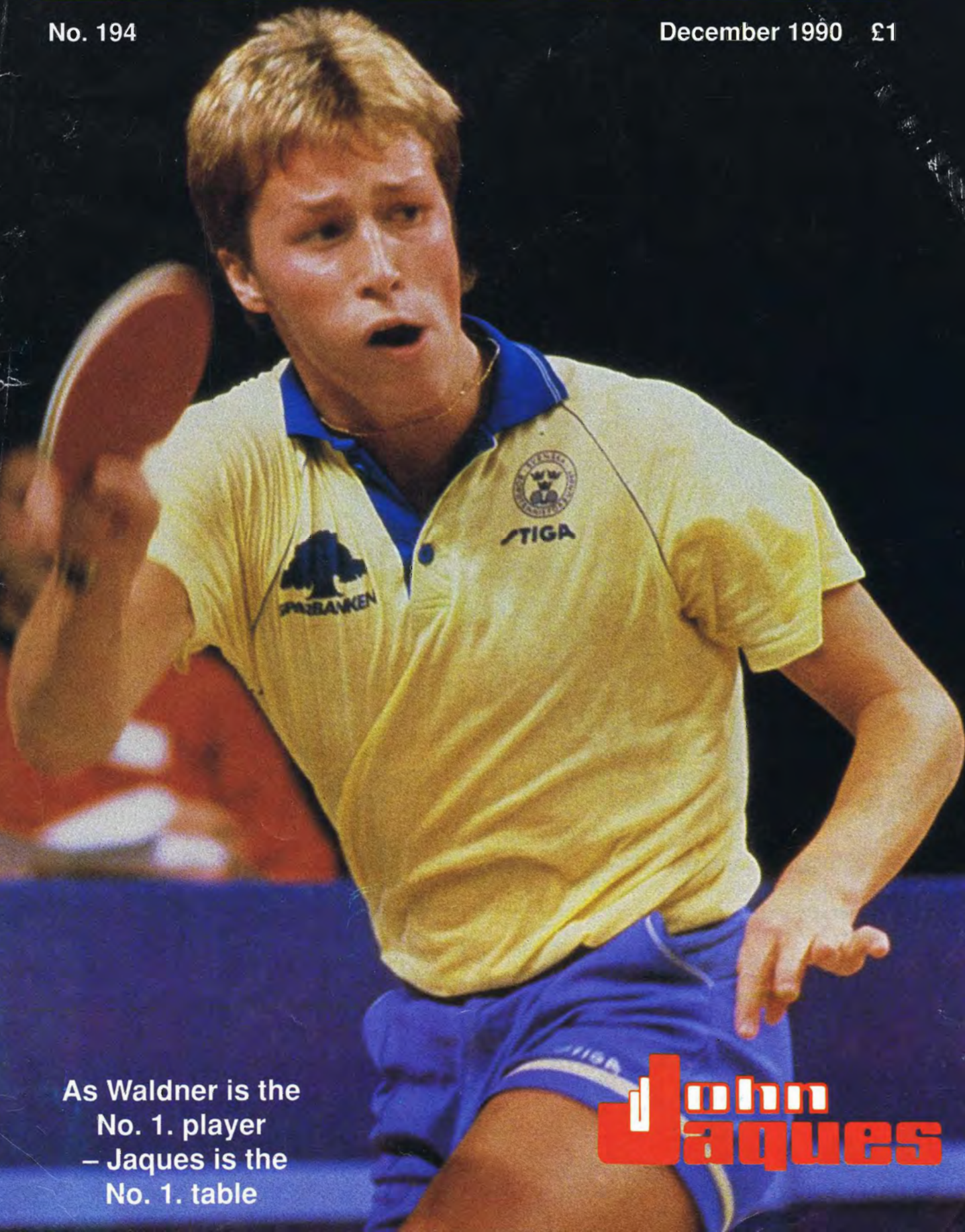




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Table Tennis News
wishes all its
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near a Happy and
Prosperous New
Year. Watch out for
some new and
exciting features
very soon

TAMASU RENEW CONTRACT

THE TAMASU COMPANY who manufactures the world famous Butterfly brand of table tennis equipment has entered into a new four year sponsorship of the England table tennis team to commence in January valued at a sum in excess of £100,000, part of which includes a set of white coloured textiles.

Yuki Kamuzuru, the General Manager of Tamasu Butterfly Europe, told TTN "This agreement contains a number of benefits for our company, the main ones being the securing of regular television exposure in the United Kingdom and the guarantee that one of Western Europe's leading table tennis teams will be promoting our brand at all major table tennis events, including the World, European and Commonwealth Championships for the next four years".

Leader

"The sponsorship is the centre-piece of our investment in British table tennis which exceeds £100,000 per annum. It will ensure that we maintain our current position as a market leader. In addition to supporting the English Table Tennis Association, Butterfly provides equipment and financial support for most of England's top players including Carl Prean, Alan Cooke, Desmond Douglas, Chen Xinhua and Alison Gordon as well as sponsoring the next generation of up and coming players Michael O'Driscoll, Matthew Syed, Bradley Billington and Andrea Holt, plus long term young prospects Nicola Deaton, Sally Marling and Alex Perry."

ETTA Chairman John Prean commented: "It gives me great pleasure to renew our contract with Tamasu Butterfly. The improved sums are a reflection on the outstanding results England teams have achieved over the last few years as well as the managerial and marketing revolution which has taken place within the English Table Tennis Association. It is an act of faith for us to give our sponsors excellent value. They share in the progress we have made and will continue to make."

New Kit

The supply of the new kit early next year will include a set of white and navy shirts, which will be used for the World Championships in Tokyo in May. The International Table Tennis Federation agreed to their meeting in July to permit the use of white shirts for table tennis events when a yellow ball is being used, and England will be the first major nation to adopt white as one of its official colours.



● THANKS to British Telecom, nine year-old Tristan Newman of the Isle of Dogs will be able to achieve his ambition and play league standard table tennis as the first step to his hope to becoming a champion of the future.

This pilot scheme, which has the blessing of the English and Middlesex Table Tennis Associations, will operate with three age divisions, and be based at the George Green Sports Centre on the Isle of Dogs.

Some thirty youngsters will be able to enjoy regular competitive play on an individual and team basis. Qualified coaches Laurie Laken and Paul Runham both involved in the league, hope that this British Telecom initiative will prepare the local boys and girls for entry into County and National involvement.

Dangerman

TABLE tennis journalist John Woodford has had some letters and telephone calls from well-wishers following a report in the "Evening Argus" (Brighton) about a John Woodford, print director from Eastbourne who was "mugged" some two months ago in the early hours in Eastbourne's clubland. Unhappily for the victim, a former colleague, also a John Woodford, suffered a fractured skull and a broken nose and is unlikely to be back at work until Christmas. "It was not me" John told TTN, "but journalism can be a dangerous profession and a number of people may have assumed that someone had finally blown their top over something I had written".

Pocket Money

WINNER of the boys singles event at next months National Junior Championships in Blechely will take home £100 with the girls winner £60. With prize money of £480 a hat-trick of wins would bring in £145 for the boys.

Exodus

OVER a dozen English players, some full professionals and some otherwise are now playing in the national league in Belgium. This must be one of the largest group of foreign players in a national league anywhere. Plenty of Chinese in the German Bundesliga also.

The players travelling to Belgium at the moment are: Bradley Billington, Chris Oldfield, John Souter, Kevin Satchell, Glenn Baker, Michael O'Driscoll, Chen Xinhua, John Taylor, Steve Slater, Grant Solder and Gary Spencer.

Britain and Belgium allow players to appear in more than one national league, France also we believe is lenient. Not so Germany and Holland — their players are sacrosanct

Debut

A YOUNG man to watch, that's Garry Knight the latest find from Burton-on-Trent. Selected to make his debut for England juniors against Holland at Gateshead. He follows that by playing in the team event.

ANSWERS

HOW long is a table? How high should the net post be? What is the correct weight of a table tennis ball? These questions and many more are answered in the ETTA's "The Laws of Table Tennis" an 11 page booklet that can be kept in your holdall just in case you find yourself the centre of an argument. It measures 5 3/4 inches by 4 inches.

Rob

THE West Sussex coroner Mr. Mark Calvert-Lee recorded a verdict of accidental death on Rob Oldfield who died on August 31 from burns after a bonfire at his house at Hurst-pierpoint in Sussex.

The 50-minute inquest covered a lot of detail. The salient points were that Rob suffered 48 per cent third degree burns after lighting a huge bonfire on his lawn at the rear of the house.

Evidence from the pathologist was that there was no other contributory reasons for his death. He left no other clues on the happenings of the day. The coroner said "It will remain a mystery why he did not seek help.

Boost

BEN Johnson (13) of Reading has received a training grant of £100 from Television South as part of a scheme administered by the Sports Aid Foundation. The grants are given to outstanding British competitors in 50 sports to offset costs of training and competing at national level.

Jill's Double

JILL Hammersley Parker had a double role at the recent Italian Open. Besides looking after the England players she was also there in an ETTU capacity conducting a survey into a new system for future events.

MONEY WELL SPENT

SINCE I last wrote about the Development Fund a month ago the figures then mentioned have doubled, which means that around £12,000 have now gone to our member associations (leagues) in grants.

Some have told me that this is still a small sum, in relation to the £100,000 available. I cannot agree. It is already a substantial sum and there has not been anything like it before. All grants are pump-priming ones. All get something started which will continue when the grants have been spent. All will add something to the local table tennis scene. Most will attract new members. It is money well spent. I saw this as a debt of honour to our members — a duty to do more than had been the case for so many decades. I saw it as honouring an election pledge.

Volunteers our greatest asset

I hope the many excellent schemes will bring new members to the sport and that some of the old ones will come back. That certainly has been the experience of my own local association. Our numbers have gone up. There is a new spirit about. Some associations have told me that they will not apply, because they no longer can call on the volunteers who are essential to any initiative if it is to be a success. It is a problem which the Sports Council has reported and discussed. There is the most tremendous competition between sports and not only for funds, but for the time of members, particularly members prepared to work hard and well for no reward other than the satisfactions that come with achievement.

These volunteers are our greatest assets. In my time we have tried to do far more than before and our greatest limiting factor is people — volunteers who will do good work and expect nothing in return. We have many such people. That is the good news. The bad news is that we often treat them badly and that happens at both local and national level. There is nothing wrong with criticism and general complaining. That is often how things get better. There



Without volunteers table tennis would not exist. They work long hours for no monetary reward, just personal satisfaction. Table tennis has its fair share of these people and they need encouragement not brickbats as John Prean explains.

is everything wrong with nitpicking and pettiness and more with sheer ingratitude and ungraciousness.

Brilliant results...

I know of a lady who served her own association with great efficiency and devotion as a secretary for 6 years, at the end of which her local AGM did not pass a vote of thanks, not even the 'point of order' variety which lacks both warmth and real depth. Though still quite young, she never returned for more work.

At national level, our own AGM left a great deal to be desired. The Management Team had, after all, presented quite brilliant results, a profit of well over £100,000, most of which was about to go straight back into the local game. I cannot recall a single word of recognition for this staggering feat, rendered more so by the stark fact that three years earlier we were, to all practical purposes, bankrupt with outstanding debts that summer of some £90,000.

Instead there was endless nitpicking and much pettiness. One speaks not of professional complainers who contribute little in debate because they understand neither the sport nor the realities of life, but many who should know better. They turned what should have been a morale-boosting occa-

sion into "our annual pilgrimage to disgrantlement". It was sad to hear members who told me afterwards how 'turned off' they were by all this. One wishes they had spoken up!

It was sad in a sense that only 5% or so of our member leagues were represented. In another sense it was no bad thing that they missed so negative and deeply depressing a gathering. At least one member of staff told me that he had begun to wonder about his future.

I was told cheerfully by one member that it was by no means the worst AGM he had attended. He recalled one in the late 60s (he thought) which was far worse and showed me minutes which confirmed this! One recalls the memoirs of the late Ivor Montagu in which he described the conflicts of his closest associates and how 'writs were flying about' and how he lost his best two helpers.

If the sport is to grow...

What is overlooked is that not only the sport but life itself has changed. We compete as I have to say over and over again, against a hundred other sports. We need the support of the wider public, of Sports Council, of press, of sponsors, of T.V. The latter alone has assumed almost god-like proportions. With so much choice, the above had

hard decisions to make and, if we want the support we need, then we have to be among the best. It is the height of stupidity if WE provide reasons for people NOT to support us. I have to report that all too often we do.

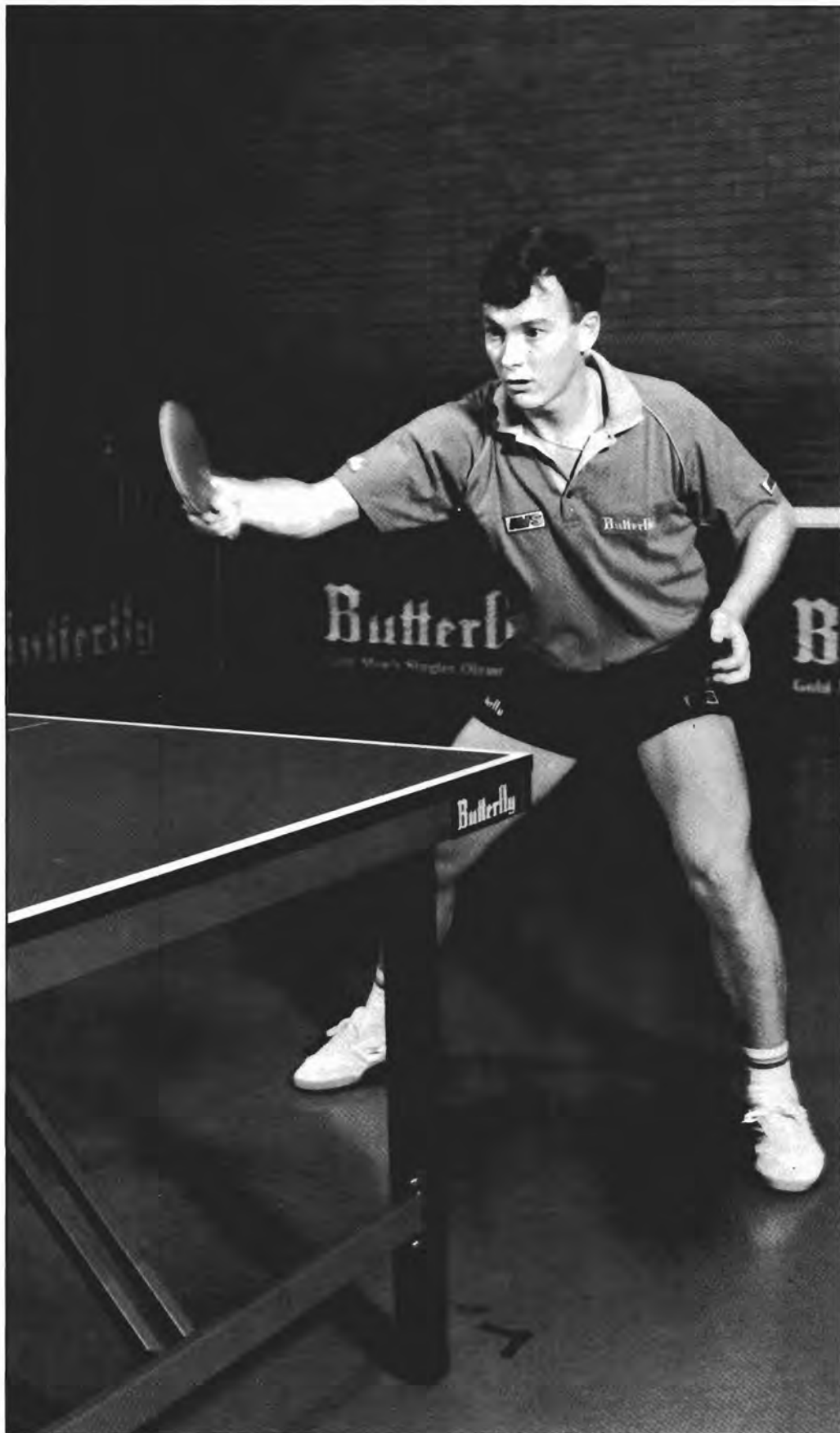
The sport will not progress unless greater degrees of discipline and self-discipline are shown. There are ample procedures for every problem to be considered by the people elected to deal with them or staff paid to do so. If we are unsuccessful in this, THEN is the time to mobilise public opinion. To parade every little grievance publicly at the first opportunity will do little but produce a poor image for the sport.

The press enjoys "conflicts" and "rows". There is much mileage on that front in instant 'fame', if only for a few seconds. A prospective sponsor may read such ill-considered, sometimes untrue, sometimes partially untrue remarks and a big deal may be lost. It will not be the first time.

Others will conclude that this is a sport that has not got its act together and will not come to us either as new members or officials. If the sport is to grow, it will need growing numbers of volunteers and I have to tell you that at this time this is not a good sport for volunteers! Most of my team are having to turn the other cheek too often.

You may not like all this and you do not have to vote for me. On my side, I would not want to preside over a sport that cannot behave in a disciplined way and one in which it is always 'open house' on those who work hardest and best.

The transformation of the sport over the last few years has been remarkable, as those with average memory will know. What has been achieved had to be earned and it will be easier to throw it away than to keep it. With the country in undoubted recession, harder times are inevitable. It will be the extremest folly if we make them harder still, but particularly a disservice to our great sport.



Commonwealth champion Alan Cooke is one of England's main hopes for a return to the Super Division of the European League this season. The busy Derbyshire player is also happy to turn out for his county whenever he can.

Our picture captures Alan showing the familiar quick-silver style that has taken him to the top.

YUGO IN POLE POSITION

Yugoslavia concluded their first stage matches in the Super Division of the European League maintaining their unbeaten record with a 4-3 win over Belgium in Saint Servais on October 25.

The host Association got off to the best of starts with Jean-Michel Saive beating Ilija Lupulescu and Thierry Cabrera accounting for Zoran Primorac but it was not until the final set that they tasted success once more with Cabrera beating Lupulescu.

Between times the Yugoslavs rattled off four wins in a row the scores being:

J.M.Saive b I. Lupulescu 14, -14, 17;
T. Cabrera b Z. Primorac -19, 19, 19;
E. Billen l J. Fazlic -16, -20;
Cabrera/Saive l Lupulescu/Primorac -20, -6;
Saive/Billen l Lupulescu/Fazlic -15, 24, -16.
Saive l Primorac -25, 15, -18;
Cabrera b Lupulescu 10, 16.

In their previous match it was Lupulescu who kept Yugoslavia on course when, with the sets tied at 3-all, he beat Trinko Keen of the Netherlands. Scores:-
Primorac b T. Keen 20, 0;
Lupulescu l P. Haldan -8, -20;
Fazlic b M. Hooman 19, -16, 18;
Lupulescu/Primorac b Haldan/Keen 15, 12;
Lupulescu/Fazlic l Haldan/Hooman -11, -12;
Primorac l Haldan 15, -15, -14;
Lupulescu b Keen -17, 19, 17.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	3	3	0	14	7	3
Belgium	3	2	1	12	9	2
Netherlands	2	0	2	5	9	0
France	2	0	2	4	10	0

No further results from Group B but the scores in the match between Poland and Sweden, played in Katowice on Oct 9 were:-

A. Grubba l E. Lindh 20, -15, -14;
L. Kucharski b J.O. Waldner -16, 16, 14;
A. Januszyk l P. Pettersson -14, -16;
Grubba/Kucharski b Lindh/Waldner 16, -19, 15;
P. Szafranek/Januszyk l Lindh/Pettersson -18, -17;
Grubba l Waldner 19, -17, -11;

Kucharski b Lindh 13, 17.
(Result: Sweden 4 Poland 3)

DIVISION ONE

England's 6-1 win over Spain in Hull on Oct 25 kept them on course as Group A winners the scores on Humberside being:-
S. Andrew b I. Caymel 10, 13;
A. Coole b R. Casares 8, 14;
L. Lomas b N. Badia 7, 12;
Andrew/Cooke bt Casares/Caymel 13, 15;
Andrew/A. Gordon b Caymel/Badia -13, 16, 11;
Andrew l Casares 11, -14, -16;
Cooke b Caymel 14, 18.

Austria ensured themselves of further progress by beating Italy 5-2 in Judenburg on Oct 13, the scores there being:-
Ding yi b L. Nannoni 19, 18;
Quian Quianli l M. Costantini -13, 17, 17;
E. Maier l A. Arisi -12, -13;
Ding Yi/P. Eckel b Costantini/Nannoni 17, -19, 19;

Bulgaria 5-2 conquerors of Turkey in Sofia on Oct 10. Scores:

S. Varga b A. Kontala -13, 13, 13;
K. Nemeth b P. Valasti 11, 14;
G. Wirth b A. Komulainen 13, 11;
Nemeth/Varga b Kontala/Valasti 18, 15;
Nemeth/Wirth l Kontala/Komulainen 9, -10, -19;
Varga b Valasti -19, 11, 20;
Nemeth b Kontaka 10, 15;
K. Loukov bt O. Cimen 15, 15;
I. Stoyanov l G. Yaldiz -19, 15, -11;
D. Guerguelcheva b S. Dogan 11, 22;
Loukov/Stoyanov b Cimen/Yaldiz 18, 15;
Loukov/Guerguelcheva b Yaldiz/Dogan 18, 13;
Loukov l Yaldiz -10, -17;
Stoyanov b Cimen -15, 15, 17.

Lindh in action



Ding Yi/Maier b Costantini/Arisa -16, 15, 12;
Ding Yi b Costantini 18, -15, 14;
Quian Quianli b Nanoni 21, 16.

Hungary and Bulgaria went on their winning ways with Hungary 6-1 winners over Finland in Budapest on Oct 15 and

DIVISION TWO

Group A			
Denmark	7	Wales	0
Norway	6	Scotland	1
Wales	1	Scotland	6
Norway	2	Denmark	5
Denmark	7	Scotland	0
Wales	0	Norway	7

EURO REPORT - 2

Denmark	3	3	0	19	2	3
Norway	3	2	1	15	6	2
Scotland	3	1	2	7	14	1
Wales	3	0	3	1	20	0

Group B

Switzerland	5	Ireland	2
Portugal	1	Luxembourg	6
Portugal	4	Switzerland	3
Ireland	1	Luxembourg	6
Luxembourg	4	Switzerland	3
Ireland	3	Portugal	4

Luxembourg	3	3	0	16	5	3
Portugal	3	2	1	9	12	2
Switzerland	3	1	2	11	10	1
Ireland	3	0	3	6	15	0

Group A played in Cardiff and Group B in Luxembourg (Nov 2/3)

SECOND STAGE

Dec 8/9

Denmark	v	Portugal
Luxembourg	v	Norway
Scotland	v	Ireland
Switzerland	v	Wales

Jan 19/20

Portugal	v	Denmark
Norway	v	Luxembourg
Ireland	v	Scotland
Wales	v	Switzerland

THIRD STAGE

Feb 16/17

Winner of B1/B2 at home to winner of A1/B2

Loser of B3/A4 at home to loser A3/B4

FINAL STAGE

Apr 6/7

Winner of A1/B2 at home to winner of B1/A2 (Final)

Loser of A3/B4 at home to loser of B3/A4 (Relegation match)

Death of a Stalwart

The USSR Table Tennis Federation announce with profound regret and sorrow the death of Leonid Makarov, aged 76, who died at his Moscow home on October 16.

