win.

WEIGHTING FACTORS

These are as follows:

SENIOR

2 Star Open Tournaments	× 1
All County Championships & British League matches	
International Events (including friendly matches) — Category C	× 2
European Club Cup	
3 Star Open Tournaments	
International Events (including friendly matches) — Category B	× 4
English National Championships	
English Top 12 — knock out or cross over stages	
5 Star Open Tournaments	
International Events (including friendly matches) — Category A	× 5
European Championships	
European Top 12 — knock out or cross over stages	
Euro/Asia Championships	
World Team Cup	× 6

NOTE: The qualifying rounds of domestic knockout events with the exception of the National Championships and 5 Star Open Tournaments do not count, however, group winners will receive 1 point × the weighting. The qualifying rounds of the English Open will be × 3, whilst the main event will be × 5.

JUNIOR, CADET AND UNDER 12

2 Star Open Tournaments	× 1
All County Championship matches	× 2
International Events (including friendly matches) — Category C	× 3
Leeds Youth Cup — Regional and Finals	
Select Open Tournaments	
National Ranking Trials — knock out stage	
International Events (including friendly matches) — Category B	× 4
English Top 12 — knock out or cross over stages	
English National Championships	
International Events (including friendly matches) — Category A	× 5
European Top 12 — knock out or cross over stages	
European Youth Championships	× 6

NOTE: The qualifying rounds of domestic knockout events with the exception of the National Championships do not count, however, group winners will receive 1 point × the weighting. The qualifying rounds in the English Junior Open will be × 3 whilst the main event will be × 5.

The European Top 12's will only count if they are official E.T.T.U. Tournaments.

VETERANS

2 Star Open tournaments	× 1
All County Championship matches	× 2
3 Star Open Tournaments	× 4
5 Star Open Tournaments	
English National Championships	× 5

GROUP EVENTS

Points per win will be awarded as follows:

Final Regional Junior and Cadet Ranking Trials	- 3 points/win
National Junior and Cadet Ranking Trials	- 10 points/win
National Senior, Junior & Cadet Top 12	- 30 points/win
European Top 12	- 50 points/win

NOTE: Players exempt from Regional Junior and Cadet Ranking Trials will each receive a differential bonus of 21 points.

BONUS POINTS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Winner - 800 pts, Runner-up - 400 pts, Losing Semi-Finalist - 200 pts, Losing Qtr-Finalist - 100 pts, Last 16 - 50 pts, Last 32 - 25 pts.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS - CATEGORY A,

EUROPEAN TOP 12 (k.o. stages)

Winner - 400 pts, Runner-up - 200 pts, Losing Semi-Finalist - 100 pts, Losing Quarter-Finalist - 50 pts, Last 16 - 25 pts.

ENGLISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 5 STAR OPENS

Winner - 200 pts, Runner-up - 100 pts, Losing Semi-Finalist - 50 pts, Losing Quarter-Finalist - 25 pts.

SENIOR, JUNIOR & CADET TOP 12 (k.o. stages), 3 STAR OPEN TOURNAMENTS, 'SELECT' OPEN TOURNAMENTS, NATIONAL JUNIOR AND CADET RANKING TRIALS (k.o. stages), INTERNATIONAL EVENTS — CATEGORY B.

Winner - 100 pts, Runner-up - 50 pts, Losing Semi-Finalist - 25 pts, Losing Quarter-Finalist - 10 pts.

NOTE: In Top 12's, only bonus points for semi-finalists and finalists in the result of a cross over system.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS — CATEGORY C

Winner - 50 pts, Runner-up - 25 pts, Losing Semi-Finalist - 10 pts

2 STAR OPEN TOURNAMENTS, VETERANS AT 2 STAR OPENS

Winner - 10 pts

EQUALITY

Where two or more players are level on points, ranking will be relative to their previous positions.

FOREIGN PLAYERS (including those from Home Countries)

Dummy positions, as determined by the National Team manager, will be allocated on the computer lists as appropriate

FOREIGN TOURNAMENTS

Players playing foreign tournaments at their own expense where an England Team is also competing will have their results included.

WOMEN IN THE BRITISH NATIONAL LEAGUE

Women playing in British National League, will be given dummy positions and men awarded the appropriate points for a win. Women will only be awarded points for wins in the Womens National League.

JUNIOR EVENTS AT SENIOR TOURNAMENTS

These will not be included.

COMPLAINTS, QUERIES, ETC.

Whilst every care is taken that the data inserted into the computer are accurate, the occasional error is inevitable as we are all human. The ETTA accepts no responsibility of any kind for such errors and their consequences. Any mistake discovered will be rectified in a subsequent list. Any queries from the ranking list should be directed to D. C. Gray, ETTA, Queensbury House, Havelock Road, Hastings TN34 1HF and be accompanied by a deposit of £5 which will be returned to the applicant if investigation of the data validates the need for such a query.

Lists can be obtained from the office. Please send an s.a.e.

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Women in Table Tennis 1

England's Women take on West Germany

ENGLAND take on West Germany in the first-ever International Series of Women's table tennis matches to be staged in this country, from **Tuesday 3rd to Thursday, 5th October, 1989.**

National No. 1, **Alison Gordon**, heads the England team for the three-match tour which starts at the Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton on Tuesday 3rd October, and moves on consecutive evenings to the Peniel Academy, Brentwood, Essex on Wednesday, 4th October, and the Cotswold Sports Centre, on Thursday, 5th October.

During the series Alison Gordon (Reading) will be looking to consolidate her winning form over leading German, **Olga Nemes**, the current Europe No. 2 and Top 12 Champion whom she beat at this year's World Championships in Dortmund.

National Champion, **Lisa Lomas** (Dunstable), England No. 3, **Fiona Elliot** (Wolverhampton) and England No. 4 **Andrea Holt** (Ramsbottom) complete the home side.

The captain of the England Women's team, former European Champion, **Jill Hammersley-Parker**, is enthusiastic about the series and said, "With Olga Nemes, West Germany are one of the best teams in Europe. Our girls are looking forward to scoring some important victories in this test series, and I feel confident that this will be the forerunner of other tours by top international teams in the future."

Derbyshire Womens Coaching Rally

by **JACKIE BILLINGTON**

DERBYSHIRE held it's first Womens Rally day on Sunday 2nd July at the Uxbridge Centre, Burton-on-Trent. Women's officer 'myself' was the coach for the day, assisted by Terry Gadsby, Jeff Farmer and player/coach Julie Billington.

There was a wide range of ages (some players had not been since their junior days). The stiga robot was very popular with the younger players but eyed with scepticism by the more mature ladies. Some light relief at lunch time after a hard morning's work, was had by watching Secretin, Pukart exhibition on video.

Coaching, demonstrations, discussions and match play were the order for the day.

Everyone appeared to enjoy the day and all worked extremely hard (judging by the way some hobbled home).

The intention here in Derbyshire is to continue to promote women in table tennis throughout the coming season and make ourselves self supporting. If any lady in the county failed to receive an invitation and is interested in taking part please give me a call on 0246 271609.

My thanks to all the willing helpers for the preparation of the room and afterwards for all the clearing up.

A New President for Ladies League

by **VALERIE CLACK**

THE 11TH A.G.M. of the C.L.T.T.L. was held at Leamington Spar on Sunday 23rd April 1989, at which Josie Ransome was elected to become President.

A 100% attendance of representatives from Member Leagues got the meeting off to a good start.

Secretary Mary Rose in her report said it had been a good year, with very few problems and she had received enquiries from new Leagues that may join next year.

Several League Reps reported the possibility of a second team next season. The League's rules were looked at and brought up to date with one major change. A majority voted to replace 2 points for a win and 1 for a draw with the for and against system.

League Positions for 1988/89

Division 1
Winners: Birmingham. Individual averages — Sue Cuthbertson
R.U.: Worcester

Division 2

Winners: Swindon. Individual averages — Brenda Lea
R.U.: Oxford

The Officials for 1989/90 were re-elected on block: Chairman: Valerie Clack, Secretary: Mary Rose, Treasurer: Linda Reid, Committee Members: Peggy Mytton and Philip Paine.

The Annual Closed Tournament took place immediately after the A.G.M. An increased entry in both Senior and Junior sections, reflects the National interest in Women's Table Tennis. The excellent organising of Referee, Brian Lloyd and his assistant Barry Russ, plus good playing conditions with Lounge and Refreshment facilities helped to make the tournament a success.

"WOMEN IN TABLE TENNIS" — Logo Competition Winners

A WIDE range of creative ideas were submitted and these were displayed at Burton and Bletchley during the Leeds Women's British League. Congratulations are due to M. Cox (Northants) and I. Edwards (Cumbria) whose entries were considered to be the best. Both ladies will receive a Butterfly sweatshirt as their prize. Enthusiasts are invited to use these logos to promote Women in Table Tennis at local level.

Diccon Gray, E.T.T.A.



M. COX (Northants)



I EDWARDS (Cumbria)

Beautiful Bletchley

by DICCON GRAY
and JOSE RANSOME

CONSIDERED BY many as a "Magic Launch" in Burton, the finals of the Leeds Women's British League reached new heights in the level of play and organisational excellence when on 27/28th May, 1989, this, the climax of the Women in Table Tennis Campaign for the 1988/89 season, came to the super venue of Bletchley Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes.

Over 100 women, including all the top players in England, Scotland and Wales as well as two French internationals, representing 24 teams from all parts of the United Kingdom, resumed play from Burton to contest the divisional placings and the £1,000 prize fund. The excitement of the whole weekend was brought to a head when, in the final set, Lorraine Saunot overcame strong resistance from Andrea Holt to seal victory for the Anglo/French London based **Linda Farrow** team over **World of Sport** from Chesterfield. The winners of Division II were **Fellows Cranleigh**, whilst **Sunderland Echo** took the Third Division title.

The Mayor of Milton Keynes, Councillor Roger Bristow and the Chairman of the English Table Tennis Association, John Prean, were present for an extremely attractive Opening Ceremony which saw the teams marching into the arena with their team banners to the music of "Magic Ball".

Wendy Cunningham, the Public Relations Manager for the Leeds Permanent Building Society was present on Sunday to make the presentations to the teams together with Councillor Maurice Howell, Chairman of the Milton Keynes Recreation Committee. John Prean presented the Leeds Silver Salver and bouquet to Andrea Holt, voted by the teams to be the "Woman of the Weekend", whilst Jill Parker presented posies to Guestling of Hastings, selected as the "Team of the Weekend".

Most of the teams took advantage of the excellent accommodation at the Luton Crest Hotel on Saturday night where friendships continued and the convivial atmosphere heightened. After play concluded on Sunday a short Women's British League Conference was held as a forum for comments and opinions from the players, coaches and supporters to be considered for next year's league — can it become even better? It will certainly be bigger because already several new teams have applied to enter next year, but the standard set at Bletchley could take some beating!

FINAL STANDINGS:

Division 1

- 1 Linda Farrow, London
- 2 World of Sport, Chesterfield
- 3 Grove I, Market Drayton
- 4 Patsun Roses, Flint, Clwyd
- 5 Western Belles, Plymouth
- 6 Graham Spicer, New Malden
- 7 Patsun Castell Alun, Wrexham
- 8 Murrayfield Memorial, Edinburgh

Division 2

- 1 Fellows Cranleigh, Stratford, London
- 2 Quadrant, Swindon
- 3 Clycan Sovereigns, Grantham
- 4 Selfit, Fareham
- 5 The Oaks Club, Acton
- 6 Bristol
- 7 Benchstock, Wellingborough
- 8 AHW Belles, Dunstable

Division 3

- 1 Sunderland Echo
- 2 City of Newcastle
- 3 Ormesby, Middlesbrough
- 4 Pavilion Ladies, Worthing
- 5 Grove II, Market Drayton
- 6 City of Milton Keynes
- 7 Fullarians, Watford
- 8 Guestling, Hastings

Top to bottom: World of Sport, Patsun Rose, Sunderland Echo, Linda Farrow.



Women in Table Tennis 3



Ormesby



Western Belles



Pavilion Ladies



Above right: Benchstock
Right: Milton Keynes

AVON

ALTHOUGH TABLE Tennis is the main topic of this magazine a few notes are included of an Out of Season socialising between our more westerly country friends — Devon. More of that later, so lets get the T.T. news in over the past few months.

On the honours list go Andy Creed and Paul Lewis for winning the Bristol 2 Star Doubles over our good friends the Moore brothers; also to David Hadley (now Seniors) for winning the Junior Class 2 at the Bristol 2 Star. Joining David in the Seniors is Steve Bettison who finished ranked 20.

The Juniors themselves deserve a mention for reaching the Semi-Finals of the Carter Cup going down 5-3 to Crawley. Jon Horne reached the U12 S-F of the Bristol 2 Star while Graham Long was invited to the England U12 training camp as part of the National Squad. Well done Graham and Jon! On the cadet front we have Ewan Finlayson 37, Gareth Davies (a lad of many talents) 39, and Colin Butterworth 66. All of these "Juniors" wouldn't be where they are today if it wasn't for the endless coaching efforts of Bernard Nash in particular, Idris Lewis and Andy Creed. Another great achievement was Paul Lewis's representation for WALES in the Commonwealth Championships.

Regarding League titles around the Avon area Nailsea Leopards (Brian Reeves, Paul Lewis, Gary Baldwin) won the Bristol Premier title for the 3rd year in succession as did Mayfield (Bob Murray, Trevor Lloyd, Paul Etherington, Dave Price) in the Bath League.

