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# ESSEX CLINCH BIG DEAL

**I**n an agreement worth nearly £25,000 over the next three years, Essex County Table Tennis Association has secured the future of its Open Tournament until 1994.

Barclays Bank PLC (London Eastern & South Essex Regional) have announced that they are to sponsor the Essex 5 Star Open Table Tennis Championships following the highly successful staging last season of the Essex 3 Star at the Brentwood Centre, which Barclays also sponsored.

On the Friday evening preceding the weekend of the Open Championships, promising youngsters in the sport will have the opportunity to attend a coaching clinic being held by some of the country's top seeded players.

Commenting on the deal, Essex County Chairman Laurie Darnell said, "We are extremely grateful to Barclays Bank for their very supportive sponsorship. The setting at the Brentwood Centre is superb, the table tennis will be of the highest standard, and it will enable us to ensure that the many members of the public who attend the event have a most enjoyable weekend."

As part of the deal, Barclays will also sponsor the annual Essex Closed Championships and involve themselves in the County Senior team in the English Table Tennis County Championship event.

## DRUG SQUAD

Even juniors do not escape the attention of the Drug Squad. Ellen Meddings and Alex Perry who won the singles titles at the Junior National Championships in Bletchley, were asked to supply urine samples immediately after winning their titles. Poor old Ellen took almost an hour to satisfy the waiting squad missing the chance to make an early start for home. But everything ended happily with both players providing negative results.

## UNWIND

England manager Don Parker may have found a new venue for training — in Manchester. The new Castlefield Hotel in the Deansgate area of the city, is a luxurious hotel/leisure centre with everything players require. Swimming pool, indoor running track, gymnasium and much, much more. "It's a place the players can really relax, unwind," said Don.

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## DES RETIRES



● Des Douglas — the end?

DES Douglas after more than 16 years at the top of his sport has retired from the international scene. He made his announcement at the Cleveland 5 Star after losing to Chen Xinhua in the semi-finals.

The first person to know of his decision was manager Don Parker. He told him that lack of top class competition has left him uncertain whether he could maintain the high standard required to perform at the World Championships in Japan later this year.

Des has won the national title 11 times and was one of the most popular players that England has ever produced. But we have not seen the last of the 35 year-old yet. He intends to keep playing the English circuit and is, of course, the holder of the national singles title which he won in Oldham last season.

## FINANCIAL PLIGHT

The current economic climate is biting hard at sports organisations everywhere. Following the problems of badminton who have had to increase affiliation fees to save them from going under; hockey, a sport that won a gold medal at the last Olympics, now admit they are in trouble.

Last year they made a loss of over £300,000 although this figure

was reduced considerably thanks to Sports Council handouts. Nevertheless, they are going to have to raise club affiliations by £15. At present each team pays £65 and it seems that is not enough.

The ETTA can be thankful they are in such a strong position even with a much smaller fee. Let's hope this is always the case.

## APPEAL

News Desk has received a letter from the Table Tennis Federation of Klaipeda in Lithuania appealing for contact with English players. The current problems there cannot be helping the new independent State, but it's nice to know that the sport is still being played. If anyone wishes to make contact the deputy chairman is: Andrius Drevinskas, 16-os Divizijos 53-33, 235818 Klaipeda, Lithuania

## NEW VENUE

Greater Manchester Schools Championships are moving to a new venue. The Coney Green Leisure Centre in the Radcliffe area of Manchester is to host the event from which winners go forward to the ESTTA national finals. Backing the event are two sponsors Rosebank Sports and trophy firm W Thornton.

## PRIZE MONEY

The winner of the mens singles title at the National Championships in Stourbridge next month will receive £800. But that figure could be increased to £1000 if he also shares in the winnings of the two doubles events. But if a veteran won the title, then it would be possible to take home £1080.

## SMOKERS

Smokers will have to contain their urge for a quick puff during National Council meetings. A ban has been imposed thanks to a proposal by Ian Knights which was firmly backed by other councillors at the last meeting.

# THANK YOU EVERYONE

MY warmest thanks to all those who have written to me in such nice and personal terms since I announced that I would not seek re-election as Chairman of the ETTA. Very many letters and 'phone calls asked me to reconsider this decision and to continue. These are arriving every day. I shall reply to all.

### A remarkable wave...

It had been my intention to step down a year earlier and I gave the Management Committee that news in December 1989. I was persuaded to soldier on by a remarkable and touching wave of warmth and support. What weighed most heavily was the loss of the LEEDS Sponsorship and the harder times we would inevitably face as a result. It was pointed out quite properly that this was no time to desert the sport, to deprive it of leadership or the 2,500 to 3,000 hours I am able to put in each year.

### Mountains and Molehills...

What left me generally unmoved was the occasional unpleasantness and hassle to which I was treated ("to be savaged" as one wag put it, "by both dead sheep and dead creep"!)

Such antics played no part in any decision I ever made. It was a time when good arguments and strong cases could move mountains, whilst unpleasantness would sink in their own molehills. My time was one of remarkable tranquility for the sport. My team was cohesive, active and virtually unchanged throughout my four years. Only once did ranks break (over the Chen Xinhua affair) where time proved me right. I have every reason to believe that I would again have been re-elected unopposed. Reported attempts to get a bandwagon of opposition rolling failed miserably.

### Only financial success is measurable...

History shows that, sooner or later, all electorates tire of their elected leaders. Whilst I do not think that my time had come or that my bell had tolled, it seemed a good idea to go "at the top". The criteria one applies should be those we have recommended to the sportsmen we are here to serve.

Therefore let me thank you again for giving me the opportunity of filling the Association's highest Office and with it the chance to put right so much of what was clearly wrong. How much is a matter of subjective



*After four incredible years John Prean relinquishes his position as Chairman of the ETTA at the end of the season. During his time at the helm, the face of the Association has changed dramatically, from one of huge debts to more than £400,000 in the bank. His will be a hard act to follow.*

judgement and opinion. Only financial success is measurable and there we went from huge overdrafts and negative assets to more than £300,000 in the bank. £100,000 will be returned to our members leagues. About a fifth has so far been claimed. A number of excellent schemes are in place. A terrific legacy has been left where once there was debt and depression.

### The next chairman

The question as to who will be the next chairman has, of course, been put to me. The decision is hardly mine, but equally it is not an issue which I should shirk in view of my experience in such matters.

I share my predecessor's view that the post is now so complex and time-absorbing that it requires full-time attention and effort. I speak with the experience of one who has done the job. More often than not I have laboured till deep into the night.

That was not from addiction or choice, but because there was work, often urgent, that **needed** to be done. I cannot see how anyone in full-time work, let alone involved in running a business, can possibly be equal to the Office of ETTA Chairman. I have communicated this view to Alan Ransome, who lost no time putting his name forward when I announced my retirement.

### Commercial interests

More daunting still will be the conflict of interests, since Alan is involved not only in the retail side (via Mail Order), but the wholesale side (via his sole agency and distributorship of a well known Japanese brand). In both he occupies dominant positions in the market place for table tennis equipment. It is one thing to sit on the ETTA's Management Committee, quite another to be Chairman of the Association and therefore the main arbiter of any areas of conflict of interests and commercial advantage.

His competitors, some of whom give the Association valuable support, may feel that the Office of Chairman confers substantial advantages on **their** competitor and may withdraw their support. Up to £50,000 may be involved in cash or goods, a substantial sum which may make the difference between profit and loss and is equal to about half of the affiliation fees contributed by our member associations. There may be areas where the interests of the sport and the commercial company clash. In the past I have resolved these with my colleagues.

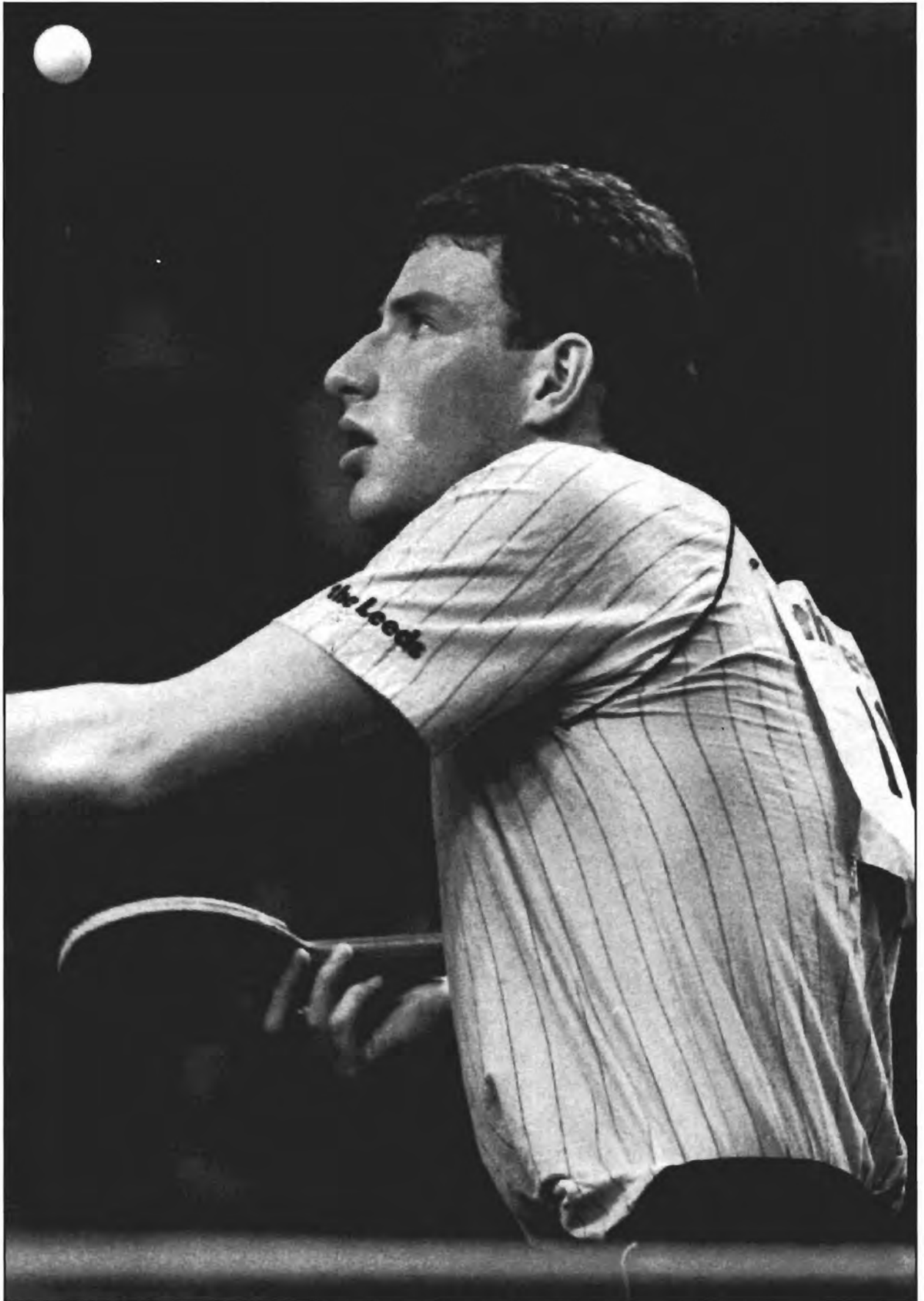
If the commercial interest is also the principal officer of the Association, a potentially explosive situation will exist. Members should be aware of the potential conflicts. My advice to Alan, both privately and publicly, has been **not** to stand. Having done my duty, I now leave the decision to you.

### Volunteers... an impossible dream?

My recent notes on the shortage of volunteers, who are the absolute backbone of our sport, have had a very favourable response, echoing generally what I suspected, that we treat our best people rather badly. Those who do least, as I have often commented, being unkind to those who do most. If there was one thing I could change by waving a magic wand, it would be this. However, a sport that treats its volunteers traditionally badly must not complain, if all too often a shortage of volunteers leads to the wrong ones being appointed. I shall return to this subject soon.

Since John Prean wrote this article, Richard Scruton has announced his candidacy for the office of ETTA Chairman — John has stated that he fully supported Richard in this.





Carl Prean is our leading player and one of the most tactically sound in Europe where he is ranked No.13. Still only 22 years old he won the Daily Telegraph Masters in Gateshead and plays for Grenzau in the German Bundesliga

# ROSSKOPF EASES GERMANY HOME

Federal Germany did themselves proud in beating Yugoslavia 4-3 in Pozarevitc on Dec 18 with the world doubles champions, Steffen Fetzner and Jorg Rosskopf, each winning their opening singles against Ilija Lupulescu and Zoran Primorac followed by success for Olga Nemes against Jasna Fazlic.

Subsequently both doubles were won by the Yugoslavs before Rosskopf beat Lupulescu to seal victory in obtaining a decisive lead albeit Primorac accounted for Fetzner in the final set. Scores:-

I. Lupulescu l S. Fetzner 17, -10, -16;  
Z. Primorac l J. Rosskopf -21, 15, -16;  
J. Fazlic l O. Nemes -16, -22;  
Lupulescu/Primorac b  
Fetzner/Rosskopf 19, 16;  
Lupulescu/Fazlic  
Fetzner/Nemes -16, 16, 15;  
Lupulescu l Rosskopf -9, -11;  
Primorac b Fetzner 10, 9.

Two nights later in Fyrishov, Uppsala, Sweden accounted for Belgium 5-2 reeling off the first four sets before losing the mixed doubles and Jan-Ove Waldner being beaten 2-straight by Jean-Michel Saive. Scores:-

J-O. Waldner b T. Cabrera 16, 21;  
P. Karlsson b J-M. Saive -19, 15, 17;  
A. Svensson b K. Bogaerts 18, 15;  
E. Lindh/Waldner b Cabrera/Saive 12, 17;  
Karlsson/Svensson l  
Saive/Els Billen 18, -18, -15;  
Waldner l Saive -8, -18;  
Karlsson b Cabrera -19, 11, 19.

In the relegation stakes both Czechoslovakia and Poland look set to contest the drop position for both were beaten 5-2 by the Netherlands and France respectively.

Paul Haldan gave the Dutch a winning start in Usti nad Labem on Dec 18 which was countered by Petr Korbel beating Trinko Keen but thereafter it was the Dutch who took command in winning the next three sets and the last with Tomas Janci beating Keen in the penultimate set. Scores:-

T. Janci l P. Haldan -15, -15;  
P. Korbel b T. Keen 19, 18;  
M. Hrachova l M. Hooman -16, -16;  
Janci/P. Javurek l Haldan/Keen -11, -12;  
Korbel/Hrachova l Haldan/Hooman -13, -14;  
Janci b Keen 14, 7;  
Korbel l Haldan 19, -17, -21;



Jean Michel Saive - easy win over the world champion

Both Andrzej Grubba and Leszek Kucharski appeared against France in St. Chamond on Dec 18 but apart from the doubles only Grubba, with a win against Didier Mommessin, could advance Poland's score. Scores:-

J-P. Gatien b L. Kucharski 18, -19, 18;  
D. Mommessin l A. Grubba -14, -14;  
Wang Xiaoming b A. Gieraga 4, 9;  
Gatien/Mommessin l  
Grubba/Kucharski -19, 18, -17;  
Gatien/Wang b Kucharski/Gieraga 20; 14;  
Gatien b Grubba 18, 12;  
Mommessin b Kucharski -18, 17, 18;

### Results: First Leg:

Yugoslavia	3	F.R. Germany	4
Sweden	5	Belgium	2
France	5	Poland	2
Czechoslovakia	2	Netherlands	5

### Second Leg:

Jan 12			
F.R. Germany	v	Yugoslavia	(Karlsruhe)
Jan 15	Belgium	v	Sweden
Jan 15	Poland	v	France
Jan 15	Netherlands	v	Czechoslovakia

### Division One

Only two first leg results to hand at the time of writing involving the associations

concerned with maintaining their first division status. Promotees Spain, now without the services of Yugoslav coach, Dusan Osmanagic, went down yet again to Turkey who won 4-3. Scores:-

G. Yaldiz l J.M. Pales 16, -20, -20;  
I. Eren b R. Casares 17, -17, -16;  
S. Cimen l A.M. Godes 20, -15, -9;  
Cimen/Yaldiz b Casares/Pales -19, 18, 16;  
Yaldiz/Cimen b Pales/Godes 20, -20; 12;  
Yaldiz b Casares 11, 16;  
Eren l Pales -13, 17, -20;

### As from Dec. 1st, 1990 Dusan Osmanagic took over the position of General Secretary of the Yugoslav Table Tennis Asscn.

Italy and Finland were engaged in a tight struggle in Modena on Dec 20 with Juha Paivarinta securing victory for the Finns in the very last set when he beat Lorenzo Nannoni 18 in the 3rd. Scores:-

M. Costantini l J. Paivarinta 12, -14, -19;  
L. Nannoni b P. Valasti 17, -6, 20;  
A. Arisi b S. Suomalainen 6, 15;  
Costantini/Nannoni b Paivarinta/Valasti 19, -22, 13;  
Costantini/Arisi l Valasti/Suomalainen 19, -13, -17;  
Costantini l Valasti -18, 11, -16;  
Nannoni l Paivarinta -16, 12, -18;

England's first leg semi-final against Hungary in Budapest was scheduled for Jan 20 and the return leg in Bletchley on Jan 24 while Austria will have the benefit of two home matches, as desired by Bulgaria, in Wiener Newdorf on Jan 18 and in Amstetten on Jan 20. Finland's home second leg match against Italy was scheduled for Jan 16 and Spain versus Turkey on Jan 19.

### Division 2

Results of the first leg semis in Div. 2 were:-

Denmark	6	Portugal	1
Luxembourg	1	Norway	6
Scotland	3	Ireland	4
Switzerland	5	Wales	2

Scores for the home countries were:-

### Scotland v Ireland

E. Walker b H. Meneely 14, 15;  
J. Broe l C. Slevin -14, -18;  
J. Smith b J. Reid 12, 15;  
Broe/Walker l Slevin/Meneely -14, -15;  
Broe/Smith l Slevin/Reid 18, -16, -20;

Walker l Slevin -19, -12;  
Broe b Meneely 15, -10, 11.

## Switzerland v Wales

J. Gurtner b P. Lewis 14, 18;  
S. Renold b N. Tyler 17, -20, 9;  
P. Rommerskirchen b N. Williams 19, 16;  
Gurtner/Renold l Tyler/Lewis -18, -16;  
Renold/Rommerskirchen b Tyler/Williams  
14, 12;  
Gurtner l Tyler -17, 19, -17;  
Renold b Lewis -19, 8, 9.

## Dr. Josef Simecek

It is with deep regret that the Austrian Table Tennis Association announce the death of their Vice-President, Dr. Josef Simecek who was also connected with the ETTU as Deputy Chairman of the ETTU/Nancy Evans Cup Organising Committee. He died on December 28 at the age of 61 unexpectedly after a heart attack which prevented him from reaching the culmination of his professional career.

Israel will be contesting the European League Division 2 round robin in Athens (Feb 7/10, 1991) and sampling for the first time the cut and thrust of competitive European play.

## JUNIOR OPENS

May 25/27 will herald the first of this coming summer's junior international opens (at Bridlington) followed by the French in La Roche s/Yon (May 31-June 2) and the Italian (no venue yet) on June 21/23, The 34th. European Youth Championships are scheduled for July 20/28 in Granada, Spain.

## STIGA JUNIOR TOP 12

Because of injury Yugoslavia's Slobodan Grujic has pulled out of the Stiga Junior Top 12 in Messina, Sicily (Jan 26/27) and his place goes to Lucjan Blaszczyk of Poland with Radek Mrkvicka of Czechoslovakia as the reserve to travel.

## DIVISION 1

### Semi-Final Results

Austria	6	Bulgaria	1
Bulgaria	1	Austria	6
<b>Austria win 12-2</b>			
Hungary	6	England	1
England	2	Hungary	5
<b>Hungary win 11-3</b>			
Italy	3	Finland	4
Finland	1	Italy	6
<b>Italy win 9-5</b>			
Turkey	4	Spain	3
Spain	4	Turkey	3
<b>Turkey win on sets 19-18 to 18-19</b>			

## Second leg semis

Results			
<b>Super Division</b>			
F.R. Germany	6	Yugoslavia	1
Belgium	2	Sweden	5
Poland	3	France	4
Netherlands	5	Czechoslovakia	2

### Final Matches

<b>Feb 5</b>			
Sweden	v	F.R. Germany	
(Stockholm)			
Netherlands	v	France	
Belgium	v	Yugoslavia	
Czechoslovakia	v	Poland	
<b>Mar 12</b>			
F.R. Germany	v	Sweden (Hanover)	
France	v	Netherlands	
Yugoslavia	v	Belgium	
Poland	v	Czechoslovakia	

### Details:

#### F.R. Germany v Yugoslavia

J. Roskopf b I. Lupulescu 12, 12;  
S. Fetzner b Z. Primorac -15, 10, 17;  
O. Nemes b J. Fazlic 11, 16;  
Roskopf/Fetzner b Lupulescu/Primorac  
-19, 13, 19;  
Fetzner/Nemes l Lupulescu/Fazlic -10,  
17, -15;  
Roskopf b Primorac 15, -11, 18;  
Fetzner b Lupulescu -13, 9, 19.

#### Belgium v Sweden

J-M Saive b P. Karlsson 16, 18;  
T. Cabrera l E. Lindh -15, -16;  
Els Billen l P. Pettersson -18, -13;  
Saive/Cabrera l Lindh/Karlsson -12, -17;  
Saive/Billen b Lindh/Pettersson 18, 17;  
Saive l Lindh -17, 15, -15;  
Cabrera l Karlsson -12, -15.

#### Poland v France

A. Grubba b D. Mommessin 15, 10;  
L. Kucharski l J-M Gatien -11, 21, -18;  
A. Januszyk l Wang Xiao Ming -14, -15;  
Grubba/Kucharski l  
Gatien/Mommessin 18, -16, -17;  
P. Szafranek/Januszyk l Gatien/Wang -16, -18;  
Grubba b Gatien 14, 13;  
Kucharski b Mommessin 15, -17, 17.

#### Netherlands v Czechoslovakia

P. Halden b P. Javurek 18, 12;  
D. Heister l P. Korbel -13, -17;  
M. Hooman b R. Budayova 9, 14;  
Haldan/T. Keen l Korbel/T. Janci -17, -18;  
Haldan/Hooman b Korbel/Budayova  
15, 14;  
Haldan b Korbel 11, 18;  
Heister b Javurek 17, 10.

## DIVISION 1 FINAL MATCHES

### Feb 9

Hungary	v	Austria	
(Championship decider)			
(1 referee - Czech)			
*** Turkey	v	Italy	
*** England	v	Bulgaria	
Spain	v	Finland	
(Relegation match)			

### Mar 16

Austria	v	Hungary	
(Championship decider)			
(1 referee - Luxembourg)			
*** Bulgaria	v	England	
*** Italy	v	Turkey	
Finland	v	Spain	
(Relegation match)			

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# ENGLAND STILL IN WITH A CHANCE

**E**ngland ladies who have already done far better than many had expected they would in the newly formed European League, are still in with a chance of winning a final place after a battling 4-3 defeat to the favourites Hungary in Leeds.

They now have to travel to the home of the European team champions but still with hope that they can turn the tables on their opponents and bring off yet another surprise.

The season has been one of high drama with wins over Czechoslovakia (5-2) and France (4-3) before losing to Holland 5-2. But it was a record that was good enough to win them a place in the semi-finals and a place in the last four was more than they expected at the start of the campaign.

Their two early wins were out of this world but Hungary are in a different class with Gabriella Wirth, the current Top 12 champion Csilla Batorfi No. 2 in Europe and former European champion along with Edit Urban currently ranked 16.

