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ENGLAND TAKE ON SUPER CHAMPS

MORE television exposure this time for the England versus France challenge match at Crowtree Leisure Centre, Sunderland on Friday, 11 January which will be shown on BBC Grandstand the following day.

It is an attractive fixture hence the BBC interest with the French being the current European Super League champions and able to field players like Jean Phillipe-Gatien winner of the German Open recently and No.6 in Europe and Wang Xiaoming who is No.7 in the ladies listings.

All of the matches will be filmed, then edited to show the most exciting parts to the viewers at home. The BBC are showing particular interest in our sport and showed over one hour at the Daily Telegraph Masters at Gateshead last year.

For the Brits it will be an excellent opportunity to show that their improved form is no flash in the pan. A win would equally be a great confidence booster in their bid to win a place back in the Super Division and with millions looking on what a boost to the sport in general.

The England team will be Carl Prean, Alan Cooke, Matthew Syed, Skylet Andrew and Lisa Lomas.

New Signing

ORMESBY have made a new signing with Calin Creanga, a former Romanian junior champion now living in Greece and widely regarded as the best under-20 player in Europe. He made a winning debut against Team Peniel and will now line-up with former Chinese champion Chen Xinhue.

Both players were in the line-up to face NFD Grove who were due to play their British League match just two days before Christmas. The winner of that match will almost certainly go on to win the title.. Watch out for a full report in the February issue.

Sponsors

THE Womens British League are still looking for sponsors for their two weekend events. Anyone interested in backing the ladies please contact Jose Ransome as soon as possible.

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Jean Phillipe-Gatien

New Course

A NEW coaching course will be available in the new year. The Penine Coaching and Training summer course is the brainchild of Stuart Sneyd who will be using Lillehall for his sessions which are scheduled to take place in August.

Bridders Again

BRIDLINGTON, which likes to be known as the Resort for Sport, has been chosen again to host the English Junior Open Championships in May and then the new under 18 and under 21 championships in June. Must be something to do with the air.

Nightmare

TOURNAMENT scheduling is becoming a nightmare and we have commented on this elsewhere in the magazine. Trying to pack too many events into too few hours seems to be the name of the game these days. The English National Championships in Stourbridge in March will be the first big test of our officials to show that we can get it right.

Derby Select

DON'T forget that entries close on 2 February for the City of Derby Select Junior Championships at Moorway Sports Centre. There is £650 in prize money available and ten events. For details of entries telephone 0332 557162 or 0602 733169.

Going South

THE English Open Championships, our big event on the calendar, will be taking place on 9-12 January 1992 at a venue yet to be decided upon. Probably in the south of England but if Manchester bid again for the Olympic Games well, who knows.

Looking Ahead

APPLICATIONS for the Halex U10 and U12 Championships at Bletchley Leisure Centre on 15/16 June and the English U18 and U21 event in June at Bridlington should be made to the ETTA office.

In Control

A new system of event control will be in operation at the National Championships in Stourbridge next March. Clive Oakman will be overall co-ordinator with help from a team of officials with individual responsibility. It's a formula that is used in other sports and very successfully.

UP AND RUNNING

A PPLICATIONS are coming in at a good rate from our members leagues and quite a few local development schemes are now up and running. The young will not come to us unless we make them aware of what our sport has to offer. To run our leagues is no longer enough. We have to look further. The only alternative is a slow decline as members retire, having reached an age where this means a good ideal, whilst insufficient youngsters replace them.

The ETTA Development Fund hopes to put up to £100,000 into local development initiatives. The first step for a local association is to form a small committee to discuss and decide what needs to be done. There are two rather obvious ways. One is to advertise in one's local paper for new members, at any rate within those clubs which are able to accommodate new members. Another item that qualifies for a grant is new capacity, i.e. new tables (NOT replacements of old ones), so that new space or playing capacity is created. Neither of these is particularly imaginative, but both have been shown to work and to bring us new members.

Effort

Statistics indicate that over 2 million people play table tennis of some sort at least once a month in this country. All over the country tables have been bought via mail order houses which are used in garages and elsewhere. There are many potential players who could slot readily into our own lower leagues, but the effort has to be made to attract them. Coaching schemes are needed for the very young.

What does not work is annual hand-wringing (perhaps at our AGM) about declining membership figures, as measured by local league participation. ACTION is needed. The situation is not all gloom. Those leagues which run coaching schemes, to whom 'development' is



There are thousands of potential members, many of them youngsters, who would find table tennis the ideal sport. But how do we get to them and what can we offer them. Here John Prean gives a few suggestions.

real, not just a word in the dictionary, ARE recording membership GAINS.

We have improved the profile of the sport, the recognition it gets from TV, media and public. The big push is needed at local level and that is why we have committed £100,000 to that task. Several thousands have been claimed.

TV Spectacular

You will be able to see England play France (last season's European Superleague Champions) in Sunderland on Friday the 11th January. The match will be shown on Grandstand the following Saturday, the 12th January. It will be a good one, which will give further prestige and recognition to our sport, plus 3 to 4 million viewers. Our last event (in August) went over extremely well and we got over an hour — remember the odd 10 minutes we used to get between horse racing. Remember also how these occasions used to be staged and how they are now, with a purpose built arena and special blue floor which looks superb. Don't miss this.

International

So far our teams have played well, both the women's and mixed reaching the semi-finals of their sections with all to play for.

Our mixed team, as you know, was relegated from the European Superleague and we now look for a speedy return. Despite the defeat against Austria we are on course. We have to beat Hungary in a two match semi-final and then the winners of Austria vs Bulgaria in the final (if we get there). Neither task is beyond us, but our teams will have to play near their best.

At the time of writing we did not have the details of the women's matches. However, our girls have already done magnificently. Remember that they play in the highest section, so that even two defeats now would place them in the top four. However, I hope for rather more, such is the momentum that they have built up.

I feel some reservations about the new formats. I know the theory is that all divisions taper towards a climax and a cup final. That is the good news. The bad news is the short time available to organise the matches and the fact that half the teams, the ones that have failed to make the semi-finals, face a dismal end to the season, four unattractive matches which may lead to relegation and anti-climax.

We did, of course, predict all this to our European colleagues, but were overcome by the general desire for change after a number of unsatisfactory European League seasons. Having tried the new system (and having done well from a national point of view).

I cannot admire it. Financially, it has been a particular disaster due to the short periods we had to know about and plan the next match. Often the delays were longer than they need have been. However, what matters now is getting the right results.

A very happy and successful New Year for all our members.



Lisa Lomas has been at the top of English table tennis for years, yet she is still only 23. She is our leading lady in Europe and is now playing better than ever.

CAPITAL DEFEAT IN BONN

SWEDEN, in beating the Federal Republic of Germany 5-2 in Bonn (Hardtberg) on December 6th, made it three-in-a-row to top Group B of the European League's Super Division. As a result they entertain Belgium on December 20th in the home leg of their semi-final.

Yugoslavia, the Group A winners, will first play host to the Federal Republic in the Stage 2 fixtures being:-

December

Yugoslavia v F.R.Germany
Sweden v Belgium
France v Poland
Czechoslovakia v Netherlands

January

F.R.Germany v Yugoslavia
Belgium v Sweden
Poland v France
Netherlands v Czechoslovakia

Although the individual results are not yet to hand from Bonn the scores in respect of the Republic's penultimate encounter at home to Czechoslovakia which they won 5-2 were:-
J.Roskopf b T.Janci 17,-14,17
G-Z.Böhm l P. Korbel -13, -14
O. Nemes b R. Kasalova 17, 14
S. Fetzner/Roskopf b Janci/P. Javurek -24, 16, 16
Roskopf/N. Struse b Janci/Kasalova 17, 17
Roskopf b Korbel -15, 11, 15
Böhm l Janci 13, -10, -8

Czechoslovakia, at home to Poland in their final stage one match ran out 6-1 winners over Poland who only tasted success in the men's doubles.

Scores

Korbel b P. Szafrank 15, 8
Janci b P. Skierski 19, 14
Kasalova b A.Mikipanec 14, 16
Janci/Javurek l Skierski/Szafrank 18, -20, -17
Korbel/Kasalova b Szafrank/M. Paniez 6, -20, 5
Korbel b Skierski 18, 19
Janci b Szafrank 6, 15
France chalked up their only first stage win in Group A in beating the Netherlands 4-3 in Besancon on Nov. 27.

Scores

P. Chila l T. Keen 16, -19, -15
N. Chatelain b D. Heister 13, 10
E. Coubat b G. Keen 11, 12
Chila/O Marmurek b Heister/Keen 14, 14
Marmurek/Coubat l Keen/Keen -8, 12, -12

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Jorg Roskopf

Chila b Heister 21, 19
Cjatelain l Keen -20, -19
England's fall from grace in losing 4-3 to Austria in Salzburg as reported elsewhere has resulted in a visit to Hungary in the first leg of Stage 2 whereas Austria will play hosts to Bulgaria in Wiener Newdorf on Jan 18 with Bulgaria foregoing their home tie preferring to play a second time in Austria on Jan 20 in Amstetten.

Stage 2 fixtures are:-

Austria v Bulgaria (Jan 18)
Hungary v England
Italy v Finland (Dec 20 in Modena)
Turkey v Spain

Jan

Austria v Bulgaria (Jan 20 in Amstetten)
England v Hungary
Finland v Italy
Spain v Turkey

Third Stage 1 results & individual scores were:

Group A

Austria 4 ENGLAND 3 (Saltzburg)

Ding Yi l C. Prean -18, -18
D. Palmi b A. Cooke 18, 16
E. Maier b L. Lomas 16, 18
Ding Yi/Qian Qianli l Cooke/Prean -14, -14
Ding Yi/Maier b Prean/Lomas -10, 19, 22
Ding Yi b Cooke 15, 19
Palmi l Prean -11, -21

Spain 3 Italy 4 (Barcelona)

R.Casares b L.Nannoni 12, 14
J.M.Pales l M.Costantini -21,-18
A.Godes l A.Arisi -18, -17
Casares/Pales l Costantini/Nannoni -17,5,-12
Pales/Godes b Costantini/Arisi 16, -19, 16
Casares b Costantini 19, 20
Pales l Nannoni -15, 17, -19

Group B

Hungary 7 Bulgaria 0

Z.Harci v O.Serafimov 16, 10
K.Nemeth b M.Bratanov 9, 11
E.Urban b K.Vitcheva 16, 17
Nemeth/S.Varga b Bratanov/Serafimov
16, 19
Varga/Urban b Serafimov/Vitcheva 19, 19
Harci b Bratanov 12, 18
Nemeth b Serafimov 6, 12

Finland 1 Turkey 6

L.Eriksson l I.Eren -11, -13
P.Valasti l G.Yaldiz -9, -5
J.Kaimio l S.Dogan 19, -19,-17
Eriksson/A.Kontala -22,-15
Kontala/A.Komulainen b Yaldiz/Dogan
23,19
Eriksson l Yaldiz -8, -14
Valasti l Eren 17, -15, -17

FINAL STAGE 1 TABLES

Super Division - Group A

Pts	P	W	L	F	A
Yugoslavia	3	3	0	14	7 3
Belgium	3	2	1	12	9 2
France	3	1	2	8	13 1
Netherlands	3	0	3	8	13 0

Group B

Sweden	3	3	0	14	7 3
F.R.Germany	3	2	1	12	9 2
Czechoslovakia	3	1	2	10	11 1
Poland	3	0	3	6	15 0

Division 1 - Group A

Austria	3	3	0	13	8 3
England	3	2	1	16	5 2
Italy	3	1	2	6	15 1
Spain	3	0	3	7	14 0

Group B

Hungary	3	3	0	19	2 3
Bulgaria	3	2	1	9	12 2
Turkey	3	1	2	9	12 1
Finland	3	0	3	5	16 0

DIVISION 2

Only Scotland of the home countries managed a win in the first stage matches of Division 2 played in Luxembourg and Cardiff where the results were:-

Group A (in Cardiff)

Den'k	7	Wales	0	Switz'	5	Ireland	2
Norway	6	Scot'd	1	Port'l	1	Lux'g	6
Wales	1	Scot'd	6	Port'l	4	Switz'	3
Norway	2	Den'k	5	Ireland	1	Lux'g	6

Group B (in Luxembourg)

Den'k	7	Wales	0	Switz'	5	Ireland	2
Norway	6	Scot'd	1	Port'l	1	Lux'g	6
Wales	1	Scot'd	6	Port'l	4	Switz'	3
Norway	2	Den'k	5	Ireland	1	Lux'g	6

Den'k 7 Scot'd 0 Lux'g 4 Switz' 3
Wales 0 Norway 7 Ireland 3 Port'l 4

TABLES

Group A	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	3	3	0	19	2	3
Norway	3	2	1	15	6	2
Scotland	3	1	2	7	14	1
Wales	3	0	3	1	20	0

Group B	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Luxembourg	3	3	0	16	5	3
Portugal	3	2	1	9	12	2
Switzerland	3	1	2	11	10	1
Ireland	3	0	3	6	15	0

STAGE 2 FIXTURES

Dec

Denmark	v	Portugal
Luxembourg 1	v	Norway 6
Scotland	v	Ireland
Switzerland	v	Wales

(Reversed in January)

At last the venue for the Stiga Junior Top 12 to be played over the weekend of January 26/27 in Messina down in the south of Italy.

Unfortunately no English participants, the invitees being:-

Junior Boys

1 Torben Wosik (FRG)	1 Vanda Litinskaja (URS)
2 Slobodan Grujic (YUG)	2 Oksana Kusch (URS)
3 Mirko Pawlowski (FRG)	3 Laura Niculae (ROM)
4 Thierry Tran (FA)	4 Ekaterina Tauschkanova (URS)
5 Robert Pagonyi (HUN)	5 Anna Januszyk (POL)
6 Piotra Szafranek (POL)	6 Alena Vachovcova (TCH)
7 Christophe Legout (FRA)	7 Sabina Martincova (TCH)
8 Radek Kostal (TCH)	8 Vivien Ello (HUN)
9 Christian Tol (ROM)	9 Petra Fichtinger (AUT)
10 Italian Nominee	10 Italian Nominee

Junior Girls

1 Vanda Litinskaja (URS)
2 Oksana Kusch (URS)
3 Laura Niculae (ROM)
4 Ekaterina Tauschkanova (URS)
5 Anna Januszyk (POL)
6 Alena Vachovcova (TCH)
7 Sabina Martincova (TCH)
8 Vivien Ello (HUN)
9 Petra Fichtinger (AUT)
10 Italian Nominee

Cadets

11 Sergei Andrianov (URS)	11 Ana Gogorita (ROM)
12 Vladimir Samsonov (URS)	12 Tatjana Kulagina (URS)

Cadets

11 Ana Gogorita (ROM)
12 Tatjana Kulagina (URS)

Reserve to Travel

13 Lucjan Blaszczyk (POL)	13 Elke Schall (FRG)
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Reserve to Travel

13 Elke Schall (FRG)

Reserve on stand-by

14 Radek Mrkvicka (TCH)	14 Cecile Ozer (BEL)
15 Stephane Lebrun (FRA)	15 Sandrine Derrien (FRA)
16 Gard Kobes (HOL)	16 Marie Persson (SWE)
17 Kriztian Gardos (HUN)	17 Melissa Muller (HOL)
18 David Gustafsson (SWE)	18 Krisztina Toth (HUN)

Reserve on stand-by

14 Cecile Ozer (BEL)
15 Sandrine Derrien (FRA)
16 Marie Persson (SWE)
17 Melissa Muller (HOL)
18 Krisztina Toth (HUN)

Stiga Top 12 Ranking List

Men

- Applegren Mikael (SWE)
- Waldner Jan-Ove (SWE)
- Grubba Andrzej (POL)
- Persson Jorgen (SWE)
- Gatien Jean-Philippe (FRA)
- Roskopf Jörg (FRG)
- Primorac Zoran (YUG)
- Saive Jean-Michel (BEL)
- Lindh Erik (SWE)
- Mazinov Andrei (URS)
- Mazinov Dmitrij (URS)
- Lupulesku Ilija (YUG)
- Prean Carl (ENG)
- Haldan Paul (HOL)
- Kucharski Leszek (POL)
- Ding Yi (AUT)
- Wang Yansheng (NOR)
- Böhm Georg-Zsolt (FRG)
- Cooke Alan (ENG)
- Fetzner Steffen (FRG)
- Karlsson Peter (SWE)
- Janci Tomas (TCH)
- Cabrera Thierry (BEL)
- Douglas Desmond (ENG)
- Kalinic Zoran (YUG)
- Kriston Zsolt (HUN)
- Korbel Petr (TCH)
- Von Scheele Thomas (SWE)
- Marczi Zsolt (HUN)
- Chila Patrick (FRA)
- Chatelain Nicolas (FRA)
- Marmurek Olivier (FRA)
- Skierski Piotr (POL)
- Fallby Johan (SWE)
- Florea Vasile (ROM)

Women

- Guergueltcheva Daniela (BUL)
- Batorfi Csilla (HUN)
- Wirth Gabriella (HUN)
- Wang Xiaoming (FRA)
- Nemes Olga (FRG)
- Badescu Otilia (ROM)
- Tu Yong (SUI)
- Hooman Mirjam (HOL)
- Hrachova Marie (TCH)
- Popova Valentina (URS)
- Vrieskoop Bettine (HOL)
- Safarova Alena (TCH)
- Fazlil Jasna (YUG)
- Kasalova Renata (TCH)
- Timina Elena (URS)
- Urban Edit (HUN)
- Svensson Marie (SWE)
- Palina Irina (URS)
- Lomas Lisa (ENG)
- Perkucin Gorlana (YUG)
- Gordon Alison (ENG)
- Struse Nicole (FRG)
- Keen Gerdie (HOL)
- Melnik Galina (URS)
- Svensson Asa (SWE)
- Pettersson Perailia (SWE)
- Bogaerts Karen (BEL)
- Nolten Katja (FRG)
- Noor Emily (HOL)
- Coubat Emmanuelle (FRA)
- Lunescu Maria (ROM)
- Holt Andrew (ENG)
- Cioso Emilia (ROM)
- Arisi Elessia (ITA)
- Bogoslov Maria (ROM)

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ANDREA'S MOVING IN RIGHT DIRECTION

LAST month Andrea Holt made an important step forward to achieving her ultimate goal of being England's No.1. But the 20 year-old Bury girl freely admits that from now on it will all be uphill.

For once you reach a certain level, life on the uncompromising table tennis circuit does not get any easier, in reality quite the opposite. After just two years as a Professional she has made just one move up the stairway to fame.

As a junior she dominated the rankings for years and was an obvious choice for a place in the England senior team. Don Parker the



Andrea Holt

England manager said at the time that he felt she was a real prospect. "She will make the England team very soon, I'm sure of that," he said.

Andrea proved him right. Shortly afterwards she was a member of the England squad and has been ever since. But last month something very special occurred, she jumped from No.43 in the European rankings to 32 and it means for the first time she moved above the girl she lost to in the final of the national championships last May, Fiona Elliot. And that also means she moves into the top three of the national rankings.

There were three reasons for her European rise. A win in the M&G Peniel Two Star, reaching the semi-finals of the Italian Open and winning the Yorkshire Three Star.

It has been her best start to a season for years, but she also understands that even results of this calibre are unlikely to move her much further up the European rankings.

"I would like to get to No.10 but I know it will be almost impossible unless I can achieve some very special results," she said.

Andrea's career as a super junior was outstanding and at the age of 16 she left school with seven 'O' levels but decided to give up the chance of a 9-5 job and give her all to making it in the less comfortable surroundings of professional table tennis.

It's probably a move that at times she regrets, but when the good times arrive like reaching the last four of the Italian then it all seems worthwhile.

With the backing of her parents and the occasional sponsorship deal, she has managed more than most and with age on her side, the world still beckons.

"I have beaten several players who are higher than me in the European rankings and of the same age. So in time I should be moving up with them. The players I lose to are generally older and more experienced, so there is always hope."

Besides the lack of money, she also sees the lack of practice as a problem she has to overcome. "I simply cannot get enough practice. Most of the players work during the day so I have to fit in with their times," she says.

But despite all the problems of being a professional lack of money and practice, her timing is perfection itself.

With the world championships in Chiba soon and her recent form in moving so many places in Europe, and that one vital place in the national rankings, she must have increased her chances of a place in the England squad.

Two years ago she made her debut in the European Championships. Now she is in line to make her place at Chiba. Life maybe difficult for the young Lancastrian now, but she is always moving in the right direction and that cannot be bad.

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WORLD HEADS FOR HASTINGS

ENGLISH is fast becoming the official language of table tennis. Later this month a series of English courses specially designed for table tennis officials will get under way in Hastings.

In a nutshell the pupils will each receive 35 hours of group tuition between 27 January to 9 February. The aim is to enable officials to be able to handle difficult situations at international level.

They will live with selected English families with everything included, i.e. transport, course material, accommodation for £800.

This is the first course that the ITTF have run but if it is a success then expect others to follow in the future. Most of the places have already been taken up by Japanese.

"We get thousands of foreign visitors every year travelling to this part of the country to learn English. Most are executives from companies abroad, but why not table tennis officials" said ITTF official Tony Brooks.

"By the time they return to their own country's they will have a good grasp of English and, just as important, be far more confident when faced with an awkward situation."

PAUL HALDEN MOVES UP

Unlucky for some, especially Carl Prean who by maintaining his 13th position in Europe receives only a stand-by post for the Stiga Top 12 tournament at 's-Hertogenbosch on February 1-3.

He might have been invited to travel as first reserve but Paul Halden from the host country leapfrogged above him and Yugoslavian Ilija Lupulescu for the twelfth position, despite being 14th.

The reason... an ETTU regulation states that a player from the host country if ranked 13-25 automatically goes through.

Stiga Top 12 Line-up

Men

- 1 Mikael Appelgren (SWE)
- 2 Jan Ove Waldner (SWE)
- 3 Andrzej Grubba (POL)
- 4 Jorgen Persson (SWE)
- 5 Jean-Philippe Gatién (FRA)
- 6 Jorg Roskopf (GER)
- 7 Zoran Primorac (YUG)
- 8 Jean-Michel Saive (BEL)
- 9 Erik Lindh (SWE)
- 10 Andrei Mazunov (URS)
- 11 Dmitrij Mazunov (URS)

12 Paul Haldan (HOL)

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Ilija Lupulescu (YUG)

Reserves on stand-by
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Leazek Kucharski (POL)
Ding Yi (AUT)

Women

- 1 Daniela Guergueltcheva (BUL)
- 2 Csilla Batorfi (HUN)
- 3 Gabriella Wirth (HUN)
- 4 Wang Xiaoming (FRA)
- 5 Olga Nemes (GER)
- 6 Otilia Badescu (ROM)
- 7 Tu Yong (SUI)
- 8 Hooman Mirjam (HOL)
- 9 Marie Hrachova (TCH)
- 10 Valentina Popova (URS)
- 11 Bettine Vriesekoop (HOL)
- 12 Alana Safarova (TCH)

Reserve to travel
Jasna Fazlif (YUG)

Reserves on stand-by
Renata Kasalova (TCH)
Elena Timina (URS)
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WORLD VIEW

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AUSTRALIA is all set to become one of the most active table tennis continents in the world, if figures released by the ITTF are any guidance. In the last few months seven players from China or Vietnam have sent in immigrant forms for registration to their newly adopted country.