Leonid was an Honorary Life Member of both the ITTF and the ETTU being an International Referee and a statistician of renown and all will regret his passing.

Women's League

All Associations with teams in the European Women's League will become recipients of 1,500 Swiss francs from the Development Fund of the ETTU.

European Nations Cup

Prize money to be on offer at the European Nations Cup to be held in Munich Jan 18/20 under the auspices of the DTTB and ETTU will be in US dollars

Winner	30,000
Runner-up	20,000
3/4	12,500
5/6	7,500
7/8	5,000

The competition is for men's team playing Swaythling Cup format and the countries invited being those finishing in the top 8 positions at the European Championships in Gothenburg namely:- Sweden, F. R. Germany, England, Yugoslavia, France, Hungary, USSR and the Netherlands.

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PRESS

FOR journalists wishing to attend the European Nations Cup in Munich next month and still requiring a pass, please write to:
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Manfred Schafer
Friedrichstr. 24,
D-6000 Frankfurt/Main 1.

For the Europe Top 12 tournament in s'Hertogenbosch (Netherlands) the address to write to is:

Nederlandse Tafeltennisbond,
Wim van Haasteren
Postbus 600,
2700 MD Zoetermeer,
Netherlands.

FRENCH CHALLENGE

ENGLAND are to take on European champions France in a television spectacular next month. The clash will take place at the Crowtree Leisure Centre, Sunderland on Friday 11 January and brings together Jean-Philippe Gatien and Wang Xiao Ming.

It is the second major televised event to go to the North East. In August the Masters was held in Gateshead.

The match will be featured on BBC Grandstand the following day and the French team will be staying on to take part in the Cleveland 5 Star at Thornaby Pavillion.

Watch for a full report of the match plus a report and pictures of the Cleveland tournament.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1991

Jan	
4-6	Stiga World Grand Prix Masters (Ibd)
18-20	Europeans Nations Cup (FRG)
21-29	Nittaku All Stars World Circuit (Japan)
Feb	
1-3	Stiga European Top 12 (Hertogenbosch, Holland)
21-24	Czechoslovak Open (Presov)
Apr	
14-21	Commonwealth Champs (Nairobi)
24-6	World Championships (Chiba, Jap)
May	
8-11	China Open (Dairen/Beijing/Shanghai)
12-14	Hong Kong Open (Hong Kong)
18-19	Deutschland Cup (Trier FRG)
	Australian Open
21-14	Nittaku All Stars World Circuit (Eur. Afr. Americas)
28-1	Nigeria Open (Lagos)
June	
	Brazilian Open
	US Open
Aug	
28-6	New Zealand Open (Auckland)
Sept	
1-3	IOC Presidents Cup (Matsumoto, Japan)
5-8	ANA Japan Open (Hokkaido, Japan)
10	Nittaku All Stars World Circuit (Japan)
27-29	European Masters Cup (FRG)
Oct	
24-27	Swiss Open (Geneva)
Nov	
14-17	Hungarian Open (Budapest)
5-10	Barcelona 1991 Tourn (Spain)
28-1	Swedish Open (Sundsvall)
Dec	
5-8	Finlandia Open



George Yates

ENGLAND EDGED OUT

Tournament scheduling has again become something of a nightmare for players and officials alike. The latest major event to be hit in this way was the Italian Open when players were left kicking their heels for hours on end. Here Jill Hammersley-Parker who captained the England team reports on the Italian job that went very wrong.

THE scheduling of the tournament was very poor with far too much play on the second and fourth day. This meant that on the first day, our teams were only involved in two matches. The men had a comfortable 4-0 win over Spain while the women had a potential tough match against the Swedes. Unfortunately for the Swedes, Marie Svensson was feeling sick and had to stay at the hotel, and on the bus to the hall, her namesake Asa was also sick and so 60 minutes before the match the Swedish captain conceded.

The men started the second day with a solid performance beating Italy 4-1. Sky got the team off to a great start, beating the Italian no. 1 Constantini 19, in the third. Michael lost to Nannoni, but redeemed himself in the doubles with Carl. While this match was taking place the French team were taking out the number one seeds Sweden, meaning we now face France in the semi-final.

The score 4-0, sounds easy enough, however all four matches were either deuce or 19 in the third. Probably the most remarkable was Michael's win over Gatien when he found himself 20-15 up in the third and serving. After four weak serves and 20-19, Michael obviously realised he had to do something with his last serve. Gatien anticipating a serve down his backhand, leaned to his right, while Michael served a rocket ace wide to his forehand. I am not sure who was more stunned, Michael or Gatien.

Carl had a very tough fight with Chila and in the doubles with Michael, but his ability under pressure pulled him through on both occasions. A memorable match, a memorable victory, but half a dozen points the other way could have reversed the score-line, such is the margin of winning and losing.

In the final against Belgium, we found ourselves 3-1 in the lead, with the new doubles combination of Preat/O'Driscoll remaining unbeaten. It was at this stage the tough schedule began to really tell. The Belgians had a larger squad and had shared the responsibilities in the early rounds, Skylet lost to Philippe Saive, who I must admit played extremely well.

Carl then lost to Cabrera, whom he had beaten recently in the Bundesliga and at 3-3 Michael lost 19 in the third to Sonet. Nevertheless, it was a great overall effort by our boys, all of whom came out with great credit.

The girls started the second day with a match against Yugoslavia who were fielding their best two players, the highly ranked Fazlic and Perkucin. Lisa played quite superbly to win her two singles particularly against Perkucin, who I know from personal experience is very good against backspin. Andrea continued with her excellent start to the season beating Fazlic and a 3-2 victory was secured.

In the semi-final against Holland we lost 3-1, Lisa beating Emily Noor. Once again it was an old adversary of mine, Vriesekoop, who did the damage winning both her singles.

The third day involved just one round of singles, with the remainder being played on the final day. Skylet was the only casualty, losing once again to Philippe Saive. It was interesting that in his match against the eventual winner, D. Mazunov, Philippe Saive was up in the fifth

game, had a point deducted for shouting.

Not accepting the decision, he was eventually scratched for refusing to continue. Carl having beaten the young Swede Falby, started the fourth day with a very tough match against the ever consistent Constantini, eventually beating him 11 in the deciding game. His third round opponent was his Grenzau team mate Bohm, and although ranked higher in Europe, this did not prevent Carl from a very convincing victory 17, 15, 6.

In the quarter finals, Carl met the Norwegian Chinese Wang Yan Sheng, and despite having beaten him in the Bundesliga, lost 3-1. Michael got off to a great start in the second against his German opponent Pawlowski, winning the first two games, 14, 14. However, he then relaxed, took the pressure off, and proceeded to lose the next three games.

In the women's singles, Lisa progressed with ease to the last 16, where she met Olga Nemes. As usual it was a great battle with expedite coming into operation in the fourth game and Lisa eventually losing 19 in the fifth. Probably the greatest upset of the tournament was Andrea reaching the semi-finals, although having seen her play recently, I was not totally surprised.

The draw was kind to her with the Swede Pettersson beating the European Champion Guergueltcheva and the Dutch girl Keen beating the strong Hungarian Urban. Nevertheless, she took full advantage, played excellent table tennis and beat some highly rated players. In the first round it was Lelanic 3-1, second round Nolten 3-2, third round Pettersson 3-0 and quarter final Keen 3-0. In the semi-final she came up against the European



Bronze medal

Top 12 Champion Wirth and put up a very good performance before losing 3-0.

In the doubles events there were some very good results. Carl and Michael beat the two Mazunovs before losing to Gatien and Eloi who they had beaten in the team event. Skylet teamed up with J.M. Saive and reached the semi-final before losing to the European Champions Lupulescu/Primorac. The girls reached the quarter finals before losing to Batorfi/Wirth.

It was interesting to note, the two men's singles finalists did not play in the team events, certainly in one case by accident rather than design. Both had to play around twenty-five games on the final day, a tough if not impossible for someone who has had a gruelling three days leading up to the final day.

All in all, a good tournament for the England team and hopefully something to build on for the rest of the season.

Jill Hammersley-Parker

WINNERS

Mens Team

Belgium beat England 4-3
Hungary beat Holland 3-0

Women's Singles

Batorfi beat Wirth 18-21, 21-19, 21-19, 21-15

Men's Singles

D. Mazunov beat Wang Yan Sheng 21-11, 21-16, 21-10

Men's Doubles

Lupulesku/Primorac bt Persson/Lindh 24-22, 14-21, 21-18

Women's Doubles

Batorfi/Wirth bt Wang Xiao Ming/Coubat 22-20, 21-19

Mixed Doubles

J.M. Saive/Wirth bt Gatien/Wang Xiao Ming 21-12, 22-24, 22-20

TOUGH DRAW FOR ENGLAND

The first \$100,000 tournament in the history of European table tennis will take place in January in Munich.

The DTTB (German Table Tennis Association) and the ETTU (European Table Tennis Union) have invited those eight Associations, who had taken the first eight places with their men's teams at the European Championships in Gothenburg, to participate at the first EUROPEAN NATIONS CUP.

European champions Sweden will meet France, Yugoslavia and the Netherlands in Group A. In Group B the Fed. Rep. of Germany, second in the European Championships, will meet England, Hungary and the USSR.

The two best teams of each group will play the semi-finals on Sunday morning. The final match is scheduled for 3.00 p.m.

The tournament will be organised according to the Corbillon-Cup-system, which is comparable to the Davis Cup system in tennis which means there will be a maxi-



Jorg Roskopf

mum of four singles and one doubles after the second singles match.

Just as it was the case for the World Championships in Dortmund and the Europe-Top 12 tournament in Hannover earlier this year the DTTB puts special emphasis on a "perfect visual performance" for the event in Munich, which, by the way, will also host the EUROPEAN

NATIONS CUP tournaments in coming years.

As DTTB-President Hans-Wilhelm Gäb, a former international successful player himself, explains: "The ENC is no show tournament; what we are going to show is a top class sports event."

A similar statement was made by the world champion in the men's doubles Jörg Roskopf: "As far as I'm concerned, the opportunity to win money in this tournament is of no particular significance. What counts for us as young top players is to play as often as possible against the best players of our sports on a high level."

Besides the ENC in Munich a second \$100,000 tournament will take place in the Federal Republic of Germany in 1991: The European Masters, where the DTTB again in co-operation with the ETTU will invite the eight best European players as well as two more top players.



WORLD VIEW

IS another era of defenders on the way back. After years of attackers results from the recent European Youth Championships in Hollabrunn show very definitely a move to bring back defensive skills. The USSR clearly emerged as a potential threat to the rest of Europe and the world when they picked up eight gold medals and almost all those players were defenders.



The European Nations Cup will be held in Munich in January and with it goes a record \$100,000 in prize money. England will be taking part along with Sweden, Germany, Yugoslavia, France, Hungary, USSR and the Netherlands. The winners will get \$30,000 with money all the way down to 7th and 8th places who will each receive \$5,000.



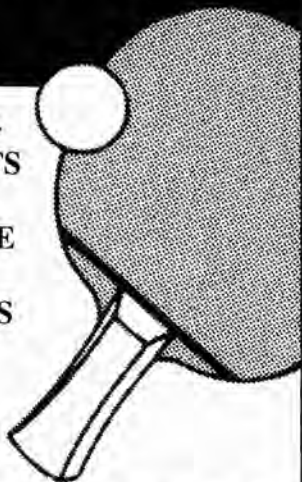
America is struggling to boost its membership. Latest figures show only 6,500 members of the USTTA, compared with 50,000 here. At the recent US Open 1500 entered the senior event, 1200 the veterans and 200 the juniors. Yet only 1600 spectators turned up to watch during the five days of the tournament.



A new country will be playing at the world championships in Chiba, Japan next year. North and South Korea have patched up their differences and will simply become Korea.

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KOREA DELIGHT HOME FANS

KOREA made their mark in the history books when they took first and second place in the first Butterfly World Doubles Cup in Seoul.

A massive \$140,000 was at stake as Yoo Nam Kyu and Taek Soo took the mens title by beating world doubles champions Steffen Fetzner and Jorg Roskopf 14, 15, 14.

Hyun Jung Hwa and Hong Cha Ok had a slightly more difficult match against another Korean pair Hong Soon Hwa and Lee Tae Jo

before going on to win gold in the ladies event 14, -17, 13, 14.

Except for the German pairing there was little sight of European players. Grubb and Kucharski (Poland) went out to Applegren and Waldner who in turn went out in the next round to the powerful German pair.

Other first round losers were Swedish pair Persson and Lindt who gained some consolation for going down to the eventual winners.

SPANISH HOPES TAKE A DIVE

ENGLAND moved a step closer to regaining a place in the Premier Division of the European League at Hull's Ennerdale Leisure Centre with a comfortable 6-1 victory against Spain.

The England team got down quickly to the job of winning the match, allowing the players on the young Spanish team only a maximum of 15 points in any game in the first four sets. Spain took the lead only briefly in the second game of the men's doubles, won the first game of the mixed doubles and snatched one point when Skylet Andrew lost in three to the Spanish No. 1 and national champion, Roberto Casares.

Donald Parker, England's captain, knew what the strategy had to be after Spain's good performance against Austria, and it was only in the latter stages of the match that the Spaniards showed what form they were capable of producing.

The initial hiccup for England came when Alison Gordon and Skylet Andrew dropped the first game of the mixed doubles 13-21. Casares and Badia for Spain continued the pressure in the second game and led 13-12, but once Skylet and Alison got their act together there was no doubt about the final result.

Having won the first game at 21-11 against Casares, who has scored some useful international wins in his career, Skylet lost his concentration and the only set to the visitors -14, -16.

Nuria Badia who was making her European League debut at Hull, played well in the mixed doubles, but Lisa Lomas' controlled defence and accurate backhand winners proved too good for her in the women's singles.

This was actually the first time that England had met Spain in the European League and came about as England were relegated from the Premier Division and Spain promoted from the Second Division last season.



Alison Gordon

The result means that we now travel to Austria playing for first or second places in our group. The advantage of first place would be that in theory we have a slightly easier semi-final although both Hungary and Bulgaria have very strong girls and both will be very tough opponents.

The match was also notable as it brought to an end the 25 year career of the famous Yugoslavian coach, Dusan Osmanagic. Dusan has been the national coach in Spain for the last two years, but will now return to Yugoslavia to take over the position of General Secretary for the Yugoslavian Table Tennis Association.

The match was jointly sponsored by Humberside County Council and Hull City Council and was well promoted by the town's Sports Promotions service and the Hull & District Table Tennis Association. A buffet reception followed the match when a speech of appreciation to the teams and sponsors was made by Alan Ransome, deputy chairman of the English Table Tennis Association.

The vice chairman of the Humberside County Council, Councillor Susanna Salingar and the chairman of Hull Leisure Services Committee, Councillor Harry Woodford replied and jointly presented the players and officials with goblets engraved with the Humberside and Hull crests. All in all, a very successful evening for England, Humberside and Hull.

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For 1991 has been designated 'Year of Sport' and the local Sports Councils are producing a calendar of events every three months which will have wide circulation through the council's newspaper 'Sportsnews'.

The aim of Year of Sport is to provide an increased range of activities and events to encour-

age more people to take an active role in a broad cross section of sport and recreation. Many sponsorship and promotional opportunities will also be created for commercial organisations

The choice of 1991 is thought to be particularly appropriate as a wide range of major

international events are already scheduled tot the UK.

Specific international events form part of a full calendar currently being collated for publication soon. Examples include: the European Indoor Hockey Championships; the World Invitation Badminton Tournament; the World Marathon; the International Olympic Congress, the World Student Games and the Rugby Union World Cup to name but a few.

A concentrated marketing and publicity campaign is being planned for the promotion of the Year of Sport to ensure maximum public awareness and to create valuable publicity for the sponsors and organisers of events and activities.

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PROBLEMS FOR PENIEL?

by MIKE LOVEDER

Ormesby or NFD Grove for the title? That's the big question and the answer might not be forthcoming until the last match of the season. But with the battle to avoid relegation moving up a gear DML Destroyers have signed John Hilton. Mike Loveder has the latest news and views on what is happening in the British League

TEAM Peniel I stayed on course in the Premier Division, winning 6-2 against West Warwickshire. However, they were without Steve Dorking and John Holland. The latter is reported to have broken his toe the day before the match which meant that Lisa Lomas and Andrew Eden were called upon for Premier duty.

They duly won their four games but the other Peniel teams suffered as a result. Team Peniel 11 introduced Joey Kenedy for the match against Chelmsford OC's and he beat Dave Newman and Des Charlery only for his team to lose 2-6. Scotland's Ian Stokes started like an express train for Peniel but he ran out of steam losing to John Dennison in a close third game. Matthew Greenwood and Ayoade Ademakinwa played up from Peniel's third team but made little impact.

Greenwood displayed a good temperament and tried very hard but was out of his depth against Dennison and Gary Spencer. The latter, playing at No. 4, is currently top of the averages with John Souter. This result leaves the OC's and NFD Grove 11 unbeaten and they are scheduled for their showdown on 23rd December.

The only other mid-October match in the Premier was played between Butterfly Cardiff and the League leaders Ormesby. Cardiff's Steve Ward and Paul Lewis beat Nigel Echersley while Ormesby rattled off the other six, including a 21-6 in the third victory for Michael O'Driscoll over Tony Taylor. I see that DML Destroyers have recruited John Hilton to increase their chances of survival.

Colley Toyota, now without Steve Ward, have recruited Steve Mills to help support Dave Barr in **Division 1 South**. The latter beat Ritchie Venner in Colley's 6-2 win over Horsham Dolphins who also have Andy Dodd struggling to find his form. NFD Grove crushed Victoria Park Mazda 7-1 although George Evans managed to pinch an end from John Souter!



Matthew Greenwood

Rejects climbed off the bottom by sharing the points with Kleinfort Benson Gillingham. It was Paul Carter and Jerome Jonah who secured Rejects' first point of the season. This may give Rejects a confidence boost to gain more points as they battle it out at the bottom with Horsham Dolphins who have now recruited Dipak Topiwala in their attempt to 'stop the rot'.

In Division 1 North Britania Potters Leisure beat Norwich Foxwood 6-2. The main resistance came from Neil Pickard who beat Phil Lodgson and John Kitchener. NFD Grove 111 lost the first set to Ruston Marconi Lincoln, rattled off the next five, and then settled for a 5-3 win. Well-Connected Menswear won by the same margin against Liverpool with Liverpool pinching two games at 19 in the third. WC Menswear completed the month with a 5-3 win over RM Lincoln. The Menswear outfit trailed 1-3 only to rattle off the last four games.

Division 2 Midland saw 3 draws in Mid-October. Alex Perry beat Mark Beaumont and Peter Bowler for Bathwick Tyres II to share the points with City of Milton Keynes. Colin Bowler did quite well to beat Diccon Gray 18, -20, 19 and Chris Holley 9 & 13. Two from Lee Thomas earned Colley Toyota II a point against Birmingham Sports Curdworth, with Mick Browne reciprocating.

Tony Duffield starred for OLOPS TTC against Chan Construction. However, Steve Bertie took two, his brother Lester one and Pete Machin settled for beating Wally Allanson 19 & 19

White Hart Launceston celebrated a 5-3 win over second placed, and previously unbeaten Cheltenham Saracens. Jeremoney Williams and Martin Roe did most of the damage.

No sooner had I predicted that Yugo Cars should take division 2 north apart and they drop a point to Ormesby! However they clobbered City of Leicester 7-1. This period

with a surprise win for Mark Illingsworth over Keith Rodger by the scores of 19, -22, 17. In contract Yymura International enjoyed a close encounter with Burslem. Yymura won the match 6-2, but three of these victories were gained at 18, or 19 in the third.

Humberside Andro plunged 7-1 to Ormesby with Mike Harrison keeping Ian Robertson in the news with a -20, 13, 21 defeat. However, Bennie did beat Lee Hewitt 7 & 14. Chan II moved off the bottom with a 5-3 win over Cambridge. Helen Newbound (née ?) lost narrowly: -20, 18, -18 to Colin Green.

Horsham Dolphins II recorded their first win in **Division 2 South** at the expense of AHW (Bletchley) Comets. Alan Cole beat Steve Cowley and Keith Samuels in straight games to help set up the 5-3 win. Andy Walker beat Jon Bradbury in this match. Ellenborough walloped Rejects 7-1 as Simon Philips lost three deuce games. Mike O'Leary took consolation in beating Nicky McKoy.



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BRITISH LEAGUE - 2

Rejects have now resurrected Richard Beckham who could present opponents with problems if he is in practice and finds his old form. Gunnsbury Triangle defied the bookmakers by recording a 5-3 win over a full-strength Jolliffe Poole. Mark Werner, as unpredictable as ever, bagged a duck and David Goode beat Tony Clayton -21, 19, 19.

Over to **Division 3 East** where a weakened Team Peniel III shared the points with Britannia ACI II. The Academy welcomed the return of Mike Hayes who, together with their "home grown" Keith Buers, took four games. Charles Fulcher provided the main resistance with wins over Matthew Reid and Alison Gower. Peter Hayden seems to have been stirred into life for BSG Brentwood. He won 3 of the 4 games he played under 10 to help his team to a 6-2 victory over Levi's Westfield. Brian Hill excelled for Yugo Cars II, helping them to a 5-3 win

against Fellows Cranleigh.

Darlington-based SEE South West Durham are sponsored by Stephens Electrical Engineers Ltd from Knarsborough. Delighted with last seasons administrative performance they are now looking to greater success on the table! The playing squad, in **Division 3 North**, has been strengthened and now includes Malcolm Corking, John Crawford, Steve Cooper, Keith Bell and Gary Webstell.