WESTERN COUNTIES

It was Avon's turn to host the Western Counties, held at the Horfield Sports Centre. In the Junior Event Avon's David Hadley won the Singles beating fellow county player Hywel Green and, with the inclusion of Ian Johnson, won the Team Event for Avon. Sorry girls but at the moment no-one seems to know who won the Junior title.

From the Senior side, Cornwall were unable to attend as were Gloucester, leaving Devon to clean sweep the board with Gary Wilson beating Gary Lambert for the Mens Singles and Elaine Short for the Ladies title.

LEEDS BRITISH LEAGUE

With the Leeds British League about to get under way and probably would have by the time this is printed, last season's Bathwick Tyres I and II had mixed honours. Our first team finished third while our 2nd team won Div 3 West. Bathwick are now entering a 3rd team into the league. We certainly would like to wish all our teams well for the coming season especially the new side and new manager Dave

Bull. Although the first team have lost Des (and his superior heading skills) to Grove we welcome back Nicky Mason and the new signing of John Souter. With Matthew Syed and Nicky up front we're bound to score.

On a saddened note for Bathwick, Paul Hewitt, who has been involved since the start of the club some 8 years ago, has decided to call it a day. Thankyou Paul for all your effort and hard work throughout those years, may you still keep swinging that bat! With him he takes Video Nasty, Mr Mervyn George, thanks Merv — see you at Redwood Lodge for a knock-up. On the bright side — stepping into Paul's job, another Paul — Mr Paul Osborne. In charge of the complete Bath outfit Mr Bob House.

Now to the socialising scene. Someone suggested a football match and the challenge was immediately taken up by the Devon boys (there's another report soon, about football, see K. Satchell). 11 T.T'ers from Bristol area to take on 11 T.T'ers from Devon. 2 legs with the 1st in Devon. Stars such as K. Satchell, A. Creed, P. Whiting, P. Giles, M. Short, P. Lewis and K. Biddell were on display on a rather dreadful day. We all changed — White top here and there, T.T. shorts, T.T. shoes as football boots on the odd player, when exit the Devon boys! We all stood open-mouthed, speechless in fact, as out stepped this immaculate looking football team all in impeccable blue/white stripes, numbers, the lot — even their jockstraps were ironed. Who's taking this serious, its only a friendly game:- 10 minutes gone Bristol 3-0 up, half time 4-2 and final score 5-2. We then were treated out for the evening — super!

Return match, 2nd leg — We're at home now and we've got a kit. Rumour has it that when Gary Wilson heard the score from the first leg, he wouldn't go in goal for the 2nd. The Bristol boys won 4-2 and eventually won the Skittles match 3-2 despite fearsome barracking from the Devon fraternity. One thing's for certain and that is:- It was a fantastic time had by all (wives and girlfriends). It will now be an annual event, and all because we're all involved in that great game of Table Tennis.

BERKSHIRE

B.J. McKenzie

THE Newbury Ladies team are our pride and joy as, for the last four seasons, they have had excellent runs in the Rose Bowl and, as you must be aware (!) they now face Hastings on 9th April in this season's semi final.

In the quarter final we had a home tie with Willesden and were fortunate to be sponsored by a local newspaper — which meant we obtained excellent coverage and good support (over fifty in attendance and I believe Willesden were quite impressed); we even produced a programme for the occasion — a copy enclosed together with the newspaper report.

Rose Bowl winners — left to right: Jane Cohen, Mandy Sainsbury, Julie Norman



CUMBRIA

Gordon Brown

EXPENSE is catching up with Cumbria County Association. At their May meeting, the management committee decided to reduce hospitality at county home matches to sandwiches only.

At the time of writing, however, there was hope that a £150 sponsor could be found in order to maintain the excellent refreshments Cumbria have always provided for visiting counties.

With treasurer Richard Johnstone reporting only £17.70 in hand and a rise in county match expenses for 1988-89 by £163.30p, and county officials still waiting for their dues for the season, another cost-cutting exercise was to withdraw the junior team from the county championships.

This had been done in season 1987-88 after a successful 1986-87 season and ironically the current withdrawal also follows a good season with two wins and a draw and promise from all those in the team, and the purchase of shirts for them by Copeland Fluid Power, of Frizington.

A decision was taken to drop county trials unless premises free of charge could be found. All juniors wishing to go to regional trials in future will pay their own entrance fees.

Although a senior team will continue to play in the Leeds County Championship, all players will pay £3 each towards travelling to away games.

Cumbria lost £39.83p on their closed tournament last season compared to an £11.31 loss the previous term.

Miss Clarice Rose has been re-elected as Cumbria's national councillor for season 1989-90.

AT THE end of last season, Cumbria County Association were in a cash crisis. They had no cash in hand, had made a £39.83p loss on the Cumbria Closed tournament at Kendal and because of expense had decided to withdraw the junior team from this season's County Championship.

This was despite a generous £89.67p sponsorship of clothing for the juniors by Copeland Fluid Power, of Frizington.

Treasurer Richard Johnstone said travelling for both sides had totalled £444.90.

Sponsorship for some senior county games this season had been promised by Whitehaven garage owner Ron Batty, a former county player.

The annual general meeting agreed on a scheme for inviting supporters to become patrons of the county association at £5 per head. Members of unaffiliated clubs may join the county association as individuals at £3 per head.

Former secretary Ron Rigg, present auditor, has been invited to become a vice-president. President is Lord Lonsdale. Chairman is Bob Gale, vice-chairman and national council representative Miss Clarice Rose and secretary Colin Taylor. Match secretary is John Taylor with Colin as his assistant.

Counties 2

Treasurer Richard Johnstone is tournament secretary with Colin Taylor umpires secretary and Eddie O'Hara coaching secretary. I was re-elected as Press and Publicity secretary.

The team fee for affiliation to the county has been increased from £3.20p to £3.50p, but £4 if paid after December 1st.

Sub-committees — Umpiring: John and Colin Taylor and Bob Gale; team selection: Bev Glendinning, John Taylor and Eddie O'Hara; tournaments: all members of the committee; coaching: Eddie O'Hara and league reps.

Millom has been selected as the venue for the Cumbria Closed on Sunday March 4th.

DERBYSHIRE

Martin Kinsella

THE 1988/90 season ended on a high note as Derbyshire, spearheaded by Alan Cooke, beat Middlesex 5-4 to win the inaugural Maurice Goldstein memorial challenge match. Proving, as I suspected, that a full strength Derbyshire side are the rightful county champions.

The Derbyshire Closed was played in May at Greasley Sports Centre and the results as follows:

M.S. John Holland bt Martin Kinsella.
L.S. Rose Hagger bt Amanda Dawkins
M.D. Holland Kinsella bt Hall Billington
X.D. Bamford Deaton bt Hagger Hagger
L.D. Thorley Deaton bt Hagger Dawkins
U.17 Jason Bamford bt Martin Dawson
U.17 Nicola Deaton bt Jessica Pope
U.14. Martin Dawson bt Jack Boulton
U.12. Nicola Deaton bt David Purdy



At the August wedding of former Derbyshire champion Ivor Warner and Miss Jean Edwards at Alfretton, guests included the Irish champion Martin Kinsella (right) and former top ranked Englishman Dave Constance (left)

A good day was had by all — particularly John Holland and Rose Hagger, who won their first Derbyshire titles.

In the Derbyshire Challenge Cup ADG 'F' (Chesterfield) triumphed over Ashfield Aces (Amber Valley).

In the County League winners were:

Div.1. - Matlock

Div.2. - Derby

Ladies - Burton 1

Vets - Matlock

Best wishes to John Holland, who has taken the plunge into full time table tennis, "may the force be with you"!

With Cookie back from Sweden and Brad and Julie B in fine form we are looking forward with confidence to the new season.

ESSEX

Alan Shepherd

SEASON 1988/89 ended in an unprecedented blaze of success insofar as every one of our nine County teams had become either champions of their divisions or runners-up. To commemorate these achievements the County held a celebration party in the garden of our Secretary Gillian Squier's lovely home in rural Canewdon. The players were joined by their parents, friends and supporters together with life members and county officials. Very welcome guests were the local branch manager of the Leeds Permanent Building Society and his wife. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the County Championship trophies and Essex badges.

Disappointment (and surprise) at Grant Solder's nonselection as a member of the England team, which took part in the European Youth Championships was followed by tremendous pride in the news that he had won the Spanish Junior Open. Perhaps the Editor will now invest in a more up to date photograph of the young man!

Following the arrival in our midst of the exciting junior James Oyekunle, I found myself practising at my local Club a few tables away from a young lady who looked a bit useful. She turned out to be Kubrat Owolabi, the Nigerian No.1 lady at the recent Commonwealth Championships and mixed doubles bronze medallist. Now resident in Hackney (of all places), she has agreed to join our Premier Division Squad for the coming season.

British League sides based in Essex have been active in the transfer market, and new players I have so far heard of are Lisa Lomas (Beds) John Holland (Derbyshire) and Andrew Eden (Lancs). The latter has secured a Y.T.S. contract down here, and there is a possibility of him turning out for the Essex junior side if released by Lancs.



Grant Solder

Both senior and junior trials will have been staged by the time you read these words and ranking lists will be announced in due course. In addition, some of our sides will have played their opening matches. Finally, we have had to nominate sixteen of our juniors and cadets to take part in some fairly unbelievable regional ranking trials, but more of that next month.



Presentation of one of the many trophies won by Essex in County Championships.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Alf Peppard

WITH a lovely long summer now behind us and relatively little T.T. news to quote, perhaps other Press Officers will agree with me that October's issue is perhaps the most difficult to compile of the entire season.

Enough of this melancholy talk Peppard, "Get on with it" - One stalwart County worker of many seasons our Hon/Treasurer Nick Symonds has decided to call it a day and our financial affairs have now been taken over by recently affiliated Cirencester's Chairman Ken Bridle. We thank Nick Symonds for past services and welcome Ken to a new role for him as Treasurer.

Frank Jones our Hon/Umpire's Sec unquestionably did sterling work last season — persuading everybody that he could lay his hands on qualified County Umpires, willing victims of Frank's highly persuasive powers last season were John & Gill Smith, also Peter Colling, all hail from Cheltenham. Frank tells me that the

County's list of National and County Umpires now stands at 14, quite a tidy few — well done Frank.

Coaching has been well operated under the control of Peter Cruwys greatly helped I understand by Steve Cox since the beginning of the season and the third School of Sport organised by the Glo'shire County Council was held at St. Paul's College in Cheltenham with official coaches supplied by the ETTA.

Membership throughout the County was greatly enhanced by Cirencester's entry of 26 teams. Cheltenham were up by 5 teams and Stroud increased by the narrow margin of one team, surprisingly Gloucester City's membership fell from 76 teams in 1987-8 to 68 in 1988-9.

The County Management Committee for season 1989/90 is as follows:

President, Mr.L.C.T.Davis
Chairman, Mr.L.J.Smith
V-Chairman, Mr.P.Cruwys
Secretary, Mr.D.Dean
Treasurer, Mr.K.Bridle
Mins/Sec, Mrs.J.Barker
Umpires/Sec, Mr.F.Jones
Selection, Mr.D.Wyatt
Coaching Officer, Mr.P.Cruwys
Publicity Officer, Mr.A.F.Peppard
Plus three representatives (members) from each of the four affiliated Leagues.

In the County Championships both Senior and Junior teams had an average season finishing 4th and 6th respectively.

The Veterans continued their good performance in last season's championship by coming a close second to Berkshire — but being beaten on sets. However, their efforts have secured a place for them in Division 1 for this approaching season.

The Leeds British League:

Cheltenham Saracens team of, Dave Harvey — Graham Slack — Mark Owen and Darren Griffin could well face stiff competition this season in Division 2B of the Midland League — their first match will be played on August 27th and I understand that the League finishes on May 13th 1990. Raymond Powell from Gloucester, the County's No. 1 Junior and last season's No. 5 in England as a cadet was recently selected to represent "The Jill Hammersley Parker Foundation" in Junior team competitions at Jaca at the foot of the Pyrenees in Northern Spain.

These T.T. events comprised of one cadet and one junior team participating and play took place on July 14th-15th & 16th respectively. In Powells team event they eventually finished up third from the top.

In the singles event Powell was in the Quarter Finals beaten by Carlos Miner of Spain, who so I am told is ranked at No. 13 in Europe as a Cadet.

Counties 3

And finally, Glo'shire has always had a small contingent of highly disabled players, many of whom belong to ETTA affiliated clubs and mix their T.T. with perfectly fit players, may I pay homage to just a few of them: Mrs. Elaine Marshall from Gloucestershire, who this year was selected to play for Great Britain by "The British Les Autres Sporting Association" in the European disabled championships in Vienna during August 1st - 4th, now Elaine did not win anything there at all, but as the holder of the Two National Titles for the disabled she told me over the phone that it was "A VERY GREAT HONOUR TO BE THERE".

Other active disabled players from the County are — Anthony David (Gloucester) Wendy Neale and Glynn Lloyd both from Newent, all of these three participated in the U.K. Championships for the disabled at Reading on August 5th & 6th, Lloyd got to the S/F of the stand-up singles (a title which in previous years he has won twice) and with partner was unfortunate to be R.U. in the doubles.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE

HUNTS will be running a senior, veteran and junior team this year, and after an indifferent season last time will be looking for improved results this term.

The popular St. Neots Invitation league now has a full compliment of teams in senior, junior and two veteran divisions. The R.A.F. team should give strong opposition in the senior division. In the junior section Cambridge and Milton Keynes join the ranks, whilst Kettering join division one in the veterans after being promoted from division two.