OVER 130 associations are expected to enter players in the world championships in Chiba next April. That was the number of entry forms sent out recently and the vast majority are expected to be completed and returned by next month. But any association who has not yet settled its subscriptions runs the risk of being barred from taking part.



OVER forty committee meetings will be taking place whilst the world championships are running. That's approximately four a day for the duration of the event.



THE world is becoming smaller by the month. As from December 15 last year the two Germany's come under the control of one association, the Deutscher Tischtennis-Bund



BECAUSE Atlanta will host the 1996 Olympic Games, the United States is guaranteed at least two male and two female players. But the chances of an American competing in the Barcelona Olympics is highly unlikely because they will have to compete with Canada and Mexico for a qualifying place.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1991

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

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CORDON BLEU COOKE

Richard Eaton reports on another England performance that didn't quite come off. But he gives full marks to the players for putting up with another example of poor scheduling. Last month it was the Italian job that went wrong. This time it is the French Connection — that wasn't.

"At many tournaments, the schedules have not been players' schedules. They have been made with something else in mind." Don Parker.

ALAN COOKE rose from a sick bed to embark on a fine run to the French Open quarter-finals in Lyon. It was a timely effort by England's Commonwealth champion, because his recent form had been variable and because he had looked a doubtful starter after withdrawing from the team quarter-final with flu.

Next morning he did enough to overcome the U.S. number one, Sean O'Neill, in straight games, and then produced a splendid performance to upset the ninth-seeded Belgian number one, Jean-Michel Saive. Cooke did so by 21-16 in the fifth, after being two games to one down, 9-10 down in the fourth and 4-8 down in the fifth.

When it really mattered Cooke launched into fluent attack with commendably few errors, although he was assisted by Saive relinquishing a surprising amount of ground, helping to create spectacular loop-the-loop rallies from a distance. These thrilled the crowd, though it was Cooke's sudden direction switches with a backhand hit down the line that opened up the table and established an advantage in the more conspicuous forehand to forehand encounter.

Cooke went on to win 21-18 in the fifth against Sweden's Thomas von Scheele (conqueror of English Open champion Yu Shentong), again after being two games to one down. There were real hopes of reaching the semi-finals of the strongest open tournament on the circuit, but instead Cooke lost in four games to

Thomas Janci, the unseeded but capable Czech. With hindsight it was hardly surprising.

Neither man could have had more than five hours sleep after playing late the night before — probably the worst example of some outlandish scheduling. No professional could play his best under such circumstances. England captain Donald Parker suggested as possible solutions scrapping mixed doubles or truncating team events. "At many open tournaments the schedules have not been players' schedules. They have been made with something else in mind," he said.

If Cooke's was the best overall English performance, Lisa Lomas got the best English win. This was against Gabriella Wirth, the European Top 12 champion. It came in the team event, helping England to honour in a 3-2 quarter-final defeat against the second-seeded Hungarians. Similarly, the men lost only by 3-2 in the quarter-finals to the second-seeded Chinese, who were the eventual winners when they beat a weakened Sweden. That gave China both team titles.

The men's quarter-final saw good wins for Carl Prean and Skyler Andrew over Yu Shentong, who was, however, below par in this tournament. But it was again the women, whose improvement this season has been so encouraging, that caught the eye. In their quarter-final, Andrea Holt beat European Junior champion Veronika Wirth, and there were creditable three-game defeats for

Lomas against Csilla Batorfi, and for Fiona Elliot against both Batorfi and Gabriella Wirth.

Elliot also felt unlucky whilst watching her fiancée Didier Mommessin, the French champion. He earned but missed five successive match points against the top-seeded European champion, Mikael Appelgren. Appelgren later flirted with danger once too often, against Jean-Philippe Gatien, who delighted the 4,000 spectators by reaching the final, only to lose to the 32-year-old Pole Andrej Grubba. Deng Yaping, the top seed, won the women's singles.

Despite this the tournament bubbled over with surprises. Jorgen Persson, lost to Gu Yun Feng, who plays in the lower divisions of the French League. Erik Lindh lost to the dangerous Chinese floater Wang Yong-gang. In the women's singles the developing Soviet chopper Yelena Timina beat both Batorfi and Olga Nemes. Guergelcheva lost to the Japanese, Fumiyo Yamashita.

Wang Yong-gang's win raised hopes of Prean reaching the quarter-finals but the Chinese player hit too hard for the England number one, who nevertheless had useful earlier wins over Calin Creanga and Petr Korbel. England's women all had hard draws and this time could dig up nothing unusual.

England's other player Michael O'Driscoll paid his own way, but was rewarded with little success, though he had plenty of good quality competition. One hopes there will be delayed dividends.

Continuing his coaching series **Don Parker** talks about serving. A good service can have a devastating effect on your opponent and can undoubtedly win matches. Here he takes you through the basics from forehand and backhand serves and warns about trying to be too clever too quickly.



Short or long?

THE object of a short service is to make the ball arrive low on the other side of the net, and so make it difficult for your opponent to open an attack.

The length of your service is controlled largely by the impact point of the first bounce. A short service is easy to achieve if you try to make the first bounce occur as close to the net as possible. This should produce a bounce on the opponents side which is also close to the net.

For a short service, hold your bat at an open angle and brush underneath the ball. This will put a small amount of backspin on the ball, which will help to keep it low.

A long service — one which bounces deep in your opponents half — depends on making the first bounce as close as possible to your own end of the table. Obviously, your swing will need to be faster, hitting straight through the ball so that you make it travel quickly over the greater distance. Use the long service when your opponents are least expecting it, and play it wide to the corners so that they have to stretch.

It is worth practising your services as often as you can. Remember, you only get one try, so don't give points away by serving into the net or off the end of the table.

The Forehand Service

Start by practising throwing the ball from the palm of your free hand to a consistent height — twelve inches say.

Now you have to learn the timing required to hit the ball as it descends from the throw. To start with, just get used to making contact with the ball as it falls back towards the table. You can do this by holding your bat, at an open angle directly in the path of the ball. Once you have the feel of this, you can move your arm in a simple forehand stroke. You will need to steepen the angle of the bat when you do this.

The next stage is to control



Fiona Elliot

your stroke so that the ball always bounces first on your side of the table. This is most easily achieved by altering the line of your swing so that you are hitting 'into' the table more.

So far you can get the ball over the net reliably, but that's not much use if your opponent uses your service as a means of opening an attack. You have to learn to control the height of the bounce and the length of your service so that it becomes an asset to you, not a liability.

Backhand Service

The backhand service is essentially the same as the forehand but played from the other side of the bat. Naturally, your body will be more square on to the table. You should practise both backhand and forehand — mixing services is a good way of confusing your opponents.

The service gets the ball into play, but with only a little experience you will find that you can also get some idea of how your opponent will return any particular serve. For example, imagine that you are a right-hander and have served wide to the forehand; if you are not careful you will leave your own forehand wing exposed, and so you must position yourself slightly over to the right to cover the return.

Note: You may have seen international players throw the ball high into the air during their service. It is a technique that is particularly popular with the Chinese. Although it may look spectacular, don't try it just yet. Those high throws can take years of practice to make perfect.

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

Tips from the Top

1. Whatever your style of play try to develop a "positive" game. That is to say a game where you play to win points rather than rely on your opponent to lose points. This does not mean hitting the ball as hard as possible at the first opportunity but playing the correct shot at the right time. Remember a defensive player can be positive by varying the spin with good deception and hitting the loose ball.
2. When you are about to play don't worry about losing or think about winning. Just concentrate on how tactically you are going to play. Providing you do your best nobody can ask for any more and if you do lose then you have to rectify the problems for the next encounter. Over the years it has been my privilege to work with some of the World's best players and many adopt this sort of attitude.
3. Do not waste your mental energy on factors out of your control. If your opponent appears to be having a lot of luck, if the floor is slippery, if the table is too slow or fast, if the crowd is behind your opponent etc then there is nothing you can do about it. If, on the other hand you are serving badly, moving badly, letting your mind wander etc then these are factors you should concentrate on and improve.

Next: Moving about the table

AUSTRIAN DELIGHT

In the beautiful Austrian town of Seekirchen more noted for its skiing than its table tennis, the England players flew in to take on the Austrians in the new look European League. With both teams safely through to the semi-finals there was very little riding on the result – or was there?
Don Parker reports

BOTH teams had already qualified for the play-off for promotion to the Super League, however the winners would have the slight advantage of playing the second team in Group B in the semi-final.

The match started well with Carl Prean beating Ding Yi, who is ranked one place below him in Europe. Carl has an excellent record against the Austrian – Chinese which we were all delighted he maintained. At 1 - 0 Alan Cooke took to the table to face Palmi a defensive player against whom Alan had lost in the German Open last season.

Alan had just beaten Chen Xin Hua in the County Championship and I was optimistic he could beat Palmi. However, despite racing to a 5-0 lead in the

first game Alan could not maintain the consistency in his topspin to breakdown the awkward defense of the Austrian.

With the match at 1-1 Lisa Lomas faced Maier and unfortunately could not produce the very high level of play she had maintained this season.

Doubles is always difficult to predict especially with Chinese involved and the Austrian pairing of Ding Yi and Qing Qianli looked quite formidable. However, Cooke and Prean combined extremely well and won very convincingly in two straight games.

So with the match score at 2-2 it was the mixed doubles which was the most exciting match of the evening. Prean and Lomas took the first game very

easily against Ding Yi and Maier and found themselves 19-18 up in the second before losing. In the third we led 10-3 at the change. However the Austrians levelled it with some unbelievable rallies at 13-13. We then managed to collect ourselves and had a match point at 20-19 before losing to the great delight of the boisterous Austrian crowd.

Lifted by his win in the mixed doubles Ding Yi beat Alan Cooke and finally Carl Prean beat Palmi to make the match score 4-3 in favour of Austria. Carl Prean was the outstanding player of the evening and came within one point of winning four matches. Such is the margin between defeat and victory.

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SUPER LEAGUE MOVE ?

REPRESENTATIVES of Premier Division clubs met on 1st December with the British League Committee and ETTA Chairman and agreed to pursue some radical changes to give the Premier a much needed boost. Previous ideas were resurrected and some new proposals discussed.



Brian Jeanes

These included the Premier Division being reduced to six teams with matches, to be played on two tables, comprising up to 14 sets — 12 singles and two doubles — with a sudden death finish if and when a team registers eight wins. Clearly such radical moves are needed to bring an end to the league just drifting from one season to the next. I look forward to the outcome.

In November Ormesby paid a brief visit to Plymouth for an 8-0 destruction of DML Destroyers with five games won under 10. This keeps Ormesby at the top of the Premier pending NFD Grove's postponement. NFD gave Butterfly Cardiff similar treatment except that four games were decided at deuce. Sadly Steve Ward suffered a hand injury which resulted in his sets being conceded.

Team Peniel made clear their intentions not to finish below third place as they beat Bathwick Tyres 6-2. Grant Solder beat John Holland but lost to Andrew Eden. Ellenborough enjoyed a close encounter with West Warwickshire winning 5-3 with Graham Sandley beating Adrian Dixon and Phil Gunn, both in three games.

Division 1 North continues to be less predictable. Top side NFD Grove III beat bottom-placed City of Leeds 5-3. Mick Stead crushed Stuart Richards and Leigh Jeffries. St Neots hold second place with a 5-3 win over Well-Connected Menswear. St Neots took a 4-1 lead which included a 19 in the third win for

Mick Harper over Andrew Edmonds. Stuart Palmer was on form.

Norwich Foxwood maintained a belated winning streak beating Liverpool 6-2. Ruston Marconi Lincoln lost 3-5 to Britannia Potters Leisure despite two from Phil Vickers. Russell King beat Jason Bamford 19 in the third to help to avoid a draw.

Ritchie Venner beat Stephen Slater 19 & 20 for Horsham Dolphins' one against NFD Grove II. Rejects only got one against Colley Toyota but the match was much closer than the scoreline suggests. Dave Barr beat Clive Carthy 12, -11, 18. Mike Owens beat Jerome Jonah 19, -9, 19 and Brian Jeanes beat Paul Carter 18, -20, 19.

Chelmsford OC's scraped a 5-3 win over Victoria Park Mazda who were without Mark Thomas. OC's won all four games that went to three and Gary Spencer was well below his best waving good-bye to his 100% record with two-straight losses.

Bathwick Tyres II moved up to second place with a 6-2 win by flexing their muscles against Cheltenham Saracens in **Division 2 Midland**. Two very close wins for Chris Holley secured the points. Edward Hatley's two helped to secure one point for OLOPS TTC against Colley Toyota II.

Chan Construction moved off the bottom with a 6-2 win over White Hart Launceston. Seven games went to three and WHL only got one of them. Jeremy Williams expedited matters slightly beating Ian Gunn 14 & 15. City of Milton Keynes stayed top with

a 5-3 win over Birmingham Sports Curdworth. The close games were evenly shared while in contrast John Burleton won his games conceding an average of less than 10 points against Dhiru Parmar and Mick Browne.

There were three draws in **Division 2 North**. Yugo Cars and Vymura International shared the points as Darren Howarth beat Lindsay Taylor and Dave Gannon. Bottom-placed Cambridge swiped a point from Ormesby II as Gary Jordan beat Stuart Miller and Bennie Robertson.

For Humberside Andro it was Gareth Jones' contribution that left Burslem with one point as he beat John Hancock and Mark Evans, the latter by -15, 21, 21. City of Leicester moved to a safer position with a 5-3 win against Chan Construction II with Mark Illingsworth and Maurice Newman doing most of the damage.

Gunnersbury Triangle dropped a valuable point to Fellows Cranleigh in **Division 2 South** and now seem to be out of the title race. Neil Charles and David Goode won their four but Jason Tendler's wins over Lee Middleton and David Baker proved expensive. AHW Comets anchored Rejects II to the bottom winning 5-3 as Mike Levene beat Mike Loveder and Percy Collino with deuce games.

A good day for Peter Harry was wasted as he beat Colin Luscombe and Steve Cowley. Jolliffe Poole led 4-1 against Horsham Dolphins II only to draw. Roger Chandler was 'resur-

rected' to win his two! The top of the table clash between TSP Larkhall and Ellenborough II resulted in the closest of wins for the latter. John Lennon beat Brian Garroway 19, -16, 19 and Jon Proffitt beat Ian Girdler 18, -19, 20. In contrast Mike Hammond made the most of his opportunity to play John Taylor...!

BSG Brentwood stay top of **Division 3 East** by virtue of a 5-3 win over Yugo Cars II. Stephen Rand proved to be the trump card with two wins including the scalp of Brian Hill. Levi's Westfield edged up the table with a 5-3 victory against Team Peniel III. Two wins from Nikki Cowley were valuable.

Uxbridge (Burton) secured their first point of the season against an unsuspecting Fellows Cranleigh II. Ivor Warner must have been in his element playing against John Tendler and Dave Solman. Two from Linda Radford helped to compensate and young Gary Tendler appeared a little unlucky as Stephen Shaw beat him 25 & 20.

Further **north** Ormesby III conceded four games to Hoyles Blayden to enable the latter to win 6-2. Lifeline Developments Crusaders beat Oldham 5-3 by winning the first three at 18 or deuce in the third. SEE SW Durham just stayed on course with a 5-3 victory over Vymura International II although Keith Whittaker resisted well, beating Gary Webstell and John Crawford.

As the top met the bottom



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BRITISH LEAGUE - 2

Borough of Sunderland beat Tigers 8-0. It could so easily have been 6-2 if Malcolm Langford had had his way. He lost his two to Malcolm Lusk 12, -14, 22 and Dale Aitkenhead 9, -21, -19. Perhaps a lesson to be learnt here that winning the first game comfortably is not enough!

Pillinger Air Croydon go top of **Division 3 South** with a 6-2 victory against Bribr Ashford who slip to the foot of the table. Their rivals Rejects III are level on points but 3 games behind by virtue of losing their unbeaten record 3-5 to Edison. Six games were won at 19 or deuce. Steve Carpenter lost to Simon Rickall - 21, -19 but he beat Glen Wilkes 20, -20, 11. Ian Black proved to be the key player as he beat Gordon Holmes and Jason Blake.

This left Edison level on points too but one game behind the Rejects. TSP Larkhall II moved up with a 5-3 win over Dick Shepherd Rams. Junior Facey resisted well by beating Clive Morris and Gordon Chapman. Steve Davis offset this with wins over John Chamberlain and Hamish Innes. Linda Farrow punished JAGS TTC by winning 5 of the 6 games that went to three. Max Crimmins was introduced and he beat Selwyn Campbell -18, 17, 11 and Farhat Rasul 20, -18,

15. Amity Generation Fareham stayed top of **Division 3 West** with a 6-2 win over the bottom team Parkside Dragons Newport. Eight games were won at 19 or deuce. Michael Gabriel beat Mark Bleakley -21, 14, 19 but lost to Mark Wilding -15, 18, -23. Similarly Chris Kelly lost to Graham Toole 18, -19, -24. So AGF clearly did not have it all their own way. HPFA Southampton drew with NFD Grove IV.

A long day for Tony Catt who lost to Keith Sillitoe 15, -16, -24 but beat Josie Bongers 15, -16, 20. Bathwick Tyres III held on to second place with a 7-1 win against Thorns (Dudley). Here another eight games were won at 19 or deuce! Mark Brookes prevented the whitewash by beating Eddie Roof 20, -19, 15.

STOP PRESS

December's first match was a south London derby in Division 3 South. Dulwich-based JAGS SC took on TSP Larkhall II. Full marks to the JAGS organisation for excellent presentation and impressive match refreshments. Efforts were well rewarded as Farhat Rasul led them to a 5-3 win to lift them off the bottom of the division. Selwyn Campbell performed well to beat Graham

Bateman and Gordon Chapman. Against the former Selwyn trailed 2-8 in the third game and recovered to lead 15-8! The only disappointment was that there were only about 5 back-benchers —

and not one of them was Mrs. T! The team needs to start winning a bit more to attract the supporters that they would make most welcome.

BRITISH LEAGUE TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Ormesby 1	5	5	0	0	35	5	10
NFD Grove 1	4	4	0	0	32	0	8
Team Peniel 1	5	4	0	1	24	16	8
Bathwick Tyres 1	5	2	1	2	22	18	5
Ellenborough 1	4	2	0	2	16	16	4
Butterfly Cardiff	5	1	1	3	13	27	3
West Warwickshire	5	0	0	5	5	35	0
DML Destroyers	5	0	0	5	5	35	0

DIVISION 1 (NORTH)

NFD Grove 111	5	4	1	0	27	13	0
St Neots	4	3	1	0	20	12	7
Britannia Potters Leisure 1	5	3	1	1	23	17	7
Well-Connected Menswear	5	3	0	2	22	18	6
Norwich Foxwood	6	3	0	3	25	23	6
Liverpool	5	1	0	4	13	27	2
Ruston Marconi Lincoln	5	0	1	4	16	24	1
City of Leeds	3	0	0	3	6	18	0

DIVISION 1 (SOUTH)

NFD Grove 11	5	5	0	0	32	8	10
Chelmsford OC's	5	4	1	0	27	13	9
Kleinwort Benson Gillingham	5	2	1	2	21	19	5
Colley Toyota 1	5	2	1	2	21	19	5
Victoria Park Mazda	4	2	0	2	16	16	4
Rejects 1	5	1	1	3	11	29	3
Team Peniel 11	5	1	0	4	17	23	2
Horsham Dolphins 1	4	0	0	4	7	25	0

DIVISION 2 (NORTH)

Yugo Cars 1	5	3	2	0	29	11	8
Ormesby 11	5	2	3	0	26	14	7
Vymura International 1	5	2	3	0	23	17	7
Humberside Andro	5	2	2	1	20	20	6
Burslem	5	2	1	2	19	21	5
City of Leicester	5	1	2	2	17	23	4
Chan Construction 11	5	1	0	4	11	29	2
Cambridge TTC	5	0	1	4	15	25	1

DIVISION 2 (MIDLAND)

City of Milton Keynes	5	4	1	0	28	12	9
Bathwick Tyres 11	5	3	1	1	25	15	7
Cheltenham Saracens SC	5	3	0	2	23	17	6
Colley Toyota 11	5	1	2	2	19	21	4
Olops TTC	5	1	2	2	18	22	4
Chan Construction 1	5	1	2	2	16	24	4
Birmingham Sports Curdworth	5	0	3	2	17	23	3
White Hart Launceston	5	1	1	3	14	26	3

DIVISION 2 (SOUTH)

Ellenborough 11	5	4	1	0	28	12	9
TSP Larkhall 1	5	4	0	1	28	12	8
Gunnensbury Triangle	5	2	2	1	22	18	6
AHW (Bletchley) Comets	5	2	1	2	19	21	5
Horsham Dolphins 11	5	1	2	2	17	23	4
Fellows Cranleigh 1	4	0	3	1	14	18	3
Jolliffe Poole	5	1	1	3	16	24	3
Rejects 11	4	0	0	4	8	24	0

DIVISION 3 (NORTH)

Borough of Sunderland TTC	5	4	1	0	31	9	9
S.E.E. South West Durham	5	4	0	1	24	16	8
Hoyles Blydon YC	5	3	1	1	26	14	7
Lifeline Dev. Crusaders	5	3	0	2	18	22	6
Vymura International 11	5	2	1	2	25	15	5
Oldham	5	1	1	3	17	23	3
Ormesby 111	5	0	1	4	11	29	1
Tigers TTC	5	0	1	4	8	32	1

DIVISION 3 (SOUTH)

Pillinger Air (Croydon)	5	3	1	1	27	13	7
Rejects 111	5	3	1	1	24	16	7
Edison TTC	5	3	1	1	23	17	7
TSP Larkhall 11	5	2	1	1	20	20	5
Dick Shepherd Rams	5	2	0	3	18	22	4
J.A.G.S. S.C.	5	2	0	3	17	23	4
Linda Farrow	5	1	2	2	16	24	4
Bribr Ashford	5	1	0	4	15	25	2

DIVISION 3 (EAST)

BSG Brentwood	4	4	0	0	25	7	8
Yugo Cars 11	5	3	1	1	24	16	7
Fellows Cranleigh 11	5	2	1	2	19	21	5
Team Peniel 111	4	1	1	2	15	17	3
Levi's Westfield	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
Britannia ACI 11	4	1	1	2	12	20	3
Uxbridge (Burton)	4	0	1	3	11	21	1

DIVISION 3 (WEST)

Amity Generation 2 Fareham	4	4	0	0	24	8	8
Bathwick Tyres 111	5	3	1	1	25	15	7
Leckie TTC	4	1	2	1	17	15	4
NFD Grove IV	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
Hall, Pain/Foster Alpha Ston	5	1	1	3	16	24	3
Thorns (Dudley)TTC	4	1	1	2	11	21	3
Parkside Dragons Newport	4	1	0	3	13	19	2

YORKSHIRE TAKE LEAD

Bedfordshire dropped their first point on visiting Warwicks, who were playing their first match. Phil Gunn and Barry Johnson won their four singles. Gunn's win over Peter Bowler was at deuce in 3rd game. Suffolk, with Stuart Palmer and John Kitchener in the team together for the first time this season, proved to be too good for Cheshire. Doreen Schofield (Ch) won her two singles. Cambs had a comfortable win over Lancs II with only one event going to a decider. But Yorks II with their win, are the real leaders in this Division.