They say that they also have the Cumbrian No. 1 Steve Temple in reserve although I am yet to see him registered. They do have Keith Wilson. The team has got off to a good start and this period they beat Oldham 5-3. They hope not to have a repeat of last season when they lost five matches 3-5. The Borough of Sunderland is snapping ferociously at their heels with their latest result being a 6-2 win over Vymura International II. This could have been a whitewash but for Stephen

Horsfield and Keith Whittaker beating Dave Goldbold and Ian Collier respectively — both at 19 in the third.

Andrew Thompson beat Phil Robson by the same margin for Lifeline Developments Crusaders' consolation game against Hoyles Blaydon YC. Tigers TTC and Ormesby III both registered their first point of the season against each other. Young Andrew Wilkinson beat Craig Strickley 3 & 18 and Darrell Corfield 9 & 17 to earn the point for Ormesby.

Further south Pillinger Air (Croydon) RRTTL whitewashed Linda Farrow. They did not quite have it all their own way as Chris Knight beat Duncan Taylor 22, -18, 21 but they are showing that once again they mean business! Edison took a 4-0 lead against JAGS SC and finished up winning 5-3. Simon Rockall secured the points with wins over Farhat Rasul and Tony Fitzgerald. Rejects III had a 'narrow'

6-2 win against Dick Shepherd Rams. Trevor Campbell beat fellow veteran Tom Adams at 19 in the third and Steve Carpenter beat Junior (Alex) Facey at deuce in the third.

Finally to **Division 3 West** in which Hall, Pain and Foster Alpha Southampton took the first and last games against Leckie TTC but lost the other 6. Barry Barrett beat Graham Lynch -19, 19, 22 to rub it in! In the battle of the giant clubs Bathwyck Tyres 3 beat NFD Grove 4. Bath led 4-1 and then lost 2 games at 19 in the third. So it was left to Richard Jones to beat Mark Turner which he did by scores of 16 & 18. Thorns (Dudley) TTC beat Parkside Dragons Newport by the same score but it was Mark Brookes who beat Sian Jones 16 & 18 in the seventh game to secure the points.

British League tables at 5 November

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts
Ormesby	4	4	0	0	27	5	8
NFD Grove	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Team Peniel	4	3	0	1	18	14	6
Bathwyck Tyres	3	1	1	1	13	11	3
Butterfly Cardiff	3	1	1	1	11	13	3
Ellenborough	2	0	0	2	5	11	0
DML Destroyers	3	0	0	3	4	20	0
West Warwickshire	4	0	0	4	2	30	0

DIVISION 1 (NORTH)

NFD Grove III	3	2	1	0	15	9	5
St Neots	3	2	1	0	15	9	5
Brit Potters Leis	4	2	1	1	18	14	5
W-Conn Menswear	3	2	0	1	13	11	4
Norwich Foxwood	4	2	0	2	17	15	4
Liverpool	3	1	0	2	10	14	2
Rus Mar Lincoln	4	0	1	3	13	19	1
City of Leeds	2	0	0	2	3	13	0

DIVISION 1 (SOUTH)

Chelmsford OC's	4	3	0	1	22	10	7
NFD Grove II	3	3	0	0	20	4	6
Victoria Pk Mazda	3	2	0	1	13	11	4
Colley Toyota I	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
KB Gillingham	3	1	1	1	12	12	3
Rejects I	4	1	1	2	10	22	3
Team Peniel II	3	1	0	2	12	12	2
Horsham Dolphins	3	0	0	3	6	18	0

DIVISION 2 (MIDLAND)

City Milton Keynes	4	3	1	0	23	9	7
Cheltenham Saracens	4	3	0	1	21	11	6
Bathwyck Tyres II	4	2	1	1	19	13	5
Colley Toyota II	4	1	1	2	15	17	3
Birm Sp Curdworth	4	0	3	1	13	18	3
OLOPS TTC	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
Wh Hart Launceston	4	1	1	2	12	16	3
Chan Construction	4	0	2	2	10	22	2

DIVISION 2 (NORTH)

Yugo Cars I	4	3	1	0	25	7	7
Ormesby II	4	2	2	0	22	10	6
Humberside Andro	4	2	1	1	16	16	5
Vymura Intern'l	3	1	2	0	14	10	4
Burslem	4	2	0	2	15	17	4
City of Leicester	4	0	2	2	12	20	2
Chan Construction	4	1	0	3	8	24	2
Cambridge TTC	3	0	0	3	8	16	0

DIVISION 2 (SOUTH)

Ellenborough II	4	3	1	0	23	9	7
TSP Larkhall I	3	3	0	0	29	5	6
Gunnsbury Tri	4	2	1	1	18	14	5
AHW (Blet) Comets	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
Horsham Dolphins	4	1	1	2	13	19	3
Fell Cranleigh I	2	0	2	0	8	8	2
Jolliffe Poole	4	1	0	3	12	20	2
Rejects II	3	0	0	3	5	19	0

DIVISION 3 (EAST)

BSG Brentwood	3	3	0	0	20	4	6
Yugo Cars II	3	3	0	0	17	7	6
Fellows Cranleigh II	4	2	0	2	15	17	4
Britannia ACI II	4	1	1	2	12	20	3
Team Peniel III	3	1	1	1	12	12	3
Levi's Westfield	2	0	0	2	5	11	0
Uxbridge (Burton)	3	0	0	3	7	17	0

DIVISION 3 (NORTH)

Borough of Sunderland	4	3	1	0	23	9	7
SEE South West Durham	4	3	0	1	19	13	6
Vymura International	3	2	0	1	18	6	4
Hoyles Blaydon YC	3	2	0	1	16	8	4
Lifeline Dev Crusaders	4	2	0	2	13	19	4
Oldham	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
Ormesby III	4	0	1	3	9	23	1
Tigers TTC	4	0	1	3	8	24	1

DIVISION 3 (SOUTH)

Rejects III	4	3	1	0	21	11	7
Pill Air Croydon	4	2	1	1	21	11	5
Edison TTC	4	2	1	1	18	14	5
D Shepherd Rams	4	2	0	2	15	17	4
Bribar Ashford	3	1	0	2	11	13	2
JAGS SC	3	1	0	2	10	14	4
Linda Farrow	4	0	2	2	10	22	2
TSP Larkhall II	2	0	1	1	6	10	1

DIVISION 3 (WEST)

Bathwyck Tyres III	4	2	1	1	18	14	5
Amity Gen 2 Fareham	2	2	0	0	12	4	4
Leckie TTC	4	1	2	1	17	15	4
Thorns (Dudley) TTC	3	1	1	1	10	14	3
NFD Grove IV	2	1	0	1	8	8	2
Park Drag Newport	3	1	0	2	11	13	2
HPFA Southampton	4	1	0	3	12	20	2

LANCASHIRE LEAD TITLE CHASE

THE first series of Senior Premier Division matches was played at St. Neots T.T. club. Lancashire, as last season, came out on top at this stage. The team won their three matches, dropping only five events, and without the services of either Andrea Holt or Sean Gibson. Jonathan Taylor was their star with six singles wins.

The first session of four matches resulted in three draws! The most vital of these was the Middlesex/Yorkshire clash. Middlesex had their championship team of John Souter, Nigel Tyler, Graham Sandley, Lesley Keast and Angela Smith came into the team as number two lady.

In the Yorkshire team was Chen Xinhua, who won his two singles with ease, and Joanne Shaw, who was also undefeated. Interestingly Yorkshire introduced Sally Marling, still a cadet, and she won five of her six singles matches! Her one defeat was by Angela Smith (Mi), at 17 in the third game. Yorkshire led 5-4 when Graham Sandley beat Mike Stead 19, -20, 11 to give Middlesex a point.

In this first session Berkshire made a good fight back against Sussex. The team was 5-2 down when Jimmy Stokes beat Adrian Moore 20 and 19. Julie Norman followed up with a win over Teresa Moore and finally David Barr beat Stephen Moore 19 and 19 to get a draw.

Promoted Sussex, did well to get three points from their three matches.

The team followed up with a 6-4 win over Derbyshire when Teresa Moore won both her events.

Against Berks, Amanda Winskill (La) beat Lisa Crick at 21 in the 3rd game and then, against Julie Norman, lost the first game at 20 but went on to win 24 and 20! With the match score 4-5 against Derbyshire Phil Smith beat Jason Bamford 21, -20, 19 to secure a point for Leics.

He repeated this performance against Surrey with an 18 in 3rd win over Mike Hammond to get another draw. In this same match Debbie Simmonds (Sy) beat Joanne Pickles at 19 in the deciding game and Dave Hannah (Sy) beat Chris Rogers (Le) 19, -19, 19!

The event of the weekend was the clash between Alan Cooke (Dy) and Chen Xinhua (Y) — and an exciting match it was. Alan won the first game at 18. Chen came back to win the second at 15. The 3rd game was tense with the closest of finishes — Alan Cooke finally won at 19.

It is not easy to predict who will be champions after the final series at the end of



Manchester's Jonathan Taylor was in top form at the first weekend of the County Championships winning six matches for Lancashire. It put the Red Rose county at the top of the table but for how long? Our reporter Doug Moss suggests they may find it harder next time around.

January. Lancs certainly did not have the most difficult programme and have to meet with Middlesex and Yorkshire — but they could well strengthen their team. Middlesex and Yorkshire have already met and, if Yorkshire have Michael O'Driscoll and Chris Oldfield for the final series, could well take the title.

RESULTS

Mi	5	Y	5	Y	8	Le	2
La	10	Sy	0	Dy	4	Sx	6
Le	5	Dy	5	Mi	10	Bk	0
Sx	5	Bk	5	Dy	2	Y	8
Sy	2	Mx	8	Le	5	Sy	5
Bk	1	La	9	Sx	4	La	6

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
La	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Mi	3	2	1	0	23	7	5
Y	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Sx	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Le	3	0	2	1	12	18	2
Dy	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Sy	3	0	1	2	7	23	1
Bk	3	0	1	2	6	24	11

Senr 1A:

Beds 7, Lancs 2, 3, Ches 3, Yorks 2, 7, N'berland 10, Warwicks 0. (Conceded)

Bedfordshire are certainly making a good start in Div 1. Peter and Colin Bowler, who were playing in the Junr. Premier Div last season, are leading the way. In this match Peter had a good 19 in 3rd win over Keith Williams (La). Caroline Buckley also won her 2 events. Yorks 2 are also doing well with two 7-3 wins in the bag.

Senr 2A:

Warwicks 2, 5, Durham 5, Leics 2, 4, Warwicks 2, 6.

Durham, having started their Div. 2 campaign with a draw against Lincs, followed up with another draw against Warwicks. The visitors led 5-4 but Lyndon Douglas (Wa) then beat Chris Blake 19 and 17 to earn a point for Warwicks. Both Mick Browne (Wa) and Lyndon won their 2 singles. Against Leics Lyndon Douglas was again undefeated and Barry Johnson, now appearing in the 2nd team, also won 2 singles.

Senr 2C:

Beds 2, 6, Cambs 2, 4, Suffolk 2, 4, Norfolk 6.

Beds/Cambs was a hard fought match. Beds won 2 events after deuce in the 3rd games. J. Walsh beat Martin Livermore -20, 15, 25 — and then an even closer contest when Mary Jarrett beat Alison Edge -24, 22, 22! In the Suffolk 2/Norfolk match 7 events went to a decider. Norfolk deserved the win, getting 2 wins at 18 in the 3rd game and one at 20 in the decider.

Senr 2D:

Berks 2, 2, Northants 8, Oxon 2, Kent 2, 8, Essex 2, 7, Bucks 3.

Essex 2 had a very good win over the strong Bucks team. John Burleton won his two singles for Bucks but it was the Essex girls — Kate Gower and Ruth Cleminson — who were dominant winning their 4 events.

Senr 3A:

Ches 2, 5, Essex 3, 5.

Ches 2 went into a 3-1 lead but had to concede 2 ladies events and Essex got the draw. Derek Schofield and Tony Vauchan (Ch) were unbeaten.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2

Senr 3B:

Glos 2, 6, Dorset 2, 4, Sussex 3, 9, Bucks 2, 1

Glos went 3-0 down so did very well to come back to 6-4 and get the team's first win. Glos No. 1 D. Smith and Judy Morley won their singles events. Sussex 3 have now had 2 good wins. Bucks got the first event when Stephen Baggaley beat Ian Cole 16 and 18 but that was all the team could muster.

Junr 1A:

Derbys 5, Warwicks 5, N'berland 8, Lancs 2, 2, Suffolk 4, Clwyd 6, Yorks 2, 9, Lincs 1.

Would it be a surprise for Yorks Junior team to be dominating a Division!? Yorks 2 have 2 wins and dropped 1 event. Derby team was well served by Jack Boulton against Warwicks. He won his 2 events, including a 2 straight win over the much higher ranked Ian Ferguson. Steven Shaw (Dy) was also undefeated.

Junr 1B:

Cornwall 4, Herts 6, Oxon 9, Essex 2, 1, Worcs 2, Berks 8.

The well experienced Oxon team had a great win over Essex 2. The one Essex win came from Vincent Avery who beat Matthew Sims at 18 in the 3rd game. Berks were without their No. 1 Martin Adams, who was playing for the Senior Premier Div team! Nevertheless they had an easy win. Lee Horton (Wo) did very well to beat Marc Priddle at 18 in the 3rd game and Ben Johnson.

Junr 2A:

Ches 8, Derbys 2, 2, Derby 2, 6, Leics 4, Leics 4, Ches 2, 6, Staffs 5, Notts 5.

A vital factor in Derby's win over Leics was the result of a girls singles event. Michelle Fisher (Dy) beat Louise Parsons - 17, 23, 22! The Ches. girls influenced the win over Leics. Claire News and Emma Fletcher won their four singles events.

Junr 2B:

Middx 2, 8, Northants 2, Warwicks 2, 0, Bucks 10, Berks 2, 6, Herts 2, 4.

Middx lost the first two events against Northants. The team then won the next 8 events to make a good start to their season. Warwicks 2 suffered a "whitewash". But Stuart Taylor (Wa) lost to Ian Musk -21, 13, -20, and David Johnson lost to Darren Palmer -23, -23!

Junior 2C:

Avon 2, Gwent 8, Hants 2, 10, Devon 3, 0, Somerset 1, Hants 1, 9, Devon 2, 8, Dorset 2, Dorset 7, Somerset 3, Hants 2, 7, Dorset 3, Avon 1, Devon 2, 9, Devon 3, 0, Hants 1, 10, Hants 1, 9, Hants 2, 1, Devon 3, 0, Avon 10, Gwent 4, Devon 2, 6, Somerset 0, Gwent 10.

12 matches were played at Blaenavon Leisure Centre, Gwent. Hants 1 was the most successful team with three wins dropping only two events — and those both being at 18 in the 3rd game. In the Hants 1 v 2 match Tony Reynolds (Ha2) was a little unfortunate. He lost to Mark Shuttler at 19 in the 3rd game and, in the final event of the match, narrowly lost to Kevin Macken 20, -15, -25! Devon 2 also did well with 3 wins.

Junior 2D:

Norfolk 1, 6, Sussex 1, 4, Norfolk 5, Sussex 2nd 5, Norfolk 2, 3, Sussex 1, 7, Norfolk 2, 2, Sussex 2, 8, Kent 2, 7, Surrey 3, 3.

The Norfolk and Sussex 1 and 2 teams met in Norwich. Norfolk 1 first met Sussex 2 and made a draw but went one better by beating Sussex 1 6-4. Shaun Parsley and Gary Hewitt (Nk) were unbeaten in these matches.

"It is not easy to predict who the champions after the final series will be.

Lancashire have yet to meet both Middlesex and Yorkshire who with Michael O'Driscoll and Chris Oldfield could take the title."

Vets 1A:

Norfolk 3, Essex 2, 6, N'berland 2, Lancs 7, Yorks 2, 4, Leics 5, Herts 4, Worcs 5.

Essex 2 and Lancs have started well with 2 wins. Leics did very well to get the win over Yorks 2. Maurice Newman/Eileen Shaler and Tony Kinsey/John Iliffe (Le) won the vital 2 doubles events. The Herts/Worcs clash lasted nearly 6 hours — even the mens doubles went to expedite. John Taylor (He) played well to win his 2 singles.

Vets 1B:

Hants 4, Surrey 2, 5, Kent 2, 5, Dorset 4, Berks 5, Oxon 4.

Three touch matches. In Hants/Surrey clash 4 events went to a decider — each won by Hants — but Surrey came out on top. In Kent/Dorset match the mixed doubles was vital. It went to Kent, Keith Clark/Joan Beadle beating Howard Davies/Joyce Coop -21, 10, 23!

Vets 2A:

Lancs 2, 8, Lincs 2, 1, Warwicks 7, Clwyd 2.

Lancs 2 impressive with two wins and only one event dropped. Warwicks also have two wins. Brian Belcher came back into the team with a singles win and won

the doubles with Barry O'Brian. The loss was to Phil Jones -20, 17, -20!

Vets 2B:

Northants 5, Notts 4, Essex 3, 7, Hunts 2.

Mick Edwards (Np) did well winning his two singles, — won the last event to give Northants the win. Ken Philipson had two wins for Notts. There was a good example of the unpredictability in doubles events when E Haslop/H Sachs, who were rather comfortably beaten in their four singles events, beat C. Jacob/P Ballard 16 and 14!

Vets 2C:

Glos 8, Hereford 1, Wilts 2, 4, Surrey 3, 5.

Neville Meredith got the one win for Herefords beating John Fannin at 14 in the 3rd game. Dave Crowley and Jenny Vass contributed four wins for Surrey 3 in the win over Wilts 2.

Vets 2D:

Hants 1, 4, Somerset 5, Dorset 2, 4, Sussex 2, 5.

Brian Reeves, a long serving Somerset player, made his first appearance as a veteran. He won two singles and the doubles with John Crabtree — a decisive influence on Somerset's win. Cyril Bush and Jean Smith got four wins for Dorset but Sussex came out on top. R. Chandler was the Surrey match winner with three wins.

Vets 3A:

Beds 2, 0, Northants 2, 9, Herts 4, 4, Warwicks 2, 5, Norfolk 3, 1, Ches 3, 8.

Beds 2 had 2 narrow losses. Derek Willis/Doug Foulds lost to Dave Marsh/Phil Slade 15, -20, -20 and Jean Mayson lost to Joyce Porter at 19 in 3rd game. Neal Wheatley and Dot McFarlane were involved in five wins for Warwicks.

Vets 3B:

Herts 3, 4, Kent 3, 5, Northants 3, 1, Berks 4, 8.

Herts 3 went into a 2-0 lead but Ted Tydeman (K) turned things around with a win over Geoff Bax and Dennis McConkey/Pam Butcher beat Geoff and Sally Bax. Pam also won her singles. Alan Ashberry got the one win for Northants when beating Eddie Cripps -21, 15, 20!

Vets 3C:

Berks 3, 9, Glos 2, 0, Wilts 4, 6, Herts 5, 3, Somerset 2, 2, Wilts 3, 7.

Tony Hogarth (Gs) narrowly lost the first event at 17 in the 3rd game but after that Berks were well in command. The closest event in the Wilts/Herts match was the ladies singles in which Gwen Hazell (Wi) beat June Nelson 18, -18, 21.

ACTION FROM 1990

Pictures tell a thousand words they say; certainly a good photograph can bring a page to life. Here we show just a few of the good shots taken during 1990 and we promise you there will be more action in 1991. Our aim, as always, is to bring you the very best pictures from this country as well as from around the world.



● *Top left: Lisa Lomas shows concentration*

● *Top right: Bradley Billington eyes up the ball*



● *Middle: Fiona Elliot on her way to another title*

● *Bottom left: Des Douglas in familiar style*



● *Bottom right: A smiling Chen Xinhue*



ETTA County Supplement

CUMBRIA Gordon Brown

UNFORTUNATELY FOR Cumbria, the County team started the season where they left off last term.

They failed to win a match last season and commenced season 1990/91 with a 10-0 thrashing from Staffordshire in Wolverhampton.

Staffordshire details first - Steven Slater beat Kevin Hodgson 21-13, 21-17; beat Steve Temple 14-21, 21-9, 21-6.

Adrian Thorp beat Steve Temple 21-9, 23-21; beat Mark Temple 21-15, 21-17.

Andy Rich beat Mark Temple 21-12, 21-12; beat Kevin Hodgson 22-20, 23-21.

Helen Lower beat Johanne Burgess 21-7, 21-11; beat Julie McLean 21-12, 21-13. Josie Bongers beat Julie McLean 21-19, 16-21, 21-10; beat Johanne Burgess 21-9, 21-11.

At the time of writing, Cumbria's scheduled home match with Leicestershire 2nd at Cleator Moor Civic Hall had been rearranged from Saturday 20th October to Saturday 24th November at the same venue.

DERBYSHIRE Martin Kinsella

A WEAKENED Derbyshire side of John Holland, Ivor Warner and Jason Bamford with Nicola Deaton making her senior debut travelled to Brentwood to contest the annual Maurice Goldstein Challenge. John Holland opened the match with a straight games victory over Nigel Tyler and Nicola made a superb start to her senior county career accounting for Lesley Keast 12 and 18. This was the extent of the Derbyshire success story, the result going 7-2 to Middlesex.

The following weekend of 20th/21st October saw the first of the two Senior Premier Weekends, this time Derbyshire could boast of the services of "the main man" Mr A Cooke, but were again sadly depleted being without Bradley Billington, John

Holland and Julie Billington through injury and Martin Kinsella again unavailable (for the first time since 1977).

Derbyshire were represented by Alan Cooke, Jason Bamford, Steve Hanks, Nicola Deaton and Susan Cooke. A point was salvaged against Leicestershire with a good all round team performance and the highlight of the weekend for many was the unbeaten run of Alan Cooke which included a superb 3 game win over Chen Xinhua of Yorkshire (I'm not worried, I can beat them both at golf!).

A fine junior match took place at Burton on 20th October with Derbyshire entertaining Warwickshire in Junior Division 1A, both times are fancied to do well and the result was a well fought 5 all draw with Steve Shaw and Jack Boulton both unbeaten for Derbyshire.

Following on from her County Junior debut, 13 year old Nicola Deaton made her England senior debut against Sweden at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Burton on Trent. England went down 4-3 and this was surely valuable experience for the future for Nicola.

Finally, I would like to say that Derbyshire expect to put out their strongest team side for the second Premier Weekend in January to try to make amends for the first weekend.

DORSET Martin Hughes

The County Championships

Following their promotion from Division 2D last year, the veterans first team made a solid start in their first match of the season with a 6-3 victory over Berkshire firsts. Barry Hill and Taffy Davies won both their matches and the mens doubles, with Joyce Coop winning her match. Dennis Joyce was unable to add further to this total.