In the Leeds British League M.B.S. St. Neots will rely on the same squad as before with Stuart Palmer, Keith Richardson, Steve Moore and Mick Harper for the competition in Div. One North.

St. Neots will stage the first weekend of the Junior Premier Division.

Meanwhile at St. Ives, the club is preparing for its fifth InterClub Team Tournament where 72 club teams from 21 counties will compete in under 17, cadet and under 12 age groups.

Nearly 400 youngsters are expected to register in a tournament boosted this year by the entry of Stadtallendorf Fortuna of West Germany. The tournament takes place over the weekend of November 11th and 12th at St. Ivo Recreation Centre. 24 entries had to be returned in the junior section whilst the under 12 age group was also full within a few days. Play starts at 9.15. am each day.

LINCOLNSHIRE



Leeds County Champions 88/89, Lincolnshire I Seniors. Left to right: Jim Brewster, Jane Strawsen, Connie Moran, Dave Skerratt and Chris Bryan.

LANCASHIRE

by George R. Yates

FOR THE first time in the long history of the Bolton League, which operates under the banner of the Bolton Sports Federation, sponsorship has been showered upon it. Firstly the closed championships have been sponsored by Bolton Car Centre (£200) then the whole league has been sponsored by Bolton Gate Co (£400), the industrial door manufacturers, and finally the individual divisional championships have been sponsored by Bolton Timber Co (£200).

MIDDLESEX

AS usual, the copy date for the first edition of Table Tennis News has crept up on me and finds me without a thought in my head! Our congratulations go to 2 of our Juniors, Sara Williams and David Baker, who were included in the England Squad for the Spanish Junior Open. Apart from acquitting themselves well, it gave them some valuable international experience. Well done, both of you.

We have not been very successful in getting sponsorship for the Middlesex 3-Star Open Championships, but have decided to go ahead just the same. Our President, Russell Grant, is quite convinced that he will find us a sponsor at the evening for the Friends of Middlesex on 16th September, and if the sponsorship proves big enough we might even be able to give a nice surprise to the winners of the events by increasing the prize money at the last moment. But in the meantime we have left the Prize Fund as before, and hope that the Friends of the Middlesex 3-Star will support us in their usual numbers. Entry forms will be available at the

Sussex 2-Star or from me early in October.

Our Closed Championships remain a problem, particularly as far as a venue is concerned. Once we have sorted that out, we will publicise both date and venue in Table Tennis News and our own Bulletin, so keep an eye open for it.

The Selection Sub-Committee will be meeting early in September when the ranking lists will be sorted out, so with luck I should be able to put something in the November edition about that.

The Committee stays the same as last year (still with one vacancy). There is a great need for young administrators in table tennis generally, and particularly in Middlesex. So if you now of anyone who would like to give something to the game rather than just play, please let me know.

NORFOLK

by Ray Hogg

WITH REGRET I have to report the death of Gordon Whitwood. A Norwich man with more than 50 years connection with the sport as player and administrator. After retiring from active play he has been Chairman of the Norwich League and our representative on the Sports Council. He was the type of person with old type values who had no time for the gamesmanship and foul serving practices so prevalent nowadays.

With the County — Neil Pickard has returned to the fold and is to be captain of the senior team. Along with Phil Logsdon I hear that Geoff Davies is now qualified to play for Norfolk after many years with Cambridgeshire, so together with Richard and Martyn Stevenson if available and a, so far unknown to me, lady we could be in for a successful season. Usual 2 junior teams to cope with the flood of

players coming through. I do not envy Gerry Cockburn's job of organising those into the 2 teams and arranging to transport them from all corners of the County. Our 2 veterans teams will be there as usual, possibly with some new faces as there are always players 'coming of age'. It has been hinted that we might be able to field a second senior and third veterans team in the future. Very nice thought but we must have somewhere to play home matches and more important someone to officiate. County Umpires required. County championships this season at Long Stratton, December 9/10th, Sat — Jun, Sun — Sen. Mike Parker — Suffolk Umpire has now moved into Norfolk and has intimated that he is available to help. Rumour has it that Ken Turner — National umpire of many years ago is set to return to the fray. Can anybody out there confirm or deny this.

Our local British League team Norwich Foxwood have been promoted to Div 2 North which will mean a vast increase in the time involved and mileage travelled. With better opposition and different teams I hope we can attract back the spectators who have deserted us, no doubt through the continued repetition of the same old faces. Whether these long trips have any effect on those players who also play County, which often clashes on the preceding Saturday, remains to be seen.

I have always been a fan of the Kings Lynn set up and this season we should see players from that league competing in all classes of County matches. Jim Defty had a go at me at the county A.G.M. about the lack of articles in the magazine last season. I have now retired from work which makes life easier and, providing that I can glean some news, I will submit it. Also our new editor is not very far away from me and will no doubt be on my back!

OXFORDSHIRE

Steve Joyner

THE 1989 World Championships were held in April. Unfortunately this year Oxfordshire players narrowly missed out on qualification. So not to be hard done by, Twinn expert Eric Barlow organised a coach party of 37 to make the journey to Germany as spectators. With a large number of tables it was sometimes difficult to locate certain players, however John Chiffers, Pete Jones and Paul Saunders managed to keep a breast with the Swedish ladies team and monitor their movement through the tournament. Dawn Barnett chased Jan Ove Waldner around all day for his autograph but eventually had to make do with look a like Carl Prean. With the Korean and

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German supporters already in fine voice it was only a matter of time before our party located the English team and responded in a similar fashion. Eventually Skylet Andrew and Alison Gordon were spotted performing. Skylet got on top with some big shots as the pair chalked up an English success, sparking the rowdy party into action. The England team now aware of our presence gave us plenty to shout about as Preano and heart throb Cooky powered on in the doubles.

Don Parker and the England team who, in such an important event, still managed to take time out to talk with the Banbury party. A pleasant gesture that very few other more successful nations were able to emulate. Well done team.

Alison Gordon



Des Douglas eager to have his photograph taken eventually managed to persuade photographer Wolfy Smith to oblige. Lisa Lomas and the rest of the English ladies added plenty of colour to the championships. Although not so successful the girls did us proud on the table and on the cat walk. The afternoon break was essential for the thirsty English party to refuel in the bar ready for the mouth watering encounter between Germany's Torben Wosik and our very own Carl Prean. With the Union Jack in position and the flags aloft Preano raced into a one point lead. This led problem boy Jay Allen to conduct the English party into a synchronised singing session. With the German crowd shocked by our ability to make noise they soon responded with their air horns and howitzers. Carl spoilt the atmosphere as he easily won the first two games, but to Carl's credit he sensed the dampened atmosphere and coupled with the thought of terminating the live T.V. coverage, he was currently enjoying Carl sportingly threw the next two games. During the final game Carl teasingly lost every other point just to keep the crowd excited. Each point was cheered and at one stage Eric Barlow got out of step and cried Preano during the rally (easy mistake). Eventually Carl wrapped up victory. The crowd went into overdrive singing and dancing long after the players had left. Despite all the fun and fine table tennis, one major highlight was the attitude of

our junior side from the championships is the saddest blow for many a year and a serious disappointment to all those up-and-coming juniors who had their sights set on a county place. Despite considerable publicity being given to the problem of finding a team captain — and let's face it, the job of transporting the team safely round the country and delivering them back home to various parts of the county at the end of a long day is not an easy job, quite apart from all the administrative work — no one came forward to offer their services. So the inevitable happened.

But that is not their only problem. Whilst Tony Clift, the Wolverhampton chairman, has come forward to run the county league, other positions on the committee remain vacant. Ron Harvey and Dennis Butcher carry the county's coaching responsibilities but tournaments and press reports will be missing from next year's programme unless some new faces volunteer to join the committee to share some of the work. This will be my last contribution to TT News, winding up the 1988/89 season for Staffordshire before my intended move to Somerset. I don't know how many readers we have in Staffordshire and our part of the West Midlands, but new blood is needed

Div.2 - Walsall B 9, Stone 8, Wolverhampton A 5, Tamworth A 2.

Div.3 - Potteries B 12, Walsall C 4, Potteries C 4, Wolverhampton B 4. Div.4 - Tamworth B 6 (26-14), Stafford Vets 6 (25-15), Potteries D 4, West Brom.B 4, Tamworth C O.

Unfortunately, Walsall are withdrawing from the league next season in protest against the failure of some of the other teams to turn up or show the normal courtesies of giving proper notice. They have had more than their fair share of being on the receiving end of such bad behaviour.

The end-of-season hard bat tournament was again won by Wolverhampton for the fourth year running. A very strong team saw them brush aside the challenge from the Potteries for the Beattie team trophy and they also provided the four semifinalists in the individual event for the Turner trophy. Star of the day was Andrew Bellingham, making a return to table tennis after an absence of four years. In the final against Trevor Washington, he showed that he had lost none of his sharpness, speed and accuracy in winning 15,15. His semifinal against Andy Rich renewed memories of their many County Closed tussles. Another Wolverhampton success was also achieved



Julie Billington, Jill Harris, Fiona Elliot and Sandra Roden

STAFFORDSHIRE

Jack Chalkley

A POORLY attended AGM was symptomatic of many of the difficulties which the county association is currently facing. Although secretary Derek Sherratt was able to announce that we had entered a senior team in the county championship for next year (they are entered in Div.3A), the withdrawal of

at county level and it is up to you to find some volunteers from amongst your friends and playing colleagues.

The County League completed its programme with West Bromwich topping Division 1 and Walsall B, Potteries B and Tamworth B winning the other divisions.

Div.1 - West Brom.A 12 pts., Potteries A 6, Walsall A 5, Stafford 1.

by their ladies and our congratulations go to Fiona Elliot, Jill Harris and Sandra Roden. Their win in the Rose Bowl competition is their third in a row, a splendid performance.

A regular flow of information from Kevin Shaw has enabled me to keep abreast of the Potteries situation, and in the final reckoning Burslem ANC pipped Kettler Ansell's by 2 points, with Bradwell Scorpions in third place. For Burslem, Craig Bakewell maintained his

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100% record and for Kettler, Steve Slater was second in the averages with 94%. Jill Harris (Bradwell) was third with 89%.

Finally, a note on a remarkable event in Stone. Wishing to honour their secretary, Ron Harvey, for 25 years of service to the Stone Association, they decided to organise their annual presentation dinner without his knowledge. This meant that they went ahead with organising the normal, but dummy, dinner which Ron and Margaret Harvey are usually closely involved with (including tickets etc.), whilst organising the real evening a couple of weeks earlier. 140 players and guests, including many from nearby Stafford and elsewhere in the county kept the secret — as well as ETTA Chairman, John Preat and his wife who were guests of honour. Secondary meetings took place in between the 'official' league meetings and even the ETTA office had to be alerted not to make the normal contact with the Stone secretary over John Preat's movements. Ringleaders in this major piece of deception were Gordon Fox (Chairman), Mike Foulkes (Treasurer), John Moore (V.Chairman), Gerry Green, Shirley Boon, Tom Wright, Ken Humphries, John Stanyer and Keith Poynton and, of course, daughter Margaret of the Harvey family. Their names deserve a mention because they achieved complete success and Ron and Margaret had the surprise of their lives when daughter Margaret brought them into the Crown Hotel for what they believed would be a quiet family trip to the restaurant — only to be greeted with 140 pairs of hands clapping them to their seats of honour in the centre of the top table. Several other surprises followed, including a 'This is your Life' and the presentation of matched gold watches to Ron and Margaret. A memorable event and an honour richly deserved by a well-respected and loved couple.

Good wishes to all my friends and table tennis colleagues in Stafford and Staffordshire. I have a lot of happy memories and many thanks for the help which I have received and the friendship shown to me. I hope to meet up with many of you from time to time. Au revoir.

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WOLVERHAMPTON Closed Championships took place at the Woodfield S. & S. Club on 2nd April 1989 with a record entry. 8 tables were used for the 10 events involving 250 games.

The mens singles attracted an entry of 76 and produced a major shock when No.1 seed Adrian Dixon lost in the last 16 to Chris Davies (deuce in the 3rd). This produced a very open contest, Chris losing in the Quarters to Mervyn Wood in an expedite game, and Trevor Washington losing a close

semifinal to Andy Rich. In a well fought final Andy beat Keith Fellows.

Perhaps the most popular event is the Div.3 - 7 singles which attracted an entry of 60. The final saw Ray Davies triumph over Kevin Uzzell.

Results:
Mens: A.Rich bt. K.Fellows 12,20
Ladies: H.Lower bt J.Harris 19,19
Mens Doubles: A.Rich/S.Dunning bt A.Dixon/D.Haney 20,-16,13
Mixed Doubles: J.Harris/K.Fellows bt H.Lower/A.Dixon 11,15
Ladies Doubles: H.Lower/J.Dunning bt J.Harris/J.Bongers -17,19,9
Vets: R.Dixon bt S.Cartwright 13,13
Div.3-7: R.Davies bt K.Uzzell 17,21
Savoy: J.Wootton bt Z.Kh an 18,16
Jnr Girls: S.Brabazon bt T.Clift 16,19.
Jnr Boys: L.Moreton bt J.Brainch 16,15

SUFFOLK

Paul Hutchinson

SUFFOLK were disappointed at not being able to gain a foothold in the County Premier Division but found the experience beneficial. The standard, as expected, was high but as the competition wore on Suffolk gained in confidence and gave a fair account of themselves but were unable to prevent relegation. Undoubtedly having two Leeds British League teams in Suffolk has strengthened and improved the County teams. This was borne out by the results of the County 2nd, with good team spirit as well as improved playing and we look forward to a successful season again this year.