Senr 2A:

Durham 5, Cumbria 5; Lincs 7, Warwicks II 3. Cumbria 3, Leics II 7.

Durham had their 3rd successive draw and Cumbria got their first point. At 4-4 Julie McLean (Cu) beat Lynn Yarnell, suffering her first defeat of the season, -18, 18, 21. Dave Robson (Du), who had previously lost to No. 3 Neil Yardley at 19 in the 3rd game, beat Mark Temple (No. 2) 17 and 10 to secure the draw.

Senr 2C:

Beds II 6, Suffolk II 4; Worcs 7, Herts 3.

Beds II had another tough match but again got a 6-4 win. Jimmy Walsh and Mary Jarrett (Bd) won their 4 singles. Worcs, on demotion, played their first match of the season, got off to a 3-0 start and finished with a good win over Herts. John Taylor (He), who had won his 2 matches against Worcs Vets in the last round, repeated the performance against the Senior team. Sandra Roden and Trevor Washington did very well for Worcs by winning their 4 singles.

Senr 2D:

Oxon 0, Essex II 10; Surrey II 6, Berks II 4; Bucks 8, Northants 2.



Edward Hatley
Senior debut

Essex II, for whom Kate Gower is unbeaten, got a maximum win over Oxon to put them well in the lead in this Div. But Surrey II got another win and could provide the strongest challenge for Essex. The teams meet in the last round of matches. Edward Hatley made a senior team debut for

Surrey and won his two singles against Berks. Bucks had a comfortable win over Northants. John Burleton (Bu) has 100% in singles. Nikki Cowley (Np) lost in two deuce games to Bucks No. 2 (Claire Plumridge) but later beat No. 1 Jacquie Lovall 9 and 9!

Senr 3A:

Clwyd 2, Essex III 8; Herts III 4, Worcs II 6; Northants II 7, Hunts 3.

Difficult to make predictions for this Div — all teams have dropped points. Herts III, with two wins in the bag, lost to Worcs II after a hard fought match — 7 events went to a decider. Worcs kept on top and led 6-2 with Herts getting the last two events. Ken Walton and Steve Horton (Wo) won their 4 matches. Essex III improved on their last two drawn matches with an 8-2 win over Clwyd.

Senr 3B:

Hants II 1, Sussex III 9; Herts II 7, Bucks II 3.

Sussex III had another big win and are well in the lead. Despite the 9-1 scoreline 7 events went to a decider. In Herts II defeat of Bucks II two of their wins had a close finish with G. Wilkes beating S. Baggaley at deuce in the 3rd game and Carolyn Seaholme beat Down Robbins 26, -17, 18.

Junr 1A:

Warwicks I 7, Yorks II 3; Clwyd 9, Lincs 1; Suffolk 4, N'berland 6; Lancs II 5, Derbys 5.

Yorks with two wins and 19 events won, looked invincible but were certainly brought down to earth by Warwicks. The Midlanders won 7-3 with Stephen Meddings and Garry Woodward winning their four matches. Yorks were admittedly without Richard Smith, who had played in the previous two matches. Derbys had their second draw on visiting Lancs. The visitors were 4-5 down when Martin Dawson won the last vital event at 17 in the 3rd game. N'berland's win over Suffolk was achieved with their boys — Barry Forster, Philip; Robson and Andrew Wilkinson — winning their 6 singles.

Junr 1B:

Glos 8, Cornwall 2; Glam 3, Oxon 7; Glam 8, Glos 2; Oxon 9, Cornwall 1; Glos 2, Oxon 8; Cornwall 3, Glam 7; Worcs 4, Herts 6; Berks 9, Essex II 1.

Four teams met at Cheltenham and six matches played. Oxon came out on top with three good wins. The top boys were Raymond Powell (Gs), Gavin Yates (Ox) and Steven Gill (Gn) and there were some very good matches between them. Gavin Yates beat Powell at 21 in the 3rd game and Steven Gill beat Yates -11, 20, 20! Gill was undefeated and Dawn Barnett and Sally Hughes won all their events for Oxon. Duncan Taylor (He) played very well to win his two singles against Worcs. A surprise in this match was unranked

Carrie Hunt's win over Sarah Seaholme (ranked 17) 17 and 5! Berks had another good win and, having already beaten Oxon, look well set for Premier Div.

Junior 2A:

Ches 4, Staffs 6; Lancs III 3, Leics 7; Notts 8, Staffs II 2; Derbys II 5, Ches II 5.

Staffs win over Ches was an important one with Ches having won their previous matches. Mark Newns (Ch No.1) won his two singles as Alison Taylor did for Staffs. Leics got their first points at the expense of Lancs III. Leics girls — Helen and Rachel Griffiths — won their four matches. And Notts got their first win with an 8-2 defeat of Staffs II.

Junior 2B:

Herts II 4, Middx II 6; Bucks 6, Berks II 2; Essex III 9, Warwicks II 1.

Middx II beat Herts II but the home team had only one girl (Helen Barnard), who won her two matches. Robert Hyacinth (Mi) won his two singles but had a fight against Craig Milwood winning -13, 15, 19. Essex III, with a 9-1 win over Warwicks II, lead the Div with six points. James Mason and Ian Musk played a big part in Bucks win over Berks II — they each won their two singles.

Junior 2D:

Kent II 9, Norfolk II 1; Kent II 4, Norfolk 6; Sussex II 0, Sussex II 0; Surrey II 10, Suffolk 0; Surrey III 5, Suffolk II 5.

Kent II, who received the two Norfolk teams, were the only team to have earned full points. They beat Norfolk II comprehensively but Norfolk inflicted their first defeat. The Norfolk boys — Shaun Parsley, Gary Hewitt and Lee Nicholls won their 6 events. The Suffolk II team visited Frimley and got the "whitewash" at the hands of Surrey II. Suffolk II did something to retrieve their situation by getting a draw against Surrey III. The team did come close to a win as Paul Owen (Sy) won the last event, against David Dyer, -19, 10, 19.

Veteran Section — The matches in this Section are certainly very competitive and wins do not come easily! Of the 25 matches played in November 14 finished with a 5-4 result. Read on

Vets 1A:

Essex II 5, Yorks II 4; Worcs 2, Leics 7; Herts 7, N'berland 2; Lancs 8, Norfolk 1.

The two leading teams — Essex II and Lancs — got further wins. The Essex/Yorks match was a battle. The mixed doubles was vital which the Essex pair won at deuce in the 3rd game. Marjorie Dawson, new to the Vets scene, had a good win over Carol Judson 19 and 16. The introduction of Maurice Newman to Leics ranks has made a considerable difference to their fortunes. Maurice won two singles in the 7-2 defeat of Worcs.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2

Vets 1B:

Kent II 5, Bucks 4; Surrey II 5, Berks 4; Dorset 5, Oxon 4; Middx 7, Hants 2.

Kent II got their 3rd 5-4 win. The score stood at 4-4 when John White beat Frank Earis (Bu) -21, 18, 17. Les Wooding (Bu) won his two singles and the doubles partnered by Alec Watson. Surrey II also got their 3rd win. Berks were 2-4 down but levelled at 4-4 but then Brian Simmonds (Sy) got the winner. Gordon Chapman and Brian Simmonds won their four events for Surrey.

Vets 2A:

Warwicks 4, Ches II 5; Clwyd 5, Lines II 4.

It was a vital match between Warwicks and Ches. Warwicks led 4-3 when Terry Bache played Derek Schofield and the Ches. player won 17, -18, 20! Bache had previously beaten Alan Timewell at 20 in the 3rd game! At 4-4 Timewell secured the 2 points with a win over Brian Belcher. Phil Jones (Cw) got three wins in the narrow defeat of Lincs.

Vets 2B:

Hunts 1, Northants 8; Norfolk II 3, Beds 6; Notts 7, Essex III 2.

Northants had another emphatic win and lead this Div. Rivals Essex III were well beaten. Pat Hammond (Ng) did well to beat Shirley Carroll (E) 11 and 18.

Vets 2C:

Wilts II 5, Glos 4; Bucks II 4, Middx II 5; Surrey III 7, Herefords 2.

Glos narrowly lost their first match against Wilts II. Alan Cooke (Wi) got the home team off to a good start when he beat Frank Jones (Gs No.1) -10, 22, 19! Each of the Wilts players won a singles and Cooke and Mike Oxley won the mens doubles. Middx II kept up their winning ways against Bucks II. A vital factor was Middx winning the two doubles.

Vets 2D:

Somerset 5, Herts II 4; Berks II 7, Dorset II 2.

Brian Reeves is making a significant difference to the Somerset team. In their 5-4 win over Herts II he and John Crabtree each won their two singles and the mens doubles. Berks won the seven singles against Dorset but the visitors won the two doubles events.

Vets 3A:

Northants II 4, Warwicks II 5; Beds II 4, Hunts II 5; Ches II 5, Herts IV 4.

Warwickshire II kept up their unbeaten record with a narrow win over Northants II. Northants led 4-3 and then Pat Glynn (Wa) beat Mick Edwards -21, 14, 20. Neil Wheatley (Wa) won the final event to get the win. The other two matches in this Div also went to 4-4! Hunts II and Ches III were the winners.

Vets 3B:

Sussex IV 2, Kent 111 7; Berks IV 2, Sussex III 7.

Kent III forge ahead with their 3rd win. Pam Butcher (K) continues unbeaten in singles and doubles and Ted Tydeman (K) won his three events in this match. The Sussex III men — Mike Watts, Gerry Batt-Rawden and Keith Jackson — won their six singles against Berks IV and Batt-Rawden and Val Jackson won the mixed doubles.

Vets 3C:

Wilts III 5, Berks III 4; Herts V 4, Somerset II 5.

Two more 5-4 results. Wilts III got their third win after a close contest against Berks III. At 4-4 Ray Cordery won the final event beating Roger Woolven-Allen 18 and 19, perhaps inevitably the match score also went to 4-4 in the Herts/Somerset clash! Martin Rumary won his two singles for Somerset including the final vital event.

Note — County Championship results and comments are given on the British Telecom Information line each week (0898-884418).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

League tables as at 30th November 1990

SENIORS

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
Lancashire	3	3	0	0	6
Middlesex	3	2	1	0	5
Yorkshire	3	2	1	0	5
Sussex	3	1	1	1	3
Leicestershire	3	0	2	1	2
Derbyshire	3	0	1	2	1
Surrey	3	0	1	2	1
Berkshire	3	0	1	2	1

Division 1A

Yorkshire 2nd	3	3	0	0	6
Bedfordshire	3	2	1	0	5
Suffolk	3	2	0	1	4
Northumberland	3	1	0	2	2
Cambridgeshire	3	1	0	2	2
Lancashire 2nd	3	1	0	2	2
Warwickshire	2	0	1	1	1
Cheshire	2	0	0	2	0

Division 1B

Devonshire	3	3	0	0	6
Sussex 2nd	3	2	1	0	5
Essex	3	2	0	1	4
Avon	3	1	1	1	3
Kent	3	1	0	2	2
Middlesex 2nd	3	1	0	2	2
Gloucestershire	3	0	1	2	1
Wiltshire	3	0	1	2	1

Division 2A

Lincolnshire	2	1	1	0	3
Durham	3	0	3	0	3
Warwickshire 2nd	3	1	1	1	3
Staffordshire	1	1	0	0	2
Leicestershire 2nd	2	1	0	1	2
Cumbria	3	0	1	2	1

Division 2B

Avon 2nd	2	2	0	0	4
Hampshire	2	2	0	0	4
Cornwall	2	1	0	1	2
Somerset	2	1	0	1	2
Devonshire 2nd	2	0	1	1	1
Glamorgan	2	0	1	1	1
Dorset	2	0	0	2	0

Division 2C

Bedfordshire 2nd	2	2	0	0	4
Norfolk	2	1	1	0	3
Worcestershire	1	1	0	0	2
Cambridgeshire 2nd	2	0	1	1	1
Suffolk 2nd	2	0	0	2	0
Hertfordshire	1	0	0	1	0

SENIORS

Division 2D

P	W	D	L	Pts	
Essex 2nd	2	2	0	0	4
Surrey 2nd	2	2	0	0	4
Buckinghamshire	3	2	0	1	4
Northamptonshire	2	1	0	1	2
Berkshire 2nd	3	0	0	3	0
Oxfordshire	2	0	0	2	0

Note Kent 2nd have withdrawn, record has been deleted

Division 3A

Hertfordshire 3rd	3	2	0	1	4
Essex 3rd	3	1	2	0	4

Worcestershire 2nd	2	1	1	0	3
Cheshire 2nd	2	1	1	0	3
Northamptonshire 2nd	2	1	0	1	2
Clwyd	2	0	0	2	0
Huntingdonshire	2	0	0	2	0

Division 3B

Sussex 3rd	3	3	0	0	6
Hampshire 2nd	2	1	0	1	2
Hertfordshire 2nd	2	1	0	1	2
Gloucestershire 2nd	2	1	0	1	2
Dorset 2nd	1	0	0	1	0
Buckinghamshire 2nd	2	0	0	2	0

Note Glamorgan 2nd have withdrawn

JUNIORS

Premier Division

Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	6
Devonshire	3	2	1	0	5
Essex	3	2	0	1	4
Surrey	3	1	1	1	3
Middlesex	3	1	1	1	3
Lancashire	3	1	1	1	3
Kent	3	0	0	3	0
Durham	3	0	0	3	0

Division 1A

Warwickshire	3	2	1	0	5
Yorkshire 2nd	3	2	0	1	4
Derbyshire	3	1	2	0	4
Northumberland	3	2	0	1	4
Clwyd	3	2	0	1	4
Suffolk	3	1	0	2	2
Lancashire 2nd	3	0	1	2	1
Lincolnshire	3	0	0	3	0

Division 1B

Oxfordshire	5	4	0	1	8
Berkshire	3	3	0	0	6
Hertfordshire	3	2	1	0	5
Glamorgan	4	2	0	2	4
Gloucestershire	4	1	1	2	3
Essex 2nd	3	1	0	2	2
Worcestershire	3	0	1	2	1
Cornwall	5	0	1	4	1

Division 2A

Staffordshire 1st	3	2	1	0	5
Cheshire 2nd	3	2	1	0	5
Cheshire 1st	3	2	0	1	4
Nottinghamshire	3	1	1	1	3
Derbyshire 2nd	3	1	1	1	3
Leicestershire	3	1	0	2	2
Lancashire 3rd	3	1	0	2	2
Staffordshire 2nd	3	0	0	3	0

Division 2B

Essex 3rd	3	3	0	0	6
Middlesex 2nd	3	3	0	0	6
Buckinghamshire	3	2	0	1	4
Northamptonshire	3	2	0	1	4
Hertfordshire 2nd	3	1	1	1	3
Warwickshire 2nd	3	0	1	2	1
Berkshire 2nd	3	0	0	3	0
Wiltshire	3	0	0	3	0

Division 2C

Hampshire 1st	3	3	0	0	6
Devonshire 2nd	3	3	0	0	6
Gwent	3	2	0	1	4
Hampshire 2nd	3	2	0	1	4
Avon	3	1	0	2	2
Dorset	3	1	0	2	2
Somerset	3	0	0	3	0
Devonshire 3rd	3	0	0	3	0

Division 2D

Norfolk 1st	4	3	1	0	7
Kent 2nd	4	3	0	1	6
Sussex 1st	4	3	0	1	6
Sussex 2nd	4	1	2	1	4
Surrey 2nd	2	1	0	1	2
Surrey 3rd	3	0	2	1	2
Suffolk 2nd	3	0	1	2	1
Norfolk 2nd	4	0	0	4	0

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS - 3

VETERANS

Division 1A	P	W	L	Pts
Lancashire	3	3	0	6
Essex 2nd	3	3	0	6
Leicestershire	3	2	1	4
Hertfordshire	3	1	2	2
Yorkshire 2nd	3	1	2	2
Worcestershire	3	1	2	2
Norfolk 3	1	2	2	2
Northumberland	3	0	3	0

Division 1B

Surrey 2nd	3	3	0	6
Kent 2nd	3	3	0	6
Middlesex	3	2	1	4
Dorset	3	2	1	4
Oxfordshire	3	1	2	2
Berkshire	3	1	2	2
Buckinghamshire	3	0	3	0
Hampshire	3	0	3	0

Division 2A

Lancashire 2nd	2	2	0	4
Warwickshire	3	2	1	4
Cheshire 2nd	2	2	0	4
Clwyd	3	1	2	2
Yorkshire 3rd	2	0	2	0
Lincolnshire 2nd	2	0	2	0

Division 2B

Northamptonshire	3	3	0	6
Nottinghamshire	2	1	1	2
Bedfordshire	2	1	1	2
Essex 3rd	2	1	1	2
Norfolk 2nd	1	0	1	0
Huntingdonshire	2	0	2	0

Division 2C

Middlesex 2nd	2	2	0	4
Gloucestershire	3	2	1	4
Surrey 3rd	3	2	1	4
Buckinghamshire 2nd	2	1	1	2
Wiltshire 2nd	3	1	2	2
Herefordshire	3	0	3	0

Division 2D

Somerset	2	2	0	4
Berkshire 2nd	2	1	1	2
Sussex 2nd	1	1	0	2
Hertfordshire 2nd	2	1	1	2
Hampshire 2nd	2	1	1	2
Dorset 2nd	3	0	3	0

Division 3A

Warwickshire 2nd	3	3	0	6
Huntingdonshire 2nd	2	2	0	4
Cheshire 3rd	3	2	1	4
Northamptonshire 2nd	3	1	2	2
Hertfordshire 4th	3	1	2	2
Bedfordshire 2nd	2	0	2	0
Norfolk 3rd	2	0	2	0

Division 3B

Kent 3rd	3	3	0	6
Sussex 3rd	2	1	1	2
Berkshire 4th	2	1	1	2
Hertfordshire 3rd	2	1	1	2
Sussex 4th	2	0	2	0
Northamptonshire 3rd	1	0	1	0

Division 3C

Wiltshire 3rd	3	3	0	6
Berkshire 3rd	2	1	1	2
Wiltshire 4th	2	1	1	2
Somerset 2nd	3	1	2	2
Gloucestershire 2nd	2	1	1	2
Hertfordshire 5th	2	0	2	0

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ETTA County Supplement

BERKSHIRE

Bob Adams

HIGHLIGHT OF December was the first leg of the Berkshire Inter League tournament in which each of the four table tennis towns, namely Bracknell, Maidenhead, Newbury and Reading put forward their star players to decide who shall get their hands on the Barbara Peisley Cup. Incidentally, Barbara was one of the county's top juniors a couple of decades or more ago in the days when Didcot was part of Berkshire until a fiendish trick by some government department or other handed Didcot to Oxfordshire, along with all of its table tennis players. It occurs to me that if the ETTA had got to work on the United Nations we could have made China a part of England and solved the Chen problem at a stroke!

Newbury clearly demonstrated that they were not there just to partake in Sylvia Bruton's refreshments - excellent as they are - by opening their attack with Dave Barr, closely followed by Dave Reeves. Maidenhead ladies with Sue Collier were likewise in serious mood and both these teams managed to go through the day unbeaten. However, it was Reading with strength in depth who managed to pick up the most wins in the eighteen matches played, giving them a narrow lead to combine with the junior event coming up in January.

Although a traditional Berkshire event, this year it was run on slightly different lines, by the Bracknell League on behalf of the County Committee, in association with the County President, Mr Stan Roper. A crafty match synchronisation innovation was the display of a clock set to "tournament time" whose precise relationship to Greenwich Mean seemed somewhat variable and a little obscure (except to Tony) - I only hope no one had a train to catch. Aside from the frequently repeated remark "Great idea Tony, but what's the real time?", Stan, and all the players present were highly impressed by the friendly and efficient way in which

Tony Morton and his wife and a seemingly endless supply of younger Mortons put it all together. A job well done.

CUMBRIA Gordon Brown

ALTHOUGH AT the time of writing Stephen Temple had lost his county number one spot he was ahead of the rest in the Carlisle League first division. Up to mid-November, Stephen had a 100 per cent league record. Brother Mark, also a county man, was one set behind and county captain Julie McLean two.

New county number one is Jonathan Lowes. Not many players step straight into number one spot on their county debut. But the 18-year-old Barrow student well justified the confidence placed in him. He helped the side gain their first point in seven outings with a creditable 5-5 draw against Durham at the Glebe Table Tennis Club in Washington.

Jonathan, in his first season as a senior after a promising junior career, won a three-setter against Chris Blake, and only an inability to deal with Tony Gelder's quick loop cost him the verdict against the home number one. More experience at this level however, and Lowes will be an opponent to be feared in division 2a.

Durham names first: Tony Gelder beat Mark Temple 12-21, 22-20, 21-11; beat Jonathan Lowes 21-15, 21-10; Chris Blake lost to Lowes 21-17, 11-21, 12-21; beat Neil Yardley 21-14, 21-19; Dave Robson lost to Yardley 16-21, 21-13, 19-21; beat Mark Temple 21-17, 21-10. Lynne Yarnell beat Joanne Burgess 17-21, 21-12, 21-11; lost to Julie McLean 21-18, 18-21, 21-23, Lynne Bainbridge lost to McLean 10-21, 12-21; lost to Burgess 14-21, 21-23.

Despite losing two sets in this match, Mark Temple played extremely well. With luck he would have beaten the number one Tony Gelder, for after winning the first game by nine points he only lost the second in a

two-point decider. Had Mark been able to grab that there would have been no need for a third, which Gelder took by a margin of 10 points.

Credit should also go to ex-county junior Neil Yardley, another senior debutante. Like Jonathan he managed to take a set in three. Although he has not had the same measure of success in Barrow League as Stephen Temple has had in Carlisle this term, having dropped two sets as these notes are penned, Neil can already be looked upon as a reliable stand-by.

