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# DRUG WATCH AT CHIBA

WITH all the fuss over drug taking, it comes as no surprise to learn that the organisers of the World Championships in Chiba will be keeping an extra special watch on players next year.

Table tennis is no different from any other sport. Players can achieve substantial advantage, albeit short term, if they use certain drugs. So it is important that before the championships all English players involved know exactly what constitutes an illegal drug.

A special four man committee has been set up to organise dope testing at the 41st World Championships which will be headed by Dr Jean-Francois. The rest of his team will be De Knut Havag (Norway) Dr. Michael Scott (USA) and Dr Stan Szatkowski (Canada).

Remember also that dope testing can be taken at any of our major domestic events without warning. If you have any doubts contact ETTA offices in Hastings who will be pleased to help.

## Highlights

GOOD news for photographers has come from the ITTF summer meeting in Casablanca. Always quick to point out the low lighting levels of British sports centres, the snappers will now find life easier with the decision that the minimum should be 1000 lux instead of the current 400.

## Des Retires

DES Douglas at 35 years of age has announced his retirement from European League matches. The Walsall and former England No. 1 came out of 'retirement' last season to try and help England avoid relegation from the Super Division. Des triumphed but England failed.

## Ken signs

OAKHAMPTON Table Tennis Club is one of the ETTA's newer clubs. They started out just over one year ago when eight people turned up to the first meeting and a committee was formed with Ken Clarke taking on the job of treasurer.

Ken also signed on for the club's second team and despite having no competitive experience he finished the season with a 50% average. Not bad for a 77 year old!

## Wally Joins ETTA

WALLY Smith an unregistered coach for many years has finally joined the ETTA Coaching Scheme. The popular Newbury man has always gone his own way introducing youngsters to the sport he loved and seeing several of them reach international standard.

Wally, of course is the father of Mandy Sainsbury, a Commonwealth silver medallist and top England player, so has close links with the ETTA.

To get his official qualification he attended a coaching scheme in Newbury and passed with flying colours. Run by the local league for school teachers, sports centre staff and league players, it was a great success with Chris Baker, who plays for local side GKB Oaks, making the grade also.

Also busy on the day was Ken Muir in his capacity as ETTA Southern Region Coach who directed the course helped by Ian Langley, a diploma coach.

DAVID Hannah, 29, from Dorking and ten times Scottish champion has been banned for eighteen months commencing July 1 1990 by the Scottish Table Tennis Association.



Nicky Mason shows how

## Awards

TWO teenage table tennis stars were awarded a surprise cash bonus by Leeds Permanent Building Society for their outstanding performances at the Leeds Junior English Open.

Sally Marling (Hull) and Nicola Deaton (Chesterfield) each received £250 from an incentive fund provided by the Leeds as part of their investment in the development of the sport at junior level.

Sally was nominated for winning the cadet (U14) girls singles title in which she beat Nicola in the final. The title was Sally's second in as many weeks following her victory at the Leeds Youth Cup final in London.

Nicola not only reached the cadet final but also played outstanding table tennis in the junior (U17) section beating No.2 Petra Fichtinger of Austria in the first round and reaching the quarter finals where she was beaten by the eventual winner, Kim Boon Sik of South Korea.

President of the Welsh Association, Roy Evans and his wife Nancy have been awarded life presidencies in recognition of over 60 years each in the service of Welsh table tennis, as international players and as leading administrators.

## Master Prean

CARL Prean, winner at the Daily Telegraph Masters, has qualified to play in the Stiga World Grand Prix Masters to be held in January at a venue yet to be named. His place was reserved after finishing in the top ten places (7th) of leading points scorers.

## Fab Four

NICKY Mason, John Holland, Junior Stoddard and Tim Shepherd recently gave exhibitions of table tennis to over 1000 schoolchildren throughout Nottinghamshire. The four players visited four schools with the end result that over 100 youngsters were invited to take place on nine more advanced courses throughout the county.

## Grove Deal

NATIONAL champions Grove have signed a sponsorship deal with National Fuel Distributors. It should help the club make ends meet when they set out on their journey across the sea for the European Club Championship.

## All Change

EXPERIMENTS continue into the use of special floors, blue topped tables, orange/yellow balls, larger courts, ballboys etc. Expect more positive news on this front before too long.

## Crystal Clear

THE English National Championships will be played at Stoubridge on 9/10 March 1991. The venue will be the new Crystal Leisure Centre which was so successfully used for the Womens British League weekend.

# LOOKING GOOD



*As the new season gets underway John Prean looks at the good and bad, defects there are some hopeful signs and that good news could be just around the corner.*

**SOME have said that this will be a quiet season, one of consolidation rather than the breathtaking progress of the last few years. I do not agree.**

The ending of the Leeds sponsorship was, of course, a blow. They were magnificent and highly professional supporters of our sport. Sponsorship, however, is not, as some still think, a boost to the profits and loss accounts. It enabled us to do far more than would otherwise have been possible and to do it much better.

In 1990/91 there will be no major tours, which enable us to bring top class table tennis to areas which had not seen this for years, sometimes not at all. We still look for a sponsor for the English Open in 1992.

However, our first TV event was sponsored by the Daily Telegraph and the Masters, played in Gateshead on August 11 proved an enthralling event which achieved 75 minutes or so of TV exposure on the excellent BBC Grandstand and despite the competition of a high scoring test match. I recall the days when we got odd 10 minute spells between horse racing.

It proved a magnificent tournament with some added topical interest in the former Chinese national player Chen Xinhua, whose controversial selection for England certainly achieved newspaper space seldom rivalled by events on the table.

I watched it all on the box on this occasion and was delighted by what I saw, noting the ever improving presentation of the sport to the millions at home on their own screens. The BBC headed by Grandstand Editor John Philips did a great job for the sport and the viewers.

Many who were wondering whether to play league table tennis this season may have found the decision easier as a result of what they saw. Our sport looked good.

## Form

The probable absence of overseas superstars nevertheless leaves us with an unusually interesting season. We were, as you know, relegated from the European Super League and will have to battle for promotion again. The format adopted makes for some interesting matches as the league progresses, ending with the semi-finals and finals on a home and away basis.

If the form-book prevails, these may result in contests against Bulgaria and Hungary — difficult matches, as both have ladies of world calibre, a reigning and past European champion and men not quite as good, but still hard to beat on most days.

Our doubles problems still have to be resolved and two defeats here leave a virtually impossible task in the singles. Promotion will therefore again be very hard. I hope we make it and then keep our place at the top. It was almost our only setback last season, but a very nasty and major one.

A new Women's League begins in Europe and we are able to start right at the top in the Premier Division. We must try to stay there. Again, the division will function in groups of 4, leading to semi-finals and a final, also place matches and relegation, if things go wrong!

I see it is an opportunity to develop and boost the ladies' game, to achieve more media interest and to establish more clearly figures at the top whom the youngsters will look for inspiration and that the whole process will attract more girls into the sport. The work at the top will require equally energetic efforts at the grass roots.

It will be a season in which greater efforts than ever before will be made at local level and often our £100,000 development fund will provide an incentive and real cash help. Leagues all over the country have begun development initiatives, mainly coaching of the young and very young, leading to youth leagues and more young boys and girls coming into the game.

Some schemes are directed at providing more playing space, as much has disappeared all over the country. All schemes are dedicated to attracting more members.

There has been much discussion of this topic, which is a

good thing. It has not always been noted that my management team has recognised the problem from the beginning and has worked to overcome it.

There are, as President Ogimura would say, both good news and bad news. The latter may consist of the loss of so much playing space and the reluctance of so many members to pay what today pass as economic rents. A league secretary told me on a recent visit to Lancashire that she handled a couple of dozen enquiries each year when she could not readily direct the potential new member to premises where table tennis was regularly played or where league places could be offered. However, it indicates that interest is being generated and our office handles many enquiries which we are able to pass to local associations.

The membership losses have, in broad terms, in fact been halved to somewhere from 3% to 4% the last two seasons from 6% to 8% a few years earlier. It is paradoxical, and perhaps a little more, that so much fuss is made about the 4% when so little was made about the 8%! It is not untypical of the sport and you can make of it what you will.

Further bad news may be found in the diminishing numbers of young people, mainly the 16 to 19 age groups of whom fewer are appearing as a result of earlier birth rate patterns.

## Good News

The worst news must be the way we compile our membership statistics, entirely on the basis of players in local leagues. That is undoubtedly a big, and perhaps still our most important activity, but it is not and never was our only one. Much depression, both real and imagined, is therefore due to an incomplete scenario. However, there

may also be good news around the corner.

In our local development schemes, in which I was very involved during the summer, I was pleasantly surprised by the number of young and very young who came, who already had quite fair skills. When I asked them where they had learned the game, they told me that they had a table at home, usually in their garage.

I see many, many people playing (often badly and with bad equipment) in sports centres and they would be happier in the more structured environment of the local club. Whenever I see tables, be it on holiday camps or on an ocean liner, they never seem to be empty. There always seem to be hordes of people wanting to play. Our cause is not all gloom. Many hopeful signs and trends can be detected.

## Volunteers

The only trend I find really depressing is the one towards less and less discipline and self-discipline in the sport. This applies to activities both on and off the table. The former include what is almost hooliganism and the latter the persistent savaging of the most active workers in the sport by generally the least active.

Whilst personally it presents me with few problems, as Winston Churchill described it "to be savaged by dead sheep", it worries me profoundly to see these antics at both national and local level.

The sport relies very heavily on the work of totally unpaid volunteers, who do their job for fun. In my time as a 'critic' I took great care to be fair, positive and constructive. I cannot see the same care very often today. I see the lie, the invention, the imagination creeping into assessments rather too often. I hear too much malicious and malevolent gossip, particularly being fed to the young, who are most vulnerable.

We are part of a most wonderful sport, but some of the antics reported are making me apprehensive about the future and the most worrying aspect of all is the silence of the many good people in the sport, when clearly they should be speaking up. As history shows, evil succeeds best when good men remain silent.

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# MAJESTIC

*Nicky Jarvis (centre) congratulates the winner of the Women's U21 title Andrea Holt (left) and the winner of the Men's U21 singles Matthew Syed.*

MATTHEW Syed and Andrea Holt proved far too classy for the opposition, when they brushed aside all comers to take the winners crowns in their respective under 21 singles sections, of the Jarvis Sport SKITT Milton Keynes under 21 tournament, at the Bletchley Leisure Centre, writes **John Wood**.

Matthew Syed played with usual majestic flair, which is a joy to watch, as he overcame the challenge of John Holland in the mens singles final 23-21, 21-16.

John Holland, with superb attacking forehands, led the first leg 10-8, at the halfway stage, before going down deuce due to the sheer excellence of Syed.

The second, and deciding leg, followed a similar pattern with the match standing at 16-16, before the pressure got to Holland. He started to rush his shots, as the meticulous defence of Syed and occasional flashing forehands, broke the heart of Holland, who actually led the second leg 10-4, at one stage.

In the womens singles final, Andrea Holt proved to be the number one lady, when she crushed the aspirations of 14 year-old Sally Marling, 21-18, 21-9.

Holt's class proved too much for the talented Marling, although the young lass from Yorkshire did play well in the first leg, but her confidence drained in the second as

she became unsure of her shots against Holt's combination bat.

Apart from the final, Miss Marling had a marvellous tournament, beating the No. 2 seed Julie Billington 20, -13, 15 in the Under 21's, before going on to take the under 17 girls title, when she comfortably overcame the challenge of Maria Thornley from Lancashire, 17 and 16, although Maria Thornley did have her moment of glory when she beat the No. 2 seed, Ellen Meddings, 9, -14, 15, in the semi-final.

Hero of the boys under 17 was Gareth Jones from Yorkshire, who played with a big heart to tame the tiger from Berkshire Martin Adams, beating him -13, 20, 13, in an exciting final.

Adams superior hitting took the first leg, whilst the second was a much closer affair, as the score suggests, 22-20, to Jones, who took both the deuce points.

The third and final leg was fairly even with the score standing at 15-13 to Jones, before the lad from Yorkshire let loose with backhand drives and forehand loops to take the under 17 crown.

The mens doubles title went to the scratch pairing of Michael O'Driscoll and Leigh Jeffries, who beat John Holland and Sean Gibson in an attacking match, 16, -19, 16.

Whilst the womens doubles final was a one sided affair with Andrea Holt and Julie Billington overpowering the pairing of Nicola Deaton and Ellen Meddings, 13 and 13.

Surprise of the day was John Holland's big win over Bradley Billington in the quarter-finals of the mens under 21 singles, in straight sets 10 and 19.

Holland, who has been training hard this summer, played tight and was looping off the bounce, plus he has at last found confidence in his backhand, and was hitting instead of blocking.

The prizes were presented by the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Milton Keynes, Bill and Geraldine Harnett and Nicky Jarvis of Jarvis Sports.

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# CHANGES TO EURO LEAGUE

## RISE AND FALL OF EURO/ASIA

IT had been hoped that following the French Open in Lyons (Nov 29/Dec 2) the fifth series of the Euro/Asia confrontations would take place in various European locations over the period Dec 4/11, 1990.

Regrettably the Asian Championships have proved the stumbling block these being dated Dec 5/11 in Kuala Lumpur hence the cancellations of the Euro/Asia series for this season at least.

But every cloud has a silver lining and in this respect and with due thanks to the Deutscher Tischtennis-Bund two new events, both carrying high prize money, are to be introduced into the ETTU calendar starting on January 18/20, 1991 with the European Nations Cup followed with the European Masters Cup. These tournaments will thus be the first high level prize money events, other than the Stiga Top 12, in the history of European table tennis. An amount of up to 100,000 US dollars will be at stake in each tournament — the Nations Cup for teams and the Masters Cup for individuals.

A new system of play will henceforth be operable in the European League based initially on a group system with subsequent cross-over matches leading to a final and matches in the Super and Division 1 will have 2 officials, acting alternatively as Referee and Umpire.

And a further new initiative to commence this season will be a European League for women with no less than 19 associations having made entry application. Sixteen of these have been split into two groups of eight forming Divisions 1 and 2 with three associations being put on the reserve list.

Elsewhere in this publication you will find an up-to-date calendar and fixture lists appertaining to the European League and we look forward to a Europe/Asia confrontation at the 41st World Championships to be staged in Chiba City, Japan over the period April 24/May 6, 1991. Have a good and prosperous season.

## SORRY SKY

Inadvertently in my report of the 17th European Championships in Gothenburg I wrote that Skylet Andrew was taken out of the men's singles by Sandor Varga of Hungary. This was not so for Skylet beat the Hungarian -20, 14, 18, -18, 16 losing in the third round to Jean-Philippe Gatien of France who won 12, -14, 19 and 19

IN welcoming all delegates to the Congress of the ETTU in Gothenburg, Mihovil Kapetanic, the President, requested brevity from speakers when addressing the meeting having regard to the long agenda.

Congress considered and debated a number of proposals for changing the system of play within the European League and it was a majority decision to accept the proposal put forward by the ETTU's Technical Committee for divisions of 8 teams playing a first stage in two groups of 4, with two further stages of cross-over matches in two legs, home and away, in order to determine the final positions.

This system would therefore produce a final and a last match battle against relegation. The system would be mandatory for Super and First Divisions and optional for 2nd and 3rd divisions. The composition of teams and order of play would remain as before.

The Congress went on to debate the proposal that there should be separate sections for men and women but it was agreed to run a separate women's league if sufficient Associations were interested in participation and a separate meeting of interested parties was subsequently convened.

An application for membership by Israel was supported by several Associations and following an address by Dr. S. Kedar, the President of the Israel Table Tennis Association, the application was approved, 33 votes in favour none against.

## EURO VOTE

Delegates were invited to study the paper on a qualification procedure for ETTU events which would essentially require a longer period of residence than the two years currently required under ITTF regulations. 24 Associations voted in favour of this principle of which 16 voted that the residential period should be 6 years.

The new qualification would come into immediate effect except that any player who had already qualified for a country other than that of his birth would remain so qualified. A registration procedure would be introduced.

As it was known that the ITTF were considering amending their own qualification regulations at a Council meeting to be held in July, 1990, it was agreed to adopt the ITTF regulations, provided they were similar to the principle

adopted by the ETTU.

If not, then an Extraordinary General Meeting would be held at the time of the 1990 European Youth Championships in Austria. It was also agreed that a panel consisting of the Executive Committee plus Andre Damman would decide any questions of doubt over individual cases. Mr. Kapetanic appealed to all Associations to implement the new ETTU regulations at all levels.

## ELECTION

The President (M. Kapetanic) the Vice-President Mrs. E. Zeller-Constantinescu, the Hon. Treasurer (Henk van Dilst) and the Hon. Gen. Sec. (G.R. Yates) were all unopposed as the members of the Executive Committee.

And, again, no ballot was necessary for the seven members comprising the Management Committee namely N. Bergstrom (SWE), C. Christodoulatis (GRE), A. Damman (BEL), J. Devys (FRA), J. Dachowski (POL), C. Sagrestani (ITA) and R. Sporrer (AUT).

As the addition of Israel entitled the ETTU to 7 members on the ITTF Council, a ballot was conducted which resulted as follows:-

Mrs. E. Zeller-Constantinescu (FRG) 27 Votes Elected  
Dr. V. Palecek (TCH) 27 votes elected  
H. van Dilst (HOL) 25 votes elected  
G. R. Yates (ENG) 25 votes elected  
B. Jeu (FRA) 24 votes elected  
N. Bergstrom (SWE) 20 votes elected  
L. Zuccarini (ITA) 18 votes elected  
J. Dachowski (POL) 17 votes not elected  
V. Posevon (URS) 16 votes not elected  
D. Apostolovic (YUG) 11 votes not elected

## OPTIONS

The following options were agreed :-

**European Championships:** 1992 FR.

Germany 1994 Yugoslavia 1996

Czechoslovakia

**European Youth Championships:** 1991

Spain 1992 Czechoslovakia 1993

Yugoslavia

**Stiga Europe Top 12 (Seniors):** 1991

Netherlands 1992 Austria 1993 Denmark

**Stiga Europe Top 12 (Juniors):** 1991 Italy

1992 Turkey 1993 FR. Germany



George Yates

# MISSING TROPHIES

**THERE** were times during the competition when Len Pilditch, Mick Strode and myself wondered whether we were going to get these matches played in time for the finals. As far as the Ormesby Cup competition was concerned I was beginning to wonder if we were going to have any teams left to play a final, just 21 walk-overs! Lack of interest or a calendar so crowded that it leaves little or no time for players to fit in extra fixtures?

## WILMOTT CUP

Dagenham 5, Chesterfield 4  
THIS was one of the best and closely contested matches of the day. Des Charlery set Dagenham off in the best possible way by beating Neil Marples but then Bradley Billington levelled the scoring by beating Grant Solder.

Steve Dorking secured another point for Dagenham by beating Martin Kinsella but the match was level again when Bradley beat Des. Dagenham then jumped into a 4-2 lead but Chesterfield had not lost yet and drew level at 4-4 with wins from Bradley and Martin.

It was all square when Grant Solder and Neil Marples went to the table, but it was Grant who proved too strong and coolly won in two straight games.

## GAINSFORD CUP

Playline Sovereigns 5, Apollo 4  
A SIMILAR match to the Wilmott Cup in as much as the scoreline see-sawed backwards and forwards. Jane Strawson started off by beating Sally Raymond then Lesley Keast won for Apollo to level the score.

Suzanne Airey then went on to beat Sara Williams after quite a struggle before Lesley won her second match to bring the scores level again. Sally lost her next match but young Sara made up the deficit by beating Helen Stephens.

Unfortunately Lesley could not make it a hat-trick and lost to Suzanne but then Sara proved she is successfully making the transition from junior to senior by beating Jane, bringing the score to 4-4.

The final game between Sally and Helen was a real battle. Sally, a penholder player, proved very awkward but in the end had to concede defeat with Sovereigns retaining their title.



*Bradley Billington won three matches for Chesterfield in the final of the Wilmott Cup but it was not good enough to prevent his side going down 5-4 to Dagenham in the Leeds National Team Championships at St.Neots.*

*Two new competitions made their first appearance – the Jill Hammersley Cup and Johnny Leach Cup and here Doris Moors provides a description of the finals and also prompts the question where have all the trophies gone?*

## ORMESBY CUP

Apollo (Willesden) 5, Ellenborough (Middlesex) 3

THIS was a repeat of last seasons final. Apollo appears to be a club gathering their players from far and wide whereas Ellenborough are all local players. At least Apollo didn't produce Skylet Andrew for this match.

Apollo's Matthew Syed and Nicky Mason started by beating Nigel Tyler and Graham Sandley respectively. Then Colin Wilson and Nigel levelled the score at 2-2 Colin beating Gareth Spencer and Nigel beating Nicky. It was neck and neck for some time until Nicky had an easy win over Colin to make it 4-3 and finally Gareth beat Nigel so that Apollo retained their title.

## ROSE BOWL

Wolverhampton 5, Dagenham 1  
LESLEY Radford gave Dagenham a flying start when she beat Helen Lower but unfortunately daughter Linda and Elaine Sayer were no match for the stronger team of Helen, Sandra Roden and Jill Harris. Lesley managed to give Jill a run for her money but in the end Wolverhampton easily took the title.

## JOHNNY LEACH CUP

North Yorkshire 6, Bristol 0  
THIS is a new competition for Cadet boys but turned into one way traffic for the Yorkshire lads who were far too strong. But it was nice to see the match continued for one more set so that all the boys played two matches each.

## JILL HAMMERSLEY CUP

Grantham 5, Brentwood 1  
BRENTWOOD started hopefully when Jenny Coleman beat Claire Atkinson but from then on it was Grantham all the way in this new event.

## THE CARTER CUP

Dagenham 5, Sunderland 1  
DAGENHAM with Chris Sladden and Grant Solder were too strong for the opposition. Surprisingly it was Chris who dropped Dagenham's only match when he was beaten by Ian Collins.

## THE BROMFIELD TROPHY

Hull 5, Chelmsford 2  
SIMILAR to the Carter Cup in that it was all one way for Hull. Sally Marling and Samantha winning all five matches.