Yet our girls gave the dedicated Leeds followers something to shout about and the Hungarians a run for their money and it will be no easy walkover when the two sides meet again.

But the match started in one-way fashion with Hungary seemingly on to an easy victory with first Alison Gordon going down in two games soon to be followed by Fiona Elliot. But then followed a remarkable comeback that saw us draw level in dramatic fashion.

Lisa Lomas playing these days in a more mature fashion, was in superb form both defending and attacking against Urban ranked three places above her but whose glances to her corner summed up her frustrations.

It was a fresh and confident Lisa who stole the show with the easiest win of the night — and more was to come. Five minutes

later she returned with Andrea Holt to take the doubles against Europe's top female pair of Wirth and Batorfi.

The England girls were in tip top form leaving the Hungarians surprised and bewildered by the manner in which the opposition was steamrolling them to defeat.

Unfortunately Alison couldn't keep the momentum going and went down two straight again to a high serving Batorfi.

But back came Lisa for her second singles this time against Wirth who she beat in the French Open. This time however she could not quite pull it off and went down in three fascinating games. A win would have certainly changed the entire situation. Lisa knew it but found the Hungarian just too consistent.

The final set of the evening found Fiona Elliot at the peak of her form. She might have won in two games but let slip a lead in the first game. She kept going however and never really gave her opponent a chance to recover.

Alison will be disappointed with her results but otherwise it was another high flying performance against the European team champions and they go into the second leg still with a chance of bringing off what would be the biggest shock of the season.

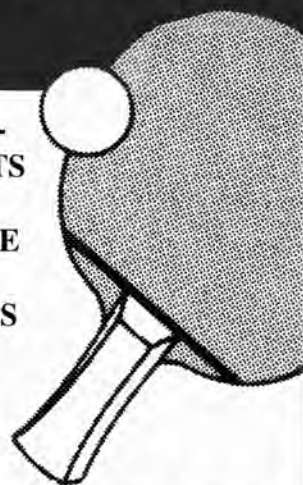


*Fiona Elliot*

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*Alan Ransome*

English table tennis is facing tough competition. Competition from other sports for television time and newspaper coverage, for facilities and financial resources including sponsorship and grants and perhaps most important of all for members, active people wishing to take up the sport and join our clubs.

Competition is also very fierce in the international arena. Our players need more help, technical support, training and more opportunities to compete at international level. The England players are our shop window and we need them to succeed.

To take on all this fierce competition we need to play our best team not just on the table but also we need to have the strongest and best people in the sport, both volunteers and professionals, working as a team for the benefit of English table tennis.

In standing for Chairman I am offering to take on the management equivalent of the Team Captain. I have all the necessary qualities and experience to take the role. I have in fact been in hard training for the job for the last 30 years.

My achievements and experience across the board cannot be matched when account is taken of my playing and coaching record and my experience in the fields of event organisation, public relations, development, administration, financial management, marketing and Sports Council liaison, I have all the necessary contacts both internationally and domestically and I am well known and respected.

**This experience will not just stand me in good stead for the day to day work of the chairmanship but will be of great value in the selection of the rest of the team.** Knowing personally thousands of table tennis people working in all aspects of the sport I recognise many with talent, enthusiasm and ability. I can put together a top class administration giving people the chance and the motivation to do jobs for the sport in tasks in which they excel and enjoy.

Some reservations about my candidature have been expressed because table tennis equipment is part of my business. I have been working in the sports trade for all my 15 years on the Management Committee. I have always been very careful to differentiate between my commercial and voluntary interests and I have withdrawn from the meetings when trade items have been considered.

At no time have business interests influenced purely table tennis decisions nor will they. Whilst I have been chairing the marketing department during the last three years special arrangements were made for trade matters to be dealt with elsewhere. It would be important that this policy should continue. I will ask National Council to appoint a separate trade committee. I will have no presence or influence over the trade committee's decision nor its appointment.

Ever since starting to play table tennis seriously at the age of 13 I have given 20 to 30 hours every week to the voluntary aspects of the sport. I do two major jobs for the association, Deputy Chairman and Vice Chairman Marketing and I still do a great deal of work at Regional, County and local level.

If elected Chairman, which is a strictly voluntary position, it is my intention to concentrate the same 30 hours every week on the association's work and pass on most of my local work to colleagues. This has been discussed with my fellow county officers in Cleveland and they are 100% behind me.

I may be the team captain but it will be the team members that will score the goals, make the runs and win the matches for table tennis. Together we can make the sport great. Give me your vote and put the first team into action.

Alan Ransome



*Richard Scruton*

I have put forward my name for Chairman as I have built up a wealth of experience in committee work (at national, county and local levels), in organisational activities (from local events, the successful East Yorkshire Junior Opens, numerous national events to a World Championship), in grass root activities (establishing a basic coaching project in Northallerton), and as an active local division one player, I work for a major publicly quoted UK financial institution with responsibility for dealing with financial brokers and advisers, accountants and stockbrokers in North Yorkshire and Humberside.

This season, in my role as Vice Chairman (Competitions) I have been involved at the forefront of new ideas and projects — a national under 18/21 championship for which I secured substantial support from East Yorkshire Borough Council, a National Under 10/12 tournament and putting forward new proposals to create a better, more competitive British League Premier Division in order to create a product which can be marketed and promoted more successfully than presently.

Undoubtedly the policies of the past few years have paved the way to greater financial security and now we must continue to address our need to attract more newcomers and ultimately members of our Association. The need for more development initiatives is paramount. In addition we must consider how to assist the progression of our leading cadets and juniors with the most potential as they aspire to international standards.

My plan is to lead a united management team with responsibilities being fully delegated to individuals within the team. I shall seek communication and harmony with all our members and groups. If we can aim for the objectives of more participants at local level, utilising assistance and ideas from the governing body, a continual programme of television and media coverage, and further support for our international players of today and tomorrow, then we shall be able to be proud of English table tennis.

Currently I have a minor connection with the table tennis trade — I have acted as a consultant to JOOLA for almost twelve months. In the event of my election as Chairman I shall relinquish my consultancy role with JOOLA immediately.

I am able to continue to give a very substantial amount of time to the Association and I believe my past experience, enthusiasm for table tennis and my insistence on a management team with objectives and the achievement of positive results, allows me to seek your support for my candidacy.

Richard Scruton

**DON PARKER** continues his coaching series, this time taking a look at the way in which movement can help your game. The speed of table tennis demands that players move around the table swiftly and with perfect balance anticipating what your opponent is going to do next and being in the right place at the right time.

**A**s no doubt you have already discovered, table tennis is a fast game. To use your shots to the full, you have to be able to react and move swiftly to different parts of the table in quick succession.

Think about that word react. How fast you react depends very much on your reflexes, but that's not all; you can also increase your speed of response by anticipating what your opponent is going to do. Both your reflexes and your powers of anticipation will be improved with regular practice.

We touched on this briefly when we looked at receiving service. You can improve on your anticipation skills by watching your opponent and his bat as well as just watching the ball. By keeping a watchful eye on your opponent, it is quite possible to pick up hints as to where the ball seems likely to go, rather than where it just went!

Check the body movement, is he shaping up to play a fast forehand drive? Which part of the table is he looking towards? How is the bat being held — is it with a closed or open angle? All these points can give clues which will save fractions of a second.

### Footwork

Much of your footwork will be quite instinctive, but there are some useful tips which it may take you a long time to find out for yourself. Here they are:

Don't cross your legs! This is a golden rule when close to the table. Crossing your legs can leave you stranded, unable to recover quickly enough to reach the next return, which might be switched to the other side of the table. Instead; step across to get the ball. In many cases it will be possible to get there in one stride, but if this still leaves you stretching and out of position,



*Lisa Lomas a good mover*

bring your legs together for a split second before taking a second step with your outside foot — in other words, skip sideways. This type of footwork will keep you square-on to the line of play.

Between shots, keep your knees slightly bent so you retain your balance and can spring about effectively. If you are forced away from the table, it's different. You will have a greater distance to travel, so running for the ball will be the only way to reach it. Obviously you can't do this without crossing your legs when you go for the ball to return it, before chasing back into position.

### Practice

Practice routines designed to develop footwork patterns are

easy to devise. To start with ask your practice partner to feed the ball in a regular pattern to various parts of the table. After a while alter the routine slightly by introducing a random change to the direction of the play.

A simple example: play the ball along the backhand to backhand diagonal, but get your partner to switch one ball over to your forehand at any time he or she chooses during the course of the rally. Watch your opponent closely as the ball is about to be struck, and look for changes in approach which might indicate that a switch in direction is about to occur.

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



## Tips from the Top

1. Sometimes in tournaments or league matches you come up against a player you have never seen play. Make sure that you check his bat as this can often be an indication of his style with regards to tactics. Just concentrate on your own game making sure you play positive throughout.

2. For players playing in Open tournaments there is always the chance you may forget an important item. A lot of our top players have a check list with all the items they need such as bat, spare bat, glue, playing shoes etc. etc. and tick them off as they pack them in their travelling bags. This avoids any problems at the tournament and those moments of blind panic on the motorway when you have to pull in to check your bat is in your bag. If you then realise you could do with something extra such as a pair of scissors to cut your rubbers, this can be added to the list.

3. For a right hander playing a left hander and vice versa, it is a little more difficult to see the point of contact on the service. It is therefore important to adjust your stance to get a better view of this contact.

**Next: Success does not come easy**





Junior winner Ellen Meddings receives her trophies from the Deputy Mayoress of Milton Keynes Mrs. Harnet and ETTA Deputy Chairman Alan Ransome.

## ELLEN SHOWS HER QUALITY

by DICCON GRAY

**A**n entry of 264 in the Junior National Championships in Bletchley reflects the growing interest at elite level on the junior tournament circuit and the timing of the event enabled competitors to be in peak form having had the opportunity to practice over the Christmas period.

The action commenced on Saturday with junior events including the much neglected mixed doubles. The majority of results went to form with one or two notable exceptions in the junior boys. The top four seeds progressed to the semi-finals with the exception of Darren Howarth, who despite early blistering form went out to the impressive Richard Hyacinth.

This boy from Harlesden has threatened on other occasions this season notably at two star tournaments, yet it was here at the Nationals that he shone brightest under the watchful eyes of both the England selector Don Parker and the England junior team manager Kevin Satchell.

Eventually Hyacinth succumbed in the semi-final in three games to England No. 1. and top seed Eddie Hatley who had a scare in the previous round before fighting off Chris Sladden in the third.

Jason Blake (Croydon) whose brother Darren is the leading cadet boy in the country, was another to exceed expectations. Blake defeat-

ed the seeded Ian Collier and Matthew Brown from Staffordshire in successive rounds before falling in the quarter-finals to the eventual champion Alex Perry.

Perry reached the final with a hard fought, very tight encounter against the number two seed from Burton-on-Trent Gary Knights. Knights with the help of his unorthodox style and backhand pimples has added greater power and crispness to his shots this season making him a very uncompromising opponent for many seniors as well as

juniors.

The match swung one way then the other as Knights squandered a big lead in the first game. However he was able to level the score by winning the second, but despite winning several points in a row, was unable to clinch final victory which went to last year's number one ranked cadet Perry.

The final between Hatley and Perry despite some outstanding moments was never a classic and Perry ran out a worthy winner with a two straight victory to become the

Alex Perry winner of the Junior Boys singles with the Deputy Mayor of Milton Keynes Bill Harnet.



youngest junior boys champion at 14 for eight years, since Carl Prean (current England No.1 senior). One wonders whether great things await Perry.

It should be noted that despite the overpowering presence of bicycle glue which leads to the inevitable power players, Perry relies on exceptional touch and placement to out manoeuvre the majority of his opponents and with his high level of consistency and ability to win in tight situations has seen him win the two most important titles (he also won the National Ranking trials) open to juniors this season.

There is little doubt that he will emerge as the new England No. 1 when the next Halex ETTA Computer Ranking list is published on 14 February.

In the girls singles, early signs and recent form pointed to a strong challenge from Chorley's Maria Thornley. This was achieved as Maria took her place in the final at the expense of Kate Goodall and Nicola Deaton.

### Intriguing

Deaton had earlier put out England No. 1. and top seed Sally Marling in an intriguing contest. These two girls have played each other on many occasions with bets usually evenly placed. On this occasion it was Nicola's turn for glory.

Meanwhile, in the other half of the draw, last year's champion Ellen Meddings was making steady, if not spectacular progress through the draw and eventually came through to face Thornley in the final. Many favoured Thornley's controlled power, aided by the astute coaching of Lloyd Lewis, to prevail.

However, Meddings had other ideas and after a fairly close first game won the second with something to spare and with it the title. This was the second successive year Ellen has upset the formbook and proved her steady defence to be of the highest quality — an outstanding achievement.

The doubles events were dominated by Marling and Hatley who combined to take the mixed against Knights and Alison Gower (Ingatstone). Marling went on to take the girls doubles with Linda Radford (Upminster) again at Gower's expense, this time partnered by the titleless Thornley.

In the boys doubles, red hot favourites Perry and Hatley fell in two straight games and a bizarre championship winning point to Darren Howarth (Droylsden) and Gareth Jones (Yorkshire).

Thus Hatley had to be content with one out of three final appearances. It is evident that Hatley has developed greatly since last year and is likely to be a force at the top of the junior ranking list for two more seasons.

The Sports Council were again present (usual practice now for a National Championship) for mandatory dope testing which is a stipulation enforced on the ETTA. This is made clear from both the entry form and the programme though not a pleasant exercise. All players should take note that this could happen to them and that it is a serious matter.

On Sunday play began with the cadets events and in the singles with the exception of Paul Hudson, the top seeds reached their allocated positions for the semi-finals. In the girls, the inevitable Deaton/Marling clash gave the Chesterfield girl a second win over Marling during the weekend and with it the title. As usual it was a close affair, however unlike Saturday, Nicola achieved it without court-side attention of personal coach Chen Xinhua.

In the counterpart boys event, again both top seeds Darren Blake and Adrian Vincent emerged from close semi-final encounters and in the final Blake seemed to have the title well wrapped up at 18-12 only to be pegged back and eventually overtaken as the lad from Plymouth took the title.

In the cadet doubles the two boys finalists combined to take the title comfortably and in the girls, Sally Marling made it four final appearances out of five events entered and with the help of Gemma Schwartz (Reading) won her third national title of the weekend.

Play finished at a very reasonable time thanks mainly to Referee Tony Chatwin. Thanks also due to Milton Keynes Borough who continue to show great support to the ETTA in staging large events.

*Photos:*

*Top left - Winner of the Cadet Boys title Adrian Vincent*

*Top right - Junior Mixed champions Eddie Hatley and Sally Marling.*

*Centre: Nicola Deaton, cadet girls winner*

*Bottom: Officials Dave Edwards and Brenda Lee enjoy a quiet rest after a hectic two days*

John Wood was our photographer at Bletchley and took many more photographs than you see here. To anyone who may think they have been photographed by John and would like a picture, his telephone number is: 0442 44547



# COOKE COMEBACK

by PETER LINNECAR

SIX of England's top players competed for total prize money of £1,700, the winner to take home £500 at the third Macartney & Dowie Classic. The players were split up into two groups of three. The winner and runner-up of each group going to the semi-finals.

Group A comprised Carl Prean, Matthew Syed and Michael O'Driscoll. The first match between Prean and O'Driscoll was rather one sided with Prean being too strong on both wings and his long pimples producing a lot of problems for O'Driscoll. Prean winning comfortably 21-11, 21-12. In the second match O'Driscoll, now warmed up, faced England's top defender, Matthew Syed. He made a very good start in the first game, playing some outstanding forehands to unreachable angles and took the first game 21-18. Syed came out more determined in the second, changing his tactics – attacking the ball with more back-spin and looking to attack at every opportunity.

This worked and he won the game 21-16. In the third, O'Driscoll was not to be discouraged and after trailing 11-6 pulled back and started to pull away from the tiring Syed. At 20-17 to O'Driscoll, Syed produced two excellent services and third ball attack to bring the score to 20-19. O'Driscoll, however, was not moved by the pressure and won the game 21-19 with a casual loop down the line.

The last match in Group A, between Prean and Syed, showed Prean to be in a different class. Syed being dejected and tired had no answer to Prean's constant attack and relentless power which won him the game 21-11, 21-9.

In Group B Alan Cooke, Desmond Douglas and Sean Gibson did battle. The first match between Cooke and Gibson produced some entertaining attacking rallies. Gibson, despite being on home ground, seemed nervous allowing too many unforced errors losing 21-9, 21-13.

In the second match Gibson took on the legendary Douglas. Douglas quickly got into his stride and with his fast attacking play won the first 21-11. Gibson, wanting to salvage some pride, came out swinging and to the crowd's delight produced some excellent attacking shots on both wings taking the second game 21-14 with a crunching back-



*From one sportsperson to another. Alan Cooke receives his cheque from golf professional Alison Nicholas for winning the Macartney & Dowie Classic.*

hand smash. In the third Gibson held back too much and Douglas took advantage, taking a massive lead and winning the game 21-8.

The last match in the group, one of the best matches of the night, was between Douglas and Cooke. As always they produced outstanding rallies, Douglas taking the first set 21-17. From then on Cooke took charge and applied more pressure, taking the second 21-17. In the third they both played determinedly, both trying to dominate the game. Eventually Cooke got the upper hand and came out 21-19.

The first semi-final brought arch-rivals Douglas and Prean together. As both players entered the arena you could cut the atmosphere with a knife. It was the match the crowd had been waiting for and the rings of Douglas' name echoed round the hall. After a fiercely fought first end, Douglas' consistency and speed produced excellent table tennis and he won 21-18. In the second game Prean settled into his rhythm and ignored the crowd's chants being more consistent with his pimples and making excellent winning shorts

with his forehand loop, winning the second 21-14.

In the third and final end the crowd were on the edge of their seats as both players exhibited electrifying table tennis. Douglas, more determined than ever, went 20-17 up, the crowd thinking it was over, were amazed as Prean fought back to level it at deuce. Prean then took advantage of having the serve and went 21-20 ahead. Douglas obviously annoyed with himself made an unforced error and the victory went to Prean 22-20.

The second semi-final was, by comparison, an anti-climax. Cooke warming to the crowd, took an early lead against the up and coming O'Driscoll and went from strength to strength. Cooke displayed excellent attacking strokes, both backhand and forehand, proving too strong for O'Driscoll who went down 21-14, 21-16.

The final was to be the most entertaining match this event had ever seen. Both competitors previous winners of the tournament were determined to win it a second time. The atmosphere was electric as both players warmed up. In the first end Prean took an 8-2 lead, Cooke, quick to respond by fiercely attacking Prean's loops, levelled the score at 10 all. Cooke growing in confidence produced some incredible backhand loops which left Prean stranded and won the first game 21-16.

Prean again took a seven point lead in the second game this time he didn't make the same mistake, as Cooke attempted a late come-back, again with some outstanding top spin, Prean's consistency on his pimples and his ability to put the ball away with his forehand, saw him take the second 21-17. In the last game Cooke having finished the second game well looked very confident and as the rallies became endless Cooke's relentless backhand loop saw him stride to a 17-11 lead. Prean, as ever, was not going to give in and as Cooke was tiring the scores drew closer. At 20-17 in Cooke's favour the crowd thought Prean was going to do it again but Cooke, with his ever faithful backhand loop, produced yet another winner to take this enthralling final 21-17.

It was the best Classic in the event's short history and all credit to the players for providing such great entertainment – the real winner was the game of table tennis.

**The third Macartney and Dowie Classic was again a resounding success with a capacity audience and the most stunning and perfect organisation. My warmest thanks to Mike Reid, Peter Linnekar, the Peniel Academy PTA and all the devoted helpers too numerous to mention.**

**John Prean  
Chairman**

# ORMESBY TAKE LEAD

**THE giants of the British Table Tennis League, Alan Ransome's Ormesby Club from Middlesbrough and Ian Marshall's NFD Grove side from Market Drayton, clashed in what could turn out to be the match that decides who will win the title.**

Sponsored by National Fuel Distributors, Grove have Alan Cooke and Desmond Douglas ranked 2 and 3 respectively in England, Chris Oldfield No. 7 and Bradley Billington No. 8 making up a seemingly unbeatable squad and in fact prior to the clash at Thornaby Pavilion had not dropped a single set.

Ormesby had a formidable squad led by the world No. 26 Chen Xinhua. Alan Ransome, however, lacked a strong No.2. but eventually gambled on the 18 year-old Rumanian star Calina Creanga who now lives in Greece.

It turned out to be an inspired decision. After Chen had played absolutely brilliantly to demolish Desmond Douglas 21-17, 21-12, Creanga faced the power of Cooke. An

*Ormesby went one up in their bid to win the British League title when they beat rivals NFD Grove. But it was close and the real clincher will come later when the two sides meet again.*

extremely tight first game saw the English player home 22-20. But then he crushed Cooke 21-9, 21-13 in the next two games.

The match between Michael O'Driscoll ranked at No. 11 and Chris Oldfield was always going to be unpredictable. Unfortunately for Grove, it was O'Driscoll who was the better player on the day winning 21-16, 21-19 which took Ormesby into a 3-0 lead.

Bradley Billington proved too strong for the Scottish No. 1. John Broe but then followed one of the greatest matches ever seen in the league.

Chen Xinhua and Alan Cooke were, unbelievably only two seconds off expedite before the ex-Chinese world class player eventually took the first game 25-23. The

second game was also full of top class shots but Cooke never regained his full composure going down 21-14.

Desmond Douglas then proved he may be down, but can never be counted out with a masterly demolition of the young pretender Michael O'Driscoll 21-9, 21-16.

The score then stood at 4-2 in Ormesby's favour. The two youngsters Calina Creanga and Bradley Billington then took the stage. The standard of counter-hitting was at an unbelievable level but it was the Greek Rumanian who eventually took the set and the match for Ormesby 21-18, 21-18.

The last game was, of course, an anti-climax but for the record Chris Oldfield comfortably beat John Broe 21-14, 21-17 to leave the final match score at Ormesby 5, NFD Grove 3.

*A fuller British League report will return in the March issue.*

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# BEDFORDSHIRE MAKE HEADWAY

**B**edfordshire, promoted from Div 2, raise visions of immediate promotion to Premier Div. And why not when they topple the leaders – Yorks II – with a 6-4 win.

Their star was Lisa Robins, unbeaten last season and continuing in the same vein, who had wins over Helen Shields and Cathy Johnson. The Bowler Bros, Peter and Colin, and Caroline Buckley each won one singles match and, in the last vital event, Mike Levene beat Nicky Davies 17 and 18 to gain the valuable two points. Tim Dyson was undefeated for Yorks. Cambs visited Cheshire and, with Yvette Hooks and Andy Withers getting 100% wins, the visitors came away with a 6-4 win. Sandra Peakman and Sue Culbertson made their first appearance of the season for Warwicks and won three matches and with Phil Gunn and Barry Johnson registering four wins the Midlanders had a comfortable win.

**Senr 1A:**

Beds 6, Yorks II 4; Ches 4, Cambs 6; Lancs II 3, Warwicks 7

**Senr 2A:**

Staffs I 10, Leics II 0; Cumbria 6, Lancs 4

Staffs look invincible with another 10-0 win. There was a somewhat rare but well deserved win for Cumbria over Lancs. Jonathan Lowes and Julie McLean were unbeaten and Joanne Burgess had a great win over Jane Strawson and put up a good fight against Cath Fisher before going down at 22 in the 3rd game.

**Senr 2C:**

Herts I 9, Suffolk II 1; Cambs II 2, Worcs 8

Herts were well in command against Suffolk II. It was in the final event that Richard Hutchinson beat Glen Wilkes -14, 20 and 17 to save the "whitewash". Worcs, making a strong bid to return to Div. One, had a comfortable win over Cambs II Malcolm Green, Trevor Washington and Sandra Roden were undefeated.