County Rankings Senior Men

1. Stuart Palmer
2. John Kitchener
3. Richard Tanner
4. Russell King
5. Paul Gooding
6. Richard Nelhams
7. Malcolm Davis
8. Richard Hutchinson
9. Charlie Fulcher
10. Wayne Shaw
11. Andrew Doshier
12. Chris Shepherd

Senior Women

1. Julie Vansertima
2. Andrea Ambrose
3. Sue Welham
4. Tracey Nellor
5. Karen Perkins
6. Janet Fairs
7. Dawn Collins
8. Rosemary Bullock
9. Claire Nicholls
10. Liz Rehem
11. Janet Schoulding
12. Kathy Brierley

Again two Leeds British League teams will be showing the flag for Suffolk from Britannia Table Tennis Club in Ipswich. A new sponsor has come forward for the

first team, Anglia Commercial Insurance, and it is hoped that another will be found for the second team.

Senior players of the Stowmarket Table Tennis League attended a coaching course aimed at the 16 and over age group. The course run by Paul Hutchinson and Barry Thain was held at the Centre 3 Club in Stowmarket and was well attended with none of the players having had experience or attended a coaching session before. It is hoped to run more of these courses throughout the county.

SURREY

LOTS OF info this month so very abbreviated.

Darren Blake won all the National under 12 events last season but lost to Edward Hatley another Surrey player in the Schools International.

In the London Youth Games Croydon were Runners up.



Darren Blake

Thames Valley Division 2 Winners were Elmbridge 2 and second were Hinchley Wood.

Wandsworth League Championships Singles S. Holloway bt D Bangerter, Doubles S. Holloway/D. Bangerter bt S. Wilson/G. Harrison.

Handicap Singles G. Harrison bt S. Holloway

Handicap Doubles D. Bangerter/P. Dower bt P. McLoughlin/S.Tims

Veterans Singles G. Psorakis bt R. Benfield

Veterans Doubles M. Huband/G. Moore bt R. Benfield/L. Thompson

Div 1 Champs Earlsfield A R/U Lambeth Div 2 Earlsfield B R/U 24 Club

Reigate & Redhill Singles C. Mundy Bt P. Burroughs

Doubles A. Meads/C. Mundy bt P. Burroughs/K. Reuter

Hard Bat Singles K. Fogwill bt D. Razzell

Hard Bat Consolation N. Jupp bt R. Marsh

Div 3 Singles D. Layode bt R. Marsh

Handicap Singles N. Jupp bt M. Hobbins

Youth Singles A. Livermore bt D. Loyode

Veteran Singles A. Meads bt A. Hayes

Over 50 A. Hayes bt C. Weller

Best Performance S. Keeble

Div 1 Champs Hayes Eng. R/u Lingsfield 1

Div 2 Godstone 2 R/u St Phillips 4

Div 3 Salfords CC R/u Gatton YC

Guildford & Dist Prem Div Burymead R/u Merrow

Div 1 Merrow R/u Ash

Div 2 Aftermath R/u Burymead

Div 3 Wonersh R/u Merrow

Div 4 Godalming LTC R/u Challoner Hall

Div 5 Merrow LTC R/u Farncombe

Div 6 Aftermath R/u Shalford Village

Div 7 Wonersh R/u Merrow

Percy Lawes Cup Burymead A R/u Merrow A

Intermediate Cup Aftermath R/u Merrow F

Lewis Cup Challoner B R/u Ash B Last Three Cup Aftermath

E R/u Farncombe B; Under 14's Merrow R/u Aftermath

Junior Cup Challoner R/u Aftermath;

Veterans Cup St Luke's B R/u Pyestock X

Ladies Cup Aftermath R/u Ash; Handicap Cup Seeboard A R/u Pyestock C

Handicap Singles J. Wakefield bt W. Blackborrow

Handicap Pairs H & C Webber bt R & M Green.

WILTSHIRE

MAJOR news at the Wiltshire TTA's annual meeting was the upgrading of the Two Star tournament to a Three Star event. Organiser Bill Willson again reported a successful Two Star event.



Kevin Satchell

The England v Sweden match and the Western Masters Veterans' tournament — both staged in Swindon for the first time by the same committee which organises the Two Star tournament — were also heralded as successes.

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The Three Star tournament will take place over a weekend in February. The junior tournament will remain a Two Star event and be played on a different date.

Wiltshire veterans' first team kept the county flag flying in the Leeds championships by winning their division. They tied with two other counties for top spot but took the title by one game.

Wiltshire seniors finished in 3rd place in Division 2B with 6 wins and 2 defeats from their matches. Skipper Bill Moulding reported that Kevin Satchell (West Wilts) had won all 8 of his singles matches, Brenda Lee (Swindon) 7 out of 8 and Debbie Cleary Swindon 4 out of 5.

Umpires' secretary Margaret Willson said there was a shortage of umpires and interest was lacking. She resigned from the post which, as there were no volunteers, was left open.

The inter-town competition was not run last year because of apathy among the players but it was felt by the meeting that it was an important competition.

Leagues will be asked to gauge the interest and if there is enough to run the competition, Keith Thompson agreed to organise it.

Officers elected were: chairman Colin Bendall; secretary Alan Duke; treasurer Doug Parsons; county match secretaries (seniors) Debbie Cleary, (juniors) Val Clack, (veterans) Brian Powell (first team), Mike Oxley (seconds) and Basil Thompson (thirds); coaching officer Kevin Satchell; press officer Laurie Selby; inter-town secretary Keith Thompson; auditor Les Howse.

Mark Holt won the Salisbury men's singles title by beating his team-mate Richard Morgan 21-16, 21-13. Holt teamed with Liz Eyres — winner of the women's singles — to take the mixed doubles.

Tony Brown was also a double champion, winning both the veteran's singles and the men's doubles with Alan Cooke.

Paul Andrews beat Don Crook in the deciding game in the intermediate singles.

Andrew Metcalfe ended a successful comeback season by being ranked the top player in the Swindon and District Table Tennis League. Metcalf, who won the Evening Advertiser Cup for the division one averages and also took the Wiltshire closed championship, was back in the game after a four year lay-off.

Brenda Lee topping the women's list and Tracy Youlton gets a double billing by heading both the under 17 and under 14 girls' section.

There is a new name at the top of the veterans' list where Nat Richardson takes the number one spot away from Brian Powell.

The end of season rankings are:

Men
1 Andrew Metcalf, 2 Ray Hughes, 3 Ian Neate, 4 Eddie Roofe, 5 Nat Richardson, 6 Ray Powell, 7 Brian Powell, 8 Basil Thompson, 9 Steve McBean, 10 Glenn Freeman, 11 Jasvinder Singh, 12 Alan Duke.

Women
1 Brenda Lee, 2 Debbie Cleary, 3 Carolyn Gale, 4 Margaret Potter, 5 Margaret Willson, 6 Sylvia Morse.

Veterans
1 Nat Richardson, 2 Brian Powell, 3 Basil Thompson, 4 Alan Duke, 5 Brian Hey, 6 Brian Freeman.

Juniors
Under 17 boys
1 Alexander Collar, 2 Stuart Fry, 3 Simon White, 4 Peter Fry, 5 Nathan Pickett, 6 Peter Collar, 7 Matthew Woodbridge, 8 Hue Ngo, 9 Ian Johnson, 10 Chris Howell, 11 Peter Barratt, 12 Gordon Sears.

Under 17 girls
1 Tracy Youlton, 2 Melissa Potter, 3 Claire Jerome, 4 Donna Compen, 5 Kelly Sampson, 6 Helen Fry.

Under 14 boys
1 Stuart Fry, 2 Hue Ngo, 3 Ian Batchelor, 4 Colin Sears, 5 Mark Thompson, 6 Stephen Elwick.

Under 14 girls
1 Tracy Youlton, 2 Kelly Sampson, 3 Helen Fry.

A plan to rejuvenate junior table tennis in the town was unveiled at the Swindon and District league's annual meeting.

The major change would mean that teams will be made up of two players rather than three at present and the result would depend on the number of games won, not the number of matches won.

League secretary Val Clack said it was vital to get more juniors playing. She felt many teams could get two players but often a third was difficult.

A second Swindon team is being entered into the Cotswold Ladies' League. This follows the success of the town's team in winning division two last season.

Officers elected: president - Ernie Watkins, vice president - Ron Clack; chairman - Alan Duke; secretary - Val Clack; treasurer - Andrew Eatwell; umpires' secretary - Lee Kelly; registration secretary - Alan Duke; inter-town secretaries - Ray Powell (seniors), Mark Smith (juniors), Brian Freeman (veterans); Cotswold League - Debbie Cleary; championship secretary - Keith Thompson; press officer - Laurie Selby; minutes secretary - Fran Sampson; auditor - Brian Hey; league secretaries - Alan Duke (division 1), Brenda Lee (division 2), Dave Burden (division 3), Sue Fry (juniors). Executive committee - Basil Thompson,

Glenn Freeman, Ann Collar and Steve Young.

WORCESTERSHIRE

Dave Roden

TOURNAMENT results, outstanding from last season, are now to hand from the Dudley, Evesham & Kidderminster Leagues.

County Junior Lee Horton was the star at Dudley Finals Night, winning four titles and only losing to evergreen veteran Ray Dixon in the Open Singles Final.

Results:
Open Singles - Ray Dixon bt Lee Horton 17 & 15

Ladies Singles - Sandra Roden bt Joanne Hill 12 & 7

Open Doubles - Steve Horton/Paul Garner bt Mark Roden/Brian Payton -19,18 & 17

Restricted Singles - Lee Horton bt Jason Thompson -19,18 & 14

Restricted Doubles - L. Horton/-Thompson bt Clive Cook/Ken Andrews 15 & 16

Veteran Singles - Roy Norton bt John Stafford 11 & 12

Intermediate Singles - L. Horton bt Mark Roden 13 & 19

Junior Singles - L. Horton bt. J. Thompson 18 & 14



Jeremy Duffield

At Kidderminster, a repeat of last year's final saw Jeremy Duffield retain the Open Singles with an 11, 13 victory over Steve Horton, while in the Ladies Singles, Mandy House, competing for the first time, scored a narrow -17,13,17 win over last year's winner Alison Westwood.

Other main Finals Night results:
Open Doubles - Steve Horton/Lol Sproston bt J. Duffield/M. House 19,-19,17

Mixed Doubles - J.Duffield/-M.House bt S.Horton/S.Meredith 9 & 14

Restricted Singles - Paul Lashford bt Sue Meredith 15,-18,16

Veteran Doubles - John Stafford/-Ken Worton bt Neil Savery/Brian Tottey 10 & 21

At Evesham, junior Kevin Sefton's attempt to win the Mens Singles title ended when he was beaten -19 & -18 in an exciting final by the holder Steve Gough.

Other main results:

Ladies Singles - Lynda Reid bt Jane McLean 14 & 16

Mens Doubles - Steve Gough/-Lewis Siket bt Colin Green/Kevin Sefton 13 & 20

Ladies Doubles - Shirley Betteridge/Jane McLean bt Joan Parfitt/Lynda Reid 11,-13,17

Mixed Doubles - Jill Stride/David Beechey bt Dot & Malcolm Macfarlane 14,-20,8

Junior Singles - Kevin Sefton bt Ian Stowe 11 & 11

Dates for the County Closed events have been set. The Junior event will be held in Worcester on November 12th, and the Senior Tournament at Quarry Bank, Dudley on March 4th.

Thorns, Dudley, have been admitted to the British League Div 3 West, they are the first club within the County to venture beyond Regional Club League level.

The Dudley League team of Paul Garner, Mark Hingley and Steve Horton won the County League, with Kidderminster 'A' runners-up.

Final table:

	P	F	A	Pts
Dudley	5	40	5	5
Kidderminster A	5	32	13	4
Malvern	5	21	24	3
Bromsgrove	5	19	26	2
Evesham	5	16	29	1
Kidderminster B	5	7	38	0

YORKSHIRE

Rea Balmford

AS EVER the first County Notes of the season will be an amalgam of last season's results received too late for inclusion in the May 89 edition, close season news and a brief look ahead to the 1989-90 campaign.

In the Yorkshire League final averages Harrogate, the title holders in Mens Division 1, had all their three players — Nick Davies, Richard Whiteley and Michael Emmerman — in the top five, but nevertheless handed the crown over to Huddersfield, who made no mistake as they beat the Spa side 8-2 in their last game.

Sheffield Ladies had an outstanding season as they retained the championship with both Janet Deakin and Josette Ryalls undefeated and Lesley Longstone beaten only once. Also returning a clean sheet was Gareth Jones in a Selby trio who again claimed the Junior crown.

Other winners were — Division 2, Selby; Division 3, Northallerton III; Division 4, Selby II; Veteran 1, Wakefield; Veteran 2, Bradford; Veteran 3, Hull II; Cadets, Wakefield.

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For the coming year the Junior and Cadet Divisions have been split into Boys (teams of three) and Girls (teams of 2) sections in place of the mixed format of recent seasons when teams have been made up of three boys and one girl playing ten games.

Disappointing to note the demise of Castleford/Pontefract in the Leagues, but this loss is more than compensated for by the return of Leeds who, out in the cold for several seasons in the Mens sections, make a welcome return with two teams and add a second Ladies side.