Lowes, not surprisingly, is the player who has dominated the first half of the Barrow League season. Already they are expecting him to be the first player in the league to go a season unbeaten since Diccon Gray, now on the ETTA staff, did it in two successive seasons for Millom School more than 10 years ago.

Jonathan's team, Vickers SC, for whom he plays number one, looked set to keep the first division title after inflicting the first defeat of the campaign on Ponderosa, nearest rivals and the previous season's champions.

In Whitehaven's first division, three old stagers, Ron Batty, Carl Farrar and Alan Wilcox, all former county players, have resurrected themselves to get newly-promoted Sports Centre off to a good start. Ron and Carl were both county individual champions in their day and Alan was a junior representative.

DORSET Martin Hughes

The County Championships

The junior team took part in a block weekend in Gwent recently, and came away with one victory and two defeats in division 2C.

No. 1 Junior Mark Butler had by far the best results, winning five out of the six matches he contested, losing only to Jonathan May of Devon. Lee Percy and Shaun Kellaway made their County debuts over this weekend with Lee winning three of his

matches.

The girls, Christine Webb and Isabel Abrahams, acquitted themselves very well, but were not strong enough on this occasion.

For the record, Dorset beat Somerset 8-2 but lost to Devon seconds 2-8 and lost to Hampshire seconds 3-7.

South West Regional Junior Trials

Mark Butler qualified for the Junior National Trials at Lilleshall on 1st December by finishing in fourth place at the South West Regional event held in Plymouth on 14th October.

The British League

Jolliffe Poole, sponsored by Peter Jolliffe Bookmaker, lost a very close match to Ellenborough II in Division 2 South of the British League, despite a 2-6 scoreline indicating otherwise.

Only Tony Clayton and Martin Hughes had any success for Poole, but Clayton notched up his best win of the season against a player who is 24 places above him on the computer rankings.

His three set victory over defender John Taylor was even more remarkable because ex England International Clayton is renowned for his weakness against the defensive game. Clayton triumphed 22-24, 21-12, 21-19 in what was the game of the day. His composure on the crucial points was tremendous as he relied on his razor sharp forehand attack to hit through Taylor's strong defence.

Jolliffe Poole's only other success came from Martin Hughes who ruined Jon Proffitt's 100% record this season with a superb three set victory, winning 17-21, 21-18, 21-15 and thereby gain valuable ranking points, as Proffitt is currently 115 places higher in the Halex national rankings.

In their next match, Jolliffe Poole fought out a 4-4 draw at home to Horsham Dolphins II. This was a disappointing result as Poole held a 4-1 lead before Horsham fought back strongly. Tony Clayton won his two matches, with Martin Hughes picking up one game and Mark Werner also notched up his first win of the season in the British League by defeating Peter Bartram in straight sets.

Counties 2

Dorset Closed

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

Poole and District League

Lytchett A and Broadstone OB are fighting for the top two places in division one with Broadstone holding a slight games average advantage over Lytchett although Lytchett won the match between the two sides 9-1 recently.

ESSEX

Alan Shepherd

I THINK THAT I ought to commence this month by echoing the sentiments of a number of my fellow scribes in wondering why I receive little, if no, copy from the Press Officers of our local leagues and nothing whatsoever from the spokesmen of the British League clubs based in Essex. Until they change their attitudes the successes and news stories which must be worth telling will go unrecorded by this column.

Early news of our big tournaments: The Essex Open has now become the "Barclays Bank Essex 5 Star Open" and this will be staged on 30th/31st March 1991, once again at the wonderful Brentwood Centre. Entry forms can be obtained from wizard organiser Dick Roffe, at 54 Curtis Road, Emerson Park, Hornchurch, Essex, so I hope that even my mate Graham Sandley will succeed in entering this season. Mike Watts and Peter Roden are going to work in tandem as Referees.

Our big junior event is the BP Essex Select Junior 2 Star Open which is happening on 13/14th April 1991 at the Harlow Sports Centre. Barry Granger, of 14 Galsworthy Avenue, Romford, Essex RM6 4QA is the Organiser and forms can be obtained from him. I shall be refereeing this one with Phil

Gower as my assistant.

Three reigning champions lost their opening matches in the Essex Inter-League competition. In men's division 1, Brentwood although not at full strength, lost to the newly promoted Waltham Forest team of John Dennison, Clive Carpenter and Dennis Hendricks. The last named young man figured in our County Juniors a few years ago, but last year I was reading of his exploits in another county - was it Northants? He seems to be back home now and obviously playing well. In mixed Division 1 Chelmsford lost to Dagenham's Damian Holland (a fugitive from Billericay, and the scourge of Romford dog track) Clive Carthy, Linda Radford and Elaine Sayer. The champions of the Veteran's Division 1 were Clacton, but they went down to a Romford side consisting of Feizal Mauthoor, Lesley Radford and George Pavitt. Champion teams which won convincingly to open their title defence were Dagenham 'A' in Ladies Division 1 (Linda Radford, Elaine Sayer, Kim Mudge) and Dagenham - again - in Junior Division 1 (Cris Sladden, Paul Hudson, Andrew Taylor, Shelley Ruocco). My grateful thanks to Roy Franklin for these details.

The junior county teams only had two matches during November. I took our second team to Reading, where Berkshire comprehensively demolished us by 9-1. Despite that scoreline, there was much to encourage us. Daniel Yardy who is still a cadet, made his debut in any county side as a late replacement for the injured Wayne Mitchell and turned in a very exciting display against both Ben Johnson and Marc Priddle, losing only late in the deciding games. Jenny Coleman played, in my opinion, her best match for Essex in beating Gemma Schwartz and in losing in three to Nicola Cracknell a match she could easily have won. Vincent Avery, who is only 13, rattled through Martin Adams in their first game, lost 5-21 in the second, and then had Martin looking completely nonplussed as he trailed 6-12 in the third. Unfortunately for us, Martin then showed his skill and experience in

climbing back level and going on to win 21-16.

At home our third Junior team outgunned Warwicks II by 9-1. There was a welcome re-appearance by Julie Rand and a pleasing debut by Melanie Savill, both remaining unbeaten. Ben Ware and Andrew Taylor won their two singles I am delighted to say, and Peter Worthington only lost to Warwick's best player, Stuart Taylor.

I wonder whether anybody noticed the "deliberate mistake" by Doug Moss in his County Championships column in the November issue. He referred to our Junior Third team as having won against Bucks "on promotion". In fact, they would have had to come from the table tennis equivalent of the Vauxhall Conference League if that was true - they are already in the lowest Division!

Finally, congratulations to one of the most popular players in Essex, Stuart Gibbs, in winning the over 40's title at the Stiga Eastern Masters tournament, when he beat Malcolm Corking by scores of 21-23, 21-14, 21-3 (if the VETTS Newsletter can be believed!).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Alf Pepperd

RAYMOND POWELL, the County's No.1, 15 year old junior has certainly not endeared himself to some members of the local table tennis playing fraternity, especially I suspect a few parents, the local attitude that he seems to portray - perhaps he would term as assertive - but often appears to come over as arrogance.

He has already been described as "All Bounce", "Aggression" and etc., I can but only add a rider to these remarks - ARE THEY NOT ALL THE HALLMARKS OF A POSSIBLE CHAMPION?

Stan Johnston, Editor of Cheltenham's newsletter "Net and Edge" to current date has produced three excellent copies, and Peter Slack's efforts in

relation to typing them has not entirely escaped notice either - both are engaged upon doing a great job, I hope Cheltonians appreciate their efforts.

At the time of writing this column, I have not seen Keith Simpsons Old Market Printers Gloucester newsletter around yet, however Keith assures me that all is well and by the time this is printed - "Focus on Points" will be made public.

Cheltenham's Ladies activities in the Cotswold Ladies League began by beating Witney 6-4, Cheltenham's No. 1, Japanese student Reiko Morita took all three Witney scalps and Julie Taylor chipped in with two singles - Julie and Reiko combined well to claim the vital doubles.

In their second match of the season Cheltenham lost to Gloucester's ladies 4-6, the City's team of Heather Tyrer, Judy Morley and Christine Williams each won two, but they all failed to beat the Cheltenham No. 1, Reiko Morita the County's official number one lady player.

Cheltenham Veterans Men, started the season on the wrong foot for both the "A" and "B" teams. In the Midland League 1st Division the "A" side of John Fannin, Roy Fowler and Tony Hogarth travelled to Birmingham to play the much fancied Walsall "A" side, with the home No. 1 Chris Davies in sparkling form and winning all three singles - Cheltenham struggled to reach peak form, John Fannin won two singles and Roy Fowler one, but that says it all, in the end the Cheltenham Old Un's were well and truly beaten.

The "B" side of Peter Wood, Don Sweeney and Mike Grey drove over to Oxford to play their "B" side in the 4th Division, with Wood getting off to a fine start and taking the first game, things indeed looked good, unfortunately this proved to be their only success in what ended as a 9-1 thrashing, and with only one game going to three.

Under the ever watchful eyes of Peter Cruwys the group organiser, the Cheltenham YMCA staged Junior County matches between Cornwall, Glamorgan, Oxfordshire and the host county, our own team of

players were only able to beat Cornwall 8-2, and lost to Glamorgan and Oxford by the same scorelines of 2-8.

My sincere thanks to Peter Cruwys the County Vice Chairman and Coaching Officer, Graham Slack, Cheltenham's very astute Chairman and Raymond Powell; all have given me BBC Radio interviews this season, and by the time this appears in print, all three interviews will have gone out over the airways, in addition I have not missed a weekly live table tennis broadcast since September this year.

The political implications in the country during last November should perhaps strike a chord of recognition among a few table tennis administrators who maybe these days are not so interested in our sport as in the past.

The moral of these few words is quite simple and much to the point - if you hold high office - uphold it, any lack of interest can only be seen among the table tennis media as a bad thing in general in the interests of our great sport. High office on any committee demands equally 100% high interest - or should do from all that serve.

Finally, former Chairperson of the Cheltenham T.T.L., also former editor of Net and Edge, Gill Smith recently came out of Cheltenham General Hospital after quite a nasty operation. Nice to have you back with us again Gill, take care.

ISLE OF WIGHT

Brian Lamerton

EARLY (YES I know it is January but this has to be written in November and we don't start until October) signs are that Sandown will again be the team to stop at the head of Division 1.

Leaders	P	W	L	Pts
Wroxall 'A'	6	5	1	18
Sandown	5	5	0	17
Plessey 'A'	7	3	3	14

Wroxall are this season represented by Alan Hulbert, Chris Angus and Kevin Gattrell whilst Ray Winter has joined the all conquering Roger Hookey and Mike Turner to maintain Sandown's challenge.

Last seasons early runners, Rookley have not started this term too well - Pete Urry is blaming his indifferent form on the demise of his Johnny Leach hard bat and I am under instructions to find a replacement (are you listening Mr President or does anybody else have one in their archives?)

Newport Vics 'D', promoted from Division 3 last season are now carrying all before them in Division 2 (well done Ray Ferris, David Newnham, Barry Joyce and Rick Jackson) whilst the individual star of Division 3 is 'Super' Veteran Fred Mitchell who has won 16 of his 21 sets.

Overall this season the Islands Leagues have increased from 48 to 54 teams. By the time these notes are read our Junior and Cadet teams will have played their first matches in the Hampshire Inter-Town Leagues; they will undoubtedly have looked the part - grateful thanks to Ventnor member Paul Redman who has donated team shirts.

Junior coaching, instigated following a successful development fund application is proceeding at three centres; such is the interest that we are now planning another course for new coaches to cope with the demand - incidentally congratulations to Alan Hulbert and Mike Platt, Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Island association for obtaining their coaching badges.

Both our ladies and mens teams have now chalked up victories in the Southern Region Leagues. The ladies pair of Heather Wyke and Amanda Elvers overcoming Cippenham by 3 sets to 2, and the mens team with Roger Hookey at last getting the breaks he deserves defeating near neighbours Amity Generation by 5 sets to 4. For both ladies and men their other 3 matches 'got away'.

Serious interest is being given to sending a team to the 27 strong Island Games in Oland (Scandinavia) in June (the 1993

Games are in the Isle of Wight), but whether we eventually go or not we shall be represented abroad before that (other than our permanent Ambassador Carl of course) as Brian Lamerton our Umpire Secretary and National Councillor (and mainland representative) has been selected to umpire at the European Top 12 in Holland at the beginning of February.

KENT

Adrian Hall

NICE TO see the Maidstone and Rotherhithe Leagues supported the National Team Championships, producing some fine team and individual performances.

Bromfield Trophy -

Maidstone 5, Rotherhithe 4
Kent No. 3 Carly Riggs confirmed her county ranking when she beat her three nearest rivals when Maidstone surprisingly beat Rotherhithe 5-4. Carly beat Kent No. 4 Michelle Ritter 22-20, 22-20, No. 5 Natasha Barham 12-21, 21-12, 21-13 and No. 7 Joanne Barham 21-18, 21-14. Carly was well supported by Crystal Hall and Alison Smith, who both had splendid wins over Michelle Ritter. Maidstone now meet Brighton in the second round.

Hammersley Cup -

Maidstone 4, Hastings 5
With Crystal Hall in sparkling form, Maidstone narrowly lost to a strong Hastings side 5-4. Crystal won her three games, including a magnificent victory over England No. 12 Claudine Wilson 21-11, 16-21, 21-17. Alison Smith and Laura Pethers both produced good performances.

Results:

Under 11 Boys

Otford A (Sevenoaks) bt Northborough (Maidstone) 6-2 and produced our representatives

Carter Cup -

Maidstone 4, Worthing 5
Martin Hewitt maintained his national ranking with three good wins for a much understrength Maidstone Junior side when they lost 5-4 to Worthing. Martin's best win was against Paul Ciccheli, a splendid nationally ranked defensive player, 21-14, 16-21, 21-13. For Maidstone Garry Waters won one game and Tim Noble will have learnt much from playing at this level.

I hear that Carolyn Chivers-Brown made her presence felt in the Tonbridge League in her comeback from starting a family. She turned out for Teen and Twenty to inflict a 10-0 defeat on her old team, Leigh 'A' who have won the league throughout the '80s. Carolyn and Mark had a baby girl, Charlotte in March - congratulations!

The Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells Leagues' combined tournament, revived after a lapse of some years, was held recently in St Gregorys School, Southborough. Michael Cripps won an all Tunbridge Wells Open singles final, beating David Butler after a three set struggle, 21-15, 17-21, 21-9.

Brian Lees (Tunbridge Wells) and Martyn Llewelly (Tonbridge) overcame the challenge of Michael Cripps (Tunbridge Wells) and Peter Stace (Tunbridge Wells) in the Open doubles final, 21-15, 21-18. Paul White became Veterans Champion by defeating Roger Alderman in straight games. The Tonbridge League claimed the ladies singles and junior singles events with Nicola Duke beating Heidi Steers in the ladies final and Paul Duke beating Ben McCarthy in the junior final. Tunbridge Wells, however, got their revenge in the junior doubles when Ben McCarthy and Jason Cheesman beat the brother/sister combination of Paul and Nicola Duke.

Paul White was the tournament organiser and the trophies were presented to the finalists by the Presidents of the two Leagues, Mr Eric Batchelor (Tonbridge) and Mr Jack Edgington (Tunbridge Wells).

Kent Schools team events were played on 17th November at Walderslade and Otford Schools

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for the Area Finals. With so much junior activity in Kent, the entries (26) for this super tournament were most disappointing, particularly in the girls events with only one Under 13 and one Under 19 team entry.

Winning Team

Edward Vizard (2), Justin Coles (2), William Jeremiah (2), Bradlee West (0)

Under 13 Boys

Tunbridge Wells GS bt Harvey GS (Folkestone) 5-4

James Solomon (1), Sam Rimmer (1), Andrew Shanks (2), David Smith (0) plus deciding doubles

Under 13 Girls

Maplesden Noakes (Maidstone) WO

Crystal Hall, Rachell Woolven, Sarah Stewart, Debbie Himson, Sarah Harris, Norton Knatchbull (Ashford) 5, Harvey GS 3

Under 16 Boys

Norton Knatchbull (Ashford) 5 Harvey GS 3

Craig Hastie (2), Colin Quinn (1), Tom Filmer (1), Tim Pichowskz (1)

Under 19 Boys

Maidstone GS 7, Borden (Sittingbourne) 1

Matthew Vardy (2), Gary Waters (1), Paul Wheeler (2), Will Wrapson (2)

Under 19 Girls

Highworth GS (Ashford) WO Leigh Hastie, Colleen Hastie, Karen Francesconi, Fiona McClaren

In a double header, Kent Junior II and Norfolk II had mixed fortunes at Ashford. In the first match Kent had a 9-1 win with maximums for Martin Hewitt, Kevin Reed, Joanne Barham and Michelle Ritter and one from Jason Cheesman. The second match was taken by Norfolk 6-4 with all our success with the girls Natasha Barham and Heidi Steers. Matthew Bull, Glen Ritchie and Charles Chamberlain live to fight another day.

Our Veterans are still producing excellent results, Kent II beat Bucks 5-4 with one win each for Kent's Graham French, Keith Clarke, John White and

Joan Beadle, plus the mixed doubles. Fur Bucks Les Wooding won both his singles and was part of the winning men's doubles pair. I understand the individual matches were as close as the final score.

Kent III had a comfortable win over Sussex IV 7-2, Ted Tydeman (2) was well supported by Mel Dixon (1), Dennis McConkey (1) and Pam Butcher (1) for Sussex's Dave Sinden won both his singles

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LANCASHIRE George Yates

AFTER TWO successive 8-2 defeats at the hands of Suffolk and Northumberland the Red Rose Junior seconds secured their first point of the season in drawing 5-5 with Derbyshire at Oldham's Delph Club on 17th November.

Two successes for Oldham's Karen Richardson and one each for Philip Musgrove of Liverpool, Richard Beattie of Southport and Rosemary Gaultier of Blackpool did the trick to stem the tide.

No so good tidings in respect of the junior thirds with a 7-3 home defeat at the hands of Leicestershire at Warrington's Daten Club on the same date. But it proved a good return for Rod Mainwaring of Preston who won both his singles against Martin Brunning and Ian Baxter. Andrew Halford got the other one in beating Dean Langley, the Oldham boy coming good in the third.

The Veterans first maintained their winning sequences in chalking up their third win beating Norfolk 8-1 after Preston's Tony Rigby had gone down in the opening set to Mick Broughton. Thereafter it was one way traffic with Blackburn's Phil Blake, Bolton's John Mason and Southport's Mabel Neary unbeaten.

Congratulations to Blackburn and Blackpool in reaching the zone semi finals of the Wilmott Cup competition, the former beating Lytham St Annes 8-1 and the latter 5-4 winners away to Carlisle. Bolton went out 5-4 to Warrington. The two Lancashire leagues meet each other at the seaside in a tie to be completed by 6th January 1991.

Lancashire and Cheshire League Shock result in the men's first division of the Lancashire and Cheshire League was the 7-3 defeat inflicted on defending champions Stockport, at home to Blackpool, and Warrington's 6-4 success at home to Liverpool.

Dave Bunting was Blackpool's strong man with a treble taking in Roger Hampson, Terry Taylor and Derek Schofield, the latter accounting for Steve Bevan and Hampson beating Martin Ireland with the doubles going to Stockport.

Warrington's Malcolm McEvoy brought off a great treble against Liverpool beating Keith Williams, Stuart Richards and Lawrence Kenwright. Terry Turner weighed in with two and Peter Flint a solo against two wins for Kenwright, one for Richards and the doubles to leave Williams with nought to show for his labours.

Table as at 3.12.90.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	3	2	0	1	18	12	5
Warrington	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Liverpool	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Stockport	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Bolton	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Manchester	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Liverpool BH	2	0	0	2	22	18	0

Liverpool, the defending champions of the women's first division have thus far beaten both Macclesfield and Stockport by 8-2 margins with both Justine Thomas and Brenda Bucoey unbeaten in the Stockport match.

LEICESTERSHIRE Terry Bown

WITH THE halfway stage of the

season fast approaching, the Leicester League's monthly magazine, Top Spin, shows that it is business as usual at the top of Division One with Great Glen, Knighton Park and Loughborough Kingfishers fighting out the Championships. Kingfishers did their cause a power of good recently when they beat the present champions Knighton Park, third string currently heading the chart having won 7 out of 7 matches. Despite this, and not surprisingly, Blaby and Whetstone's Colin Trueman leads the individual championship being unbeaten after 21 visits to the table. The emerging Darren Bramhall lies second in this table losing just once out of 15 sets.

Knighton Park 4 held a closely fought division 4 with a draw, their only blemish after 7 starts. Royal Mail are close on their heels with unbeaten GEC stalking in 3rd place should either of the top two falter. Individual GEC's Bob Davis tops the bunch on 90% having lost once with Leicester Gas' John O'Connor second on 87% and Mail's Richard Rimmington in third place having lost just three times during 21 visits to the wooden plateau.

The most competitive division of the league, and one of the few which Knighton Park doesn't head, is division 5 which sees Just Seating International settling at the top of the table after 4 wins and 3 draws. But not for long it seems, as Hogg Robinson in second place are 100% after 5 matches and should top the division when they have caught up with matches. A E Burgess (19 pts/6 matches) and Rank Taylor Hobson (18 pts/6 matches) lie third and fourth respectively. Birstall's Tim Smith perches on top individually unbeaten after 15 sets.

Things are running smoothly for Rolls Royce who top division 6 winning 7 out of 7 matches and only losing 8 sets in the process, needless to say their players figure prominently in the individual stakes with Stan Dunne winning 20 out of 20 sets at the top. Teammate Jagdish Chauhan lies in third place, losing but thrice after 20 outings. Wyvern - probably the oldest club in the league - are second in this division

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with Peter Platzer performing admirably NBG (New Braunstone Goons if you please) are third with Allan Clarke doing the business.

Further news of the Leicester League and the Hinckley and Loughborough Leagues next time.

The next major event to come is the Leicestershire Table Tennis Association's Phil Reid Memorial Trophy (Handicapped). It is due to take place early in the New Year at the Knighton Park TTC. The Association is indebted to John Rogers who has kindly donated a brand new perpetual trophy for this competition.

MIDDLESEX

Iris Moss

I AM very proud to report that on 13th November I was presented with a "Service to Sport" award by the Chairman of the London Council for Sport and Recreation in recognition of my service to table tennis in London. In the citation my tenure of the post of Middlesex Secretary/Treasurer for over 30 years had pride of place and also mentioned was my Treasurership of the London Junior Table Tennis Scheme and my long standing interest in table tennis for the disabled, particularly paraplegics. Needless to say I was very pleased to be honoured in this way but I would like to say that the "job satisfaction" I have had out of my various table tennis jobs has far outweighed the occasional frustrations. I can strongly recommend the administration of table tennis to anyone who is interested in the sport and has some time to spare. It enables you to keep in touch when your playing days are coming to an end or retirement from work is imminent.

