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## CAPTAIN'S LOG

This month's issue features a three page  
preview on the 61st English Open in  
Kettering, by ETTA Events Manager Mike  
Johns on pages 9, 10 and 11. Plus ETTA  
Chairman Alan Ransome writes about  
this forthcoming opening tournament of  
the 1995 ITTF Pro Tour in his column  
'From the Chair' on page 5.

My most enjoyable trip this issue was  
to the Veteran's British League weekend  
at the Bletchley Leisure Centre, Milton  
Keynes, where the standard of play by  
our older players and the friendship was  
a pleasure to behold. See full report on  
Pages 12 and 13.

In last month's issue the mystery  
'Lancashire Policeman', referred to in the  
report on the Cleveland 3 Star  
Tournament, was in fact David Newton,  
who was in action again in the Veteran's  
British League weekend at Bletchley,  
playing for PAA.

On page 17 is the start of a new feature  
entitled 'Around the World', compiled by  
ETTA Vice Chairman Public Relations,  
Brian Halliday. It is hoped that it will be  
published on a regular basis. Tim Holder  
also starts a new feature on page 23,  
where he writes on the subject of 'Sports  
Science'.

*John Wood, Editor*

## IN THE NEXT ISSUE...

■ SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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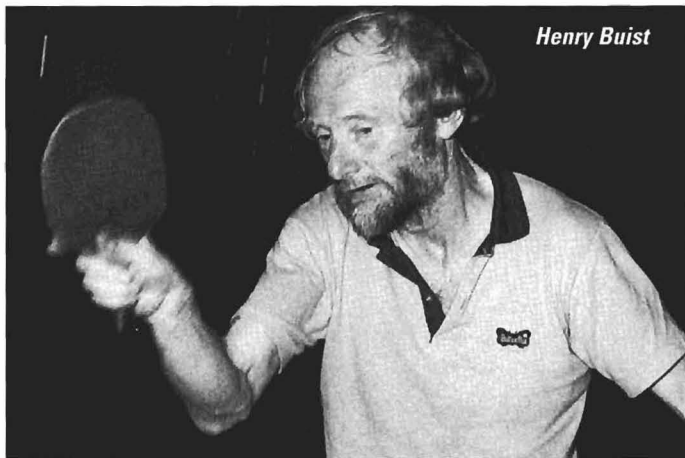
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# FACE of MANY PARTS

Super veteran Henry Buist, from Kent, who plays with a 1952 model Rowe Twins Blade, is in



Henry Buist

his spare time an actor!

In January he played a Gay Executioner in a pantomime entitled 'Alice in Blunderland', for the Pratts Bottom Dramatic Society, in Orpington, Kent.

During February he performed in a one act play 'The Monkey's Paw' a classic horror story of the turn of the century, for the Actors Sharers Company of Tunbridge Wells.

## COLLECTOR'S CORNER

This rather unusual item was discovered in an antique shop amongst other balls by Alan Duke. According to Jaques, the reason for the War time printing is probably due to the purchase and re-sale of old stock due to shortages of raw materials ("Haydon" being Adrian Haydon)

In April Henry will play the part of Sir Percy Shorter, in Habeas Corpus by Alan Bennett.

He has in the past played an incontinent dirty old man, and the back end of a tap dancing reindeer



## Wedding Bells

**Brian Spicer**, Former Chairman S.E. Region and **Janet Smith** who played 180 times for Scotland are now expecting a happy event next August after being married in Surrey last August.

They spend most of their time in Cascais, Portugal, where Janet plays in the Portugese National League, plays a lot of lawn tennis and is learning the language.



which was performed at the Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Obviously he has the face for these parts!

## COLLECTOR'S CLUB

Do you collect balls, pins, memorabilia, books, stamps, cards, art, or are you interested in the

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Brian Webster**, well-known Dundee-based table tennis photographer and helper in Press Centres at European Championships and other events, married **Anne Herd**, a State-registered nurse from Perth in January.

Brian is preparing to take jobs in the Press Centres in 1997 in Glasgow for the Commonwealth Championships and in Manchester for the World Championships.



history of table tennis?