Bradford League secretary Arthur Bowers once again stoked up the enthusiasm of the youth of the wool city with the annual Arthur Bowers Youth Tournament at the Hermits' club.

Surprise winner in the top (under 18) age group was 14 year old Richard Potter, who toppled David Williamson in the final, but the older boy had his revenge in the Under 17 event, which featured the same two contestants.

Potter took a second title in the Under 15 Singles, while the Merit Award went to ten year old Paul Stebbings, a reward for sportsmanship and demeanour.

The tireless Arthur, who conducts a lunchtime coaching session at the local Fairweather Green Middle School with the help of headmaster David Park, added to the interest with an end of season tournament in which Hayley Quif-aqui beat Jonathan Marshall in the final — two new names in the Bradford cadet sides of the future?

Rivals from East and West of the Pennines came together in a great day of table tennis when, following an earlier get-together between the clubs at Wakefield, Wakefield Y.M.C.A. and Vymura Stockport met for a second series of friendly games in Cheshire.

A memorable day ended with Wakefield leader David Townsend presenting a plaque as a 'token of friendship and esteem' to Vymura organiser Doreen Schofield.

The County tournament scene will be as busy as ever during the early weeks of the season with emphasis particularly on the Juniors. By the time these notes appear in print the Kirklees Junior 2 star will have gone (results next month) as will the Ranking Trials.

So the build up will be to the third East Yorkshire Junior 2 star at Bridlington, which is again expected to bring the top names to one of the 'new' top venues, and to the Yorkshire & Humberside 3 star at our established top venue at the North Bridge Leisure Centre in Halifax.

It is expected that a better than normal service will be resumed in the far west of the county after the loss of the 1988-89 event, sabotaged by the National Union of Postmen.

Yorkshire table tennis received a boost this week when Clarke Brewery of Wakefield, which already sponsors the Wakefield League and Excellence Centre for young players, gave their backing to the Leeds Table Tennis League.

Clarks Brewery Leeds Table Tennis League in which 108 teams will compete, should get extra lift-off for the new season, which starts on October 2, because of the sponsorship according to League Chairman Chris Corlett who said:

"This sponsorship should renew the keen interest in the league area and it will encourage young players and enhance their prospects. We are grateful to Clarks Brewery."

Clarks managing director, David Garthwaite, who met the Leeds League Ctte members at the Brewery on Monday (August 14) to discuss details of the sponsorship, said:

"We have a great deal of talent in Yorkshire which needs support to put the county on the map. Local businesses ought to give the backing which clubs, coaches and players deserve. Their success is to our advantage, so we hope others will join our "Back Yorkshire Sport" efforts.

FOLLOWING the Modern Maintenance Products (International) Ltd. Yorkshire Junior Select, it is congratulations to the County's England No. 1 cadet, Katie Goodall from LEEDS, who made a clean sweep of the season's top Under 14 events.

All five Junior Select singles titles went the way of the aggressive left hander together with four of the doubles honours with regular partner Sally Marling, plus the top place in the Leeds English National Championships and the Cadet Ranking trials — a record possibly unparalleled in this age group.

Katie bids farewell to Cadet play this season, but she has already announced her imminent arrival on the Junior scene with her success in the Top Twelve and a 'double header' at the Essex Junior where she claimed both Junior Singles and, with Joanne Roberts, Doubles.

With experience on the Continental circuit already under her belt, Katie has the table tennis world at her feet and, if she continues her dedicated approach, there are further achievements to come.

At HARROGATE Wanderers, who reached the semi-final of the Yorkshire Knock Out Cup with a 5-4 victory over Huddersfield I.C.I., are again disputing the Division 1 title with old rivals St. Georges A. Wanderers hold a slight advantage, but the outcome is not likely to be settled until the final week of the season when the sides meet.

In the closest title race for many years at SELBY an 8-2 success by title holders and front runners Sturge A over challengers Goole A virtually ensures a further 12 month

tenure of the title for Sturge, but credit must go to the established Goole trio of Paul Kirby, Harry Quarmbay and Graham Wylie who put up a magnificent fight as they extended the champions all the way.

Stuart Worrell, now teaching in the city was the Mens Singles winner at Hull, overcoming Joe Naser, who is now back in the form which brought him County honours, while Ruth Bray retained her Ladies Singles crown and added the



Kate Goodall in aggressive mood

Closed Championship results are beginning to come to hand and SELBY have a new champion in High School boy Gareth Jones, who got the better of another teenager, Chris Nicholls, in the final.

Nicholls collected the Open doubles in partnership with Craig Smith with the other major titles going to Debbie Newman (Ladies), Nigel Thorn (Veterans) and Smith (Juniors).

Mixed Doubles with Kevin Rogerson.

County man Mick Farnill claimed Veteran honours for a sixth successive term, Mark Donoghue/Dave Randerson and the Marling sisters Samantha and Sally won Mens and Ladies Doubles, with Samantha (Girls) and Ian Parker (Boys) the Junior winners

Honours Board

AT THE AGM in July, a number of members were honoured by the Association for services to the sport.

Although no new Life Members were created, four new Vice-Presidents were appointed:

Harold Albery —	Secretary and National Councillor for Hampshire
Mrs Wendy Cunningham —	Public Relations Manager of Leeds Permanent Building Society
Mrs Jill Hammersley-Parker —	Former European Champion and now Selection Administrator
Albert Shipley	Member of staff since 1967 and General Secretary since 1976

The Malcolm Scott Award went to Peter Hillier for his work as Treasurer, particularly in the computerisation of the ETTA accounts.

The Ivor Montagu Award for administrative services went to Stuart Sneyd for his work in the re-structuring of the National Coaching Scheme.

The Leslie Forrest Award for services at County Championships level went to Mrs. Phyllis Lauder of Essex.

From the date of the AGM to the end of August, the following persons have been given the ETTA Merit Award for services at local level:

Mrs N Cranmer —	(Brighton League)
Mr A Leigh —	(North Middlesex League)

Survey into the Height of Nets

South West Regional News by ALF PEPPARD

TINA SADLER of Yeovil was the only S.W. Regional participant in the Leeds Schools International held at Stockland Green Leisure Centre, Erdington, Birmingham.

Tina played in the Senior Girls "C" Section, the Tournament was held back in mid-summer.

Gloucestershire's impressive array of young T.T. Players have now been given an added incentive to improve their skills.

Mr Len Huff of Allied Dunbar has presented the County Association with a trophy to be awarded for the best performance by a Gloucestershire player in the Cotswold

National Junior Championships which are staged annually at the Gloucester Leisure Centre.

The 1989 recipient of the trophy was Gloucester's Jeremy Hyatt who narrowly lost -26, 22, -18, in the cadet section to Northumberland's Barry Forster, England's then No.1 ranked Cadet player and eventual winner of the Cotswold (Cadet) event.

PETER HANCOCK reports on the following news from deepest Cornwall

A BUSY time lies ahead for Cornish Officials and Players for 1989/90, with both Senior 1sts and Junior 1sts, gaining promotion Cornwall will have four teams in four different divisions, of the Leeds County Championships. As they already travel further than anyone else resources will be stretched to the

limit. However that is the price that they must pay for success and Cornish supporters must look forward to consolidating that higher Divisional Status.

More expansion in the Duchy comes with a second British League side, thanks to the generous support of Bude-Stratton Town Council -

Bude Surfers will give Cornish youngsters the opportunity to play in Division 3 West, whilst White Hart Launceston led by top Junior Neil Bevan will be doing battle in Division 2 Midland League - **Look out for that Red Mini-bus this season? It's just going to be everywhere.**

County Secretary and Treasurer Roger and Barbara Jacobs are standing down and at the time of this going to press their replacements remain unknown.

The Launceston & District League have now changed their name to "The North Cornwall T.T. Association" and have a new secretary in Stephen Knight, taking over from Pete Hancock, who for his sins is now involved in British League Administration.

Finally news from Wiltshire: Coaching has been set up in Swindon at the newly registered school coaching centre, "The Oliver Tomkins C of E School.

They feed their players into the Swindon League advanced centre for higher tuition.

Val Clack S.W. Regional ETTA Coaching Officer has been asked to look after the Southern Regional as well, I'm now quite sure if the lady in question has accepted or not?

I understand that Paddy Jackson, Alan Wettstein, Kevin Satchell and Valerie Clack have all been appointed National Coaching assessors.



N. Bevan

The Effects of Higher Nets

by HIKOSUKE TAMASU

This is a summary of an article which appeared first in "The Table Tennis Report" and is published with the permission of the Tamasu Company Ltd. It describes experiments that the company has carried out with higher nets and presents some initial conclusions.

IN THE early days of table tennis, the height of a standard net was 6.75 ins (17.15cm); the soft balls and the slow tables used at that time discouraged attacking play and the game was dominated by defensive strokes. In 1936, in an attempt to speed up play and make it more attractive, the height of the net was reduced to the present 6 ins (15.25cm).

This was found to provide a reasonable compromise between attacking and defensive play but the wide-spread adoption of sponge and sandwich rubbers in the 1950s gave the advantage to attackers. This trend has continued with the development of more advanced covering materials and the result is that defensive players are now very much in the minority in modern table tennis.

Many people feel that the game would be more attractive and enjoyable if the balance were restored and one way of achieving this might be to raise the height of the net. In order to establish the effectiveness of this proposal, the Butterfly Company has carried out experiments on the effect of different

heights, and this article describes the results obtained so far.

The tests were supervised by Professor Terumasa Higashi of Osaka University and Professor Norio Takashima of Kinki University, in collaboration with Mr Hideki (Dick) Yamaoka, manager of Butterfly's Research Division. Professor Takashima, formerly one of the world's best defensive players, is in charge of the University table tennis team and Dr Higashi is its medical adviser.

To enable the effect of changes of net height on different styles of play to be studied, the players from the University team who took part in the tests were chosen to include both attackers and defenders, some using the penholder grip and others

the shake-hand grip, and with various types of racket covering. Two series of tests were conducted, with twelve players.

For the first series a standard net was used but a laser beam was directed parallel with the top of the net and at 1cm or 2cm above it. A number of matches were played under "normal" conditions, without the players making any attempt to modify their style of play, and the number of interruptions of the laser beam indicated the likely effect of increased net height.

From this series of tests it appeared that raising the net 1cm or 2cm would make very little difference to the outcome of matches. An increase of 1cm should affect all styles of play equally and an increase of 2cm should give only a slight advantage to defenders, while in neither case did there seem to be any variation for different types of racket covering.

In the second series of tests different nets were used and the same players competed against each other, first with a standard net and then with nets 1cm and 2cm higher. For these matches the players were aware that the net was higher and could therefore adjust their strokes, if they thought it necessary, to take account of the increased height.

The results of the second series of tests generally confirmed those of the previous series. In both series, the most significant effect was the

greater proportion of points lost in service as the net was raised. Most of the change occurred with the first increase in height of 1cm and raising it by a further 1cm did not greatly increase the rate of lost points.

Afterwards, the players were asked for their opinions. Most of them thought that the 1cm higher net had made little or no difference, although some agreed that service and return of service had been affected slightly. All felt that the 2cm higher net had presented some difficulty and had caused them to modify strokes, especially fast topspin drives and smashes.

The conclusions from these limited experiments were that the net must be raised by at least 2cm to give any benefit to defensive players but that a 1cm increase may be a useful means of limiting the advantage of service. However, more evidence will be needed to establish whether or not a higher net is desirable and it is hoped that others will conduct similar trials.





Junior English Open

O'Driscoll was Magnificent

by JOHN WOODFORD in Bridlington

MICHAEL O'DRISCOLL, 17, retained his boys singles crown at the Leeds Junior English Open at Bridlington on June 5, the first boy to retain the title for 35 years. It was a storming, magnificent victory in the final to capsize South Korea's Sang Joon, 8, 11.

O'Driscoll, is without doubt England's finest prospect for at least five years, his accuracy and power in the final was even more breathtaking than in the earlier rounds when he demolished almost the entire Korean team.

Chris Oldfield also had a wonderfully successful tournament possibly helping O'Driscoll by taking out South Korean Hyan Jung Sik in the quarters and it was of course, O'Driscoll and Oldfield who lifted the boys team event beating Korea 3 - 2.

England captain Don Parker said after the finals in Bridlington "Michael O'Driscoll's outstanding talent has shown us that he has the confidence and ice-cool temperament that will take him into senior European class next season." Leaving the junior ranks as a "super-star" is one thing, achieving a similar status as a senior player is a different matter, but it does seem clear that Don Parker as the sole selector is unlikely to have any hesitation this season in bringing O'Driscoll into the senior elite squad and into the European League.

Jung Sik Hyan was second-seeded to O'Driscoll and due to meet him in the final if the top seeding had worked out as expected, so the giant-killing by Oldfield in the quarters over Jung was especially welcome. Unfortunately, Oldfield, whose incredible performance against Alan Cooke at Portsmouth was still in the spectators minds, was unable to find the answer in the semi-finals and lost late in the third to Sang Joon Park.

England had five players in the last sixteen — Oldfield, O'Driscoll, Brian Mileham, Jonathan Taylor and Leigh Jeffries. All five were impressive at Bridlington but in the latest England junior ranking list it is Taylor who is the new No. 3 and he now looks certain to be the new No. 2 on the next list.

GIRLS FLOUNDER

It was not the best of tournaments for the England girls. At the third round juncture only Julie Billington, Debbie Toole, Kathie Goodall and Maria Thornley were still fighting. But only Goodall survived to the quarters as Billington lost to

Jo Jin Sook, Toole was narrowly beaten 19, -30, 20 by Sorensen and Goodall beat Thornley.