Their second match however, resulted in a 4-5 defeat against Kent seconds, with Barry Hill, Chris Pickard and Joyce Coop all winning one each, and the mens doubles also going Dorset's way. Unfortunately the

mixed doubles was lost at deuce in the third to seal Dorset's defeat.

The senior seconds started their campaign with a disappointing defeat at the hands of Gloucestershire seconds. After scorching into an early 3-0 lead, they were eventually beaten 6-4 following some very close matches.

Kevin Smith playing in the number three position won both his matches, whilst Martin Hughes picked up another of the mens matches. Dave Sharples and Martin Hughes both lost out to Dave Smith's combination bat defence in the deciding third end, whilst Dorset's ladies, Beverley King and Jo Le-Neve-Foster, battled hard but could only manage one victory when Bev defeated C Robb 22-20, 22-20.

The British League

Jolliffe Poole will now be one of the smartest teams in the second division south, following the purchase of new tracksuits by their sponsor Peter Jolliffe (Bookmaker). Unfortunately this does not guarantee success on the table, and they went down 3-5 at home against Gunnersbury Triangle in a close match.

In the first game of the day Tony Clayton was pitted against David Goode and he went down 21-23, 19-21, 19-21 which effectively robbed Jolliffe Poole of a valuable league point. David Goode was later made Man of the Match for his performance and this was richly deserved.

Dorset Closed

The Dorset Closed has been set for Sunday 21st April 1991 so make a note in your diary. Harvey Webb will be organising the event again and entry forms are now available. Please make an extra effort to enter this season and make it worthwhile for the organisers.

ESSEX Alan Shepherd

DETAILS OF County matches played during September and October have now come in and

the plan for our Seniors to return to the Premier Division via the IB title may have foundered already. At Plymouth a squad minus Steve Dorking had good wins over the Wiltshire and Middlesex II, but lost 3-7 to Sussex II. I suppose that we must now hope that we can finish as runners up to an unbeaten Sussex and thus gain promotion - unless Sussex first team are relegated!

The Juniors went to their weekend without the top two girls and with very inexperienced boys. It was therefore a wonderful achievement by them to return home with two victories under their belts (both Surrey and Durham being beaten 6-4). The revelation was cadet Paul Hudson whose wins over Stephen Coverdale in the Durham match (and over Darren Blake in the Surrey match) were priceless. However, I am assured that it was a team effort which gained the points with Cris Sladden, Ryan Savill, Nadine Barthee and Sarah Gardner all contributing. After those two great wins it was something of an anti-climax to lose to Yorkshire by 10-0, especially as we had seen them off by 7-3 last season. Give this squad a couple of seasons, though, and I can see them beating everybody.

The other junior teams also had good starts to their programmes. Pride of place must go to the third team, which beat a very powerful looking Bucks side by 6-4. For Division 2B the trio of Matthew Greenwood, James Mason and Neil Biggrave looked a bit special but Ben Ware and Vincent Avery had good wins over James and Neil and our girls (Anna Weil and Shelley Ruocco) won their four singles.

Our Junior second team entertained Glamorgan and ran out comfortable 8-2 winners, Colin Law, Jenny Coleman and Cathy Sibbald remaining unbeaten, and one each for Peter Worthington and Richard Lawrence. Then they were brought down to earth when we visited Oxon, whose team of Gavin Yates, Martin Haycock, Matthew Sims, Dawn Barnett and Sally Hughes would grace the Premier Division in the opinion of this writer. Only Vincent Avery was successful in a 9-1 defeat and he also went tantalisingly close in

his second singles. The others tried hard, but were not quite good enough!

At the Junior Regional Trials, Ryan Savill and Paul Hudson qualified to go on to the National Trials in the Junior Boys category, Jenny Coleman and Sarah Gardner did likewise in the Junior Girls, and Wayne Smithies and Edward Cook in the Cadet Boys. As Cris Sladden, Linda Radford, Alison Gower, Vincent Avery, Daniel Yardy, Shelley Ruocco and Cathy Sibbald were all exempted we shall be represented by 13 players at Lilleshall.

The first Essex Junior I team ever captained consisted of Stevie Smith, Frank Kennedy, Michael Read, Sandra Faldo and Helen Mawbey. This was when we took on Herts (Trevor Taylor, Peter Taylor, Paul Harmer, plus girls I can't remember) and drew 5-5. It was in March 1967 and the one player I have never seen since, is Sandra Faldo. Believe it or not, I played against her father last night in the Barnet League! He told me that she was now married with two children. She has not played table tennis for a long time. Isn't the world of our sport a small one?

I have to introduce a sad note by announcing the recent death of somebody who was very well known to East Londoners in the sixties, namely Ron Locke. Contemporaries of his children Micky and Gill Locke, Bob and Janet Hellaby, Micky and Sheila Read and our other Essex players of that era will remember Ron traipsing round the tournament circuit with his good wife Doreen, like all long suffering parents. He was well liked by everybody who knew him, and he will be sadly missed.

After that, I can end on a happy note by congratulating our amazing Phyllis Lauder for bringing back the Over 80's gold medal from the US Open in July. Although she now lives in Bournemouth, Elsie Carrington is one of ours, and she secured the Over 70's crown. Young Stuart Gibbs also won gold, and anybody seeing his picture in the VETTS Newsletter who did not know him would think they were looking at a new Essex junior!

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Alf Pepperd

Annual County Championships

The date of these Championships was brought forward by a month because of the clash with a number of events in which our top Senior and Junior Players will be competing, and as last season the U12 and U14 Junior events will be held on a separate day, February 24th 1991.

Darren Griffin swept to victory in the men's singles final at the above named Championships, with Reiko Morita, the 19 year old Japanese student taking the ladies singles title.

The Championships were held at the Cheltenham Indoor Cricket Centre opposite the Prince of Wales Stadium under the ever watchful eyes of referee Peter Cruwys. In the mens singles final, the top two seeds clashed in the final - they were defending champion Darren Griffin from Gloucester and Cheltenham's Dave Harvey. The final went to Griffin, who defeated Harvey 23, 18 to lift his fourth County singles crown.

There were only 12 entries for the ladies singles and the final was a repeat of last year, Cheltenham based teenager Reiko Morita against the County No.2 Mrs Heather Ryer - Morita took the title 8, 14.

In the Veterans singles, Dave Harvey retained his title, beating Stroud's Alan Giles 16, 13. The Girls Under 17 title went to Cheltenham's Alison Cox, who won the group system competition with Highnam's Angela Bristow the runner up, Bristow plays for the Gloucester based Crypt Tigers in the City League.

There was little opportunity for anybody but the two top seeds to achieve anything in the Boys Under 17 singles - Raymond Powell emerged the champion, beating Jeremy Hyatt 18, 16. Judy Morley and Christine Williams won the Ladies Doubles, beating Alison Cox and Reiko Morita 19, 19, while the men's doubles title went to graham Slack and Darren Griffin - they beat Bill Dawe and David Smith 19, 15.

The Junior Doubles had a limited entry of only six pairs and

that event went predictably to Powell and Hyatt, they beat Richard Moore and Tim Dewick from the Crypt Tigers 18, 11. Wily Forest of Dean Veteran Bob Trimble took the minor singles for all players outside any first division registered player, Trimble beat Gloucester's Trevor Fannin 10, 11.

After the Championships were over I had the pleasure of BBC radio interviews with the men's and ladies singles champions, and later in the week, both interviews were broadcast on BBC Radio Gloucestershire.

It was pleasing to note that the following qualified for the South West Regional Trials at Wellington in Somerset and Plymouth the following day.

Cadets:

*Martin Hogarth from Newent
Robin Price from Gloucester
Emma Parker from Stroud

Juniors:

*Alison Cox from Cheltenham
Angela Bristow from Gloucester

NB

Those Gloucestershire cadets/juniors marked with * have qualified for the National Trials at Lilleshall Sports Centre on the 1st and 2nd December 1990.

Full list of all respective participants in the South West Regional Column.

And finally, my very grateful thanks to the following who have all given me radio interviews for the BBC at Radio Gloucestershire.

Peter Cruwys - Vice Chairman of the County Association and Senior Coach

Graham Slack - The County's No. 3 ranked player and also Chairman of Cheltenham TTA
Raymond Powell - who when I interviewed him was No. 9 as a Junior on the ETTA rankings list.

Thank you gentlemen, one and all.

HERTFORDSHIRE

John Wood

BOYS FROM Hitchin School shone last month when they

scooped the trophies in the inaugural Hertfordshire Schools Individual Junior Closed tournament at Hitchin Boys School.

All three events were hotly contested, by children from all over the county, before the boys from Hitchin reached the finals.

Patrick McCarthy beat his school chum Tom Barnes in the Under 13 final whilst Craig Milwood overpowered Darren Humber in both the Under 16 and Under 19 finals.

The Consolation Final was won by Daniel Russell of the Verulam School, St Albans, when he overcame the challenge of Caron Harber from the Beaumont School, St Albans.

The top ten Junior Boys are:

1. Duncan Taylor
2. Kevin Flowerday
3. Tom O'Leary
4. Darren Humber
5. Craig Millwood
6. Simon Flowerday
7. Colin McCarthy
8. Justin Skinner
9. Alan Cross
10. Steven Nelson

The top five Junior Girls are:

1. Sarah Seaholme
2. Talya Greenberg
3. Helen Barnard
4. Caron Harber
5. Cara Bosley

With the top two respective cadets being Tim O'Leary and Helen Barnard.

KENT

Adrian Hall

GOOD REPORTS from our Juniors on the tournament circuit last month. Alison Smith came home from the Bristol 1 Star with the Under 12 title, beating Emma Price in the final and went on the following week to take the South of England 2 Star title with a 15, - 17, 18 win over Katherine Woods. Nicola Duke Under 14 and Matthew Vardy Under 17 Class II were also finalists at the Bristol, Nicola losing to Lynsey Heyward 8 and 15 and Matthew losing to

Ian Ferguson 20 and 19.

I am pleased to report that Alison along with Jade Stutley have now been invited to join the National Under 12 squad, making four girls in all from the Maidstone League, all the girls initially from Northborough Primary School under the guidance of Allan Woolven.

The Kent 2 Star at its new venue at Lenham on the weekend 3rd/4th November had a good entry and there were some notable achievements from our Juniors. Pride of place must go to Desiree Joseph, who in the Under 17 girls put out No. 4 seed and South of England champion Claire Pengelly 20, -13, 14 only in turn to lose to Kent No. 1 Lesley Hollingsworth 20, -12, 14. In a hard hitting semi final Lesley was finally outplayed by the eventual champion Nicola Deaton 10, -19, 11.

In the Under 17 boys, No. 1 seed Martin Adams (Berks) progressed to the final with undue concern with all the top half seeds gaining their expected positions. The bottom half, however, was good for our Kent boys with No. 10 seed Miles Willey dumping out third seed Raymond Powell (Gloucester) 18, 17 before losing a fascinating quarter final to the intricate defensive web spun by No. 5 seed Duncan Taylor 18, 16. Vincent Avery (Essex) beat No. 13 seed Richard Hyacinth in a splendid match 20, -13, 23, before losing to Kent's Spencer Thompson 23, 14. Spencer failed in his semi final to get to grips with the defence of Duncan Taylor, relying too much on power and duly lost 11, 17. Desiree Joseph kept the Kent flag flying with a -15, 14, 15 win over Lynsey Heyward in the Under 17 Class II girls.

Alison Smith reached her third successive U12 Girls final, but this time went down 18,19 to Essex's Tracy Davies. A good win in this event too for Jade Stutley, who beat Sussex's Tina Beaney 12, 17 in the quarter-final before losing to Alison in three.

Nine year old Scott Friday held his game and concentration together well to reach the semi-final of the U12 Boys with a quarter-final win over No 2 seed Alex Yardy (Essex) -27,18,2 before being bamboozled by the

combination bat of John O'Leary 18,4. Steven Meddings in the other half came through to win as expected.

Alison Smith produced the only upset in the Cadet Girls when, due to the absence of Nicola Deaton, she progressed to a quarter-final match with Vicky Fox and triumphed 18,17 only to be put in her place in the semi-final match with Vicky Fox and triumphed 18,17 only to be put in her place in the semi-final 10,14 by Sarah Stedman. Special mention must be made to the U14 Girls Class II final, where Sarah Stedman and Kent's Nicola Duke played some of the best table tennis of the tournament with very few unforced errors and some ferocious clean hitting.

Kent Junior Open Results:

U17 Boys

Martin Adams bt Duncan Taylor -18,14,15

U17 Girls

Nicola Deaton bt Sara Williams -19,14,19

U17 Boys Doubles

Martin Adams/Marc Priddle bt Martin Haycock/Dov Katz 19,19

U17 Girls Doubles

Sarah Seaholme/Esther Baggaley bt Nicola Deaton/Anna Weil 17,-13,11

U17 Boys Class II

Dov Katz bt Martin Haycock 16,11

U17 Girls Class II

Desiree Joseph bt Lynsey Heyward -15,14,15

U14 Boys

Paul Hudson bt Steven Meddings 21,17

U14 Girls

Lynsey Heyward bt Sarah Stedman 8,14

U14 Boys Doubles

Steven Meddings/Ben Johnson bt Paul Hudson/Simeon Zeffert 13,-19,12

U14 Girls Doubles

Sarah Stedman/Vicky Fox bt Lynsey Heyward/Nicola Duke 16,-17,19

U14 Boys Class II

Stephen Lampkin bt Timothy O'Leary 18,15

U14 Girls Class II

Sarah Stedman bt Nicola Duke 13,-18,19

U12 Boys

Steven Meddings bt John O'Leary 4,18

U12 Girls

Tracy Davies bt Alison Smith 18,19.

I believe tournament organisers must review the tendency that is appearing at the moment for the U12 and Cadets to be played on the Sunday. 10-13 year olds playing at 8 or 9 o'clock on a Sunday then having perhaps a 3 or 5 hour drive home is not acceptable. Additionally, the main event must be played first when the youngsters are fresh, leaving the Class II events for the more local players who have a shorter drive home.

Before we finish with the tournament, a word of thanks to Bill Lavis for all his work in organisation and especially to the referee and his band of umpires who worked tirelessly all weekend. Many thanks!

Southwark and Rotherhithe Club have just completed a successful tour of West Germany and Belgium. Eight Cadets and Juniors spent a week playing and sightseeing. Playing mainly against strong nationally ranked U17s, three defeats and a draw was a great experience. Well done the organisers on a splendid opportunity for the kids!

The county team have been in action with Kent Vets II just managing to oust Dorset I 5-4. Good results here for Dave Atherton (2) ably supported by John White (1), Keith Clarke (1) and the mixed doubles of Keith Clarke and Joan Beadle. Joan Beadle lost on expedite in the third to Joyce Coop, Dorset also had wins from Barry Hill and Chris Pickard.

The Vets III had a good 5-4 win over Herts III with wins for Ted Tydeman (1), Dennis McConkey (1), Pam Butcher (1) plus the mens and mixed doubles for Herts' Keith Hartridge won both his singles.

Our Junior II convincingly beat Surrey III 7-3. Matthew Vardy (2), Kevin Read (2) and Michelle Ritter (2) all had good matches. Nicola Duke (1) was surprisingly beaten 10,12 by the fast improving Glenda Ashison.

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LANCASHIRE

George Yates

PRIDE OF place this month must go to Andrea Holt who plays for Ramsbottom Town in the Bolton Brady League. Andrea scored a double success in the star-studded Italian Open played in Verona over the period 18th/21st October returning home with two bronze medals.

Her first medal came in the women's team event, in partnership with Lisa Lomas. The English pair beat Yugoslavia 3-2 in the quarters with Andrea successful against Jasna Fazlic, European ranked at No. 13. Holland beat our girls 3-1 in the semis but lost to Hungary 3-0 in the final.

In the women's singles Andrea, who is ranked No. 43 in Europe, had four successes in reaching the semi final, beating Agnes Lelannic of France, Katja Nolten (23) of Germany, Pernilla Patterson (35) of Sweden and Gerdie Keen (21) of Holland, before falling to Gabriella Wirth (2) of Hungary, who lost to her compatriot, Csilla Batorfi in the final.

Whilst all this was going on, Lancashire with wins over Surrey (10-0), Berkshire (9-1) and Sussex (6-4) reigned supreme at St Neots at the halfway stage in the Premier Division of the County Championships.

Jonathan Taylor was unbeaten in his six sets, being supported by Nigel Eckersley who won five and Tony Taylor who won four, Eckersley losing to Ritchie Venner of Sussex and Tony to Dave Barr of Berkshire and Adrian Moore of Sussex.

Jean Parker, who took the place of the Italian adverturist, Miss Holt, lost only to Sally Weston, as did Mandy Winskill (nee Goodwin) to Teresa Moore in the Sussex match which Lanc won 6-4 after leading 5-0!

Lancashire and Cheshire League
In the second set of matches in the Men's first division of the Lancashire and Cheshire League, Blackpool had a 7-3 win over Manchester with Dave Bunting unbeaten in his three singles as well as sharing a doubles success with Martin Ireland. Steve Bevan chipped in with two and Ireland a

solo at the expense of Mark Ramsbottom.

Blackburn, at home to Warrington, won 6-4 thanks to two each for Graham Clarke and Keith Jackson and a solo from Neil Gravener plus the doubles in which Clarke and Gravener combined. Malcolm McEvoy (2), Peter Flint and Terry Turner (1) put up the resistance, McEvoy beating Clarke in the final set 20, -15, 15.

Liverpool proved too strong for Bolton in winning 7-3 with Keith Williams and Stuart Richards trebling and combining to win the doubles. Ming Liu, on debut, shed the three Liverpool losses to David Carse, Nigel Hallows and Graham Hoy who, in total, represent the defending first division champions, Milliken, in the Bolton Brady League.

Liverpool, the defending first division champions of the women's section, began their campaign at home to Macclesfield with an 8-2 win, Justine Thomas winning her three supported by Barbara Kirkman and Paul French who both lost to Anne Greenhough. Barbara and Paula won the doubles. Oldham were also on top in their match away to Southport, also winning 8-2 with Mandy Winkill and Marjorie Riddle trebling and Karen Richardson losing only to Sylvia Graham, the latter sharing a doubles success with Mabel Neary.

In Junior Division 1 Oldham followed up their opening win against Barrow by hammering Nelson 10-0 with Matthew Coombe, Darryl Meredith and Chris Whitehead seeing off the opposition without being called on to contest a third game decider.

Blackpool and Preston are also unbeaten in this division, the former beating Bury 8-2 and the latter accounting for Bolton 10-0 in their most recent matches.

In Veterans Division 1 Preston had a 9-1 win over Rochdale with Ray Ashley and Bill Ingram on song and Mike Sibley losing only to Jon de Pledge.

Good to see Jack Keogh still turning out for Burnley in the men's Division 3 (North) and winning his three singles against Liverpool Business Houses 'B'

and two against Preston 'A' who could only muster two players. Remember Keogh and George Livesey in former times not to mention Arthur Hartshorn, now in the colours of Nelson. What a trio they were!

LEICESTERSHIRE

Terry Bown

MIKE SMITH, the Leicester League's Vice Chairman, reports on the development plans for the League this season which, together with the Junior League, should hopefully halt the decline of table tennis players in the County.

Concern about the decline in the number of table tennis players in the Leicester & District League (21 divisions to 11 divisions in about a decade) led to the formation of a League Development Group which produced a Development Plan during the summer. The group were helped by discussions with the E.T.T.A. Development Officer - Mr Gray - and the Leicester City Council's Sports Development Officer - Steve Bradley. Both worked with the general understanding and support of the regional Sports Council.

The initial aim was to fill a gap between the Junior League for Under 13's - which has proved increasingly successful after 3 years - and the Senior League. However this aim became subsumed within the wider aim to increase participation especially within the context of developing strong community links in community colleges. It is hoped that this will lead to the improved prospect of teams being organised as part of community development programmes located in better and more social facilities.

The aim is to create 8 centres throughout the City over a hopefully 4 year period. The first was started in early October and after three weeks, it is clearly successful. This centre is based at the Soar Valley Community College - whose principal has been

most cooperative - and links have been established with three other local schools who - together with Soar Valley - have provided the 60 children for the two sessions each Saturday morning. Tables were supplied by the College and other local sources and a team of helpers organised. The initial weeks have been spent on basic coaching and short game playing but we expect to develop into more advance coaching (probably for select groups) and team/individual competition. The enthusiasm shown by the children - and the tremendous support of the helpers - has been most encouraging.

The second centre is already set up in the Eyres Monsell area during January 1991. The organisation has been arranged by Steve Zanker, Mike Smith and Pat Pickles with the initial particular help of Harry Ward, Steve White, Dave Small, Derek Butt, Audrey Watson, Roger Foster, Graham Hughes and Graham Hibberd although more helpers will need to be involved as the season progresses.

Costs have so far been borne by the League but support will be forthcoming from the City Council and hopefully from the E.T.T.A. and Sports Council especially as developments occur as the initial phase is over.

Leicester's Special Olympics representatives at the European Summer Games at Strathclyde in July came home with success. Angela Swinn won a gold medal in the Ladies Doubles (with Sandra Woods) and with her brother, Malcolm, also performed well in the mixed doubles and both singles. Leicester hopes to host the first National Special Olympic Table Tennis Championships in September 1991.

One feature of local table tennis is the relatively large number of girls playing successfully at cadet level in the last two years. Louise Parsons (now a junior), Helen and Rachel Griffiths, Kathryn Freer and Laura Smith are all improving rapidly - playing in local leagues and championships, cadet leagues and tournaments.

One particular success recently was 10 year old Laura's win over Nicola Duke (ranked 15

in the Cadet National Rankings) in the Restricted Cadet Singles at the excellent East Yorkshire Open at Bridlington in October.

MIDDLESEX

Iris Moss

OVER THE week-end of 20th/21st October, our Senior Premier team went to St. Neots to start their battle to retain the County Championships title. With the new format for the Premier Division, the team consisted of John Souter, Nigel Tyler, Graham Sandley, Lesley Keast and Angela Smith with Mark Mitchell in his new role of team captain. The team played well and although none of them quite managed 100% wins, we can be pleased to record that 3 of them scored 5 wins out of 6 matches and the other 2 scored 4. The result was that we beat Surrey 8-2, Berkshire 10-0 and drew 5 all with Yorkshire, who had Chen Xinhua playing for them. Lancashire remained unbeaten so we held second place at the end of the first phase.