The trophies were presented by Len Pilditch and myself. We had two new trophies and Wolverhampton returned the Rose Bowl, but what happened to the others?

I understand that the Wilmott Cup is still in Devon and must have been down in that delightful county for at least two years. Is there an Ormesby Cup? Apollo say they have never seen it. There must have been trophies and not just names given to these competitions.

May I suggest that whoever has one on their mantelpiece to contact the ETTA. Many thanks to the umpires who on this occasion were Jack Melnick, Jack Randall and Dave Perry supported by Tony Darroch and myself.

# PREAN WINS MASTERS TITLE

**CARL Prean is England's best player — and that's official after the popular Isle of Wight player clinched the new Daily Telegraph Masters title at Gateshead Leisure Centre.**

With BBC television lights beaming down, Carl started slowly and finished at a gallop to hold aloft the BBC Grandstand trophy and to earn the cheers of a knowledgeable Geordie crowd which numbered about 300 but made enough noise to suggest at least double that figure.

The final result was desperately close with all four players in with a shout right up until the afternoon session. The occasional delay to fit in with television demands and a fuse that caused the TV lights to go out midway between Carl's match with Alan failed to spoil a first class event.

Prean, the youngest of the four-some invited to take part in this new round robin competition and the highest ranked English player in Europe, came through hell and high-water to take the trophy which hopefully will be played for again next year.

He got off to the worst possible start by losing to Desmond Douglas 19, 19 in a match which could have gone either way but which Desmond, possibly quicker into his stride, came safely through.

The other first round match saw Chen Xinhua, perhaps the player most had come to watch in this television spectacular beat Alan Cooke in two games although only winning 25, 23 in the second game.

Taking the earlier advice of MC Clive Oakman to make them-

selves heard, the crowd stamped, clapped and cheered almost every point so unusual for a British audience, yet which gave so much atmosphere.

With the first two matches out of the way it was a winners versus losers confrontation and the match that many were looking forward to turned out to be a real cracker.

Chen took an early lead against Prean, the Ryde player hit back and then Chen's chance came in the fifth service game when he took five points in a row. But Prean clawed his way back to level at 15-all but then inexplicably lost every point of Chen's service to go behind 20-15 and lose the game.

Chen started the second game leading 11-9 and 17-13 but then dropped six points in a row to put Prean into a lead he didn't waste. Chen never seemed to recover from that desperately poor showing and never took the lead again with Prean taking the final game 21-17.

Nobody can underestimate Alan Cooke. In a gritty performance that must rate among one of his best in months, he took on Desmond, without doubt the crowd's favourite on the day, to win the first set 24-22 and then the TV lights went out.

It was a break that neither player wanted especially Cooke who looked all fired up but then had to wait twelve minutes before getting back into action.

But it was a break that seemed to effect the Walsall player rather than Alan who put the problem behind him and went on to win in two straight games.

At this stage each of the players had won one match so it left the afternoon session evenly balanced and with everything to play for.

Douglas took on Chen losing the first game 21-16 but like Prean had done earlier took the next two games to reserve himself a place in the final.

For Chen it was a big disappointment. Twice he had taken the first game only to fade away, something he almost did again in his only win of the event against Cooke. It is a chink in his game that England manager will have to work on.

The other semi-final between Prean and Cooke flowed from

one player to the other before Prean, who was improving as the event progressed, took the final two points to win the closest match of the day 21-19, 19-21, 21-19.

As is often the case, especially when television is in attendance, the final was not the most exciting match of the tournament. Unlike the earlier encounter when Desmond shot into an early lead, this time it was Prean who took the initiative and took Des apart in the first game 21-9. At one stage the Isle of Wight player took ten points without reply.

Yet Douglas hit back in a manner that suggests his officially announced retirement from European matches has come too soon. Although he trailed for most of the second game he was never far behind and inched home 21, 19.

But after just seven points in the final game Prean took a lead he was never to relinquish. Matching Des shot for shot he ran out a clear winner 21-16.

"It was always an uphill struggle," admitted Carl afterwards. "I took longer to settle in than I would have liked. But I got some breaks when I needed them and at the end of the day I was pleased to win."

Modest words but in truth it was a victory well deserved and watched by millions.

Without doubt the event was a great success and hopefully it will be repeated next year. On this showing there is little to separate the four players. Prean showed he can take early setback and fight back. Douglas, forget his age he's playing as well now as he did ten years ago, will surely be missed if he is thinking of hanging up his bat.

Alan Cooke who was doubtless disappointed by his performance in coming fourth, should forget this one and turn his attentions to greater things. While Chen the 'un-known' factor in this all star line-up is still a player of outstanding ability.

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*Alan Cooke - unlucky*



*Desmond... all action*

### RESULTS

**1st Round:**

Chen Xinhua bt Alan Cooke 21-16, 25-23

Desmond Douglas bt Carl Prean 21-19, 21-19

**2nd Round:**

Carl Prean bt Chen Xin Hua 16-21, 21-19, 21-17

Alan Cooke bt Desmond Douglas 24-22, 21-18

**Semi-finals:** Desmond Douglas bt Chen Xin Hua 16-21, 21-5, 21-15

Carl Prean bt Alan Cooke 21-19, 19-21, 21-19

**Final:**

Carl Prean bt Desmond Douglas 21-9, 19-21, 21-16



*Chen.. never allowed to settle down*



*Carl Prean on his way to the title*

# MAGNIFICENT

## Andrea heads off challenge to win title

THE inclusion of a Friday evening international and international team event to this new and indeed first senior tournament of the season attracted a strong entry (including a small foreign contingent) and gave the sponsors M & G the opportunity to see England's elite players in action early in the season, reports Diccon Gray.

The Friday evening friendly between England and France was held in the sports hall at Peniel Academy, Brentwood. A 3-3 draw was enjoyed by a full house of approximately 350 and a banquet for players, officials, sponsors and VIP's followed.

The tournament itself was held on Saturday and Sunday at the magnificent Brentwood International Centre. First class presentation and superb facilities set the scene for a high standard of play. On Saturday in the individual events the main upset came when Jonathan Taylor despatched Brad Billington.

However the top four seeds in the mens singles came through to the semi-finals where Xinhua Chen repeated his slaughter in the Leeds English Open of top seed French ace Jean-Phillipe Gatién to gain a comfortable two straight victory. Gatién proving once more his vulnerability to defenders.

In the other semi-final Alan Cooke beat Desmond Douglas for the second time this season after having disposed of the Frenchman Marmurek in the quarters and

avenging last seasons European league loss. In the final Alan had his chance in the first game but eventually fell in two very close games to Xinhua.

Unfortunately, a midweek European League injury deprived the tournament of the ex-Chinese woman Wang Xiao Ming who would have been a red hot favourite for the womens singles title. This however opened the way for Andrea Holt to follow up her end of season good form by taking the title without the loss of a set.

She defeated both Lisa Lomas and Alison Gordon with her more decisive hitting proving to give her the edge. Foreign resistance ended in the semi-finals when Coubat (France) went out to Gordon.

Coubat had earlier put paid to national champion Fiona Elliot in the quarters and it was Fiona who



ended Marie Svensson's interest in round two.

In the invitation team event upsets and controversy galore with matches consisted of four mens singles and one womens singles. England's first team of Douglas, Cooke and Gordon beat Denmark and Team Peniel 2nd, but surprisingly lost to France 2nd 3-2.

In the other group there was a three-way tie between England 2nd (Syed, O'Driscoll and Holt), France and Team Peniel. England beat France, Syed recording a double beating European No. 6. Gatién. Team Peniel beat England and France beat Team Peniel. Scotland did not win a game.

After much deliberation, including phone calls to and from France and the sitting of a jury, the method of calculating who should go through to meet France in the final was agreed and France duly beat France 2nd in an anticlimatic final.

Final presentations were made to Sir Robert McCrindle (MP for Brentwood and non-executive director of M&G) and sales manager M&G Graham Sinclair. The late finish was an unavoidable consequence of the earlier debate but should not be allowed to detract from a highly successful tournament which may well aspire to 5 Star status in the future.

## FIVE STAR TOURNAMENTS

*There was lots of silverware on show at Nuneaton League Presentation Dance. Seen here is ladies singles winner Irene Burrows along with other winners.*

The following Tournaments have been awarded 5 Star status for 1990/91:

**Cleveland 5 Star**  
12th/13th January 1991

Venue:  
Thornaby Pavilion  
Trenchard Avenue  
Thornaby  
Cleveland  
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**Wiltshire 5 Star**  
9th/10th February 1991

Venue:  
The Link Centre  
Whitehill Way  
Westlea  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
Organiser: W. Willson  
Tel: 0793 536498

**Essex 5 Star**  
30th/31st March 1991

Venue:  
The Brentwood International Centre  
Doddinghurst Road  
Brentwood  
Essex  
Organiser: D. Roife  
Tel: 04024 72341

Attention is drawn to the additional ranking points attached to 5 Star status.



# Albert takes up position with ITTF

AFTER nearly 23 years service, Albert Shipley leaves the position of ETTA General Secretary to join the International Table Tennis Federation as Tournament Director.

Following service as a club and league secretary in Bromley, Kent, Albert was given the opportunity to make his hobby his job when he was appointed ETTA Administrative Secretary in 1967. Serving under Derek Tremayne for eight years and one year with Roy Taylor, he was then made General Secretary in 1976 just as the build-up to the 1977 World Championships was beginning to escalate.

A personal invitation to conduct an umpires seminar in Mexico in 1978 led on to further such invitations to Barhein, Dubai, Morocco, Greece and Venezuela. His skill as a M.C. led to invitations from the ITTF to attend World Cup events in China, Kenya, Kuala Lumpur and Trinidad. These trips, combined with acting as ETTA delegate at world and european championships from 1978 to 1987 gave him much of the experience necessary to amply qualify him for a job with the international body.

All who knew Albert will be sorry to see him go. An affable man who always considered himself lucky in that his job was his hobby, he knew more about the sport and its politics than most.

During his time at ETTA he served under five chairmen including Ivor Eyles, Conrad Jaschke, Charles Wyle, Tom Blunn and

# Ted also moves on

ON the 21st September Ted Wallbuton left the ETTA in order to take up a new appointment, generally seen as the 'top job in Squash', that of Chief Executive of the International Governing Body.

Ted, who has been with us for over three years, gave us devoted and distinguished service, bringing to his tasks a highly professional approach as well as a fresh and innovative mind.

He played a major and indispensable part in the substantial progress the sport has made during the last three or so years. We wish him every success and happiness and hope to see him often at our future events.

John Prean  
CHAIRMAN  
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currently John Prean. At least by moving just down the road to ITTF headquarters in St. Leonards-on-Sea he will not be lost forever and we will have a good friend there to call on.



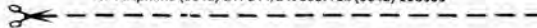
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# DOUBLES MATCH

ALAN COOKE and SUSAN RICHMOND took on a partnership of a more permanent nature when they got married during the summer and not surprisingly among the guests were a number of table tennis stars looking very different after swapping track suits for lounge suits. The reception was held in the grounds of Susan's home at Cockleberry Farm in East Cowton.



Our picture shows the couple together with some of the most well known names in the sport. Not so well known yet just as important was Alan's sponsor Brian Thomas. Brian (front row right) is chairman of Automatic Valve Systems, a supplier of valves and pneumatic components to industry and who has taken a close interest in Alan's progress since 1984.

# SUPER SUB SOUTER

*Mike Loveder will be keeping in touch with British League action and starts the season by suggesting that it could be a one horse race*



John Souter

**ENGLAND currently have four players among the top 40 in the world. Two of them, Alan Cooke and Desmond Douglas, have been signed up to continue to play for the newly-named NFD Grove Table Tennis Club.** Ably assisted by our up and coming teenagers Bradley Billington and Chris Oldfield they are looking to retain the British League title in 1990/91. NFD Grove TTC have succeeded in re-cruiting John Souter as a player and coach.

He will not only strengthen the second team, but will also be a rather useful reserve for the first team. He has come in from the west country's Bathwick Tyres to replace Sean Gibson who has moved on to play for Essex-based Team Peniel.

Perhaps a little ironically, Grove and the newly-promoted Team Peniel meet each other in the first round of British League fixtures.

What is NFD? I hear you ask! During the summer months Grove have landed themselves a major sponsorship deal with National Fuel Distributors, a branch of the coal-mining industry I'm told.

Their valuable input, together with the provision of Renault cars and mini-buses from Farmers Garage in Market Drayton, and an equipment sponsorship from Butterfly, help to make NFD Grove TTC an even more formidable organisation.

## Europe

Though based in Market Drayton (somewhere in the wilds of the north-west!), the club has the opportunity to do their sponsors proud - being the only club in the whole of Europe to have a mens team and a ladies team in the Europe Club Cup competitions.

By the time this article is published the mens team will have travelled to play Sporting Club of Portugal, the first round being in September. The ladies team has been drawn to entertain the TTC Dietikon of Switzerland.

Even with Fiona Elliot playing much of

the time in France, NFD Grove have a pretty impressive ladies squad. Andrea Holt has moved from Vymura International to team up with Alison Gordon, Jill Harris, Julie Billington and Helen Lower.

## Provisional Premier line up:

### NFD Grove:

Alan Cooke, Des Douglas, Brad Billington, Chris Oldfield.

### Ormesby:

Chen Xinhua, Michael O'Driscoll, Nigel Eckersley, John Broe.

### Peniel:

Sean Gibson, Steve Dorking, John Holland, Richard Darnell.

### Ellenbro:

Graham Sandley, Ewan Walker, Colin Wilson, Tony Stark.

### Bath:

Chris Rogers, Adrian Moore, Kevin Satchell, Grant Solder.

### Cardiff:

Tony Taylor, Paul Giles, Steve Ward, Paul Lewis.

### DML Destroyers:

Paul Whiting, Mike Short, Gary Wilson, Gary Lambert.

### W Warwicks:

Phil Gunn, Adrian Dixon, Barry Johnson, Andy Rich.

Perhaps a one horse race from the outset, subject to in-season recruitment. Ormesby are minus their usual Canadian registrations. Team Peniel come in looking relatively strong on paper while Bath drop into the 'average' looking category.

Ellenborough introduce Ewan Walker from Scotland and Butterfly Cardiff have wrestled Steve Ward from their local rivals. DML Destroyers (Plymouth), alias this that and the other, live to fight another season in the Premier despite gaining no league points last year. However their chances of survival seem to be slightly improved.

West Warwickshire look to be struggling from the outset but could cause some upsets if they find their form together.

As for NFD Grove — they must be glad that they are playing in Europe as they are in a class of their own. Their only challenge at the moment seems to be to overcome Chen Xinhua...

Players I tipped to do well in the October 1989 issue have made some progress — mostly in an upward direction and their inclusion in British League teams has no doubt contributed.

In the mens rankings over the last year Jonathon Taylor has moved up from 27 to 16. From Essex, Grant Solder has progressed from 59 to 29 and his Chelmsford OC's teammate Tommy Cutler went from 86 to 42. Neil Pickard from Norwich did fairly well moving from 72 to 49 but Leigh Jeffries was a little disappointing only moving up seven places from 65.

## Tough

Scott Grennbrook went from 105 to 62 but found it tough going playing at No 1 for Rejects in Division 1 South during the second half of the season. Fellow 'Reject' Paul Carter slipped down seven places to 123 to my surprise, but he didn't do too badly among the juniors. It shouldn't take him too long to regain and retain a top 100 position. I understand that Neil Bevan suffered an injury which explains his dip from 49 to 67.

Andrew Eden defied his critics playing for Peniel. Having now been tested on the senior circuit he has recorded a meteoric rise from 118 to 57. What ever happened to Alan Cole? — maybe this season... The 'blast from the past' came in the form of Ellenborough's Colin Wilson who has suddenly shot back up from 96 to 30.

Players to watch out for this season, at the risk of possibly stating the obvious, I think must include Surrey's Edward Hatley who currently appears at 299 on the mens list, and his friend and rival Alexander Perry — that is if they find the time for senior events at their tender age!

# EUROPE - HERE WE COME



A rare picture of Grove's British League winning teams along with their trophies. It is the first time since Ormesby did the double in the 1970's that two teams from the same club will have qualified to play in Europe. New signings since this picture was taken could make Grove a powerful force in the coming months.

*Left to right: (Men) Alan Cooke, Bradley Billington, Chris Oldfield, Desmond Douglas, Sean Gibson. (Women) Fiona Elliot, Julie Billington, Alison Gordon, Helen Lower, Jill Harris (Picture: Geoff Twiss)*

## PURDY WINS JUNIOR TITLE

THE National Under 11 Championships were once again played at the Mansfield Leisure Centre following the Schools Individual Championships. Numbers in both the boys and girls events rose from 112 in 1989 to 163 this year.

The tournament commenced at 10am and was completed by 6.30pm due to the co-operation of players, coaches and parents. It was played in groups of 4 with group winners progressing to a knock out tournament later. There were 26 boys groups and 15 girls groups.

The groups were umpired by the players themselves (with the help of parents) and so the tournament kept to schedule. The tournament was due to have a coaching session after the finals but due to the number of competitors there was not sufficient time to hold it, but Don Parker was present and answered any questions that were asked of him.

The boys singles final was a repeat of last year with Steven

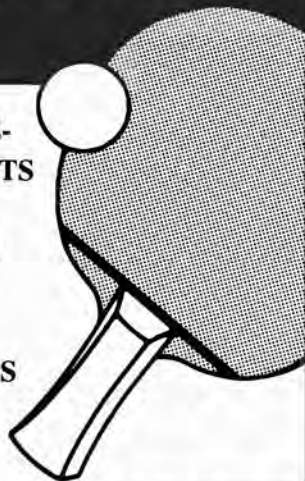
Meddings (Birmingham) playing David Purdy (Sheffield). This year however the winner was David Purdy reversing last years result when he won -18, 19, 17.

The girls final was played between Nicola Smith and Nicola Silburn. Both girls attend the same school in Leeds so showing the strength of the game in that area. The result was a win for Nicola Smith 12, -20, 10.

The tournament was attended by ETTA Vice Chairman Stuart Sneyd and Jackie Bellinger who selected the under 12 squad for national training.

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# NO DOUBLES BUT MORE LADIES

THE popularity of the Championships continues and there is yet a further increase in the number of teams competing — now totalling 187!

The senior section has 64 teams, the veterans 67 and, disappointingly, a slight decrease in junior teams to 56. With more than 60 senior and veteran teams there are again 3rd divisions.

An important topic, particularly over the last two seasons, has been the participation of ladies in the championships. At the annual conference in June the county championships committee prompted further thought and discussion with a proposal that, in the senior and junior sections, the ladies/girls should each play two singles instead of one singles and a ladies doubles.

This meant omitting the mens doubles as it was considered that 10 events was the maximum number per match. county representatives at conference were almost unanimous in the wish to improve the participation of ladies in matches. There was disappointment at the loss of doubles events but the proposal received very good support and the change in rules was agreed. senior and junior sections matches will now comprise 6 mens singles and 4 ladies singles events.

I strongly support the changes made but naturally disappointed at the loss of doubles events. I see all match score sheets and record players' wins/losses in singles and doubles events. From this I see how often the results of doubles events, especially with ladies, can be surprising when compared with singles results in the same match. My feeling is that the results of matches this season will be more predictable.

Another change, agreed at the 1989 conference, takes effect this season. There will be 2 ladies in the senior premier division teams — as already applies to the junior premier division. It is hoped this, and the change to 2 singles, may encourage more of the top ranked ladies to participate.

I will be continuing with the Telecom line (0898-884418). With 26 divisions, and a suggested two minute message, there is a severe limit on what can be reported on any one occasion. It is the intention to give news on all divisions throughout the season.

Fixtures start on 29th September so by the time these notes appear, over 70 matches will have been played. In addition, the first round of junior premier division matches will have taken place at St. Neots



*Doug Moss reports on new changes for the coming months, and feels they could make match results more predictable.*

Table Tennis Club. Lancashire wrested the title from Yorkshire, the champions for so many seasons. Essex were also strong challengers last season so the competition seems open.

It seems Lancashire's three top boys — Andrew Eden, Howard Whewell and Darren Howarth — will not be eligible agewise but Maria Thornley and Karen Richardson, will be able to compete.

The Maurice Goldstein Challenge match is to continue this season. It will be between Middlesex, the champions, and Derbyshire, runners-up, in the Senior Premier Division. The match will be played on Saturday, 13 October, the venue being the Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre.

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*Lancashire's Andrew Eden with some of the prizes he won last season*



# TESTING TIME AT HOLLABRUNN

by KEVIN SATCHELL

The team event began with the junior boys (Andrew Eden, Grant Solder and Leigh Jeffries) placed with Switzerland, Israel, Czechoslovakia and Luxembourg. The Czechs proving the best winning the group unbeaten. England finished third with wins over Switzerland and Luxembourg, but losing out to a much improved Israel and missing out on qualification for the top eight.

The Junior Girls (Ellen Meddings, Maria Thornley and Joanne Roberts) were in with Hungary, Finland and Ireland and a Greek team which failed to arrive. A single 3-0 victory over Ireland put the girls also in third place after the first stage.

A second entry in the Cadet Boys meant that Alex Perry, Edward Hatley and Darren Blake were in a group of eight for the first stage. Two wins over Wales and East Germany came from this with

**THIS years European Youth Championships in Hollabrunn turned out to be a strong test of character for all involved. In extreme heat both inside and outside the playing hall the English squad of hopefuls found themselves up against it from the start.**

Czechoslovakia and West Germany topping the group (eventually silver and bronze medalists respectively). Three defeats of 3-2 and two deciders being at deuce in the third, left us feeling a little unlucky.

The cadet girls, Nicola Deaton and Sally Marling lost to Russia and Yugoslavia in their group of six but good wins against Finland, Denmark and Austria put them in third spot also.

In the second stage of the tournament and the eventual position play-offs the junior boys defeated Turkey but lost to Finland in a crucial contest for places and despite a 5-0 drubbing of Spain and a repeat victory over Switzerland —

a good team effort — finished at seventeenth position.

The junior girls beat Denmark but lost to Luxembourg in stage two and defeats against Austria and Norway left them in 20th position.