For the first time for many years, the Middlesex Open does not clash with any event to which the ETTA sends a team. But this does not mean that all the top players have entered, although we

have a goodly number of them. Perhaps this is an indication that our top players are now earning so much that they do not need to enter tournaments! I hope this is the reason for their non-appearance. The overall number of entries is slightly down on previous years; this is the first year since I have been dealing with entries that we have not had to refuse anyone. We were pleased to welcome the Canadian team who entered our event on their way home from the French Open. I hope that a full report will be included in the next edition of Table Tennis News. Entry forms have been issued for the Middlesex Junior Closed Championships, which will be held at Ashford on 12th and 13th January 1991. At the moment no entries have been received but there is still nearly a month to go (the closing date is 27th December 1990) and we hope to get a good entry. The Senior Closed will be at the same venue on 20th and 21st April so make a note of the diary and ENTER.

NORFOLK

Ray Hogg

WE ARE now months into another season and to date no notes from Norfolk have appeared. This was because of some confusion within our new committee as to who was doing the column. This has now been resolved in that yours truly has retained the job in addition to take on General Secretary duties as well. Just as well I have retired early from a paid occupation.

Alan Pickard has been elevated to President and my wife Ruth was told to take on the Treasurer's job. My first action after the opening County matches was to criticise among other things the untidy look of our players which resulted in the committee agreeing to purchase shirts for the Juniors and Seniors but not the Veterans as they "are rich enough to buy their own" as stated by one member. The Veterans however

had already agreed to purchase their own and it saves all that problem of collecting and washing.

The first action of our new Treasurer was to organise a jumble sale to boost funds and if possible to replace the money paid out for shirts. It is strange that the three committee members who attended this sale were all Veterans. We made £130 profit and now wait on her efforts in the stock market.

County Championships are on us again. The entry for seniors is much the same as last year with the notable exception of Phil Logsdon who is up to his ears in studying so has retired for the moment. That leaves Neil Pickard as out and out favourite to take his fifth title in a row unless someone unexpected comes out of the woodwork which is not unknown in this game. Junior entry is down by about 15 as a school in Norwich has switched from table tennis to tennis. A pity as this school had some of the keenest and above all disciplined players I have seen in many a year. For instance, our Under 11 mixed singles is down from 27 to 7. Whilst on Junior play one of my other hats is East Anglian League and we hope to organise a one off tournament for cadet and junior players who are not ranked for their county, be it Norfolk, Cambridgeshire or Suffolk. Anyone interested in sending a party please contact me. All leagues are welcome including players who may not even be registered with a club.

Can anyone out there help me with the whereabouts of the Broadside Cup. This was last competed for about 10 years ago and was for a club championship knockout throughout Norfolk. I am thinking about starting it up again in a different format.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Dennis Millman

FORMER COUNTY cricket

adversaries Keith Jones (Middlesex) and our own David Steele, met for the first time across a table tennis net, when Team Electric encountered Rothborough in the Kettering League. Both players have met with considerable success since turning their attention to a new sport, but on this occasion it was the former who emerged triumphant, as his side gained a narrow win to retain second place in the Premier Division behind the perennial winners now playing under the banner of the Higham Band Club.

Higham Band, with Graeme McKim, Andy Edmonds, Richard Elliott, Chris Handshaw, Andy Trott and Steve Brown, occupying first, third, fifth, sixth, ninth and sixteenth places respectively on the Pennine Computer Ranking List, are again proving too strong for the opposition in Kettering, Wellingborough and Northampton. In Kettering the rampant Higham side, now look certain to become the first side to reach two hundred points in a season, and so beat the record of the former Queensberry Club, whose team comprised the still active John Palmer, Geoff Atkinson and David Hoddle, and reached one 198 points in the 1973/74 season.

Although there were few changes at the top end of the November issue of the Pennine List, it had much greater significance than its predecessors as it determined players' eligibility for the newly established events in the senior section of the County Closed Tournament, with the Class One Singles excluding the top fifty ranked players, Class Two the top two hundred, Class Three the top four hundred and Class Four the top six hundred. In addition to the Higham Band players, the leading positions are No. 2 Ian Hawes, 4 Kieron Dabbs, 7 David Evans, 8 Rafe Miller, 10 Mick Edwards, 11 Keith Jones, 12 Mick Spear, 13 Graham Ball, 14 Steve West, 15 John Molney, 17 Steve Silk, 18 Phil Slade, 19 Dave Gallo, 20 Geoff Atkinson, 21 Keith Nicoll, 22 Ian Scatter,

23 Richard Kemp and Dave Hoddle, 25 John Sanders.

A shattering 8-2 defeat for the Senior Firsts against Bucks,

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and an unfortunate 5-4 reverse for the Veteran seconds at the hands of Warwick seconds, with the Vets squandering a 4-2 lead, were more than counterbalanced by three wins in the most recent series of County Championship matches.

The Veteran firsts with Keith Jones, Geoff Atkinson and Margaret Maltby all unbeaten, continued their winning sequence with a superb 8-1 win over Hunts, enlivened - if that's the right word - by an expedite from the start, between Keith Jones and Gus Albon, which the Northants player won with consummate ease.

The Senior seconds 7-3 success, also against Hunts, produced some excellent play from Chris Handshaw, Sally Russell and Kristina Cox, who all won twice, with Miss Russell having just returned from a junior match in Wiltshire, in which she had proved to be in a class of her own. Julian Marshall and Stephen Atkinson were also undefeated as Northants gained an 8-2 verdict.

The latest research data from the computer confirms my previous comments on player registrations. In 1984 the Northampton League had more players than Wellingborough and Kettering combined, but now Wellingborough is the biggest League in the county, with Kettering's 20% increase in individual registrations in stark contrast to a decline now approaching 40% in Northampton.

However, all is not lost, for I have just received news of an exciting new venture, which if brought to fruition, would provide Northampton with a superb, purpose built venue, with all the essential attendant facilities.

Now is the time, for Northampton enthusiasts in particular, and Northamptonshire devotees in general, to lend support to a project which may never again recur, bearing in mind that there is a tide and time in the affairs of table tennis players that could well lead on to fortune.

SOMERSET Andy Seward

A FEW notes from Somerset this month just to show that we don't pick cider apples all the time and that table tennis is alive and well in (most of) the county.

The Seniors team of Lee Sadler, Ron Weatherby, Brian Reeves, Mel Carey and Tina Sadler won one and lost one at their weekend in Swansea. A more than useful team. When, oh when is some other Somerset player going to challenge them for a position in the team?

The Juniors comfortably lost their three matches in Gwent, the only rays of hope coming from Mark Sith, Rob Millard (just out of Cadets) and James Hayne, who won on his debut and at aged 13 looks a useful prospect. Our thanks go to the Hants. Dorset and Gwent girls for their compassionate play against the Somerset girls. It was much appreciated.

Somerset play hosts to the next round of the Junior matches in Division 2C. These will be played at Chilton Trinity School, Bridgwater over the weekend of 26-27th January 1991. Good luck to all concerned.

The Veterans first team have won both their matches 5-4 which shows fine judgement. Brian Reeves, one of the best defenders on the county scene is unbeaten and should surely be well up the national rankings. He isn't which is the fault of the ranking system, not of Brian. More of that subject later. Graham Durdey was Man of the Match against Hants 2, John Crabtree versus Herts 2.

Veterans seconds are using lots of players. Paul Hewitt and Terry Millard have made their debuts in County colours this season. Martin Rumary with a double and Wendy Pryce's win over June Nelson 21-19 in the third, ensured Somerset the points in a 5-4 victory against Herts 5.

Next month, the new county rankings and an update on the local league scene. And now for another pint of scrumpy!

SURREY Terry Vance

Thames Valley League

The first two reports have been received from John Fairweather. He has now amended his computer programme to include EVERYTHING on the result cards. His latest November report runs to 8 pages and this is only Division 2. My editor version has NPL1 leading from Alexandra 1 and the averages are led by Joe Muller from Peter Jewson and John Garland.

Newsletter

Len Moir has taken on the onerous task of editor and the first issue is due out in December 1990. Any information about Surrey TT or its personalities would be welcome. His address is 6 Benhurst Close, South Croydon, Surrey. Remember your input is necessary to keep this going.

Senior Championships

These were held at Sutton Youth Centre with 63 entrants. It was pleasant to welcome back Dave Wellsman and a new face to Surrey from Derbyshire, Zung To. She is now playing in the Wandsworth League. The results were

Mens Singles

Paul Carter bt Dave Wellsman

Womens Singles

Jane Barella bt Zung To

Veteran Singles

Dave Wellsman bt Mick Pearson

Restricted

Farhat Rasul bt Richard Tanner

Mens Doubles

Farhat Rasul/Neville Miller bt Paul Carter/Simon Phillipsz

Womens Doubles

Maria Taylor-Woodward/Hannah Webber bt Hazel Earl/Jenny Nolan

Mixed Doubles

Paul Carter/Debbie Simmonds bt Dave Wellsman/Jane Barella

It is getting more difficult to find a weekend in the calendar when all our players are available. This weekend was chosen because there was nothing happening in the ETTA diary. But after the draw was made it was found that matches had been arranged for

this date and we therefore lost several entrants because of this and also Flu. Still it made for an early finish! It is not too late to enter the Junior Championships closing date is 9th January 1991.

Cleveland Junior International

Edward Hatley was the silver medallist in the singles whilst helping England to the gold medal in the team event.

SUSSEX John Woodford

PREDICTABLY, RITCHIE Venner is the new champion of West Sussex and Janet Smith is the new champion of East Sussex! Both events are now mixed singles but there is an odd difference - in the West the top players appear, so the entry is down to 30, in the East the Moore family do not play, so the entry shoots up to 48!

This formula has been used successfully for several years at Bexhill. Each player gets at least six games during the day, most of the competitors get eight or nine visits to the four tables.

Paul Elphick is probably the most improved player in West Sussex. He still manages to lose to people that he should beat, but a rise of 67 places on the England list speaks for itself. At the Southwick finals session he was only beaten 21-19 in the third game by Ritchie Venner who at present plays second fiddle to Adrian Moore on the Sussex ranking list, but on the national list Ritchie is several places above the man from Bexhill.

The date of the all-Sussex Championships has been changed twice and will now take place on 14th April, missing everything but the Commonwealth Championships which may claim Janet Smith for Scotland, thus preventing her from defending her title, leaving Teresa Moore as odds-on favourite. Watch however for Carol Hewitt who has moved up the women's national list to No. 18, easily her best ever - she will make a winning veteran when her time comes!

On the junior front, things could be better - we have Tracey Cole providing some shocks, we have a group of players at Arundel

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under coach Patrick Ginnaw including Sarah Stedman making waves in the under 14 event, we have in Mid-Sussex and West of the county Paul Butcher and Paul Cicceli looking promising although Cicceli needs to keep his cool on court more often if he is to progress.

In Brighton, few events take place without the Bush-Harris pair Wesley and Joanna taking a hand. Joanna is moving up the England cadets list, whilst Wesley won the prize for the best junior at the East Sussex Championships.

Keith Horton who pulled out as Horsham Dolphins manager some two years ago is back as a player-manager in the British League and he is also coaching the county teams when required, which is quite often.

WARWICKSHIRE

Bob Brown

A TREBLE from Mark Randle could not prevent Coventry from a narrow 6-4 defeat against Chesterfield in Men's Division 1. Ade Thor, Andy Rich and ageless Trevor Washington were all in fine form for Wolverhampton in their 10-0 whitewash of an unfortunate Cheltenham, while Gloucester were equally impressive when dropping only one game to Cheltenham.

Guy Greening beat Sylvester Callum for the lone success, with the exciting Darren Griffin and reliable Bill Dawe looking to give Gloucester a big say in the title race. In Division 2 PC Pat McCabe of Leamington A locked up the Coventry B side in his defensive web, in a 9-1 victory with strong support coming from Jon Williams. Williams is one of the most promising young players in the West Midlands and gets through a lot of mileage in his quest for experience.

Josie Bongers gained Walsall's only success against a strong Stafford team, for whom Phil Birchall and Stuart Myirea gained maximums. There can't have been many women competing in the men's section over the years, but Bongers is also competing regularly in the British League for Grove this season and is polishing the high standard of play.

A tense battle took place in Lincoln where the home side just scraped victory by the narrowest of margins against Leicester. Hard luck on Steve Day, who won three for the visitors, but the experienced Mick Thornley and Paul Moore saw their side home.

Pete Muir, Dave Grundy and Chris Knowles were all unbeaten in Nuneaton's 9-1 win at Loughborough. Damon Fenton won three on his debut for Leamington B in a 5-5 draw against Coventry B in Division 3, while young David Clarke and Matt Jordan chipped in with two each for the opposition. The power looping of the much travelled Pete Dunnett helped Stratford to also draw with Leamington in another tense and exciting match.

Hinckley looked to the experienced John Iliffe against Derby in Division 3 and this wily old campaigner did not let them down with a maximum, in a 6-4 success. Oxford had an impressive 8-1 win over visitors Stratford, with three from Andrew Packford, who enjoyed sound support from both Bryon Johnson and Ian Packford.

Birmingham showed title form in the womens' Division One encounter against Derby, only Penny Corden stopping the rot. Sue Culbertson, Joan Humphrey-Middlemore and Sandra Peakman are an impressive trio.

In Junior One, Birmingham B beat their A side 10-0 and Coventry A 9-1, both times including Steve and Nicola Meddings, alongside Ian Ferguson.

Andrew Hassall produced an impressive unbeaten performance for Walsall against Kidderminster in Junior Two, although his side were held to a draw.

Leamington B whitewashed Coventry C, with Richard Arnold, Andrew Jackson and Ian Rourke all in good form. Ryan Stockham did not let his head drop during the barrage and put on a brave show against Rourke, despite losing in three.

Black mark for Cheltenham against West Bromwich in Junior Three, as they only fielded two players. Although one of their players went down with tonsillitis the day before the match, this is still not good enough, even though David Malvern won three for them in a 6-4 defeat.

As you can tell, this months moan is against Cheltenham, as in their next fixture although beating Mansfield 10-0, no Christian names were included on the match form. Sorry, but A. Smith, D. Jones etc. is not good enough for this column.

On the veterans, with Chris Davies in excellent form for Walsall A in their 7-3 triumph over a game Cheltenham team in the top division, Davies beat Roy Fowler, John Fannin and Tony Hogarth in a fine display.

The busy Pat McCabe popped up with another maximum for Leamington against Notts A in a 5-5 draw.

In division Two Kidderminster had a fine 6-4 win at Telford, after a treble from the impressive John Stafford. Two each for John Holding and Mike Beaman were not enough for the Shropshire boys.

Allan Stackham's treble for Coventry A in Division Three was instrumental in their 8-2 success, although Malcolm McFarlane is worthy of mention for his two wins for Leamington Spa.

Dave Dawkins, Chris Francis and Alan Watson were unbeaten for Derby, in an impressive 9-1 victory over an outclassed Coventry B team in Division Four.

Finally a word about the Midland Closed which will take place at the National Sports Centre, Lilleshall, on Sunday April 14 1991. It may seem a long way off, but make a note in your diary now, as entry forms should

be ready early in the new year from Brian Lloyd, 19 Chamberlain Crescent, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands.

The sports complex is so impressive, in the Shropshire countryside, that those who face a long trip to the venue should still make the effort for a very worthwhile day.

WORCESTERSHIRE

Ken Walton

VERY PLEASED to hear that Doug Young, one of the countries best umpires, has been awarded (as referee), the English Closed Championships to be held at Crystal Leisure Centre, Stourbridge, March 9th/10th 1991. Having recently umpired the Belgium v Yugoslavia, European League match, Doug is obviously still highly thought of, and rightly so. Regional Junior/Cadet Trials held at Grove, produced the following results for Worcestershire players:

Junior Boys -

Lee Horton 3rd.

Cadet Boys -

David Stevens 10th, Tim Morris 12th (age 11), Mark Green 14th.

Cadet Girls -

Zoe Evans 2nd.

A Good effort by all especially by ZOE, it would seem. On the subject of Juniors, Coaching Officer Brian Selby, informs me that he can be contacted, for details of a Coaching Course, to be run at Holy Trinity School, Kidderminster, on 25th/26th January 1991, cost approximately £12.

Having seen the Junior/Cadets in action at the County Junior Closed, it would appear that we are producing the volume of players, but perhaps not the

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quality needed, to sustain a strong County Junior Set up for future seasons. Service/return of service, footwork and will to win, were just a few of things missing from most of the players on view, even allowing for the nature of the occasion, people watching, news etc! If it can be arranged, I would appeal to some of the senior ranked players, to join me in helping the youngsters along, at sessions to be arranged. Watch this space for future details/comments on the subject. County news that the Veterans took part in a 6 hour match v Herts, including an expedite doubles, and then lost 7-2 to a strong Leicestershire team, next time out.

The firsts beat Herts I, 7-3 with evergreen Trevor Washington defeating highly ranked Keith Samuels, and Malcolm Green, Eric Hardman, Sandra Roden and Mandy House, all chipping in with useful wins.

Despite two good wins from Lee Horton the Juniors lost 8-2 to Berkshire, and 6-4 to Hertfordshire, whilst at Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Worcester 2nds recorded a splendid 6-4 victory over the previously unbeaten Herts II. Steve Horton (2), Ken Walton (2), Mark Brookes (1), and Sue Horton (1) got the wins, although Joanne Hill gave a spirited performance. Peter Bird's County Team Scratch/Handicap Competitions are under way, with entries around about the same as last season. More details next month, plus a full report of County Junior Closed results.

YORKSHIRE Rea Balmford

The Yorkshire Closed Championships held at the Batley Sports Centre, once again developed into a battle between west, represented by Bradford and east, based in Hull.

Yet, surprisingly, one title - the men's singles - was retained with Mick Stead (Bradford) coming through at the expense of Tony Bottomley, also from the wool city, who stepped up after winning the restricted title twelve months ago.

Apart from Stead, it was a bad day for the seeds in the men's singles with Lee Hewitt (Hull) and Tim Dyson (Huddersfield) going out at the first time of asking to Bottomley and Michael Auchterloneie (Halifax) respectively and Nick Davies (Harrogate) scoring only one success before giving best to the ever-reliable Richard Priestley (Bradford).

Helen Shields made it a Bradford 'double' as she claimed the ladies title past holder and top seed Ruth Bray (Hull) and went on to add the doubles in partnership with Cathy Johnson (Leeds).

Hull's Mick Farnill, unable to compete last year after a three year tenure of the Veteran title, came back with a bang as he swept aside the challenge of Geoff Brook, while tightest final was the men's doubles where county second team men Hewitt/Dyson

edged home in three against Andrew Horsfield/Alan Battye (Sheffield) who had created mayhem in the bottom half with wins over both seeded pairs, Auchterloneie/Mark Stephenson (Halifax) and Bottomley/Priestley.

The popular restricted singles attracted a good entry on the men's side with 36 entries although the ladies response was rather disappointing with only 9.

Last season's runner-up Mike Harrison (Hull) claimed the men's honours with a straight sets win over Alan Jones (Bradford) while Rachel Brook redressed the balance for the West Rising city as she took the ladies title at the expense of Amanda Steeley (Hull).

Last season's champions Harrison A have already set a course to retain their top spot in Division 1 of the Dewsbury League with a long undefeated run to open the season.

And where is the main opposition coming from? Yes, Harrison's other two sides in the top section are also still unbeaten, and it will be a major surprise if the title does not go to the Harrison club.

But the man to beat in the League is still Stuart Milnes (Moorend WMC) who tops the individual averages.

The Burton Cup, the opening of season Handicap tournament, was won by Richard Lightowler (Harrison A) who maintained a high standard

through the rounds before getting the better of defender Garry Crossley (Mirfield Parish A) in a tight final.

In Selby as in Dewsbury, the reigning champions are already staking their claim for honours with Sturge A still unbeaten as they go about the task of retaining the title.

But on the individual front the man to beat is again 17 year old Gareth Jones, who dominated the early season top ten as he came through from the No. 1 position without the loss of a game.

Gareth, who is having a good season on the Junior tournament circuit - he is the top ranked Yorkshire boy in the list at No. 6 - is also showing up well in Division 2 of the British League with Humberside Andro, where a series of successes has seen him enter the Senior list and rise steadily from the No. 273 position which he occupied in the November chart.

In the Invitation Ten where opportunity is given to players outside the top ten, County junior Debbie Newman retained a clean sheet to take first place with 13 year old David Jackson, who lost only to Debbie, in runner-up place.

Congratulations to 71 years young Norman Lusher from Harrogate who, following wins in the Over 70's singles at both Eastern and Southern Masters tournaments, has been listed in top spot in the Over 70's rankings - probably the first Yorkshireman to attain this honour.

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DUAL IN THE SUN

The English party consisting of Chris Oldfield, Sean Gibson and myself, flew out from Gatwick Airport, to the Faro Open, not knowing quite what to expect with regards to the playing standards, conditions etc., but assuming that most of the top players would be in the Italian Open which was being played on the same weekend.

When we arrived at Faro Airport we were met by our hosts and taken to our hotel on the Algarve. Naturally we were all anxious to visit the table tennis venue as soon as possible to get in a few hours practice. Knowing the tournament was due to start on Friday (qualifying rounds), we went along to the hall and were pleasantly surprised to find that the playing conditions were very good and similar to what we would expect to find at a 3 star tournament in England, with the possible exception of the tables which although good, were like a league of nations, all different makes.

Being exempt from the qualifying rounds meant we were able to get a couple of days practice. It soon became quite evident that the wrist injury which had stopped me playing for the previous four weeks had not fully recovered and had not responded to the cortisone injection I had just prior to leaving England. Therefore I had to scratch from the tournament.

By now we had studied the draw only to find that Sean and

Chris were due to meet in the second round. Bearing in mind England were the only foreign country taking part in these championships it seemed wrong that our players were not seeded, but for whatever reason the organisers refused to let either Chris or Sean replace me in the other half. Our two players then proceeded to win their first round matches very easily and played each other in the second round. After a fairly even match that swayed one way then the other Gibson finally beat Oldfield 22-20, 21-19, but both our players played well below their best form.

Sean then beat J. Portefa in the third round 21-19, 21-15, before playing the Portuguese No. 2, P. Fernandes in the semi-final. This encounter was probably the best match of the tournament with many long rallies and some sparkling play from both players. Sean finally wore down his opponent, who seemed totally drained by the time he came out for the third, and beat him 17-21, 21-12, 21-8.

In the final Sean had to play the Chinese/Portuguese No. 1 seed Chen Shi Chad, who mainly defends, but

can also hit quite well. Gibson lost the first game 21-17, after playing some good shots and fighting well. In the second game the No. 1 seed seemed to move up a gear attacked more and won a fairly comfortable 21-9.