The previous weekend we played in the Maurice Goldstein Challenge match against Derbyshire. This match is played between the winners and runners-up of the Premier Division, and this year was played to the "old" format of 9 ties. Unfortunately the ETTA did not pick a very good date for Derbyshire. We managed to field what is virtually our normal team (apart from Colin Wilson who was ill) but Derbyshire were without Alan Cooke (on England duties), Bradley or Julie Billington (both unfit) which made the final result of 7-2 to Middlesex rather an anticlimax.

This is the second year running that what should be an exciting match has deteriorated through absence of the players who won the honour of playing in the event (last year it was Middlesex's turn to play a weakened team). Perhaps the answer is to put this match into the Calendar before the end of the

season rather than leave it to the beginning of the next.

Most Counties manage to turn out their best teams for the County weekends and if they knew in advance that if they won or were runners-up in the Premier Division they would be expected to play the Challenge match at a date in, say, May or June, they might be able to ensure their best players were forewarned. I will put this suggestion to my Committee and if they agree, to the ETTA. Even if Middlesex are not involved (which I am sure they will be!) I feel it would help to ensure that this is an event of importance, which is, in my opinion, essential to the memory of Maurice Goldstein.

On 5th October a small - but select - group of Middlesex officials attended the Right Guard Middlesex County Sports Awards 1990 Dinner at Lord's, where Middlesex received an award for winning the county Championships and Gunnersbury Triangle got one as "Table Tennis Club of the Year". This event is organised by the Federation of Middlesex Sports and the Friends of Middlesex, one of the prime movers of which is our President, Russell Grant.

The "Table Tennis Club of the Year" is a new award and is a difficult one to deal with. There are probably many Clubs which should be considered for the award but because it depends on the number of nominations received, it might not necessarily go to any of them.

A small Club with a few members could obviously not muster as many votes as a large Club. We will have to get together with the "Friends" and try to work out a more equitable way of deciding who should receive it. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who attended and I had the pleasure of meeting our new Vice President, Mike Gatting.

At the time of going to print, entries for the Middlesex 3 Star are coming in slowly but steadily and it looks as if we will reach our maximum entry once again. By the time this is printed, it will be too late to enter, but it might be in time to remind you to come along and watch the finals

which will take place at 5.30 pm on Sunday 9th December at Picketts Lock Centre. See you there!

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Dennis Millman

AS THE group matches in this season's Pennine Top 12 were being played, there was no hint of the drama that was to follow. In Group one, Graeme McKim was his usual talented self, easing past five opponents in his inimitable style, with a 25-23, 21-11 success against Keith Jones, the closest he came to any kind of upset.

However, all was not well for either Jones or Richard Elliot, who both finished with two wins, and it was left to Andy Trott, who seems to reserve his best form for the major events to come through into second place with four wins in straight games to offset his solitary defeat at the hands of McKim.

Group two favourite Ian Hawes was put fully to the test by Team Electric colleague Steve West, but finally got home in the third, and after negotiating deuce games against Chris Handshaw and David Evans, he completed a nap-hand.

Kieron Dabbs was also beginning to look impressive, despite a straight games reverse against Hawes and having to go the full distance with Handshaw and Steve Brown, while Handshaw won his remaining three rubbers in confident style.

At this stage each player met an appropriate opponent from the opposite group and although most results were predictable with Edwards accounting for Brown, Evans for Graham Ball, Handshaw for Elliott, Jones for West and Hawes narrowly for Trott, it was the final game which set the spectators alight.

McKim started as before, but even when he took the opening game 21-13, there were signs that Dabbs' consistently high thrown services with contact variations were beginning to cause doubts in McKim's mind.

McKim however accepted this new challenge and the second end was fast and furious, but it was Dabbs who emerged triumphant at 22-20.

The final end was much the same, with McKim a trifle hesitant, and Dabbs sensing the shock of the day, playing at his fluent best behind this most effective of services and finally getting home 21-18, to become the first player to beat McKim in a local tournament for many years.

With Hawes shading Trott in the other semi final after a titanic struggle, the final series of matches was staged, with everyone waiting to see if Hawes could repeat his earlier group win and so take his first major title, or whether the younger Dabbs could seize his first real opportunity at this level.

The first end ebbed and flowed, with Hawes also in difficulty against the service but nevertheless holding his own until deuce was reached.

Finally, it was Dabbs who took the game, and after an even start in the second, he went clear with some fierce returns to become the outright winner of the Pennine Top Twelve - a trophy which was presented to him by the wife of Gerald Finney, Managing Director of Pennine Display and Packaging.

Final Positions:

1. Kieron Dabbs
2. Ian Hawes
3. Graeme McKim
4. Andy Trott
5. Chris Handshaw
6. Keith Jones
7. Steve West
8. Richard Elliott
9. David Evans
10. Mick Edwards
11. Steve Brown
12. Graham Ball

This defeat for McKim gives some indication that his total dominance of local table tennis may be nearing its end, and further evidence of this came in a recent St Neots invitation League match when Ian Hawes representing Kettering, included McKim in a spectacular hat-trick, which also took in Andy Edmonds and Andy Trott. Despite this

brilliant performance from Hawes, Wellingborough, perennial winners of the St Neots title, went on to win 6-3.

The most recent series of County Championship matches was not only memorable for ending on the credit side, but also for the performances of both talented newcomers and some top players returning to the scene after long absences.

Former Australian international Nikki Cowley made the greatest impact as she confirmed her pedigree with a smooth unbeaten display, and with Chris Handshaw also making a timely return, the seniors beat Berkshire Seconds 8-2.

Dave Marsh returned for the Veteran Seconds against Bedfordshire II and his experience, supplemented by Brian D'Hooghe, Phil Slade and Joyce Porter led to a 9-0 win. Alan Ashberry, making his veteran debut, gained the only point for a Veterans Thirds, also playing for the first time, but the returning Cliff Bull and Dennis Millman playing his twentieth County Championship season, were unable to contribute.

Mick Edwards took the main honours as the Veteran Firsts beat Notts, while sound displays from Julian Marshall, Stephen Atkinson and Ruth Hickman, were unable to counter-balance the withdrawal of the injured Sally Russell, and Middlesex Juniors notched a comfortable victory.

Although the outstanding table tennis achievements of the late Rod Marchant are unlikely to be forgotten by those who knew him, more recent enthusiasts on the local scene should become more acquainted with his nationwide exploits following his family's provision of a superb new trophy - the Rod Marchant Memorial Trophy.

This will undoubtedly enhance future County Closed tournaments and will be open for competition for players who have just left the junior ranks but have not yet reached the age of 21. The event will become part of the new format for the Senior tournament due to be staged on Saturday 8th December, when members of

Rod's family will be present to make the presentation.

SURREY Terry Vance

Inter League

The new Inter-league Secretary is Mike Huband. The Percy Johnson Cup was won by Croydon and the Harding Cup by Thames Valley. The Sutton Trophy was not held so it is hoped that a new format can be devised with the help of the Sutton League, who presented the Trophy, so that it can be competed for again.

County Championships

In the first Premier Weekends the Juniors beat Kent, drew with Lancs and had an unexpected loss to Essex. Our hope for the next weekend is one of consolidation so that we can win next year as the same players are available. The Seniors had their normal first weekend struggle losing two and drawing one to finish bottom at this stage. The second weekend is going to be more difficult than usual since all the teams we have to play will be bringing their big guns as well. A special mention to Paul Carter and Debbie Simmonds whose fine wins enabled us to draw with Leicestershire.

Surrey Leagues

Haslemere have two divisions of 12 teams each, whilst the biggest in numbers is Guildford with 7 divisions. Wandsworth's South Mitcham Club has doubled its membership due mainly to a successful Youth Programme run by Cy Burman. The County Youth League is up and running but unfortunately it was refused help from the refund of affiliation fees because you cannot get any help from this source if you were not in being in the previous season.

Elmbridge Christmas and New Year Junior Championships is open to Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 17 and the closing date is 22nd December 1990. Contact Alan Grant on Elmbridge 245679 or 248631 for information and an entry form.

Sussex Open

Edward Hatley reached the semis of the men's whilst Jane Barella was runner up in the ladies doubles and in the singles she had a fine win over Juliet Houghton before losing to her doubles partner.

SUSSEX John Woodford

THE HASTINGS TTA with the advantage of 55 years experience, continue to lead the field with the organisation of the Sussex Open Championships, certainly one of the most popular tournaments amongst the 3 stars and 2 stars. Held once again at the Hastings Sports Centre, it attracted a solid entry of 203 players with four players to each group in the singles and a further streamlining of the schedule to allow the finals sessions to start at 5.00 pm and the whole thing finished by 7.00 pm.

The old-fashioned idea of running the singles semi finals inside the finals session was cast aside and the result was more people staying on to see the finals and many people able to travel home in the evening instead of the small hours of the morning. The superb arrangements under the guidance of organiser Ron Spencer and under the sponsorship of Stamco (wood supplies to the trade) brought tears of joy to the pressmen, who were able to file their copy at an early hour and even led to a report in the Daily Telegraph.

This became possible in the Telegraph's Monday sports supplement because I was able to file copy both at 4.00 pm (Sandley reaches final etc) and then again at the finish (Sandley wins final etc).

Adrian Moore retains his position as No. 1 on the new Sussex ranking list, one above Crawley's Ritchie Venner, although Venner holds on to his England No. 22 rating, one above Adrian Moore. Janet Smith is well established as the Sussex No. 1 over the No. 2 Teresa Moore, who is enjoying her highest ever England ranking at No. 12.

Having beaten Jill Harris for the first time as Hastings, Janet Smith it seems should have a dummy England ranking at No. 7.

Crawley continues to attract new residents skilled in the arts of table tennis. Ian McLean who finished third at the Scottish trials is now No. 5 in Sussex on the new list. Latest Crawley settler is Michael Hammond from the Larkhall British League club. He is playing for the Ifield Club in the Crawley and Horsham League and will I am sure be infiltrating other Sussex events later this season, although he suffered a surprise defeat in a recent Crawley League match when he lost to Paul Elphick.

Sussex Rankings Men

1. Adrian Moore
2. Ritchie Venner
3. Stephen Moore
4. Phil Smith
5. Ian McLean
6. Paul Elphick
7. Scott Greenbrook
8. Peter Bartram
9. Alan Cole
10. Andy Walker
11. Paul Barry
12. Tony Murrell
13. Chris Mundy
14. Mayur Majithia

Women

1. Janet Smith
2. Teresa Moore
3. Sally Weston
4. Carol Hewett
5. Sheila King
6. Rosemary Rainton
7. Christine Wicks
8. Tracey Cole
9. Pauline Steel

WARWICKSHIRE Alan Healey

Division 1A County Junior 'A' Team -
Warwickshire 8
Northumberland 2
29th September
Venue: Radford Semele, Nr Leamington Spa

Warwickshire Juniors started their programme against

Northumberland with an 8-2 home win. This was an excellent overall team performance. Gary Woodward (won 1), Ian Ferguson (won 2) and 11 year old Stephen Meddings (won 1). The Warwickshire No. 1 player, Steve Meddings, produced some excellent table tennis, whilst losing to Northumberland's England ranked Barry Forster in the third.

The Warwickshire girls Susan Clarke (Wellesbourne) and Joanne Groves (Kingshurst YCC Solihull) both played well to win all of their matches. This was an encouraging team performance for the first match.

Division 1A County Junior 'A' Team
Derbyshire 5 Warwickshire 5
20th October -
Venue: P E Centre, Burton on Trent

As the score suggests, this was a tense exciting match from start to finish. A fine team performance from Warwickshire's young players, with special praise going to Sue Clarke (Warwicks) who won both her singles under considerable pressure.

Retrospectively, Warwickshire missed out on two opportunities in the 8th and 10th matches, when both Steve Meddings and Gary Woodward were defeated after going ahead. This was a critical match for Warwickshire, as a third placing this season should ensure Junior Premier Division status for 'The Bears' in 1991/92.

Special acknowledgement is passed on to Derbyshire for their excellent hospitality and sportsmanship.

Warwickshire Senior B Team - won their first match 6-4 away at Leicester, the men winning five of the six games. Mickey Brown (1) Barry Johnson (2) Lyndon Douglas (2).

In the second County match the Warwickshire Senior B team drew 5-5 with Durham, this time the men winning all five of their matches.

Warwickshire Veterans 'A' team made a very successful start in winning 6-3 away to Yorkshire 3rd team, then winning 7-2 at home to Clwyd. Pat McCabe has won all four of his singles, Ann Lloyd (2) with Pat

and Ann Winning the mixed doubles in both matches.

Ranking Lists

Senior Men

1. Carl Morgan
2. Phil Gunn
3. Adrian Dixon
4. Mickey Browne
5. Barry Johnson
6. Lester Bertie
7. Richard Jermy
8. Ian Gunn
9. Lyndon Douglas
10. Duru Parmar

Senior Women

1. Sue Culbertson
2. Sandra Peakman
3. Lynn Sibley
4. Joan Humphrey-Middlemore
5. Kate Ryan
6. Dawn Bromley
7. Tracy Green
8. Ann Lloyd
9. Leslie Smith
10. Jennie Robinson

Junior Boys

1. Steve Meddings
2. Gary Woodward
3. Ian Ferguson
4. Stuart Taylor
5. Mark Wollaton
6. David Johnson
7. Mark Reid
8. Des O'Brien
9. Chris Haynes
10. Sam Barney

Junior Girls

1. Susan Clarke
2. Joanne Groves
3. Elizabeth Haynes
4. Jenny Allen
5. Kim Bryson
6. Julie Kyrle
7. Larissa Bishop
8. Helen Barney
9. Emma Churchill
10. Karen Roarke

Veteran Men

1. Ralph Gunnion
2. Terry Bache
3. Pat McCabe
4. Brian Belcher
5. Pat Glynn
6. Barry O'Brien
7. Neil Wheatley
8. Barry Hunt
9. Graham Hoskyns
10. Mickey Howell

Veteran Women

1. Ann Lloyd
2. Dorothy McFarley
3. Mary Rose
4. Dorothy Sheward

Apologies to those concerned for any spelling mistakes.

WORCESTERSHIRE

Ken Walton

AS REPORTED in the October notes, the Senior County Closed Tournament will be held at Thorns Community Centre, on Sunday 6th January 1991. Organisers are hoping for a large turn out and applications for entry should be made to Janet Hunt as per usual. A full report on the event will appear in these notes.

Nice to hear that John Barber keeps in touch with 'happenings' in the county, including making donations from time to time. He was a loyal servant to table tennis in Worcestershire for many years before moving on to pastures new. We wish him continued good health.

Junior Trials held in September provided John Smith and fellow selectors with pointers for this season's County Championships, or so we thought. It would seem that other sporting 'interests' and Saturday commitments in general have meant that original selections have had to be changed. Whilst obviously creating opportunities for others, it sometimes means that the strongest possible side cannot be picked, thus affecting the result of matches.

Personally, the greatest honour for me was winning the County Closed a few years ago, very closely followed by representing the County whenever selected. Perhaps some of our juniors (and parents) should remember that. For the record, Neil Green (boys) and Carrie Hunt (girls) finished first on the day. Lee Horton, now

ranked 30 nationally on the Junior Lists was not in attendance.

Local league news shows that some figures for teams are up and some down. Worcester 45 teams (47 last year), Kidderminster 47 (44), Evesham 19, Bromsgrove 23 (26) with venue problems and no doubt costs being the reasons for the slight decrease in numbers.

The Advanced Training Centre in Worcester continues to flourish with coaches Marty Lewis and Doug Moss in control. Juniors Richard Hazell, Keith Dean and Craig Harris have been invited to attend Wolverhampton ATC where more experienced and advanced coaching should be on offer. Keep up the good work all concerned.

Results from 29th September County fixtures were as follows: Essex III 5 Worcester II 5; Juniors 5 v 5 Cornwall and Veterans 4 v 5 Yorkshire II. Good results for the Senior Seconds at Brentwood (from 5-2 down) and for the Juniors also playing away.

The Veterans called up John Stafford for injured Ray Dixon at very short notice and were narrowly beaten. Finally, despite penning these notes in late October, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

YORKSHIRE

Rea Balmford

I MAKE NO apology for devoting this month's column in its entirety to the possible - even probable - break up of our great county of Yorkshire.

As an intensely Yorkshireman I, like many others, regard the 1974 changes by the Boundary Commission as merely cosmetic on the face of a County which has a long history stretching back into the mists of time.

In table tennis terms the County has functioned as a unit since the very early days of the sport, and players from all corners

of the shire have worn the white rose with pride. Names are too numerous to mention but men - and women - from Middlesbrough in the north to Sheffield in the south and Halifax in the west to my own league of Hull in the east, have given their all to keep Yorkshire in the forefront of our game.

So what a shock when rumours began to circulate that the northern part of the county - North Yorkshire - were secretly making plans to secede. No hard information can be given, for the moving spirits behind the proposed breakaway, reputedly including one very senior official of the national association, have not extended to the County the basic courtesy of informing them of the proposed move.

But it transpires that, without the knowledge of the ruling body - and in this present season the Yorkshire Table Tennis Association is that body - frenetic clandestine activity has been going on behind the scenes, and the six leagues based in North Yorkshire are understood to have already circularised their members and, in a number of cases, made a decision to 'go it alone'.

All this without a representative of the Yorkshire Association having been invited to put the case for maintaining the unity of Britain's largest county.

The 'carrot' is financial support from the local authorities in North Yorkshire - support which they quite naturally wish to afford to members in their own areas, but there is no reason why this cannot be done within the framework of the county setup. Humberside County Council has been very generous in its sponsorship of table tennis and it is due in no small measure to their support that Hull is presented regarded as one of the most progressive Leagues in Yorkshire.

CLOSING IN ON CHIBA CITY

MICHAEL O'Driscoll, 18, may have won the battle for a permanent place in the England elite squad. When I say permanent of course, any player can make the national team and later fall by the wayside.

But one young male player will shortly win the contest to wholly or partially replace Desmond Douglas and/or Skylet Andrew. Four men will be chosen by Don Parker in the New Year to play in the 1991 World Championships in Chiba City and the four most likely names are Carl Prean, Alan Cooke, Desmond Douglas and Michael O'Driscoll.

As most people know Michael is a gifted scholar, winning four A levels this summer, he can take a university place at Manchester whenever he wants to — next year or the year after, meanwhile he is concentrating on a career as a full-time professional table tennis player, dashing from one venue to another.

He is now playing for the Palette Ham club in the Belgian National League, in addition to playing No. 2 to Chen Xinhua for Butterfly Ormesby.

Belgium are one of the few European countries who allow their players to appear in other national leagues — readers will recall that the top Belgians Jean-Michelle Saive and Thierry Cabrera have appeared in the British National League.

When talking to Michael recently, I must admit I was a little surprised to discover that at least eight men from the top end of the English rankings are also playing in Belgium — Bradley Billington, Chris Oldfield, John Souter, Kevin Satchell the ETTA vice-chairman, Glenn Baker, Jon Taylor and of course Chen Xinhua.

Five Star

It was however, in Verona that Michael O'Driscoll recorded his best-ever performance, defeating in the team event the French No.1, Jean-Philippe Gatien, whose French title has now been taken over by Didier Mommessin. That victory, included in the 4-0 decimating of France by O'Driscoll and Carl Prean is probably the highest point in the season for both men and could lead to a dramatic new doubles partnership for the future.

Michael is a product of the Leeds School of Excellence and of the outstanding Yorkshire coach Hans Soova who has



Michael O'Driscoll is a gifted scholar gaining four 'A' levels this summer. So what is he doing playing table tennis full time. JOHN WOODFORD has been talking to this young Yorkshireman.

created a left-handed attacking player with extremely strong top-spin on both wings and brilliant reflexes. There are some aspects of his game that remind me of Desmond Douglas — spin, speed and fine reflex action and of course, both left-handed.

He has been collecting titles and silverware ever since he was 13 — in 1985 at the European Youth Championships he collected team silver medals and bronze in the doubles, in the same year he was the English Closed doubles winner, boys Under-14. In the same age-group he won the French Open and in 1986 won gold at the European Youth team event with Carl Prean and an individual silver medal.

More recently he has won the English Junior Open twice at Bridlington and the French Junior Open twice. At Bridlington in 1989 he actually scattered the South Korean opposition, something that did not happen in 1990 when Michael was too old to play, but "too old to play" might also have applied to the Koreans, a couple of whom appeared to be in their early twenties!

At the Dohjo

Many players from all over the world have been "students" at the famous Butterfly Training Centre, the Dohjo in Tokyo. All

return with stories of slogging away for many hours a day on the practice tables with only one free day in weeks.

Michael's final examination ending at mid-day on June 21 this year. Less than 24 hours later he was bound for Tokyo on the Trans-Siberian air-route via Moscow, well known by many English players and by some journalists, including myself.

He reports: "We were called at 6.20 am each morning for a 20-minute jog, shower and breakfast whilst watching videos of great table tennis matches in the past. Three hours practice in the mornings was followed by afternoon sessions devoted to service, receipt of service and matches."

"Mr. Joshison is the new-style Japanese coach who believes in the development of the European style of play. His advice was very useful and stimulating with the success of the players a tribute to his guidance and encouragement."

Michael continued on his physical fitness problems "Due to my preparing for my examinations and revising I had a fitness problem in Tokyo. The exercises were extremely strenuous and required tremendous concentration and stamina" he said.

Slow Start

The Mirfield student, after his exertions in Tokyo made a slow beginning to the season at the Brentwood International week-end losing to several opponents — a fact which caused me to delay the writing of the O'Driscoll story until now.

But happily, he has stepped back smartly into form after Brentwood and was chosen to play in Detroit at the U.S. Team Open along with Des Douglas and the other Yorkshireman bidding for the England senior squad Chris Oldfield winner of the Yorkshire 3-star Open at Halifax, an event that clashed with fixtures in the Belgian National League, leading to absence in Belgium that week-end of O'Driscoll and Chen Xinhua who has also been responsible for teaching Michael many of the tricks of the profession.

Benefits

Michael told me "Brentwood was a slow start for me, but I am now reaping the benefits of the visit to Tokyo and summer training in the England camp. Yes, my immediate target for England is to be chosen for the world championships, but also to do well for both my British League club Ormesby and also my club in Belgium."

WHITNEY TITLE HOPES

THE Cotswold Ladies start this season with our usual two divisions, each consisting of five teams. Last year we welcomed a new team of Whitney who immediately won promotion to Division one and we wish them good luck in their first year in that division, and also to Cheltenham who join them.