In the quarters, it was all over for the England girls squad as Katie Goodall was overpowered by Kim Boon Sik, the losing finalist to Yun Shon Ji.

TEAM EVENTS

Both the England boys teams recorded triumphant progress. The shock of the day came when England II (Jonathan Taylor and Grant Solder) beat Sweden 1 3 - 2 in the quarter-finals. The match was poised at 2 - 2 with honours even.

Grant Solder, winner of the Spanish Open in July, astonished the crowd at the Spa Hall stopping Johansson -24, 11, 20, the match of the day. But, in the semi-finals Solder and Taylor found the Koreans too strong and went down 3 - 0.

Meanwhile, in the other half, England's all-conquering heroes O'Driscoll and Oldfield beat Korea II in the semi-final and then Korea I, 3 - 2 in the nail-biting final round. Oldfield was beaten 14, 16 by Hyan in the penultimate game, but O'Driscoll came to the rescue to win the trophy for England, defeating Lee 14, 17.

England girls team of Julie Billington and Debbie Toole reached the semi-finals of the girls event with a fine 3 - 0 win over West Germany II, but in the semi-finals the England girls were unable to make progress and lost 3 - 0 to Korea I.

CADETS

From a large entry of cadets the new England No. 3 David Baker (Heston) won the singles with a fine win 18, 16 over Chris Sladden of Southend, who is the new England No. 7 cadet.

The No. 1 seed Kate Goodall sailed through the draw to win the cadets singles crown, 14, 8 against Sara Williams of Hillingdon, who is now No. 6 in England. Miss Goodall, whose family have some areas of disagreement with the England administration and did not go to Luxembourg, retains her No. 1 cadet rating.

THE VENUE

Bridlington is a good venue in many respects. The Spa Hall provides excellent conditions, but the second venue used for the early individual events again proved too small and was over-crowded. But the generous support from the East Yorkshire Borough Council means that the tournament costs the ETTA next-to-nothing, compared with hundreds of pounds for other venues such as the Mountbatten Centre at Portsmouth, so I shall be surprised if Bridlington is not chosen again for 1990.

Julie Billington



RESULTS OF FINALS

Cadet Boys Singles

Final
D. Baker v C. Sladden 18, 16

Cadet Girls Singles

Final
K. Goodall v S. Williams 14, 8

Boys Singles

Final
M. O'Driscoll v Park Sang Joon 8, 11

Girls Singles

Singles
Shon Ji Yun v Him Boon Sik -15, 21, 19

Mixed Doubles

Final
Kim Hyun Woo/Jo Jin Sook v Hyun Jung Sik/Kim Boon Sik -15, 14, 17

Boys Doubles

Final
Hyun Jung Sik/Lee Chul Seung v Kim Hyun Woo/Park Sang Joon 18, 10

Girls Doubles

Final
Jung Mi Ok/Kim Boon Sik v Jo Jin Sook/Shon Ji Yun -19, 14, 17

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boys

Semi Final
KOREA I bt ENGLAND II 3 - 0
Lee bt Taylor 15, 11
Hyun bt Solder 10, 16
Lee/Hyun bt Taylor/Solder 11, 9

ENGLAND I bt KOREA II 3 - 1
O'Driscoll bt Kim 9, 9
Oldfield bt Park 12, -18, 17
O'Driscoll/Oldfield lost to Kim/Park 20, -14, -17
Oldfield bt Kim 19, -19, -19

Final

ENGLAND I bt KOREA I 3 - 2
O'Driscoll bt Hyun Jung Sik 10, 13
Oldfield bt Lee Chul Seung -16, 18, 17
O'Driscoll/Oldfield lost to Hyun/Lee -20, -15
Oldfield lost to Hyun -14, -16
O'Driscoll bt Lee 14, 17

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Girls

Semi Final
KOREA I bt ENGLAND I 3 - 0
Mi Ok Jung bt Billington 12, 14
Boon Sik Kim bt Toole 12, 14
Mi Ok Jung/Boon Sik Kim bt Billington/Toole 15, 14
KOREA II bt FED GERMANY I 3 - 0
Jo Jin Sook bt Schmude 14, 15
Shon Ji Yun bt Schall 10, 19
Jo Jin Sook/Shon Ji Yun bt Schmude/Schall 14, 16

Final

KOREA II bt KOREA I 3 - 1
Jo Jin Sook bt Jung Mi Ok 11, 17
Shon Ji Yun lost to Kim Boon Sik -16, -15
Jo Jin Sook/Shon Ji Yun bt Jung Mi Ok/Kim Boon Sik -14, 11, 20
Jo Jin Sook bt Kim Boon Sik 12, 11

Neil Accepts his Chance

IN THE absence of Jonathan Taylor and Darren Howarth Cheshire's England-ranked Juniors, Neil Thornton-Allen took his chance to become Cheshire Junior champion; Cheshire Cadet Mark News came through unseeded to oppose Neil in the final. Zoe Buchanan did the double winning both the Cadet and Junior Girls titles despite still suffering from glandular fever.

The event was organised by Karen Runcorn her last event as Coaching Secretary for Cheshire a position she has held for ten years. She has resigned on her appointment as North-West Regional Chairman. Campbell Eaton of the Cheshire League is the new Cheshire Coaching Secretary.

Crest Under 12 Squad by JACKIE BELLINGER

OVER TWO weekends in June selected players attended assessment camps for the Crest Under 12 Squad. The camps were held at Luton by Jackie Bellinger and the players chosen to become members of the squad were:

Steve Meddings
Vincent Avery
Darryl Meredith
Chris Whitehead
Matthew Bartlam
Simon James
Michael James
Adrian Cadman
Jamie Harris
David Purdy
Simon Jablon

Joanne Barnham
Shelley Ruocco
Nicola Massingham
Crystal Hall
Michelle Fisher
Vicky Fox
Sarah Stedman
Julia Cambridge
Joanna Bush-Harris

At the recent European Youth Championships in Luxembourg, it was very noticeable how the standard and quality of play of young players is improving. Most of the top European countries are

training their players very hard at a younger age and if we are going to continue to compete we must adopt a similar system. For this reason the Under 12 Squad set up is making efforts to increase its training programme.

From September the squad will attend a weekend training camp at Luton every month. The players will play for 5 hours a day with a small amount of time spent at each camp monitoring their physical fitness. There will be a continued emphasis on good technique and playing a positive game, which is a vital requirement if they are to compete at the highest level in the future.

The squad has had sponsorship from a handful of companies and I would like to thank them for their kind contribution. These funds will enable us to organise the valuable international experience that our players need.

Results

As no event was held in 1987/8 and no full Closed was to be held in 1988/9 Karen Tonge organised a Cadet/Junior Closed so these age-groups would not miss out. The County Committee are planning a full Closed 1989/90 season.

Consolation Event

Winner: Mustafa Janoowalla (Halton/Chester)
R-Up: Alistair Campbell (Halton)

Junior Boys Singles

Winner: Neil Thornton-Allen (Wirral)
R-Up: Mark News (Wirral)

Cadet Boys Singles

Winner: Mark News (Wirral)
R-Up: Ian Eaton (Mid-Cheshire)

Junior Girls Singles

Winner: Zoe Buchanan (Hyde/Stockport)
R-Up: Ceri Tierney (Wirral)

Cadet Girls Singles

Winner: Zoe Buchanan (Hyde/Stockport)
R-Up: Emma Fletcher (Wirral)



Pictured with Roger Moss the Cheshire Chairman are the trophy winners: Back Row l to r, Mark News, Alistair Campbell, Mustafa Janoowalla, Ian Eaton, Neil Thornton-Allen. Front Row: Ceri Tierney, Zoe Buchanan, Emma Fletcher.

The Third English National Under 11 Table Tennis Championships

by ROGER MOSS

IF EVER we needed an indication that Table Tennis is gathering strength a trip to Mansfield Leisure Centre on Sunday 30th April where the above Championships took place would have been all the confirmation you would have needed.

A record entry of 113 (84 boys 29 girls) were at Mansfield and during the day they all gave 110% commitment taking the ups and downs of the game like mature players, although occasionally off the table the odd "Kleenex" from equally involved parents came in useful. The atmosphere throughout the tournament was a relaxed one due to the tremendous support the organiser and referee received from both players and parents and the attitude of the players was a credit to table tennis.

The standard of play continues to improve every year and one could see a number of potential England Champions in the making and I am sure that BBC Television who were there filming for the "Move-it" programme felt the same, the Producer informed me that he was delighted with the filming which will be shown during June, July and August in the Blue Peter spot at 5.00pm. I am sure this information will ensure a larger viewing audience, particularly the players who were interviewed.

In the Girls event Shelly Ruocco (Essex), Michelle Fisher (Staffordshire) and Joanne Barham (Kent) emerged to contest the semi finals where Shelly beat Michelle 10, 12 and Joanne beat Vicky 19, 8. The final between Joanne and Shelly was a credit to both girls with Joanne Barham of Kent, after some excellent points, becoming the National U11 girls champion for 1989 winning 16, 19.

In the Boys event Steven Meddings (Warwickshire), Simon James (Yorkshire), Darryl Meredith (Lancashire) and Stephen Lampkin (Surrey) came through the 21 groups and earlier rounds to contest the semi-finals where Steven beat Simon 16, 18 and after a hard fought match Darryl beat Stephen - 18, 13, 19. The boys final was therefore between Steven and Darryl with Steven Meddings of Warwickshire becoming the National U11 Boys Champion for 1989 winning 11, 15

SWEDISH CADET TOUR

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at Peniel Academy

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The match format will be 2 separate matches — Girls v Girls and Boys v Boys on two tables. Each cadet team will consist of 3 and all will play all.

Leeds Schools International Championships

by DAVID LOMAS

ENGLAND'S UNBEATEN run in the team events of the Leeds Schools International Championships, which stretched back to the inaugural Championships at Middlesbrough in 1975, was doubly shattered when Wales won the Senior Boys and Girls events at Stockland Green Leisure Centre, Birmingham on June 30, July 1 and 2nd.

The finals boiled up into a dramatic climax when Wales, leading England in both finals, 5-3, needed to clinch one of the two remaining doubles matches to ensure victory. There was great pressure on all the players as the eager spectators and team-mates focused on the vital matches which concluded the day's action on Saturday evening.

Wales edged home, 6-4, in both matches to register victory and edge England into runners-up spot. The Boys team non-playing captain, Gerald Watkins, was naturally delighted with this Wales victory: "The boys put in a lot of effort. No.1. Steve Ward played consistently well and No.2. Chris Kelly won both his singles matches in the final, plus the vital doubles. Our team has shown in-depth improvement." Girls captain, Len Elias, was equally pleased with the Girls' performances: "It was a good all-round team effort. They all played well but No.1 Justine Thomas did particularly well to defeat England's No.1 Cadet (U14) player, Katie Goodall. We showed more commitment than in the past.

England's Senior non-playing captains, Stuart Worrell and Teresa Moore acknowledged Wales' success. Stuart told me "Wales are a good all-round side and it was always going to be a tough final" whilst Teresa thought that her girls did well to push the Welsh so close.

But if England were disappointed at the loss of such an impressive record they certainly bounced back in style in the individual stages of the Championships on Sunday. England players made a "clean-sweep", winning all six events for the first time for five seasons.

Scott Greenbrook (Ifield College, Crawley) added to his Dunlop English Schools Individual (Under-19) title at Mansfield in April, by winning the Senior Boys title.

Kate Goodall (Senior Girls) and Joanna Roberts (Intermediate Girls) put their school, Allerton Grange High School, Leeds, firmly on the table tennis map by their double success, whilst Sally Marling (Humberside) retained her Cadet Girls' crown.

Darren Blake (Cumnor House, Croydon) had to be content with runner-up in the Cadet Boys event as rival Edward Hatley (Hampshire) reversed the result of the same event in the English Schools Individual Championship.

Almost 150 players from England, Ireland, Iceland, the Isle of Man and Wales were involved in these Championships, sponsored for the second time by the Leeds Permanent Building Society.

Whereas the Isle of Man celebrated their first-ever team medal (third in the Cadet Girls event) Scotland could only reflect on what might have been had their leading players Euan Walker and Sarah Hurry been available. Ireland must have been disappointed with Gary Neilson's showing in the

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Dunlop English Schools Individual Championships

by DAVID LOMAS

THE SURVIVORS of qualifying competitions staged in 45 county areas, involving over three thousand competitors from 700 schools, did battle for national honours when the Dunlop English Schools Individual Championships took place at Mansfield Leisure Centre on Saturday, April 29th.

A total of 268 players took part, with matches being organised on the now familiar pattern of "knock-out" matches with automatic consolation competitions for players losing their first matches played.

There was a big upset in the Boys Under-16 event — a high-quality competition — where unseeded Darren Howarth (Audenshaw High School, Manchester) went all the way and defeated northern colleague Andrew Eden (Lancashire) 21-11, 24-26, 21-19 in a pulsating final. This was Darren's finest achievement to date. On his way to the final he ousted Brian Mileham (Kent) in the quarter-final, 21-16, 21-15. Mileham had been in particularly good form in the senior body's Junior tournaments this season, winning the Junior Top 12 event earlier this year.