**Senr 2D:**

Oxon 4, Bucks 6; Northants 5, Surrey II 5

Bucks got their third win on the visit to Oxfordshire. Steve Cowley and Colin Luscombe (Bu) were undefeated, Dawn Barnett (Ox Junior), made an appearance for the senior team and registered two wins. Surrey II dropped their first point when visiting Northants. Kieron Dabbs and Margaret Maltby won four singles for the home team. Edward Hatley had two good wins for Surrey, including a two straight win over Graeme McKim.

**Senr 3A:**

Ches II 8, Herts III 2; Worcs II 9, Northants II 1.

Ches II had a comfortable win over Herts III. John Hope, Tony Vaughan and Anne Greenough won all their matches for Ches. A disappointing match between Worcs III/Northants II with some Northants players late or absent. Just three matches played and Kristina

Cox got the one event for Northants with a 11 and 17 win over Sue Horton.

**Senr. 3B:**

Sussex III 10, Dorset II 0; Bucks II 5, Hants II 5; Glos II 3, Herts II 7

Sussex III completely dominate this Div and a 10-0 win over Dorset II means the team has dropped only five events over four matches. It was a hard fought match between Bucks II/Hants II. Seven events went to a deciding game, a draw was the result and Bucks got their first point of the season. Danny Baxter and Anna Watton (Bu) were unbeaten. Herts II had a good win over Glos II. Maria Williams (He) retained her 100% record with two 2 straight wins.

**Junr 1A:**

Derbys 5, Suffolk 5; N'berland 7, Clwyd 3; Lincs 2, Warwicks 8; Yorks II 10, Lancs II 0

Warwicks continue to head the table with an 8-2 win over Lincs. Nicola Massingham won the two events for Lincs. Derbys had their 3rd successive drawn match. Steven Shaw was the most successful player in this match with two wins for Derby. Barry Forster continues unbeaten for N'berland. Phil Robson and Andrew Wilkinson also chipped in with another two wins against Clwyd. Natasha Williams (Cw) had two easy wins. The closest match in the Yorks/Lancs clash was when Darren Lindley (Y) beat Philip Musgrove 11, -24 and 18.

**Junr 1B:**

Essex II 8, Glos 2; Glam 8, Worcs 2

Essex II had a convincing win over Glos. Raymond Powell played well to win the two events for Glos. Steve Gill (Gn) kept up his unbeaten record with two wins against Worcs. Andrew Kennard and Andrew Grant each won their matches, Kennard getting a good 20, -21, 18 win over Lee Horton. Carrie Hunt played well to win the two events for Worcs.

**Junr 2A:**

Staffs I 8, Derbys II 2; Leics 2, Notts 8; Ches II 8, Lancs II 2; Staffs II 0, Ches 10

In the Staffs I/Derbys II match six events went to a decider but Staffs were generally on top and got an 8-2 win. Notts also had a fairly comfortable win on their visit to Leics. The Notts girls – Sarah Smith and Debbie Pestka – won their four events. Ches II have dropped only one point and continued in good form against Lancs II Andrew Bottoms (La) travelled but was too ill to play and his events had to conceded. Ches are also doing well and a 10-0 win over Staffs II keeps them in contention.

**Junr 2B:**

Berks II 2, Essex III 8; Middx II 3, Bucks 7; Northants 6, Herts II 4

Bucks 7-3 win over Middx II means that, apart from Essex III, all teams have been beaten and Essex now seem to be cruising to the championship. The Bucks boys Matthew Greenwood, Neil Bigrave and Ian Musk won their six

events. Essex III had another convincing win on their visit to Reading. Northants had a good win over Herts II with Julian Marshall and Andrew Lingley winning their four matches.

**Junr 2D:**

Sussex II 2, Surrey II 8; Kent II 6, Sussex 4; Suffolk II 3, Norfolk 7; Norfolk II 5, Suffolk II 5

Suffolk II played two matches at Norwich. The team lost to the successful Norfolk Ists, which now has the championship look. Suffolk II compensated by taking a point off Norfolk II team but may feel some disappointment as they led 5-3. Helen Woods (Nk) then had a vital win against Chloe Severwright at 15 in the 3rd game and Paul White clinched the draw with a win over Matthew Clark.

**Veterans Premier:**

Wi	3	Li	6	Li	4	Sx	5
K	4	E	5	Sy	4	Wi	5
Ch	6	Sy	3	E	4	Ch	5
Sx	3	Y	6	Y	8	K	1

Li	3	Sy	6
Wi	1	E	8
Sx	5	K	4
Ch	3	Y	6

11 matches were played at Hyde, Cheshire and Wilts/Lincs met the previous week at Swindon. After this first series Cheshire – champions so many times – find themselves at 3rd in the table. In fact the three top teams from last season were re-shuffled with Yorkshire on top and Essex in 2nd place. Yorkshire have a very strong team with Denis Neale, Malcolm Corking, Pat Bassano and now Derek Munt added to the team. Yorkshire won their three matches, including the 6-3 defeat of Cheshire. John Hilton was No.1 for Cheshire and had a two straight win over Malcolm Corking. The "big match" was Hilton v Dennis Neale. John won the first at 19 but Dennis won the next 2 games 15 and 15. Derek Munt won his 2 singles and Pat Bassano had a good 14 in 3rd win over Doreen Schofield. Cheshire did well to win the two doubles events and actually led Yorkshire 3-2 after the first 5 events.

There was a hard fought match between Essex/Cheshire. Cheshire led 4-3 and at this stage Stuart Gibbs beat John Hilton 17 and 19. Roger Hampson clinched the win for Cheshire with a 17 in 3rd win over Bobby Stevens.

The two promoted teams – Lincs and Wiltshire – each got a win. Lincs beat Wilts 6-3 and Wilts did very well to gain a 5-4 win over Surrey. Terry Bruce was involved in three of the Wilts wins. With the score four all Bill Moulding beat Brian Simmonds to get the win and two valuable points.

The most successful players of the series were Denis Neale (Y) and Stuart Gibbs and Lesley Radford (E) who were unbeaten.

# COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2

Pat Bassano (Y) lost one singles - this in her match against Margaret Dignum (K) when Pat won the first game at seven and then lost the next two at 19 and 20!

## Vets 1A:

Yorks II 4, Lancs 5; Norfolk 5, Herts 4; Leics 5, Essex II 4; N'berland 9, Worcs 0

(conceded)

Three 5-4 results in this Div. The vital one was Leicester's win over Essex II which was their first defeat of the season. Leics, without Maurice Newman, promoted Tony Kinsey to No.1 and he won his two singles and the doubles with Graham Hughes. Eileen Shaler (Le) had a very good 10 and 15 win over Marjorie Dawson but the mixed doubles was lost 13 and 10! Lancs now look well set with another win on their visit to the Railway Institute, York. Tony Rigby (La) won his 3 events. The referee reports a most competitive but good natured contest at Norwich (Norfolk v Herts) The match started with superb games between Tony Hipperson (Nk) and David Seaholme, won by David at 16 in the 3rd game. But Norfolk came out on top with a 5-4 win.

## Vets 1B:

Oxon 4, Surrey II 5; Bucks 3, Dorset 6; Hants 2, Kent II 7

Kent II and Surrey II are still unbeaten so their match at the end of the season should decide this Div. Frank Hams won his two singles in Surrey's 5-4 win. In the Hants/Kent II match there was another example of the differing results in singles/doubles. Joan Beadle (K) beat Pat Wales 12 and 7 but Graham Outrim/Pat Wales (Ha) won the mixed doubles two straight! Chris Pickard in his first Vets match won his two singles for Dorset in their 6-3 defeat of Bucks.

## Vets 2:

Ches II 5, Clwyd 4; Lancs II 5, Yorks III 4

Lancs/Yorks teams met again in this Div and Lancs were again the victors. Norman Thewlis (La) won his two singles and the doubles with Derek Watmough. Ches II actually won eight events against Clwyd but having an unranked player, who won his three events, the score was reduced to 5-4.

## Vets 2B:

Essex III 5, Norfolk II 4

Les Rayment made a good bid for Norfolk in winning his three events. However Essex III got the narrow win with Ray Murray, Peter Ballard and Steve Willis each getting a win and Shirley Carroll winning her singles and the doubles with Ray Murray.

## Vets 2C:

Middx II 6, Surrey III 3; Wilts II 7, Herefords 2

Middx II continue their unbeaten run with a win over Surrey III. Middx have not lost a doubles this season and it certainly helped in this match with further wins by John Smith/Tony Taylor and Norman Sliifkin/Kathy Nunn. In the singles Kathy Nunn lost to Barbara Winn -17, -13!

## Vets 2D:

Dorset II 3, Hants II 6; Sussex II 8, Herts II 1

Bob Cox and Ray Lush won their singles and combined to take the doubles to secure the Hants win. Ray had a 12 and 15 win over Cyril Bush - a rival from way back! Sussex II won two early events at 18 and 19 in the 3rd games

but there was no let up going on to an 8-1 win. Derek Holden got the event for Herts with a 19 and 18 win over Alan Rowden.

## Vets 3A:

Hunts II 5, Northants II 4

Hunts II managed to remain unbeaten when they got the 5-4 win over Northants II. Mike Edwards did his best for the visitors by winning his singles and the doubles with Dave Marsh. But at 4-4 Brian Hagger (Hu) secured the two points with a two straight win over B.D'Hooghe.

## Vets 3B:

Northants III 0, Sussex IV 9

Sussex IV got their first win and no mistake! However Brian Keeley/Muriel Brewer (Sx) won the mixed against Cliff Bull/Dorothy Marsh -14, 19, 19 and in the ladies singles Muriel won 17, -18, 18.

## Vets 3C:

Glos II 5, Wilts III 4; Berks III 7, Herts V 2

Glos II provided a surprise when they spoil the Wilts unbeaten record. Wilts probably felt comfortable when they went into a 2-0 lead. Again the doubles events were decisive and Glos won both of them. Viv Hathaway (Gs) lost to Margaret Willson -9 and -9 but with Tony Hogarth won the mixed 14 and 18! Berks III had a convincing win. Len Flewers got the two wins for Herts. He had a two straight singles win over Tony King and won the mixed with June Nelson 14 and 18, although June lost to Pam Spooner -14 and -11!

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

League tables as at 24th December 1990

### SENIORS

Division 1A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bedfordshire	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Yorkshire 2nd	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Suffolk	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Cambridgeshire	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Warwickshire	3	1	1	1	12	18	3
Northumberland	3	1	0	2	17	13	2
Lancashire 2nd	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Cheshire	3	0	0	3	10	20	0

### Division 1B

Sussex 2nd	3	2	1	0	18	12	5
Devonshire	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Essex	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Avon	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Gloucestershire	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Wiltshire	3	0	1	2	9	21	1
Middlesex 2nd	2	0	0	2	4	16	0

**NOTE** Kent have withdrawn and their record deleted

### Division 2A

Staffordshire	2	2	0	0	20	0	4
Lincolnshire	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Durham	3	0	3	0	15	15	3
Warwics 2nd	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Cumbria	4	1	1	2	14	26	3
Leic 2nd	3	1	0	2	11	19	2

### Division 2C

Worcestershire	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Hertfordshire	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Beds 2nd	2	2	0	0	12	8	4
Norfolk	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Camb 2nd	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Suffolk 2nd	3	0	0	3	9	21	0

### Division 2D

Buckinghamshire4	3	0	1	25	15	6	
Surrey 2nd	3	2	1	0	18	12	5
Essex 2nd	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Northants	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Berkshire 2nd	3	0	0	3	10	20	0
Oxfordshire	3	0	0	3	7	23	0

### Division 3A

Worcse 2nd	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Cheshire 2nd	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Essex 3rd	3	1	2	0	18	12	4
Herfs 3rd	4	2	0	2	22	18	4
Northantse 2nd	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Clwyd	2	0	0	2	6	14	0
Huntse	2	0	0	2	5	15	0

### Division 3B

Sussex 3rd	4	4	0	0	35	5	8
Hampshire 2nd	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Herts 2nd	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Glouc 2nd	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Dorset 2nd	2	0	0	2	4	16	0
Bucks 2nd	3	0	0	3	6	24	0

### JUNIORS

#### Division 1A

Warwickshire	4	3	1	0	28	12	7
Yorkshire 2nd	4	3	0	1	32	8	6
Northumberland	4	3	0	1	23	17	6
Derbyshire	4	1	3	0	23	17	5
Clwyd	4	2	0	2	18	22	4
Suffolk	4	1	1	2	21	19	3
Lancashire 2nd	4	0	1	3	9	31	1
Lincolnshire	4	0	0	4	6	34	0

#### Division 1B

Berkshire	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Oxfordshire	5	4	0	1	36	14	8
Glamorgan	5	3	0	2	28	22	6
Hertfordshire	4	2	1	1	19	21	5
Essex 2nd	4	2	0	2	18	22	4
Glouc	5	1	1	3	19	31	3
Worc	4	0	1	3	14	26	1
Cornwall	5	0	1	4	15	35	1

#### Division 2A

Staffordshire	4	3	1	0	29	11	7
Cheshire 2nd	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Cheshire	4	3	0	1	29	11	6
Nottinghamshire	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
Derbyshire 2nd	4	1	1	2	15	25	3
Leicestershire	4	1	0	3	17	23	2
Lancashire 3rd	4	1	0	3	11	29	2
Staffordshire 2nd4	0	0	4	7	33	0	

#### Division 2B

Essex 3rd	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Buckinghamshire4	3	0	1	29	11	6	
Middlesex 2nd 4	3	0	1	28	12	6	
Northamptonshire4	3	0	1	26	14	6	
Hertfordshire 2nd4	1	1	2	18	22	3	
Warwickshire 2nd3	0	1	2	6	24	1	
Berkshire 2nd	4	0	0	4	10	30	0
Wiltshire	3	0	0	3	0	30	0

#### Division 2D

Norfolk	5	4	1	0	33	17	9
Kent 2nd	5	4	0	1	35	15	8
Sussex	5	3	0	2	33	17	6
Surrey 2nd	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Sussex 2nd	5	1	2	2	20	30	4
Surrey 3rd	3	0	2	1	13	17	2
Suffolk 2nd	5	0	2	3	16	34	2
Norfolk 2nd	5	0	1	4	12	38	1



# CHAMPAGNE PERRY!

by JOHN WOODFORD

Table Tennis Correspondent The Daily Telegraph

**A**LEX PERRY, 15, from Crediton, Devon is the youngest player since Carl Prean to lift the English junior title. The hard-hitting top-spinner from Devon with stroke-play not unlike Alan Cooke is bristling with determination to become a professional, highly rated in Europe by 1996, if not before.

Not long ago it was unusual to be left-handed, but not anymore — three of England's top four juniors are 'lefties' — Alex Perry, Edward Hatley and Garry Knights.

Alex has been coached and his career so far superbly-shaped by the Sussex based coach Malcolm Francis. Malcolm has spent many hours honing the Perry tactics. I asked the Sussex coach for an analysis of the Perry approach —

"His style is similar to Alan Cooke, an athletic game, played slightly away from the table and based on top-spin. As he grows and gains weight and height I am sure he could be moving to the top of many ranking lists and will win many tournaments."

"I first noticed Alex when he was only ten at a coaching session in Exeter. I asked his mother if he could attend my training camp during the following summer. As an under 12 player he won most of the events and under 14 doubles events partnered by Brian Mileham" said Malcolm.

In 1988 he won the Warners "Search for a Star" competition, initially entered by hundreds of young players. During his under-13 season he won many open cadet titles including the select singles events at Derby and Yorkshire and surprisingly, played in the Cadet Top-12 winning all eleven matches.

During that season Alex played his first senior open and won the mens doubles at Bournemouth. He followed up by playing for England cadets in all their events including the European championships.

Accompanied by his coach he again travelled to the continent, where he lost in the

*When Alex Perry lifted the junior singles title at Bletchley he was the youngest player to do so since Carl Prean did it eight years ago. Whether the young Devon player will ever reach the heights of our present senior number one, remains to be seen — but he's made a good start.*

final at Dusseldorf in the under-15 Open, although only 14. The foreign entry included top Germans, Romanians, East Germans and Poles.

Amongst a further bunch of victories he won the Leeds Youth Cup lower age section and retained his Cadet Top 12 title again undefeated against a field of twenty.

Things did not all go Alex's way at the English Junior Open where he lost 22-20 in the third game to the Dutch Cadet champion. That was a disappointment, but as all champions know "you cannot win them all."

## This season

His education had to receive increasing attention. He is currently engaged in studying for ten 'O' level examinations. Consultations with his coach and his parents Keith and Penny Perry resulted in decisions to aim for the senior scene, and two major junior events, the English Junior championships and the junior national trials.

Many senior scalps began to fall under the Perry top-spin and a milestone was reached at Potters Bar when partnered by Edward Hatley the two lads won the mens doubles defeating Paul Giles and Paul Whiting the strongest senior pair in the West Country and then a fantastic win 21-12, 22-20 in the final against Sean Gibson and John Holland.

On to the main junior events this season. In the national trials he won all nine games and became national under 17 trials champion, although still only 15.

His latest major triumph came at Bletchley at the English junior championships where at the age of only 15 he took the junior crown from Edward Hatley in the final.

This summer he will be practicing in Europe and will be looking to the European Youth Championships to be held in southern Spain in a certain ninety degrees heat in July.

Sponsored by the two companies Butterfly UK and Express Sports of Uckfield, Sussex, the future for Alex Perry could hardly look brighter.

If Alex Perry has one major problem ahead it is of course the geographical position of the county of Devonshire. Over the past five years he has had many late nights and up for school early the next morning.

Success in table tennis depends on regular practice with strong players. Alex travels regularly to Plymouth for practice with Paul Whiting, Paul Giles, Mike Short and Trevor Taylor at Brixham.

Watching him win the Class 2 final at Thornaby Pavilion last month Desmond Douglas commented "He looks as though he wants to win" — the sort of short and sharp comment we have come to expect from Des as he nears the end of his magnificent career and watches a young man take his first few impressive and determined steps up the ladder.

Footnote: In 1986 Alex won the Devonshire Under 12 badminton title with his right hand! He is left-handed but he had a wrist injury and still won the title.

Note: Alex's grandmother, a former winner of the Wimbledon Plate — Betty Bonner won the national Over 60 table tennis title in 1985.



## AVON Bob Murray

A FAST AND exciting competition had a worthy climax on Sunday 2nd December as Avon's top players fought for the titles of county champions. Throughout the day at Yate Leisure Centre sizeable crowds watched up to 14 games being played simultaneously in the Ford Farrow and Partners sponsored Cadet, Junior, Veterans, Women's and Men's Championships. At the end of the day, despite some close calls for the favourites, the top ranked players were there to contest the finals.

India's No. 2 ranked player, Varsha Majmudar, beat off stiff competition to take the women's title ahead of Helen Perrott in a round robin event, while the men's final, in the absence of Paul Lewis, was fought out over two games between Bristol's Men's champion Andy Creed and Bath's Chris Holley. The result was a tight 21-19, 21-17 in Creed's favour, making him the undisputed top player on the day. However, Creed and Holley failed to gel as a pair in the men's doubles competition - that went to their Knowle and Brislington teammates Hugh Dalton and Diccon Gray over three closely contested games - 21-18, 20-22, 21-17.

Dalton also successfully teamed up with Varsha Majmudar in the mixed doubles, but not before their main rivals Steve Bettison and Helen Perrott had taken the first game. Majmudar made it a hat trick of titles in the ladies doubles, teaming up with Michele Cohen to take a close fought contest 21-19, 21-18 over the once more luckless Perrott playing this time with Carey Webb. The attacking flair of much travelled Dave Price (Hastings, Northwich and Moenchengladbach to my knowledge) was enough to take the veterans title from his Bristol club teammate Ken Watts.

The days earlier proceedings were dominated by the youngsters. Clevedon's Kelly Harris proved too strong for Emma Price in the Junior Girls final while Lizzie McDonald was taken to three games by Jessica Orlik in the Under 12 girls final, a

result that was repeated in the cadet girls section. Barry Fudge contributed to an excellent day for the Knowle and Brislington club when he defeated Nailsea's Colin Butterworth in the Junior boys final and these two also teamed up to take the boys doubles title. Matthew Pullin scored a convincing win over Ross McDonald in the Under 12 boys final while Graham Long won a tight cadet boys final over Michael Towson.

Jenny Gee, Chairman of the tournament sponsors Ford, Farrow and Partners Ltd, presented the trophies and said she was impressed with the terrific sportsmanship as well as the determination and skill of the competitors. Over 200 entries were received for the event which, the organisers believe, is now established as one of the highlights of Avon's table tennis calendar.

Following the Championships, the County selectors met and published the following ranking lists:

### Men

1. P Lewis
2. A Creed
3. C Holley
4. D Gray
5. S Bettison
6. I Johnson
7. G Baldwin
8. H Dalton
9. R Murray
10. C Ellison

### Women

1. V Majmudar
2. H Perrott
3. M Cohen
4. C Webb
5. D Booy
6. S Lovell
7. J Westall
8. D Sandford

### Junior Boys

1. B Fudge
2. C Butterworth
3. L Attwood
4. S Newton
5. M Smith (Cadet)
6. G Long (Cadet)
7. J Thorn (Cadet)
8. M Towson (Cadet)
9. A Hewitt (Cadet)
10. M Peters

### Junior Girls

1. K Harris
2. C Gifford
3. R Rosewell (Cadet)
4. L McDonald (Cadet)
5. J Orlik (Cadet)
6. E Price (Cadet)
7. C Smyth (Cadet)
8. A Long (Cadet)
9. D Maxted (Cadet)
10. S Ainsworth (Cadet)

The halfway stage has been reached in the local leagues with Nailsea Leopards undefeated in the Bristol League Premier Division. The Leopards trio of Brian Reeves, Steve Bettison and Gary Baldwin are closely challenged by Knowle and Brislington 'A' and Bristol Club 'B', both of whom have suffered just one defeat. In the Bath League Premier Division it looks like another ding-dong struggle between last year's champions Oldfield 'A' and their arch rivals Mayfield 'A' who took the title in the previous four seasons.

## CUMBRIA Gordon Brown

CUMBRIA ACHIEVED THEIR first County table tennis championship success for two seasons when they gained an exciting 6-4 victory over visitors Lincolnshire at Cleator Moor Civic Hall on Saturday 15th December.

After dropping the first two sets, Cumbria stormed into a 4-2 lead with successive triumphs by Carlisle school teacher Julie McLean, the No. 1 man Jonathan Lowes, Penrith journalist Joanne Burgess and Carlisle's Stephen Temple.

Joanne beat No. 1 Jane Strawson, who led her Grantham club into Europe as the British League champions this season. Even allowing for the fact that Jane was in the early stages of pregnancy, Joanne, a comparative newcomer to the county scene, played exceptionally well to take the clash in two straight sets.

When Joanne repeated the form to smash No. 2 Cath Fisher off the table with a first game 21-7 win, it looked as though Cumbria were just a game away from establishing a lead that would have at least ensured them of a draw.

But the 60 year old Cath proved that experience can outstrip youthfulness. She caught Joanne unawares by changing style. Cath got the second game 21-17 and clinched a tense third 24-22 after the lead had switched hands several times.

Lowes however got the hosts to five with straight games against counterpart Jim Brewster. Fresh from the junior ranks, Lowes thus maintained his 50% record since making his senior debut in Durham in November.

Julie McLean played a real captain's part by making sure of the best Christmas box the sport in the county could have had by making sure of both points with a 21-7, 21-19 win over Jane Strawson. The last set was a formality. Paul Moore took it for Lincoln but no disrespect to 15 year old debutante Kevin Hodgson. He did not win a game on the day, but his loop serve and side-spin is sure to provide problems for opponents as he undoubtedly progresses through the ranks.