The cadet boys lost 3-2 to Israel, but a strong finish defeating Turkey, Luxembourg and finally Switzerland left them thinking what might have been and a disappointing 19th place.

The cadet girls finished in 11th place with a 3-0 defeat by Czechoslovakia from the second stage and victories over Spain and France. With both Nicola and Sally in this age group next year they

have every opportunity to improve on this.

There is no doubt that an awful lot of hard work needs to be put in to bring us success. In the individual event no English player figured strongly, but a third round run by Leigh Jeffries did much to lift his confidence after a disappointing team event.

Torban Wosik of West Germany won the boys singles and Vera Wirth from Hungary the junior girls. In the cadet girls Anna Gogrita of Rumania defeated Kulaqina of Russia and the promising Kostner of West Germany lost 25-23 in the 3rd to Sergu Andinunov of Russia in the cadet boys.

A more than tough tournament for our team, and lessons learned by many that success on the domestic circuit is not as far as it goes.



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# KOREANS ROMP HOME AGAIN

by JOHN WOODFORD

SEVEN gold medals including the boys and girls team events for South Korea was the final score as the nine-strong Asian squad tightened their stranglehold on the Leeds English Junior Open at Bridlington. Whether invitations should continue to be sent to Seoul is a matter that will have to be decided in the corridors of ETTA power in due course.

The Korean policy of sending young teams abroad to gain valuable experience especially in Europe they will see as having paid off — Yoo Nam Kyu the reigning Olympic champion is a former winner of the English Junior Open but he won that title in Korea. On other trips abroad the Koreans both at senior and junior level have rarely reached their full potential, that it seems is why Korea, the South anyway, believe in sending their youngsters abroad.

## Team Events

England's top teams managed to lose without meeting the Koreans. Our boys were brought down 3-0 by Sweden and the England girls were defeated 3-1 by France, both in the second round, failing to reach the semi-finals.

A year earlier England had Michael O'Driscoll in the junior ranks and capable of beating the Koreans, as he did at the time, but regretfully we have at the moment no junior players of the O'Driscoll calibre in the junior ranks, despite gallant performances by Grant Solder and Andrew Eden, the two top-rated England boys.

John Prean reminded us in the programme (written before the event). "Those who saw and remember a magical Olympic final between Yoo Nam Kyu and Kim Ki Taek, seen by hundred of millions on television all over the world, may recall that both were on view at English Junior Opens. Yoo was here as recently as 1985 and fought out tremendous battles with Carl Prean, each player winning one of the contests. Yoo was already junior champion of Asia, Prean was about to become junior champion of Europe. We saw history in the making and matches of absolute top class. I have little doubt that this will happen again this time."

History seems unlikely to repeat itself as Carl Prean and Michael O'Driscoll were higher in their class when juniors and the Koreans at Bridlington seemed to be either in their last year as juniors or ineligible. However, they were talented players with powerladen top-attacks, but I could not spot a potential Olympic champion for Barcelona in 1992.

England captain Donald Parker, present throughout the week-end said "We have several excellent prospects in the younger age groups, notably Sally Marling, Nicola Deaton and Alex Perry, but our older juniors are not so strong as in recent years".

## Sally My Choice

Miss Marling was the player who caught my eye at Bridlington and she did the same in London at the Leeds Youth Cup finals. She seems to bristle with both determination and an armoury of fierce attacking shots that proved too strong for all her opponents in her age group in London and Bridlington.

Not far behind the Yorkshire lass is Nicola Deaton, coached by impresario and entrepreneur Colin Deaton. The two girls met in the cadet girls Bridlington final. To prove a point Nicola took the first game 15, but Sally came from the rear to win 10, 13.

Alex Perry, star pupil at the West Country "stable" of coach Malcolm Francis reached the final of the cadet boys event and was so narrowly beaten 16, -18, -20 by Jurgan Pastors of Holland.

Lacking in height Perry seems to spend most of his time a pace or two back from the table piling on the top-spin loops of the most vicious brand and profiting from the mistakes of his opponents.

But he seems to have the ability to play closer to the table and he certainly approaches the game as if he is determined to win. He will of course, have to accept more umpiring decisions with more grace than he did at



Grant Solder

the Youth Cup finals.

So, how far did our strongest boys advance? The answer is that Andrew Eden and Neil Bevan were the only two English boys to reach the last sixteen, both in the bottom half. Eden went down 19, 18 to Christophe Legout (France) in a thrilling battle whilst Bevan was brought down by the second seed Park Sang Joon, who earlier had accounted for Alan Cole (Sussex) 16, 10.

## Major Shock

England managed five girls in the last sixteen of the singles. The five included Nicola Deaton whose win over the second seed Petra Fichtinger (Austria) the second seed provided the biggest surprise of the three-day event. Nicola beat Fichtinger 18, 20, going on to beat Ingrid Bogren (Sweden) to reach the quarter-finals, the only English girl to reach the quarters, where she lost to Kim Boon Silk. It looked doubtful if Bogren and Fichtinger would have survived against the Korean girl had they clashed.

But Miss Deaton made her mark and duly received the special cash award from the Leeds Permanent Building Society who were involved in staging the very last event of their three-year sponsorship. Miss Marling was also a special award recipient.

The event was also the very last under the ETTA Tournaments Committee, presided over by Doreen Stannard. This group of stalwart referees, organisers and umpires have completed sterling work over many years and it was sad to see them bow out. Perhaps some may return at some future time.

## The Korean Problem

There is one argument in favour of inviting Asian teams such as the South Koreans — it gives our young players experience against Oriental opposition. But there are powerful schools of thought who say "why should we

continue to invite them? — they smother the tournament, in this case they took all five titles in their age groups."

I joined the onlookers who believed that several of the boys in the Korean squad appeared to be over age — in fact one of them appeared to be not far short of twenty. The same opinion was raised I am told, when they played some matches at the Peniel Academy prior to travelling to Bridlington.

## Nightmare

The problem of trying to tell the boys from the girls in the Asian teams has become even more pronounced — the cropped hair-do's favoured by many young ladies world-wide now provides an identification nightmare.

South Korea has almost dominated the last two, possibly three English Junior Opens at Bridlington. We are certain by going there again next year, but I feel that the time has come to leave out the Koreans and hope we can attract some other nations instead.

The experiment tried in Manchester of running the team event after the individual events was given another airing in Bridlington but it produced an anticlimax of monumental size because the Koreans dominated. So few people were interested in watching the Koreans when many were hundreds of miles from home and facing long journeys, that towards the end less than half-a-dozen spectators were left, apart from ETTA Chairman John Prean, deputy chair Alan Ransome both flanking the local dignitaries who seemed too polite to plead other pressing engagements.

It appears that the Bridlington tournament lends itself to running the team event first.

# ETTA County Supplement

## BERKSHIRE

Bob Adams

BERKSHIRE LEAGUES have always included among their better players a fair number who have been in contention for international status under the auspices of the British Sports Association for the Disabled. Chris Ball, Stewart Anderson, both currently playing in Bracknell, and John Jenkins all come to mind. Now Roger Cherowbrier, from Division 1 of the Newbury League, seems set to join them, following his successful appearance for South of England last year, his award of a silver medal at the British Les Autres (the others) Sports Association National Championships, and yet another silver at the British Amputee Sports Association National Games at Stoke Mandeville in which he lost to David Hope, Great Britain No.1.

The County Committee are carefully examining their plans for the County Closed Tournament, which although still some months off, is felt needs a shot of fresh energy if it is to attract the bulk of the players from the four leagues. Whilst the playing standard of the tournament has remained high, particularly with respect to the quality of the contenders for the titles, it seems that a lot of players regard League tournaments (let alone County ones) as something in which they have no chance of reaching the final stages and so decline to enter. They envisage (if they think about it at all) an early exit at round one followed by a long wait for the doubles with similar results, and, one must admit, they are probably right.

We are assured that all this will change in Berkshire in 1990/91 not that everyone will become County Champion, but that there will be more events, less chance of an early playing exit, and more attention paid to an enjoyable day out. Dare I tempt readers to examine this column next year to read about the massive increase in attendance?

## CUMBRIA

Gordon Brown

AS A director of Whitehaven Rugby League Football Club, Ron Batty had not much to cheer during the 1989/90 season. But making a comeback in the local table tennis league after an absence of almost a quarter of a century, the former Cumbria county star had plenty of reason to be happy.

The 48 year old Whitehaven garage proprietor seemed to have a tiger in his tank as he powered his way through a tough second division programme without dropping a set. In fact, helping his side to an inevitable championship and promotion, Batty, who once reached the North of England Junior final, was only once taken to three games. That was against Peter Draper of YMCA D whose E team of Paul and Kevin Reay and Ray Messenger sprang a surprise by landing the Halsall Trophy knockout team handicap, usually a preserve of the first division in spite of severe handicaps. But first division newcomers Workington Town Boys' Club just could not overcome a handicap of 106 and finished 22 short on the final clash.

Presenting the Halsall Trophy and the first and second division championship cups, unbeaten Whitehaven News having collected the top section, league Chairman John Cotterill said he was delighted to see a Workington team back in the league after a lapse of many years. He hoped the Club would be the first of many to return to the fold.

### Whitehaven League

#### Final Tables

##### Division One

|                   | P  | W  | D | L  | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|
| Whitehaven News   | 18 | 15 | 3 | 0  | 33  |
| Whitehaven YMCA A | 18 | 12 | 3 | 3  | 27  |
| Whitehaven YMCA B | 18 | 11 | 3 | 4  | 25  |
| Whitehaven YMCA C | 18 | 5  | 2 | 11 | 12  |
| Windscale         | 18 | 3  | 5 | 10 | 11  |

|                    |    |   |   |    |   |
|--------------------|----|---|---|----|---|
| Beckermest         | 18 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 9 |
| Workington Town BC | 18 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 9 |

### Division Two

|                     |    |    |   |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|---|----|----|
| Whitehaven Sports C | 18 | 18 | 0 | 0  | 36 |
| Mirehouse           | 18 | 11 | 4 | 3  | 26 |
| YMCA E              | 18 | 11 | 1 | 6  | 23 |
| YMCA D              | 18 | 7  | 3 | 8  | 17 |
| Telecom             | 18 | 7  | 3 | 8  | 17 |
| St Benedict's       | 18 | 2  | 3 | 13 | 7  |
| Maryport Boys' Club | 18 | 2  | 0 | 16 | 4  |

## DORSET

Martin Hughes

### County Championships

DORSET SENIOR 1st team finished in an excellent third place last season in division 2B, with Tony Clayton winning nine out of ten games. This secured him second place in the individual averages behind Kevin Satchell who was responsible for his only defeat.

Cheryl Skevington and Tracy Scott-Pawson also had an excellent record, winning four out of five, and three out of four respectively, and winning three out of four doubles.

The veteran firsts had an excellent campaign last season, winning division 2D with five victories and no defeats. Joyce Coop was undefeated in five outings whilst Mike Toole was the best of the men with eight wins from ten games.

The veteran seconds also had a good season, finishing in second place in division 3B with Eric Buckley winning six of his eight encounters and Jean Smith winning three out of four.

### National Councillor

Dorset will have a new National Councillor this season as Harvey Webb takes over from Don Robinson. Don has been Dorset's leading official over many years, holding numerous

posts in the Association, and he still remains as Chairman.

Harvey is well known on the national scene, having organised many national events as well as being an active umpire and official. His enthusiasm for the game ensures that Dorset will have an excellent Councillor.

### The British League

Jolliffe Poole will again be competing in the Second Division South of the British League and they will be led by Tony Clayton. Mark Werner returns to the squad for the new season after a self imposed four year absence and his return should help Jolliffe Poole's results this season after finishing in a disappointing seventh place last season. The other squad members are John Robinson, Jason Creasey, Martin Hughes, Barry Hill and Terry Glennon.

Ellenborough, Fellows Cranleigh, Horsham Dolphins and Rejects will renew their challenges whilst AHW (Bletchley) Comets, Gunnersbury Triangle and TSP Larkhall are the new opposition.

### Poole and District League

Current title holders Lytchett A start the new season as favourites to lift the first division trophy again this season, with Broadstone OB expected to put up the strongest opposition.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Alf Peppard

DESPITE APPARENT coaching being given top priority throughout the County - when it comes to the crunch, it's unquestionably the old Uns that still rule the roost, for example in last April's Stroud Finals Night - Veteran Alan Giles so easily retained his singles title beating a much younger opponent Martin Harper 15, 17 and rubbing salt into already existing wounds. Giles is extremely unlikely to see

his 50th birthday again - bully for him.

Continuing the age factor saga, the amazing Dave Harvey (ranked No. 48 in the ETTA Junior senior rankings) and enjoying his first ever season as a Veteran, took the Gloucester closed singles by 21-18 in the final game versus 27 year old Michael Owens, and a few nights later over in Cheltenham, Harvey totally annihilated Graham Slack 8, 8 in the Towns closed singles final, here again the difference in ages was most noticeable - to hazard a guess somewhere in the region of 15 or 16 years.

Neither of these Veteran players have had any coaching, the latter was not available in their younger days - great emphasis is placed upon coaching today, but in the ultimate long run it is still the old Uns in Gloucestershire that carry off the majority of senior cups and trophies and at the moment - with seemingly apparent ease.

However, there is one youngster in Gloucestershire duly described as having "ALL BOUNCE", AGGRESSION AND ARROGANCE" (not my words - quote "Focus on points" April 1990), Gloucester Cities official newsletter, who could ere long knock some of the old uns right off their present championship status.

I will for the moment refrain from mentioning his name, but there will be few readers of this column who have not heard of him, and without doubt will hear much more as we move into the immediate future.

The Old Market Printers Gloucester Table Tennis League has for numerous seasons always promoted a Handicap Knockout team competition, using the same format of play last season's number of entries slumped considerably.

With this fact in mind Andy Browett (a former club General Secretary) decided to do something about matters, quite early last summer he drew up a proposed new schedule of rules and playing conditions - including allocated special weeks during

the season for handicap play only. Andy then duly presented his findings to the City Committee in Mid-July where upon after much serious thought and discussion, the Chairman rightly put it to the vote, Aye or Nay as to whether to continue the tournament upon these new lines or not.

The Executive decided by a 5 to 4 vote against holding the competition next season, now it appears to this ancient old scribe that some members are perhaps a little frightened of new thoughts and ideas instead as most table tennis committees these days appear only too keen to be promoting our sport.

To ultimately survive, table tennis has to adapt some new thoughts and ideas into its playing curriculum and at least one great factor was achieved at this year's AGM when the League agreed to adopt the ETTA ruling of using red/black coloured bats for this forthcoming season, a very welcome decision - perhaps some City players still oppose it?

New ideas are not always restricted - appressive or even vengeful, often they are merely a blueprint for a reasonably better table tennis existence based on sound common sense, table tennis committees should at all times where possible be in the business of always trying to promote our sport, because sadly no one else will.

## Coaching in Gloucester City

Gloucester TTA will this season miss the great help and dedication that former 2 Star Coach Paddy Jackson gave for the past 11 years, Paddy has now retired and his position as Senior Coach has been taken over by George Novoth who I understand is looking forward to the new season of continuing to supply, not only the City, but the County also with youngsters willing and able enough to progress at our sport.

## Crypt Tigers TTC

### History

The Crypt TTC was founded in the early 1980's as a coaching centre for Gloucester in direct association with Oxstalls. Many talented youngsters have passed through into ranking lists - in 1990 three new coaches ie Judy Morley, Lesley Dewick and Mike Flynn were enrolled and gained sponsorship from the Gloucester City AFC. A firm bond has been established, hence the Crypt 'Tigers'.

### Future Ambitions

The coaches aspire to establish a Division 1 place and become a fully equipped club within a two year period - also to stage a prestigious local championship by 1992. What can one say? But to wish them well.

## Bits and Pieces

Raymond Powell, the county's No. 1 Junior player has signed on as first reserve for Cheltenham Saracens in the British League Division 2 Midlands.

Elaine Marshall, a severely disabled player from Gloucester, took part in the recent World Disabled Championships at Assam in the Netherlands - Elaine has this season signed on for the large Rudford Club where she will be playing in the Gloucester City 4th Division.

having been rebuilt during the summer months.

Sadly at the end of last season our county General Secretary Neil Hurford stepped down from office after several years loyal service, due to extra work pressures. Everyone concerned with table tennis respected Neil, and will wish him every success for the future.

Bravely Brian Gale of Barnet has volunteered to take the reins of the General Secretary's post. Brian, who has taken early retirement from work, will probably be able to fit into his busy life the duties of General Secretary and prove to be a real asset to the County.

Another loss to Hertfordshire is the news that Joe Morris, a popular coach of many years service in Hemel Hempstead, has moved to South West Wales, following his early retirement as a Manager of a sports centre in Tring.

Meanwhile back to the nuts and bolts of table tennis, actually playing the game, with the good news that Meredews of North Herts, the current champion club trophy holders, have not disbanded following the closure of Meredews Furniture factory in Letchworth, but have found new premises, playing in a pub!

Captain of the Late Meredews team Arto Viravorian, was instrumental in finding the new premises, the Three Horseshoes in Norton, near Letchworth. There was more good news for Hertfordshire when Adeyfield of Hemel Hempstead won the Alpha Herts/Beds Cup, when they beat Bedford Modern 5-1 in the final at Warren Springs, in Stevenage.

The three gladiators of Adeyfield Glen Wilkes, Rob Liquorish and Mike Levene, all played their parts in this brilliant win, but worthy of an extra mention was Rob Liquorish's great victory over Bedford Moderns highly ranked Graham McKim.

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## HERTFORDSHIRE

John Wood

SUMMER HAS come and gone here in leafy Hertfordshire and everyone is looking forward to a successful, as well as an enjoyable season in 1990/91.

The Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Hertfordshire's adopted headquarters, has had a facelift, with the toilets and showers

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## HUNTINGDONSHIRE David Deller

THREE WINS from 15 County matches played last season from Hunts, certainly did not set the Championships alight. For the first full season of the nineties, we will again run three teams, one senior and two veterans. It was the veterans first team that had two of our three gains last term. We look for better results over the next few months.

The ever busy St Neots Table Tennis Centre is busy preparing for the new season with the club fully booked through to next April. They popular St Neots Invitation League is fully booked with four divisions fully subscribed with a total of forty league teams representing Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire. The club will stage both the opening sessions of the senior and junior Premier County Championships, the British Disabled tournament, the Eastern region Junior Trials and coaching sessions along with local league, county tournaments etc.

Peterborough enter two teams in the British League for the first time to make a county tally of three joining St Neots first division side. The 'POSH' city's teams will play in division two and three. After winning division three last time, Peterborough under new sponsorship from YUGO cars have maintained their league winning teams players and include county champion Phil Cole amongst their second strings.

At St Ives it is all set for the sixth Inter Club Team Tournament to be held over the weekend of 10/11th November at St Ivo Recreation Centre. 72 club sides have entered, bringing around 350 youngsters to this popular event.

The final league event of the 1989/90 season brought the Hunts Central League to St Ivo where County Ladies Barbara Pace and Pauline Leake contested the ladies with the

former taking a close contest, whilst the mens event was well contested despite the absence of leading league players Philip Cole and Simon Pryke. In the final Mark Fisher defeated youth player Ian Windle in a fine match.

## ISLE OF WIGHT Brian Lamerton

SANDOWN DULY retained the first division championship by 6 points from Rookley 'A' with Newport Vics. 'A' of Shanklin each a further 8 points in arrears. Ventnor 'A', the only team without a win in the top four divisions, languished at the bottom whilst Rookley 'B' enjoyed a 17 point lead at the head of Division 2.

Roger Hookey again enjoyed a 100% individual average with his Sandown teammate Mike Turner (83.3%) just pipping Rookley's Paul Morton (82.3%) into second place. Third Division Plessey's Len Royall was the only other 100 per center.

Finals night at the end of the two week festival of table tennis played in April saw Pete Urry of hard bat fame, win the Veteran event; Steve Allwood the first year singles, Alex Rorke the division 4/5 singles and together with Phillip Rorke the doubles.

It has been a long busy summer, first with the preparation of our scheme for youth development which was accepted by the ETTA for a grant from the development fund; then the surprise gift of 4 new tables from John Prean who has not previously taken the National Chairman's honorarium awarded to him but this year asked that it take the form of 4 tables for use amongst juniors and newcomers at the clubs best situated to provide this opportunity. To date Ryde, Newport Vics and Wroxall have taken delivery of these tables and coaching has gone on

apace throughout the hot weather with John joining in and Carl too freely giving of his time when home from Germany. Carl's experience and local fame of course made it easier to persuade the local media to cover our activities.

More good news for the juniors is that our friends and neighbours from across the Solent, Hampshire, have accepted both Junior and Cadet Island teams into the Hampshire league; the experience to be gained from an anticipated six trips to Southampton where we shall oppose the big guns of the like of Aldershot, Bournemouth, Portsmouth and Southampton will be invaluable.

As we go to press comes news that the 1992/93 Island games will be held in the Isle of Wight. This competition for Islands throughout Europe, previously held in the likes of Guernsey and Malta and this year in Oland (off the SW coast of Sweden) attracts some 2-3000 athletes of all sports. It may well be 3 years away but much planning will be necessary to ensure that table tennis plays a leading role.

## KENT Adrian Hall/ Brian Etherington

H TAFFY PAUL was presented with the ETTA merit award for services to table tennis when he announced his retirement as Hon Gen Sec to the Ashford DTTA at their recent AGM. Taffy moved to Ashford in 1962 to join the police training centre and immediately was involved with the Ashford League as club secretary. He joined the committee 25 years ago and has been the Hon Gen Sec for the past 23 years. Soon to go into hospital for a hip replacement operation, Taffy will still serve as a committee member. May I, on

behalf of all your friends in table tennis, wish you a speedy recovery from your operation and thank you for all your hard work.

It seems a long time since the last magazine but a lot from the end of last season is still unreported.

## Medway League Championships

Bobby Brown fulfilled his rating to win the open singles for the first time in ten years.

Golden oldie Ted Tydeman failed in his bid to add the Medway Veterans title of those he has amassed from all round the county this season.