With a few results to hand I am pleased to be able to report that Cheltenham have made a good start by beating Birmingham A 6-4 with the game between Reiko Morita (No.1 Gloucester champion) and Alison Ledwitch (Birmingham junior) proving to be a tough game with Reiko winning -16, 18, 13 to take her hat-trick for the match. Julie Taylor helped out with 2 wins and Reiko and Julie won the doubles, in a friendly but competitive match.

Unfortunately Whitney were not so lucky with their 9-1 defeat at the hands of Worcester, only winning their doubles game, with Sarah Stone, Janet Hunt and Helen Pogmore producing clearly good performances of three each.

A good start has been made by Leamington Spa in Division 2 who won 8-2 against Evesham in their promotion bid back to the first division. Kate Ryan and Tracy Green providing three wins each and Lorna Nield a useful point with every win producing a point in this year's new 'points per set system. Oxford won their first match 10-0 over the promising youngsters at Swindon.



THIS poster was drawn by 13 year-old KELLY BALLAM of Northfield School in Billingham, Cleveland

It won first prize in the Under 15 age group competition for Cleveland school children which was run in conjunction with the Women's International match, England vs Sweden, at Rainbow Leisure Centre, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, on Saturday, 29th September

The prize was four complimentary tickets to the match.

All posters were mounted and displayed at the match itself. I personally think it would make a great poster for table tennis.

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Jose Ransome

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REBECCA STEPS IN

I am sure that everybody on Yorkshire's Tournament team would like to pay tribute to its newest member.

The name HILL is familiar in Yorkshire table tennis, but Rebecca, not a player herself, but nevertheless an all round sports enthusiast, is a new one.

She is, of course, the daughter of Chairman Eric and joined the tournament committee last season, and this year took over as tournament organizer for the Yorkshire & Humberside 3 Star.

Not an easy task, but the background preparation was done competently and without fuss, and everything ready to go but, 12 hours prior to the event — disaster!

Jackie Ryder, experienced key member of the control team had to pull out due to illness, and who stepped into the breach? — yes, Rebecca, who had never done the job previously.

A five minute 'crash course' from referee Bevan Walker and she was in charge on the desk, and remained there for the next two days, with relief only for meals.

She did a tremendous job, earned a big 'thank you' from all the Yorkshire officials and, I am sure, from all the players who competed in the tournament.

DON PARKER takes you through the effects of spin. The differences of topspin, backspin and sidespin and how to use it to make your game that more difficult for an opponent. But, as always, it is practice that will give you that edge over the opposition.



Lisa Lomas uses spin more than most to unsettle her opponents. Here she demonstrates a back spin return.



Tips from the Top

1. When preparing for a key match or tournament try to simulate the conditions as close as possible. Make sure you practise with the appropriate ball and if one is available the appropriate table. If it is possible to know who your opponents will be then try to practise against similar styles.

2. A big weakness with a lot of players is there predictability. Invariably they play on the diagonals with very little going down the lines resulting in opponents anticipating with ease. Make sure you practise just as much down the lines as you do on the diagonals. Think very carefully about your practise routines and incorporate this principle.

3. Practise your serves. The most important shot in the game is the service. There is no excuse for not developing this as it can be practised without a partner. With bicycle glue and fast rubbers it is imperative to put in the hours to maintain the control especially on the short serves. At the last few domestic tournaments I have attended the number of short serves where the second bounce has been way over the baseline has been most concerning.

AT some point during any ball game the ball will spin, both as it moves through the air and when it is in contact with the ground or any other surface. Players use this effect to advantage in many ways.

In cricket, spin bowlers can make the ball jump in different directions when it bounces; in tennis, spin in the air can make the service swerve, while footballers use it to make the ball bend and dip when they take a free kick.

These effects can be very marked, but in table tennis the effects of spin are even more noticeable and it features continually during a game.

The spin is caused by the rubber surface of your bat momentarily gripping the ball when you hit it. If your stroke is made with the face of the bat square-on to the ball and goes straight 'through' the ball when you hit it, you will create little or no spin.

However, if you brush the bat across the ball, you will put spin on it. Depending on the direction your bat is travelling at the time, this will be topspin, backspin or sidespin. The amount of spin will depend upon the speed with which the bat strikes the ball, the angle of the

strike and the condition of the rubber on your bat. Old, shiny rubber has far less grip and will make it difficult to generate any spin.

Topspin

Topspin often referred to by players as 'loop' occurs when the bat is brushed up the back of the ball. As the ball leaves the bat, it rotates on its axis in a forward direction.

Topspin makes the ball suddenly jump forward when it bounces. When you are receiving, it is very difficult to avoid overhitting a ball with topspin and thus sending it off the far end of the table.

Backspin

Backspin, often referred to as 'chop' because of the action of the stroke which produces this form of spin, is put on the ball by brushing down the back of it, so that it leaves the ball rotating backwards on its axis. Backspin makes the ball 'sit up' when it bounces.

Sidespin

Sidespin is less common than either backspin or topspin but can be a very useful extra weapon. If you swing the bat onto the side of the ball as well as brushing up or down, you can add a very pronounced sideways spin.

Depending on exactly where you strike the ball, this will cause it to swerve during flight and then bounce either left or right. Sidespin is often used by players during the service in an attempt to create added difficulties for the receiver.

With all types of spin, half the battle is learning to read the sort of spin that your opponent is putting on the ball. For most of the time this should not be too difficult when the bat is brushed up the ball it's topspin, down the ball and it's backspin. Increasing experience will help you deal instinctively with sidespin when you need it.

(Take up Table Tennis by Don Parker is published by Springfield Books.)

Next: Practice

UNBEATEN IN NINE YEARS

THE Mayor and Mayoress of Southwark, Councillor and Mrs. John Maurice, were among the guests of honour to present trophies at the 9th Annual London Region table tennis championships of the **United Kingdom Sports Association For People with Mental Handicap**. The tournament was once again organised by Clive Oakman in conjunction with the UKSAPMH at the Michael Sobell Sports Centre in Islington.

The Scotland No. 1 lady, Janet Smith, and the England No. 7, Jill Harris, provided an expert demonstration of the game and ran a coaching clinic throughout the day largely for the benefit of those who were eliminated early from the competition.

In the Womens Singles two players were seeded and the No. 1, Brenda Addis from Sutton, duly worked her way to the final. However, in the bottom half of the draw there was a surprise in store for the No. 2 seed, Tina Collett from Edmonton.

She was despatched in the third round by Cherry Orchard's (Croydon) Mandy Pearson. Nevertheless Brenda Addis took no chances in the final and won it convincingly.

FRIGHT

There were four seeds in the Mens Singles: David Evans from Redbridge, Peter Judge from Havering and David Baikie & Simon Hayter, both from Sutton. They all duly reached their place in the semi-finals although the favourite David Evans was given a bit of a fright in the third round by Haringey's sole representative Michael Walsh. It was David Evans and Peter Judge who reached the final with the former taking the title for the ninth time.

The Womens Doubles saw some new names as the final saw Doreen McPherson and Tina Charlish of Roehampton overcome Maureen Davies and Rena Dance of Newham. In the Mens Doubles final Sutton's

Michael Bolton and Simon Hayter beat George Pouyatt and Kevin Remedios from Barnet. Last but not least to the Mixed Doubles where Sutton added to their collection of trophies as Addis & Baikie beat Pearson & Baddeley in the final.

RESULTS

(Finals):

- MS: D. Evans bt P. Judge
21-6, 21-7.
- WS: B. Addis bt M. Pearson
21-11, 21-5.
- XD: B. Addis/D. Baikie bt
P.Baddeley/M. Pearson
21-9, 21-17.
- MD: S. Hayter/M. Bolton bt
G. Pouyatt/K. Remedios
21-13, 21-13.
- WD: D. McPherson/T. Charlish bt
M. Davies/R. Dance
11-21, 21-11, 21-17.



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CHRIS TAKES TITLE

by REA BALMFORD

OVERALL the championship was a triumph for our traditional rivals from over the Pennines, with England No. 4 **Andrea Holt** claiming both ladies titles — the doubles in partnership with **Jill Harris**; former European champion **John Hilton** the Veterans; and rising youngster **Darren Howarth** coming out top of the pile in a strong Class 2 field.

But the big one, the mens singles, came back to the host county, and it is congratulations to rising star **Chris Oldfield** who, appropriately, took the first 3 star title of his career on home ground at the North Bridge Leisure Centre at Halifax.

The Sheffield lad had moved up into the top seeded spot following a series of withdrawals among the seeded players — **Bradley Billington**, **Steve Dorking** and **John Holland** all pulled out due to injury, while **Michael O'Driscoll** was competing abroad — but these events must not take anything away from Oldfield's achievement.

He could only win, and win well, and this he did as he swept through to the semi-final without the loss of a game, his victims including the seeded **Nigel Eckersley** and **Graham Sandley**, before the first of a series of 'Roses' battles which were a feature of the tournament, was launched, **Tony Taylor** taking the second before Oldfield eased home at 18 in the decider, to clinch a final place.

In the other half **Sean Gibson** came past **Richard Darnell**, who had come through from the groups to occupy the seeded slot allocated to **Billington** with an excellent victory over **Ritchie Venner**.

In the final Oldfield proved unstop-pable, taking the first game at 12 and then, despite the Lancastrian building up a long lead in the second, clawing his way back irresistibly to edge his way to a 21-19 win.

The quarter finals line-up was completed by **Chris Rogers**, with a win over Leicester team mate **Dave Gannon**, veteran champion **John Hilton**, and **Sandley**, who shot out European ranked **John Broe** 6, 13 before giving best to Oldfield.

The ladies singles also produced a Roses clash with **Holt** not dropping a game as she moved confidently into the final with a win over **Helen Lower**, who had earlier taken out Midlands colleague **Jill Harris**. In the final she carried too much experience for her shock opponent from Yorkshire, **Sally Marling**.

But the 14 year-old Olympic training squad member, who had come through a group containing the higher ranked **Alison Gower**, had confirmed her rich promise with hard earned victories over **Teresa Moore**,

second seed **Joanne Shaw** and, in the semi, third seed **Carol Giles**, in every case after dropping the psychologically important second game.

Holt added the ladies doubles in tandem with **Harris** past **Giles** and the impressive Nigerian No. 1 **Kuburat Owolabi**, while in a mens doubles decimated by withdrawals, it was two pairs from the extremes of the event's catchment area who lined up for the final.

Paul completed a good day for the **Giles** family as, with another Devonian, **Paul Whiting** the pair got the better of **Scots Broe** and **Richard Yule** in a three setter.

But the overall impression which I personally gained, and it must be one which affects all two day tournaments was 'how does one run a viable tournament in these days of ever escalating costs and still provide a format attractive to the players?'

And let me make clear now that I am in no way criticizing the players, most of whom have to travel long distances to play a modest number of games — this is something which is always at the back of my mind. I am always ready to 'hit the road' at the end of an event, and I have not been playing and, even more tiring, waiting around.

But run a class 2 event to provide competition for the lesser lights and

(i) an early start is needed to attract a viable entry

(ii) thus players in early rounds do not appear

(iii) reduce the maximum entry and the event ceases to be financially viable.

(iv) increase entry fees and players (naturally) will not enter

Play the major singles events before the doubles and

(i) plenty of spectators for the mid afternoon final session

(ii) a good image for the sponsors

(iii) results in the Monday 'nationals' but then —

(i) losing players in the singles, often without the courtesy of informing the referee, do not appear for the doubles

(ii) the draw becomes a complete farce, and it is often impossible to accommodate the surviving entrants because the event is under way and no changes can be made.

I do not know the answer, and if any of the people who matter — the competitors — have any practicable suggestions, please let me know and I will be more than happy to try to fit them into the pattern.



Chris Oldfield

RESULTS

Mens Singles

Quarter Finals:

Chris Oldfield (Y) bt **Graham Sandley (Mi)** 16, 16; **Sean Gibson (La)** bt **Chris Rogers** 13, 15; **Tony Taylor (La)** bt **John Hilton (La)** 12, 22; **Richard Darnell (E)** bt **Ritchie Venner (Sx)** 17, 18.

Semi Finals:

Oldfield bt **Taylor** 16, -15, 18; **Gibson** bt **Darnell** -19, 11, 16.

Final:

Oldfield bt **Gibson** 12, 19.

Ladies Singles

Semi Finals:

Andrea Holt (La) bt **Helen Lower (St)** 13, 13; **Sally Marling (Y)** bt **Carol Giles (Dv)** 19, -17, 17.

Final:

Holt bt **Marling** 15, 12.

Mens Doubles

Semi Finals:

Paul Giles/Paul Whiting (Dv) bt **Sandley/Venner** -15, 17, 17; **Richard Yule/John Broe (SCO)** bt **Darnell/Andrew Eden (La)** 11, 15.

Final:

Giles/Whiting bt **Yule/Broe** 14, -16, 7.

Ladies Doubles

Semi Finals:

Holt/Jill Harris (St) bt **Nicola Deaton (Dy)/Ellen Meddings (Y)** 8, 8; **Carol Giles (Dv)/Kuburat Owolabi (NIG)** bt **Juliet Houghton (K)/Joanne Shaw (Y)** 17, -9, 11.

Final:

Harris/Holt bt **Giles/Owolabi** 23, -12, 14.

Veteran Singles

Semi Finals:

Hilton bt **Peter Radford (E)** 14, 15; **David Harvey (Gs)** bt **Malcolm Corking (Cv)** 18, 18.

Final:

Hilton bt **Harvey** 15, -19, 12.

Class 2 Mixed Singles

Quarter Finals:

Darren Howarth (La) bt **David Cole (E)** 15, 20; **Garry Knights (St)** bt **Keith Buers (E)** 15, 16; **Kevin Beadsley (Y)** bt **David Indriks (Y)** 15, 16; **Steve Scowcroft (La)** bt **Graham Clarke (La)** 11, 15;

Semi Finals:

Howarth bt **Beadsley** 19, -10, 22; **Knights** bt **Scowcroft** -17, 18, 19.

Final:

Howarth bt **Knights** -17, 18, 11.

DISAPPOINTING



“...we cannot afford to waste money on players who are not prepared to put in the necessary commitment to win for England.”

Don Parker

QUITE clearly the results from the European Youth championship were very disappointing, in fact the worst for quite some time. This is a situation we need to rectify as quickly as possible and return to the status we achieved in the eighties as one of Europe's leading nations in the junior field.

From my personal point of view as Team Manager & Director of Coaching, the senior calendar is becoming even more congested with the Olympics and the Olympic qualification tournaments, the World Team Cup, the European Nations Cup, European Women's League, etc. It is therefore physically impossible for me to have the same involvement in terms of attending tournaments and camps as I did in the mid-eighties when I was National Coach for the North and Junior Captain with no senior responsibilities.

It is for this reason that Kevin Satchell has been appointed as Junior Team Manager. While selection will still remain my responsibility,

Kevin will make a major input, as he will be working with the leading Juniors and Cadets.

The leading juniors, cadets and Under 12's, will be invited to a number of week-end training camps at Lilleshall as part of the National Excellence programme. These weekends are an attempt to concentrate the Centre of Excellence finances on the players most likely to represent England.

The leading juniors are being invited to senior camps and already this season around a dozen players have been invited to Lilleshall to train with the senior squad. Obviously, there will be a pre-European Youth camp and hopefully a few extra training opportunities for any strong European Youth candidates.

Any junior/cadet player involved in the E.T.T.A. training will be monitored quite carefully, so that we are aware of what practise and training is being carried out at home. Quite simply, we cannot afford to waste money on players who are not prepared to put in the necessary commitment to win for England.

Discipline will be higher and

any players breaking the rules will not be invited again for a long time! Players, for example, not in bed at the set time will be sent home and I suggest any interested parents point this out to their children so as to prevent any unpleasant situations. Nobody enjoys or indeed wants to send players home. However, unless we have a highly motivated, disciplined squad of players, we have no chance of returning to our own former status.

It is Kevin's intention to work closely with individual coaches, so that we are all working towards the same goal. Should any coaches have any problems or queries please do not hesitate to contact Kevin or myself, especially at the tournaments.

With regard to the coaches working with the various England teams, we had a few problems last year and intend not to be rushed into any hasty decisions this season. A team of coaches will assist Kevin at the various events until finally we decide on the coaches for the European Youth Championships in July 1991.

John Prean agrees...

I certainly agree with Don that the results of the European Youth Championships were not those we hoped for.

Having been very much part of the junior scene for many years, I have learned the hard way that lean years will follow good ones and vice versa. If one concentrates on one area (Junior Boys), to demonstrate the case, we had four silver medalists in recent history. They were Des Douglas (1973), Paul Day (76), Carl Prean (83 & 84) and Michael O'Driscoll (89).

Carl won a gold in '85. The first three graduated to full international honours. Michael is now well on the way towards that goal. These are exceptional players whom the sport does not produce every year and their quality indicates what it takes to win medals in the European Youth.

It follows that in between there will be years when we do less well. The junior scene is a stepping stone towards the senior one and sight should not be lost of that. It is a beginning, not an end.

What are our plans? We have begun national championships for U-10, 11 and 12 age groups, which

will be sponsored by Halex. The U-11 events have been running for some years and have produced every time increasing entries. We have organised training camps for U-12 players and hope to step up our activities there.

Don outlined plans for other age groups. To do ANYTHING we have to find and EARN money. This is a lot harder than offering advice on how to spend it. The latter is in generous supply. The former requires skill and hard work. To compete in the European Youth Championships and the six Nations Cadet event will leave little change from £10,000. Don is right in insisting on discipline and decent attitudes to training and play from those who enjoy the fruit of this investment. There is no automatic right to places at these events.

The general picture is excellent with entries to Junior tournaments very high. Many are over-subscribed. Participation and the strengthening of our base are important priorities. Real progress has been made. I wish parents and youngsters had been around in my time. I can tell them that most things are far better now. The lot of the individual coach

and parent is much improved in both status and respect.

Don and Kevin are actually trying to bring these into the system to widen their horizons and benefit the whole sport. In my time we were outcasts and success in no way altered that image. There is a lot to be thankful for.

Today's juniors are very lucky. I could not imagine two more approachable chaps than Don and Kevin from whom help is always available.

The European Youth Championships are clearly the highlight of the season and good results give me and all enthusiasts in the English game the most enormous pleasure. Some antics often reported do the opposite.

They achieve nothing other than to lose our best workers and supporters. Success is not achieved by hard luck stories or real or imagined grievances. If you are knocking at the door of international junior honours, you will find firm friends in Kevin and Don and many others in the sport. We are here to support you. However, in the end your own dedication and effort will be the decisive factor.

“...the junior scene is a stepping stone towards the senior one and sight should not be lost of that. It is the beginning, not the end.”

John Prean

NO LUCK IN BUCHAREST

Our team consisted of Chris Oldfield (who stepped in for Bradley Billington at very short notice, as Bradley had a groin injury), Alan Cooke and Derrick Marples Capt. The tournament was held in a magnificent hall called the Sports Palace which had inset into the ceiling a large number of halogen lamps giving a bright, evenly spread, light.

At 9.00 hrs on the first day the championship commenced with the MENS' TEAM EVENT. We were drawn against Italy and although it appeared that this wouldn't be a difficult hurdle we were concerned as we hadn't had a lot of practice just before the match. Christopher went on first to play Ratti. Although very nervous at the beginning he soon settled in and ran out an easy winner, giving us an early lead. Alan was also nervous starting his match, but quickly gained confidence, and won two straight to give us a 2-0 lead. The doubles didn't give any problems and so we won the match 3-0.

In the second round we came up against much stiffer opposition — Belgium. Chris went on first and soon ran into trouble against Jean-Michelle Saive losing in straight games. Alan on against Phillippe Saive where we hoped for success. The first game was lost but after a struggle it was 1-1. We thought at this stage Alan may have hit form to take the third, but it was not to be and we were 2-0 down. Into the doubles, after some very hard work, we managed to win two very close games. 2-1. Alan against J-M: after a struggle in a very closely fought game the first was won. This effort appeared to drain off most of Alan's remaining energy and so the second was easily lost. Onto the third and this developed into a hard struggle, but Alan was unable to recapture the form of the first game and just lost.

The next event was the men's doubles. Here we progressed to the third round where we met the Chinese pair Wang Guonui and Li Jianmin. We led in both games, by 5 points at one stage, but we eventually lost two straight.

So to the mens' singles where Chris met the Polish player Skierski. This was a cracker of a match. Chris played very well in the first two games and just lost. In the third he stepped up his game



Alan Cooke

winning some brilliant points and the game. Onto the 4th, this time he really showed how he could play and won this one too. Unfortunately a bad start in the 5th sealed the result although some tremendous shots were played by both players.

Alan progressed to the last 16 where he played the Russian Murzov. The Russian must have been inspired judging by the type of table tennis he played in denying Alan either of the first two games. Alan won the third but unfortunately lost the fourth.

RESULTS

Team Event

1st. Round v Italy won 3-0
Oldfield v Ratti 21-13; 21-11
Cooke v Mondello 21-13; 21-14
v Ratti & Mondello 22-20; 21-12
2nd Round v Belgium lost 3-1
Oldfield v J.M. Saive 14-21; 12-21
Cooke v P.H. Saive 17-21; 21-19;
16-21
v Saive & Saive 23-21; 21-18
Cooke v J.M. Saive 23-21; 8-21;
17-21

Mens' Doubles

1st Round bye
2nd Round won
v Serafimov/Bratanove BUL 18-21; 21-11; 21-13
3rd round lost
v Wang Guohui/Li Jianmin CHN 18-21; 20-22

Mens' Singles

1st Round bye
2nd Round
lost Oldfield v Skierski POL. 21-23; 16-21; 21-19; 21-13; 14-21
won Cooke v Birlan ROM 21-8;
21-17; 21-17
3rd Round
lost Cooke v Murzov URS 19-21;
22-24; 21-15; 15-21

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BRIGHT START

by BRIAN LAMERTON

The fourth season of the Southern Region Leagues duly got under way with, as each season so far, an increased entry. We now have a total of 92 players registered in two Mens and One ladies divisions, each of six teams, thus guaranteeing ten matches for all concerned.

That it is going to be a very interesting season there is no doubt as after each of the 18 teams have played two matches only, only one team in each division remains unbeaten and nobody has maximum points. Kingfisher 'A' who missed out to rivals Cippenham 'A' by only one set in last seasons Premier title chase opened with a 6 sets to 3 victory over the same rivals, Mark Priddle being unbeaten.

Cippenham 'B', bottom of division one last term have opened this with two wins. Cippenham's pictures for the season state that Steve Joel is 'the most improved player in the district over the last few years'; Steve's three against Aminty Generation saw his team home by 6 sets to 3.