Cumbria's future strength lies in its juniors, particularly from the Barrow area, where schools have won national prominence. With three points from four matches there are signs that the mist that has lingered far too long is surely lifting over the Cumbrian hills.

### Cumbria names first:

J Lowes bt P Moore 21-17, 21-16;  
bt J Brewster 21-17, 21-13.  
S Temple lost to Brewster 14-21, 21-14, 14-21;  
beat M Thornley 16-21, 21-15, 21-13.  
K Hodgson lost Thornley 12-21, 17-21;  
lost Moore 15-21, 18-21.  
J McLean bt C Fisher 21-12, 21-10;  
bt J Strawson 21-7, 21-19.  
J Burgess bt Strawson 21-17, 21-14;  
lost Fisher 21-7, 17-21, 22-24.



# Counties 2

## DORSET Martin Hughes

### The British League

Jolliffe Poole sponsored by Peter Jolliffe Bookmaker, were defeated 6-2 by title chasing TSP Larkhall in the Second Division South.

Tony Clayton and Martin Hughes were the only winners for Jolliffe Poole with Mark Werner and Jason Creasey unable to break down the opposition. It was Tony Clayton who had Jolliffe's first win with a straight sets victory over Dave Harding, winning comfortably 21-10, 21-13, to level the match at 1-1 after Mark Werner went down to the highly ranked Mike Hammond. Martin Hughes then beat Brian Garraway 24-22, 21-19 to give Jolliffe a 2-1 lead, but this turned out to be the only time they were ahead in the match. Four of the next five games went to a deciding third end, but Jolliffe Poole were on the losing end ever time.

Tony Clayton had a very close match against Mike Hammond, before losing 20-22, 18-21, and actually held a 17-10 lead in the second end before Hammond made a fantastic recovery to close out the game.

In their next match, at home to Fellows Cranleigh, experience overcame youth as Jolliffe Poole notched up a comfortable 5-3 victory. Fellows Cranleigh came into this match with the Essex junior No. 1's, Cris Sladden and Linda Radford, plus Jason Tendler who is barely out of the junior ranks.

However, the experience of the Jolliffe Poole players was too much for them as Tony Clayton, Jason Creasey, Martin Hughes and Barry Hill proved to have the upper hand in the crucial early stages of the match.

Jolliffe Poole surged into a 4-1 lead as Tony Clayton won both his games and Martin Hughes and Barry Hill took their first games, with only Jason Creasey going down to the highly ranked Paul Sayer.

With victory in sight, it was just a matter of time before Jolliffe Poole clinched both points, and Jason Creasey's win over Cris

Sladden saw Poole through at 5-2 before Barry Hill lost the last dead rubber.

Tony Clayton was nominated man of the match for his two convincing victories over Paul Sayer and Jason Tendler.

## ESSEX Alan Shepherd

MEMBERS OF THE Brentwood and Chelmsford Leagues have apparently complained about what I wrote in the November Issue. I say "apparently" because nobody has approached me directly, nor has anybody said exactly what upset them. Study of the offending article reveals nothing which was not strictly factual, and my comments were surely reasonable? Perhaps those concerned would care to contact me direct. Mean while I must make it clear that this column does not necessarily reflect the views of the Management Committee of the county but is intended to include the opinions of the average Essex Man and/or myself.

Our senior teams do not seem to have been in action during December. However, the Veterans' Second team, hitherto unbeaten, crashed 4-5 to Leicestershire, who are close behind them in division 1 A. It looks as if our match against Lanes is going to be very important, and might decide the Championship. In division 2B the third team had a narrow success by 5-4 over Norfolk 2nd the team to beat in this division is obviously Northants, who have not lost so far and we have yet to play them.

The Juniors had two matches in this period. I went with the third team to Earley, where we had a good win by 8-2 over Berkshire 2nd team. Prior to the match we had a very interesting time looking for an eating place in Reading, which involved going round in circles, passing the Hexagon on several occasions, and parking on the multi storey of the NCP car park. However, I did managed to persuade my

passengers not to go into MacDonalds, I am delighted to say. In the match itself, there were unbeaten performances by Julie Rand, Peter Worthington and Daniel Yardy, plus wins for Anna Weil and Andrew Taylor. This team has now won all four matches played and could well take the 2B title. Back in Essex our second team had a splendid 8-2 win over our visitors from Gloucestershire. Nobody could beat Raymond Powell but Ben Ware, Jennie Coleman and Cathy Sibbald remained unbeaten, and Richard Lawrence and Vincent Avery weighed in with one victory apiece.

I made my annual pilgrimage to the National Ranking Trials at Lilleshall on 1st/2nd December. I am still puzzled at what this event is all about. It comes in mid-season and the winners of the various categories receive a ration of computer points, but do not end up necessarily as No. 1 in England. What is more, individual victories appear to be rewarded much less generously than in ordinary tournaments, except in the knockout stages. There was much talk among the coaches and officials about the absence of an ETTA umpiring squad. It has always struck me as strange that the National Ranking Trials, held at the National Sports Centre, do not merit a team of qualified umpires, whereas every other national event does. Surely we cannot be that hard up in our sport, can we?

Having said all that, I was very proud of the fact that no fewer than 14 Essex players took part in this event, and although we had no category winners, we had many survivors into the knockout stages and some great performances even by the non-survivors.

Finally, a reminder to all of you out there, do not forget to enter the first Essex 5 Star tournament, due to be held at the Brentwood International Centre on 30th/31st March 1991. This will be even better than our 3 star events, if that is possible. Then on 13/14th April comes the big Junior tournament, the Essex 2 Star Select. This is at the Harlow Sports Centre. Sponsors are

respectively Barclays Bank plc and British Petroleum (God bless them!)

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE Alf Pepperd

TABLE TENNIS IS not so much just a game, to many it is a religion - it's Gods are the great players - Barna, Bergman, Leach and Vana, and in more recent years Douglas, Prean and Cooke, names which roll like a litany off the tongue's of the many devotees.

Now if the players are the Gods, surely the high priests are the many willing unpaid administrators (far far too many to mention) scattered all around the country - for indeed without their devotion to table tennis duty our sport would crumble and die overnight.

Many of these administrators could be likened to a reservoir from which everyone has drunk - but no one has bothered to refill, the player and the administrator go hand in glove, one simply cannot function without the other.

Emphasis centres greatly upon Juniors today, and rightly so, the Juniors of today at most levels provide the nucleus of play for tomorrow, a lot of their success can be attributed to having a good coach, but personally I think that no matter how well a coach performs, it is basically down to the players willingness to proceed even further.

A good coach cannot produce a good player unless the latter plays his/her part 100% and now from Juniors to the other end of the yard-stick, yes you have guessed it - Veterans.

In Gloucestershire, I am delighted to see many of the so called "Old Uns", not only enjoying themselves, perhaps when they thought that their competitive days were well and truly over - and one Veteran in the county from Cheltenham immediately leaps to mind, he has only been a Vett for just over a



year and yet within that very short space of time has climbed with astounding zest to become England's No. 2 Veteran, I refer of course to the ever amazing Dave Harvey, to date of writing Dave's only been beaten twice in Veteran tournaments and in both instances by the same person, none other than the formidable former European Champion himself John Hilton, Dave Harvey's senior ranking in the country stands at No. 39, not bad for a veteran?

Other national rankings going to Gloucestershire players are Darren Griffin, 62 in the Senior field, Veterans - John Fannin 65, Alan Giles 70 and Frank Jones 73. Juniors - Raymond Powell 12, Jeremy Hyatt 19, Alison Cox 113. Cadet rankings at the moment are not available.

County matches featuring local players appear to be having their ups and downs. I shall not dwell upon them this month as I am sure that they will receive very good coverage in this magazine by colleagues Doug Moss and Doug Young, the same applies to Cheltenham Saracens in the Midland Division 2 of the British League, why report everything in detail when Mike Loveder does such a splendid job?

And finally, how often in our sport when things go wrong do we hear the following - Of course, as I said to Arry, it was the Committee's fault - well the Sec was really to blame, wasn't he? Nine times out of ten these critics overlook the hard graft that goes on behind the scenes and invariably are only too ready to pounce upon someone, mainly to expose them as a stringent example to all and sundry.

It would be nice if these do-gooders just had the guts to attend the end of season's AGM's, along with their thoughts of how "The Leagues should be run". I am sure that they would get a very reciprocal and balanced listening, and just think some might adopt the attitude of "If you can't beat em, then join em, and indeed why not?

## HERTFORDSHIRE

### John Wood

**NEW HEROES** IN Hertfordshire are St Albans, whose Cadet team took the Inter-League tournament by storm, taking away the much prized trophy, at the Barnet Table Tennis Centre recently. St Albans' triumphant trio were Caron Harber, Matthew Hirst and Jonathon Freeman, pushing last year's champions Barnets into second place on games difference, after drawing with them 2-2.

This is the second year that this Cadet tournament has taken place, and looks like it's here to stay. Worthy of a mention are Hertford who came third and Hemel Hempstead I, who were fourth.

But really all the competitors were worthy of congratulations, as were the coaches, because this Cadet Inter-League tournament was full of effort, skill and smiles!

#### Herts Cadet Inter League 1990/91

Team	P	W	DL	F	A	Pts
St Albans	6	5	1	0	22	2 11
Barnets	6	5	1	0	20	4 11
Hertford	6	3	1	2	14	10 7
Hemel I	6	3	1	2	13	11 7
Watford I	6	2	0	4	10	14 4
Hemel II	6	0	1	5	3	21 1
Watford II	6	0	1	5	2	22 1

#### Leading Averages:

Stephen Taylor (BA) 100%;  
 Mark Easton (BA) 100%;  
 Matthew Easton (SA) 100%;  
 Marie Masters (HH) 83.3%;  
 Caron Harber (SA) 83.3%;  
 Jonathon Freeman (HA) 83.3%;  
 Alex Common (HE) 66.6%.

Meanwhile the first half of the Junior Inter-League took place during December 1990, with Cheshunt's cheerful foursome Justin Skinner, Kevin Flowerday, Simon Flowerday and Steve Nelson, leading the field with maximum points.

Once again the venue was the Barnet Table Tennis Centre, and like the Cadet tournament, favourites Barnets have been pushed unexpectedly into third place, this was due to superb displays of attacking table tennis

by Cheshunt's Justin Skinner and Kevin Flowerday, who both finished the days play undefeated.

The crunch match of the day was between Barnet and Cheshunt, with Cheshunt coming out on top 4-3, where the deciding game was won by Cheshunt's Skinner when he beat Barnets' Mark Seabourne 17 and 18.

North Herts also beat Barnets, with Colin McCarthy winning maximum games as North Herts won 4-3. St Albans also had a good first half with their only loss being to Cheshunt 2-5, as they finished in second place at the halfway stage.

season for Island champion Hookey who lost to league chairman Alan Hulbert having previously lost to Rookley's Martin Mitchell.

Hulbert senior was also successful in the annual Rookley- Newport Vics Handicap tournament defeating young Alex Rorke of Ryde who found his 11 point start not quite enough.

In December's regional league clashes the ladies were whitewashed by Aldershot and the men went down 7-2 to OLOP with 6 of the losing sets going to a third game - more stamina training lads!

## ISLE OF WIGHT Brian Lamerton

## KENT Adrian Hall

OUR JUNIORS AND Cadets IT IS WITH regret that we say acquitted themselves well on their first visit to many years to the mainland to take part in the Hampshire inter-town leagues. Resplendent in their new Paul Redman sponsored shirts, the Cadet team of Stuart Dover, Steven Holbrook, Geoffrey West and Claire Waghorn were a little overawed at their first experience of representative play but each player had the satisfaction of one singles win as they went down, 7-3 to Gosport and Fareham and 9-1 to Portsmouth.

The following week Claire was back again, this time with Junior colleagues Alan Hulbert, Marcus Garman and Alex Yorke and with a 7 sets to 3 victory over Southampton 'B' and a 9 sets to 1 demolition job over Winchester they happily caught the ferry home as joint leaders and eagerly await the next session in March when they will tangle with Andover, Aldershot and Bournemouth.

The Island League has reached the halfway stage with a familiar look - Sandown at the top. Roger Hookey, Mike Turner and Roy Winsor removed any doubts of their superiority by soundly defeating their nearest rivals, Wroxall 8 sets to 2 in the last match of the half - this match did however produce the second defeat of the

goodbye to John and Margaret Dignum, John's work has taken him to Redditch. Both John and Margaret have loyally supported the Maidstone League and Margaret was a regular member of Kent county sides. Nice people the Dignums, Maidstone and Kent's loss is Redditch's and West Midlands' gain.

The Kent Senior Closed Championships at Ashford on 3th December 1990 were played on a concrete floor without heating and was not the best conditions to promote table tennis and as a result the play never reached the standard expected at this level.

Two major casualties in the groups, Mark Brown losing to scratch entry Mark Romano who progressed to the semi final before losing out 15, 8 to No. 1 seed and nine times champion Joe Kennedy who had his toughest match with the fast improving Matthew King and scraped through -14, 16, 20. Ian Girdler also failed to get out of his group beaten by local junior Kevin Read who went on to defeat Medway Junior Spencer Thompson 18, 18 before losing out to third seed Phil Cox 17, -16, 13 in the quarter final, before he in turn lost to Brian Mileham 13, 8 in the semi final. The final was a classic of power play with the



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Mileham forehand almost faultless, Joe Kennedy slowed the pace and attacked the Mileham backhand successfully to win 20, 15.

No real surprises in the ladies singles but some good results in the groups, Michelle Ritter beat Junior champion Carly Riggs but both lost out to Julie Lawrence and Hazel Lindfield had a rare victory over Joan Beadle. However, Juliet Houghton and Julie Lawrence reached the final as expected and produced a splendid match with Julie extending a nervous Juliet before class told -16, 11, 15. Dennis McConkey and Martin Hewett caused a major upset in the men's doubles when as a scratch pair they put out No. 3 seeds Michael Bullock and David Davies -16, 19, 15, Vic Collins and Shev McDonald -16, 18, 17 and in the semi finals James Clench and Keith Yarnley (who had taken out 2nd seeds Phil Cox and Neil LeMeligre 14, 9) 14, -11, 17.

In the other half of the draw the seeds progressed to the semi final but the No. 1's Joe Kennedy and Ian Girdler lost to Mark Brown and Neil Harris -20, 14, 17 who went on to win the final 12, 17.

## Results

### Mens Singles

J Kennedy (Brom) bt B Mileham (Thanet) 20, 15.

### Ladies Singles

J Houghton (Ton) bt J Lawrence (Brom) -16, 11, 15.

### Mens Doubles

M Brown (Brom)/N Harris (Med) bt D McConkey (Med)/M Hewett (Maid) 12, 17.

### Ladies Doubles

J Houghton/C Brown (Ton) bt S Lang (NWK)/T Stewart (Maid) 10, 16.

### Mixed Doubles

N Harris (Med)/J Houghton bt P Cox (Brom)/J Lawrence (Brom) 17, 12.

### Veteran Singles

D Kellard (Brom) bt D McConkey (Med) 10, -15, 18.

### Kent Men

Miles Willey (NWK) bt C Knight (Brom) -10, 12, 15.

### Man of Kent

P Saxby (Folk) bt P Banister (Med) 18, 6.

### Ladies Singles II

J Mersh (Grav) bt J Beadle (Ash) 16, 9.

Maidstone Junior girls reached the zone final of the Bromfield Trophy with a second round win against Brighton 5-4. Carly Riggs continued her unbeaten run in this competition when she beat Claire Brown 16, 14, Cara Ward 17, 19 and Joanna Bush-Harris 17, 9. Carly was well supported by Alison Smith who beat Ward 12, -18, 15 and Crystal Hall who completely destroyed Ward in the deciding singles 4, 3.

Joan Beadle and Pam Butcher came home from the French Vets Open with the Over 60's singles and doubles titles. Pam had a splendid win over No. 2 seed O'Crevecoeur of Belgium in the semi final, even if it did take a long time. Joan seeded No. 1 started her semi final on an adjacent table at the same time and won two straight while Pam's first game had progressed to 7-7. Joan went on to win the final and teamed up with Pam for the doubles - WELL DONE.

Our County Vets II kept up their winning ways beating Hants 7-2 at Havant. Dave Kellard (2) John White (2) Keith Clarke (1) and Joan Beadle won the singles and Dave and John took the doubles. For Hants Graham Lynch (1) and the mixed doubles of Graham Outrum and Pat Wales were their sole successes.

Kent Junior II had a narrow 6-4 win over Sussex I, Kevin Reed (2) was well supported by Martin Hewett (1) and Matthew Vardy (1) who was surprisingly beaten by Wesley Bush-Harris. For the girls Michelle Ritter (1) and Natasha Barham (1) played well but both succumbed to Natasha Wilson.

## LANCASHIRE

### George Yates

SADLY ONE HAS to pay tribute to Don Cameron, a former Hon. Treasurer of the Liverpool and District League who, at the age of 74, passed away in December. Don was also Hon. Auditor both of the Lancashire Association and the Lancashire and Cheshire League - he will be missed and condolences are hereby afforded his next of kin.

December was not the best of months either for the senior second team or the junior seconds and thirds all three being defeated on 15th December, the senior seconds going down 7-3 to Warwickshire, the junior seconds whitewashed 10-0 by Yorkshire seconds and the junior thirds beaten 8-2 by Cheshire seconds.

However, the veterans continued their winning ways with the firsts bringing off their fourth consecutive win in beating Yorkshire seconds 5-4 and the seconds being similarly successful against Yorkshire thirds.

"The story so far 1932-1990" is the title of a publication written by Robert Goodman tracing the history of the Bury and District League. Robert, the League's Vice Chairman, is to be commended for his research and diligence in producing, with many photographs, a statistical record par excellence.

Naturally tribute is also afforded to John Henderson, Harry Hardman, Steve Hathaway, Bob Hinchliffe and Vinny Breslin who were all closely involved. A great deal of thanks is also due to the advertisers and to the Bury Times who have printed the League's progress with weekly reports of results since its inception in late 1932.

### Lancashire and Cheshire League

Warrington's 8-2 defeat of Manchester took them to the head of affairs in the men's first division thanks to a wholly successful Malcolm McEvoy whose three singles wins, and the doubles with Terry Turner, was supplemented by two each from Turner and Peter Lander against one each for Steve Dobbins and John Hope.

Blackburn fell from grace in being beaten 7-3 at home to Stockport whose Steve Horsfield notched a treble, as did Derek Schofield, with Andrew Horsfield chalking up a solo against Keith Jackson. Graham Clarke and Neil Gravener each had a win for the home team with the pair winning the doubles.

Two wins each for David Carse and Nigel Hallows plus one from Keith Rudd and the doubles saw Bolton home 6-4 against Blackpool whose four successes were equally shared by Dave Bunting and Steve Bevan with nil success for Martin Ireland. Table at 31.12.90:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warrington	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
Liverpool	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Blackburn	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
Blackpool	4	2	0	2	22	18	4
Bolton	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Stockport	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Manchester	4	1	0	3	17	23	2
Liverpool							
Bus. Houses	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

In the women's first division Liverpool are well on course to retain their championship title their latest success being an emphatic 10-0 defeat of Southport with Justine Thomas, Brenda Buoey and Paula French all on song. In the Junior 1st Oldham have the look of favourites whitewashing Bury in their most recent encounter with Matthew Coombe, Darryl Meredith and Chris Whitehead calling the tune.

## LEICESTERSHIRE

### Terry Bown

THE HINCKLEY LEAGUE'S official journal, the Hinckley Loop, has been conspicuous by its absence this season and perhaps its opening line on the front cover of No. 1 issue this season says it all and I quote "Welcome to the 1990/91 season or should I say MERRY CHRISTMAS!"



Unfortunately the original editor for this season, and many previous seasons, Ian Lawrence, has had to resign due to unforeseen changes at work. New Editor, Ian Robinson, congratulates Mr Lawrence who will be greatly missed for his enthusiasm and commitment that he has shown during his years on the committee as Loop Editor, Secretary, Gradings and Registration Secretary, County Representative and other jobs behind the scenes. For my part I can only agree 100% with Ian Robinson's sentiments, but I must also say what a super start he has made to his Editorship of the Loop.

Couture sponsored Division One Secretary, Norman Lea, reports midway through the season. John Iliffe and friends who make up the McLeish Builders team, dominate the division but dropped their first points of the season drawing with third place Croft. David Grundy and Andy Lebutt each won two and combined to win the doubles for Croft. Eileen Shaler lies 8th in the averages on 80%, playing for Hinckley Bosch she beat Dave Seeds and Graham Littlehales in her team's 2-8 defeat to Hinckley Athletic. Bottom placed EMEB 'B' did well to hold sixth placed Ridge Lane to a 6-4 defeat with Caratella winning two, and although losing by the maximum score to Croft, Ridge Lane's John Pagett held Andy Le Butt to three.

Bob Kettle reports from the Terrivision Division 2 that Hinckley Bosch Inst. 'B' the current leaders, will take a lot of beating this season for the Championship. The danger team is third placed Market Bosworth 'C' who are the only team so far to have beaten Bosch, even so with two matches in hand are still 20 points adrift. Fourth placed Ashby Road Sports must be enjoying their best season ever after five wins and a draw so far. MIRA look comfortable in the middle of the table with young Alan Hornbuckle having a very good season. RKM are holding their own just one place above their old rivals Barwell Libs 'B' who have reinforced their squad with Simon Cooper.

The Division 3 Secretary reports that the only sure thing to depict from the league table is that Stoney Stanton WMC 'B' will be champions and Ashby Parva 'F' will finish with the wooden spoon. SSWMC 'B' squad of Dave Blaney, Alex Blaney, Neil Seeds and Peter Barlow have all shown improvement from last season's experiences. Neil Seeds took the valuable scalp of Derek Kingston (Ashby Road Sports) winning the third game 21-17. The only drawn match to date was between the teams in third and fourth places - Ashby Road Sports and Ashby Parva 'E' for whom Harvey Wood gained a maximum to maintain his 100% start to the season.

entry for the Middlesex 3 Star was slightly below our maximum and even that entry was decimated by the weather. Johnny Leach remarked on the fact that the Middlesex always seems to be the Open that has the bad weather but as far as I can recall this is only the third time that we have been badly affected and with our permanent date early in December, I suppose we must expect the occasional hiccup. Our thanks go to those stalwarts who managed to get there and even more to those who tried but did not succeed. We can only hope that we are luckier next season and that our regulars will not be put off from entering once again.

Our Selection Sub Committee had a further meeting just before Christmas and reviewed the Senior ranking lists. There were no amendments to the women's, veteran men's or veteran women's lists, but the following alterations were made to the men's list as published in November News:

- Delete from
5. T Stark to end. Substitute :
  5. M Mitchell (N Middx);
  6. D Goode (W Middx);
  7. D Cutler (Willesden);
  8. N Charles (Staines);
  9. N McKoy (N Middx);
  10. D Topiwala (N Middx).