The Portuguese method of organising a tournament differs from our own in-as-much that they don't start until 11.45am and finish at 3pm. They manage this by playing non stop with little or no rest between rounds and only playing singles with no doubles events at all. This style of tournament does mean that fitness plays a major role in deciding the eventual winner and was certainly a contributing factor to the downfall of several players in the latter rounds of the tournament.

I know I speak for all of our team when I say that we thoroughly enjoyed our week in Portugal and cannot speak too highly of the kindness and hospitality given to us in every respect during our stay at the Algarve. It would be nice if occasionally we could reciprocate and show a team from Faro the same kind of hospitality.

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COTSWOLD SEND S.O.S.

SINCE the last report we have unfortunately lost one of our fold, being Birmingham 'B' from Division 2, and we hope perhaps to receive them back next season. This has regrettably left Div 2 very thin and we appeal to all FEMALE players in our region to please think about supporting our very friendly and competitive FEMALE LEAGUE next season.

If any of you are interested in joining us please telephone Dorothy Macfarlane on 0926 499615. You can play any player registered in your League which should be within 60 miles radius of Cheltenham and as there are only three players required per match then you should have ample opportunity to raise a team for approximately 10 matches per season, games being played usually on Sundays. So please consider joining us and enjoying a week-end game in your favourite sport.

On the progress of our teams to date we are very pleased to find the newly promoted side of Cheltenham fighting Worcester at the top of Division one. Although Cheltenham do have a new member to their squad, Reiko Morita, stalwart July Taylir is doing well in supporting her. The two regular division one teams of Gloucester and Worcester met at Gloucester on 4th November and obtained a draw, with Helen Pogmore providing the brace for Worcester, joining Sarah Stone to win the doubles.

In Division 2 we find Oxford (also with a new member of their team — Sally Chambers) are giving Leamington a good fight in the promotion stakes, with Oxford top at the moment — however having played one more game than Leamington and with Leamington having two undefeated players — Kate Ryan and Tracey Green who are also un-

defeated in their doubles combination.

Results received to date give the following positions:

Division 1	Played	Pts
Worcester	2	14
Cheltenham	2	12
Gloucester	1	5
Whitney	2	5
Birmingham A	1	4

Division 2

Oxford	3	19
Leamington Spa	2	15
Evesham	2	6
Swindon	1	0

Brian Lamerton has been appointed Press Officer for the Women's British Table Tennis League.

Brian, who is also an international umpire, started his table tennis press work in 1964 as league secretary for Southampton (with whom he is still associated), and has held positions with Hampshire and the Southern Region and currently writes TTN notes for his adopted Isle of Wight.

Some 350 local broadcasts and the local end of a number of international and national events held in Hampshire have contributed to the experience which Brian now brings to the national scene.

Brian will shortly be contacting all Women's league teams offering advice and assistance with their own local publicity and seeking his own information for use further afield; in the meantime he would welcome receipt of any news and views of relevance at 92, Granada Road, Hedge End, Southampton, SO3 4AQ. (Tel: 0489 781266 (H) 0703 476711 (O)).

NATIONWIDE SURVEY

THE womens committee are compiling an up-to-date list of womens and girls activities. In a nationwide survey they would like as much information as possible before January 31 and to give you an idea of the questions they are seeking answers to, here are a few:

On a regional basis they ask, are there any other leagues in your area? How many teams and players are involved and do you know of any events that may be coming up in the near future?

And what about coaching sessions for women and girls, are there any at all, are there enough?

Is there a county inter-league in your area, if so how many teams and players take part. Do you have a team playing in a county championship and does your county have coaching sessions?

Have you ever heard of the 'Come and Try It' sessions. Would you like to organise one. And what about schools, are there any in your area that actively promote table tennis.

In general would you support a womens league, club coaching sessions if there was one in your area. Would you like to, if offered the opportunity?

Surveys have already gone out to county, league and regional chairmen and secretaries as well as womens committees. If you would like to take part then contact Mrs. D. MacFarlane, 4 Nicholson Close, Earls Walk, Warwick CV34 5HE as soon as possible.

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 Clevelend, Wiltshire, Burnham and Essex. We have every reason to believe that next season competition will hot up i.e. that there will be more applicants.

5 Star status ensures higher ranking points which most players value, higher prize money and makes national press support more likely. There are already indications that this initiative has led to more ambitious attitudes and higher standards.

TIRED ENGLAND GO DOWN

England's performance in Scheemda was well below par. In contrast, the Dutch were well prepared and it showed..

IT was decided to travel by car and ferry for this match. I picked Sally Marling up. Lisa Lomas and Andrea Holt met up with us later and at 8.30am we set off for Harwich to catch the 11.30am ferry to the Hook of Holland.

The crossing took seven hours. After a few games of scrabble and a very nice meal, we arrived at the Hook of Holland. The Dutch Association sent us directions to Winschoten, but unfortunately forgot to give us details of how to get onto the motorway from the Hook.

The weather was appalling and with driving on the right and not really knowing which way to go we got off to a bad start. We complain about the volume of traffic on our motorways but at least there is plenty of warning and an abundance of road signs. In Holland there was neither.

After quite a few 3 point turns, I hasten to add not on motorways, we managed to find the A4 to Amsterdam, and then it was plain sailing to Winschoten. The roads were quite empty and by 11.00 arrived at our hotel.

We managed to have a lie in on the Tuesday till 10.00 and then went to the hall at Schmeeda to practise. Thankfully, I didn't have to drive.

The Dutch girls arrived about lunch time with the formidable pair Vriessekoop and Kloppenburg (Hooman with de Groot as their third player) This was Vriessekoop's first home international since she came out of retirement, so the television cameras were there to film the match. The match started at 18.30 and play was on two tables which proved very difficult for me, as the first two matches went on at the same time.

The Dutch team were well prepared with Mr. Tigerman and Mr. Flieg in each corner. The first matches on were Sally v Kloppenburg and Andrea v de Groot. The former played quite well, but obviously age and experience were against her. I was a little disappointed that Andrea did not beat de Groot. She did not play to her usual standard and made quite a few unforced errors.

Lisa went on next against Vriessekoop, but unfortunately also didn't play well. Lisa

knows that to beat her, she has to be playing at her best, and with only arriving back from a European League v Austria on the Sunday evening and travelling to Holland on the Monday, she looked and played very lethargic.

The doubles was next, which we lost 21-12 and 21-13, bringing the match score to 0-4. Andrea played Kloppenburg next and she was quite a different player than in her first match against de Groot. She combined her defence and attack to beat Kloppenburg 21-18, 21-18, a very good win indeed.

Sally's match against Vriessekoop was 21-7, 21-7. Although Sally was somewhat out of her depth, I am sure she has gained considerable experience of what she must work on to attain the same standard as her opponents. The last match of the evening was Lisa v de Groot. Lisa varied the spin of chop and float and the occasional lob, which de Groot had great difficulty in reading. She won 21-10, 21-12 to make the match score 2-5.

Our journey the next day started at 6.30am and in daylight, we found our way back to the Hook of Holland without losing our way. Rather an uneventful journey home, but having dropped Lisa and Andrea off in Soham, Sally and I battled on in the fog up the A1. I arrived home at 12.30 that evening, an 18 hour day and as you can imagine, I was like a zombie for the next two days.

We now know we play against Hungary in the semi-final and this will be an even tougher match, but if our girls are playing well, we are in there with a chance as they proved at the French Open in the team event.

Jill Parker

RESULTS

M.Hooman v S.Marling 21-7, 21-14
P. de Groot v A.Holt 21-23, 21-13, 21-14
B. Vriessekoop v L.Lomas 21-12, 21-15
M.Hooman/B.Vriessekoop v
L.Lomas/A.Holt 21-12, 21-13
M.Hooman v A.Holt 18-21, 18,21
B.Vriessekoop v S.Marling 21-7, 21-7
P.de Groot v L.Lomas 10-21, 12-21

WEATHER BEATEN

Seeds tumbled before the event had even started with snow preventing many of the top players travelling to Picketts Lock. But for the ones that did make it, there were some fine matches as our reporter Martin Holland found out.



Matthew Syed – Winner of the Men's Singles



Alison Gordon – Women's Singles Winner.

USUALLY, the Middlesex 3 Star clashes with one or more of the major overseas tournaments, last year it was the French Open. However, this year the only clash was with the weather.

If we could have picked a more weather prone weekend, this was it! Phone call after phone call was received by the organiser. For instance, our top seed, Bradley Billington was snowed under in Derbyshire. As if that were not enough, Yorkshire's Chris Oldfield was called away to play for his team Grove against Levallois in Paris, that also took care of our own John Souter and Derbyshire's Alan Cooke.

Our top entries were disappearing quickly. We then learnt that Yorkshire's Mike O'Driscoll was taken ill on Friday evening and was unable to make the journey. Finally, Nigel Tyler was picked for Wales against their opponents Sweden which left the organisers with a few headaches come the knockout round on the Sunday. The Saturday was for the qualifying rounds and even then more than thirty matches were lost due to players being unable to turn up.

However, we were pleased to see all the players who were able to travel, including one who made it all the way from Devonshire and the story of some player taking nineteen hours to get here. Dedication indeed! There was also a team of Canadian lady players this year with high hopes of doing well and in the ladies singles Alison Gordon was the number one seed, and in the Men's we did have Berkshire's Matthew Syed, and representing the overseas players was Canadian F Trudel and J P Champagane.

The men's singles produced few surprises throughout the

final stages although Matthew Syed had a fright against Devon's Paul Giles in a quarter final match before taking the match - 12, 20, 19. Scotland's David Hannah and John Broe were making good progress before they clashed in the quarter finals where Hannah came out on top in three sets at 21 in the third.

Lancashire's Sean Gibson was moved from the top half of the draw to counteract an imbalance due to the absence of the top seeds, and made steady headway to the semi finals until he met Lancashire's John Taylor who had put out Middlesex's final hope Graham Sandley in the previous round.

The big guns were still there come the semi finals with Taylor against Gibson and Syed versus Hannah. Syed proved too hot for Hannah and won his semi in great style 15, 8 while Taylor struggled against an in form Gibson before taking the match at 21 in the deciding set. Syed confirmed his standing as number six in the national rankings as he easily overcame the strong challenge of Lancashire's Taylor currently ranked at number seventeen, in straight sets 19 and 14. Exponents of the modern game will appreciate the power hitting of some of the matches at this year's championships.

The ladies singles was a clear cut win for Berkshire's Alison Gordon who easily outclassed her opponents and never dropped a set on her way to the final where she played Berkshire's Sue Collier who surprised all especially when beating Juliet Houghton in three sets. Alison proved her by easily taking the final in straight sets 12 and 8.

In the women's doubles the Canadian pairing of Margaret Demonkos and Caroline Sylvestre were making a name for themselves not dropping a set

even in the final against Alison Gordon and Jill Harris who could not match the skill of the overseas pair going down 16 and 18.

The men's doubles saw a bit of a turn up when Devonshire's Alex Perry and Surrey's Edward Hatley overcame an out of sorts Sean Gibson and John Holland in straight sets at 12 and 20.

The veterans singles was won by Gloucester's D Harvey with some notable scalps on his way to the finals. Harvey defeated Hertfordshire's John Taylor in the final 12 and 10.

Full results at a glance:-

Mens Singles:

Semi finals

John Taylor (Lancs) defeated Sean Gibson (Lancs) -18, 18, 21
Matthew Syed (Berks) defeated David Hannah (Scot) 15, 8

Final

Matthew Syed defeated John Taylor 19, 14

Veteran Singles:

Semi finals

J Taylor (Herts) defeated M Short (Devon) 17, 12
D Harvey (Glos) defeated C Warren (Essex) 18, 20

Final

D Harvey defeated J Taylor 12, 10

Womens Singles:

Semi finals

A Gordon (Berks) defeated M Thornley (Lancs) 12, 17
S Collier (Berks) defeated J Houghton (Kent) -19, 13, 17

Final

Alison Gordon defeated Sue Collier 12, 8

Womens Doubles:

Final

Margaret Demonkos (Can) & Caroline Sylvestre (Can) defeated Alison Gordon (Berks) & Jill Harris (Staffs) 16, 18

Mens Doubles:

Final

E Hatley (Surrey) & A Perry (Devon) defeated S Gibson (Lancs) & J Holland (Dby) 12, 20

WATCH OUT HUANG'S ABOUT

The British Olympic table tennis committee sent Desmond Douglas, Chris Oldfield, Michael O'Driscoll and myself to play in Canada and then on to the U.S. team championships in Detroit.

We arrived in Montreal early evening. On the next day played a match against the Canadian national team. Unfortunately Joe Ng, the Canadian number 1, was in Japan for the World Cup. However, the Canadians have 'acquired' an outstanding Chinese player Johnny Huang who we came across four years ago playing for China in the Finnish Open where he beat Carl Prean 3-1.

Bearing in mind the time difference of six hours I thought we played very well to win 4-1 in front of 500 spectators although Johnny Huang beat Des two straight:

Michael O'Driscoll v Francis Trudel 9,17
Des Douglas v Alain Bourbonnais 11,9
Chris Oldfield v Francis Trudel 10,18
Michael O'Driscoll v Alain Bourbonnais 7, -16, 14
Des Douglas v Johnny Huang -18,-17

Still suffering from jet lag we relaxed at the hotel on Wednesday morning, practised with the Canadians in the afternoon for three hours and in the evening much to Des' delight went to see Rocky V at the cinema.

The following morning we flew from Montreal to Detroit to take part in the U.S. team championships. We were met at the airport by an enormous 'limo' and taken to watch the last two quarters of the American football match between the Detroit Lions and the Denver Broncos before being taken to the hotel.

The venue, with 140 tables, was 100 yards from the hotel and so after eating we were able to practise for a couple of hours. The first day of the tournament involves the qualification matches against relatively weak opposition with the top sixteen teams being placed in two groups of eight.

The second day, by far the toughest, involves playing all seven teams in the group on the new Swaythling Cup system on two tables. The top two teams qualify for the semi-finals on a cross-over basis and so by finishing first you have the advantage of a better draw.

We were seeded second in the group and accordingly beat all the teams below us. Against Butterfly North America we lost 3-1 with again Johnny Huang doing the damage:

Douglas v Boggan 11,15
O'Driscoll v Huang -18, -13
O'Driscoll/Oldfield v Boggan/Ng -20, 16, -24
Douglas v Huang 11, -14, -14

The two young players had a couple of match points in the doubles, however this defeat meant we now faced the Chinese team in the semi-final. Des started well beating the player who beat Rosskopf in the recent U.S. Open and Michael played very well against the Olympic doubles gold medallist Wei Qing Guang.

After winning the first he stood at 18, -18 in the second and after forcing Wei to lob lost 21-19 and the third 21-14. The doubles was very close in the first and Des only just lost the second against Wei resulting in a 3-1 defeat.

Douglas v Xu Hua Zhang 15, 15
O'Driscoll v Wei Qing Guang 19, -19, 14
O'Driscoll/Oldfield v Xu/Huang Tong Shing -19, -14
Douglas v Wei -12, -19

This now meant we had to play the U.S.A. team for 3rd & 4th place. Both teams were obviously disappointed not to make the final, however it was the British team that was able to motivate itself and run out comfortable winners.

Oldfield v Onifade 18, 18
Douglas/Oldfield v Seemiller/O'Neil 10, 17

Bearing in mind that at last years World

Cup Onifade beat Waldner and at the recent French Open O'Neil beat A.Mazunov, this puts into perspective the victory. After the very bad organisation at most of the European Opens this season it was a pleasure to be on a well organised trip. The Canadian Association offered first class food and accommodation as well as organising an excellent match and training opportunities. The three days spent in Canada allowed us to acclimatise to the time difference and by the time we reached Detroit we all felt reasonably fit.

The organisation at the U.S. team championships was outstanding and the hospitality first class. While a lot is crammed into one week I felt the trip very worthwhile particularly for the two young players who had to play quite a few pressure matches against world class opposition.

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ALWAYS IN CONTROL

NICKY Mason and Fiona Elliot were the winners of the single events at the STIGA 3 Star Midland Open. For the fourth year Cocks Moors Woods, on the outskirts of Birmingham, hosted this popular tournament.

Entries had remained constant from the previous year, with 200 men and 76 women in 7 events. Phil Bradbury (Aylsbury) defeated Michael Stead (Bradford) 14-21, 21-15, 21-11 in the class two mens final. The day had belonged to Michael Stead who must have had his best day at a major tournament, but Bradbury's experience told in the final.

Kate Goodall (Castleford) eventually won the class two ladies defeating Maria Thornley (Chorley) 21-10, 21-14 in the final. Maria had defeated Sandra Roden in the semi-finals; the latter having beaten Lesley Radford in the quarter-finals.

Manchester's John Hilton won the veteran singles and although dropping the odd games, polished off the opposition heavily in the third game. Dave Harvey (Cheltenham) provided the opposition in the final with Hilton winning 21-16, 13-21, 21-7.

From early afternoon the mens and womens groups started with 60 groups being played; and as always happens the last group on the Saturday evening saw all three games go to three. As the organiser I blame the umpire Bill Moran — still he did buy the drinks.

Local interest saw new vet Pat Glynn (former Irish International and Warwickshire Junior and Senior player) reach the semi-finals, defeating Derek Wood



England's Nicky Mason was in excellent form at the Midland Open in Birmingham. Brian Lloyd reports.

(Colchester), ranked No. 22 on the vets list, on the way. However John Hilton proved too good for Pat in the Semis.

Sunday morning saw the remaining 19 mens groups played early, followed by the preliminary round of the mens singles. Early local interest saw Birmingham players Phil Gunn and Mick Browne progress to the 1st round of the mens competition.

Nicky Mason's first opponent was Andy Creed (Bristol). From the local interest Phil Gunn beat Clive Carthy (London) whilst Mick Browne defeated Jim Brewster (Boston). However the 2nd round saw the exit of both local players — Phil Gunn losing to Graham Sandley and Mick Browne losing to Michael O'Driscoll.

The line-up for the four quarter-finals saw Mason face Steve Dorking, his doubles partner. The two Yorkshire lads Michael O'Driscoll and Chris Oldfield, also doubles partners, faced each other, whilst Jonathan Taylor was taking on Sean Gibson. The fourth quarter paired Graham Sandley against the lad from the Potteries, Craig Bakewell.

Mason, Oldfield, Gibson and Bakewell progressed to the semi-finals. A cracking semi-final saw Mason defeat Oldfield 21-18, 13-21, 24-22. Craig Bakewell's great run came to an end at the semi-finals, Gibson winning 16-21, 21-18, 21-15. Nicky Mason was always in control in the final and won comfortably 21-16, 21-12.

Fiona Elliot had defeated Varsha Matmadur (Indian No. 2) in the quarters and defeated Nicola Deaton, the talented youngster from Derbyshire in the semi-final. In the other half of the draw Joanne Shaw had accounted for K Walabi in the quarters and Debbie Toole in the semis.

The final saw Fiona win the first very easily 21-9, the second game went to deuce with Fiona eventually winning 23-21.

In the doubles events Mason and Dorking defeated the young Yorkshire combination of Oldfield and O'Driscoll 21-17, 21-11 in the final. The womens final saw Goodall and Hewett win a close match 21-17, 16-21, 21-19 against Shaw and Houghton.

As usual thanks to all the umpires and stewards who made the event progress smoothly and finally thanks to the staff of Cocks Moors Woods.

ORIENTAL EXPERIENCE

A summer vacation in China for a group of young British players turned into something a little more than was expected. Practice for six days a week under the keen eyes of some of the world's top coaches is an experience not to be forgotten. In another of our occasional features, we follow the party led by Reg Thompson.

AN unexpected telephone call that was followed by considerable disbelief, several painful inoculations, a sixteen hour flight, led to five table-tennis enthusiasts arriving in China.

This was all thanks to Reg Thompson, father of Spencer — one of England's bright lights for the future. After tremendous organisational effort and dubious communications with the Chinese, Reg engaged the assistance of the Institute of Physical Education in Tianjin to coach us. Thus a truly memorable Oriental experience began.

We were met in Beijing by coach Ma Ming Hong, formerly a Chinese International player, and coach Wang Da Zhi, brother of the famous Wang Da Yung and an interpreter. During our stay we were escorted by these fine people around such places as Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Summer Palaces of the great past emperors of China.

Our first Chinese meal consisted of Kentucky Fried Chicken. There was a queue of about five hundred Chinese outside the premises but as visitors we were immediately ushered to the front and no-one batted an eyelid!

After a two hour train journey from Beijing we arrived at the Grand Hotel in Tianjin — a three star hotel that was to be our home for the next month of intensive training. The training programme consisted of four one and a half hour sessions per day, six days per week plus the occasional evening practice. Most evenings were left free for leisure — some evenings were spent cycling simultaneously with one million Chinese, a most pleasurable way to appreciate the cultural life of Tianjin.

Coach Ma spoke very little — and even less in English! When he did utter his limited English we were left in no doubt what was required. 'Practice begins' 'Rest' 'Practice is over'. All other communication was done through an interpreter.

In searing heat and heavy humidity we practised as instructed the basic skills of table-tennis. Emphasis was placed on correcting poor stroke technique, improving foot-

work and increasing consistency. Each student was diagnosed individually and specific remedial practices were devised dependent upon both strengths and weaknesses.

We practised with five coach feeders who were able to provide a high level of consistency. This being a rare and invaluable prerequisite for perfecting technique. Time wasting activities were eradicated as all practice and multiball. This is something rarely seen in England where players spend half their practice time retrieving overpriced table-tennis balls!

Some remarkable practice methods were used. For example there was a multi-ball exercise in which balls from a basket were fed continuously and in sequence to various parts of the table. One short to the forehand with back spin, then one long to the backhand with top spin followed by one long to the forehand with no spin and then this sequence repeated until one hundred balls had been played.

This sequence could then be changed and the practice repeated time and time again. This was excellent for stroke combination play, footwork and fitness training. For recovery the balls were collected.

We observed similar training methods in these basic skills being performed by five year old children as well as the Chinese National Squad. The Chinese rate this type of practice in the basic skills very highly and advocate perfection of simplicity. Before moving on to more advanced skills such as tough play, service and third ball and return of service, we practised basic skills for over sixty hours.

Our month in China passed all too quickly. We learnt much, saw many interesting places and met many friendly people. There was also a gradual improvement in our table-tennis; thanks to the perseverance of our Chinese friends who worked long and hard with us. We expect the most significant improvement will reveal itself in the area of a more dedicated and focused approach to training.

WOODFIELD TAKE GOLD

DESPITE a lower entry than last season, the Woodfield One Star tournament in its 50th year, was again a success. The seeding in the junior events proved very difficult due to the different county standards and also that most of the players were not ranked nationally.