## Results

### Mens Singles

Bobby Brown b Paul Amos 13, 16

### Ladies Singles

Marylyn Dudgeon b Sue Wilders -18, 15, 17

### Mens Doubles

Graham French/Mickling b Darren Boyce/John White -20, 14, 14

### Mixed Doubles

Alan Longhurst/Jackie Mersh b Mickling/Dudgeon 15, 15

### Ladies Doubles

Jackie Mersh/Mary Bil b Rebecca Butcher/Dudgeon 19, -22, 16

### Mens Veterans

Graham French b Dennis McConkey 13, 16

### Ladies Veterans

Dudgeon b Ball 7, 15

### Juniors

Spencer Thompson b Martin Hewitt

## Sittingbourne League Championships

Phil Saxby took the mens singles crown after a hard fought final against Alan Longhurst

## Results

### Mens Singles

Phil Saxby b Alan Longhurst -17, 9, 12

# Counties 4

## Ladies Singles

Paula Collins b Sarah Hollingworth 17, 13

## Mens Doubles

Dennis/McConkey b Longhurst/Steve Hardman 19, -15, 20

## Mixed Doubles

McConkey/P Collins b Steve Waul/Hollingworth -14, 12, 12

## Ladies Doubles

Collins/Bernadette Austin b

## Mens Veterans

Ted Tydeman b McConkey -14, 14, 15

## Junior Boys

Spencer Thompson b Mathew Bull 14, 19

## Junior Girls

Sarah Baker b Kimberly Dormedy 18, 15

## Tonbridge Championship

## League

Only scribbled notes over dinner with new League Secretary John Neal, but more than has been received from most other leagues.

## Mens Singles

Andrew Houghton

## Ladies Singles

Nicola Duke

## Veterans Singles

Roger alderman

## Junior Singles

Peter Duke

## Mens Doubles

Paul White/Martin Llewellyn

## Mixed Doubles

Peter Duke Snr/Nicola Duke

## Under 12's In National Squad

Maidstone Under 12 girls Rachel Woollven and Laura Pethers, Rotherhithe's Carrie Blake and 8 year old Scott Friday (Medway) have been invited to join the National Under 12 squad. A word of consolation for Alison Smith who failed to gain selection, a particularly hard knock for Alison as she is the reigning Kent Under 11 champion and the strongest of our girls at the moment. Go out and prove them wrong Alison!

## Joan - a World Champion!

Maidstone's Bob Hawkins and Margaret Dignum along with Ashford's Joan Beadle, NW Kent's Pam Butcher and Bromley's Ron Etheridge made the long journey to Baltimore USA for the Veteran World Championships. As I assume a full report will appear elsewhere in the magazine, I will only make comment on the pride of place that must go to Joan Beadle who came home with a gold and silver medal - congratulations and well done Joan! The silver came the hard way, with a field of 60 competitors in the Over 60s singles and paired to meet the No. 2 seed Andree Crevecoeur (Belgium). In the first round Joan won 16, 18 and progressed to the final where she met the No. 1 seed and reigning champion Ursula Fitzgerald (Australia). Joan took the first leg 21-14, lost the second 21-8, the third leg went to expedite but Joan could not hold on and lost again 21-8. Pairing up with Ursula Fitzgerald for the Ladies Over 60 Doubles they had an expedite 21-19, 16-21, 22-20 win (after being 18-20 down) over a Belgian/Swiss pair before beating a German pair 21-15, 21-15 - the final.

## LANCASHIRE George Yates

LITTLE CHANGE was effected at the AGM of the Lancashire TTA held at the Thames Board Mills Social Club on 22nd May with all officers returned unopposed for a further season the same being:

### President -

George R Yates

### Chairman -

Arthur E Upton

### Hon. Gen. Secretary -

John McKim

### Hon. Treasurer -

Derek Hardman

### Hon. County Match Sec. -

Mrs Betty Whitfield

Handbooks are in short supply, the only ones to reach me being those of Bury and District and Bolton. The latter league have been fortunate in securing, for the second season, sponsorship from Bolton Brady Ltd, the industrial doors and specialists and a renewal of the sponsorship of the Individual Divisional Championships from Bolton Timber Company of Wellington Sawmills, West-houghton. The League can boast an increase of six teams over and above last season's 74, with 80 teams being allocated into six divisions on a 14 team basis.

Lancashire and Cheshire League Last season's championship winners were:

## Men

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Division 1         | Stockport            |
| Division 2 (North) | Manchester           |
| Division 2 (South) | Liverpool Bus Houses |
| Division 3 (North) | Preston              |
| Division 3 (South) | Glossop              |
| Division 4         | Wigan                |

## Women

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| Division 1 | Liverpool |
| Division 2 | Wirral    |

## Junior

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Division 1  | Barrow     |
| Division 2A | Barrow 'A' |
| Division 2B | Nelson     |
| Division 3  | Halton     |

## Veterans

|            |                      |
|------------|----------------------|
| Division 1 | Stockport            |
| Division 2 | Halton               |
| Division 3 | Liverpool Bus Houses |
| Division 4 | Manchester           |

This season sees a drop, overall, of three teams. The six men's divisions show an overall drop of 3 teams for out go Mid Lancs (the League has folded), Liverpool 'A', Macclesfield, Rochdale and Rochdale 'A', the newcomers being Glossop, Lancaster and Morecambe. No change in the two women's

divisions again made up of 13 teams but the junior divisions have been reduced from 4 to 3 with 24 teams against 26 last season. Out go Burnley, Crewe 'A', Nelson 'A' and Rochdale with Hyde and St Helens being the newcomers.

The four veteran divisions are maintained with only one faller in Wirral 'B' but three newcomers in Burnley 'A', Halton 'A' and Oldham 'C' increasing the number of teams from 31 to 33. So with 116 teams competing in the four sections Hon Gen Secretary Dennis J Smith need not seek other outlets to fill his spare time - other than Manchester United that is!

## MIDDLESEX Iris Moss

WELL HERE we are again at the start of a new season, with me once again in the secretarial driving seat for Middlesex. As most of you will know, Len Pilditch has decided that he has done his fair share of table tennis work and is now going to be very choosy in what he does (one of the jobs he has agreed to keep on is the Middlesex 3 Star). However his retirement left us without a Deputy Chairman and needing to find someone to run the Premier Division team. The first job was fairly easy to fill, with the obvious choice of Leagues and Committee being that Doreen Stannard should double up as both National Councillor and Deputy Chairman. Fortunately Doreen too, thought it was a sensible idea! With Len having run the first team for so long, the choice of a substitute was not so easy and we were delighted when Mark Mitchell agreed to take it on. We all felt that Mark would be the ideal person but did not know whether his business commitments would allow him to do the job, but I know the team will be as pleased as we

were to know that he would help us in this way.

The other retirement from the Committee was George Walsh, who decided that he would like a 'rest' from meetings. However, he seems to be doing nearly as much work for us as a backroom boy as he did when officially a member of the Committee! We hope that he will return fully to the fold next season. In the meantime we were left with only six nominations for the eight committee places, and therefore decided to invite David Miller (who most of you know) and Kevin Fraher of Willesden to be coopted onto the Committee which I am pleased to say they both accepted.

The Marketing Committee have decided that the Maurice Goldstein challenge match between Middlesex and Derbyshire shall take place on Saturday 13th October 1990. We have not yet managed to arrange a venue but hope to do so in the near future. So please make a note of the date and come along and support your team. The venue will be in next month's issue.

A bit of advance information! We are hoping to hold the Middlesex Junior Closed over the weekend of 12th and 13th January 1991 and the Middlesex Senior Closed over the weekend of 20th and 21st April 1991, both at Ashford, but as I have not yet written asking whether the venue will be available, this is only provisional. I will keep you informed either by way of Middlesex Notes or through the Association Bulletin but in the meantime, make a note in your diary of the dates.

Arrangements for the Middlesex 3 Star Open Championships are going ahead and by the time you read this article, the entry forms should be available. Some will be circulating at the Sussex, so if you have not received a copy by a week after the Sussex, please contact me (but NOT early in the morning).

I wish you all a successful season. Let's all work together to make the name of Middlesex even more famous in table tennis circles.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Dennis Millman

AN UNUSUAL air of expectancy and enthusiasm heralded the dawn of the new season which got off to an early start when the first Junior Top 12 event, sponsored by Express Sports of Sussex, took place on the first Sunday in September, with the Pennine Top 12 for men to follow later in the month.

Similar formats were also provided for the Broadlands Trophy for veterans and the Central Auto Supplies Top 12 for women which were both staged in April. With County No. 1 Veteran Keith Jones away on holiday, the eventual destination of the Broadlands Trophy was difficult to determine and fortunes ebbed and flowed throughout the long day. Finally Brian Dangerfield and Geoff Atkinson, who had spent the season vying for the final place in the County Veteran Firsts, clashed head on in a final, full of fierce attacking play, with Dangerfield becoming the first title holder when he shaded Atkinson 18, -18, 18.

Final placings:

1. Brian Dangerfield
2. Geoff Atkinson
3. Phil Slade
4. Gerald Finney
5. John Baggatt
6. Cliff Bull
7. Mick Edwards
8. Greg Dobrowolski
9. Chas Allen
10. Peter McLellan
11. Tony Fowkes
12. Peter Gibbs

The ladies event was easier to forecast and it was no

surprise when Alison Boxall justified her County No. 1 ranking by beating Margaret Maltby in the final -12, 16, 15. Former No. 1 Anne Vickers (Wallis) made a welcome return to county competition but had limited success while the surprise performance came from former leading junior Joanne Abbott, who finished in fifth place.

Placings:

1. Alison Boxall
2. Margaret Maltby
3. Sally Russell
4. Donna Furniss
5. Joanne Abbott
6. Marcia Izzard
7. Anne Vickers
8. Muriel Cox
9. Ann Smith
10. Clem Little
11. Tracey Marriott
12. Cath Walsh

The ever shortening close season contained the 5th Veteran World Championships staged in the USA at Baltimore. Northants was represented for the first time at this level by Greg Dobrowolski and Dennis Millman. Both started well and qualified for the later stages, but eventually made their exits, unlike ultimate gold medal winners Phyllis Lauder - over 80s singles, Elsie Carrington - over 70s singles, Derek Schofield and Matt Shearer - over 60s doubles and Joan Beadle - over 60s doubles. Supplemented by five silvers and two bronze these successes represented the best return by any of the 47 competing nations.

The Pennine computer ranking system remains a major talking point on the local table tennis scene, having both its advocates and its adversaries, but above all it has acted as a genuine stimulant, particularly within the Wellingborough and Kettering areas. Basically it reflects the criteria of previous achievement, planned effort, consistency, current form and durability, while at the same time listing players in an order of merit. However it has achieved much more than this, not least in

persuading the more enthusiastic players to participate in two, or even three leagues with appropriate benefits to all concerned.

Furthermore it may have been instrumental in creating two new posts within the executive structure and a subsequent change in the format of the county closed tournament, which from this year will take place on two separate occasions - the Seniors in December with a combined Veterans/Junior event in January. To revive the interest of lower division players the Senior tournament will include several class events based on Pennine ranking positions, while the split competition will be expanded, not only by ranking, but also by age.

The ranking system owes most of its development to the father and son team of Gwil and David Evans, and so the growth of Gwil's former Highfield club from its humble beginnings in Rushden, via a brief sojourn in Chelveston, to becoming the largest club in the county at its new headquarters at Rushden Athletic Club, seems but poetic justice.

Another interesting development concerns Kettering Town, for so many years Northamptonshire's premier club, and which this year celebrates its fortieth anniversary. To mark the occasion, the club is inaugurating a special award to be made to the most sporting team in the league which is to be judged by the teams themselves with points awarded at the season's close.

Let us hope that this venture will produce some memorable and happy occasions in the year ahead, and that the true spirit of table tennis will abound, not only in Kettering, but throughout the length and breadth of the county.

## SURREY Terry Vance

THE GRAHAM Spicer Under 13's Tournament was held at New Malden with 113 entrants the results were:

### Under 13 Boys

James Furner b Lal Tulsiani  
Consolation: Andrew Jenkins

### Under 13 Girls

Rachel Forster b Carrie Blake  
Consolation: Cybele Coutet

### Under 12 Boys

James Furner b Shameet Shah  
Consolation: Richard Shama

### Under 12 Girls

Danielle Crouch b Wanda Hutchinson  
Consolation: Erica Fogg/Laura Singh

### Under 11 Boys

Lal Tulsiani b Chris Harris  
Consolation: Mark Psang

### Under 11 Girls

Carrie Blake b Sarah Lane  
Consolation: Wanda Hutchinson

### Under 10 Boys

Shameet Shah b Edward Aarons  
Consolation: Mark Psang  
Unfortunately no Girls Under 10 but I am reliably informed that Carrie Blake is a name to watch for the future.

## Wandsworth League Championships Results

### Singles

Steve Holloway b Selwyn Campbell

### Doubles

Simon Fisher/Richie Bolton b Del Anglin/Mike Pearson

### Veteran Singles

Mike Person b Mike Huband

### Veteran Doubles

Arnold Benning/Tony Foley b Cy Burman/Mike Pearson

### Handicap Singles

P McLoughlin (+12) b Steve Holloway

### Handicap Doubles

R Lockwood/S Holloway b J Maloney/R Malado

Steve Holloway won his 11th title while Mike Huband appeared in his first final. The final league table resulted in yet another win for Earlsfield 'A' from Chesterton. Goldshore 'B' appear in the relegation position with 3 points while joint top of the averages with 93.3% were Dave Bangerter and Steve Holloway.

## Thames Valley League Championships

### Results

#### Mens Singles

S Homer b A Shepherd

#### Ladies Singles

J Barella b K Ashley

#### Veteran Singles

R Langheim b M Isaacs

#### Mens Doubles

S Homer/A Shepherd b M Fisher/G Bateman

#### Mixed Doubles

J Barella/M Fisher b S Bickell/S Duggan

#### Division 1 Singles

S Homer b G Bateman

4/5 S Duggan b M Ashley

6/7 S Sakharolande b R Hopwood

### The Final league tables

#### Division 1:

Winners Ashford;

Runners up Spicer 1

Relegated: Elmbridge, Chessington, Hinchley Wood

Division 2: Winners Rosehill; Runners up MMB 1;; 3rd Moseley all promoted

Relegated: Spicer 5, Alexandra 2, Elmbridge 2

I am sure everyone will wish Ron Wilde a speedy recovery from his argument with a car.

In Division 1 Neil Charles had 100% record. Top of Division 2 averages was Lorraine Garbet.

Croydon and District League is now reduced to only two divisions, having attracted only 23 teams.

A County Youth League is being set up to encourage all the younger players in the county. The benefits of this league will be an early finish for them. no more midnight matches or worried parents!

## National Schools Tournament

Paul Carter, Edward Hatley and Darren Blake won their respective events and were selected to represent England in future events. Diane Chan was chosen as reserve.

Finally, I would like to thank Brian Garraway for all his help and encouragement of Surrey table tennis and wish him many more years of playing in his new county of Dorset.

### Dates to remember:

South of England Junior  
27/28th October 1990

South of England Senior  
23rd/24th February 1991

Surrey Junior Championships  
19/20th January 1991

Surrey Senior Championships  
24/25th November 1990

weekends that would have been taken up by Janet Smith.

Horsham Dolphins are fielding their usual two teams in the British League. They have lost Andy Cunningham to the newly-named Kent club Keinwort Benson playing at Gillingham. Peter Bartram has been forced into the first team by way of his England ranking, Phil Smith will now play at No. 4 with Paul Elphick happy to play in the second team along with Andy Walker, Alan Cole and Paul Barry.

Sussex table tennis clubs and clubs in other sports are mourning the sudden death of Rob Oldfield. His powerful influence on young players everywhere was delightful. Especially in the mid-Sussex area he was respected both as a player and an administrator.

## WARWICKSHIRE Alan Healey

LIKE MANY a (fool) hardy veteran player - I came to regret committing myself, yet again, to the highly competitive annual Birmingham summer League campaign - throughout what turned out to be a record-breaker of intense heat and humidity. However, things are now beginning to cool down again and preparation for the 1990/91 season is well under way.

The Birmingham and District AGM took place on Monday 25th June. The experimental one year old 'number of games won' league system was voted out in favour of another new system which allows 4 points to be shared 'according to achievement'. It was decided to continue with the 12 team per division format, pro tem.

Considerable concern is being expressed by both Birmingham and Warwickshire Association Management

## SUSSEX John Woodford

HIGH-FLYING Sussex with their top two senior teams promoted in the County Championships sounds like a situation calling for celebration. But star players have so many calls on their services that it comes as no surprise that the Sussex and Scottish champion Janet Smith cannot play in either of the two premier weekends on the calendar due to commitments with Scotland that must be carried through if she is to retain her No. 1 spot North of the Border.

However, Sussex champion Adrian Moore, Ritchie Venner and Stephen Moore will have to bear the brunt of the attack for Sussex with Teresa Moore who is still moving up the England rankings occupying the spot in the Championships

Committee's that apart from a number of individual efforts - there is virtually no officially organised table tennis coaching - or creation of new coaches - throughout Warwickshire County - which includes the huge potential of Greater Birmingham area, which was the original home of 'our' Desmond Douglas. Don Richards (Warwickshire County Committee) confirmed that intended coaching at Grove had been cancelled. 'Cost was against running larger rallies within the county, but smaller sessions 'round the towns' could be a possibility.'

Birmingham Schools table tennis has suffered considerably since a number of local schools have discontinued 'extra curriculum' after-school table tennis, but the good news is that the Birmingham and District TTA Development Committee will be meeting with Birmingham's decreasing band of invaluable hard-core school organisers/coaches - to discuss possibilities of merging Schools table tennis and local youth clubs in with the Birmingham League system. An 'Adopt a School' scheme is an additional possibility for local league table tennis/youth clubs.

Again - with the Birmingham and District TTA Development Committee - continuing efforts are being made to create two permanent table tennis centres (North and South Birmingham) but utilising dual-use Council facilities. Optimistic talks are continuing on this subject which has the backing of ETTA, West Midlands Sports Council, Birmingham City Council and Birmingham and District TTA.

Birmingham Association have completed two interesting surveys recently:

- a) A player/age survey taken from 1989/90 player league registrations, which confirmed the need for recruitment and development of young players. Results:

Registered age groups - Under 17 years (6.0%); 17/25 years (11.0%); 26/35 years (24.5%); 36-45 years (25.0%); and 45 years+ (33.0%).

- b) A survey conducted via the 'visiting team match card' allowing marks for general conditions experienced at the home venue such as floor, lighting, back walls, space, table and hospitality.

The Warwickshire County Selection Committee decided to run Cadet and Junior trials only, this year. Cadet (boys and girls) took place on Sunday 2nd September and the Junior Boys took place on Saturday 8th September at the Kingshurst Youth and Community Centre, Kingshurst, Solihull, West Midlands. Details of these should appear in the next edition of Table Tennis News.

The annual Midland 3 Star Open sponsored by Stiga will take place on Saturday/Sunday 10/11th November 1990. Information and details from Birmingham and District TTA, Mrs Veronica Jackson, 31 Moor Green Lane, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8NE (Tel: 021 449 7878 or 021 449 1064).

## WORCESTERSHIRE Ken Walton

AS A new season commences, so a new 'scribe' takes over the writing of this column, from Dave Roden, who has decided to cut down on his very large commitments. Thanks go to Dave, from within the County, for his past efforts.

End of season finals nights dominate this, my initial contribution to the magazine, with Evesham, Malvern and Dudley Leagues all reporting exciting evenings.

Lewis Siket was the Men's Singles winner at Evesham, with a two straight victory, over Mark Bilsborrow, whilst County Secretary and extra keen 'Vet' Linda Reid, had a comfortable success over Jill Stride, in the ladies event, also two straight, 21-11, 21-13. The Malvern Championships, held at the Winter Gardens, were fortunate to attract not one, but five sponsors, including the Malvern Gazette and MSM Forklift Services. As seems usual, Willie Ahern recorded another mens singles win, 21-15, 21-17 over Dave Woodyatt, whilst Veteran Brian Thompson defeated Neville Meredith by the same scores in the Over 40's event. Division Two singles winner was M Keeley, whilst N Gladwyn overcame J Heywood to win the Division Three competition.

Monday evening of April 23rd saw the Dudley Finals night and presentation evening, held at the Richardson Hall, Wordsley. Winners included Clive Cook (Restricted Singles), Lee Horton (Intermediate Singles), Roy Norton (Veterans Singles) and yours truly (Ken Walton) (Open Singles final).

Presentations on this long evening of table tennis were also made to Thorns TTC on defeating Bromley in the Worcestershire County Scratch Knockout competition, and to Dudley on successfully defending their County League title. As reported in Yorkshire Notes (May edition) Worcestershire Firsts were defeated 10-0 in the last County fixture of the season. The Yorkshire team comprised Chen Xinhua, Michael O'Driscoll, Micky Stead, Melodie Hill and Ruth Bray, not to mention Joanne Shaw! The one bright spot for the men came when Eric Hardman lost narrowly in the third (21-18) to Stead.

Some early dates for your diaries. Junior Closed Championships to be held on 25th November or 18th if date unavailable. Senior County Closed - 6th January, earlier than usual, but nevertheless interestingly situated, in mid-season.

Finally, a very deserved award has been presented to our own Ken Jukes by the ETTA for services to the sport in an administrative capacity. The Leslie Forrest Award. Well done to Ken and indeed wife Barbara, for all that they do, for the game of table tennis.

## YORKSHIRE

### Rea Balmford

AS EVER these notes will open with a roundup of information which came in too late for inclusion in the final edition of last season's Table Tennis News, before looking briefly ahead into the 1990/91 campaign.

At HALIFAX, YMCA I pulled off the 'double' as they won both Division 1 of the League and the Lindley Adams Knockout Cup - in both cases at the expense of the YMCA Club's second string.

Interesting venture in the town is a weekly award for 'Performance of the Week' and it is good to see that only two players appear more than once in the 28 strong list of winners.

Richard Lister of Nalgo 3, newcomers to competitive table tennis two years ago, and Vera Pendleton (Rowntree Mackintosh 4), who twice guided her side to success in the Lindley Adams Handicap Cup, have each been named twice with the award otherwise very much shared around.