Ladies title holders Kingfisher have opened with two wins; Lisa Crick unbeaten as they dropped but one set in ten in defeating both Aldershot 'A' and 'B'. At the final junior regional trials held in Southampton the following qualified for the Nationals. Cadet Boys:- Gareth Scadden (Ha) with a 100% record from 9 sets, the most successful player of the day, Yoav Arkin (Bu), & Ali Subhan (Bk); Cadet Girls:- Wendy Barlow (Bu), & Joanne Barratt (Bk); Junior Boys:- Martin Haycock (Ox), Jeremy Wilson (Ha), Mark Shutler (Ha) & Ian Musk (Bu); Junior Girls:- Gemma Schwartz (Bk) 7 out of 7 at 13 years of age, Nicola Cracknell (Bk) & Sally Hughes (Ox.)

Shortage of helpers and delays on the M27 made it a long frustrating day for Regional Chairman, Ray Yates who is now actively seeking a venue in the north of the region for next season.

SOUTH WEST

The following Cadets and Juniors qualified for the SWR trials — the Cadets were held at Wellington in Somerset — and the Juniors at Plymouth.

Final trial results:

Cadet Boys

- 1. Martin Smith (Av)
- 2. Jon Thorn (Av)
- 3. Martin Cheung (Gs)

Cadet Girls

- 1. Tracey Youldon (Wi)
- 2. Kerry Hogarth (Gs)

Junior Boys

- 1. Adrian Vincent (Dv)
- 2. Barry Fudge (Av)
- 3. Jonathan May (Dv)
- 4. Mark Butler (Do)

Junior Girls

- 1. Rachel Boon (Co)
- 2. Lynsey Heyward (Dv)
- 3. Alison Cox (Gs)

All the above players have qualified for the National Trials, to be held at Lilleshall National Sports Centre on 1st and 2nd of December 1990.
ALF PEPPERD

COVENTRY MOVE AHEAD

by JOHN BURWELL

THE East Midlands Cadet League started the season with 12 teams from seven centres including the return of Mansfield with two teams and a new entry of two teams from Curdworth.

The first session was held at Grantham and after all teams had played three matches the familiar sight of Coventry appears at the top of the table closely followed by Grantham and Nottingham.

I expect these three teams to be 'in at the death' when the final session is played in March next year. Lincoln, both the Leicester teams and Grantham 2nd should be in mid-table followed by the two Mansfield teams and Lincoln 2nd with the Curdworth teams propping up the final table.

The last three named teams are all very inexperienced and having their first competitive matches. But I suspect that by next season coach Phil Burwell will have his teams certainly in mid-table if not vying for the top spot.

The top players in the league should be Gary Pestka who is the only one with 100 per cent average, whilst the top girl is almost certainly Nichola Massingham, who has already beaten Helen Griffiths her nearest rival and has now won five out of six losing only to Pestka.

The next session is a split one in November with four teams at Crusaders TTC, Lincoln and six teams at Coventry.

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CROYDON SUCCESS



Ron Crayden, President of the Surrey Table Tennis Association with finalists in the Junior Girls Singles Championships at Monks Hill Sports Centre, Croydon. Clare Pengelly (left) and Sara Williams (Middlesex)



Darren Blake, winner of the Cadet Boys final.



Noel Carpenter of the sponsors Carpenter and Co. presents the prizes to the two finalists in the boys singles final, Edward Hatley (left) and Richard Hyacinth.

ENGLAND cadet number one, Darren Blake, topped the list of local players who fared well in the South of England Junior 2-Star Open Championships at Monks Hill Sports Centre, Croydon.

Darren gave local followers a few flutters by dropping the first game in the cadet boys singles against Paul Hudson (Essex) but soon bounced back to win the title and consolidate his massive lead of 118 points on the Halex Computer Ranking List.

Copy for the January issue should be in as soon as possible. Printing over the Christmas and New Year period is always a problem, so remember to have your contributions in earlier than usual.

Surrey team-mate, Edward Hatley, shook off a foot injury to win the junior boys title in an entertaining final encounter against Richard Hyacinth (Middlesex) whilst Croydon's Nick Courtenay-Evans caused a major upset in the boys under-12 event by disposing of Peniel Academy's Alex Yardy – seeded number one – in the first round.

But then Courtenay-Evans bowed out to Ali Subhan (Berkshire) in the quarter-final. Subhan ousted another Croydon player, James Furner, in the semi-final on his way to the title.

Clare Pengelly scored a notable double success by firstly coming from behind in the junior girls final to defeat holder Sara Williams (Middlesex) and then pairing up with Sarah Gardner (Essex) to win the junior girls doubles against Natasha Williams (Wales) and Sarah Stedman (Sussex).

The Devon girl could do no wrong as Sara saw a 17-11 lead vapourise into a 19-21 defeat and

consequent generous coverage in the "Western Morning News" a few days later. The championships attracted an increased entry of over 200 boys and 100 girls. Sponsorship support came from Wallington solicitors Carpenter & Company and Croydon Council's Parks & Recreation Department.

Mick Strobe stepped in at the last minute to referee the tournament as though he had been acting in such a role for many years, and organiser Terry Vance can look back with satisfaction his first South of England Championships although the "laid-back" Terry would be the first to credit the smooth-running of the event to his team of helpers.

Croydon Cable Television filmed play and interviewed Darren Blake and Gail McCulloch for their news and features programmes. The TV crew left Welhurst Park early form the short trip to South Croydon only to discover that four goals were scored in the last twenty minutes of the first division

match between Crystal Place and Wimbledon!

RESULTS

Junior Boys:
Edward Hatley (Surrey) bt Richard Hyacinth (Middx) 21-19, 21-19

Junior Girls:
Clare Pengelly (Devon) bt Sara Williams (Middx)) 21-17, 16-21, 21-19

Cadet Boys:
Darren Blake (Surrey) bt Paul Hudson (Essex) 20-22, 21-15, 21-7

Cadet Girls:
Gemma Schwartz (Berkshire) bt Glenda Ashison (Surrey) 21-9, 21-19

Under-12 Boys:
Ali Suahan (Berkshire) by Paul Hancock (Sussex) 21-16, 21-15

Under-12 Girls:
Alison Smith (Kent) bt Kathryn Woodward (Cheshire) 21-18, 17-21, 21-17

YORKSHIRE INITIATIVE

THE Sheffield and Rotherham Schools Table Tennis Association organised a training camp for players aged 10 years and over during the half term holiday. This is their report.

This was the latest in a series of initiatives to establish four coaching centres across the Sheffield and Rotherham area to encourage young players and promote the game of table tennis.

Centres have existed at Kimberworth School, Abbeydale Sports Centre and Carter Lodge School for several years. The association is seeking to consolidate the work done in these centres, establish a fourth centre in the Hillsborough part of Sheffield as well as a schools team of two competitions in three age groups (under 12, under 14 and open) leading eventually to the formation of a Junior Division attached to the senior leagues.

Singles knock out competitions for Sheffield Schools, Rotherham Schools and South Yorkshire Schools have also been in existence for several years. An ATC has operated from High Storrs School in Sheffield for many years and now has two coaching groups to support the development work of the schools association.

The Association, supported by the ETTA development fund, is seeking to co-ordinate these several strands to produce a comprehensive and developmental system for young players in South Yorkshire.

Training Camp

The camp was run at Carter Lodge School for three days by Ron Rutter and Alan Battye with much appreciated help from Alec Head, Andrew Horsfield and Paul Hudson. Financial support came from the Sheffield Recreation Department via Maggie Birt, Panic Sports, MacDonalds, Tees Sport and the Headteacher of Carter Lodge School who kindly allowed free use of the school's facilities.

Advice on the organisation of the coaching was freely given by Peter Simpson, Malcolm Francis and Don Parker. Needless to say, the most important help came from Alf Holland the school caretaker.

Twenty six youngsters aged 10 to 15 joined the course for four hours of intensive table tennis work each day for three days. The players came from all areas of the region — only 52% came from established coaching centres. A promising 92% now wish to join their local centre or continue to attend regularly.

During the course they were introduced to the four basic shots (backhand drive, forehand push, forehand drive and then backhand push), service and return, ETTA

instructional videos, development techniques, a demonstration of good league standard play and international class umpiring as well as various competitions.

Each player received an instructional booklet, details of the association and its work, an attendance certificate and skills award certificates. The decision to teach the basic shots in a different order from the norm was deliberate, based primarily on the Swedish concept of 'teach attacking strokes first and the basic instinct will be to attack'.

On the post course freeback sheet 88% of the players described the easiest part of the course as playing the push shots whereas the hardest was predictably the service.

The future

Already plans are being made to run another course on 13/14/15th February 1991 at Kimberworth School and then in due time at Abbeydale Sports Centre and the Hillsborough centre to establish each base in its own right within the region. The centre based pairs competition is entering the second round of the round robin process with region wide finals scheduled to be held in April.

The normal process of singles knock out tournaments for Sheffield schools (9.2.91), Rotherham schools (16.2.91) and then South Yorkshire schools (16.3.91). A coaching library of video tapes and coaching manuals has been started, based at Carter Lodge School, and is being enlarged steadily.

What Else?

The biggest problems we have, surprisingly enough, are time and money — or more precisely lack of both. Being teachers both Alan and myself are supposed to have an abundant supply of the third vital ingredient — patience. Our major problems will undoubtedly centre on the Hillsborough centre — its exact location, who will run it, when and so on.

However we are also in urgent need of help in several other areas — a supply of freebie dividers would be appreciated (we have at least 7 tables in the two schools — bought mainly by our own fund raising efforts), more videos and coaching manuals, inexpensive but good quality bats, blades, rubbers and clothing. Transport is not a major problem at the moment — we are both County Umpires and can use our time to double effect at Junior tournaments.

A CHAMPION FAMILY

HOW many families can boast of three members representing the County at the same time? This is the proud record of the Giles family who live in Kingsworthy, Winchester.

Father Ken, plays in the county veteran 1st team and is currently ranked No. 3 veteran in Hampshire. Eldest son, Jeff, was previously the top Junior player (under 17) but now plays in the county senior 2nd team and currently ranked No. 4 on the mens list and Mark, 15, the youngest of the family is following in the same tradition.

Playing only for the past two years, he has already attained the No. 6 position on the junior ranking list and has represented Hampshire recently in the county junior 2nd team.

Apart from their county activities, they all play regular weekly league matches for Snow's in the Southampton table tennis league. Ken and Jeff in the Premier Division and Mark in Division 2.

Ken is also the Hampshire coaching officer and takes regular weekly coaching sessions for the top juniors and cadets at the ETTA Advanced Coaching Centre at

Redbride Community School, Southampton. ably assisted by Jeff with Mark as one of the pupils. Quite an achievement for one family!!

Perhaps we shall see all three playing in the same team in the not too distant future?

** Table Tennis News would like to hear of any other family 'partnerships'. We feel there must be plenty around the country. If you know of any, let us know*

HOT STUFF

THE first coaching course organised specifically for women, was held at Crystal Palace over the week-end of October 12th-14th.

Seventeen participants, both resident and non-resident, practised in the October heat-wave on the North Balcony of the National Sports Centre. The standard varied from beginner to nationally ranked senior players, from players just out of the junior ranks to those of well established veterans.

However, I feel that all benefitted from the opportunity

of being coached and with Lisa Lomas, Jill Harris and Jane Barella in attendance, they all had good practice partners.

The ladies worked hard all weekend in a pleasant social atmosphere and I trust all gained from the experience.

I hope this will be the first of many coaching courses that will encourage women and my thanks go to Lisa, Jill and Jane for making this a worthwhile event.

Gail McCulloch,
ETTA Senior Coach.

SERVICE TO SPORT AWARD

TABLE Tennis in London was given a tremendous boost recently in the 1990 Service to Sport Awards, which are presented annually by the Sports Council (London Region) in recognition of outstanding contributions to sport and recreation for the benefit of the community of London.

Iris Moss, who lives in Hendon, was presented with her Award by Fred Smallbone, Chairman of

London Sport at the Full Council Meeting of the London Council for Sport and Recreation, at the City University London in recognition of her outstanding service to table tennis in London.

Since 1958, Iris has been Secretary and treasurer of the Middlesex Table Tennis Association. More recently, she has been treasurer of the London and South East Region and treasurer of the London Junior

Table Tennis Scheme.

In the late 1950's, Iris also became involved in table tennis for people with disabilities and, specifically, paraplegics and has been instrumental in transforming paraplegics' table tennis from a recreational pastime into a serious sport in the National Paraplegic Games and International Paraplegic Championships.

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SCHOOL FOR SUCCESS



Encouraging new participants: A Swadlincote beginners group coached by Ian Knights

GRANVILLE School Table Tennis Club at Woodville, near Burton on Trent must be one of the largest school clubs in the country. It has twelve teams in the Burton Senior League and provides open access practice and coaching facilities to young players in the surrounding area.

England Junior No. 2 Garry Knights, Cadet No. 3 Michelle Martin and 'young' seniors Leigh Jeffries and Steve Hanks play regularly at the club whilst eleven year old David Tilley is a member of the Under 12 national squad. Richard Tilley is No. 15 in the Cadet Boys ranking list and Michelle Fisher is similarly placed in the girls.

Granville coach Ian Knights regularly enlists the expertise of Birmingham coaching veteran Barry Hayward, Derbyshire's Ivor Warner and Lichfield international umpire Brian Watkins.

Youngsters from the club are actively encouraged to move out of the immediate area for higher standards of play and close links have been established with Ian Marshall at the Grove forty miles away, Garry, Michelle, Leigh and Steve all representing their national league teams.

BURTON HISTORY

A history of table tennis in Burton upon Trent has been compiled by senior table tennis league player, Ray Carr. Ray has played locally for many years, not only in the present league, but also in the Old Christian Societies and Youth Clubs leagues.

The book, approximately 140 pages, contains well over 100 photographs and other illustrations, and tells the story of local table tennis from the turn of the century up to the present day. It covers the first Burton championships in 1902, the formation of the Burton Ping Pong league in 1904 and the two Burton leagues of the 1930s.

For a number of years after the second World War, three leagues operated: The BSTTL, under various names, the Burton Youth Clubs league and the Christian Societies league. Ray has covered all the main events for each one and, wherever possible, has included final league tables and details of the winners and runners-up of all competitions.

Although the detailed history of the BSTTL only goes up to 1984 summer division, a further chapter describes the main events since, and discusses the future prospects for local table tennis and its up and coming players. There are also chapters covering the local coaching scene and the BSTTL committee, whilst the opening chapter describes the origins and development of the game, and events leading to the formation of the ETTA, ITTF and the World Championships.

All in all, it is a book packed with interest and, as it is a limited edition, anyone interested is strongly advised to order without delay.

Copy for the January issue should be in as soon as possible. Printing over the Christmas and New Year period is always a problem, so remember to have your contributions in earlier than usual.



ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION Application for Entry Forms

Please tick the appropriate boxes for each entry form required. Please return form with stamped, addressed envelope (one for each entry form required) to:

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DUSSELDORF MEDALS

THE British Police sent a strong squad of players to Dusseldorf to defend their team title at this year's European Five Nation championships.

Although two players who have good England rankings were unable to attend due to holiday and senior command course commitments, (Joy Dean for the Ladies and Dave Solman for the Vets). Another person who was missing was the team manager, Chris Budden, although he was at Heathrow to see the team off and then to meet them on the return, he was missed during the three day tournament for his excellent organising ability.

The format of this years tournament was two days of team play on the 15 tables, with every country playing against each other and then the third day was for individuals.

In the first set of matches Great Britain played Holland, and won 6-3. The Vets won 6-1. But the ladies Alison Barker, Debbie Washer and Diane Mitchell lost 7-0. Next were Germany. The 1st team won 6-1, the 2nd team won 6-0, the Vets won 6-1, and the ladies lost 6-4. The next set of matches was expected to be the hardest, as it was against the French, but it helped our cause that Patrick Renverse, the French No. 1 was missing. (We later found out that he had taken a years leave to concentrate on his table tennis). The 1st team won 6-4. The 2nd team lost 6-4. The Vets

lost 7-3 and the ladies 7-3. So the French managed to beat us 3-1 overall.

In the last series of matches against Belgium, we all thought we needed both of our mens teams to win to regain our team title. The 2nd team just managed to win 6-4 but the 1st team could only draw 5-5. So we thought the French had won.

It wasn't until we saw the final results to find that the French had dropped matches to the other countries, that we realised that we had in fact won. (This is where Chris Budden was missed, he would have known the exact position).

Overall Results:

Gt. Britain 14 pts, France 12 pts, Holland 11 pts, Belgium 7 pts and Germany 6 pts.

On the last day came the individual and doubles tournament and although all the players had lost at least one match in the team events, we had hopes of winning some medals.

The biggest surprise came in the ladies event. Debbie Washer, who in the team event only managed an average of 37.5% played exceptionally well to win the ladies singles beating the Dutch girl Timmers in the final, and then teamed up with another Dutch girl, Van der Velden to get the runners-up in the doubles.

In the veterans events Chris Jacob just lost in the Final to the Frenchman Lecocq but got his

revenge when he teamed up with Rob Mitcham to beat Lecocq and his partner Dumez in the final of the Doubles. With no Renverse, Keith Rodger had an excellent chance to take the mens singles, and this he did, with some excellent table tennis.

But the coup de grace came in the mens doubles when we had an all British final, with Keith Rodger and John Hawkins the Scottish pairing beating the English pair of Ian Johns and Dave Newton, who had gained some useful scalps to get to the final including a win over the French pair, who had beaten Rodger and Hawkins with ease in the team event.

Individuals:

Gold:

Keith Rodger (2), Debbie Washer, John Hawkins, Chris Jacob and Bob Mitcham.

Silver:

Chris Jacob, Debbie Washer, Ian Johns and Dave Newton.

So overall a very successful championships for the British squad who will be looking to make it a hat-trick in Holland next year, even though the French will have Renverse back, who knows, we may have a star decide to join the Police before then!!

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GOOD REASONS

DESPITE Mr. Woodford's criticisms (TT News Oct.) there are very good reasons for playing the team event last.

This has, however, nothing to do with the main "English Open". By staging the team event on the fourth day, we created not only an excellent spectator day, but extended the tournament to four days, instead of the previous three (or two and a bit), which helps to make it an authentic 'A' Open.

The junior problems are different. SOMETHING has to be played last and on the last day and, whatever it is, most players will by then be on the way home, which for many is a long one. Therefore such an event (and the final stages) will be played before generally empty benches. Who the finalists will be is not predictable. Korea 'A' vs Korea 'B' may not be the greatest attraction, but in the past O'Driscoll and Prean dealt with this for us by not allowing it to happen!

We certainly cannot arrange schedules, so that those who play in the qualifying stages or come with little hope beyond progressing more than a round or two have to stay for three days at great expense to their parents. These players are the salt of the earth and they deserve our concern in such matters.

It follows that the qualification events must take place on Day 1, which in 1991 will be a Saturday and it is sensible that Day 2 sees the continuation of the Individual Events. Day 3 (a bank holiday — May 27) will see the team finals. We have not solved the mystery of filling seats at junior indoor events, but few other sports have.

It is sometimes overlooked —

people have short memories — that far more of our juniors are now able to play in this event than was once the case and also that far more WANT to — hence a three day schedule and much else.

Incidentally, I thought Bridlington's Spa Hall look magnificent and that the event went off extremely well. It is not the greatest encouragement to all those who laboured in that cause, that this news got so much less publicity than the deserved complaints of last year. Despite the absence of more English successes, it proved a very fine tournament.

John Prean

PRAISE

Perhaps you can spare me the space to record a word of praise for the English Umpires. The European League match between Belgium and Yugoslavia on 25th October took place near the Namur with your representatives, Doug Young and Colin Hyland controlling the proceedings.

This was a very tough match held in a Sports Hall packed to capacity with some 2000 enthusiastic spectators, and lasted to 00.40 in the morning! The best umpiring techniques were all there, together with a resolute control and firm maintenance of decisions. This was so much better than the not more than adequate and somewhat sloppy performances that I have witnessed in similar circumstances this season.

FAIR PLAY

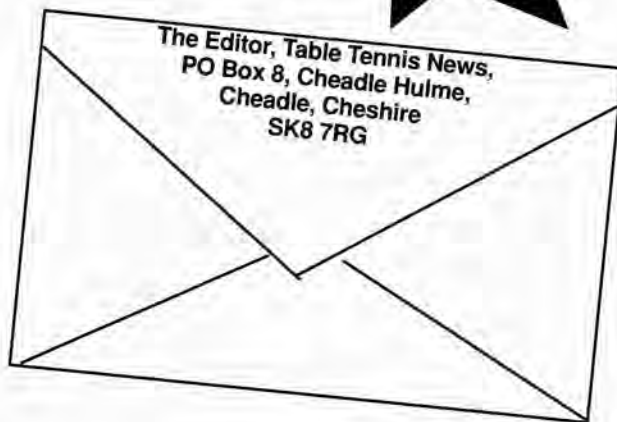
I WOULD suspect the National Ranking List is of varying importance depending on who you are. Coaches generally seem to take the view that unnecessary pressures are created by evaluating performance against a point generated list.

To be realistic this must be true, however, in competitive sports these stresses are all part of the game. Without such a system we would certainly be in danger of undermining the concept of 'fair play'.

It therefore goes against the grain to see huge carry forward points, season to season. There can be nothing wrong in letting the best re-affirm their abilities. In fact it would be positively healthy both for the aspiring player and event organiser.

A great deal of interest is generated by the Ranking List and now that there is an explicit levy, is it unreasonable to expect an issue after every event??

Arthur Hatley,
Frimley, Surrey.



The previous match, Belgium v France, was held in a larger Sports Hall at Charleroi, also packed to the limits, and finished at 00.45! This match was taken live on National Television right to the end — hows that for support for top table tennis!

Derek N. Tylor
International Umpire,
Vice President E.T.T.A.

In John Woodford's letter headed Publicity in the last issue his telephone number was incorrect. For those wishing to take advantage of his offer his correct telephone number is 0323 26806.

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THE REDS and THE GREENS

In this occasional feature John Green looks back on the World Championships held in Birmingham in 1977 and recalls how the visiting Chinese world beaters made their mark on local suburbia.

AMONGST my recollections of the sporting triumphs, trials and tribulations of the Green family, those of the World Championships of 1977 at the NEC are amongst the most vivid. I was living in Solihull at the time and, although already fifteen, nothing had so impressed me before, filled me with awe; the prospect of the finest players in the world participating in an event a mere three miles up the road.