Scott Greenbrook (Ifield Community College, Crawley) was

a comfortable winner of the senior (Boys Under-19) event, beating Colin Bowler (Bedfordshire) in the final. Colin's twin brother, Peter, also did well, reaching the semi-final of the Boys Under-16 event. There were other family connections in the tournament. Joanna Roberts (Allerton Grange High School, Leeds) held on to her Girls' Under-16 title in a closely-fought final against Helen Wright (Devon), whilst Joanna's younger sister, Emma, had to be content with the Girls' Under-13 consolation title. The main event was won by No.1 seed, Nicola Deaton (Barlborough Hall, Chesterfield) who added to the Under-11 title she won last year. Darren Blake (Cumnor House, Croydon) also stepped up from his position as Under-11 titleholder to win the Boys' Under-13 event — his third national schools title. He edged out his hitherto "bogy player" Edward Hatley (Hampshire) the holder.



Nicola Deaton

Joanne Barham (St. Joseph's RC Primary, Rotherhithe) won a rare title for the Inner London Schools' TTA when she won the Under-11 category. She went on to win the English Table Tennis Association's Under-11 national title, held at the same venue on the following day. Steven Meddings (Banners Gate Middle School, Sutton Coldfield) achieved a similar "double" in winning the Under-11 titles in similar fashion.

Katie Goodall, also a pupil at Allerton Grange High School, Leeds, didn't show her tender years when at the age of 14 she won the Girls' Under-19 event, beating No.1 seed, Nicola McGrath in a "roses" battle. This was Katie's third national title, having won the Girls' Under-11 event in 1986 and the Girls' Under-13 crown last year.

RESULTS

Boys U-19

Scott Greenbrook (West Sussex) b Colin Bowler (Berks) 18,12.

Boys U-16

Darren Howarth (Greater Manchester) b Andrew Eden (Lancashire) 11,-24,19.

Boys U-13

Darren Blake (Surrey Metropolitan) b Edward Hatley (Hants) 18,-14,18.

Boys U-11

Steven Meddings (West Midlands) b Vincent Avery (Essex County) 14,13.

Girls U-19

Katherine Goodall (West Yorkshire) b Nicola McGrath (Lancs) 11,17.

Girls U-16

Joanna Roberts (West Yorkshire) b Helen Wright (Devon) -14,20,18.

Girls U-13

Nicola Deaton (Derbyshire) b Sally Marung (Humberside) 18,-13,13.

Girls U-11

Joanne Barham (Inner London) b Crystal Hall (Kent County) 10,14.

Consolation Winners

Boys

- U19 Graham Cook (West Yorks)
- U16 Martin Adams (Berkshire)
- U13 Jeremy Hazlehurst (North Yorks)
- U11 Adrian Cadman (Shropshire)

Girls

- U19 Lisa Rowley (West Midlands)
- U16 Lian Wilson (East Sussex)
- U13 Emma Roberts (West Yorkshire)
- U11 Julia Cambridge (Essex County)



Left: All smiles from England's Senior 'B' team with non-playing captain Mandy Sainsbury. Bottom left: Wales's victorious Senior Boys Team 1. To r: Spencer Harris, Steven Ward, Gerald Watkins (n.p.c.), and David Buck, Chris Kelly and Steve Wild (Leeds Permanent Building Society). Bottom right: First ever team medal (bronze) for the Isle of Man Cadet Girls with non-playing captain, Jeff Bubb.

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Senior Boys events. He made a shock exit at the hands of England's Craig Smith, but went on to win the Consolation event.

Team Events: (Final positions)

Senior Boys:

1. Wales, 2. England, 3. Ireland, 4. Iceland, 5. Scotland, 6. Isle of Man.

Senior Girls:

1. Wales, 2. England A, 3. England C, 4. England B, 5. Ireland, 6. Scotland.

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Sun Life 2 Star Bristol & District Championship by PETER SANDFORD

THIS YEAR we returned to Thornbury and bearing in mind that every previous year we have had to restrict the Junior entry, decided to use 24 Tables, even so once again we were over subscribed. As the organiser I wasn't given a specific job for the weekend, but with numerous odd jobs I saw very little table tennis, so my comments are more concerned with impressions of the weekend, than with actual play.

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Intermediate Boys:

1. England, 2. Ireland, 3. Scotland, 4. Iceland.

Intermediate Girls:

1. England, 2. Ireland, 3. Scotland, 4. Iceland.

Cadet Boys:

1. England, 2. Ireland, 3. Scotland, 4. Isle of Man.

Cadet Girls:

1. England, 2. Ireland, 3. Isle of Man, 4. Scotland.

Individual Events:

Senior Boys:

Scott Greenbrook (Eng) b David Buck (Wales) 21-12, 21-18.

Senior Girls:

Katherine Goodall (Eng) b Justine Thomas (Wales) 21,-15, 19.

Intermediate Boys:

Peter Bowler (Eng) b Grant Solder (Eng) 22-20, 21-8.

Intermediate Girls:

Joanna Roberts (Eng) b Samantha Marling (Eng) 21-12, 23-21.

Cadet Boys:

Edward Hatley (Eng) b Darren Blake (Eng) 21-19, 21-18.

Cadet Girls:

Sally Marling (Eng) b Sara Williams (Eng) 21-15, 21-17.

John Hilton won the Veterans and mens singles, and in the latter giving away 23 years to Chris Oldfield, it couldn't have been a more popular double, come back next year John.

Local success in the Mens Doubles for Andy Creed and Paul Lewis, and for David Hadley in the Junior Class II.

In the Junior events on the Sunday we saw Nicola Deaton from Derby winning both the Under 12 Girls and the Junior Girls, and losing in the Cadet final, her will and determination to win was tremendous.

On each day Mary Wetmore ran the usual raffle, and on the Sunday tried to sell a ticket to a young lad who had run out of cash, so an adult who was leaving gave him his ticket, and a happy boy took home a basket of fruit for his mum.

I thank all the officials, especially the umpires who made the weekend a success, and hope that they and the players will come back to Thornbury at the end of April 1990.

Class II Mixed Singles

A. Garraway (SY) bt G. Slack (GS) 14, 15

Womens Singles

J. Smith (SCO) bt C. Giles (DV) 19, 19

Womens Doubles

J. Smith (SCO) and J. Harris (ST) bt M. Sainsbury (BK) and J. Houghton (K) 14, -18, 14

Juniors — Sunday 30/4/89

SINGLES

Under 12 Boys

D. Blake (SY) bt S. Zeffert (MI) 11, 13

Under 12 Girls

N. Deaton (DY) bt M. Martin (ST) 13, 14

Cadet Boys

D. Blake (SY) bt D. Katz (MI) 11, 19

Cadet Girls

K. Goodall (Y) bt N. Deaton (DY) 13, 16

Junior Boys

C. Oldfield (Y) bt S. Ward (GW) 20, 15

Junior Girls

N. Deaton (DY) bt K. Kottasz (MI) -19, 10, 19

Class II Boys

D. Hadley (AV) bt G. Bridgett (DV) 18, 17

Class II Girls

K. Kottasz (MI) bt N. Deaton (DY) conceded

2 STAR RESULTS

Seniors — Saturday 29/4/89

Mens Singles

J. Hilton (LA) bt C. Oldfield (Y) 16, 11

Mens Doubles

A. Creed and P. Lewis (AV) bt A. Moore and S. Moore (SX) 20, 15

Vets Singles

J. Hilton (LA) bt K. Horton (SX) 18, 16

New President for ESTTA

Mr. Arnold was elected as President of the ESTTA at the Annual General Meeting in May. He served as General Secretary from 1975 to 1978 and followed this with eleven years as Chairman.

It was also the end of a formidable West Yorkshire "duo" when ESTTA President, Tom Matthews — a former Leeds High School Head Master — stood down as President after sixteen devoted years as Chairman (1973 - 78 & President (1978-1989).

In a Foreword article in the Association's newly-published Official Handbook John Blackburn says "It has been under the wise leadership of these two devoted officers that the ESTTA has grown to its present high standing in the table tennis world and I cannot thank them enough for all that they have done together in the past."



Former ESTTA Chairman, John Arnold (right) was presented with some whisky glasses by his successor, John Blackburn, following the conclusion of the Leeds Schools International Championships at Stockland Green, Birmingham on June 30, July 1 & 2, 1989.

OFFICIAL HANDBOOK

Copies of the Official Handbook are available from the ESTTA General Secretary - Mr. L. C. Berry, "Engelberry", Badger Lane, Woolley Moor, Derby, DE5 6FG. £1.20. (including postage).

This useful publication is increased to 64 pages and includes all the rules and regulations of the major events, plus many pages of photographs and complete records of past winners.



John Lewis, Promotions Officer of Sun Life Assurance, with local table tennis star Jill Harris (left) and her partner Janet Smith, winners of the Ladies Doubles title at the Sun Life Bristol Open Table Tennis Championships held in April

Leeds National Team Finals

Success for Wolves in Rose Bowl by A. W. SHIPLEY

MANSFIELD Leisure Centre was once again the venue for the finals of these inter-league Knock-out Championships on Sunday, 14th May 1989.

The easiest and most predictable victory was by Wolverhampton in the J. M. Rose Bowl as the Newbury team were without the services of Mandy Sainsbury who was committed to an event in Germany.

The Wilmott Cup final was between two London leagues, Willesden and North Middlesex, both sides containing international players. For Willesden, Nicky Mason and Skylet Andrew were ranged against Graham Sandley and Nigel Tyler of North Middlesex, plus David Tan and Dipak Topiwala respectively. Nicky Mason won his three matches comfortably but Graham Sandley delayed the Willesden victory with a

good two-straight win over Skylet Andrew.

The girls from Pontefract proved too strong for Plymouth in the Bromfield Trophy and cruised to a 5-0 win but not before Sarah Pengelly had taken Joanne Roberts to a close third game.

The longest final of all was the Carter Cup where the favourites from Nottingham found themselves 3-1 down to Crawley/Horsham by Alan Cole beating both Robert Yong and Paul Wood, plus Keith Newell taking a close opening game against Paul Wood. However, the Nottingham boys rallied to take the match 5-3 and so retain the title.

Scores

J M Rose Bowl
Wolverhampton bt Newbury 5 - 0
J. Harris bt G. Roberts 7, 5
S. Roden bt J. Norman 12, 16
F. Elliot bt C. Cohen 13, 9
J. Harris bt J. Norman 13, 14
F. Elliot bt G. Roberts 3, 4

Wilmott Cup
Willesden bt North Middlesex 5 - 2
D. Tan bt D. Topiwala 10, 13
N. Mason bt G. Sandley 13, 10
S. Andrew bt N. Tyler 10, 10
N. Mason bt D. Topiwala 7, 16
D. Tan lost to N. Tyler -14, -15
S. Andrew lost to G. Sandley -19, -16
N. Mason bt N. Tyler 19, 9

Bromfield Trophy
Pontefract bt Plymouth 5 - 0
J. Roberts bt H. Wright 18, -19, 14
D. Toole bt C. Pengelly 10, 13
K. Goodall bt S. Pengelly 10, 4
D. Toole bt H. Wright 9, 17
J. Roberts bt S. Pengelly -17, 18, 18

Carter Cup
Nottingham bt Crawley 5 - 3
P. Wood lost to K. Newell -18, 11, -20
R. Yong lost to A. Cole -13, -8
J. Bamford bt M. Majithia 18, -19, 21
P. Wood lost to A. Cole -14, 15, -8
J. Bamford bt K. Newell 16, -17, 14
R. Yong bt M. Majithia 18, -19, 9
J. Bamford bt A. Cole 15, 19
P. Wood bt M. Majithia 16, 17



Skylet Andrew

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I would also appreciate any information on the possibility of obtaining table tennis videos (VHF or BETA) on players of the game such as Victor Barnes, Johnny Leac, Ferenc Sido, etc. from the past and present day stars from other countries Sweden, China, Korea, Japan. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

DAVID GEORGE
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G. Hammond makes public statement

THE TOURNAMENT Committee believes the time is now right to publicly state our side of the off/on affair on the Essex 3 Star.

It may be as well to explain the procedures required to obtain a 3 Star grading as it is not automatic that once a 3 Star, always a 3 Star. At least two years and two months before a 3 Star grading is sought, an application for intent has to be completed (OT3). This request is despatched to all Tournament Organisers at the beginning of each season. The completion of this form enables the Tournaments Committee to assess the organisation of that Tournament for two seasons before any decisions are made. At the beginning of each season, a further form (OT1/2) is required to be completed for the following season, giving full particulars of the Tournament.

Now for the facts. At the beginning of season 1987/88, seven applications (OT3) had been received for season 1989/90. I subsequently wrote to all existing 3 Star Organisers, informing them of the situation stating that unless National Council agreed to all seven being approved, then one of them may lose their status. The Organisers were therefore informed at a very early date. A decision was not made during 1987/88 as the Tournaments Committee were assessing the performance of the Organisers. From the beginning of season 1988/89, the Tournament Committee, including five new members, were not in a position to make a well judged decision, and therefore at our first meeting held in September 1988, we recommended seven applications to National

Council. Due to the postal strike at that time, I had not received any OT1/2's for season 1989/90 and therefore, there was no question of penalising any Tournament at this time. At the National Council meeting in January 1989, the request for seven 3 Stars was turned down and the decision of selecting the six was passed back to Tournaments Committee. I would emphasize again, that we recommended seven 3 Stars because of the reasons given earlier and therefore we were now going to disappoint somebody.