The future looks bright in SELBY where the Leagues goes into the future with everything pointing to continued domination by an expanding group of teenage stars.

Throughout last season a battle royal raged between Craig Smith of table-topping Sturge A, in his final junior season, and Gareth Jones (Selby High School), a year younger, with the scales tipping marginally in favour of Gareth who, beaten



only once in League matches - by the younger Andrew Nicholls - topped the Division 1 averages ahead of Craig.

With two more teenagers, Chris Nicholls and Karl Horsfield, occupying the next two places and David Jackson (13) heading the Division 2 list, Mick Wilcockson, the Selby coach, must feel that he has done an excellent job - he himself has been pushed down to No. 5!

But Mick was undefeated as Sturge added the Knockout Cup to the League title in a contest in which Gareth beat Craig to level the tally for the season to 2-2.

Jones, while remaining loyal to Selby, will be spreading his wings during the coming season, for he will compete in the powerful HULL Premier Division and is likely to join Humberside Andro's squad in Division 2 North of the British League.

At the other end of the age scale Lincolnshire's Matt Sheader was also due to make his debut in Hull but, unfortunately, this has had to be put on ice as the result of a recent illness. Get well soon Matt, and we shall look forward to seeing you back in action.

And could Michael O'Driscoll again be seen on Humberside? Rumour has it that the England No. 7 could be making the journey from his West Riding home when his many commitments permit.

Railway A - Doug Bartle, John Elliott and Tim Bean - topped Division 1 of the YORK league for the fourth successive season and, in a good year for the Railway club, the B team finished in runners-up spot with Bartle and Elliott claiming top two slots in the final averages.

Unfortunately York report the loss of several teams for the coming season and the number of divisions will be reduced from six to five with Divisions 3 - 5 all increased from 12 to 14 teams.

The YORKSHIRE LEAGUE will take on a new look over the coming season with the Mens Premier Division and all

Junior and Cadet Divisions to be played at central venues over three weekends.

Thus those players who, because of County Championships, British League and tournament commitments, have been unable to compete in the Yorkshire League, will now have the opportunity to become involved in the County's top competition.



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# SUCCESS IN EUROPE

## CZECH MATE!

WHAT a win for England's women's team in their opening match in the new European League. To crush a side like Czechoslovakia 5-2 after trailing must be rated as one of the best performances from an England ladies team in recent times.

The Czech's were finalists at the European Championships. We lost to them then 3-1 and they went on to lose in the final to Hungary.

And England had to come back from behind to take the points when Andrea Holt lost to Marie Hrachova. But then everything slipped into

place as Alison Gordon and Lisa Lomas each won two singles matches and Lisa and Andrea teamed up to take the doubles.

The Czech played their two best players Alena Safarova and Marie Hrachova, both ranked well above our players but might be regretting that they didn't play the experienced Renata Kasalova.

Proud England captain Jill Parker put the success down to extra practice at Brentwood. "The girls played exceptionally well and I can only put it down to the extra work they put in," she said. She added that the conditions at Lilleshall also helped to make the evening go with a swing.

## ON THE ROAD

ANYONE who thinks that being an England player is a passport to having a good time, should think again. Donald Parker the England captain travels many thousands of miles a year with the team often to exotic places. But ask him what the place was like and he wouldn't have a clue. In the hectic world of international sport life is all go, play and return home. Here he gives a typical example of what life on the road to Sicily can be like.

04.00 Alarm rings  
04.45 Depart Preston  
06.45 Met Alan Cooke in Chesterfield

08.45 Met Lisa Lomas in Luton  
10.30 Arrived Heathrow  
12.45 Departed Heathrow  
We had to fly to Rome as it costs more to fly direct to Sicily)  
18.30 Departed Rome Airport  
19.30 Arrived Catania Airport  
We weremet and taken by minibus to venue)  
21.00 Arrived restaurant  
22.45 Bed  
**Wednesday**  
09.30 Breakfast  
10.30 Left to practise  
12.30 Left for Civic Hall  
13.15 Arrived restaurant  
14.30 Arrived hotel to rest  
16.30 Left hotel for venue  
19.00 Match commenced  
23.00 Match finished  
01.00 Arrived hotel

**Thursday**  
04.30 Alarm  
05.00 Leave hotel for home  
To summarise in a period of 60 hours the players spent over 30 hours travelling, managed three hours sleep before the return leg and all had to play in major events at the weekend. Despite the schedule the players played very well winning 7-0.

*That the team still won so convincing suggests that the tight schedule wasn't too bad or that Italian table tennis leaves a lot to be desired!*

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# GROVE ARE CHAMPIONS

by JOSE RANSOME

AT the conclusion of ten rounds of play over the two weekends, NFD GROVE I of Market Drayton took the Leeds Women's British League Premier Division title by the narrowest of margins — just two sets — over Chesterfield's WORLD OF SPORT with LINDA FARROW OF LONDON taking third place.



NFD Grove ladies

Grove won the contest between the two leading clubs on the first weekend by the score of 5 - 1, when World of Sport were minus the services of Lisa Lomas who was on duty for her Swedish club. On that occasion, World of Sport's only victory came when Andrea Holt, England ranked No. 4, beat the new triple English Champion, Fiona Elliot.

### Grove's Bid

Even with Lisa at home for the second encounter at Stourbridge, World of Sport's 4-2 win over NFD Grove was not sufficient to break Grove's bid to win the championship, but what a cracking match the final proved to be, with four of the six sets between the top players going to three sets!

World of Sport opened up with a two nil lead when the former English Champion, Lisa Lomas, beat the new champ, Fiona Elliot, at 15 in the third and Andrea Holt scored a useful win over Jill Harris, England No. 7. The tension mounted as Alison Gordon, the Stiga Top 12 Champion, entered the match and beat Lisa and Fiona took care of the up and coming player, Juliet Houghton.

But World of Sport pulled away again when Andrea Holt overcame Alison Gordon at 25-23 in the third and Juliet Houghton scored an excellent win over Jill Harris at 21-14 in the third. So great was the play and atmosphere that Central Television filmed for about an hour and a half!

Whilst the teams at the top of the division were fighting for the title and the prize fund, those teams in the second half of the table were playing hard to retain their places, so the competition was played out to the last ball in all the matches.

### Split

As in the Premier Division, the competition in Division 1 was split in two between the teams at the top and those at the bottom. Playline Sovereigns 1 narrowly pipped Andro ladies, a team comprised of the top Scottish and Welsh players, by 18 points to 17 to take the title. Whilst the two clubs from the South West, Swindon Scruffs and Sun Life Bristol, fought out the

relegation battle.

Competition between the clubs was closer in the Second Division, with the lead constantly changing. However, Amity Generation of Fareham eventually ran out the

It was particularly gratifying to have a team representing the British Sports Association for the Disabled taking part along with all the top players from England, Scotland, Wales, our friends from France and

Permanent Building Society our first sponsors, the Borough of Milton Keynes and Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council for providing such excellent facilities and support with receptions, etc.

In fact, so pleased were they with our event, that both Councils invited the Women's British League back for the competitions in 1991!

Appreciation is also expressed to Hanbury Nurseries, who provided the beautiful floral presentations at Stourbridge, to FMW Wholesale Butchers who provided a 12 lb turkey, Steve Hammond of Windsor Crystal Glass of Brierley Hill, and "Just Wright" Wildlife Productions & Gifts of Wordsley and all the others who donated raffle prizes as well as the local volunteers who organised the raffle.

Thanks also to members of the Milton Keynes and Dudley Leagues who co-operated so well in using the women's event as a promotion to attract new local players to the sport. This is one area of the project that we would especially like to expand in the future.

### Efforts

A vote of thanks also to the English Table Tennis Association and the staff for their support and assistance with the competition and to the Referee, Stuart Sherlock, and organiser, Mike Lewis and his wife Christine without whose untiring and sterling efforts the success of the Women's British League would not have been possible.

Compliments also to the band of hard working officials who did a superb job umpiring full time throughout the weekends. Stuart Sherlock commented particularly on the extremely friendly atmosphere which prevailed throughout both weekends, during the play itself and at the Saturday evening meals when everyone mixed so well.

## WOMAN OF THE WEEKEND

**SYLVIA BROADBENT** of the new Bayer Bradford team playing in Division Two won this award during the first weekend at Bletchley Leisure Centre for the excellent example she set as the captain of a young team and her own tenacious performance in winning some key matches.

Local girl, **Sandra Roden** of Kingswinford, playing for the Graham Spicer team in the Premier Division, was selected as the most outstanding Woman of the Weekend at the Crystal Leisure Centre, based on the value of her performance to her team, her good sportsmanship and happy personality.

winner by two points over the City of Newcastle.

Play in Division 3A and 3B was more evenly contested, with the new young team of Hull Sandhill becoming clear winners in Division 3A, and Playline Sovereigns II winning Division 3B by one point over Grove III.

Vymura International led this division after the first rounds at Milton Keynes, but unfortunately lost their lead when their two Vets stars, Connie Moran and Doreen Schofield, were involved in the World Veterans Championships in Baltimore, U.S.A.

The two 1990 Leeds Women's British League weekends confirmed this new competition as the latest success story in English table tennis. Following the inauguration of the League in 1989 when 24 club teams entered, 1990 saw an increase to 30 teams playing in five divisions, Premier, First, Second and Three A and B in pyramid style.

The early rounds were played at Bletchley Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes over the weekend of 12th/13th May, the players and officials again receiving a very warm welcome from the Mayor of the Borough of Milton Keynes, Councillor Roger Bristow.

a young player from Canada.

As well as enjoying the competition and the company, hopefully the experience will be beneficial to the girls of the B.S.A.D. in their international events.

### Action

Following a promotion by members of the Grove teams at the new Merryhill Shopping Centre in Brierley Hill organised by the local Dudley league and supported by the West Midlands Region, the Women's British league action moved into the final rounds at the sparkling new Crystal Leisure Centre in Stourbridge on June 9/10th.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor C. Tromans, a former keen table tennis player who had been part of a team which won the local league shield, officiated at the colourful Opening Ceremony, visited the "Come & Try It" session in the next hall enjoying a few rallies with the coach, and came back to watch the final matches and take part in the prize presentations.

A report on the Leeds Women's British league would not be complete without a sincere "Thank You" to all those who were involved in any way in the success of this event. To the Leeds

# WOMENS BRITISH LEAGUE – 2

The Mayor of Milton Keynes, Councillor Roger Bristow, with E.T.T.A. Deputy Chairman, Alan Ransome and England Women's Team Captain, Jill Parker, making the presentation to the Club of the Weekend, NFD Grove of Market Drayton, represented here by Fiona Elliot, Jackie Billington and Claire Plumridge.



NFD Grove of Market Drayton hold the Butterfly Bowl presented by Jose Ransome.



Jill Parker makes the presentation to the man behind the Women's British League, Mike Lewis.



The Linda Farow of London line up with Julian and Linda Jablon.



Photocall at Crystal Leisure Centre.

# BEST STILL TO COME

by JOHN WOODFORD in JAPAN

ENGLAND captain Don Parker has returned on many occasions from trips abroad not always pleased with his player's performances. On this occasion, as we boarded the Bullet Train homeward bound for Tokyo, there is no doubt that his happy thoughts centred on England finishing third in Osaka, without one of the side's star players Carl Prean.

What is the team capable of achieving when Chen Xinhua, Carl Prean, Desmond Douglas and Alan Cooke are all available and playing well? Don replied "Provided I can call on all members of the squad and Chen's fitness is rapidly upgraded in training, we shall be challenging from the No.3 position we now hold, happy to take on China, North and South Korea, Sweden or anyone else."

"With these four we have the skill and the sheer professional input to do even better than we have done in Japan. We beat the Japanese 3 - 1 on their home ground. I was told by the Japan coach that they have been allocated £1m as their coaching budget for the World Championships in Chiba City next April" he concluded.

## Sweden Jolted

Sweden were the worthy winners of the TSP World Team Cup, coming from 0 - 2 in arrears against China in a thrilling final, to clinch victory 3 - 2. The big shock of the day, even the whole tournament was



Desmond Douglas

by Chen Longcan as he demolished Jan-Ove Waldner the world champion 13, 10.

Earlier, in the morning session on the final day, China started to show that they still have ideas of winning the Swaythling Cup back from Sweden next year. They knocked out North Korea 3 - 0, and Sweden put paid to England's hopes.

England were not expecting any favours from Sweden in the semi-finals, but it was another nail-biting encounter — Chen again tested Waldner, taking the second game with deceptive services, extremely powerful forehand loop, and vicious back-spin on return of service, in fact, that describes Chen's play throughout most of the tournament, although in the latter stages his stamina was running out — after all, apart from the English Open in Manchester, this was his only attempt at top world-class play in the last three years.

Des Douglas has hardly played better throughout his career. Victory over Jorgen Persson in Aomori was not repeated in Osaka for the Walsall professional, but it was still a fine showing as the young, blonde Swede came through 18, 16.

The doubles, so vital in this new, refreshing Swaythling Cup format, went to Sweden but Alan Cooke and Des Douglas played tremendous table tennis just losing the first game -20, taking the second 19 and losing the third at 16.

England were out but with honour and with new unofficial world ranking of No.3 — there were no play-offs for third place, but I am assured that having lost to the winners England men were justified in taking the No.3 spot on the rostrum.

## Group Stage

In Japan, there is a custom in table tennis to try and play in as many places as possible. An example of this is the Euro-Asia series, where the teams are dragged around a number of towns and cities almost at the point of exhaustion. The principle is fine. John Prean agrees that to try and show the sport at world level to a variety of audiences is good for the sport.

It is seldom good for the players. However, the men's and women's teams in the World Cup were shuffled around Japan after two re-draws caused by countries backing out, the teams were sent out to distant parts — Shibetsu, Aomori, Nigata and Tokyo. The organisers had a vague idea that they may have been able to keep the officials and the media in touch with what happened at the other venues, but it did not work out.

All we were able to find out in Aomori (£130 flight away from Osaka) was the biggest shock of the tournament the defeat 3 — 2 by Holland over Yugoslavia, a match in which Haldan and Keen were the stars and Ilije Lupulescu the two-time loser.

Later in the quarter-finals in



England's 'new look' line-up' Left to right - Skylet Andrew, Des Douglas, Chen Xin Hue, Don Parker (Manager), Alan Cooke and John Woodford (travelling journalist)

Osaka, Holland again hit their best form as Erik Lindh lost to Haldan -16, -15 and to Trinko Keen -14, 15, -20. But the Mighty Swedes still came through 3 - 2.

Back to Aomori, England opened with a 3 — 0 win over the Chinese Tapei a team who had spent a fortnight training with the Chinese squad before arriving in Japan. After months of controversy, haggling over visas and all sorts of other problems Chen Xinhua donned his England shirt for the first time. He seemed nervous, but quickly got into his stride to overwhelm the Taipei No.1 Chiu Chin Long 14, 10.

## Delighted

"That was the one we had to win" said Don Parker, delighted with the performance of the England team in general including Chen's debut and especially fine doubles shows from Des Douglas and Alan Cooke.

A 3 — 0 win for England over Canada might sound a push-over but in fact, it was well fought by the "Canadians" Joe Ng and Horatio Pintea, both fine players on their best days.

So, drawing a veil over Aomori, shortly after the England team received their medals — "My first medal for over three years" said Chen whose spoken English is improving rapidly, the team were flying to Tokyo, en route for Osaka.

## Fine Venue

The Osaka Prefecture Gymnasium was an excellent venue. Seating over 5,000 people, the average attendance was 4,000 at a peak of course, when Japan were playing. The venue held only two tables and none of the stupid restrictions where only players are allowed on the floor of the stadium.

We saw very little of the women's tournament, being mainly

concerned with the men and especially with England.

The victorious women's teams in the two quarter-finals were North Korea who knocked out Hungary 3 - 0 and the favourites China who were 3 - 1 winners over Czechoslovakia. Marie Hrachova, the Czech No.1 was in fine fettle as she beat Deng Yaping, but that was the only surprise as the Chinese women moved smartly into the semi-finals.



Chen Xin Hue

Hopes were obviously high that if Japan's men were unable to reach the final, the women might be able to do it, but the Chinese women were in no mood to be polite to the host country, they swamped the Japanese women 3 - 0 and won the final by the same score against North Korea.

Another extraordinary quirk was that the women's final was played on the penultimate day, late in the evening, when most people were expecting to watch it on the last day, so most journalists including ourselves did not witness the women's final. The Japanese, traditionally good organisers, failed miserably with their results service. A completely new event, held in five cities, was an awkward burden.

# ENGLAND TRIUMPH IN DOUGLAS



**ENGLAND CADET GIRLS:**  
1 to r; Jenny Coleman, Michelle Martin, Gail McCulloch (NPC), Sally Russell, Linsey Heyward, Diana Chan.

ALTHOUGH the England teams dominated the team categories of the Leeds Schools International Championships — held for the first time in Douglas, Isle of Man during early July — they suffered from their worst-ever showing in the 15 year history of the championships when they won only three of the six individual titles.

This year's championships attracted the biggest-ever number of competitors, 164, with Gibraltar making their debut to join players from England, Iceland, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Scotland and Wales, in this three day extravaganza featuring the best schools players from the home countries and further afield.

The venue was Ballakermeen High School. What the venue lacked in the way of top-class facilities was made up for by the warmth, friendliness and enthusiasm of the organisers, fronted by the Bubb family who were chiefly responsible for the event taking place.

England were determined not to repeat their disappointing show in last season's championships in Birmingham when they registered their first-ever defeats in the team events, losing narrowly to the Welsh in the senior boys and senior girls.

Although Wales retained the senior girls title with considerable ease, beating England, 6-1, in the final, England won back the senior boys event in a closely-fought encounter which is not reflected in the 6-2 scoreline.

England's intermediate girls team didn't drop a single game against Iceland, Ireland and Scotland. The intermediate boys team were also in convincing form but their Cadet (Under-14) colleagues had to pull out all the stops to edge home a determined Ireland team, 6-4, by winning the decisive doubles matches, thanks to a shrewd tactical pairing decision by NPC, Paul Birch.

England's cadet girls proved too strong for Ireland in the final, winning 6-1, after decisive wins over Iceland, the Isle of Man and Wales in the group stage.

There were doubles and mixed doubles event, for the first time, but the interest on the finals night centred on the individual events.

Such had been England's dismal performance in the group

stages of the senior boys event that only one English player qualified from the eight four-player groups, Garry Knights. But an "unknown" English player - NG Ping Keung from Grantham — almost pulled off the shock of the championships when he took Welsh No. 1, Stephen Ward to 21-18 in the deciding game in his group match.

Keung, busy studying 'A' levels since Easter, led Ward 18-17 in the decider but Ward produced two brilliant winners to edge home. In so doing the enigmatic Welsh boy strained his back temporarily as he demonstrated his relief with his victory salute. But Ward was modest enough to concede that this impediment played no part in his subsequent quarter-final defeat by Scottish No. 1., Euan Walker. Keung, over in this country from his native Hong Kong, revealed that he does not have a coach and hadn't practised for some time!

Euan Walker, a student at Clairmont High School, East Kilbride, repeated his European Championships win in Gothenburg over Ward, winning 21-19, 25-23 and met Sean Spelman of Ireland in the final. Spelman had made hard work of putting aside Kjartan Briem of Iceland in the semi-final. Walker became the first-ever Scottish Boys Individual winner as he cruised home, 21-9, in the third game. Not even an English player in the semi-finals!

Justine Thomas (Wales) went one better than her runner-up spot in the senior girls event last year, beating team-mate Laura Collier in a one-sided affair, and Natasha Williams made it a notable Welsh double as she defeated Michelle Martin (England) in the cadet girls final.

England had to be content with wins for Darren Howarth (Audenshaw High School, Manchester), Maria Thornley (Albany High School, Chorley), and Chris Sladden (Cecil Jones High School, Southend) in the boys intermediate, girls intermediate and boys cadet events respectively, as they sped to their first schools international individual titles.

David Lomas

## DUNLOP ENGLISH SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MANSFIELD

There was quite a family atmosphere at the Dunlop English Schools Individual Championships at Mansfield Leisure Centre. Rather uniquely, I had postulated, three sisters were taking part. Natasha, Lian and Claudine Wilson — all pupils at Thomas Peacocke School, Rye, were representing East Sussex. Younger brother Alex had narrowly failed to win the Boys' Under-11 event and that would surely have been an achievement difficult to emulate.

When I returned from the championships I stumbled across a weekly Herts "freebie" newspaper which reported on Sarah Seaholme (Watford Girls GS), Neil Seaholme (Watford GS) and Tim Seaholme (St.Mery! School, Watford) all representing Hertfordshire Schools in the same tournament! It's not only "scoop" John Woodford who sometimes "misses the boat"!

Paul Carter (Purley Sixth Form College) won his first national Schools' title, beating Jason Bamford (Notts) in the final, having ousted number one seed, Garry Knights (Staffs) in the semi. The Girls' U19 final was rather one-

sided, with Lisa Crick (Berks) winning, 21-10, 21-14, over Tina Sadler (Yeovil College).

Edward Hatley made heavy weather of his Boys U16 win over Darren Howarth (Greater Manchester) with a 21-15, 10-21, 21-17, scoreline and Sally Marling (Humburside) conceded her number one status to Maria Thornley (Lancs), No.2 seed, who won 21-18, 21-10.

Nicola Deaton (Derbyshire) lifted her third national schools title in winning the Girls' Under-13 event, and Darren Blake looks set to break all records as he won his FOURTH title in FIVE years. Steven Meddings (West Midlands) held on to his Boys U11 crown and Kathryn Woodward (Gtr Mcr) got on the winners' podium for the first time. The championships were sponsored by the Dunlop Sports Company. The total number of players - 282 - was up on last season's entry — all of them county champions.

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# GET READY FOR CHIBA SPECTACULAR



*As the world prepares for the 41st World Championships in Chiba, Table Tennis News takes a look at the logistics that the host country has to face these days and asks the question 'could we hold a similar championship?'*

IT promises to be the most spectacular world championship event ever staged. When they get under way later this season, it will climax three years of hard work by the Japanese who confidently expect to provide the most stunning show and almost certainly the most expensive in the history of the sport.