Even the TV coverage struck me as special, as somehow unique. I went straight out and bought the theme tune to the BBC's highlights, 'Tubular Bells' by Mike Oldfield, incidentally the theme tune to 'The Exorcist' (Were they trying to tell us something?) I remember the controversy surrounding the 'sprung' floor and about the high toss-up service that the Chinese were employing. But I remember it most of all because that was the time my father ALMOST played.

That he had the opportunity of playing in the first place was largely due to the political upheavals that were going on in China at that time. There always seem to be political upheavals going on in China, but on this specific occasion, the problems centred on Mao's succession. Following the death of Chou En-lai in January '76, the Party leadership was split between the moderates and the radicals, the latter laying great emphasis on the legacy of the Cultural Revolution and attempting to retain its fundamental tenets. As it happened, the moderates took control under Hua Kuo-Feng and the 'gang of four' arrested. Nevertheless, as a form of appeasement and, to a greater extent, as a piece of

PR, the cultural attache to the visiting table tennis team put in a request for a demonstration match between the Chinese team and a team of 'British workers'.

The request was made to Joseph Lucas', it being one of the largest industrial firms in Birmingham and it just so happened that my father WAS a British worker, in the squad of the Lucas Forman's Road first team, at that time the best team within the firm.

Up until that point, the highlight of his career had been securing eight points off a fourteen year old Desmond Douglas when the latter was playing for Bramwood school. This was an opportunity that he couldn't pass up. The players were to be kitted out in brand new tracksuits in 'Lucas Green;' bearing the company logo and to be treated as guests of the Chinese for the day. It seemed too good to be true.

And of course, it was. It soon became apparent that the Chinese only required two British workers out of the four in the team to participate in the demonstration matches. The selection was to be decided, not on results, nor even on the much maligned penalty shootouts, but on the toss of a ten pence piece. You know the result already. The old man lost out.

Two other guys, Johnny Rogers and Stan Williams won both their 'heats' and proceeded through to the next round, to be played at the NEC. My father was as sick as a dog (an imperialist running dog, presumably), but bore no resentment. But then, how could he? It was the luck of the draw after all, and besides, Stan and Johnny were the two best players in the team.

So off they went to play their matches in front of thousands, actually against the two lowest ranked players in the Chinese squad. Naturally, the lads from Lucas both lost, but Stan had the satisfaction of hitting back an unreturnable shot off one of those high-toss services that were giving everyone so much trouble at the time.

Added to which they each came home with a copy of the 'Selected Quotations of Chairman Mao', his little red book, which they were exhorted to study, learn and act upon accordingly, much to the chagrin of the management of Forman's Road.

It's still the match that my father remembers best not playing in. Of course, he's more than made up for it since. There have been plenty of highlights to more than compensate from missing out on that occasion. Why, only this year his team (Hale Barns 'C') have won promotion from the third division of the Wilmslow and District League.

That's not bad going, considering he's sixty next year. He's got several tracksuits of his own now, thank you very much and with me going to the London School of Economics only a few years later, it wasn't long before he could boast of having a copy of Chairman Mao's little red book lying around, unread, SOMEWHERE in the house.

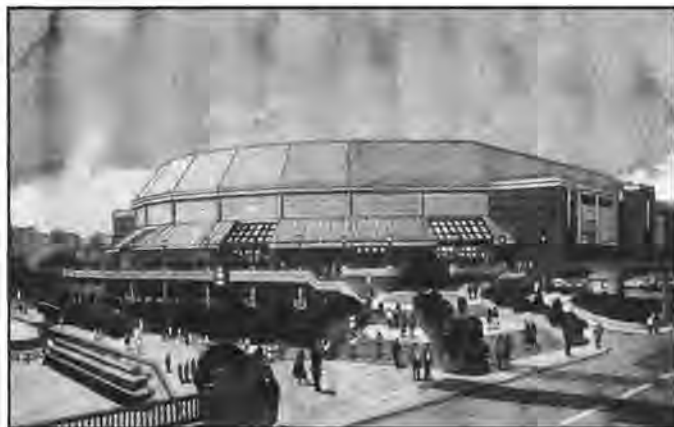
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SUNNY OUTLOOK

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SPORT 2000

LISA Lomas is one of five big name sports stars invited to be present at the official opening of Sport 2000, Ipswich Councils aim at promoting sport in the area.

Lisa along with John Regis, the reigning European 200 metres champion; Sean Kerly, the international hockey player; Ralph Hippolyte, England's national Volleyball coach; John Childs the Essex cricketer and Tracey Fry international hockey player, will meet to launch the project at the Northgate Sports Centre and afterwards hold coaching sessions in the sports complex.

Chen Xinhua has already been there to pass on some hints to the Ipswich table tennis elite squad

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RESULTS & TABLES

BRITISH LEAGUE Results - from 4 Nov

NFD Grove 1	8	0	West Warwicks
Ormesby 1	7	1	Bathwick T.
Team Peniel 1	7	1	DML Destroy.
NFD Grove	4	4	Brit.Pott.Leis.
Norwich F.	8	0	City of Leeds
R M Lincoln	3	5	Well-Conn.
St Neots	6	2	Liverpool
Chelmsford OC's	4	4	Colley Toyota
Rejects	5	3	Team Peniel
Burslem	2	6	Yugo Cars
City of Leicester	4	4	Humberside
Ormesby II	7	1	Chan Const.
Bir.Sports Curd'th	2	6	Bathwick T.
Chan Con.	2	6	Milton Keynes
Chelt. Saracens	5	3	Colley Toy.
OLOPS TTC	6	2	White H.Launce.
Ellenbro'	6	2	Jolliffe Poole
F Cranleigh	4	4	AHW Comets
Horsh.Dolph.	4	4	Gunners.Triangle
Bor.of Sunderland	7	1	SEE SW Dur
Oldham	7	1	Tigers TTC
Ormesby	3	5	Lifel.D.Crusad.
Brit.ACJ	5	3	Uxbridge (Burt.)
F Cranleigh	6	2	Team Peniel
Levi's Westfield	4	4	Yugo Cars
HPFA Soton	2	6	Bathwick T.
Thorns	4	4	Leckie TTC
Bribar Ashford	5	3	Edison TTC
D S Rams	6	2	Linda Farrow
JAGS SC	1	7	Pillinger

ORMESBY CUP RESULTS

1st Round

Zone 1

Blackpool (Carleton) bt Carlisle (Sports Centre) 5-3

Blackburn (H & S Plumbers) bt Stockport (Vymura) 5-4

Zone 2

York (Railway Institute) v Stockton (Billingham CC) W/O to York.

Leeds (Yorkshire Bank) bt Middlesborough (Teesville) 9-0

Zone 3

Sheffield (Wadsley Bridge) bt Huddersfield (Meltham) 6-3

Coventry (Phoenix) v Chesterfield (Activity) W/O to Coventry

Zone 4

Watford (Fullerians) v Peterborough (Hotpoint) W/O to Watford

N Herts (Norton 3 Horse Shoes) bt Chelmsford (Maldon) 5-4

Zone 5

Central (DOETRA) v Willesden (Apollo) awaiting match result.

N Middlesex (Ellenborough) bt London Banks (Kleinwort Benson) 5-0

Zone 6

Crawley (Ifield) bt Guildford (Merrow) 5-2

Slough (Burnham v Aldershot (Frimley) W/O to Slough

Zone 7

Silvertown (St Bartholomews) v Romford (LESSA) W/O to Romford

Zone 8

Maidenhead (Kingfisher) v Bristol (Nailsea) W/O to Maidenhead.

Reading (Sonning Common) bt Oxford (Kidlington Forum) 5-4

EAST MIDLANDS CADETS

TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE, 1990-91

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Coventry	3	3	0	0	6
Grantham I	3	2	1	0	5
Nottingham	3	2	1	0	5
Lincoln I	3	2	0	1	4
Leicester I	3	2	0	1	4
Mansfield II	3	2	0	1	4
Leicester II	3	1	0	2	2
Mansfield I	3	1	0	2	2
Grantham II	3	1	0	2	2
Lincoln II	3	1	0	2	2
Curdworth I	3	0	0	3	0
Curdworth II	3	0	0	3	0

(Qualification : 2 matches, 50%)

	P	W	L	%
Gary Pestka No	9	9	0	100.00
Kevin Elvin Gr	9	8	1	88.89
Neil Hinson Co	9	8	1	88.89
Matthew Sims Gr	9	8	1	88.89
Ryan Stockham Co	9	8	1	88.89
Nicola Mashingam Gr	6	5	1	83.33
Daniel Brown Li	9	7	2	77.78
Paul Lawson Co	9	7	2	77.78
Ian McKay Li	9	7	2	77.78
Stuart McKay Li	9	7	2	77.78
Gary Tresadern Gr	9	7	2	77.78
Paul Goodley Ma	9	6	3	66.67
Helen Griffith Le	9	6	3	66.67
Michelle Haynes Ma	9	6	3	66.67
Nick Young Le	9	6	3	66.67
Kathryn Freer Le	9	5	4	55.56
Debbie Pestka No	9	5	4	55.56

COTSWOLD LADIES TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Roll of Honour 1989/90

Div. 1.	Winners	Worcester
	R/up	Birmingham A
Div. 2.	Winners	Whitney
	R/up	Cheltenham

Individual Winners:

Div. 1:	Lynda Reid (Worcs.)
Div. 2:	Julie Taylor (Cheltenham)

Main Tournament Results:

Open Singles:	Winner	Helen Pogmore (Worcestershire)
R/up	Brenda Lee (Swindon)	
Div. 1 Singles:	Winner	Joan Humphrey-Middlemore (B'ham)
R/up	Tracy Green (Leamington)	
Doubles:	Winners	Joan Humphrey-Middlemore Ann Lloyd (Birmingham)

ITALIAN OPEN Results

O'Driscoll v	Regincos	21-12, 21-19
Andrew v	Caymel	21-8, 21-16
Prean v	Casares	21-13, 21-17
CP/MO v	Casares/Caymel	21-16, 23-21
Beat Spain 4-0		
Andrew v	Constantini	14-21, 21-16, 22-20
Prean v	Di Napoli	21-13, 21-9
O'Driscoll v	Nannoni	15-21, 18-21
CP/MO v	Constan/Nanno	21-18, 15-21, 21-17
Prean v	Constantini	21-18, 21-11
Beat Italy A 4-1		
Andrew v	Eloi	23-21, 14-21, 21-19
O'Driscoll v	Gatien	21-14, 12-21, 21-19

Prean v	Chila	21-19, 16-21, 21-19
CP/MO v	Gatien/Eloi	21-14, 8-21, 22-20
Beat France 4-0		
FINAL		
Andrew v	Cabrera	21-21, 21-16, 24-22
O'Driscoll v	Saive	17-21, 17-21
Prean v	Sonnet	21-14, 21-10
CP/MO v	Cabrera/Saiv	25-23, 21-10
Andrew v	Saive	21-19, 15-21, 7-21
Prean v	Cabrera	21-12, 13-21, 14-21
O'Driscoll v	Sonnet	10-21, 21-10, 19-21
Walk Over v Sweden		
Holt v	Fazlic	21-11, 21-15
Lomas v	Perkucin	21-14, 31-21, 21-16
Same players doubles		19-21, 21-17, 18-21
Holt v	Perkucin	12-21, 13-21
Lomas v	Fazlic	21-17, 21-18
Won 3-2		
Lomas v	Noor	22-20, 21-15
Holt v	Vriesekoop	21-16, 9-21, 17-21
Same players doubles		14-21, 21-16, 19-21
Lomas v	Vriesekoop	14-21, 8-21
Lost 3-1		
Individuals		
Andrew v	P. Saive	19-21, 18-21, 18-21
O'Driscoll v	Pawlowski	21-14, 21-14, 19-21, 19-21, 12-21
Prean v	Falby	15-21, 21-17, 21-14, 21-17
	Constantini	17-21, 21-14, 21-16, 11-21, 21-11
	Bohm	21-17, 21-15, 21-16
	Wang Yan Sheng	21-15, 17-21, 11-21, 16-21
Holt v	Lelannic	16-21, 21-15, 21-8, 21-17
	Nolten	23-21, 11-21, 19-21, 21-16, 21-12
	Petersson	21-17, 21-14, 21-15
	Keen	21-14, 21-13, 21-13
	Wirth	16-21, 8-21, 16-21
Lomas v	Toelhoj	21-16, 21-12, 21-9
	Vicnola	21-15, 21-11, 21-11
Andrew/Saivev	Wang/Grini	17-21, 21-17, 21-18
	Pintea/Schauts	21-13, 21-15
	Lupu/Primorac	21-14, 9-21, 15-21
Prean/O'Dris v	Valasti/Kontala	21-12, 21-12
	Maz/Maz	21-14, 21-15
	Gatien/Eloi	18-21, 16-21
Lomas/Holt v	Billen/Billen	21-13, 15-21, 21-19
	Semenza/Negrifoli	18-21, 21-15, 21-16
	Botorfi/Wirth	18-21, 16-21
Prean/Lomas v	Eloi/Lelannic	21-11, 21-16
	Primorac/Nolten	21-13, 18-21, 21-17
	Karlsson/ASvensson	21-17, 19-21, 19-21
O'Dis/Holt v	Grini/Mortensbakke	21-11, 21-9
	Massad/Laposhina	23-21, 19-21, 21-12
	Von Scheele/MSvensson	22-24, 21-19, 11-21

Senior Women 14/11/90 - up to and including the Yorkshire 3 Star

Pts	Player
1	EUR Lomas Lisa (Luton)
2	EUR Gordon Alison (Read.)
3	EUR Elliot Fiona (Wolvh.)
4	EUR Holt Andrea (Bury)
5	496 Shaw Joanne (Normant)
6	488 Giles Carol (Saltash)
7	433 Harris Jill (Walsall)



Jill Harris

8	420 Marling Sally (Hull)
9	409 Lower Helen (Wolvh.)
10	407 Houghton Juliet (Tonbr.)
11	379 Billington Julie (Ch'fld)
12	331 Radford Lesley (Upmin)
13	322 Toole Debbie (Normant)
14	317 Moore Teresa (Bexhill)
15	316 Radford Linda (Upmin.)
16	314 Goodall Katherine (Lds)
17	284 Buckley Caro.L.(Renhd)
18	276 Hewitt Carol (Worthing)
19	266 Roden Sandra (W.Mids)
20	259 Smith Karen (Leicester)
21	257 Smith Angela (Middx)
22	250 Deaton Nicola (Chest'd)
23	246 Weston Sally (Horsham)
24	242 Hammond Sar.(Stphton)
25	242 Barella Jane (Surbirton)
26	235 Roberts Joanne (Leeds)
27	233 Airey Suzanne (Nott'm)
28	232 Meddings Ellen (H'gate)
29	231 Gower Alison (Ingatest)
30	231 Collier Susan (Maidenh)
31	229 Carey Melonie (Bridw.)
32	229 Short Elaine (Plymouth)
33	221 Newbound Helen(Roys)
34	214 Hunter Claire (Swind.)
35	208 Cohen Michelle (Brist.)
36	196 Norman Julie (Newb.)
37	187 Perrott Helen (Bristol)
38	188 Turner Sarah (South'on)
39	184 Sayer Elaine (London)
40	177 Williams Sara (Hillingd)
41	177 Blanch Gillian (Acton)
42	175 Bongers Jose (Walsall)
43	174 Simmonds Debbie (Virginia Water)
44	173 Dean Joy (Blackpool)
45	166 Keighley Joanne (Ship)
46	165 Robins Lisa (Dunstable)
47	163 Bray Ruth (Hull)
48	159 Butler Susan (Plym'th)
49	151 Williams Maria (Finch)
50	150 Lee Brenda (Swindon)

CHEN MAKES A MOVE

THE Halex ETTA English Ranking list shows one significant chance. The former Chinese national player Chen Xinhua, now resident in England, has moved from No. 28. to No. 10.

He will find further movements harder, as the European Table Tennis Union has so far insisted on the six year eligibility rule, which means that he cannot play in the main European events where the big computer points can be earned.

Michael O'Driscoll, the former English Junior Champion now playing table tennis full time, will be disappointed to have moved from No. 10 to No. 11, particularly after defeating the European No. 6 Jean-Philippe Gatien in the recent Italian Open. However, he is seen as a rare talent to be nurtured notwithstanding defeats against English rivals this season.

The top four remain unchanged. Once a player obtains a European

ranking, this supersedes the English one. It is thought that Prean's good Italian Open where he reached the Quarter-Finals after some good wins will keep him on top of his English rivals next time.

His more immediate ambition will be a strong showing in the French Open (Nov. 29 - Dec. 2) to assure him of a place in the European Top 12. He is currently No. 13 — unlucky perhaps in more ways than one. Too low, according to England Team Manager Donald Parker.

The Ladies' list shows the dramatic rise of 14 year old Sally Marling who has risen to No. 8 (from No. 32!). The Hull girl gets a second cap (against Holland) later in the month.

Andrew Holt may be higher when the next European Ranking List is published. This will reflect her semi-final place in the Italian Open.

Senior Men 14/11/90 up to and including the Yorkshire 3 Star

1	EUR Prean Carl (Ryde)
2	EUR Cooke Alan (Derbysh.)
3	EUR Douglas Des. (Walsall)
4	EUR Andrew Skyler (Wanst.)
5	875 Mason Nicky (Bex.onS)
6	860 Syed Matthew (Read.)
7	815 Oldfield Chris (Sheff.)
8	743 Billington Brad.(Chestf)
9	730 Gibson Sean (Chorley)
10	633 Chen Xinhua (Maltby)
11	627 O'Driscoll Mich.(Mirf.)
12	624 Souter John (M.Drayt.)
13	616 Taylor Tony (Davyhul.)
14	615 Sandley Graham(S'gate)
15	571 Rogers Christ.(Leicest.)
16	560 Dorking Steph.(Hornch)
17	560 Taylor Jonathon (Man.)
18	536 Whiting Paul (Plym'th)
19	533 Darnell Rich. (Brentw.)
20	518 Cunningham Andy (Chatham)
21	506 Giles Paul (Saltash)
22	506 Holland John (Brentw.)
23	505 Venner Ritchie (Crawl.)

24	501 Eckersley Nigel(Maccl.)
25	497 Hilton John (Manchest.)
26	485 Gannon Dave (Leicest.)
27	465 Moore Adrian (Bexhill)
28	460 Barr David (Thatcham)
29	445 Satchell Kevin (Melksh)
30	444 Slater Steph.(St.on Tr.)
31	436 Eden Andrew (Brentw.)
32	433 Hammond Mike (Craw.)
33	423 Solder Grand (Barking)
34	419 Stokes Jimmy (Berksh.)
35	410 Kitchener John (Ipsw.)
36	405 Baker Glenn (Guidf.)
37	403 Robertson Ian (N.Shlds)
38	401 Smith Ebbie (Gatesh.)
39	399 Harvey Dave (Chel'mn)



Nigel Eckersley

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40	397 Burleton John (M.Keyn)
41	393 Goode David (Hayes)
42	392 Pickard Neil (Reepham)
43	391 Bakewell Craig(S.on Tr)
44	388 Moore Steph.(B.on Sea)
45	387 Creed Andy (Bristol)
46	381 Browne Michael (Birm.)
47	379 Wilson Colin (Hampst.)
48	379 Charley Des. (Basild.)
49	379 Palmer Stuart (Suffolk)
50	373 Taylor John (Gold.Gr.)
51	372 Owens Mich.(Allensm.)
52	366 Newman David (Chelms)
53	365 Charles Neil (Ashford)
54	365 McCoy Nicky (Enfield)
55	364 Knights Garry (B.on Tr.)
56	361 Short Mike (Plymouth)
57	356 Hutchings Paul (Walton)
58	355 Harding David (Carsh.)
59	351 Jeffries Leigh (S.Coldf.)
60	350 Gunn Phil (W.Warwics)
61	347 Ephick Paul (Hay.Hth.)
62	346 Cutler Tom (London)
63	345 Clayton Tony (Dorset)
64	344 Dodd Andy (Thames M)
65	344 Rainford Paul (Broml.)
66	340 Clarke Graham (Rossn.)
67	337 Kennedy Joseph.(E.Hm)
68	335 Bowler Peter (Dunst.)
69	335 Tanner Richard (Ipsw.)
70	333 Carthy Clive (L'don E6)
71	331 Cole Martin (Brentw'd)
72	330 Stead Michael (Bradf.)
73	326 Johns Brian (Northwch)
74	325 Proffitt Jonath.(London)
75	320 Allanson Walter(Shilf.)
76	317 Bhalla Ramesh (Guildf.)
77	316 Cole David (Brentw.)
78	313 Smith Philip J(Crawley)
79	308 Griffin Darren (Glouc.)
80	308 Greenbrook Scott(Craw)
81	306 Spencer Gareth (SW4)
82	305 Logsdon Phil.(Norwich)
83	303 Samuels Keith (Letch.)
84	302 Bowler Colin (Dunstab.)
85	302 Smith Phil (Leicester)
86	301 Brown Mark (Hilldenb.)
87	301 Wicker Mark (East H'm)
88	301 Bleakley Mark (Souths.)
89	300 Harper Nick (Bigglesw.)
90	299 Howarth Darren (Droyl)
91	297 Stephenson Mark (Hali)
92	295 Tendler Jason (Ilford)
93	295 Williams Jeremy (Falm)
94	294 Gray Diccon (Hastings)
95	293 Topiwala Dipak (Tott.)
96	293 Johnson Barry (Solih.)
97	292 Carter Paul (Coulsdon)
98	291 Stark Tony (New Barn.)
99	291 Dixon Adrian (Reading)
100	287 Cox Philip (Orpington)

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Sunday 23 December 1990
ORMESBY v GROVE
Thornaby Pavilion, Trenchard Ave., Thornaby
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CLEVELAND 5 STAR

Sat/Sun 12/13 January 1991
Thornaby Pavilion, Trenchard
Ave., Thornaby

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THE COTSWOLD JUNIOR TWO STAR

Sat/Sun 2/3 February 1991
Gloucester Leisure Centre,
Station Road, Gloucester
Tel: 0452 396498

Last date for entries
Sat 29 December 1990
Organiser: Jack Reeves
Tel: 0452 713840



EUROPEAN CHALLENGE

England v France (European Champs)

Friday 11 January 1991 7pm
Crowtree Leisure Centre, Crowtree Road, Sunderland
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WILTSHIRE 5 STAR

Sat/Sun 9/10 February 1991
The Link Centre, Whitehill Way, Westlea, Swindon
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*Attention is drawn to additional ranking points attached to 5 Star status
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ENGLISH JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sat/Sun 5/6 January 1991
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Sat/Sun 30/31 March 1991
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Doddinghurst Road, Brentwood,
Essex
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