In addition, in accordance with the policy stated at the beginning of the season, the following were agreed as the Junior Ranking Lists:

#### Junior Boys

1. Richard Hyacinth (Willesden)
2. David Baker (W Middx)
3. Dov Katz (Willesden)
4. Mark Williams (Willesden)
5. Damian Abrahams (Staines)
6. Robert Hyacinth (Willesden)
7. James Sprackling (W Middx)
8. R Weare (Staines)
9. Simeon Zeffert (N Middx)
10. Paul Sprackling (W Middx)

#### Junior Girls

1. Sara Williams (Willesden)
2. Emese Kottasz (N Middx)
3. Joanne Jablon (Willesden)
4. Joanna Weare (Staines)
5. Caroline O'Leary (N Middx)
6. Patricia McMahon (Willesden)

## MIDDLESEX Iris Moss

REGRETFULLY THE MIDDLESEX Junior Closed Championships have had to be cancelled. With a mere 22 entries it was decided that it would be a waste of officials' time to run the event. One of the reasons given for non-entry was "exams" but in my ignorance I do not know what exams these were. Perhaps we should recruit a teacher onto the Tournaments Sub Committee so that we can get guidance on the dates to avoid but with the crowded table tennis calendar and now "exams" it seems to be an impossible task to find a reasonable date. At least we cannot be accused of too little publicity; apart from putting it in Table Tennis News and the Association's bulletin, some 200 entry forms were sent out to individuals, Inter-league junior fixture secretaries and clubs which were known to have juniors. We will keep on trying but it is very disheartening to say the least. Let's hope that nothing goes wrong for the Senior Closed which is due to take place on 20th and 21st April 1991.

Nothing seems to be going very well for us this season. The

## NORFOLK Ray Hogg

OUR 44TH COUNTY Championships resulted in some 60 Juniors and 60 Seniors - well down in numbers from previous years - playing over the weekend of 8/9th December. Kings Lynn Juniors seem to be the thing at the moment with Gary and Theresa Hewitt taking the Under 17 titles. A mention for Adam Brewer who won the Under 11 title from Ben Thomson of Norwich. Ben showed so much interest and talent through the day he won a County special award.

There was no one to stop Neil Pickard taking his fifth consecutive Mens Singles title, without Phil Logsdon concentrating on his studies rather than table tennis at the moment and the non entry of many senior players, it was rather a one horse race.

Jeanne Reynolds on her return to Championship play after injury was in a class of her own in winning ladies singles and doubles with Alison Taylor. There is a talent we must cash in on. Mick Broughton needless to say won his 8th Veterans singles in a row, and for reaching the final of all four events he entered, a special award was made to him.

#### County Teams

Junior 1st team head their division 2D and will have to wait until 6th April to gain promotion should they win at Surrey. If they do, it is many years since Norfolk had a team in Division 1, and all our boys are available next season. The Seniors lost to Herts 2-8, having expected to take some of the mens singles, but it turned out that Ruth Hunter won both her singles instead - a very determined and dedicated young lady. Our mens three are all recently come of age juniors - I would have thought an older head would be useful, but there again are those older heads now interested in playing county?

Veterans played Herts in Norwich and winning 5-4 and I am told that Tony Hipperson v David Seaholme was the best match ever seen so far in Veterans. I did not see much of that match as I was



umpiring our Juniors next door and kept waiting for the doubles which do not exist now. Thank God for veterans. We have had several new veterans make their debuts recently and to a man (or woman) they have found it a little bit more difficult than they thought.

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE** **Dennis Millman**

DESPITE THE BLEAK weather outside, the enthusiasm generated within Weavers Sports Centre, on the occasion of the first day's play in the Pitney Bowes sponsored County Closed Tournament, was more than enough to keep the Tournaments Committee not only warm, but well satisfied with the new style format, which is surely here to stay.

To keep the expectant atmosphere at fever pitch, there were 35 results to deny the Pennine Computer Ranking List, and furthermore the highest quality entry in the Mens Singles since the event was restarted 40 years ago, with this entry including four players who firmly believed it was to be their year.

Sure enough the top seeds, Graeme McKim, Andy Edmonds, Ian Hawes and Kieron Dabbs duly reached their appointed places in the semi finals with Edmonds having looked the most impressive having cruised through in straight games, while McKim, Hawes and Dabbs had all been taken close by Richard Elliott, Stephen Atkinson and Rafe Miller respectively.

Both semi finals proved intriguing contests, with the tall Hawes appeared to overwhelm the short, but stocky Edmonds to take the first end 21-16. Edmonds then used his quicker footwork to level matters but when Hawes went clear in the third, the holder's chances looked slim. However, trailing 17-13 his greater resolve in a crisis enabled him to take the lead for the first time at 19-18 and go on to the final.

The Dabbs-McKim clash was equally exciting with McKim anxious to erase his defeat at Dabbs' hands in the recent Top 12. Although McKim now handled Dabbs' high thrown service to better effect, it was still the younger player who took the first.

McKim's fleetness of foot and speed of thought now came to the fore as he forced the match into a decider, and with the score 10-9 at the changeover, it was in the balance. However, Dabbs then produced a brilliant spell of attacking play which gained him a match-winning lead, and although McKim pulled back four successive points, it was too late.

Playing at the more favoured end, with his back to the spectators, Dabbs controlled the first game of the final by keeping Edmonds away from the table and when Edmonds surrendered five services in a row, the first end was virtually over, but in the second it was Edmonds' turn to gain the initiative, and maintaining relentless pressure, he took seven points in a row as he moved first to a 17-7 lead and then one game all.

Dabbs started well in the decider, taking a 5-1 lead before Edmonds came to terms with the situation. 10-9 at the changeover and the match still in the melting pot, but Edmonds is made for such situations and keeping his nerve superbly, he produced a rich array of shots which took him to victory and enabled him to retain the title he had won for the first time last year.

Edmonds gained further honours when he and McKim gained their third mens doubles title in a scintillating final, with Dabbs and Hawes again on the losing end of an even contest. However, Dabbs did get his name on the mixed doubles trophy, when in partnership with Kristina Cox, the title was earned at their first attempt after an absorbing tussle with three times winners and veteran experts Keith Jones and Margaret Maltby. The ladies singles was almost as intriguing as the men's event, with four players of marked ability standing out from the rest of the field. The first semi final provided the biggest upset when Donna Furniss

succeeded in stopping Sally Russell's fine run of success, beating the No. 1 seed 18 and 19.

The second semi final was also evenly contested, by Kristina Cox and Mrs Maltby, with both players having won the honours on two previous occasions, but this time it was Maltby who went through to the final, when her steady defence provided the answer to Miss Cox's persistent attack.

In the final Margaret carried too much variation and experience and won convincingly, but Miss Furniss gained some consolation when she and Sally Russell playing together for the first time, beat Kristina Cox and mother Muriel 22-20, 21-15, to give Furniss her first ever county title at any level.

The first staging of the Rod Marchant Memorial Trophy for 17 to 21 year olds also produced some close encounters, but at the end of the day it was Kieron Dabbs who was a clear winner, and who received the splendid new trophy from the late Rod Marchant's sister Raylee.

Ladies also featured in the later stages of the Class One singles, with Sally Russell and Margaret Maltby both reaching the semi finals, before Northampton's Mick Perry and Rushden's Mike Pond took over, with Perry having the edge in the final. The final of the consolation singles was an all Thrapston affair with skipper David Hoddle taking the honours from Neil Atkinson, while in the remaining classified events the main plaudits went to John Gandolfi, who achieved the distinction of winning both Class 2 and 3, while he was also responsible for five of the unexpected wins registered on the Pennine Computer.

Caroline Perkins, Mick Perry and Matthew Gilbert also had good reason to be satisfied with their efforts in this direction, as did Shaun Denholm, who reached one final, in addition to presenting the trophies on behalf of sponsors Pitney Bowes, with their original representative snowbound in the arctic wastes.

## **NORTHUMBERLAND** **Aubrey Drapkin**

NORTHUMBERLAND'S COUNTY SIDES are not experiencing the best of seasons although the juniors have recovered after losing their first match to win the next three. The boys are fairly strong, having the former England cadet international, Barry Forster, at No. 1, Phil Robson No. 2 and Andrew Wilkinson, who recently made his England cadet debut No. 3. Andrew has filled the vacant spot in the team, left by Stephen Coverdale's 'defection' to Durham, with distinction in his first full season in the team. The two girls' places have alternated between Joanne Donnelly, Debbie Scholfield and Diane Cartmell. The progress of Joanne has been notable and she has recorded a few good victories.

The seniors have not played too well away from home and have not played at all at home. Late cancellations have been experienced by the opposition on two occasions and this does nothing for the competition or for local publicity.

The veterans are struggling in a higher division this season and they too have suffered a home cancellation on the day of the match.

Sunderland are definitely the team of the moment in the region for, as well as being leaders of, the Midland Bank Northumberland League they are top of the 3rd Division of the British League, top of the Sunderland League, top of their section in the Moore and Drapkin Northern Region League and their ladies are top of the Newboulds Northern Region Women and Girls League.

In the Midland Bank Northumberland League, Sunderland are being pushed all the way by Blaydon Youth Club A with North Shields YMCA not far behind. In the 2nd Division Leamington are clear at the top, having County star Eddie Smith as well as former county player Neil McMaster. Washington still boast a 100% record in the 3rd Division, Ashington YMCA B team just



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have their noses in front in the fourth and Stanley YC top the fifth.

## SOMERSET Andy Seward

WITH NO COUNTY matches to report on, a chance to review the County rankings and local league scene in the first half of the season.

Although the senior rankings are little changed, last season's leading junior, Adam Gallop, is playing exceptionally well and goes up a couple of places to No. 8. Lee Sadler remains at No. 1 even though his examination commitments leave him little time for playing. Mike Baker's injury, said to have happened on the way to his local, rules him out of all table tennis until March, if not the season. As probably the most consistent player in the County Veterans last season, his absence is of some concern. Four veterans make the top 10, nine in the top 20. Is that a sign of the times?

### Senior Men

1. Lee Sadler
2. Brian Reeves
3. Ron Weatherby
4. Philip Payne
5. John Hartry
6. Mark Paul
7. Paul Smith
8. Adam Gallop
9. John Crabtree
10. Mike Baker

### Senior Ladies

1. Mel Carey
2. Tina Sadler
3. Shirley Dark
4. Kate Pearce
5. Gillian Thorne

### Veteran Men

1. Brian Reeves
2. John Hartry
3. John Crabtree
4. Mike Baker
5. Graham Durdey
6. Alan Maidment
7. Andy Seward
8. Paul Hewitt
9. Martin Rumary
10. Ray Lee

### Veteran Ladies

1. Shirley Dark
2. Wendy Pryce
3. Diane Helsdon

### Junior Boys

1. Mark Smith
2. Rob Millard
3. Christian Garland
4. Alan Russell
5. Corin Webster
6. James Hayne
7. Robert Hayne
8. David Lockyer

### Junior Girls

1. Kate Gent
2. Julie Ashcroft
3. Claire Shobbrook

There are currently 10 teams at the Westlands Club and they are as usual dominating the Yeovil League. Westland Browns are well clear in Division 1, their squad consisting of ex-Somerset Juniors Adam Gallop and Stephen Durdey, mentor and minder Ray Gallop and Mark Morley. Westland Casuals are second, John Smeeton, the ever enthusiastic Ray Lee and Rupert Horsington making up a useful trio.

Next month, more news from the local leagues and a report on the County Junior weekend at Bridgwater. See you in the 'Farmers Arms'!

## SURREY Terry Vance

IT IS WITH regret that I open this report with the death of Paul Kahn who died while playing in the Croydon League just before Christmas. My condolences to his wife and family.

In the December issue I stated that Mike Huband had taken over as Inter-League Secretary. This is no longer true as he has managed to volunteer John Llewellyn to take on this onerous task. John can be contacted on 071 351 5584. He has already contacted the Leagues and fixture lists should be available very soon.

Thames Valley League Division 1 is led by Spicer 1 and Ashford. Both are unbeaten having played 9 and 8 matches respectively. Ashford seem to have an unsettled team as they have already used 7 different players. Top of the averages are Boon and Sexton, both with 100% in Division 2. NPL lead by 3 points from Alexandra 1 and Chessington 2. Top of the averages are J Muller and J Garland.

In the National Vets League Thames Valley beat Watford 7-2 whilst in the Wilmott Cup they lost 6-3 to Staines.

Politics in sport- it is pleasing to report that Bob Lewis of the Rosehill Club is combining playing table tennis with the onerous duty of being Mayor of Epsom and Ewell.

At the Middlesex 3 Star tournament, the young pair of Edward Hatley and Alex Perry of Devon won the mens doubles while David Hannah was beaten in the semis of the singles by the eventual winner.

The South of England 3 Star tournament with 5 star prize money will take place at Farnborough Leisure Centre over the weekend of 23rd/24th February 1991. By the time you read this the closing date will have come and gone. But please make every effort to come and watch. There is a new formula of consolation events for the men and ladies instead of the usual class 2 mixed. Our thanks are due to the Hampshire League for their permission to encroach on their territory.

At the English Junior Championships at Bletchley, Butcher neatly sliced up the No. 3 seed Paul Hudson of Wanstead, before losing narrowly to Vincent Avery of Brentwood in a semi finals bid.

The other Sussex quarter finalist at Bletchley was Sarah Stedman (Arundel). She lost to Gemma Schwartz, but is expecting to go up the cadets list by a place or two in the near future.

Whilst the Arundel players including Kevin Doyle are being coached by Pat Ginnaw, "coach of the month" if there were such an award in England could go to Malcolm Francis.

The former Sussex champion from Uckfield has in his "stable" not only Paul Butcher and Paul Cichelli, but the new English junior champion Alex Perry of Crediton, Devon, who is unbeaten in the British League for Bath.

Meanwhile in Division 1, Horsham Dolphins have started to claw their way back from the bottom of the table with a 5-3 win away to Barry, Glamorgan, where Peter Bartram and Ritchie Venner were undefeated.

Alan Cole, now recovered from a hamstring injury, proved his return to fitness by winning the Haywards Heath Championship. Cole, from Crawley, retained the title, stopping Andy Walker in the final quite convincingly. A batch of town championships are now coming up, but several clash with tournaments and other events, so not all the star players will be appearing locally.

## WORCESTERSHIRE Ken Walton

## SUSSEX John Woodford

AFTER THE COMMENT in this column last month that the Haywards Heath player Paul Elphick is the most improved player in West Sussex, comes the refreshing news that another Heath player, Paul Butcher, 13, is beginning to "pull up trees" in the front ranks of the England cadets.

NEWS OF SCHOOLS table tennis in the Hereford/Worcester area has come to my attention, with the promise of a competition to be held in the New Year. Further details when available.

At the 'top end of the scale' Doug Young informs me of plans being made now for the



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English Senior Closed Championships on 9/10th March, to be held at Crystal Leisure Centre, Stourbridge. This excellent venue, also host to a Women's British League weekend in February 1991, has seating for almost 500 people and with 10 tables in use, there should be some excellent action for all to see. Why not come along and bring a friend or two, word has it there might be some free tickets around.

Facts and figures from the Junior Closed show that 40 boys, 15 cadets, 4 girls and 6 cadet girls took part, with few real surprises at the end of the day.

Lee Horton (Senior mens holder also) easily defeated David Hancock 21-11, 21-15 to retain his boys title and then combined with clubmate Craig Harris to defeat Adam Burman and Neil Green in the boys doubles final. Incidentally, the previous day Craig had been successful at the Woodfield Junior tournament, in winning the boys doubles with a veteran partner!

Carrie Hunt continued her domination of the Girls event in defeating County colleague and cadet girls singles winner Zoe Evans, in the final and then the two combined to win the girls doubles. David Stephens beat Neil Wick 21-9, 21-16 to win the Cadet boys title and Karen Evans was the beaten cadet girls finalist, losing 21-7, 21-11 to Zoe.

In a County junior fixture versus Hertfordshire, Zoe had an excellent win over nationally ranked Sarah Seaholme and looks a good prospect for future years, along with the current Junior No. 1 girl, Carrie Hunt.

County President Ian Crickmer and old friend John Barber made the presentations to winners/runners up and thanks must also go to John Mytton and Linda Reid for ensuring the smooth running of the event once again.

County Team Knockout (scratch) competition - Quarter final draw:

Thorns	v	GPO Sports
OE's	v	Ledbury Reds
Four Pools	v	Ledbury Lions
Crowle	v	Bromley

County results from the weekend of 15th December were as follows:

Senior 1	8	Cambs 2nds	2
Senior 2	9	Northants 2nds	1
Junior	2	Glamorgan	8
Veteran	conceded to Northumberland		

## YORKSHIRE Rea Balmford

IT IS NOT my normal practice to comment on County Championship matters which are so competently dealt with by Doug Moss but at this halfway stage of the season I intend to break the rule and put on record the congratulations of enthusiasts throughout Yorkshire to the players who represented the county over the three premier weekends.

Yes! - three - and Yorkshire came through undefeated on each occasion with the only fall from grace being the loss of a point to champions and keen, but friendly rivals, Middlesex, in the Senior section.

So, five points out of six without Michael and Chris and particular credit to Mick Stead, Kevin Beadsley and last minute selection Anwar Majid, the Lancastrian who, following a spell in Scotland, has moved down to live in York, not forgetting 14 year old Sally Marling, who made her debut at this level with five wins out of a possible six.

With Joanne Shaw back in the fold and Chen Xinhua taking what is hoped will be his customary place in the county of his adoption, Yorkshire certainly lacked nothing in skill or spirit.

Inevitably, the Junior squad had a new look, but Gareth Jones and Andrew Nicholls both returned clean sheets as the side claimed three victories, while also with a new look was the Veteran squad where Malcolm Corring and Pat Bassano were joined by Denis Neale, back after leading the White rose side in many an epic battle during his days as a World ranked player, and former Warwickshire No. 1 Derek Munt, a 'new' Veteran.

So, with all three teams well placed at the halfway stage, what a mouth-watering prospect - can the Yorkshire lads and lasses pull off a 'treble' with a win in all three sections?

Still on the topic of congratulations, and now I refer to the awards made by the Yorkshire and Humberside Sports Council at their Annual Presentation held this year at the Old Swan Hotel in Harrogate. Three awards, two seconds and a third came the way of table tennis - a fine achievement by our sport - with the Under 11 Girls team from the Archbishop Cranmer School, coached and motivated by that 'super enthusiast' Richard Hudson, leading the way on the playing side as they took runners-up place in the school/junior team category.

Also in second place was Geoff Scruton from the host town, nominated by his District Sports Council for Service to Sport. Most players will know Geoff best as an occupant of the umpire's chair, but he has been involved in all facets of table tennis as player and administrator for over 40 years, during which time he has served as Chairman of Yorkshire.

Again for Service to Sport a third place went to hard working County Secretary Keith Shepherd, nominated by YTTA after a long involvement with the sport at all levels which brought him on to the County scene when he took over the most onerous task on the Management Committee, following the death of Frank Briggs.

News from around the county is difficult to come by - everybody busy with Christmas preparations while I am sitting behind the typewriter? - but in SELBY two sides have reached the halfway mark of the season without the loss of a match - defending champions Sturge A, who call on Mick Wilcockson, Nigel Thorn, Craig Smith and Chris Nicolls - and Division 2 leaders. NP Drax B with a squad of G and M Carlton and Ian Pooler.

Leading the first division averages for the first time is 15 year old Andrew Nicholls (Sturge B) with the Sturge A quartet occupying four of the next five places, the odd one out being another 15 year old Karl Horsfield (Thorpe A).

At the same stage in Harrogate, Wanderers A lead the field with their trio of Denis Neale, Nick Davies and Len Browning holding a 14 point average over second placed Ripley Star A (Richard Whiteley, Peter Campkin and Ellen Meddings).

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# CHEN CAPTURES CLEVELAND

by ALAN RANSOME



*Chen Xinhua on his way to victory*

**FORMER** Chinese champion Chen Xinhua played some of his best table tennis of the season to win the men's singles in the Cleveland Council-supported Cleveland Five Star Open Championships at Thornaby Pavilion.

Chen had the toughest possible draw to reach the final. In the quarter-final he defeated the England No. 4, Skylet Andrew from Essex, 21-19, 21-17. The semi final against ten times English champion, Desmond Douglas from Warwickshire was a great match. Douglas won the middle game before Chen took the decider 21-15. Some of the rallies with Douglas attacking and Chen defending were terrific.

The best match was fittingly, the final when Chen played Commonwealth champion Alan Cooke. Cooke won the first game 21-10 with some magnificent hitting and then built up a substantial lead in the second. Chen seemed to move up a gear and work his way back into the match with a mixture of strong defence and calculated attack. The score was level at 18-18 in the second and the match looked as if it could go either way when Chen excelled to take the last three points.

Having gained the initiative Chen never let go, he won the third more comfortably mixing his defence and forehand attack. In the semi final Cooke beat Yorkshire's Michael O'Driscoll comfortably in straight games. O'Driscoll had trouble in the quarter finals when he beat the fast improving young Scottish No. 1 Euan Walker 21-19 in the third.

Another exciting final was the women's singles in which the England No. 1 Lisa Lomas from Bedfordshire beat the fast improving Lancastrian, Andrea Holt. The lead swung first one way and then the other but in the end the greater steadiness of Lisa seemed to be

the telling factor as she won 21-12, 17-21, 21-16. Andrea did well to reach the final in beating the twice English champion, Alison Gordon of Berkshire, in the semi.

The surprise result in the women's singles was the defeat of Wolverhampton's English champion Fiona Elliot by Staffordshire Helen Lower at 21-16 in the third in the second round. Helen progressed through the quarter finals by beating another West Midlands girl Jill Harris by 21-19 in the third but found Lisa Lomas too strong in the semi.

The men's doubles provided some consolation for Douglas and Cooke. They beat the Plymouth pair, Paul Whiting and Paul Giles comfortably in the final. The attackers just beat the defenders in the women's doubles final. Alison Gordon and Fiona Elliot pipped Lisa Lomas and Andrea Holt. Miss Elliot won her second doubles title by partnering Skylet Andrew taking the mixed. In the final they beat Chen and Nicola Deaton of Chestersfield in an exciting three-set match.

NFD Grove, the British League Champions, whose team consisted of Desmond Douglas, Chris Oldfield and Alison Gordon, won the final of the Butterfly International team event beating England 3-0.

The Butterfly International team competition lost some of its shine when the French team of Jean-Philippe Gatien, Patrick Chila and Wang Xiaoming withdrew because of European League commitments.

A second problem was caused by the withdrawal of Matthew Syed from the England team. Syed was replaced by Michael O'Driscoll who moved up from the Ormesby team to join Skylet Andrew and Andrea Holt for England. Ormesby's replacement was Nigel Eckersley. Despite two wins by Chen Ellenborough beat Ormesby 3-2 in the first

round. Ellenborough in turn were beaten in the semi final 3-0 by Grove.

In the final between Grove and England Desmond Douglas for Grove beat Skylet Andrew comfortably, Chris Oldfield out hit Michael O'Driscoll in three and Alison Gordon defeated Andrea Holt surprisingly comfortably, a result that was to be reversed the following day. Grove won 3-0 and fully deserved the title.

The prizes were presented by the chairman of the Cleveland County Council, County Councillor Ted Wood.

## **Results:**

### **Men's singles**

*Semi-finals:* A Cooke (Derby) bt M O'Driscoll (Yorkshire) 21-12, 21-17; Chen Xinhua (Yorkshire) bt D Douglas (Warwickshire) 21-17, 18-21, 21-15.

*Final:* Chen bt Cooke 10-21, 21-18, 21-15.

**Women's singles:** L Lomas (Beds) bt A Holt (Lancs) 21-13, 17-21, 21-16.

**Mens doubles:** D Douglas/A Cooke (Warwickshire/Derby) bt P Whiting/P Giles (Devon) 21-12, 21-7.

**Women's doubles:** F Elliott and A Gordon (Staffs-Berks) bt A Holt and L Lomas (Lancs-Beds), 21-17, 19-21, 21-19.

**Mixed doubles:** S Andrew/S Elliott (Essex/Staffs) bt Chen/N Deaton (Yorkshire/Derby) 18-21, 21-9, 21-18.

**Veterans singles:** D Harvey (Glouc) bt M Short (Devon) 22-20, 19-21, 21-19.

**Class II men's singles:** A Perry (Devon) bt S Horner (Yorkshire) 8-21, 21-17, 21-14.

**Class II women's singles:** E Meddings (Yorkshire) bt L Radford (Essex) 11-21, 22-10, 21-18.

**Butterfly International Team event final:** NFD Grove (Market Drayton) bt England 3-0.



# EURO PLACES AT STAKE

COMMONWEALTH All-stars and Peniel are the likely challengers to NFD Grove and World of Sport for the two European places won last season, when the first week-end of this seasons Womens League gets under way at the Crystal Leisure Centre, Bell Street, Stourbridge on Saturday 16th February.