In the boys singles local lad Sanjit Claire only lost one game in winning the singles title in which only one seeded player reached the semi finals. In all the other junior and cadet events, with the exception of the girls doubles where the scratch pairing of Julie Bickerton and Sarah Brabazon won all their matches two straight, seeded players came out on top and took the titles.

One of the outstanding features of the junior event was the good behaviour of all the competitors – could this be due to the fact that it was a One Star tournament where no ranking points were at stake? The senior tournament ran true to form with all eight seeds reaching the quarter final in the men's singles, Phil Gunn the No.2 seed overcame Malcolm McEvoy in an excellent final after Malcolm had had a hard battle in every round winning in the third every match.

The women's singles was won by Justine Thomas, the Welsh No.2, but it was unfortunate that the No.1 seed Sandra Roden had to retire through injury during the preliminary group matches. Justine completed a successful day by combining with Denise Conroy to win a very close Women's doubles final over the Birmingham pair

Sue Culbertson and Sandra Peakman.

In the veterans event, Paul Collins narrowly defeated local veteran Ray Dixon, but one of the best matches of the day was Paul's match with Craig Bakewell, the No.1 seeding in the men's singles, only losing game 18 in the third.

Men's Singles

Semi Finals

Phil Gunn bt Graham Clarke 14, 21

Malcolm McEvoy bt Craig Bakewell -12, 16, 15.

Final

Gunn bt McEvoy -18, 6, 8.

Women's Singles

Semi Finals

Justine Thomas bt Sian Evans 17, -19, 17

Sue Culbertson bt Denise Conroy 14, 8

Final

Thomas bt Culbertson 16, 18

Men's Doubles

Semi Finals

Andy Rich/Phil Gunn bt Trevor Washington/Steve Dunning -17, 17, 19

Michael Browne/Craig Bakewell bt Henry Murphy/Graham Clarke -18, 16, 21

Final

Rich/Gunn bt Browne/Bakewell 18,18

Women's Doubles

Semi Finals

Denise Conroy/Justine Thomas walkover

Sandra Peakman/Sue Culbertson bt Jill Schofield/Sian Evans -16, 14, 19

Final

Conroy/Thomas bt Peakman/Culbertson 18, -20, 19

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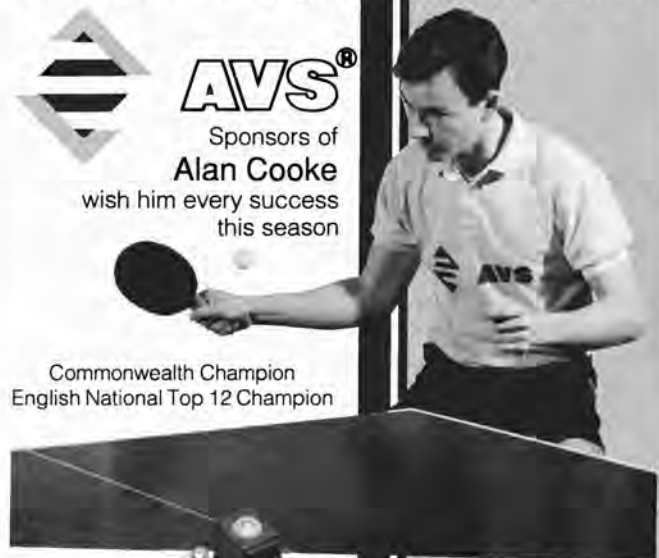


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COTSWOLD CHANGE

by Alf Pepperd

A FURTHER tentative reminder to all participants entering "The Cotswold Junior 2 Star" at the Gloucester L.C. on 2/3rd of February 1991, for the first time ever the Junior events will now take place ON THE FIRST DAY of the Tournament, this proviso is so that junior players wishing to play in the British League the following day, will be free to do so.

Needless to say, the Cadets and U12's events will take place all day on Sunday 3rd Feb. Since the Leeds massive sponsorship ended in last August 1990, it is wonderful news that "Butterfly Europe's" General Manager — Mr. Yuki Kamuzuru has offi-

cially announced a £100,000 support for the English Table Tennis Association spread I understand over a period of four years, and commencing this January. I will not over elaborate upon this very welcome financial gesture as I am sure that others more qualified than myself will be doing so.

Thanks to Bob House, at the Bath LC recently I was briefly introduced to Varshama J'Muda, Bathwick Tyres No. 4 lady player in the Midland 2nd Division British League team. Standing, I should think about 5ft high in her socks — this young Indian lady certainly packs an almighty punch on both wings of the table and as befitting a

player of this standard, is extremely fast and agile.

She told me that she is officially ranked at No. 2 as a lady player in India, and that she fully intended returning to Bombay for the All Indian Championships, where I feel sure that she would seek to qualify as No.1.

I further learned that Varshama and her husband plan to take up residence in England for a four year period. Well Varshama, if you are selected to play for Bathwick Tyres v Cheltenham Saracens at Cheltenham on April 7th 1991, I just might be waiting in the wings with a BBC tape recorder — I hope you will oblige?

IN FORM ALEX

AS the half way of the season approaches Kingfisher lead both Mens Premier & Ladies regional leagues with Cippenham runners-up in both cases. Cippenham, who pipped Kingfisher to the Premier title last season on sets average, are now reinforced by the return from sickness of Alec Watson who has won 6 out of 6.

Other good performances include a hat trick for Amity Generation's Sarah Hammond (playing in the Mens league) when they defeated Kingfisher by 6 sets to 3 — the other surprising feature of this result was that Marc Priddle lost three (Sorry Marc! some players make news when they win, others when they lose); There were three for Hari Gehlot when Kingfisher defeated Burnham 7-2 in a match which saw Jean Parker make her Kingfisher debut and three for Andy Nash which helped Pyestock to an odd set in nine victory over Amity Generation. Outstanding result in the Ladies league was that which saw the Isle of Wight's Amanda Elvers and Heather Wykes defeat Cippenham 3-2.

Premier	P.	W.	L.	Pts
Kingfisher 'A'	4	3	1	8
Cippenham 'A'	4	3	1	7
Pyestock	4	2	2	6
Burnham	3	1	2	4
K.C.D.(Stiga)	3	1	2	4
Amity Generation A	4	1	3	4

First	P.	W.	L.	Pts
O.L.O.P.	4	3	1	8
Kingfisher 'B'	4	3	1	8
Merton	4	2	2	7
Cippenham 'B'	4	2	2	6
Amity Generation B	4	1	3	4
Isle of Wight	4	1	3	3

Ladies	P.	W.	L.	Pts
Kingfisher	4	3	1	9
Cippenham	4	3	1	9
O.L.O.P.	4	2	2	7
Aldershot 'A'	4	2	2	5
Aldershot 'B'	4	1	3	3
Isle of Wight	4	1	3	3

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DARREN & NICOLA SHARE TITLES

MANCHESTER's Darren Howarth and NFD Grove's Nicola Meddings took the major honours on offer at the annual H & E Scaffolding Grove School Junior Open Two Star Table Tennis Championships, with NFD Grove duo Garry Knights and Michelle Martin the respective runners up.

The role of runner up was once again to be the lot for Miss Martin in the cadet girls' singles as Lyndsey Heyward clinched the title whilst the two adversaries combined to win the cadet girls' doubles over Cheshire's Claire Newns and NFD Grove's Vicky Fox.

Second Title

Meanwhile there was to be a second title for the ever reliable Nicola Meddings as the Junior Girls' Doubles title was won in partnership with Claire Marshall in what proved to be the closest final of the day, it was to be the scratch pairing of NFD Grove's Meinir Davies and Bradford's Caroline Bentley that extended the top seeds to the closest of third sets. However, a third title was to evade Howarth as the Gloucester partnership of Ray Powell and Jeremy Hyatt clinched a three set final victory over Howarth and Knights in the Boys' Doubles.

There was to be further success for the Devon camp as David Heath emulated the feats of Lyndsey Heyward by winning the Cadet Boys' Singles over Paul Hudson of Essex whilst the Cadet Boys' Doubles was added to trophy cabinet in partnership with NFD Grove's Steven Meddings who overcame the luckless Hudson and London's Simeon Zeffert in the final.

Gold

Meanwhile the Under 12 events saw success for Yorkshire as Nicola Smith clinched the girls' title, whilst the home club gained gold on the boys' side as Steven Meddings won yet another title in this age group beating the very sporting Cumbrian Christian Lidstone in the final. Further success was to come the way of the West Midlands as Birmingham's Ian Ferguson won the Class 2 Junior Boys' title whilst the White Rose county was yet again successful on the female side as Caroline Bentley won the counterpart girls' event.

In similar vein Nicola Silburn followed suit to win the Cadet Girls' Class 2 Singles whilst NFD Grove's Richard Tilley gave a typically hard working performance to win the Cadet Boys' Class 2 title at the expense of Nottingham's Gary Pestka.

NFD Grove's Garry Knights proved to be the most successful player on duty at the annual TSB Grove School Under 21 Two Star Open Table Tennis Championships held in Market Drayton, capturing every male title on offer.

It was to be in the Junior Boys Singles that Knights was extended the furthest, saving match points before clinching victory by the narrowest of margins over much travelled clubmate Kevin Hodgson, whilst at Under 19 level NFD Grove colleague Spencer Harris was the final victim with the latter having ousted the talented Leigh Jeffries at the penultimate stage.

Meanwhile, at Under 21 level, Jeffries was to go to one stage further but victory in the Sports Hall at Grove School was yet again to elude the man from Birmingham as an all NFD Grove final saw Knights successful; however, there was to be consolation for Jeffries as the Under 21 Men's Doubles title was won against the ever present pairing of Nottingham brothers Kevin and Michael Green.

Meanwhile, the talents of Yorkshire's Kate Goodall shone through in the ladies events as the girl from the White Rose county clinched the Under 19 and Under 21 titles, whilst partnering the rapidly improving Caroline Bentley to win the doubles.

It was to be Welsh international Natasha Williams who was the runner up in both singles finals whilst the Kottasz sisters Esme and Kitti were the beaten doubles finalists, however the hard working Miss Williams more than gained consolation by reversing the tables on Miss Goodall to win the junior title as the duo faced each other in three finals.



Nicola Meddings

EURO BID

NFD Grove of Market Drayton successfully reached the quarter final stage of the European Club Cup of Champions with an impressive 5-1 win over Spanish Champions Avila Rojas from Grenada.

The Spaniards presented tough opposition being led by Soviet international star Vladimir Dvorak with world ranked Jose Maria Pales and leading Spaniard Mateo Cibantos in support.

It was to be the legendary talents of Desmond Douglas that gave the Market Drayton club the start required as Cibantos was well beaten in straight sets with the NFD Grove man simply too quick and too experienced. However, the Spaniards levelled the match score with a brave effort from Oldfield unable to dislodge the workmanlike Dvorak but the class of Cooke told in the following encounter as Pales was beaten in straight sets to give NFD Grove a precious lead.

The vital encounter between Douglas and Dvorak saw the experience of the English champion shine bright as clever use of angles saw the Russian eclipsed in straight sets and revenge gained for defeat one year earlier in the Men's Singles event of the European Championships.

Cooke, fighting as hard as ever, proved too consistent for Cibantos and the splendid Oldfield concluded proceedings in superb style by beating Pales in an excellent three set duel.

However, the quarter final stage was to be the end of the road for NFD Grove ladies in Judenburg, Austria where the squad of Alison Grodon, Jill Harris and Andrea Holt lost a gruelling match in front of a partisan crowd 5-3. The match started badly for NFD Grove with Andrea losing to the heavy topspin play of Urban whilst more sadness followed as Sabine Schell beat Jill Harris, scores were soon levelled as Alison Gordon beat top Austrian Elisabeth Maier and Andrea Holt beat Schell.

Hard fought matches followed as Alison fell narrowly to Urban and Jill Harris lost to Maier, however Alison beat Schell to keep hope alive but Maier ended proceedings with a three sets win over Holt.

Nevertheless, a creditable effort in intimidating circumstances.

Grove were playing current European champions Levallois in Paris in the quarter-finals as Table Tennis News went to Press. A full report will appear in the February issue

DUTCH DOUBLE

THE two leading Dutch seeds, Gert Kobes and Melissa Muller, won the main singles titles at the five-nation Cleveland Junior Open Table Tennis Championships at Eston leisure Centre on the 24th and 25th November.

Kobes, the top seed, won the Boys Singles by beating two of England's leading prospects, Alex Perry of Devon 21-12 in the third game in the semi-final and then another 14 year old, Edward Hatley, from Surrey in straight games in the final. Perry did well to reach the semi-final by defeating the England No. 2, Darren Howarth of Lancashire, whilst Hatley ousted the England No. 1, Gary Knights of Staffs.

European ranked, Melissa Muller, won the Girls title beating the England Junior Champion, Ellen Meddings, in the semi-final, and another Yorkshire player, Katie Goodall, in three close games in the final.

Ellen reached the final by beating Alison Gower of Essex after Alison had defeated Derbyshire's Nicola Deaton. Katie won through to the final by beating Marie Thornley of Lancashire who had earlier beaten the holder Sally Marling of Yorkshire in three close games.



Sally Marling

The Netherlands squad also lifted the Cadet (Under 14) boys singles. Jurgen Pastoors beat the top English boy, Darren Blake in a three game final. The only title to be won by the England contingent was the Cadet Girls singles in which Sally Marling beat her close rival, Nicola Deaton in a hard fought final.

Whilst the Dutch took most of the singles honours, England swept the board in the Hospitality Inn International team events

taking all four titles.

Despite two wins by Kobes, England won the Junior Boys team event. Knights and Howarth both defeated the Dutch No. 2, Richard Aarts, and combined to beat the Netherlands pair in the doubles to clinch the 3-2 victory.

The doubles match was also vital in the England girls 3-2 victory over the Netherlands. Sally Marling and Nicola Deaton both defeated the Dutch No. 2, M. Bensen, and won the deciding doubles, but again Miss Muller was too strong winning both her her singles.

The Cadet Boys Team event saw Darren Blake and Adrian Vincent of Devon take the title for England. In the final they beat the St. Albion Club represented by David Purdy and Ben Johnson by 3 sets to 0. St. Albion beat the Netherlands 3-2 in the quarter finals.

The England Cadet Girls, represented by Michelle Martin and Lynsey Heyward beat the Netherlands 3-1 in their final. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Wilma Collins the Vice Chairwoman of the Community Development Committee of Cleveland County Council.

IAN WINS TAMESIDE

By Special Correspondent

IAN COLLIER, one of the country's lesser known players showed he has the ability to reach the very top when he beat rising star Darren Howarth from Droylsden to win the Tameside Junior Two Star singles title at Stalybridge.

Collier, a month ago struggling to keep his head above the top 30 mark, showed he can move up a gear when he wants to, by taking on the talented Howarth and winning 21, -15, 23.

The only reason the young Sunderland player is not any higher is, it seems, his reluctance to play as many tournaments as his rivals do. Nevertheless this was a good win for Collier who can expect to be making

a move in the right direction very soon.

For Howarth, already with two 'caps' to his name, it was to be a double disappointment. Besides coming second in the junior singles after being made top seed, he also lost in front of his home crowd.

But at least Howarth didn't let that defeat get him down. In the team event he and Gareth Jones picked up a winners medal for England as they raced to victory over Scotland 3-0.

But it was the form of young Collier that must have alerted the selectors that he is ready and waiting for the call to duty.

The girls singles went to plan as Sally Marling, now well and truly blooded in the

international field yet still only 14, edging out Ellen Meddings. Whilst Phil Neal beat Stuart 20, 19 and Lynsey Heywood (Devon) took the title from J. Bastin.

The Tameside Two Star is quickly making a name for itself on the junior circuit and despite appalling weather and several non-starters, the event was given a rousing thumbs up by the players and parents.

One of the reasons for its popularity is that the organisers appear to have their scheduling right. There was no waiting about, no kicking heels as has so often been the case recently, instead an up to the minute programme that kept pace with the hectic proceedings.

EXCELLENT TEAM EFFORT

By Kevin Satchell

THE Dunstan Activity Centre, Gateshead, was again the venue for this popular series of international friendly matches held on the eve of the Cleveland Junior International.

Opponents, the Netherlands, boasted two high ranking European junior players and as opponents provided a stern test for our entire team.

In the cadet girls match Michelle Martin started very strongly and won in straight games against Hengstman. Lynsey Heywood also played well to win two-nil against Hermus putting England in a strong position. The crucial doubles proved a hard fought contest with the English girls coming through in the third set 21-13 to take an unbeatable lead. Heywood lost a very close battle with Hengstman whilst Michelle defeated Hermus to give us a 4-1 win.

The cadet boys team of Darren Blake and Adrian Vincent faced a tough contest against last years English Open cadet champion Pastoors. But they got off to the best possible start when Adrian demolished Sliepen.

A superb display from Darren followed with the modest No. 1. winning a tense and exciting battle against Pastoors which gave the entire team a great



Garry Knights

boost. The doubles was decided in the third game with the home team coming out on top.

Darren followed up with a comfortable win against Sliepen with Adrian not quite able to beat Pastoors. But coach Martin Bawden can be well pleased with his first outing.

In the junior girls event Nichola Deaton and Sally Marling faced the talented Melissa Muller widely regarded as Hollands best junior prospect. Deaton got off to a winning start against Bunsen playing well to win in the third 21-17.

Sally Marling acquitted herself very well against the hard hitting Muller with the Dutch girls ability from just off the table the deciding factor.

What was to be the crucial match, the doubles, slipped away leaving us facing a 2-1 deficit and when Marling defeated Bunsen it was left to the last match to decide the winners.

Nichola started badly losing 21-9 to Muller but then had everyone on the edge of their seats as she took the second game to deuce before losing 22-20. Both girls can take great credit from their performances against a country who have some excellent players. But our girls are still under 14!

Gary Knights put the boys junior team into an early lead beating Aarts. Darren Howarth fought very hard but lost in the third to the highly rated Kobes. A victory really put the pressure on the Dutch team and when Darren followed up with a good win over Aarts it gave us victory. Gary finished off with one of his best performances of his career to defeat Kobes two straight.

Overall a very encouraging win by the English team with several good individual performances and a fine all round team effort.



LOCAL SUPPORT

GEORGE Green Table Tennis Club youngsters raise their bats in salute to the support and interest shown by a local community bursary grant.

Ted Johns (second from left), the administrator of the Association of Island Communities bursary, presents Paul Runham with his ETTA assistant club coach award, and Sarah Holmes and Tristan Newman with a top class bat each.

All three recipients have been ranked No. 1 in their categories on the Isle of Dogs. Paul Runham's five years playing experience in the club has been recognised, and his talents channelled by the bursary grant to attend the coaching course at Crystal Palace which has culminated in his recognition as assistant coach at the George Green club, where he keeps a special eye on the youngsters.

At the recent All London Finals of the London Junior Table Tennis Scheme, 10 year old Tristan Newman was ranked No. 2 in the Intermediate Under 12 category, and Sarah Holmes No. 5. Sarah had recently fallen off a horse and undergone surgery to her playing arm which put her out of the game for two months prior to the tournament. But such is her courage and interest that she said she would have a go, but alas was off form. She is

determined however, to recover her former skills and 'do better' next time.

Club coach Laurie Laken is delighted with the present enthusiasm displayed by the club young-

sters. Together with his assistant coach Paul, they hope to see the talent within the club reach its full potential by using the present competitive structure and training programme available to it.

PENIEL DOUBLE

THE sixth St. Ives inter club team tournament held at St. Ivo Recreation Centre brought 72 club sides and around 350 youngsters to the Cambridgeshire town. Peniel of Essex had considerable success winning both the under 12 and under 14 team events whilst Reading Kingfisher retained their junior title.

The cadet event semi-finals had seen Fellows Cranleigh defeat Grove of Market Drayton whilst Peniel overturned North Yorkshire. Peniels final line-up of Vincent Avery, Daniel Yardy and Jennie Coleman defeated Fellows Cranleigh who had Paul Hudson, Catherine Sibbald and Shelly Ruoco by two games to one. North Yorks defeated Grove for 3rd and 4th place.

Final Positions - Cadets

1 Peniel "A"; 2 Fellows Cranleigh; 3 North Yorks "A"; 4 Market Drayton; 5 Chelmsford; 6 Norwich; 7 Stadtallendorf (Germany); 8 North Yorks "B"; 9 Wellingborough;

12 Wood Green; 13 St. Ives; 14 Woburn Sands; 15 Bedford; 16 Brentwood; 17 Lowestoft; 18 Peniel B; 19 Grantham "B"; 20 Oxstall Gloucester; 21 East Kent "B"; 22 Enfield; 23 Leamington; 24 Yeovil; 25 Time And Talent (Kent); 26 Chelmsford "B"; 27 Reading; 28 Taverham; 29 Plamore; 30 Newport Pagnell; 31 Wallington (Croydon); 32 Selby.

The Rowells Menswear Junior event saw Reading Kingfisher defeat North Yorkshire 3-0 at the final stage. Reading's line up of Martin Adam, Matthew Greenwood and Marc Priddle had looked throughout the day the likely winners.

Final Positions - Juniors

1 Reading; 2 North Yorkshire; 3 Selby; 4 Stadtallendorf; 5 Bedford; 6 Norwich; 7 Fellows Cranleigh; 8 Taverham; 9 Brentwood; 10 Lowestoft; 11 East Kent; 12 Wellingborough; 13 Woburn

Sands; 14 Maldon; 15 Chelmsford; 16 Brentwood Girls; 17 St. Ives; 18 Ellenborough; 19 Newport Pagnell; 20 Oxstall Gloucester; 21 Peniel Boys; 22 Peniel Girls, 23 Leamington; 24 Enfield.

The Dudley Haulage sponsored Under 12 event saw a double success for the Peniel club with their boys and girls teams meeting in the final. The former won. East Kent defeated Croydon Rejects for 3rd and 4th place.

Final positions — Under 12

1 Peniel Boys; 2 Peniel Girls; 3 East Kent; 4 Croydon; 5 St. Ives; 6 Oxstall Gloucester; 7 Market Drayton; 8 Woburn Sands; 9 Bedford; 10 St. Neots; 11 Reading; 12 Lowestoft; 13 Newport Pagnell; 14 Selby; 15 Leamington; 16 Impington.

Again the tournament played on 16 tables proved a great success was over subscribed by almost 30 teams.

ALL CHANGE

Why is it that the accepted days for cadet and junior tournament events are now being transposed by organisers? For some years we could tell parents and young players — "Your day is normally Saturday (or Sunday)".

We shouldn't mess players about in either age group, but the under 17's are more likely to accept the transpositions. They will often be committed tournament players and less dependant on their parents. However, a number of them have Saturday jobs — no doubt to help with TT expenses!

I am more concerned about what our team of coaches (currently looking after over 100 young players at Chilton Trinity (school) club at Bridgewater) can tell U12/U14's about tournament commitments if and when they get into our top (or tournament playing) group.