In sheer size these championships will take some beating. Consider these facts. There will be at least four halls in which the players will compete. Hall 3 is just 6000 square feet and will house 26 tables together with 3000 spectators. An overflow hall will have four more tables.

In Halls 1 and 2 there will be a mind boggling 90 tables set in 13,000 square feet for the Masters and Junior events and which will accommodate 2500 spectators.

The entire stadium will cover 55,000 square feet which includes two halls set aside for a table tennis festival and two more halls using 13,000 square feet for the organisers, press centre, table tennis museum, Hall of Fame, sports equipment fair, mini-studio, cine-video theatre and other areas put aside for organisers of the Olympic Games and Mexico where the 1993 championships are being held.

There will also be souvenir shops, display stands and between now and next April there could be a lot more on offer. Which all goes to show how the sport has progressed in the Far East.

More figures to stun the mind come with the announcement that over 1000 seats will be required for players and officials, 700 for the media, 500 for umpires and officials who all have to be fed and watered.

Seven years ago the championships sold over 70,000 tickets this time that figure could reach well over 100,000.

The only drawback is that there is only one hotel near the site and that will be used exclusively by ITTF personnel and other key officials and a few top ranking teams (!) Most of the other teams will be shuttled from the stadium to their hotel 30 minutes away.

There will be fashion shows, dances and opening and closing ceremonies of spectacular proportions and we hope some superb table tennis.

The Japanese who were present at the last championships in Dortmund went home with plenty of ideas of their own. Visitors in Germany should expect an even bigger and better show this time.

The last time we held the championships in England was in 1977 in Birmingham and the chances of them returning before the turn of the century seems very remote.

In Chiba they can guarantee full houses. Not so here where the sport would surely have to multiply a great deal before we took on such enormous responsibilities. In the meantime we will just have to watch all the action from afar.

## New Scoring System for Junior Events

All team matches for boys and girls at intermediate junior open championships will have a new scoring system which will start at five points each. The system made its debut at the 33rd European Youth Championships in Hollabrunn and will continue at the Czech, Belgium, Spanish, Hungarian and during our own championships at Bridlington next year.

## International Events

|               |                                 |                         |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1990          |                                 |                         |
| Oct 11-14     | Romanian Open                   | Rom                     |
| 18-21         | Italian Open                    | Verona                  |
| Nov 1-4       | Butterfly World Doubles Cup     | Soel                    |
| 9             | Nittaku All Stars finals        | Hamamatsu, Japan        |
| 11-14         | 555 World Cup                   | Chiba, Japan            |
| 16-19         | Japan Open                      | Tokyo                   |
| 22-25         | Yugoslav Open                   | Yug                     |
| 29-2          | French Open                     | Lyon                    |
| Dec 5-11 1991 | 10th Asian Championsh.          | Kuala Lumpur            |
| Jan 4-6       | Stiga World Grand Prix Masters  | tbd                     |
| 18-20         | European Nations Cup            | FRG                     |
| 21-29         | Nittaku All Stars World Circuit | Japan                   |
| Feb 1-3       | Stiga European Top 12           | Hertogenbosch, Holland  |
| 21-24         | Czechoslovak Open               | Presov                  |
| Apl 14-21     | Commonwealth Champs             | Nairobi                 |
| 24-6          | World Championships             | Chiba, Japan            |
| May 8-11      | China Open                      | Dairen/Beijing/Shanghai |
| 12-14         | Hong Kong Open                  | Hong Kong               |
| 18-19         | Deutschland Cup                 | Trier FRG               |
|               | Australian Open                 |                         |
| 21-14         | Nittaku All Stars World Circuit | Eur, Afr, Americas      |
| 28-1          | Nigeria Open                    | Lagos                   |
| June          | Brazilian Open                  |                         |
|               | US Open                         |                         |
| Aug 28-6      | New Zealand Open                | Auckland                |
| Sept 1-3      | IOC Presidents Cup              | Mitsumoto, Jap.         |
| 5-8           | ANA Japan Open                  | Hokkaido, Jap.          |
| 10            | Nittaku All Stars World Circuit | Japan                   |
| 27-29         | European Masters Cup            | FRG                     |
| Oct 24-27     | Swiss Open                      | Geneva                  |
| Nov 14-17     | Hungarian Open                  | Budapest                |
| 5-10          | Barcelona 1991 Tourn.           | Spain                   |
| 28-1          | Swedish Open                    | Sundsvall               |
| Dec 5-8       | Finlandia Open                  |                         |

## WORLD VIEW

"HOSTING the US Open TT Championships is an organisational nightmare that will challenge the talents of any promoter. The list of requirements involved is endless, frustratingly complex and financially intimidating." From Butterfly US Open Preview — March 1980! Little, it seems changes. See 'Medals Galore' page 28.

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GERMAN Super team ATSV Saarbrücken who lost in the final of the European Cup to French club Levallois 5-3, were reported to have earned 200,000 DM about £68,000 for their efforts. I wonder what the winners received?

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Surprise, surprise. The player who topped the new Nittaku All Star World Circuit was Sweden's Jan Ove Waldner. The world champion pocketed \$34,000 with countryman Mikael Appelgren in second place with \$31,000.

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PLAYER power has won a substantial victory at the Olympic Games in Barcelona 1992. The number of women players competing has been increased to 96, the same as the men and which on current rankings would include both Lisa Lomas and Alison Gordon. Again there will be no mixed doubles with just mens singles and doubles and ladies singles and doubles.

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THE 12th Arab Championships due to be held to Baghdad in August had to be cancelled! Holders of the mens and ladies teams events Egypt, will now hold on to their titles until further notice.

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After the world championships in Chiba, Japan next April, the 42nd Championships will be held across the globe in Mexico City. And that could mean special training for our players because of the high altitude of the venue and also a longer acclimatisation period.

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THE biggest growth area over the next few years is likely to come from Third World countries including Africa, Latin America and Oceania according to Ichiro Ogimura, the president of the International Table Tennis Federation.

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THE USSR have won the Joola Nations Trophy with a massive 2075 points. Second was Hungary (970) and third Romania (655). The trophy is awarded in recognition of work under-taken by an Association at the European Youth Championships in Hollabrunn. England came joint 12th with 50 points.

**DON PARKER**, the England manager and National Coach has a wealth of experience at all levels of the sport. He has the ability to get over the most complicated techniques to players at international level yet has the knack of explaining to youngsters entering the sport for the first time the basics. He is constantly being asked to demonstrate his techniques at coaching schools all over the country and is a regular commentator to many of the table tennis TV spectacles we have seen recently. Here he provides a mixture of coaching ideas and tips for newcomers to the sport but which will also prove helpful to all levels of club players as well.

### Basic Strokes

THERE are two basic strokes in table tennis, driving strokes and pushing strokes. As the name suggests the driving strokes are used for attacking, while the pushing strokes are more defensive. You use them for controlling the play and stopping your opponent from gaining advantage.

Don't make the mistake of thinking that these techniques are just for beginners. Watch any international match and you will soon see that these basic strokes are very much a part of the modern game even at the highest levels! Let's start with driving strokes first.

### The Forehand Drive

IMAGINE you are rolling a big tyre along the road with one hand. You know how you have to keep brushing the palm of your hand across the top of it to keep it moving? This is almost exactly the action needed to play a forehand drive.

If you are right handed, hold the bat out to your right side at about waist-height with your elbow at around 90 degrees. (If you are left-handed, just read left for right and vice versa). Keep your bat slightly tilted forward — the closed position. You should be stood slightly sideways on to the table. For right handers this means that your left foot should be just ahead of your right one.

Using your shoulder, swing the bat forwards and upwards and at the same time start to rotate your upper body so that it becomes square-on to the table. Try not to use your wrist or move your elbow as you contact the ball — the power for this stroke should come from the shoulder.

Follow through until the bat is in front of you, roughly in line with your nose. You should finish the shot facing the area of the table where you wanted the ball to go. If you have played the stroke properly, your weight



Alison Gordon

should have been transferred onto your front foot.

This process of weight transfer must be mastered early on because at a later stage it will become essential to your ability to hit the ball hard.

### The Backhand Drive

THIS is a swinging action, in which the bat moves forwards and upwards. Start with your feet and shoulders facing the part of the table where you wish the ball to go. Keep your feet in line with your shoulders and hold your bat in front of your stomach.

The backhand face should be forward, held in a slightly closed position. Your elbow needs to be at an angle of about 90 degrees.

As the ball approaches swing your bat forward using your elbow only. Try to resist the temptation to use your wrist or shoulder at this stage — for the time being all the power you need lies in your elbow.

As you move through the stroke let the bat rotate and 'close' over the ball so that you end your follow-through with the backhand side of the bat facing downwards towards the table. As usual the best time to hit the ball is at the peak of its bounce.

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



### Tips from the Top

In the 1969 world championships one of the world's leading players had to withdraw from the tournament because, after breaking his spectacles, he did not have a spare pair.

There was not sufficient time to have a pair made up, so twelve months of intensive preparation was wasted. The lesson to be learned by any bespectacled players is to always carry a spare pair.

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The most important part of the body when playing is the wrist especially when playing touch strokes such as the service and receipt. If the hand is cold at the start of a game then a player's touch or feel is greatly reduced.

Make sure you wear a pair of gloves prior to your match if the temperature is low as is often the case for league matches

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The months of September and October are notorious for condensation particularly on your bat. Constantly check your playing surfaces are not wet as this will certainly cost you a point.

It is not a bad idea to take two towels, one for yourself and one for your bat. Do not, however, use this as an excuse as your opponent will be playing in the same conditions.

Next month: Adding Power



# KINGFISHER FLY THE FLAG

by Bob Adams

HOW many of you have played in a tournament for which a postage stamp was issued? This was the experience of Kingfisher Reading who followed their appearance at the Luxembourg Junior Open by entering the Hungarian Youth Table Tennis World Festival in Budapest.

This tournament was notable for its outstanding table tennis organisation, friendly spirit and entertainment, which included a circus, swimming in the world's largest pool, a Danube cruise, and a disco.

The Kingfisher juniors all performed admirably, even though the draw set them against the toughest players. The seedings, based on the 1990 European Championships and the Hungarian ranking list, produced some groups topped by Hungarians below their top 20, but even the "easiest" Kingfisher group contained a No. 9! Since Hungary No. 20 probably equates with an England top 3 the size of the task can be appreciated. Nevertheless, no less than 4 Kingfisher players finished group runner-up to enter the second round.

In the Veteran event apart from a small number of foreigners including Brian Halliday and myself (nominally "in charge" of the Kingfisher Juniors), the Veteran entry was dominated by highly competent Hungarians, so Brian's bronze medal winning performance was outstanding. Seeing his name up in lights, he was so pleased with the ceremony that he failed to notice the two Hungarian beauties who bore the medals into the arena (although he ultimately corrected this omission).

## RESULTS

(Hungary unless indicated — ranking in brackets)

### Cadet Girls (106 entrants)

Winner — Svetlana Ganina USSR  
Gemma Schwartz  
1st round: Lost -18, -18 to Koltai (9), beat Soty -18, 17, 18, Makri (Greece) 20, -19, 11 and Kovacs.



The Kingfisher players along with player/manager Brian Halliday prepare to board their bus to the stadium in Budapest.

2nd round: Lost to Lass (3), Czipo. Beat Delaporta (Greece) and Harangi. 3rd round: Beat Kecskes (13) 9, -15 reaching last 32 before losing to Miouru (Greece)

### Cadet Boys (171)

Winner — Robert Krajcik — Czechoslovakia  
Ben Johnson  
1st round: Beat everyone except Bahidi (3), 2nd round: Lost to Lener (Israel), beat Szanto, Darmo, Ackerman (13). 3rd round: Beat Vesely (Czech) -12, 17, 21. Lost to -15, -19 Balogh (1) in last 32.

### Junior Girls (75)

Winner — Krisztina Toth — Hungary  
Sarah Seaholme  
1st round: Beat Kovacs, lost to Harsanyi (13), Jurek (23), and the ultimate semi-finalist Gojocar (Romania). Beat Andras, Valki and Stuller in consolation to reach last 16, losing 2-1 to Palocsai (who reached semi-final)

### Junior Boys (125)

Winner — Szillard Csolle — Czechoslovakia  
Martin Adams  
1st round: Lost narrowly to ultimate finalist Andersson -19, -

17 (Sweden), beat Pallos, Kincse, 2nd round: Lost to Laczko (5) (who reached 1/4 final), Averkin USSR (who lost to No. 2 seed in last 16) and Teglas (23). In "Class 1" Consolation (for 1st round survivors) beat Parti, Novotny, Fabos, Rakos. Lost -17, 14, -16 to Natzis (Greece) in semi-final.

### Matthew Greenwood

1st round: Lost -18, -15 to Pazsy (4) (who ultimately lost to Andersson in semi-final), beat Szekely, Hegedus and Rogthakis (Greece). 2nd round: Superb in losing 1-2 to Pagonyi (1) beat Kespar (Czech) 2-1 and Furj. 3rd round: Beat Lorincz 2-0 before losing to Svab (Czech) 2-0 in last 32 of main competition.

### Marc Priddle

1st round: Lost -13, -17 to Erdos (7), beat Medgyesi, lost to Bihari and Mavrokoridis (Greece). In "Class 2" consolation beat 3 Hungarians and antheIraseli, returned to Class 1 consolation beating Kovacs. Lost to Kondek in last 32.

### Doubles

Opening victories to Sara/Gemma and Ben/Mathew, the latter losing to ultimate winners Csolle/Bardon (Czech). Csolle,

player of the tournament, won both Junior Boys singles and doubles, their 2-0 victory over Sweden in the final (second game 21-5!) showing their dominance.

Noteworthy was that excepting some over zealous "usherettes" who gave more amusement than annoyance, the players were treated by the Officials as intelligent human beings — there were very few announcements and none such as "I shall have no choice but to cease all knocking" and "All those on Table 15 OFF".

The inclusion of "upper grade" consolation events for those going out in the 2nd round kept all the players occupied to the last day. Altogether a great event, thoroughly enjoyed by all. The young Kingfisher players matured noticeably from the experience, whilst Brian and I wished we were a little less mature! I should like to think we did our bit for international relations, at least this I can guarantee for Anglo-Canadian cooperation, but perhaps Sarah should be the one to comment!

# BALTIMORE MASTER

by Brian Halliday



MATT Syed, the pride of Reading, had a whole string of sen-sational wins in Baltimore in the All Star Under 22 event, to take the US Open by storm.

The original intention was to partner Matt with Chen Xinhua in the doubles event, but both players decided, with a very strenuous schedule lined up, that full attention should be channelled into the singles events.

The Under-22 All Stars had attracted 84 of the world's best players, with Matt unseeded and the sole English entry. His first match barely hinted at the fireworks to come as he disposed of American Mal Jones, 2-0.

The second round, which was also played in the massive convention centre, saw him paired with the seeded Johan Fallby of Sweden.

Fallby is ranked No. 7 in his country, along with a European and world ranking, he is also a member of the all conquering Swedish squad.

Matt started brilliantly, out foxing his crew cut opponent with clever use of float and chop to take the first game 21-12. Fallby stepped up a gear in game two, but the Reading player was now at his best, winning 24-22.

The victory caused considerable comment in the stadium, and there was more interest centred on Matt in his third round match against an unknown Iranian, Mirsadeghi Seyed. The Reading player, again, delighted supporters with an easy 2-0 win.

Jim Butler, a member of the 1989 US World team, was the round four opponent. He was the

1985 US National men's singles finalist at the age of 15, and currently trains with the Swedish national squad.

This fast, attacking style player carried the home hopes with him, but again Matt was in invincible form, running out 2-0 against the player ranked number two in the United States.

By now English supporters were at fever pitch of excitement as our home representative had progressed to the semi-final. Matches from now on were transferred to the Baltimore arena for the benefit of TV and large crowds. The semi-final opponent was the former European Junior and Cadet champion, Thomas Von Scheele who had beaten Jan Ove Waldner.

Matt was now getting massive support from the English veteran

contingent over in Baltimore for the Veterans World Championships, and again he did not disappoint his new fans, giving another breathtaking display of that clever ball-taking defence that is his hallmark.

Von Scheele is a left hand attacker with a very fast loop, but with very clever advice and coaching from Chen Xinhua, Matt came through to the final.

## Style

By now the US media were involved, with everyone wanting to see and interview the Englishman whose unique style was captivating the crowds. The final opponent was, without doubt, one of the tournament's finest players. Peter Karlsson is the Swedish number five, has a high world and European ranking, was runner-up in the 1989 European Cup, has won both the Czech and Hungarian Open doubles titles, and just lost in the 1989 China Open semi-finals to Korea's Ahn Jae Hyung. In the US Open he beat French number one, Gatién, 3-0, and had five match points against eventual winner and current World Champion, Jan Ove Waldner.

The task facing the Reading player was to be the biggest test of a sensational tournament.

Matt, defending for all his worth, took the first game easily to 15. Karlsson rallied from 18-19 in the second to level at one game all, but the fairytale was completed when Matt clinched the decider, to take the match and win the coveted title.

At the post match celebrations, Matt was asked for his thoughts on his success. He said that his return of serve was of paramount importance at this level, and recent concentrated training on this aspect of his game had given him the edge on a number of matches. As well as his trophy and cash prize, he was immediately invited to go to Sweden to train with the full Swedish team.

In the men's singles, Matt won through three qualifying rounds before being defeated by Philippe Saive of Belgium.

## MEDALS GALORE But not all is gold

A SUPERB all round effort from our veterans at the US Open which brought no less than twelve gold medals, seven silver and three bronze.

They were all outstanding but particularly so the gold won by octogenarian Phylliss Lauder who played superbly to win the over-80's title. Elsie Carrington also showed some rare skills to win the over-70's title.

There was also gold and silver for England in the over-40's event with John Hilton, Stuart Gibbs and Malcolm Corking beating Mike Short, Matt Sheader and Roger Hampson in the final.

But whilst the players were taking medals galore, the organisers were taking some stick (writes Alex Murdock).

There were many sparkling performances, which I shall list later. Most of the event was marred by the most appalling organisation seen in the championships at this level. This is not just the opinion of the UK representatives as I talked (sometimes through an interpreter) to many other players from around the world, including the USA.

The timing/day of events changed daily and the lateness against the last schedule time varied between two hours and the next day. I watched players who played their first round matches at 9.30am expecting the second round to be at 10.30am waiting at the agreed table after midnight.

Two halls were used and players were walking between them not sure, and unable to find out where and at what time they should play. The Tournament

organiser's table was six deep with competitors trying to find out what they should do next. The in word was "default".

The presentation ceremony for the winners was well organised but the consolation winners were asked to go to a room to collect their awards. In this room first, second, third and fourth places were all given the same prize, a pen, badge and poster. Can you imagine the reaction from Veterans around the world who had played their hearts out from round robins to the final over two days and to be given these prizes, many were in tears.

The Buffet Dance at the start was a disaster, bussing 2000 people across Baltimore. One entrance taking 2-3 people at a time, three toilets for the Ladies and the Men being asked to go outside. Soon after the start an announcement was made that if people wanted to leave they could. Buses to hotels would be provided and a refund made — the next day this statement was denied.

Without doubt I would like to commend all the VETTS players and supporters who when they were not playing supported other VETTS with so much enthusiasm that it undoubtedly helped us to our most successful World VETTS Tournament — the friendship, help and camaraderie both inside and outside of the Tournament was second to none.

I wish on behalf of the VETTS Society to give special mention to Sue Allison and John Glew for all their organisation before, during and after this tournament. To our Umpires Roger Varden and David Miller who worked 10-12 hours a day under very stressful circumstances always with a smile on their faces and kept some semblance of order.



## NO SURPRISES AS SEEDS EASE HOME

TWO players stood head and shoulders above the rest at the Kirklees Junior Open. Edward Hatley and Sally Marling showed just why they are among a clutch of youngsters determined to reach the top. Here our correspondent Rea Balmford opens the new season with his account of how some of our leading juniors started off their campaign.

ALTHOUGH one or two of the big names were conspicuous by their absence from the Kirklees Junior Open, the pipe opener for the new season on the Junior circuit, over 200 youngsters assembled at Huddersfield Sports Centre for the tournament, organised by the Dewsbury League and sponsored by the Kirklees Leisure Services and M P Textiles, Ltd.

On a day more conducive to the traditional summer sport of cricket, the Junior Boys Singles brought few surprises with the top four seeds making their way in a reasonable amount of comfort to the semi-finals and Steve Coverdale and Jeremy Hyatt (seeded 5) joining

them in the quarters.

Missing out were Marc Priddle, beaten by top cadet Andrew Wilkinson who, in turn, fell to Robert Sharp, and Barry Forster, who went down 19, -19, 18 to Richard Hatley, elder brother of top seed Edward.

But, from that point on, the seeding went according to plan with Edward Hatley running out winner with a final straight sets victory over Alex Perry.

England No. 1 Sally Marling came safely through the top half, although she did drop a game to inform Yorkshire colleague Debbie Newman, but there was mayhem in the lower section where Irish girl Amanda Cooke shot out Claire



Edward Hatley

Marshall (seeded 2) and Lynsey Heyward, winner over 4th seed Caroline Bentley.

### Action

Sally, however, fresh from a hectic 'close' season which has seen her regularly in action on the continent, soon put the record straight with a runaway final win in which she conceded only eight points.

From an unseeded spot, Scotland's Steward Crawford claimed the Cadet Boys Singles title in a

topsy-turvy event in which not one of the top four seeds made the semis.

Crawford got his act under way as he removed Philip Neal (2) in his Round 1 game and then came past David Yardy in the semi-final to meet Paul Hudson, who had dismissed Mark Smith in the other half after previously toppling top seed Wilkinson.

The Scot must have felt his journey south to be very much worthwhile when he added the Class 2 Singles honours at the expense of Gary Pestka.

With the girls Sally had no problems in taking the Singles title without the loss of a game and completed a profitable weekend when she added the doubles with Gemma Schwartz.

The parallel Boys Doubles went to Wilkinson — Mark Smith, with Ray Powell — Coverdale and Marling — Zoe Buchanan claiming the honours at Junior TTN level.