Staged again at this magnificent venue (which hosts the English nationals 9/10 March) with support from the Borough of Dudley, 30 teams, as last time, fielding the top 100+ women players will compete in five divisions (all play all) with the return fixtures at Bletchley June 1/2.

Completing the Premier Division will be Playline Sovereigns — last seasons Division One winners — and Hull Sandhill (last seasons Andro Ladies)... With final player registrations not yet to hand rumour has it that there will be some camp switching at the top, but one squad settled is the Clive Oakman managed Commonwealth All Stars led by that frequent visitor to these shores, Canada's Marianne Domonkos together with two international colleagues and completed by Janet Smith and Jill Harris who gave the new Press Officer his first quote 'we're going to win'.

Graham Spicer, Fellows Cranleigh, Mission Impossible, Welsh Ladies, Amity Generation and Newcastle make up Division One. Whilst in the lower divisions it is again pleasing to see an entry from the British Sports Association for the Disabled.

Three sessions will be played on Saturday and two on Sunday with events again getting under way at 10 a.m.

Brian Lamerton



Jill Harris - Commonwealth All Star

## HELEN STILL TOPS

A GOOD result for Witney at home to top team Worcester in Division One of the Cotswold Ladies League, with Janet Brown and Joy Kirby winning three each and helping to make a final scoreline of 8-2. Janet and Joy had also taken the doubles. Helen Pogmore from Worcester keeps her 100% record although didn't play in this particular match!

At the other end of the scale we find Birmingham 'A' in a very unusual place for them at the bottom of Division One, although they are giving their juniors the experience of playing at Division One level this year.

Due to the inclement weather conditions we find ourselves without much more to report on match progress. However we would like to

remind any players belonging to Cotswold registered leagues that our tournament this year is being held on Sunday 24th March at the Sydenham Sports Centre, Royal Leamington Spa.

Entry forms will be out shortly, obtainable from Mary Rose (Cotswold Secretary), 45 Springfield Crescent, Solihull, West Midlands. Don't forget — you don't need to have played in any Cotswold matches to play in the Open event, just be registered to play in the local leagues of Worcester, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Witney, Birmingham, Oxford, Leamington Spa, Evesham, or Swindon. Will Lynda Reid keep her Division One singles title and Helen Pogmore the Open? Only you can know the answer to this!

## SUNDERLAND TASTE SUCCESS

THE first session of the Newboulds Womens and Girls League was held at the Seaburn Centre when eighteen teams took part. Unfortunately one club, Rainbow Ladies, were prevented by the weather from getting there which meant the loss of six teams from the competition. However some last minute re-arranging meant a full days play was still enjoyed by all of the teams present.

The first division was two teams short on the day but all six remaining sides played four

matches each with Sunderland's team of Lynn Varnell and Lynne Rainbridge winning all of their games. Karen Newby and Denise Wilkinson ended the day in second spot, losing only to the Sunderland Girls.

The rest of the teams played in groups to determine which went into the second division and which went into the third. Pick of the bunch were North Shields B team of Diane Cartmell and Joanne Donnelly along with Slatyford Ladies A team of Iris

Henderson and Peggy Brown.

The second session will be held at Thornaby Pavilion later this month.

### Newboulds Womens and Girls North Regional League

First Division	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	4	4	-	15	5	8
North Shields	4	3	1	12	8	6
Stockton	4	2	2	9	11	4
Chuter Ede	4	2	2	9	11	4
Gelders Bakeries	4	1	3	8	12	2
Hartlepool	4	-	4	7	13	-

This is a list of the teams who will be competing in this seasons Womens British League during the first weekend at the Crystal Leisure Centre, Stourbridge on 16/17 February 1991.

Team	Division
NFD Grove	PREM
World of Sport	"
Peniel	"
Hull Sandhill	"
Playline Sovereigns	"
Commonwealth All Stars	"
Graham Spicer	ONE
Fellows Cranleigh	"
Mission Impossible	"
Welsh Ladies	"
Amity Generation	"
Newcastle	"
Sun Life Bristol	TWO
Oaks Club	"
Ormesby	"
Bayer Bradford	"
Hull Sandhill (2)	"
Playline Sovereigns (2)	"
NFD Grove (2)	THREE A
Vymura	"
City of Newcastle (2)	"
B.S.A.D.	"
Sunderland	"
Oaks Club (2)	"
Pavilion Ladies	THREE B
NFD Grove (3)	"
City of Milton Keynes	"
Guestling	"
Fullarians	"
Andro Ladies	"

### Second Division

N. Shields B	2	2	-	10	-	4
Slatyford A	2	2	-	10	-	4
Chuter Ede B	2	2	-	8	2	4
Slatyford B	2	1	1	6	4	2
Maccabi B	2	1	1	5	5	2
Gosforth A	2	-	2	1	9	-
Maccabi A	2	-	2	-	10	-
Maccabi D	2	-	2	-	10	-

### Third Division

Gosforth B	2	2	-	9	1	4
Maccabi C	2	1	1	5	5	2
Gosforth C	2	1	1	5	5	2
Gosforth D	2	-	2	-	10	-

### Second division qualifying section

Section A	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
N. Shields B	2	2	-	10	-	4
Chuter Ede B	2	1	1	5	5	2
Gosforth MS C	2	-	2	-	10	-
Section B	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Gosforth A	2	2	-	10	-	4
Maccabi B	2	1	1	3	7	2
Maccabi C	2	-	2	2	8	-
Section C	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Slatyford B	2	2	-	10	-	4
Maccabi A	2	1	1	4	6	2
Gosforth B	2	-	2	1	9	-
Section D	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Slatyford A	2	2	-	10	-	4
Maccabi D	2	1	1	3	7	2
Gosforth D	2	-	2	2	8	-



# SYED STARS IN SUNDERLAND

**IN a special Challenge match in front of BBC Grandstand cameras England came close to beating the European League Champions France at the Crowtree Leisure Centre in Sunderland. The match, supported by the Sunderland Borough Council was won by France 4-3 after some particularly brilliant and exciting play by Matthew Syed.**

England looked set to win the challenge after taking a 2-0 lead. Alan Cooke played some good third ball attack to beat Patrick Chila at 21-19 in third. Cooke led 20-14 in the deciding game Chila saved five match points before Cooke took the set at the sixth opportunity.

The best performance of the evening came from Matthew Syed who beat the French No.1. Jean-Philippe Gatien. Syed started slowly as Gatien won the first sets 21-18 and led by 11-6 in the second. Syed started to pull back and

took advantage of Gatien's hesitance against the defence and the combination bat. Syed won the second 21-18 and then the third at 21-17 to the delight of the large Sunderland crowd and the BBC who had some excellent table tennis in the can for broadcasting the following day.

The French fought back. Chila beat Skylet Andrew 21-14 in the third and by the impressive Chinese French girl Wang Xiaoming proved to have too steady and consistent an attack for the Lisa Lomas defence. The mens doubles was important and the French pair of Gatien and Chila beat Cooke and Andrew in two deuces. Gatien clinched victory for the visitors with a comfortable win over Cooke.

The evening ended on a high note as Syed produced another entertaining display to beat Chila at 21-17 in the third. It was a good night for table tennis, the TV Producer, the

sponsors, Sunderland and the spectators were all happy and the four million Grandstand viewers saw half an hour of entertaining and good quality table tennis on their screens a few hours later.

#### Results:

Alan Cooke bt Patrick Chila  
21-16, 18-21, 21-19;

Matthew Syed bt Jean Philippe Gatien  
18-21, 21-18, 21-17;

Skylet Andrew lost to Patrick Chila  
15-21, 23-21, 14-21;

Lisa Lomas lost to Wang Xiaoming  
17-21, 12-21;

Cooke/Andrew lost to Gatien/Chila  
20-22, 21-23;

Alan Cooke lost to Jean Philippe Gatien  
16-21, 17-21;

Matthew Syed beat Patrick Chila  
18-21, 21-18, 21-17.

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# DEVELOPMENT IS NEVER EASY

UNANIMOUS praise has been given to Chairman John Prean on his brain-child — the £100,000 fund for leagues to develop new ground. This praise, coupled with the Management Committee, is fully deserved because it is surely the only way ahead and to help arrest the small but steady decline in membership. To keep breaking new ground is vital.

I have been watching and hearing about some schemes in Sussex. My own league, Eastbourne, are currently waiting to hear the result of their application which concerns the adoption of two schools, both of which have table tennis enthusiasts on staff.

I have long held a theory on table tennis in schools, especially with the ESTTA involved that if a school has a table tennis "fanatic" on staff, the chances of success are excellent, if not, the chances are negligible, because other teachers will have their own

ideas on extra curricular activity on a huge range of subjects.

## Strange

A strange thing happened recently in Brighton. The local league aided by top coaches Teresa Moore, Peter Burdock and Pauline Steel put on a "Taste of Table Tennis" night at the new Moulescoomb Leisure Centre.

Aided by local stalwarts Paul Miller and Tony Hart they actually got thirty youngsters, mainly complete beginners, on the tables which they had to bring in from the Southwick Leisure Centre some miles away.

"It was a good night" said Carl Beames for the group, "But when we started enquiries about a regular night, things started to go wrong. The lady manager at Moulescoomb stressed that it was a Community Centre and people involved would have to live in the immediate area. She said they could not afford tables and charges for hiring the hall were high".

However, this cloud had a silver lining. From this experience the Brighton group are now more confident over prospects in two other areas, Patcham and Falmer. If they get off the ground there, they will be making ETTA applications accordingly and a new Brighton Youth League is possible.

## Not apparent

On the ETTA fund, there is one other fact that was not apparent to me earlier but it was brought home clearly at one development meeting I attended recently.

Before any league goes ahead they must fully understand that as clearly pointed by the ETTA, once money is granted from the fund, it is not an annual hand-out for a scheme. In other words the money is to launch a plan successfully.

In a short time after that, the scheme has got to be (a) completely self-supporting, after all no-one should expect to be coached for nothing or (b) funds have to be found to keep the scheme afloat in years ahead.

It is my contention that many leagues in England have more money in the bank than the counties.

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# ENGLAND ON THE RACK

A disappointing defeat to Hungary put England on the rack and in an almost impossible position in their bid to win promotion to the European Super League.

The home side had swept into a 6-0 lead before Carl Preat put the brakes on what was becoming an embarrassing one-way win for the Hungarians, by taking the last set of the evening. But it was without doubt a match that the England players will want to forget.

On paper England had a good chance of at least bringing off a close victory with Carl and Alan Cooke both ranked ahead of their opponents. But in reality it was to be very different as the Hungarians showed how rankings can be very misleading.

Carl went on first against Zsolt Harcsi, got into his stride easily by winning the opening game but when leading 14-6 in the second lost all his momentum and lost the next two.

Alan Cooke could do little better. He took on Varga, lost the first game led 20-16 in the second but still lost 24-22.

Little was expected of Fiona who faced Czilla Batorfi, a European gold medallist, nevertheless she played well eventually losing

*Any hopes England might have had of making a swift return to the European League Super Division were quickly dispelled in Budapest when Hungary crushed us 6-1 with only two sets going the distance.*

17, 17.

There was no doubt that those two early wins had put Hungary on cloud seven and a victory in the ladies singles which was always on the cards put us in a desperate position.

The two doubles matches went also to the home side Carl and Alan losing 19-11 to Varga and Nemith whilst Carl playing his third match this time with Fiona in the mixed, never had a chance.

There was some hope of getting off the mark when Alan Cooke took the second game off Harcsi but then he lost the third 23-

21 and we were 6-0 down.

Finally Carl saved us from a complete whitewash by beating Varga 16,18 but by then it was all over and the team travelled back home in a state of shock knowing that they would have to do the impossible at Bletchley to have any chance of making the Super League next season.

It is a result that must rank as one of the major surprises of the season not necessarily that we lost, more by the wide margin of the Hungarian victory.

Watch this space for news of the second match in the March issue.

## SCORES:

Carl Preat lost to Harcsi 15, -18, -16.

Alan Cooke lost to Varga -19, -22.

Fiona Elliot lost to Batorfi -17, -17.

Cooke/Preat lost to Nemith/Varga -19, -11.

Elliot/Preat lost to Harcsi/Wirth -9, -11.

Cooke lost to Harcsi -10, 18, -21.

Preat beat Varga 16, 18.

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The International Table Tennis Federation wants to create the first ever museum dedicated to our sport, in commemoration of 100 years of table tennis.

A centenary of a sport is a remarkable feat and to make this museum a great success, the ITTF needs your help and cooperation.

The first stage of this project is going to be in the form of a large display unit in the Chiba stadium during the 41st World Championships. This exhibition will be open to the public and participants of the games. In addition to a historical look at the development of Table Tennis from 1891 to 1991, there is going to be a Hall of Fame of the Table Tennis champions with a display of their medals and trophies.

This is where your help is required, as we need to collect these displays, photographs, promotional videos, etc. from each association. Time is short, as we need to have collected all memorabilia and exhibition materials well in advance of the start of the World Championships on 24 April. Your quick and expedient response would be much appreciated.

Please find attached a list of all the materials we require you to send to the ITTF office in Tokyo. You are recommended to send via air mail or DHL Federal Express Delivery, and note all postage costs must be met by the individual association. Any association failing to provide any materials for display will not be included in the Museum.

1. Photographs of ITTF awarded people.
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3. Please ask all these world champs if they could lend the museum their gold/silver/bronze medals.
4. We also require table tennis memorabilia, posters, badges, films, photo albums, official reports, music discs, costumes, souvenirs from your country. Stamps, postcards, medals and trophies.
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## ELIGIBILITY RULES

**The interpretation of the eligibility rules, which have come in for some close scrutiny lately, has been confirmed by the ITTF. For the benefit of those who are still not conversant the explanation is as follows:**

*"The essential changes to the eligibility regulations are an increase from two years to six years in the period of residence necessary for a change of eligibility and a registration procedure for players who qualify in this way. The changes take effect as from 10 July 1990, the date of the Council meeting, but the registration requirement will not be fully applied immediately.*

*The purpose of registration is to enable the ITTF Secretary-General to prepare a list of players who have acquired eligibility through residence. This list, which will be updated from time to time, will be made available to Associations and organisers of international competitions. Once registered, players need not be re-registered unless their eligibility changes.*

*For practical reasons, the one year delay between registration and representation will not apply in full until 1 January 1992. Up to 31 March 1991 players eligible by residence may represent their Associations as soon as they have been registered, and from 1 April to 31 December 1991 the period between registration and first representation must be at least 3 months.*

*These new Regulations are not retroactive, which means that players who by 10 July 1990 had acquired eligibility under the previous regulations by a 2-year period of residence will retain that eligibility. Players who had not completed two*

*years' residential qualification by that date will be subject to the new residential requirement of six years, starting from the date at which their period of residence began".*

Any appeals relating to individual cases will be considered by the Executive Board.



## WORLD VIEW

The venue for the 1992 Olympic Games next year is ahead of schedule and the hall which will house the table tennis events is soon to be open to the public. Later this month visitors will be taken on a guided tour of the Barcelona site which is described as the largest top level sports centre in Europe.



'Our most important aim is to make table tennis one of the five major sports. In order to achieve this, all associations must act in harmony and endeavour to represent our sport in the most favourable way.'

Ichiro Ogimura, President.



Switzerland is the latest country to officially register Chinese players with Yong Tu (24) and Zheng Wei (25) making the change.

**Our thanks to the ITTF for the above information**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1991

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



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# MALPAS HEAD FOR TOP

**WITH the Christmas holidays and most league's having a break in their season's programme we do not have a lot of news from around the local leagues in our area.**

However we hope that once leagues again commence playing they will send to me all their news so we can include in future reports. To conclude this first report for what will be the February number of the Table Tennis News I should like to wish all members a very happy New Year in 1991. Good Table Tennis win or lose.

## Wrexham & District Table Tennis League

With the halfway stage of the season now here the situation in the League stands like this in the three Divisions.

### Division One...

Malpas are in top position with 49 points with Groves-Griflex/C. second with 47 points and in the third place are Groves/B.Team. they have 46 points so the position is wide open.

### Division Two...

Telecoms/A. are first with 61. points and in second place are Wrexham Old Boys/C. with 55 and third Wrex-Vic.Y.C./A. with 53 points.

### Division Three...

Garden Village Youth Club/B are leaders with 69 points and Dennis (Ruabon) are second with 53 and in third place McAlpine Quarries/E with 52.

## The Godfrey Parry Cup

This competition, which is the oldest trophy in the League and was first competed for in 1936, sees the final stage due to be played in the new year.

### Semi-Final

Caergwrle.B.B/B. 1. Malpas 8.  
Groves/B. 5. Groves  
Griflex/C. 4.

Final now will be between.

Malpas v Groves/B. Team. This should be a most evenly contested match with both teams able to field a strong side. Malpas who have Ian Woolley, Phil Jones and

Arthur Jones and Groves/B. Justin Evans, Darren Bagnall and Susan Lees... a full report in the next number.

A dinner was held at the Gredington Arms, Llan-y-pwll, Wrexham when the Wrexham-Victoria Youth Centre, Old Members & Friends Association made their presentation of awards to winners and runners-up in their summer outdoor competitions.

Also at this event the "Sports Person of the Year" award was presented to myself for 1989-90, after their members had voted upon the winner in second place Arthur Farmer and third place Mark Pugh. This award, which was first presented last year will become an annual one for a member of the Association who the members consider to be most worthy of receiving the trophy.

Clwyd county teams have played the following matches in the English counties championships in their various sections.

### Clwyd senior. Division 3/A

17.11.90 Clwyd 2, Essex 3rds. 8.

### Clwyd juniors. Division 1/A

29.9.90. Clwyd 0, Yorkshire 2nds. 10.

20.10.90. Suffolk 4, Clwyd 6.

11.11.90. Clwyd 9, Lincolnshire 1.

### Clwyd veterans. Division 2/A

29.9.90. Clwyd 0, Lancashire 2nds. 9.

20.10.90. Warwickshire 7, Clwyd 2.

17.11.90. Clwyd 5, Lincolnshire 2nds 4.

Clwyd seniors still without a win so far this season. Clwyd juniors, after gaining promotion are doing quite well since they are reforming their side with two wins one home and one away. Clwyd veterans after three matches have one win to their credit.

Charles Bayliss

# BLAYDON RACE AHEAD

THIS year the Northern Regional League was resurrected with a new format and played at a central venue along with the Womens and Girls league. The first session was at Seaburn Centre where fifteen teams played in two sections.

The top four in each section will eventually play off for the first division places with the remainder forming the second division and also playing off for positions. The weather conditions unfortunately prevented Barrow from taking part in the session.

Two teams, Sunderland's Steven Riggins and Neil Herrington, and Blaydon Youth Club's Alan Matthewson and Maurice Cheek lead the way at the end of the first session, both winning all of their matches to date. As with the Womens League the second session will be held at Thornaby Pavilion later this month.

## Moore and Drapkin

### Mens Northern Regional League

Section A	P	W	L	Pts
Blaydon	5	5	-	10
S.E.E. A.	5	4	1	8
Billingham 1	5	4	1	8
Silksworth	5	3	2	6
Royal Mail	5	3	2	6
Ormesby Colts	5	1	4	2
S.E.E. C	3	-	5	0
Chuter Ede	5	-	5	0

### Section B

Sunderland	4	4	-	8
S.E.E. B	5	4	1	8
Kiora	4	3	1	6
Ormesby A	4	2	2	4
N. Shields YM	5	1	4	2
Gateshead	4	1	3	2
Billingham 11	4	-	4	0

# HILTON UPSETS SKIPPER

The draw for the Bath & District TT Association second round KO Cup is as follows:

Westinghouse "D"	v	Westinghouse "A"
Oldfield "C"	v	Oldfield "A"
Longwell Green "A"	v	Mayfield "A"
Bath University	v	Westinghouse "B"
Westinghouse "E"	v	Newbridge "A"
Long] Green "D"	v	Oldfield "B"
Bathampton	v	Twerton
Bradford-Avon "B"	v	Longwell Green "C"

In one of the last matches of the season, champions Oldfield "A" beat Newbridge "A" 8-2 and thus retained their top position in the Premier Division, John Higgs took all the Newbridge scalps.

In their final British League match of the year, Cheltenham Saracens held top of the table 'City of Milton Keynes' to an honourable draw. Gary Baldwin has I understand now joined Saracens on a permanent footing.

The captain of Cheltenham Saracens, Dave Harvey, a veteran player of just over a year has now climbed to number two ranking as a veteran, in all Harvey's veterans tournaments he has only been beaten twice this season and by none-other than John Hilton the former European singles champion, who is currently Englands No. 1 veteran.

And finally, Cornish readers will be pleased to know that former stalwart Tom Honey is alive and well in Scotland, I know because he sent me a Christmas card.



The forthcoming election of a new chairman has prompted the largest flow of correspondenc for a long time — and that must be good.

Keep those letters coming, we'll print them all as space allows.

Editor

## NEIGHBOURS

AS a player, coach, and British League club Administrator in the area which provides the two main candidates for the forthcoming election for the post of Chairman of our Association, I believe that my comments on their respective standing in the region would be helpful to local leagues up and down the country in deciding the merits of their nomination.

Alan Ransome and Richard Scruton are based approximately 15 miles either side of my club. They both retain an enormous amount of respect in the table tennis community. They have worked together in the past, and no doubt will do so in the future regardless of the outcome of the election.

I make no pretence at knowing how well they perform in National circles, but as far as this region is concerned then there can only be one choice — Richard Scruton. Support for Alan in the North will be based simply on loyalty and respect for the amazing achievements of the 70's.

His pre-occupation with the commercial side of the sport these days, will be brushed aside by many, but it shouldn't be. The fact that his own county has no representative

teams and is struggling more than most to cope with falling interest, should also be prominent in the thoughts of those with the power to elect.

Richard Scruton, on the other hand, not only works at national level but is the leading light in the resurgence of table tennis in North Yorkshire. Here interest is high, numbers have risen, and the decision of the ETTA to give sole responsibility to his organisation for the 1991 English Junior Open is ample evidence of his credibility.

He has also proved that personal preferences will not come into conflict when difficult decisions have to be made, the demotion of his own County's tournament from 3 to 2 star status being a prime example.

Alan Ransome's contribution to our sport should not be forgotten and I personally have nothing but respect for his work within the game but to put it in simple terms he WAS an achiever, Richard Scruton IS an achiever. In my area Alan will gain the Loyalty vote, Richard will gain the intelligent vote. I only hope that intelligence wins the day.

Keith Wilson  
SEE South West  
Durham TTC

## WORRY

I am deeply concerned by the Chairman's continuing comments regarding a colleague and candidate for Chairman of the English Table Tennis Association.

Alan Ransome's input into the game at all levels in the last two decades is second to none, his track record is excellent and if elected will be very capable of leading the association in these difficult times.

John's main thrust seems to be Alan's business interests and its implications. "Why now", I ask, what has changed! For the past three years you have nominated him as Vice Chairman Marketing on your team, and whatever happened to your quote on Alan's testimonial when standing for deputy chairman? The worry about trade interests is a product of small minds' and for that matter have Management not recently negotiated a sponsorship of £100,000 from Butterfly?

It is not also a fact that other can-

didate(s) for Chairman have trade interests, as have Ebbo Schoeler, greatly respected representative of the German Association, and the General Secretary of Belgium, amongst others.