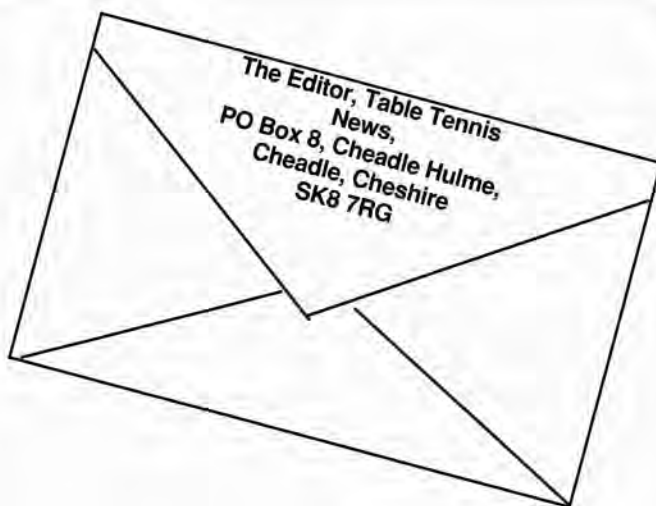
Saturday seems a good day for U12/U14 events. In our area and I believe others, there are Sunday football leagues for these age groups. Some of the children go to Sunday school (how do you expect a long suffering coach to handle that moral dilemma?) The parents, necessarily more supportive of these age groups in my experience, like to mix TT supporting with Saturday shopping at some of the venues.

Why change a successful pattern? Young players, especially U12/U14's, can easily be lost to us (and their coaches may also get demotivated).

The junior tournament scene is healthy at present, but an over casual attitude could well produce a slippery slope.

We are in a very competitive sportsworld and I ask that some guidance be given by HQ to tournament organisers which will also be communicated to us coaches.

Les Bridges
Coach, Somerset



LOOKING BACK

I was very interested to read in the October issue of Table Tennis News of the book written by Lazlo Bellak, as I was playing competition Table Tennis in the pre war years. I have written to him and obtained a copy of his book which I find most interesting. I was able to send him a photocopy of a competition at Torquay with photos of him with Bergmann, Vana and Barna. I appeared among the competitors (Miss M.M. Scott from Frome!) I was also in the same programme for the 1939 English Championships at the Albert Hall.

Together with the book I also received a very friendly letter (although he wouldn't have known me) hoping his book would be interesting to others in England. I also had the pleasure in playing with Liebster, Bermann and Barna on occasion.

Mrs. Mary Bishop, nee Scott,
Littlehampton,
West Sussex.

THANKS

Stan Battrick and family wish to thank all the table tennis friends for their sympathy, floral tributes and donations (which will be sent for cancer research) for the late Jean Battrick.

KEEP IT BRIEF

THE Editor welcomes your letters but please keep them to 150 words or less. Send them to The Editor, Table Tennis News, PO Box 8, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 7RG who reserves the right to cut or edit any letters where necessary.

NEW SYSTEM

IT is about time consideration was given to the adoption of the continental system of grading players? Banding has its advantages in that there are clear stages or progression allowing for the easy assessment of 'dummy' rankings.

Hopefully such an alignment would allow every affiliated player to participate in continental competitions, and be credited with points from their successes. One cannot concur with the ranking privileges offered top players and it may be a matter for the ITTA/ETTU

to standardise a system throughout all member countries.

We trust the wise men of the ETTA have a weather eye on how membership of the Common Market will effect us and develop policies to embody the new freedoms.

It is generally accepted that we lag behind our continental friends and any stop which would encourage and facilitate unfettered access must be grasped.

A. Batley,
Frimley, Surrey.

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Also in the picture is Roy Leake, sales manager of the garage that supplied the vehicles. In the background is part of the Grove School where the home matches take place.

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ENGLAND Vs NETHERLAND

(Cadet Girls team)
N Deaton 1st to M Muller 21-18, 21-12
S Marling bt M Bonsen 21-12, 21-16
Doubles:
England bt Netherland 23-21, 11-21, 21-14
S Marling 1st to M Muller 15-21, 17-21
N Deaton bt M Bonsen 21-18, 17-21, 21-13

MATCH RESULT
ENGLAND 3 NETHERLANDS 2

ENGLAND Vs ST ALBION

(Cadet Boys Team)
D Blake bt D Purdy 21-18, 18-21, 21-5
A Vincent bt B Johnson 21-19, 21-19
Doubles:
England bt St Albion 15-21, 21-12, 21-19

MATCH RESULT
ENGLAND 3 ST ALBION 0

ENGLAND Vs NETHERLAND

(Junior Girls Team)
M Martin bt E Hewgtsman 22-20, 21-19
L Hayward 1st to F Hermys 15-21, 21-11, 19-21
Doubles:
England bt Netherland 16-21, 21-15, 21-17
L Hayward bt E Hewgtsman 21-14, 21-16

MATCH RESULT
ENGLAND 3 NETHERLANDS 1

ENGLAND Vs NETHERLAND

(Junior Boys Team)
G Nights bt R Aarts 21-9, 21-11
D Howarth 1st to G Kobes 21-16, 15-21, 13-21
Doubles:
England bt Netherlands 22-20, 21-17
G Nights 1st to G Kobes 21-15, 15-21, 18-21
D. Howarth bt R Aarts 21-10, 21-1

MATCH RESULT
ENGLAND 3 NETHERLANDS 2

NFD Grove Junior Open 2 Star H & E Scaffolding

JBS:
Final — Darren Howarth (Manchester) beat Garry Knights (NFD Grove) 14, 18.

JGS:
Final — Nicola Meddings (NFD Grove) beat Michelle Martin (NFD Grove) 15, 9.

JBD:
Final — Ray Powell/Jeremy Hyatt (Glouc.) beat Daren Howarth and Garry Knights 15, -17, 14.

JGD:
Final — Claire Marshall/Nicola Meddings (NFD Grove) beat Meinir Davies (NFD Grove) /Caroline Bentley (Bradford) 9, -18, 20

JBS:
Class 2: Final — Ian Ferguson (Birmingham) beat Kevin Hodgson (NFD Grove) 17, 15.

JGS:
Class 2: Final — Caroline Bentley (Bradford) beat Sarah Gardner (Chelmsford) 18, 18.

CBS:
Final — David Heath (Ipplepen) beat Paul Hudson (Wanstead) 14, 15.

CGS:
Final — Lynsey Heyward (Newton Abbot) beat Michelle Martin 12, 14.

CBD:
Final — David Heath/Steven Meddings (NFD Grove) beat Paul Hudson/Simeon Zeffert (London) 19, 16.

CGD:
Final — Michelle Martin and Lyndsey Heyward beat Claire Newns (Birkenhead) and Vicky Fox (NFD Grove) 20, 14.

CBS:

Class 2: Final — Richard Tilley (NFD Grove) beat Gary Pestka (Nottingham) -16, 11, 17.

CGS:

Class 2: Final — Nicola Silburn (Wakefield) beat Claire Newns (Birkenhead) 17, 18.

U12 BS:

Final — Steven Meddings beat Christian Lidstone (Barrow) 20, 21.

U12 GS:

Final — Nicola Smith (Leeds) bt Kate Woodward (Stockport) 15, 14.

NFD Grove U21 Open 2 Star TSB

Under 17 Boys' Singles:

Final: Garry Knights (NFD Grove) beat Kevin Hodgson (NFD Grove) -19, 15, 22.

Under 19 Men's Singles:

Final: Garry Knights (NFD Grove) beat Spencer Harris (NFD Grove) 18, 20.

Under 21 Men's Singles:

Final: Garry Knights (NFD Grove) beat Leigh Jeffries (NFD Grove) 15, 16.

Under 21 Men's Doubles:

Final: Garry Knights/Leigh Jeffries beat Kevin Green/Michael Green (Nottingham) 19, 18.

Under 17 Girls' Singles:

Final: Natasha Williams (Rhyl) beat Kathryn Goodall (Leeds) 18, 20

Under 19 Ladies Singles:

Final: Kathryn Goodall (Leeds) beat Natasha Williams (Rhyl) 18, 10.

Under 21 Ladies Singles:

Final: Kathryn Goodall (Leeds) beat Natasha Williams (Rhyl) 13, 17.

Under 21 Ladies Doubles:

Final: Kathryn Goodall (Leeds)/Caroline Bentley (Bradford) beat Esmé Kottasz/Kitti Kottasz (London) 13, 9.

LEACH CUP (Cadet Boys) – Round One

Zone 1

Northumberland beat Stanley 5-0
Stockton beat Selby 6-3

Zone 2

Barrow v Blackpool – W/O to Barrow
Huddersfield beat Bradford 5-4

Zone 3

Hull beat Chesterfield 9-0
Grantham beat Mansfield 5-1

Zone 4

Norwich v Brentwood – W/O to Norwich
Peterborough v Chelmsford – W/O to Chelmsford

Zone 5

Leighton Buzzard beat Barnet 7-2
Aldershot beat Bracknell 5-0

Zone 6

Burton-on-Trent beat Leamington Spa 5-1
Leicester v Oxford – W/O to Leicester

Zone 7

Bristol beat Swindon 6-0
Reading beat Maidenhead 7-2

Zone 8

Hastings beat Guildford 9-0

HAMMERSLEY CUP (Cadet Girls) –

Round One

Zone 1

Leeds beat Northumberland 8-1
Leicester beat Mansfield 5-2

Zone 2

North Middlesex v Brentwood – W/O to North Middlesex

Chelmsford v Leighton Buzzard – W/O to Chelmsford

Zone 3

Swindon, Reading & Leamington Spa – Leamington Spa won, beating Reading 9-0 and beating Swindon 5-4

Zone 4

Hastings, Arundel & Maidstone – Hastings won, beating Maidstone 5-4 (Arundel withdrew)

NOTE: Apart from the Gainsford Cup, all FINALS are now likely to be played on 18 May 1991, at Stantonbury Leisure Centre, Purbeck, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes.

CARTER CUP (Junior Boys) – Round One

Zone 1

Northumberland beat Hull 6-0
Grimsby v Stockton – W/O to Grimsby
Selby beat Sunderland 5-4

Zone 2

Nottingham beat Huddersfield 8-1
Harrogate beat Blackpool 5-1

Zone 3

Lowestoft beat Norwich 5-4
Grantham v Mansfield – W/O to Grantham

Zone 4

Birmingham beat Coventry 5-1
Burton-on-Trent v Northampton – W/O to Burton-on-Trent

Zone 5

South Devon & Torbay v Bristol – result awaited
Aldershot beat Gosport 10-0

Zone 6

Guildford beat Hastings 9-0
Worthing beat Maidstone 5-4

Zone 7

Wembley & Harrow beat Oxford 6-3
Bracknell beat High Wycombe 5-4

Zone 8

Harlow beat North Middlesex 5-1
Dagenham beat North Herts 6-3

BROMFIELD TROPHY (Junior Girls)

Round One Zone 1

Bradford v Blackpool – W/O for Blackpool
Preston v Chesterfield – W/O for Chesterfield

Zone 2

Reading beat Maidenhead 8-1
S Devon & Torbay beat W. Cornwall 6-3

Zone 3

Maidstone beat Rotherhythe 5-4
Guildford beat Aldershot 7-2

Zone 4

Leicester v Brentwood – W/O for Leicester
NOTE: Apart from the Gainsford Cup, all FINALS are now likely to be played on 18 May 1991, at Stantonbury Leisure Centre, Purbeck, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes

Gainsford Cup Competition

1st Round Results

Zone 1.

Grantham (Playline Sovereigns) v Hull (Hull Sandhill) W/O to Grantham.

Zone 2.

Reading (Kingfisher) bt Dagenham (LESSA) 5-4.

Yugoslav Open

Mens v China

S Andrew 1st Yu Sheng Ton 1-2

M Syed 1st Wang Yong Dang 0-2

N Mason 1st Zang Lee 0-2

N Mason/S Andrew 1st Zang Lee/Yu Sheng Tong 1-2

Womens v Yugoslavia II

F Elliott 1st Poljac 0-2

A Gordon bt Friele 2-0

F Elliott/A Gordon won doubles 2-0A Gordon

1st Poljak 1-2

F Elliott 1st Friele 1-2

Cadet Boys

- up to and including the Cleveland Select

- 1 601 Blake Darren (S Croydon)
- 2 460 Vincent Adrian (Plymouth)
- 3 395 Hudson Paul (Wanstead)
- 4 367 Neal Philip (Hull)



Steven Meddings

- 5 318 Meddings Steven (S.Coldf.)
- 6 295 Smith Mark Richard (Bradf)
- 7 278 Wilkinson Andrew (Nth Sh)
- 8 255 Heath David (Newt. Abbot)
- 9 250 Avery Vincent (Brentwood)
- 10 224 Eaton Ian (Northwich)
- 11 221 Johnson Ben (Reading)
- 12 218 Pestka Gary (Mapperley)
- 13 195 Yardy Daniel (Brentwood)
- 14 187 Purdy David (Dronfield)
- 15 179 Jefferi Simeon (London)
- 16 170 Tilley Richard (Burt.onTrent)
- 17 158 Meredith Darryl (Oldham)
- 18 153 Jablon Simon (London)
- 19 139 Jackson David (Selby)
- 20 135 Lampkin Steph.(Sanderst'd)
- 21 134 Lidstone Christopher (B'n'F)
- 22 131 James Michael (Bridlington)
- 23 121 Butcher Paul (Haywards H.)
- 24 119 Whitehead Christopher (Oldham)
- 25 117 Playsted Ian (Gwent)
- 26 106 Thornton-Allen Gary (Wirr.)
- 27 92 Smithies Wayne (Chelmsf.)
- 28 91 Karalliedde Simon (Surrey)
- 29 80 James Simon (Bridlington)
- 30 79 Cadman Adrian (M Drayton)
- 31 77 Harris Jamie (Cumbria)
- 32 73 Subham Ali (Reading)
- 33 64 O'Leary Timothy (London)
- 34 63 Smith David (Huddersfield)
- 35 57 Cooke Edward (Chelmsf.)
- 36 56 Ritchie Glen (Kent)
- 37 52 Brown Gareth (Princes Ris)
- 38 51 Bartlam Matthew (Stockton)
- 39 49 Dolder Kevin (St. Helens)
- 40 48 Owen Paul (Ipswich)
- 41 44 Doyle Kevin (Arundel)
- 42 41 Marsh Wayne (Hull)
- 43 40 Butcher Paul (Lancs)
- 44 35 Holton Kevin (Peterbor.)
- 45 31 Fairclough Matt. (Pontefr)
- 46 30 Twiss Martin (Woore)
- 47 29 Orlik Thomas (Bristol)
- 48 28 Sugarman Andrew (Hull)
- 49 28 Linnekar Ben (Brentwood)
- 50 28 Scaddan Gareth (Gospot)

Cadet Girls

- up to and including the Cleveland Select

- 1 1076 Marling Sally (Hull)
- 2 886 Deaton Nicola (Chesterfield)
- 3 520 Martin Michelle (Burt.on Tr.)
- 4 512 Heyward Lynsey (Newt.Abb.)
- 5 395 Schwartz Gemma (Reading)
- 6 304 Coleman Jennifer (Brentw.)
- 7 222 Massingham Nicola (Granth.)
- 8 218 Stedman Sarah Jane (Arund.)
- 9 216 Ruocco Shelley (Hornchurch)
- 10 193 Sibbald Catherine (Ilford)
- 11 186 Smith Nicola (Leeds)
- 12 163 Bush-Harris Joanne (Bright.)
- 13 155 Russell Sally (Kettering)
- 14 147 Duke Nicola (Sevenoaks)
- 15 139 Barham Joanne (Rotherhithe)
- 16 133 Hall Crystal (East Malling)
- 17 124 Fox Vicky (Stoke on Trent)
- 18 112 Ashison Glenda (London)
- 19 106 Fletcher Emma (Wirral)
- 20 103 Wilson Claudine (Guestling)
- 21 93 Weare Joanne (Staines)
- 22 87 Smith Alison (Maidstone)
- 23 87 Brown Claire (Sussex)
- 24 84 News Clare (Birkenhead)
- 25 83 Walton Keeley Adele (Leeds)
- 26 82 Rowlands Claire (Brentwood)
- 27 65 Fisher Michelle (Burt.on Tr.)
- 28 60 King Michelle (Harlow)
- 29 55 Davison Sarah (Essex)
- 30 54 Green Katie (Lowestoft)
- 31 52 Coggon Sara (Sussex)
- 32 50 Thomas Johann Mary (Littlehampton)
- 33 47 Woodward Kathryn (Hyde)
- 34 46 Youldon Tracy (Swindon)
- 35 44 Belby Janine (Glamorgan)
- 36 41 Silburn Nicola (Leeds)
- 37 36 Harber Caron (St. Albans)
- 38 33 Barlow Wendy (Langley)
- 39 33 Jenkins Siam (Wakefield)
- 40 28 Pestka Debbie (Nottingham)
- 41 26 Thornton Lindsey (Bury)
- 42 25 Frith Victoria (Dronfield)
- 43 25 Barnard Helen (Barnet)
- 44 23 Davies Tracey (Essex)
- 45 19 Hogarth Kerry (Newent)
- 46 19 Corkhill Catherine (B.in Fur.)
- 47 18 Hall Christopher (Kent)
- 48 17 Templeton Lucy (Gerards Cr.)
- 49 15 Whittaker Helen (Wolverh.)
- 50 15 West Jennifer (Diss)

Junior Boys

- up to and including the Cleveland Select.

- 1 782 Hatley Edward (Frimley)
- 2 746 Knights Garry (Burt.on Tr.)
- 3 728 Howarth Darren (Droylsdon)
- 4 715 Perry Alex (Crediton)
- 5 675 Bevan Neil (Bude)
- 6 568 Jones Gareth (Yorkshire)
- 7 505 Thompson Spencer (Rainham)
- 8 505 Sladden Christopher (S'thend)
- 9 502 Adams Martin (Ascot)
- 10 457 Mileham Brian (Margate)
- 11 448 Forster Barry (Whickham)
- 12 433 Powell Raymond (Gloucester)
- 13 432 Collier Ian (Sunderland)
- 14 416 Greenwood Matt. (Amersham)
- 15 408 Hyacinth Richard (Harlesden)
- 16 403 Taylor Duncan (Golders Gr.)
- 17 397 Yates Gavin (Thame)
- 18 387 Willey Miles (Bexleyheath)
- 19 374 Hyatt Jeremy (Tibberton)
- 20 366 Blake Darren (S Croydon)
- 21 357 Coverdale Stephen (Gatesh.)
- 22 345 Priddle Marc (Maidenhead)
- 23 333 Nicholls Andrew James (Selby)
- 24 329 Vincent Adrian (Plymouth)
- 25 328 Blake Jason (South Croydon)
- 26 328 Baker David (Heston)
- 27 320 Haycock Martin (Didcot)
- 28 309 Shipman John (Plymouth)
- 29 304 Shaw Steven (Burt. on Trent)
- 30 277 Katz Dov (Stammore)
- 31 275 Saville Ryan (Chelmsford)
- 32 257 Ferguson Ian Michael (Birmh.)
- 33 252 Hodgson Kevin (Barrow)
- 34 250 Horsfield Karl (Selby)
- 35 245 Johnson Ben (Reading)
- 36 239 Smith Richard A (Huddersf.)
- 37 236 Lyndley Darren (Huddersf.)
- 38 230 Horton Lee (Pensnett)
- 39 220 Bradfield Nicholas (Maidenh.)
- 40 214 May Jonathan (Plymouth)
- 41 210 Sharp Robert (Northallerton)
- 42 208 Chapman Philip (Bradford)
- 43 204 Boulton Jack (Chesterfield)
- 44 201 Meddings Steven (Sutton C.f.)
- 45 199 Musk Ian (Milton Keynes)
- 46 195 Wilkinson Andrew (Nth Sh.)
- 47 193 Robson Phil (Benwell)
- 48 184 Ware Benjamin (Brentwood)
- 49 178 Shutler Mark (Fareham)
- 50 178 Mainwaring Rod (Chorley)

Junior Girls

- up to and including the Cleveland Select

- 1 1004 Marling Sally (Hull)
- 2 986 Meddings Ellen (Harrogate)
- 3 942 Thornley Maria (Chorley)
- 4 746 Radford Linda (Upminster)



Katie Goodall

- 5 695 Goodall Katherine (Leeds)
- 6 668 Deaton Nicola (Chesterfield)
- 7 654 Gower Alison (Ingatstone)
- 8 619 Pengelly Claire (Paignton)
- 9 578 Williams Sara (Hillingdon)
- 10 472 Meddings Nicola (S Coldfield)
- 11 397 Hollingworth Lesley (S'Brne)
- 12 386 Barnett Dawn (Brackley)
- 13 385 Creasey Sarah L. (M.Drayton)
- 14 362 Cracknell Nicola (Reading)
- 15 351 Marshall Claire (M.Drayton)
- 16 324 Creasey Elizabeth A. (M.Dray)
- 17 314 Bentley Caroline (Bradford)
- 18 310 Richardson Karen (Oldham)
- 19 294 Newman Debbie (Selby)
- 20 281 Heyward Lynsey (Newt.Abb.)
- 21 281 Coleman Jennifer (Brentwood)
- 22 278 Wright Helen (Plymouth)
- 23 278 Martin Michelle (Burt.on Tr.)
- 24 276 Kottasz Emese (Chelsea)
- 25 272 Seaholme Sarah (Watford)
- 26 256 Watt Caroline (Barro.in Furn.)
- 27 245 Marriott Jackie (Baldon Coll.)
- 28 238 Barthee Nadine (Brentwood)
- 29 235 Hughes Sally Ann (Banbury)
- 30 235 Schwartz Gemma (Reading)
- 31 217 Joseph Desiree (Rotherhithe)
- 32 208 Boon Rachel (Camborne)
- 33 204 Gardner Sarah (Chelmsford)
- 34 203 Garratt Tracey Jayn (M Dray)
- 35 199 Buchanan Zoe (Stockport)
- 36 191 Markham Miranda (N.Malden)
- 37 183 Baggaley Esther (M Keynes)
- 38 150 Smith Sarah Jayne (Worksop)
- 39 149 Chan Diana (Weybridge)
- 40 138 Russell Sally (Kettering)
- 41 133 Sibbald Catherine (Ilford)
- 42 131 Ashley Karen (London)
- 43 131 Cole Tracy (Crawley)
- 44 128 Connolly Tamar L. (Blackp.)
- 45 120 Walker Isabel (Reading)
- 46 120 Jenkins Lindsey (Wakefield)
- 47 112 Barnham Natasha (R'Hithe)
- 48 111 Weil Anna (Brentwood)
- 49 107 Wilson Natasha (Guestling)
- 50 99 Rittler Michelle (Rotherhithe)

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ENGLAND v HUNGARY

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ENGLAND v HUNGARY

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FIRST WEEKEND

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