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# TIME FOR CHANGE

*The first part of a two part series by Tony Morris, late of West Sussex Institute of Higher Education, now at Footscray Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Australia, on how important colour is to our sport and how we can adapt to change.*

IN recent times table tennis in England, and also worldwide, has become sensitive to the need to give the game mass appeal. We have watched the way that sports like snooker and darts have promoted themselves on television. This sort of exposure not only brings in much needed revenue, either directly from television fees or indirectly, by acting as a magnet for big spending advertisers, it also attracts youngsters to the game, thus securing the future.

Table tennis is competing in a tough market place right now. Aside from the "rehabilitation" of games like snooker and darts from the "misspent youth" notion of bar-rooms and social clubs, there are exciting new sports like windsurfing and mountain biking and for the less adventurous there is a plethora of creative and challenging computer and video games.

Recognizing the need to give the game greater appeal, to get more media exposure and to draw in spectators and sponsors (the Leeds deal was a great coup), and table tennis authorities have started to change laws, regulations and customs of the game and there is surely much more to come.

There has been considerable relaxation in the regulations concerning kit. There are various ideas about colours of ball, floor and table as well. At the 1989 World Championships in Dortmund the ITTF announced that yellow and orange balls will be used in the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games.

In English table tennis colour changes have accompanied the Leeds Permanent Building Society's major sponsorship of the game. For the showpiece events sponsored by the Leeds, such as the Leeds Masters and the finals of the English Open a special "Leeds blue" arena was constructed with blue floor and blue and grey surrounds. At some events a blue table has been used.

It therefore, seems pertinent to ask whether ball colour and background colours against which the ball must be viewed, such as walls, surrounds, floor and shirt of opponent make a difference to the players' speed of response. David Rogers, a student working with me at West Sussex Institute, and a

junior county player himself, has carried out a preliminary experiment to study this question.

Once again, our close working relationship with the Director of Coaching, Donald Parker, led to him kindly arranging for National Squad members to act as subjects. Our thanks, as usual, are extended to the seven top male and female players who volunteered their time for this investigation, which was carried out during a Lilleshall National Training Camp in November 1989.

Although the range of background colours now in use is great, it was necessary to be rather selective at this stage, since each subject had to complete ten trials for each combination and it was intended to use white, yellow and orange balls. With three background colours this leads to nine combinations and 90 trials, which was as many as we felt it was reasonable to ask subjects to do.

The background colours chosen were dark green, the Leeds blue, or as near to it as we could get, and red because many halls have red brick walls. In the event, it was not possible to obtain enough orange balls in time for the experimental work so only white and yellow were used, resulting in six ball/background combinations.

The balls were fired from a Donic 301 Robot ball-firer to control speed, direction and trajectory. The speed was 35 kilometres per hour, combined with a flat trajectory as it was necessary to put subjects under time pressure. Subjects were informed that each ball might go to either backhand or forehand.

Unknown to the subject, however, the backhand was only used to ensure that the player had to make an observable decision; that is, once she/he moved to respond with the forehand this indicated that a decision had been made in favour of a forehand response rather than a backhand.

To produce the varied background colours, sheets dyed to the predetermined shades were mounted on a frame. This was placed immediately in front of the ball firer, so that players could not see its action in case this gave any visual cues. No

precaution was deemed necessary to hide auditory cues given by the ball-firer's release mechanism because this only indicated that a ball had been released, thus acting as a warning signal, it did not inform the player whether the ball was coming to forehand or backhand.

An area 30 cm by 20 cm was cut out of the coloured sheet where the ball would come through and a piece of tissue paper the same colour as the sheet, cut into inch wide fronds, was placed over this area. This obscured the ball-firer but allowed the ball, fired at speed, to come through unaffected in speed, trajectory and direction.

## NEXT MONTH

How colour affects our decisions

## DEADLINES

*Table Tennis News in common with most other magazines relies a great deal on local contributors. Please send your stories, ideas and pictures to The Editor, Sports PR, PO Box 8, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire. SK8 7RG or to English Table Tennis Association, Third Floor, Queensbury House, Havelock Road, Hastings. TN34 1HF who will pass them on. Try and type your stories in double spacing and add a telephone number where you can be contacted if necessary. The following are editorial deadlines for the remainder of the season.*

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## LONDON BUSINESS HOUSES LEAGUE

Individual championships -  
 Mens: J Suotmaa bt S Haddock  
 Mens Doubles: A. Morrison/A Wood bt  
 S Haddock/A Bonnici  
 Ladies: K Saywell bt J Williams  
 Ladies Doubles: S Corral/J Williams  
 Mixed: A Wood/P Wood bt E Munir/S  
 Corral

## LEEDS NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

at St Neots  
**Wilmott Cup:**  
 Dagenham bt Chesterfield 5-4  
**J M Rosebowl:**  
 Wolverhampton bt Dagenham 5-1  
**Carier Cup:**  
 Dagenham bt Sunderland 5-1  
**Bromfield Trophy:** Hull bt Chelmsford  
 5-2  
**Leach Cup:** North Yorkshire bt Bristol  
**Hammersley Cup:**  
 Grantham bt Brentwood 5-1  
**Ormesby Cup:**  
 Apollo Willesden bt Ellenborough 5-3  
**Gainsford Cup:**  
 Playline Sovereigns bt Apollo  
 Willesden 5-4  
**WREXHAM VICTORIA YC MEMBERS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**  
 Summer Knock Out Finals —  
 Premier KO:  
 Cambrian District 6, Grove-Griflex 3  
 Intermediate KO:  
 Llay Royal British Legion 7, Prestatyn  
 2  
 Super-Minor KO:  
 Wrexham Eager Beavers 5, Wrexham  
 SCFD 3  
 Minor KO:  
 Garden Village YC 6, Wrexham 3  
 Premier KO - 3/4 play-off  
 Cambrian Dist A 5, Wrexham OB 4  
 Intermediate KO play-off  
 McAlpine Quarries 7, Royal Mail 2  
 Super-Minor KO:  
 Llandegla 5, Grove Mums & Dads 4  
 Minor KO:  
 Grove Junior D 5, Wrexham-Victoria  
 YC B 4

**MILTON KEYNES U21 CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**at Bletchley**  
**Mens Singles**  
**Semi-finals**  
 Syed bt O'Driscoll 14, -17, 12  
 Holland bt Solder -21, 16, 16  
**Final:**  
 Syed bt Holland 21, 16  
**Womens Singles**  
 Holt bt Lower -19, 14, 13  
 Marling bt Thornley 13, 11  
**Final:**  
 Holt bt Marling 18, 9  
**Mens Doubles**  
 Gibson & Holland bt Cole & Rand -  
 23, 15  
 Jeffries & O'Driscoll bt Solder &  
 Taylor -11, 22, 15  
**Final:**  
 Jeffries & O'Driscoll bt Gibson &  
 Holland 16, -19, 16  
**Womens Doubles**  
**Semi-finals**  
 Billington & Holt bt Lower &  
 Watton 17, 17  
 Deaton & Meddings bt Buckley &  
 Roberts 14, 14  
**Final:** Billington & Holt bt Deaton  
 & Meddings 13, 13  
**KIRKLEES JUNIOR OPEN**  
 at Huddersfield  
**Junior Events**

Please send your results to the Editor as soon as possible after the event has finished. Remember, we are a monthly publication so speed is essential. We want to publish as many as possible and to reach every corner of the country. Senior and junior tournaments, county championships and schools are all welcome.

**Boys Singles Semi Finals**  
 Edward Hatley (Sy) bt Ray Powell (Gs)  
 16, 12; Alex Perry (Dv) bt Gareth Jones  
 (Y) -16, 19, 17  
**Final:** Hatley bt Perry 14, 11  
**Girls Singles Semi Finals**  
 Sally Marling (Y) bt Gemma Schwartz  
 (Bk) 11, 14; Amanda Cooke (IRL) bt  
 Lynsey Heyward (Dv) -10, 17, 18  
**Final:** Marling bt Cooke 2, 6  
**Boys Doubles:** Stephen Coverdale  
 (Nd)/Powell bt David Baker (Mi)/Jones  
 -18, 12, 13  
**Girls Doubles:** Marling/Zoe Buchanan  
 (Ch) bt Tamar Connolly (La)/Caroline  
 Watt (Cu) -16, 16, 18  
**Class 2 Boys Singles:** Robert Sharp (Y)  
 bt Darren Lindley (Y) 17, -16, 12  
**Class 2 Girls Singles:** Heyward/Debbie  
 Newman 17, -11, 19  
**Cadet Events**

**Boys Singles: Semi Finals**  
 Stewart Crawford (SCO) bt David  
 Yardy (E) -17, 11, 14; Paul Hudson (E)  
 bt Mark Smith (Y) 19, 15  
**Final:** Crawford bt Hudson 16, 15  
**Girls Singles: Semi Finals**  
 Marling bt Schwartz 17, 14; Jennifer  
 Coleman bt Heyward -19, 19, 17  
**Final:** Marling bt Coleman 11, 15  
**Boys Doubles:**  
 Mark Smith (Y)/Andrew Wilkinson  
 (Nd) bt Hudson/Simeon Zefferit (Mi)  
 20, 9  
**Girls Doubles:**  
 Marling/Schwartz bt Vicky Fox  
 (St)/Sarah Stedman (Sx) 18, 13  
**Class 2 Boys Singles:**  
 Crawford bt Gary Pestika (Ng) 16, 14  
**Class 2 Girls Singles:**  
 Vicky Fox (St) bt Nicola Duke (K) -23,  
 23, 25  
**Under 12**

**Boys Singles:**  
 David Purdy (Dy) bt Michael James (Y)  
 -17, 14, 17  
**Girls Singles:**  
 Nicola Silbum (Y) bt Nicola Smith (Y)  
 21, -9, 15

**LEEDS SCHOOL INTER-NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**at Douglas, Isle of Man**  
**Results:**  
**Team Events:**  
**Senior Boys:**  
**Final:** ENGLAND 6 Wales 2  
 England:  
 Martin Adams (Berkshire), Paul  
 Carter (Surrey Met) Ng Pin Keung  
 (Lincs), Garry  
 Knights(Staffs), Howard Whewell  
 (Lancashire)  
**Positions:** 1. ENGLAND 2. Wales  
 3. Scotland  
 4. Ireland 5. Iceland 6. Isle of Man  
**Senior Girls: Final:** WALES 6  
 England 1  
 England:  
 Ruth Cleminson (Essex County),  
 Lisa Crick (Berks), Tina Sadler  
 (Somerset), Hayley Sims (Lincs),  
 Barbara Smallwood (Merseyside)  
**Positions:** 1. WALES 2. England

3. Scotland 4. Ireland 5. Iceland 6.  
 Isle of Man  
**Intermediate Boys: Final:**  
 ENGLAND 6 Ireland 0  
 England:  
 Jason Blake (Surrey Met), Stephen  
 Coverdale (Tyne & Wear), Darren  
 Howarth (Greater Manchester),  
 James Mason (Bedfordshire), John  
 Shipman (Devon)  
 1. ENGLAND 2. Ireland 3.  
 Scotland 4. Wales 5. I.o.Man 6.  
 Iceland  
**Intermediate Girls: Final:**  
 ENGLAND 10 Ireland 0  
 England:  
 Dawn Barnett (Northants), Sally  
 Marling (Humberside), Nicola  
 Meddings (West Midlands), Maria  
 Thornley (Lancashire), Sara  
 Williams (Middlesex)  
 1. ENGLAND 2. Ireland 3.  
 Scotland 4. Iceland  
**Cadet Boys: Final:** ENGLAND 6  
 Ireland 4  
 England: Darren Blake (Surrey  
 Met), Kevin Hodgson (Cumbria),  
 Stephen Meddings (West  
 Midlands), Cris Sladden (Essex  
 County), Andrew Wilkinson (Tyne  
 & Wear)  
 1. ENGLAND 2. Ireland 3. Wales  
 4. Scotland 5. Isle of Man 6.  
 Gibraltar  
**Cadet Girls: Final:** ENGLAND 6  
 Ireland 1  
 England: Diana Chan (Surrey  
 County), Jenny Coleman (Essex  
 County), Linsey Heyward (Devon),  
 Michelle Martin (Staffs), Sally  
 Russell (Northants)  
 1. ENGLAND 2. Ireland 3. Wales  
 4. Gibraltar 5. Scotland 6. Iceland  
 7. Isle of Man

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

### TSP World Team Cup, Japan

**Men's Team: Stage 1**  
 Hokkaido/Group D:  
 1. CHN 3-0, 2. HOL 2-1, 3. YUG 1-2,  
 4. NZL 0-3  
 Aomori/Group A:  
 1. SWE 3-0, 2. ENG 2-1, 3. TPE 1-2, 4.  
 CAN 0-3  
 Niigata/Group C:  
 1. PRK 3-0, 2. KOR 2-1, 3. BRA 1-2, 4.  
 USA 0-3  
 Tokyo/Group B:  
 1. JPN 3-0, 2. URS 2-1, 3. NGR 1-2, 4.  
 DEN 0-3

### Womens Team: Stage 1

Hokkaido/Group B:  
 1. JPN 2-0, 2. HUN 1-1, 3. CUB 0-2  
 Aomori/Group D:  
 1. KOR 2-0, 2. TCH 1-1, 3. AUS 0-2  
 Niigata/Group C:  
 1. PRK 2-0, 2. HKG 1-1, 3. NGR 0-2  
 Tokyo/Group A:  
 1. CHN 2-0, 2. URS 1-1, 3. USA 0-2  
**Men's Team: Stage 2**

**Semi Finals**  
**Sweden bt England 3-0**  
 Waldner bt Chen Xinhua 18, -16, 16  
 Persson bt Douglas 18, 16  
 Waldner/Appelgren bt Douglas/Cooke

20, -19, 16  
**China bt Korea DPR 3-0**  
 Chen Zhibin bt Kim Song Hui 14, -  
 14, 15  
 Chen Longcan bt Li Gun Sang 13, 11  
 Chen Longcan/Ma Wenge bt Kim Song  
 Hui/Kim Guk Chol 16, -19, 17  
**Final**  
**Sweden bt China 3-2**  
 Chen Zhibin bt Persson -20, 12, 20  
 Chen Longcan bt Waldner 13, 10  
 Waldner/Appelgren bt Chen Zhibin/Ma  
 Wenge -19, 14, 16  
 Persson bt Cheng Longcan 19, 19  
 Appelgren bt Ma Wenge 15, 25  
**5TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**FOR VETERANS BALTIMORE**  
**MS**  
**Over 40** Liang Geliang (CHN) bt John  
 Hilton (ENG) 11, 12  
**Over 50** Toni Hold (AUT) bt Josef  
 Skultety (SWE) 18, 13  
**Over 60** Louis Heremans (BEL) bt Joel  
 Charlot (FRA) 9, 12  
**Over 70** Goerge Hendry (USA) bt Lou  
 Radzeli (USA) 10, -18, 16  
**Over 80** Wing Lock Koon (USA) bt  
 Torsten Westblad (SWE) 15, 20  
**WS**  
**Over 40** Peizhen Shao (USA) bt  
 Margrit Trupkovic (FRG) 15, 19  
**Over 50** Kazuko Ito (JPN) bt Wanja  
 Wannehed (SWE) 13, 17  
**Over 60** Urzula Fitzgerald (AUS) bt  
**Joan Beadle (ENG) -14, 8, 8**  
**Over 70** Elsie Carrington (ENG) bt  
 Yukie Uchida (JPN) 18, 14  
**Over 80** Phyllis Lauder (ENG) bt  
 Dorothy De Low (AUS) 18, 18  
**MD**  
**Over 40** Kunz/Liang (FRG/CHN) bt  
 Lieck/Galal (FRG/SUI) -22, 15, 11  
**Over 50** Kleewein/Hold (AUT) bt  
 Persson/Skultety (SWE) 19, 15  
**Over 60** Schofield/Shearer (ENG) bt  
 Heremans/Nieuwejaers (BEL) 21, -17,  
 13  
**Over 70** Croneryd/Nilsson (SWE) bt  
 Berggren/Blumqvist (SWE) -12, 19, 15  
**Over 80** Ulpiano/Cheal (USA/NZL) bt  
 Nilsson/Westblad (SWE) 17, 15  
**WD**  
**Over 40** Kunstein/Trupkovic (FRG) bt  
 Niermeier/Zemke (FRG) 13, -12, 12  
**Over 50** Ito/Omori (JPN) bt  
 Tegner/Wannehed (SWE) 16, 16  
**Over 60** Fitzgerald/Beadle (AUS) bt  
 Doose/Friebe (FRG) 15, 12  
**Over 70** Rebattet/Delay (FRA) bt  
**Penny/Okamoto (ENG/JPN) 20, -19,**  
 11

**EUROPEAN LEAGUE**  
**at Caltanissetta, Italy. 12 Sep 90**  
 (Home team first)  
 M Costantini 1st C Prean 16.21/13.21  
 G Di Napoli 1st A Cooke  
 9.21/21.19/10.21  
 A Arisi 1st L Lomas 12.21/13.21  
 Nannoni/Costantini 1st Prean/Cooke  
 21.14/20.22/18.21  
 Constantini/Arisi 1st Prean/Lomas  
 18.21/18.21  
 Constantini 1st Cooke  
 19.21/21.18/20.22  
 Napoli 1st Prean 7.21/12.21  
 Result: Italy 0, England 7,

# HALEX NATIONAL RANKINGS

**CARL Preat (22)** moves back to the top of the ranking lists of the English Table Tennis Association. Carl, along with Alan Cooke, Desmond Douglas and Skylet Andrew take the top four places under the new computerised system whereby all English players in the top 50 in Europe carry their ranking into the domestic list.

## Men

- 1 EUR Preat Carl (Ryde)
- 2 EUR Cooke Alan (Chesterfield)
- 3 EUR Douglas Desmond (Walsall)
- 4 EUR Andrew Skylet (Stratford)
- 5 875 Mason Nicky (Bexhill)
- 6 774 Syed Matthew Reading
- 7 731 Billington Bradley (Ch'field)
- 8 662 Oldfield Chris (Sheffield)
- 9 548 Souter John (M. Drayton)
- 10 544 O'Driscoll Michael (Mir'ld)
- 11 531 Gibson Sean (Chorley)
- 12 492 Dorking Stephen (Hornch.)
- 13 476 Sandley Graham (Sth'gate)
- 14 467 Taylor Tony (Davyhulme)
- 15 461 Rogers Christopher (W'Kni.)
- 16 455 Holland John (Brentwood)



Steve Dorking

- 17 448 Taylor Jonathan (Manchest.)
- 18 447 Whiting Paul (Plymouth)
- 19 438 Giles Paul (Saltash)
- 20 435 Hilton John (Manchester)
- 21 409 Eckersley Nigel (Macclesf.)
- 22 406 Venner Ritchie (Crawley)
- 23 401 Moore Adrian (Bexhill)
- 24 395 Baker Glenn (Guildford)
- 25 391 Satchell Kevin (Helksham)
- 26 385 Cunningham Andy (Chaf'm)
- 27 377 Stokes Jimmy (Reading)
- 28 377 Chen Xinhua (Maltby)
- 29 375 Bakewell Craig (St.-on-Tre.)
- 30 372 Solder Grant (Barking)
- 31 359 Wilson Colin (Hampstead)
- 32 358 Slater Stephen (St.on-Tre.)
- 33 356 Smith Eddie (Gateshead)
- 34 349 Darnell Richard (Brentwood)
- 35 341 Hammond Mike (Crawley)
- 36 335 Robertson Ian (Nth.Shields)
- 37 335 Gannon Dave (Leicester)
- 38 330 Eden Andrew (Brentwood)
- 39 328 Gunn Phil (Birmingham)
- 40 328 Kitchener John (Ipswich)
- 41 324 Barr David (Thatcham)
- 42 323 Cutler Tom (Neasden)
- 43 321 Taylor John (Gold.Green)
- 44 318 Newman Dave (Chelmsford)
- 45 311 Palmer Stuart (Brandon)
- 46 301 Rainford Paul (Bromley)
- 47 298 Owens Michael (Allens'r)
- 48 296 Burleton John (Milt.Keynes)
- 49 295 Harvey Dave (Cheltenham)
- 50 293 Topiwala Dipak (Edmonton)

## Women

- 1 EUR Lomas Lisa (Luton)
- 2 EUR Gordon Alison (Reading)
- 3 EUR Elliot Fiona (Wolverham'pn)
- 4 EUR Holt Andra (Bury)
- 5 440 Shaw Joanne (Normanton)
- 6 416 Giles Garol (Saltash)
- 7 409 Harris Jill (Walsall)
- 8 379 Billington Julie (Ches'field)

- 9 379 Houghton Juliet (Tonbridge)
- 10 318 Lower Helen (Wolv.hamp'n)
- 11 305 Radford Lesley (Upminster)
- 12 266 Moore Teresa (Bexhill)
- 13 263 Roden Sandra (West Mids)
- 14 258 Toole Debbie (Normanton)
- 15 251 Goodall Katherine (Leeds)
- 16 239 Radford Linda (Upminster)
- 17 233 Airey Suzanne (Grantham)
- 18 223 Barella Jane (Surbitan)
- 19 221 Newbound Helen (Royston)
- 20 221 Carey Melonie (Puriton)
- 21 221 Smith Karen (Leicester)
- 22 220 Collier Susan (Maidenhead)
- 23 214 Buckley Caroline (Rexhold)
- 24 202 Hewitt Carol (Brighton)
- 25 197 Weston Sally (Horsham)
- 26 194 Deaton Nicola (Chesterfield)
- 27 190 Roberts Joanne (Leeds)
- 28 190 Hammond Sarah (Southamp)
- 29 188 Gower Alison (Ingatstone)
- 30 179 Cohen Michelle (Bristol)
- 31 179 Sayer Elaine (LondonE12)
- 32 176 Marling Sally A. (Hull)
- 33 176 Meddings Ellen (Harrogate)
- 34 175 Bongers Jose (Walsall)
- 35 173 Dean Joy (Preston)
- 36 172 Hunter Claire (Swindon)
- 37 172 Norman Julie (Newbury)
- 38 166 Keighly Joanne (Leeds)
- 39 164 Simmonds Debbie. (V.Wat.)
- 40 162 Short Elaine (Plymouth)
- 41 161 Perrott Helen (Keynsham)
- 42 160 Williams Sara (Hillingdon)
- 43 153 Gray Ruth (Hull)
- 44 147 Mouzon Clare (North Shlds)
- 45 142 Blanch Gillian (Acon)
- 46 139 Smith Angela (Middlesex)
- 47 137 Butler Susan (Plymouth)
- 48 132 Butler Cheryl (Unknown)
- 49 128 Marling Samantha L. (Hull)
- 50 126 Lee Brenda (Swindon)