As Chairman you have been the target of personal criticism suggesting influence regarding Carl's selection. I did not believe it of you then, neither will I believe it of Alan Ransome now.

What I do believe is, it is unfair to use the office of Chairman to influence members in voting one way or the other, candidates themselves will present us with information and mandate.

Let members decide in a democratic manner without prejudice who is the best person to build on the firm base we now have, mainly through your tremendous input while Chairman.

Mike Lewis  
Avon

## BE POSITIVE

I've never written to your magazine before, much as I have enjoyed reading it over the ten years that I have been involved in the sport. As Managing Director of Stag Inns Ltd., I have been pleased to sponsor in various ways, mainly local events.

Many readers will recall the red minibus that travelled England in the cause of Cornish Table Tennis; be it tournament, County match or British League fixture we are proud that the 'White Hart' minibus has been identified with table tennis up and down the land.

It hasn't been one way either; many E.T.T.A. members have sampled the delights of the White Hart — good business for us and like all the best sponsorships mutually

beneficial. So why do I write? The forthcoming election of a new Chairman will be fascinating I'm sure, but please please use it as an opportunity to go forward.

Don't shoot yourselves in the foot by having an acrimonious campaign. For goodness sake be positive; whoever the candidates are let them compete openly on their own merits, be constructive, don't damage the sports image by being petty and small minded. I'm sure all who stand will be worthy candidates — may the best man win.

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Brian Baker  
Launceston, Cornwall

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# NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

I supported the election of John Preato to the position of ETTA Chairman as I considered that his appointment would act as the necessary catalyst at a time of stagnation.

His years in power have been, as expected, controversial — if you grab a tiger by the tail you have to live with the consequences. His previous track record suggested that here was a man whose business flair and expertise would bring a new dynamic image to a moribund sport.

The early months of his reign showed us that he considered that to be successful one had to be ruthless and as a result many good administrators, some who had devoted their lives to the sport, were quickly disillusioned and left.

From the players aspect there has been a lack of confidence. Suspicion and mistrust have become evident over the last couple of years to the present level of barely concealed hostility. It should always be borne in mind that our number one priority is that the sport is not about administration, not about internal politics, it is about players.

I have been involved in our game for 45 years and during that time have met many dedicated people however, there is one person

who in my personal opinion stands out. Alan Ransome is a candidate for the top position and I firmly believe that because of his record of 100% commitment to our sport he will make a Chairman of real distinction.

I know that the doubters will point to commercial involvement but in my book this only serves to demonstrate the flair of a man who lives and breathes table tennis 24 hours a day. Alan has demonstrated an overwhelming passion for the sport in good times and bad. His arguments are always articulate and well reasoned. Many of his initiatives and ideas have brought a new dimension to our game.

He has served the sport both as a player, coach, impresario, and administrator at all levels. He is popular with both players and the Press. Alan has supported his respective Chairman, sometimes at times of extreme difficulty, always with diplomacy and tact. These are certainly the attributes of a man who I am convinced would make an outstanding Chairman of the ETTA.

A vote for Alan, I sincerely believe, will open up a brighter future where the game can flourish for the benefit of all, and where team work will be the name of the game.

Brian Halliday

## DECISION TIME

For the first time for a number of years, you the representatives of leagues and counties will have a decision to make on who will be at the helm of English table tennis. As you know, the choice is between Richard Scruton and Alan Ransome.

Having the privilege of serving as ETTA treasurer since 1987 and therefore knowing both candidates, I have no hesitation in recommending Richard to you as the best man for the job.

He has been a leading national tournament organiser and referee for many years and has a wealth of committee experience at the highest level. Since the ETTA has been fortunate to have Richard as Vice Chairman responsible for competitions, I have seen that he is effective in putting his points of view across with clarity and vigour, winning his case when it is justified.

His background as an executive in the financial services industry will also encourage the attitudes of good housekeeping which John Preato has fostered so successfully.

Alan Ransome is more widely known across the country because of

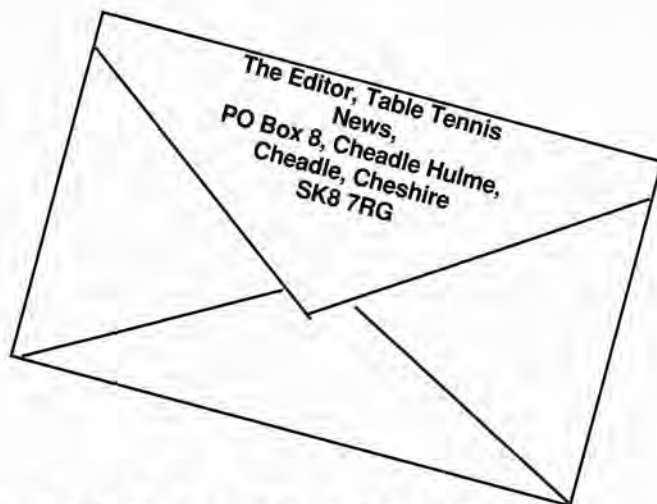
his business interests and it is precisely these same interests which many believe would make it very difficult for him to be a good impartial chairman of the ETTA. He is the main agent for one particular brand and has a flourishing retail business which must take up a great deal of his time.

Apart from this, he does of course sponsor a number of our leading players. Our beneficial arrangements with most suppliers of table tennis equipment would be severely compromised if one of their competitors were to be elected to the highest office in table tennis and the public at large would always be looking with suspicion for any impropriety behind any decision.

As for the position of deputy chairman, I consider Stuart Sneyd to be outstanding of those up for nomination. He has done an excellent job in reorganising the coaching setup, making it efficient and cost-effective.

So for me the dream ticket is Richard and Stuart. These two are not dreamers, they are achievers and will do great things for the game we all love.

Peter Hillier  
Honorary Treasurer



## DEDICATION

May I take this opportunity, as someone who has known and worked with Alan Ransome for many years, to recommend him to the members of the English Table Tennis Association as the next Chairman.

With his experience and dedication I feel he is the obvious choice to carry on the good work of the previous administration of which he was a leading member.

He was in his early days a leading player and became involved in the administration side with the Middlesbrough league at a very early age.

His knowledge of coaching and team tactics is vast and ongoing. He is team captain of the very successful Ormesby team in the British League.

He is coach in charge of the Northern Centre of Excellence involved with young players, the future of our sport.

Alan is well known at home and abroad. He is well known to the Sports Council. He is therefore able to express our views at home and abroad.

There is some disquiet regarding his Trade Connections.

I have advised him to set up a

separate Trade Committee, this committee to be selected from the National Council to report through their own chairman without interference or influence from the Management committee or its Chairman.

If the members are looking for a candidate to become Chairman of our organisation at top level they would I am sure look for the following.

1. Wide experience at top level.
2. An expert knowledge of the sport.
3. Someone who is known and respected at International level.
4. A person with much experience in Marketing and Sponsorship.
5. Someone who has been a top player and who still is a top coach.
6. A person who is in touch with players at all levels.

If you found a person with all these qualifications I am sure you would elect him as the next chairman of the E.T.T.A.

This person is Alan Ransome our present Deputy Chairman.

Alan is also married to Josie a very great asset indeed.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Davison (Chairman of:  
Cleveland Table Tennis Assocn. and  
Stockton Table Tennis League)

## RIGHT MAN

These are the words of our retiring Chairman in his open letter in January's magazine. Who is the right man? Who can lead the Association through the troubled times ahead? Who has the ability?, the experience? Who has been part, some might say the most valuable part, of the team that has — 'transformed the Association'.

One man has not only been part of this revolution, he has kept it on the road, when some less rational might have almost put us in the

ditch! The current Deputy Chairman has served the Association and our sport as player, coach, administrator and diplomat — can there be any doubt who the right man is?

Cornish table tennis believe Alan Ransome to be just the right man to lead our sport in the Nineties. We couldn't hope to have our Association in better hands.

Pete Hancock  
Cornish Table Tennis  
Association



# HIGH STANDARDS

I read the announcement that our Chairman, John Prean, had decided to stand down after four frenetic years of success with some sadness but with also the recognition that yet again he had made a brave, thoughtful and correct decision.

He has done in four years what would be an achievement to accomplish in fourteen but within the current framework of the ETTA he now faced the law of diminishing returns. In brief, it would take a fundamental change of structure for John to get much further in his incredible reform programme.

His standards are, of course, so tremendously high that inevitably some complacent souls are bruised in the process. However, I think we can all look back with considerable pleasure at what has been achieved in the past four years.

To shift a sport from the brink of accomplishing the slide to extinction to establishing it on a platform where persons can ask again whether it is a major or minor sport in our sporting calendar is so considerable that only those who identified and recognised the alternative path to oblivion will appreciate what has happened.

As someone who strongly supported his efforts to become Chairman in the days when the chances of his candidature seemed quite remote, he did far, far more than I dreamed was possible when he started the climb. We all can identify the accomplishments of John and his team.

The question is now the future. Hopefully, all those who vote will recognise that the spirit of service and idealism which John has tried to inculcate into the sport needs to be maintained. Any alternative will be a recipe to a slide back to where John started. He has left the job on a 'high', let's try to go higher.

Thanks John for all your hard work, commitment and dedication towards the development of the sport. We need to remember that if his successor and his team accomplish half of what John has achieved we will be moving further towards being considered a major sport in this country. John and his team have provided a platform for this to become a reality.

(Professor) Keith Soothill

## GLORY

When I read our Chairman's letter regarding his pending resignation, I could not help but think back to the time when John first took 'The Chair' elected by his members. At that time after much discussion I accepted the nomination to stand as Deputy Chairman, contesting the position with the eventual holder of the role Tony Chatwin.

From the start and through the campaign my concern was that my abilities in Public Relations matters that I had helped shape within the Association as Vice Chairman and my many years on the Public Relations Committee would support John Prean with his, and of course, the Association's image; for it is often not what you say but how it is said and done that counts.

Nevertheless, John's support for Alan Ransome's background knowledge and marketing skills won through and I am sure that he, the Chief Executive, staff and volunteers should bathe in the glory of the many fine achievements made by John Prean.

John has kept a fairly regular dialogue with me, and has never castigated me to my face and I have enjoyed representing Sussex table tennis at National Council and continuing my public

relations work at events and developing table tennis with the major newspapers, notably the Daily Express.

So now the stage is set for the election of a new Chairman. On this occasion there is no need for my concern and I will be supporting the new team, hopefully as part of it!

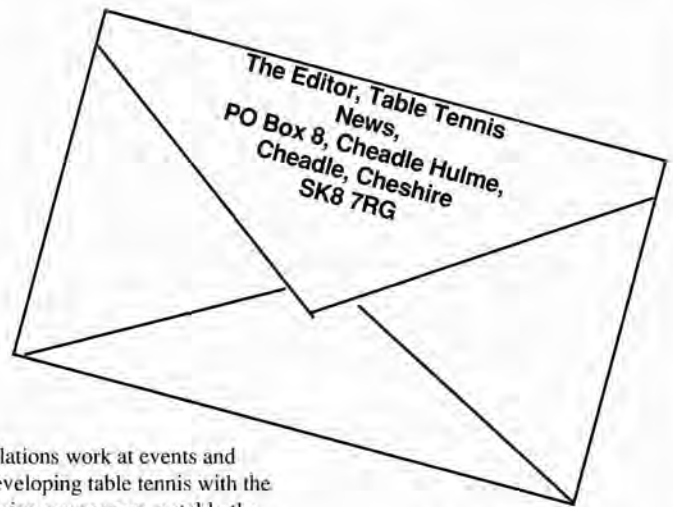
There is no need to stand if Alan Ransome is elected Chairman, because I believe that after much discussion with him over the last four years, that he will take the necessary steps to separate himself from trade matters and that has certainly been my only concern over his eligibility.

In fact Alan has assured me he will set up a separate committee elected by National Council, to handle all trade matters completely separately to his personal responsibilities as Chairman.

This will immediately save Alan abstaining from parts of meetings as he will not even be attending such gatherings.

I hope that in time Alan will be able to separate himself more from his business to give his full time to the ETTA; a necessity already proved by John Prean.

Brian Spicer  
Sussex



## IMAGE

In this article (T.T. News Nov) John Prean expresses sentiments with which most of us would agree, as follows:

"To parade every little grievance publicly at the first opportunity will do little but produce a poor image for the sport."

What poorer image could be given than by the letter which appeared in the Daily Telegraph on December 3rd revealing the obvious rift between the game's ruling body and one of its finest ambassadors for the last 15 years or so, Desmond Douglas? As that letter was written by Mr. Prean, I feel he ought to explain to your readers how he can justify the same in the light of his own viewpoint.

Alan Shepherd,  
Flat 6, 32 Green Lane, Southgate,  
London N14 4AU.

*"Alan Shepherd, not for the first time, has his facts wrong. Desmond Douglas volunteered certain statements to a journalist, which were inaccurate and unacceptable. It is the duty of the Association to reply to such statements. This was done in a completely detached, factual way."*

John Prean

## GREAT THINGS

I have just received the news that John Prean is stepping down at the end of this season.

John is instrumental in putting our Association on a sound financial basis. He has also achieved great things in other aspects of our game which has transformed our Association. Thank you John for all your achievements.

This foundation must now be

consolidated and I feel that the next Chairman, who has already served us so well as Deputy Chairman, should be Alan Ransome. Over the years Alan has devoted a great deal of time and effort to the advancement and development of the game.

There will be some criticism from some people because of his involvement on the commercial side of our sport. I can honestly

say that this has never interfered in his work for our Association and I feel certain that this will be the Status Quo in the future.

I have no hesitation, therefore, in giving him my full support and I shall be recommending to the YTTA that we support Alan to this office which he so richly deserves.

Eric Hill  
Chairman YTTA



# ON THE RECORD

WE wish to reply to the Yorkshire scribe, Rea Balmford, (December 1990) in order to put on record the correct sequence of events during the past months. Everyone is entitled to an opinion — fortunately North Yorkshire folk do not appear to share Rea's.

There have never been secret plans for North Yorkshire to secede and certainly no moving spirits. A meeting was held in July to which were invited the leading officials of the six leagues in North Yorkshire. Richard Scruton gave a talk entitled 'The Way Ahead' and discussion followed. The undoubted conclusion of the meeting was that a proposal to seek to form a new county association was worth acting upon and that the six leagues must individually decide whether to agree to the proposal.

This plan conformed with ETTA Rules 31.1.2. and 31.2. which require a majority of leagues within a county jurisdiction to agree to such a proposal prior to a motion being put to National Council. Therefore it can be seen that the North Yorkshire officials acted correctly in the opening of the debate and the subsequent decision making process.

In the months of September and October four of the six leagues voted unanimously, either at general meetings or management committee meetings to agree to seek the formation of a new county body for North Yorkshire. We must make it quite clear that these decisions were made in the full knowledge of the implications for the existing body and the possible timetable of events leading to a National Council debate on the formation of a North Yorkshire county association.

In November the two remaining leagues voted not to agree to the proposal, though one of the leagues voted against by the narrowest possible margin.

If representatives of six leagues can meet, debate and vote on a radical proposal to escape the neglect and decline of table tennis activity in the remaining Ridings of Yorkshire, without the knowledge of Yorkshire's officials, then just how well informed, in touch and active are those officials?

If the financial 'carrot' is local authority support, why has it not been tapped by Yorkshire? The reason for North Yorkshire considering its future has been the emerg-

ence of officials and activities, particularly coaching, indicating at least a future for North Yorkshire and one that at this moment surely cannot be seen in the remaining Ridings.

M. Hanley  
R.C. Scruton  
M.J. Wilcockson

## QUESTION MARK

I am writing to express my disappointment at the English Junior Closed Championships held at Milton Keynes on Sunday 6 January (Cadet day).

Although the administration was first class, I question the organisation. Eight tables remained idle for over an hour during the middle of the day. The spectators were treated to the spectacle of any Tom, Dick and Harry dressed in a variety of garb, knocking on these free tables whilst quarter and semi-final doubles events took place. Surely these tables could have been utilized to better effect by meaningful match play!

This is the most prestigious event in the junior calendar and yet does it attract maximum interest from junior players? Am I right in thinking that entries were well down? If so, isn't the answer patently obvious? Players will not travel in some cases 400 miles for ten minutes table tennis.

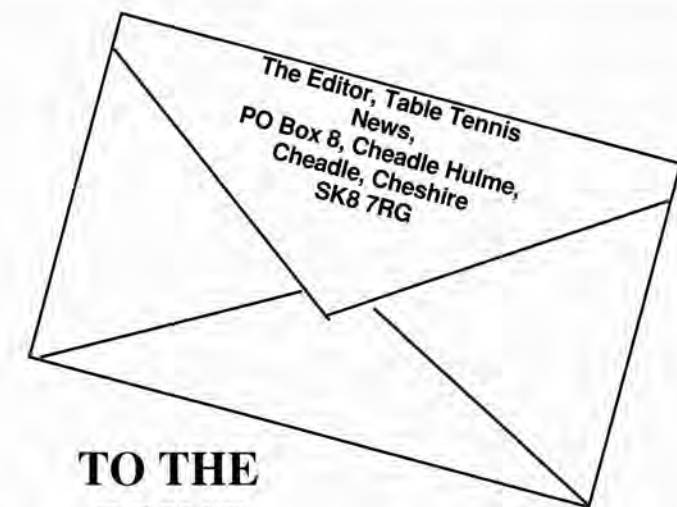
Why is it that groups do not exist? Why are there no mixed doubles for cadets? Why is it that partners cannot be applied for? It is certainly not the time factor — finals were completed before 6pm!

The ethos behind the tournament must be to encourage more youngsters to play table tennis. I strongly suggest that the policy adopted in this case is sterile.

George Stedman  
Grundel, West Sussex

## SEND CHEN

With £300,000 in the ETTA bank what finer investment could be made with £4,000 of that money than this: Send Chen Xinhua to the World Championships as a player-coach, thus relieving much of the pressure on the men's squad. He would be an extra man, making the coaching of players on court in Chiba much



## TO THE POINT

If I may borrow words from two of your most prolific contributors — first J.P. our Chairman (Dec. '90) 'Volunteers are our greatest assets — we often treat them badly — nothing wrong with criticism — everything wrong with nit picking'; second Alf Peppard — enlarging on his analysis of county contributions to T.T.N. (May/June '90).

I have updated and produced a league table for the whole of the South & South West 1989-90; Gloucester 8, Berkshire & Hampshire 6 each, Oxford & Cornwall 4 each, Isle of Wight & Avon 3 each, Wiltshire 2, Dorset 1, and Devon & Bucks both nil.

Now to the point — you will note that Hampshire were joint second in the whole of the South & West and yet their scribe David Cosway was sacked — yes — sacked for comments made in the March issue which was born out of committee criticism of lack of coverage in early season.

For 25 years David had given freely of his time to this job and many other County jobs besides and yet he was summarily dismissed, without appeal, followed 5 whole months later by a personal letter of thanks from the President.

Have you read the Hampshire notes this season — I can't find any in the first three editions and I understand that there won't be any in the fourth either. Maybe Alf in his answer in J.P.'s latest comments; Bucks & Devon scribes have probably been bitten before.

Brian Lamerton  
92, Granada Road,  
Hedge End,  
Southampton.

## THANKS

On behalf of my colleague, George Ferris and I, I would just like to say a word of thanks to all those involved in our very successful coaching trip to Chesterfield, on the 3rd and 4th Jan '91. A very special word of thanks goes to Mr. and Mrs. Colin Deaton and daughter Nicola, not forgetting coach Chen Xinhua and his wife Jeanette who made us both feel most welcome.

Yours in Sport  
Sean McAnaney  
Northern Ireland Table Tennis.

**Would all county press officers please send their copy and results direct to**  
**Beth Davies,**  
**ETTA, Third Floor,**  
**Queensbury House,**  
**Havelock Road,**  
**Hastings TN34 1HF**

**Stories are still being sent to the editor which means time lost in redirecting it back to ETTA**

easier.

And, in the women's squad send the four contenders who all deserve to go.

At the moment only Alan Cooke and Carl Prean are certain to go. All the other players are under severe pressure. That is not right.

John Woodford



# WOLVES RECEIVE MAULING

by BOB BROWN

**WOLVERHAMPTON** suffered an 8-2 mauling, at the hands of the powerful Gloucester trio of Darren Griffin, Mark Owen and Michael Owens, in a Division One encounter.

Trevor Washington tried hard for the 'Wolves', but with Griffin and Owens both unbeaten, the visitors maintained their title challenge, with some degree of comfort.

In Division Two, Loughborough gained a fine 7-3 win at Walsall, after a sound team performance from Alan Watson. Dave Fox and Malcolm Truman. Darren Smith — who has only recently made a comeback to the game — won all his games for Walsall and hopefully this talented young player has regained his appetite for the sport.

Nuneaton had a smart away win at Lincoln, with Chris Knowles, Pete Muir and Andy Lebutt producing an impressive level of consistency, despite a treble from Paul Moore for the home side.

Another decisive away win in the division came from Leamington against Leicester, although the visitors were 2-0 down before reeling off eight straight successes. The lightning reflexes of Jon Williams were once again well to the fore in his three wins, although both Matthew Wells and Graham Hibbers took him to three.

Only one match to report from Division Three, where Leamington 'B' just scraped home against Walsall 'B'. The crucial victory was Damon Fenton's 21-19 in the third success over Mick Challenor while Challenor was involved in another thriller against Malcolm McFarlane, this time winning by the narrowest of margins.

Birmingham 'A' are aiming for their fourth title in succession, in Division One of the veterans section and made a good start by crushing Cheltenham 9-1. Frank Jones gained the consolation for the visitors against Ray Dixon, with Mervyn Wood and Roy Norton unbeaten for the 'Brummies'.

The Birmingham 'B' side suffered a 6-4 reversal to Leamington, after an outstanding performance from Pat McCabe. First game of the night saw McCabe beating Pat Glynn 24-22 in the third and this proved decisive. Glynn is another player who has made a recent return to the game — this time after an eight year absence — and looks likely to become one of the top 'vets' in the country. Greg Saville and John Earles offered staunch support to McCabe in this exciting encounter.

In Birmingham 'C's 7-3 triumph over West Bromwich in Division Two, the game between Brian Butterworth and Trevor Worton lasted more than an hour, with Butterworth winning 32-30 in the third. Hard hitting John Phillips was the difference between the sides, picking up three West Bromwich scalps in straight games.

West Bromwich were involved in another tight match at Stroud, where a maximum from Alan Giles clinched a point for the home side and George Hutton picked up two singles for West Brom.

Pete Walters made his veterans debut for Birmingham 'D' in their clash with Coventry and was unbeaten. Good support here from Barry Russ and Brian Pynor in a 7-3 success. Alan Stockham won two for Coventry. Staying in the Third Division, Nottingham 'B' just pipped West Bromwich 'B' 6-4, after two singles victories each for Dave Stills and Harry Grantham. Steve Hammond was in superb form for West Brom\* but was given little support by his teammates.

Hammond gained another maximum in the 6-4 home success over Nuneaton, but this time John Whitehouse decided to give a helping hand and he too gained three successes. One match in Division Four, where Pontesbury just pipped Coventry 'B' 6-4. No christian names and no report of

play on the match form, so nothing further to mention on this one.

Worcestershire senior champion, Lee Horton, gained three successes for Dudley in their Division One junior clash with Birmingham 'A', although young Sam Barney put up an inspired performance against him, going down 17 in the third.

In Division Two, Leicester crushed Walsall 9-1, with only Andrew Hassall able to stop the rot. Lee and Martin Brunning, along with Dean Langley kept the pressure on throughout the match, to record this fine triumph.

Another reminder about the Midland Closed that will take

place at the National Sports Centre, Lilleshall, on Sunday April 14. With the venue only 35 minutes from the centre of Birmingham, a bumper entry is forecast by secretary Brian Lloyd.