The next Tournament Committee meeting was on the 14th January 1989 by which time, several forms had been received, but not one from Essex. As there were two interested parties on the Committee, both Mike Hanley and Bill Willson withdrew from the meeting. It should be made clear at this point that Wiltshire had applied for 3 Star status for the two previous seasons but had been unsuccessful, although it had been indicated by a member of the Management Committee that a 3 Star was desirable in the west country.

The Committee firstly considered the merits of Wiltshire's application and after a full discussion, it was agreed to award 3 Star Status to Wiltshire. M. Hanley and W. Willson then returned to the meeting. There had been some doubts right up to the meeting that the Midland Counties might not run, but this was cleared up. The Committee looked at the remaining six Tournaments in relation to prize money, venue, administration on the day, facilities, availability of umpires, canteen facilities, organisation leading up to the Tournament. At the decision time, it was felt that Essex had not complied to Tournament Regulations as an OT1/2 had not been received. There had also been organisational mishaps in the past when the completed draw sheets together with group matches results had been lost and nobody received any computer points. In the previous season, a report on winners and number of entrants (OT5) had not been completed. It perhaps should be mentioned here, that an application was finally received the day after our meeting, probably prompted by the Essex National Councillor, but this was not the correct or current form.

The comments made by John Woodford in the April edition of the ETTA News were partly right when he said that poor administration was the reason why Essex lost their 3 Star Status but as far as the Committee is concerned, "politics" never came into it. The quote in the May edition was completely wrong. At the April National Council meeting, Essex National Councillor put up a case for reinstatement, which was backed by the Management Comm-

ittee and the President and consequently, National Council voted Essex back to a 3 Star. As far as the Tournament Committee is concerned, the decision to accept Essex and therefore seven 3 Star events, was made by National Council — NOT Tournaments Committee and therefore, we have not changed our minds but were over-ruled by National Council. The same course of action was probable whoever had lost their 3 Star title. We of course do not have any vendetta against Essex (we suggested seven in the first place) but having been told by National Council that only six were to be allowed and then having made a decision to be subsequently over-ruled, the Tournaments Committee are far from pleased.

To finally close, on the subject of the press item referred to in the magazine, the Tournaments Committee were not aware of any earlier disagreements in committee and we can only put this down to paper talk.

As there are again seven applications in for season 1990/91, it will be interesting to see how National Council will vote. Who knows, we might be in the same position again with one of the other Tournaments.

G. Hammond
Secretary of the Tournaments Committee, written on behalf of all committee members.

"Challenge to Sport"

I AM writing with feedback from "Challenge to Sport". Come and try it sessions organised by Our Lady of Peace Community Centre on behalf of the Reading & District Table Tennis Association.

Our three sessions attracted over 70 people to the centre, and all ages and levels of players were represented. Bar and refreshment facilities helped to make the programme a real family occasion. The clubs top junior and senior players offered help and coaching as well as advice on bats and dress etc. Though we were unsure of how many people would attend for the sessions, it turned out to be a very worthy exercise.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM
(Club Secretary)

Womens British League

ON BEHALF of Fellows Cranleigh Table Tennis Womens Team, I would like to thank the organisers of the Womens National League for two marvellous weekends table tennis. The organisation was superb, the competition keen, but the atmosphere was very friendly.

LESLEY RADFORD
Fellows Cranleigh
Table Tennis Club

Late deliveries of T.T.N.

I WAS most disappointed to find that the last issue was on sale at two tournaments at least a week before I received my postal issue. I was thus forced to buy a copy because people were asking me to comment on my Surrey notes and other articles.

Please can you arrange that those who pay by Subscription receive their copies at the same time as the bulk buyers.

TERRY VANCE
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Ted Wallborton
Chief Executive

Pen Pal Wanted

Dear Mr. Shipley,

Thank you for your answer to my letter. I will be very grateful to you if you help me in making contacts with a Tennis Club in England.

I inform you about my address in roman letters for the publication in your official magazine.

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USSR, Kirov,
Proizvodstvenaya Street 13/2

Beerbraer A.

Yours sincerely
A. Beerbraer
President of the Kirov Table
Tennis Federation

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Armenian Disaster thanks

2 Letters received by Mr Jack Reeve relating to the money sent towards the Armenian Disaster Fund.

Mr. M. J. Reeves
Gloucestershire Table Tennis Association

28th June 1989

Dear Mr. Reeves,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 21st June and for enclosing your cheque for £213.00.

I am making arrangements for this donation to be transmitted to the Soviet Table Tennis Association in order that they can purchase equipment for the schoolchildren in Armenia.

As you can appreciate, it may take a few weeks for them to acknowledge this generous donation, and I am also sure, once the equipment has been purchased you will be contacted by the authorities in Armenia.

On their behalf, however, I would personally like to thank your association for their generosity and hope that the equipment purchased will bring some light into the sad faces of the schoolchildren so badly affected by the tragedy.

Our grateful thanks once again to you all.

Yours sincerely,
C.E. Dunford
General Manager
Moscow Narodny Bank Ltd

Dear Mr Reeves,

On behalf of the Soviet Government and the Soviet people I would like to express to you gratitude and warm feelings for your understanding of tragic situation in Soviet Armenia, which suffered a disastrous earthquake, and for your material assistance for those who suffered. I can assure you that your generous donation is highly appreciated and will be immediately and directly transferred to the government and public organisations taking part in relief work in Armenia.

Yours sincerely,
L. Zamyatin
USSR Ambassador

Ron Fosker replies to John Woodford's comments on Rob Oldfield

I COULD not let John Woodford's self-congratulatory and insulting comments in *Courtside* (April issue) on Rob Oldfield's past contribution to Table Tennis News pass without comment.

Mr. Woodford says of the March 1986 issue of the magazine; 'In general it was pretty appalling — that is no reflection on Rob Oldfield who struggled with the magazine for several months before his career beckoned.'

Of course it is a reflection on Rob Oldfield. How can you call a magazine appalling without it reflecting on its editor?

Rob did indeed struggle. He had numerous difficulties getting the magazine out — and one reason was that he was determined to edit it, not just put everything in as it came. Journalistically speaking he was by far the best editor the magazine has had. He used to take the trouble to make sure it read properly and not leave in for example sentences like: 'No story about him would be perfect without being mentioned on his 4-year-long self-discipline and devoted desire to the victory'.

This contribution, from a South Korean writer, appeared in the March 1989 issue, and was not the first example of strange English, whether from a foreign contributor or a league/county representative that has appeared over the last three years.

An editor's job is to make the thing readable, something Rob Oldfield understood — and did.

Despite talking about Rob 'struggling with the magazine for several months', John Woodford begins by saying: 'There was apparently no editor — "Editorial" was by Rob Oldfield'. It is unclear whether the quote marks round the word editorial indicate that he feels it was not editorial in the real sense or whether he doesn't understand the function of quote marks. Neither conclusion does him much credit.

But that is a minor point. I sat on the ETTA public relations committee with John Woodford and Rob Oldfield when Rob was appointed editor of the magazine. He remained editor, I believe, for a season. Mr. Woodford may not keep back issues of the magazine, but why has he blocked Rob's appointment as editor from his memory?

John Woodford has done much for table tennis, particularly through his regular coverage in the *Daily Telegraph*, and, it has to be said, by taking on the demanding task of editing the magazine.

But Rob Oldfield also did much for the game. And he didn't feel the need to keep telling us about it. To call your predecessor's version of the magazine appalling and to say of one's own tenure: 'We have come a long way since then' is self-congratulation of the highest order.

Leave the contratulations — or otherwise — to others, John. They may not necessarily agree with you.

RON FOSTER
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Reply by John Woodford

As stated in the Courtside story, there was no personal criticism of Rob Oldfield. He did all he could in the time he had available. In the end he was unable to cope and had to call it a day, further proof that this magazine takes at least 18 hours a week if the Editor is writing stories, collating information, preparing copy, correcting spelling and bad grammar, re-writing, doing the "paste-up" and checking proofs at two stages.

JOHN WOODFORD
TTN Editor 1987 - 1989

Whatever Happened to....

WRITING AS a player for last 30 odd years but have only been buying Table Tennis News for last 15 months I have been out of touch with Table Tennis except for headlines in Newspapers.

The article in *Courtside* re 1977 World Championships and ages of our players prompts me to ask what has happened to such as Paul Day, Douglas Johnson, Carole Knight, Melody Ludi, & others on that list. Surely they've not all packed up playing?

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Paul Day - England Junior Captain, Douglas Johnson - Victim of Combination bat legislation and retired early. Melody Ludi and Carole Knight are housewives and are all 12 years older. - Ed.

London & S E Region Unofficial Ranking Lists

I HAVE known Dave Baker (father of David and the delightful Katrina) for quite a long time, but had never thought of his eyesight being other than perfect. His letter in your May edition now makes me wonder.

I compiled the ranking lists which have made him so unhappy. I cannot answer for your failure to put alongside them the official lists, but as these took up a full page in the March edition, I personally would not blame you!

Had you done so, however, it should have become apparent to Dave and the other allegedly upset parents that my lists conformed rigidly to the official national computer lists in respect of all players, including David Baker, Edward Hatley, Stephen Crouch and Darren Blake.

What Dave has not spotted is that I used the Junior list as my guide and where the Cadet list differed, I did not alter the positions. For instance, David was ranked number 19 by me as he was the 19th best regional player listed nationally, with Edward Hatley at number 20. Thus, in our Cadet list, David stayed above Edward, despite the fact that Edward was nationally four places higher. All this is confirmed by Bernard Rowley.

In the light of the above, I do not understand Dave's protests. How can any injustice have been caused if the National computer lists were strictly adhered to?

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SOUTH AFRICA

The governing body recognised by the ITTF is the South African Table Tennis Board (P O Box 3589, Durban 4000, Republic of South Africa).

Members considering a visit to South Africa are asked to contact both this body and the ETTA if they contemplate any play or other sporting links. Otherwise there is a grave danger that they will be in breach of ITTF and ETTA Rules which may lead to such matters being referred to the Disciplinary Committee of the ETTA.

This has the power to impose penalties ranging from warnings to life time suspensions.

Please take advice before you act.

Swedish Star for Preston

SWEDISH TABLE tennis star Erik Lindh has confirmed he will be battling for one of the world's most prestigious titles when he joins the line-up at the Leeds Masters, Preston Guild Hall on 15-16 September 1989.



Lindh in Action

Lindh has an impressive track record as a member of the team who took the European title in 1988 and won gold at the recent World Championships, defeating China in the final. Although in peak fitness, he will face tough opposition in the form of J. P. Gatién (France) and the favourite Poland's Andrzej Grubba, who is out to win his fourth consecutive title.

BBC "Grandstand" cameras will be filming at the Guild Hall, giving armchair table tennis fans a chance to see the action on the Saturday afternoon.

Tickets are priced £1 for the Friday evening session and £2.50 for Saturday, with half price tickets on sale for children and OAP's. Buyers of tickets for Saturday can come along on Friday to watch free. Tickets are available from The Guild Hall Box Office (Tel: 0772 58858 -credit card bookings available) or from the English Table

Tennis Association (Tel: 0424 722525).

John Woodford will be writing a detailed article of this event in the November issue of Table Tennis News.



New Events Manager

THE ETTA has appointed a new Events Manager, Jenny Hughes, 27, who has taken over the administration of the national events calendar from Mike Watts with the Leeds English Open in January 1990 set to be the biggest challenge of the season.

Jenny graduated with a BSc Honours Sports Science degree from Brighton Polytechnic in 1983 and then gained a Diploma in Management Studies in Recreation Management from North London Polytechnic in 1984.

She has joined the ETTA from the Ball Park, Eastbourne, the prestigious indoor tennis and health club, where she was Sports Manager. Her previous appointments have included being Duty Manager at Hailsham Leisure Centre and Recreation Assistant at Kings Leisure Centre, East Grinstead.

Although her playing background does not include table tennis, Jenny has always been very involved in the other three racket sports, both playing and coaching, especially tennis where she finished her junior tennis career by playing at Junior Wimbledon in 1980. She is looking forward to being involved in table tennis and maybe learning a few playing tips on the way!

Courting Nostalgia

Some 70 years ago nine-year-old Margot Reading invited a school-friend called Fred Perry to play table-tennis at her home in Ealing, West London. It was the first time the future world-class ping-pong player and three times Wimbledon tennis champion had picked up a bat. He took to it rather well.

Partner

Margot, 80, with him at Drayton Green School, wanted to contact Fred. She happens to still have the bats and a net which she wondered if Fred would like. Always willing to help, I stepped forward down at Wimbledon onto the court of nostalgia.

I talked to Fred, who talked to Margot, who is sending him the equipment which he plans to pass on to the British Table Tennis Association.

Incidentally, Margot remembers Fred well as her dancing partner for Mayday hops and as a particularly fine back-half of a theatrical cow!

The above is an article from the Daily Express of 5th July 1989 giving an account of how Fred Perry was introduced to the game of table tennis by Margot Reading. Fred subsequently has passed on the equipment to the ETTA for their Museum as stated in Fred's letter to Ted Wallbuton reproduced above. — EDITOR.

July 18th 1989

Dear Mr Wallbuton,

As promised over the telephone this morning, please find enclosed the table tennis set that I used to play with in my early days in Ealing when I was about 12 years old.

Our friends across the street would set it up on the kitchen table. That apparently, was the start of my table tennis career that ended with the Worlds Championship in Budapest in 1929. The original set and bats must have been in use about 1921 or 1922. You already have the bats I won with in 1929, so I hope that having "the start and the finish" so to speak will be of use to the ETTA and their museum.

Respectfully,

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Fred Perry

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