## Junior Boys

- 1 654 Bevan Neil (Bude)
- 2 573 Knights Garry (Burt.on.Tr.)
- 3 546 Howarth Darren (Droyls.)
- 4 505 Hatley Edward (Aldershot)
- 5 450 Perry Alex (Crediton)
- 6 410 Jones Gareth (Riccald)
- 7 405 Adams Martin (Ascot)
- 8 404 Mileham Brian (Margate)
- 9 347 Greenwood Matthew (Ams)
- 10 295 Powell Raymond (Glouces.)
- 11 283 Coverdale Stephen (T.&W)
- 12 279 Blake Jason (Sth Croydon)
- 13 271 Taylor Duncan (Gold.Gr.)
- 14 271 Blake Darren (S.Croydon)
- 15 258 Forster Barry (Wickham)
- 16 254 Thompson Spencer (Rayn)
- 17 252 Shipman John (Plymouth)
- 18 248 Sladden Cris (South.on Sea)
- 19 245 Priddle Marc (Maidenhead)
- 20 237 Yates Gavin (Oxfordshire)
- 21 234 Wylley Miles (Bextleyth)
- 22 215 Hyatt Jeremy (Gloucester)
- 23 200 Baker David (Heston)
- 24 199 Bradfield Nicholas (Maid'h)
- 25 187 Vincent Adrian (Plymouth)
- 26 187 Hodgson Kevin (B.in Furn)
- 27 186 Hyacinth Richard (Harlesd.)
- 28 186 Nicholls Andrew (Selby)
- 29 182 Collyer Ian (Sunderland)
- 30 176 Horton Lee (Brierley Hill)
- 31 172 Chapman Philip (Bradford)
- 32 167 Ferguson Ian (Birmingham)
- 33 165 Horsfield Karl (Selby)
- 34 160 Haycock Martin (Didcot)
- 35 160 Smith Richard (Huddersf.)
- 36 159 May Jonathon (Plymouth)
- 37 159 Saville Ryan (Essex)
- 38 157 Robson Phil (Benwell)
- 39 154 Shaw Stephen (Burt.on.Tr)
- 40 142 Blasco John (Sth Croydon)
- 41 136 Mitchell Wayne (Harlow)
- 42 135 Meddings Stephen (S.Coldf)
- 43 134 Katz Dove (Stannore)
- 44 133 Johnson Ben (Reading)
- 45 132 O'Donovan Martin (Readg.)
- 46 131 Sanderson Graeme (Wash'n)
- 47 130 Dawson Mark (Lowestoft)
- 48 121 Mason James (New.Pagn.)
- 49 116 Sharp Robert (Nthallerton)
- 50 113 Maggs Jonathan (Bude)

## Junior Girls

- 1 865 Marling Sally A. (Hull)
- 2 854 Meddings Ellen (Harrogate)
- 3 762 Thornley Maria (Chorley)
- 4 667 Radford Linda (Upminster)
- 5 540 Deaton Nicola (Chesterfield)
- 6 538 Gower Alison (Ingatstone)
- 7 483 Williams Sara (Hillingdon)
- 8 400 Meddings Nicola (Birm'hm)
- 9 384 Goodall Katherine (Leeds)
- 10 338 Pengelly Claire (Paignton)
- 11 322 Barnett Dawn (Brackley)
- 12 319 Creasey Sarah (M.Drayton)
- 13 316 Marshall Claire (M.Dray.)
- 14 285 Creasey Elizabeth (M.Dray.)
- 15 257 Hollingsworth Lesley (S'bn)
- 16 257 Wright Helen (Plymouth)
- 17 228 Seaholme Sarah (Warford)
- 18 214 Cracknell Nicola (Reading)
- 19 214 Newman Deborah (Selby)
- 20 204 Barthee Nadine (Brentw.)
- 21 201 Watt Caroline (Barr. Furn)
- 22 197 Kottasz Emese (Chels.)
- 23 196 Martin Michelle (Bur.onTr)
- 24 190 Bentley Caroline (Bradford)
- 25 170 Baggaley Esther (Milt.Key.)
- 26 170 Coleman Jennifer (Brentw.)
- 27 163 Boon Rachel (Camborne)
- 28 160 Richardson Karen (Oldham)
- 29 157 Joseph Desiree (Rotherhithe)
- 30 148 Buchanan Zoe (Stockport)
- 31 141 Hughes Sally (Banbury)
- 32 134 Heyward Linsey (New.Abb)
- 33 133 Markham Miranda (N.Mald)
- 34 129 Schwartz Gemma (Reading)
- 35 122 Gardner Sarah (Chelmsford)
- 36 117 Connolly Tamar (Blackpool)
- 37 116 Russell Sally (Bart. Seagro.)
- 38 109 Garratt Tracey (Market Dr.)
- 39 104 Weil Anna (Brentwood)
- 40 93 Hand Claire (Market Dray.)
- 41 91 Beaymont Hayley (L.Buzz.)
- 42 85 Marriott Jackie (South Sh.)
- 43 84 Cole Tracey (Crawley)
- 44 84 Smith Sarah (Workshop)
- 45 81 Rand Julie (Upminster)
- 46 80 Otolini Gail (Mark. Dray.)
- 47 76 Greenberg Talya (N. Bamet)
- 48 75 Jablon Joanna (Lond.WC1)
- 49 75 Sibbald Catherine (Ilford)
- 50 74 Ashley Karen (Lond. SW20)

- 22 Fetzner Steffen (FRG)
- 23 Kriston Zsolt (HUN)
- 24 Janci Tomas (TCH)
- 25 Karlsson Peter (SWE)
- 26 Bengtsson Ulf (SWE)
- 27 Cabrera Thierry (BEL)
- 28 Korbel Petr (TCH)
- 29 Andrew Skylet (ENG)
- 30 Loukov Mariano (BUL)
- 31 Harczy Zsolt (HUN)
- 32 Javurek Jiri (TCH)
- 33 Marmurek Olivier (FRA)
- 34 Von Scheele Thomas (SWE)
- 35 Franz Peter (FRG)
- 36 Dvorak (Vladimir) (URS)
- 37 Florea Vasile (ROM)
- 38 Costantini Massimo (ITA)
- 39 Varadnian Samvel (URS)
- 40 Wrana Goran (SWE)
- 41 Chatelain Nicholas (FRA)
- 42 Qian Qianli (AUT)
- 43 Chila Patrick (FRA)
- 44 Stojanov Ivan (BUL)
- 45 Yalidz Gurham (TUR)
- 46 Fallby Johan (SWE)
- 47 Vimi Roland (TCH)
- 48 Heister Danny (HOL)
- 49 Creanga Calin (GRE)
- 50 Palmi Dietmar (AUT)

## Euro. Ranking Women

- 1 Guroguelicheva Daniela (BUL)
- 2 Wirth Gabriella (HUN)
- 3 Batorfi Casilla (HUN)
- 4 Popava Valentina (URS)
- 5 Nemes Olga (FRG)
- 6 Badescu Otilia (ROM)
- 7 Wang Xiaoming (FRA)
- 8 Hooman Mirjam (HOL)
- 9 Sarofava Alena (TCH)
- 10 Popova Valentina (URS)
- 11 Hrachova Marie (TCH)
- 12 Kasalova Renata (TCH)
- 13 Fazlic Jasna (YUG)
- 14 Urban Edit (HUN)
- 15 Svensson Marie (SWE)
- 16 Palina Inna (URS)
- 17 Vrieskoop Bettine (HOL)
- 18 Perkucin Gordana (YUG)
- 19 Lomas Lisa (ENG)
- 20 Timina Elena (URS)
- 21 Keen Gerdie (HOL)
- 22 Gordon Alison (ENG)
- 23 Noltén Kajja (FRG)
- 24 Struse Nicole (FRG)
- 25 Noor Emily (HOL)
- 26 Melnik Galina (URS)
- 27 Bogaerts Karien (BEL)
- 28 Kocova Miluse (TCH)
- 29 Ciosu Emilia (ROM)
- 30 Svensson Asa (SWE)
- 31 Coubat Emmanuelle (FRA)
- 32 Elliot Fiona (ENG)
- 33 Lunescu Marie (ROM)
- 34 Erlman Lotta (SWE)
- 35 Pettersson Pernilla (SWE)
- 36 Arisi Elessia (ITA)
- 37 Maier Elisabeth (AUT)
- 38 Poljak Marta (YUG)
- 39 Nagy Kirsztina (HUN)
- 40 Böfning Ilke (FRG)
- 41 Zatkova Renata (TCH)
- 42 Vitcheva Katalina (BUL)
- 43 Holt Andrea (ENG)
- 44 Suomalainen Sari (FIN)
- 45 Timofeeva Raisa (URS)
- 46 Bogoslov Maria (ROM)
- 47 Billen Els (BEL)
- 48 Wenzel Susanne (LUX)
- 49 Toelhoj Pia (DEN)
- 50 Laposchina Olga (URS)

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## EUROPEAN RANKING

### Men

- 1 Applegren Mikael (SWE)
- 2 Waldner Jan-Ove (SWE)
- 3 Grubba Andrzej (POL)
- 4 Persson Jorgen (SWE)
- 5 Roskopf Jörg (FRG)
- 6 Ganien Jean-Philippe (FRA)
- 7 Lindh Erik (SWE)
- 8 Primorac Zoran (YUG)
- 9 Saive Jean-Michel (BEL)
- 10 Lupulesku Ilije (YUG)
- 11 Mazunov Andrei (URS)
- 12 Böhm George-Zsolt (FRG)
- 13 Preat Carl (ENG)
- 14 Ding Yi (AUT)
- 15 Mazunov Dmitrij (URS)
- 16 Haldan Paul (HOL)
- 17 Cooke Alan (ENG)
- 18 Kucharski Leszek (POL)
- 19 Wang Yansheng (NOR)
- 20 Douglas Desmond (ENG)
- 21 Kalinic Zoran (YUG)

### ITTF Rank. Men

- 1 Waldner Jane-Ove (SWE)
- 2 Applegren Mikael (SWE)
- 3 Grubba Andrzej (POL)
- 4 Persson Jorgen (SWE)
- 5 Yoo Nam Kyu (KOR)
- 6 Chen Longcan (CHN)
- 7 Ma Wenge (CHN)
- 8 Yu Shentong (CHN)
- 9 Lindh Erik (SWE)
- 10 Roskopf Jörg (FRG)
- 11 Li Gun Sang (PRK)
- 12 Chen Zhibin (CHN)
- 13 Gatien Jean-Philippe (FRA)
- 14 Kim Song Hui (PRK)
- 15 Saive Jean-Michel (BEL)
- 16 Kim Taek Soo (KOR)
- 17 Primorac Zoran (YUG)
- 18 Mazunov (Andrei) (URS)
- 19 Saito Kiyoshi (JPN)
- 20 Xu Zengcai (CHN)
- 21 Teng Yi (CHN)
- 22 Lupulesku Ilija (YUG)
- 23 Preat Carl (ENG)
- 24 Wei Ginguang (CHN)
- 25 Böhm Georg-Zsolt (FRG)



The top of the range Schaler table tennis table from Kettler (GB)

**New Tables**

REDDITCH based Kettler (GB), the largest distributor of fun and hobby table tennis tables in the UK, are to introduce a tournament table into their comprehensive range.

Aptly named the Tournament, it is approved by the ITTF and has a special 20mm wood plate top with a polyester coated high velocity playing surface and PVC coated edges. The Tournament, the first table introduced by Kettler (GB) specifically for the 'professional' player, is easy to move prior and after play with its trolley featuring four large ball-bearing wheels.

THIS autumn also sees the introduction of the Top Star, a weatherproof table, and the Top, a fibreboard model. They complement Kettler's existing range which includes the Nordkap (standard and weatherproof), Narvik and Scholer.

**Halex**

THE brand name of Halex, manufacturer of the Ultra ball, will be seen widely throughout the sport in the coming season.

In addition to their long standing position as official ball to the County Championships, Halex have now announced that for this season they will also be sponsoring the Under 10, Under 11, and Under 12 National Championships.

The Halex ball is now of equal standard to any available in the UK and this new sponsorship will mean that England's top youngsters will gain experience with it at an early age and at the highest level.

But Halex are not restricting their sponsorship to elite players only. They have also announced their support for the newly revamped ETTA ranking scheme and now to be titled the Halex National Rankings. Over 3,000 English players now appear on the newly programmed computerised scheme which is one of the most sophisticated in sport.

The Halex sponsorship was announced at EXSL sports trade exhibition at Olympia on 17th September by Merrick Wolman, the Managing Director of MY Sports and Games which he has recently relaunched. He was accompanied by ETTA President Johnny Leach who is a consultant to MY.

Johnny said "The Under 11 Nationals will continue to be played in April but the Under 10 and Under 12 will be held over one weekend in May or June. I feel that this support for the game comes at a vital time for table tennis. We have the best national squad for over two decades and this programme is destined to keep new young talent flowing through."

**Big Business**

RACKET coverings are big business these days. The mind boggles at the recent list published by the ITTF which gives no less than 600 different covers from all over the world. The market leader at present is the Japanese company Tamasu Butterfly with 44 different covers.

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**Hat-Trick**

INDEPENDENT Marketing Services the UK distributor for Stiga have made three new appointments. Alison Rothery comes from Puma UK as the new merchandise controller and Kerry Ducker is the new marketing assistant. Paul Fitzsimmons completes the line-up as advertising and promotion manager.



Alan Hydes with Antony Fung, the owner of Lion International and Arthur Ho (left) export manager.

**Bellak**

**FORMER world champion Lazlo Bellak has written a book - at the age of 79! Now living in Miami his best years were in 1925-45 and at the age of 17 was world champion.**

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tures the period when table tennis was turned into a major sport. A good read.

Copies of the book can be obtained by writing to Lazlo at his home address in Florida. It is: L Bellak, 1700 Northeast 105th Street, Apartment 214, Miami Shores, Florida.

Lazlo is not sure what the price of the book is in England but it sells for 18 dollars in the USA.

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# WHERE ARE THE SPONSORS?

IT is a mystery to me as to what is being done by the ETTA to find sponsors. The Leeds were wonderful supporters and their contributions warmly appreciated. But they are not the only commercial organisation giving sponsorship.

What seems to be required is a bit more lateral thinking and a positive mental attitude (attributes our Chairman has in abundance thankfully).

Maybe the secretaries of Vets and the two local leagues I play in are holding out on me, but I have seen no marketing initiative from ETTA down through county and league and club levels to identify what the ETTA wants and some recommended approaches.

After all, there are probably many influential people in the sport acting/playing at a purely local league level.

The Chen issue went down the line pretty quickly, why can't the sponsorships issue, which is even more important. Incidentally I promise to make a positive contribution to try to find sponsors if we do receive an 'initiative', just in case anyone was thinking I was merely considering 'the others' should take action.

David Humble  
45 Tomswood Road  
Chigwell, Essex.

## Chief Executive replies:

*David Humble obviously missed my article in the January edition of Table Tennis News setting out the vast amount of work which has been done in trying to replace the Leeds sponsorship.*

*The work started in April 1989 and has been continuing non-stop ever since with regular and informative mailing going out to hundreds of sponsorship consultants and thousands of potentially interested customers.*

*Very many visits were made, sometimes accompanied by officers of the Association.*

*Unfortunately Mr. Humble underestimates the impact of the current economic situation which is hitting not only table tennis sponsorship but also every other sport.*

*To repeat the main thrust of my January article, in sponsorship search it is usually a case of 'Not what you know but who you know' so if anyone knows a top man in a company potentially interested in table tennis sponsorship, please contact the ETTA as a matter of urgency and a highly professional sponsorship proposal will reach them very quickly.*

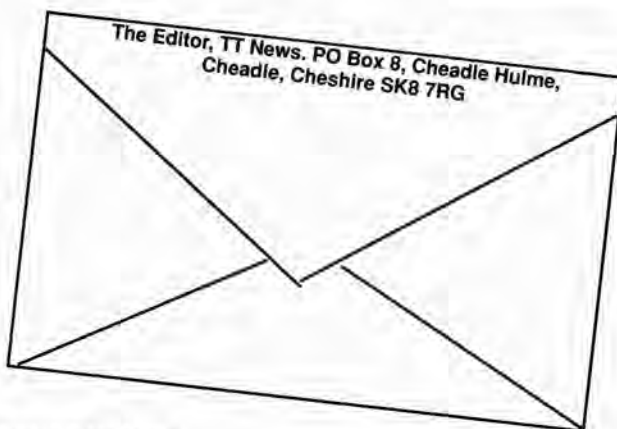
## CHAIRWOMEN?

THE job description for the Chairman of the ETTA set out by John Prean in the last issue would seem to preclude as a potential candidate, say, a middle age housewife or young ex-player who may have the qualities and ability to bring a new dimension to the position:

In my opinion, the Chairman's position is an honorary one, will be what the individual makes it and the election of a Chairman will depend to some extent on the needs of the Association at a particular period.

The elected Officers and nominated departmental vice chairmen should be chosen to serve on the Management Committee of the Association because of their particular expertise and leadership ability. They then have the support of the full time professional staff to carry out the established policies.

Therefore, an individual who may not necessarily be qualified to command a high paying salary or be in a position to work full time for the Association for nothing, should not be deterred from seeking the honour to be the Chairman of



the English Table Tennis Association.

It would be interesting to hear the views of other readers.

Jose Ransom (Mrs.)

*The Chairman of the Association is elected by the Counties and Leagues. Whom they elect is entirely their choice. Having done the job for some considerable time, I can only confirm that it is both time consuming and complex. On the basis of my experience the qualities I have mentioned are indispensable. It is, however, entirely the decision of the electors whether they elect someone with limited time and ability or indeed conflicting interests. Mrs. Ransom may not like my views, but they are based on the experience of doing the job.*

JP

## ENCOURAGED

AN article by Mr. K. Muhr (T.T. News May/June) contains the following: "That the ETTA should be considering abrogating its responsibility for maintaining a national network of centres of excellence is a disgrace."

As results of recent European Youth Championships indicate, there is a great deal of scope for improvement in our 'excellence' programmes. This is one reason why the vice-chairman of our coaching/development dept., Stuart Sneyd, initiated a number of weekend 'centres of excellence' at Lilleshall. I attended one of these and was encouraged and impressed.

Since money is a finite resource, it follows that, if one project takes up greater funds, another will take up fewer. However, in my time, the overall sums allocated to 'excellence' projects have been rising consistently. In my first year the number of local centres was increased from six to nine and that at a time of great financial crisis.

What Mr. M. omits is that, whilst local (evening) centres now operate on smaller subsidies, additional opportunities are now open to young players as a result of the Lilleshall week-ends. The overall sums are, in fact, greater. So, if there is a 'disgrace', it is elsewhere.

JOHN PREAN

## KEEP UP GOOD WORK

I FELT I must write and thank everyone for the lovely surprise gift presented to me at the ladies British League. It made me feel my work had been appreciated as well as having been very interesting and enjoyable.

I am very proud of the fact that I was involved in the early planning of the successful ladies British League and I wish you and everyone involved every best wish for the future.

I will naturally be visiting (that seems strange to write) England regularly and would hope to come to one of the weekends when I do. This way I will not lose contact and will maintain an interest in players fortunes.

Lastly Jose keep up the good work and continue the fight to improve the lady players lot, from junior to veteran from local to international. All are necessary and important to the game as are the many volunteers, coaches and parents who do all the behind the scene work.

Good luck, bon voyage and hasta luego.

Jenny Heaton  
Alicante, Spain.

## RUSSIAN SOS

I HAVE recently received correspondence from Victor Goldenberg a 38 year-old Russian table tennis player from Sverdlovsk who would like to correspond with players in the UK.

If you are interested in writing to Victor please write or telephone so that I can pass a copy of his letter to you.

Clive Oakman  
Unit 2a Bentalls Complex  
Heybridge, Maldon Essex  
0621 850550

## KEEP IT BRIEF

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## OBITUARY ROB OLDFIELD

ROBERT EDWIN OLDFIELD, 34, who died suddenly at his home at Hurstpierpoint, near Brighton on August 27th, was a man with a touch of "magic", a magnetic and jolly personality that inspired many people.

He was a devoted follower and a skilled performer at lawn tennis, squash, badminton and table tennis, and his cheerful enthusiasm for sport and for life in general was totally infectious.

"Rob" as he preferred to be known was born in Essex and subsequently graduated from the University of Bath where he met his wife Caroline Searle who is a media chief with the British Olympic Association.

Both Rob and Caroline spent about five years in table tennis, taking on all sorts of tasks. Rob was at one time development officer for the ETTA and later spent a shorter time as vice-chairman public relations. He also edited this magazine for a season. Not long ago at Manchester at the English Open rumours abounded that he might return to table tennis but that did not come to pass.

He pulled out of table tennis because of business pressures connected with his senior post in the civil service with the Tidy Britain Group, but his interest in our sport continued.

Ted Wallbutter the ETTA Chief Executive who, with Chairman John Prean, represented the ETTA at the funeral at Hurstpierpoint said "We have lost a great friend". The large attendance at Rob's funeral showed how popular and respected Rob had been.

His interest in the media and media people was as intense as his involvement in other spheres. I recall spending ten days with Rob and Caroline in Moscow reporting the European Championships. It was a memorable and at times hilarious trip coloured by Rob's special blend of humour. It is a devastating blow to all that knew him that a life should be cut so short.

JOHN WOODFORD

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Further information of England internationals  
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Further information Rea Balmford.

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