Entry forms will be out shortly and they can be obtained from Brian at 18, Chamberlain Crescent, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 2DG. (please enclose SAE).



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English Junior Open  
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25th/26th/27th May 1991

Halex National U10 & U12  
Championships  
Bletchley Leisure Centre  
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22/23 June 1991

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**NEW  
CATALOGUE**

Jarvis Sports UK, importers and distributors of the Donic range of table tennis products, has launched a new catalogue to the retail market.

The brochure, entitled 'Donic Table Tennis Equipment Used by the Champions' displays a range of six table tennis tables from the inexpensive Donic 'Easy' to the robust Donic 'School Roller' with large wheels for safe and easy movement. In addition to the tables, there are 10 bats and a net and post set.

Also in the brochure are Donic table tennis balls which were selected for the 1990 English Open Championships.



Four proud recipients of Lion bat cases give a smile to our cameraman at the National Junior Championships at Bletchley. Andrew Wilkinson (North Shields), Mark Smith (Bradford), Paul Butcher (Haywards Heath) and Darryl Meredith (Oldham) each reached the quarter-finals of the Cadet boys singles.

**NEW  
BOOK**

ETTA coach David Hewitt has written a book on coaching and it could turn out to be a winner. In simple, easy to understand language he sets out to explain the basics of a sport that millions play.

It is well laid out with some excellent illustrations that get over the problems of complicated explanations. It's 14 chapters take you from the sort of equipment you will require to how to run a coaching session.

There is nothing excitingly new about the contents but it does have excellent visuals that brighten up the book and make it very readable.

Recommended to any budding coaches who will find among its 128 pages lots of excellent advice. As is often the case in these types of books there is also plenty of value for the player as well. (How to Coach Table Tennis is published by Collins Willow and priced £6.95 and £9.95 hardback).

**5 STAR  
TOURNAMENTS  
1991/1992**

Organisers are asked to send their applications for 5 Star status to the E.T.T.A. offices by the end of March. A list of conditions may similarly be obtained from our office. It is **not** a condition that any applicant must enjoy 3 Star status at this time, merely that the previous tournament conformed to 3 Star conditions.

This season 5 Star status was accorded to the Cleveland, Wiltshire Burmah and Essex.. We have every reason to believe that next season competition will hot up i.e. that there will be more applicants.

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# RESULTS & TABLES

## THE 6TH TAMESIDE 2 STAR JUNIOR OPEN

### Junior Boys:

Final — Collier b Howarth 21, -15, 23.

### Junior Girls:

Final — Marling b Meddings 21, -18, 21.

### Cadet Boys:

Final — Neal b Crawford 15, 22.

### Cadet Girls:

Final — Heyward b Bastin 10, 14.

### U12 Boys:

Final — Meddings b Smith 16, 20.

### U12 Girls:

Final — Woodward b Smith -16, 15, 15.

### Junior Doubles Boys:

Final — Collier/Coverdale b Chan/Newns 14, -21, 23

### Girls Doubles:

Final — Marling/Gardiner b Connelly/Watt 13, 17.

### Cadet Doubles Boys:

Final — Meredith/Whitehead b Eaton/Thornton-Allen -20, 15, 17.

### Cadet Doubles Girls:

Final — Fox/Newns b Duke/Hall 15, 17.

## THE ROSE BOWL 1990/91

### 1st round Zone matches

Zone 1	
York	bye
Hull	v Bradford
Sunderland	bye
bye	Newcastle
Zone 2	
Blackpool	bye
Warrington	0 : 6 Wolverhampton
Burton on Trent	bye
bye	Nottingham
Zone 3	
Norwich	bye
bye	Leicester
Peterborough	bye
bye	Grimsby
Zone 4	
Swindon	bye
bye	Oxford
Sunlife Bristol	bye
bye	Plymouth
Zone 5	
Slough	bye
High Wycombe	0 : 6 Bracknell
Reading	bye
bye	Maidenhead
Zone 6	
North Middlesex	bye
Dunstable	sc : wo North Herts
West Middlesex	bye
bye	Central
Zone 7	
Brighton	bye
Wembley/Harrow	0 : 5 Willesden
Crawley/Horsham	bye
bye	Hastings
Zone 8	
Iford	bye
Chelmsford	sc : wo Dagenham
Brentwood	bye
bye	Burnham
Semi Finals	
Zone 1	
Bradford	sc wo Yorks
Hull	sc
Sunderland	2 : 5 Northumberland
Zone 2	
Wolverhampton	6 : 0 Blackpool
Burton-on-Trent	9 : 0 Nottingham
Zone 3	
Leicester	wo : sc Norwich
Peterborough	2 : 5 Grimsby
Zone 4	
Oxford	2 : 7 Swindon
Sunlife Bristol	wo : sc Plymouth
Zone 5	
Bracknell	4 : 5 Slough
Reading	5 : 3 Maidenhead
Zone 6	
North Herts	4 : 5 North Middx
W Middlesex	6 : 3 Central
Zone 7	
Willesden	5 : 3 Brighton
Crawley/Horsham	5 : 2 Hastings
Zone 8	
Dagenham	6 : 0 Iford
Brentwood	v Burnham-on-Crouch

## Zone finals to be played by 17 February 1991

Zone 1	
Northumberland	v York
Zone 2	
Burton-on-Trent	v Wolverhampton
Zone 3	
Grimsby	v Leicester
Zone 4	
Sunlife Bristol	v Swindon
Zone 5	
Reading	v Slough
Zone 6	
West Middlesex	v North Middlesex
Zone 7	
Crawley/Horsham	v Willesden
Zone 8	
Brentwood or Burnham-on-Crouch	v Dagenham

## National Quarter Finals to be played by 7 April 1991

Match a)	Zone 1 Winner	v	Zone 2 Winner
Match b)	Zone 6 Winner	v	Zone 4 Winner
Match c)	Zone 3 Winner	v	Zone 5 Winner
Match d)	Zone 7 Winner	v	Zone 8 Winner

## National Semi Finals to be played by 5 May 1991

Match e)	Winner match (a)	v	Winner match (c)
Match f)	Winner match (b)	v	Winner match (d)

National final has now been arranged for Saturday 18 May 1991 at Stantonbury Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes

## THE WILMOTT CUP 1990-91

### 1st round Zone matches

Zone 1	
Carlisle	4 : 5 Blackpool
Lytham St. Annes	1 : 8 Blackburn
Warrington	5 : 4 Bolton
bye	Huddersfield
Zone 2	
Selby	5 : 1 York
Northumberland	2 : 5 Sunderland
Harrogate	3 : 5 Hull
Stockton	5 : 4 Bradford
Zone 3	
Nottingham	9 : 0 Grimsby
Leicester	5 : 1 Birmingham
Chesterfield	v Potteries
bye	Burton-on-Trent
Zone 4	
Leamington Spa	3 : 6 North Herts
bye	Willesden
Cambridge	5 : 3 Lowestoft
Norwich	wo : sc Peterborough
Zone 5	
West Cornwall	bye
Plymouth	6 : 0 SunLife Bristol
Oxford	5 : 4 Maidenhead
Reading	5 : 1 West Wilts
Zone 6	
Guildford	5 : 1 London Banks
bye	Wembley/Harrow
Crawley/Horsham	6 : 0 Worthing
Hastings	5 : 1 Brighton
Zone 7	
High Wycombe	5 : 4 Bracknell
Watford	6 : 0 Slough
Thames Valley	6 : 3 Staines
bye	W Middlesex
Zone 8	
Dagenham	wo : sc Southend
Cheshunt	3 : 5 Iford
Central	3 : 5 N Middlesex
bye	Brentwood
Results of Zone semi-finals	
Zone 1	
Blackpool	0 : 5 Blackburn
Warrington	0 : 6 Huddersfield
Zone 2	
Sunderland	5 : 1 Selby
(Harrogate)	3 : 5 Hull
Hull	sc:wo Stockton
Zone 3	
Leicester	6 : 0 Nottingham
(Chesterfield)	sc:wo Potteries
Potteries	5 : 0 Burton-on-Trent
Zone 4	
Willesden	sc:wo North Herts
Cambridge	5 : 2 Norwich
Zone 5	
Plymouth	6 : 3 West Cornwall
Oxford	5 : 1 Reading

Zone 6	
Wembley/Harrow	5 : 3 Guildford
Crawley/Horsham	5 : 1 Hastings
Zone 7	
Watford	5 : 2 High Wycombe
Staines	5 : 4 W Middlesex

Zone 8	
Iford	1 : 5 Dagenham
N Middlesex	5 : 1 Brentwood

Please note Cambridge match secretary is now Martyn Livermore, 34 Windsor Gns, Somersham, Huntingdon, Cambs PE17 3DZ. Phone: (H) 0487 740453 (B) 0487 843484

## Zone finals to be played by 17 February 1991

Zone 1	
Huddersfield	v Blackburn
Zone 2	
Stockton	v Sunderland
Zone 3	
Potteries	v Leicester
Zone 4	
Cambridge	v North Herts
Zone 5	
Oxford	v Plymouth
Zone 6	
Crawley/Horsham	v Wembley/Harrow
Zone 7	
Staines	v Watford
Zone 8	
N Middlesex	v Dagenham

(National Quarter and Semi Finals - same as for Rose Bowl)

## GAINSFORD CUP RESULTS 2nd round

Zone 1	Worcester (Lawn Tennis Club) beat Stockport (Vymura) 5-3
	Grantham (Playline Sovereigns) beat Chesterfield (Activity) 7-2
Zone 2	Wembley & Harrow (Elms) v Brentwood (Peniel) W/O to Wembley/Harrow. Willesden (Apollo) beat Reading (Kingfisher) 5-2

## LEACH CUP (Cadet Boys) — Round Two

Zone 8	South West Sussex beat Hastings 5-4
	Crawley beat Gosport 7-2

## HAMMERSLEY CUP (Cadet Girls) — There were no Round Two matches

## CARTER CUP (Junior Boys) — Round Two

Zone 1	
Northumberland	beat Grimsby 9-0
Selby v York	— W/O awarded to Selby
Zone 2	
Nottingham	beat Chesterfield 5-3
Bradford	beat Harrogate 5-1
Zone 3	
Lowestoft	beat Peterborough 5-4
Grantham	beat Leicester 8-1
Zone 4	
Birmingham	beat The Potteries 5-1
Burton-on-Trent	beat Leamington Spa 5-1
Zone 5	
Plymouth	beat Bristol 5-2
Aldershot	beat Reading 5-4
Zone 6	
Guildford	beat Brighton 5-4
Worthing	beat Crawley 7-2
Zone 7	
Maidenhead	beat Wembley & Harrow 6-3
Willesden	beat Bracknell 7-2
Zone 8	
Harlow	beat Leighton Buzzard 6-1
Brentwood	beat Dagenham 5-1

## BROMFIELD TROPHY (Junior Girls) — Round Two

Zone 1	
Blackpool	beat Northumberland 5-4
Chesterfield v Hull	— W/O to Chesterfield
Zone 2	
Reading	beat Bracknell 9-0
S. Devon & Torbay	beat Plymouth 5-2
Zone 3	
Maidstone	beat Brighton 5-4
Hastings	beat Guildford 5-4
Zone 4	
Burton-on-Trent	beat Leicester 5-1
Grantham v High Wycombe	— W/O to Grantham



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Middlesex 3 Star

## SENIOR MEN

- 1 EUR Prean Carl (Ryde)
- 2 EUR Cooke Alan (Derbyshire)
- 3 EUR Douglas Des. (Walsall)
- 4 EUR Andrew Skylet (Wanstead)



Bradley Billington

- 5 1047 Mason Nicky (Bexhill)
- 6 1016 Syed Matthew (Reading)
- 7 899 Gibson Sean (Chorley)
- 8 888 Oldfield Chris (Sheffield)
- 9 814 Taylor Jonathan (Manch.)
- 10 753 Billington Bradley (Chesterfield)
- 11 719 Sandley Graham (South)
- 12 709 O'Driscoll Michael (Mif)
- 13 681 Dorking Stephen (Hornch)
- 14 649 Chen Xinhua (Maltby)
- 15 638 Souter John (M.Drayton)
- 16 623 Rogers Christopher (Leic)
- 17 616 Taylor Tony (Davyhulme)
- 18 614 Giles Paul (Saltash)
- 19 580 Whiting Paul (Plymouth)
- 20 576 Bakewell Craig (St-on-T)
- 21 571 Solder Grant (Barking)
- 22 569 Darnell Richard (B'wood)
- 23 542 Cunningham Andy (Chatham)
- 24 534 Holland John (Brentwood)
- 25 527 Eckersley Nigel (Macfld)
- 26 527 Moore Adrian (Bexhill)
- 27 523 Charley Desmond (Bas.)
- 28 521 Satchell Kevin (Melksham)
- 29 519 Venner Ritchie (Crawley)
- 30 512 Pickard Neil (Reepham)
- 31 509 Gannon Dave (Leicester)
- 32 502 Eden Andrew (Brentwood)
- 33 501 Hilton John (Manchester)
- 34 492 Slater Stephen (Stoke 'n T)
- 35 491 Hammond Mike (Crawley)
- 36 480 Barr David (Thatcham)
- 37 474 Gunn Phil (W. Warwicks)
- 38 473 Bowler Peter (Dunstable)
- 39 461 Harvey Dave (Cheltenham)
- 40 461 Creed Andy (Bristol)
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- 43 443 Kennedy Joseph (Barking)
- 44 442 Kitchener John (Ipswich)
- 45 439 Burlton John (M.Keynes)

- 46 437 Wilson Colin (Hampstead)
- 47 434 Stead Michael (Bradford)
- 48 433 Browne Michael (Birm'h'm)
- 49 432 Moore Stephen (Bexhill)
- 50 430 Knights Garry (Burton 'n T)
- 51 420 Owens Michael (Allensmore)
- 52 419 Stokes Jimmy (Berkshire)
- 53 417 Palmer Stuart (Suffolk)
- 54 417 Smith Eddie (Gateshead)
- 55 415 Goode David (Hayes)
- 56 415 Taylor John (Golders Gr'n)
- 57 414 Short Mike (Plymouth)
- 58 411 Robertson Ian (N.Shields)
- 59 409 Baker Glenn (Guildford)
- 60 404 Rainford Paul (Bromley)
- 61 403 Samuels Keith (Letchw'th)
- 62 402 Griffith Darren (Glouc)
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- 64 397 Harding David (Carshalton)
- 65 395 Carthy Clive (London)
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- 67 392 Newman David (Chelmsfd)
- 68 388 Neil Lee (Nottingham)
- 69 383 Elphick Paul (Haywards H)
- 70 378 Clarke Graham (Ross'dale)
- 71 376 Hutchings Paul (Walton)
- 72 375 Clayton Tony (Dorset)
- 73 375 Bleakley Mark (Southsea)
- 74 369 Holley Christopher (Bath)
- 75 367 Bradbury Philip (Aylesbury)
- 76 365 Jeffries Leigh (S.Coldfield)
- 77 361 Cole Martin (Brentwood)
- 78 361 Cowley Steve (M.Keynes)
- 79 357 Proffitt Jonathan (London)
- 80 356 Allanson Walter (Shillingfd)
- 81 356 Cole David (Brentwood)
- 82 355 Tanner Richard (Ipswich)
- 83 353 Howarth Darren (Dr'ldson)
- 84 353 Bhalia Ramesh (Guildford)
- 85 349 Jonah Jerome (Forest Hill)
- 86 347 Johnson Barry (Solihull)
- 87 347 Payne John (London)
- 88 345 Richardson Keith (Cambrge)
- 89 344 Dodd Andy (Thamesmead)
- 90 34 Johns Brian (Northwich)
- 91 342 Richards Stuart (Vicars X)
- 92 339 Tendler Jason (Ilford)
- 93 338 Scrowcroft Stephen (Manch)
- 94 338 Bartram Peter (Shoreham)
- 95 337 Wicker Mark (East Ham)
- 96 334 Green Malcolm (Telford)
- 97 327 Murrell Tony (Peckham)
- 98 326 Horsfield Andrew (Yorks)
- 99 326 Bowler Colin (Dunstable)
- 100 325 Walker Andy (Worthing)

## SENIOR WOMEN

- 1 EUR Lomas Lisa (Luton)
- 2 EUR Gordon Alison (Reading)
- 3 EUR Elliot Fiona (Wolvhampton)
- 4 EUR Holt Andrea (Bury)
- 5 598 Shaw Joanne (Normanton)
- 6 549 Houghton Juliet (Tonbridge)
- 7 508 Marling Sally (Hull)
- 8 502 Giles Carol (Saltash)
- 9 485 Collier Susan (Maidenhead)
- 10 439 Toole Debbie (Normanton)
- 11 434 Lower Helen (Wolvhampton)
- 12 433 Harris Jill (Walsall)
- 13 433 Deaton Nicola (Chest'ield)



Nicola Deaton

- 14 424 Radford Linda (Upminster)
- 15 407 Moore Teresa (Bexhill)
- 16 393 Thornley Maria (Chorley)
- 17 379 Billington Julie (Chesterfld)
- 18 352 Hewitt Carol (Worthing)
- 19 342 Goodall Katherine (Leeds)
- 20 331 Radford Lesley (Upminster)
- 21 330 Cowley Nikki (M.Keynes)
- 22 322 Weston Sally (Horsham)
- 23 316 Sayer Elaine (London)
- 24 315 Roberts Joanne (Leeds)
- 25 297 Carey Melonie (Bridgewater)
- 26 292 Buckley Caroline (Renhold)
- 27 284 Roden Sandra (W.Mids)
- 28 267 Williams Sara (Hillingdon)
- 29 259 Smith Karen (Leicester)
- 30 257 Smith Angela (Middlesex)
- 31 255 Gower Alison (Ingatstone)
- 32 254 Barella Jane (Surbiton)
- 33 252 Cohen Michelle (Bristol)

- 34 249 Robins Lisa (Dunstable)
- 35 248 Meddings Ellen (Harrogate)
- 36 242 Hammond Sarah (Soton)
- 37 242 Turner Sarah (Soton)
- 38 233 Airey Suzanne (Not'ham)
- 39 230 Hunter Claire (Swindon)
- 40 229 Short Elaine (Plymouth)
- 41 223 Bray Ruth (Hull)
- 42 221 Newbound Helen (Royston)
- 43 196 Norman Julie (Newbury)
- 44 196 Marling Samantha (Hull)
- 45 194 Simmonds Debbie (V.Water)
- 46 191 Bongers Jose (Walsalls)
- 47 189 Williams Maria (Finchley)
- 48 187 Perrott Helen (Bristol)
- 49 177 Blanch Gillian (Acton)
- 50 174 Lee Brenda (Swindon)
- 51 173 Dean Joy (Blackpool)
- 52 173 Mouzon Clare (Ashington)
- 53 166 Keighley Joanne (Shipley)
- 54 159 Butler Susan (Plymouth)
- 55 159 Lawrence Julie (Bexhill)
- 56 146 Johnson Cathy (Yorkshire)
- 57 144 Carruthers Shirley (Cleveland)
- 58 143 Asken Julie (Westcliff-'n-Sea)
- 59 138 Gower Kate (Ingatstone)
- 60 138 Parker Jean (Preston)
- 61 136 Strawson Jane (Grantham)
- 62 134 Seaholme Caroline (Watford)
- 63 132 Butler Cheryl (Lincoln)
- 64 129 Guthrie Caron (N.Shields)
- 65 128 King Sheila (St.Leonards)
- 66 128 Kottasz Emese (Chelsea)
- 67 127 Cleminson Ruth (Brentwood)
- 68 120 Yarnell Lynne (Durham)
- 69 120 Dunning Janet (Wolvhampton)
- 70 116 Cooke Sue (Derbyshire)
- 71 116 Plumridge Claire (H.W'cmbe)
- 72 105 Rainton Rosemary (Hastings)
- 73 102 Winskill Amanda (Lancs)
- 74 101 Marriott Jackie (Boldon Coll)
- 75 100 Boxall Alison (Cheshunt)
- 76 95 Kottasz Kitti (Chelsea)
- 77 92 Hooks Yvette (Fowsworth)
- 78 92 Boxall Caroline (unknown)
- 79 89 Moran Connie (Grimsby)
- 80 85 Billington Jackie (Chest'ield)
- 81 84 Allan Mary (Reading)
- 82 81 Martin Michelle (Burton 'n T)
- 83 78 Conroy Denise (Lancs)
- 84 76 Souter Leslie (Neasden)
- 85 76 Rider S. (Yorks)
- 86 75 Cole Tracy (Crawley)
- 87 75 Pavitt Maggie (Wal.Forest)
- 88 74 Meddings Nicola (S.Coldfld)
- 89 69 Sheilds Helen (Yorks)
- 90 68 Culbertson Susan (Birm'ham)
- 91 65 Bentley Caroline (Bradford)
- 92 61 Eames Julie (Luton)
- 93 60 Hunt Janet (Worcs)
- 94 60 Mills Amanda (Cams)
- 95 56 Coop Joyce (Bournemouth)
- 96 55 Radley Susan (Lincoln)
- 97 55 Bainbridge Lynne (Oldham)
- 98 55 Schofield Doreen (Stockport)
- 99 54 Watton Anna (Stoke Green)
- 100 53 Knight Rachel (Newham)

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## WATCH THESE EVENTS

### WILTSHIRE 5 STAR

Sat/Sun 9/10 February 1991  
The Link Centre,  
Whitehill Way, Westlea, Swindon  
Further details:  
W Wilson Tel: 0793 536498



### WOMENS BRITISH LEAGUE

#### FIRST WEEKEND

Sat/Sun 16/17 February 1991  
Crystal Leisure Centre, Stourbridge  
Further details:  
ETTA Offices (0424) 722525

### EXETER ONE STAR JUNIOR OPEN

(SPONSORED BY BRITISH COAL)  
Saturday 9th February 1991  
The Bridge Club, St.Thomas High School,  
Hatherleigh Road, Exeter  
ENTRY FORMS from:  
Mr.J.H.Twitchett, 9 Hanover Rd, Heavitree,  
Exeter, Devon EX1 2TA  
Tel: Exeter (0392) 72237

### SOUTH OF ENGLAND 3 STAR OPEN TOURNAMENT

Sat/Sun 23/24 February 1991  
Farnborough Recreation Centre,  
Westmead, Hants GU14 7LA  
Entry Forms from Terry Vance 081-390 4068

PRIZE MONEY £2185 (Mens Singles Winner £450, Ladies Winner £300)  
EVENTS - MS; LS; VS; MD; LD; Mens Consolation & Womens Consolation

### CITY OF DERBY SELECT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd March 1991  
at Moorways Sports Centre, Derby  
Prize money - £640  
Details from: M J Payne Tel: 0332 557162



## ENGLISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

at Crystal Leisure Centre, Stourbridge  
Tel: 0384 442543

**Sat/Sun 9/10 March 1991**

From 9am Sat - Qualifying events: MS, WS, MD, WD, XD Final, Vets  
From 9am Sun - MS, WS, MD, WD Finals start 5pm

Tickets: Sat £1.50, Sun £2.50, Rover £3.50  
Further information: ETTA Offices Tel: 0424 722525

*Attention is drawn to additional ranking points attached to 5 Star status which is X 5*

### ESSEX 5 STAR

Sat/Sun 30/31 March 1991  
The Brentwood International Centre  
Doddinghurst Road  
Brentwood, Essex  
Further details:  
D. Roffe. Tel: 04024 72341

### BP ESSEX JUNIOR 2 STAR SELECT

13/14 April 1991  
Harlow Sports Centre,  
Hammar skjold Road, Harlow  
Finals: Sat 5pm & 8pm; Sun at 6.30pm  
Entry forms:  
B.Granger. Tel: 081 590 0653 (after 7pm)