The Collector's Club will be holding their first swap-meet at Schiedarm, Holland, on 18 May, and it is expected that this will attract members from across Europe. Contact Hans Kreisler, Nieuwe Buurt 23, 3111 KJ Schiedam, Holland (tel 10 4736544)

The Club magazine is available (three times a year) from Gerald Gurney, Guildhall, Great Bromley,

Manchester area. 8 children (10-18 yrs) 2 adults/coaches for approx 8 days during the World Championships April/May 1997. Contact direct: Arkady Star Ozhilets. Tel: (7/095) 141 39 93 Fax: 9122 325

## STOLEN CAR

Ken Muhr had his car, metallic grey Mbnongo 2.0 DLX (H399 PDC) stolen, despite being fully alarmed, from under his bedroom window in Ferryhill, Co Durham on the evening of 16/17 December 1995.

Distinguishing features, as a former Ministry of Defence car are: no sun roof, and three internal map lights (on black stalks). However, what might just possibly turn up (in car boot sales?) is the TT equipment in the boot; around 8 top quality bats (Donic/Butterfly blades with Mark V, Sriver and combination rubbers), 8 coaching bats, at least a gross of ball (all qualities), net-posts set, 'Butterfly' tracksuit and shirt, Donic holdall, shorts and shoes, and copies of Table Tennis News going back to 1994 (can anyone let me have replacements please?); a copy of JD Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye", numerous motor accessories and maps, and several cassettes (eg Jazz/blues/soul - Ray Charles, BB King, Marvin Gaye - and the Beatles) If you perchance you come across any of these please let Ken Muhr know: Telephone 0191 374 7433/38 (business)

Colchester, Essex, England CO7 7TU (tel 01206 230330). The subscription is £10.

## RUSSIAN EXCHANGE

Moscow based 'table tennis school' would like an exchange visit with a club/school in the

BY ALAN RANSOME

# ENGLISH OPEN

## at Kettering Arena



The ITTF Pro Tour is a concept that has been discussed in the ITTF circles for the last 3 or 4 years. The sports traditional major events, the International Opens were being devalued by an ever growing list of other major events that were attempting to attract the top players. These included the World Cup, World Team, World Doubles, European Masters and European Nations Cup and most time consuming of all the World All Star circuit.

By linking the major International Opens in a Pro Tour requiring good facilities and conditions, substantial prize money, and includes Grand Prix Points and International TV coverage, the ITTF has created an attractive and extensive package which should make an important and much needed contribution to the development of World table tennis.

Selected for the 1996 Tour is the English, Chinese, Japanese, Brazilian, US, Italian, French and Yugoslavian Opens with the Tour Finals for the top 15 highest points winners men and women taking place in China in December.

The prize money for the English Open is a record \$30,000 (£20,000), with the prize for the Tour Finals being \$200,000. Whilst a number of people have had input into the ITTF Pro Tour concept of the last four years, the initiative to bring it to fruition has been generated by the ITTF Vice President Marketing, Adham Sharara.

The Kettering Arena should prove to be a first class venue for this size of event. The main hall will house 12 international courts for the early matches then convert into four show courts with tiered seating plus four "outside" courts for the later rounds. A high quality wooden floor is

THE ITTF PRO TOUR'S FIRST EVENT WILL BE THE THE 61ST ENGLISH OPEN TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD AT THE KETTERING ARENA FROM 3RD TO 8TH APRIL.

SELECTION TO BE PART OF THE PRO TOUR WILL ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF THE EVENT. WE ARE EXPECTING THE STRONGEST FIELD FOR SOME TIME AND WITH THE EVENT BEING STAGED IN THE CENTRE OF THE COUNTRY OVER THE EASTER BREAK IT PROVIDES AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SUPPORTERS AND PLAYERS ALIKE TO ENJOY THE LAST OPEN EVENT IN EUROPE BEFORE THE ATLANTA OLYMPICS WRITES  
**ALAN RANSOME**

already in place so that the Tarket red floor can be laid straight on top without a need to lay an expensive wooden under floor. The Arena has all the facilities required under the one roof including a practice hall for eight tables, separate player and public restaurants, player rest rooms, press facilities, VIP areas, good and plentiful car parking and Kettering has good road access being near the M1/M6 link along the A14. Both Kettering Borough Council and the Management of the Kettering Arena and Leisure Village have provided incentives to the ETTA to bring the event to Kettering.

The schedule of play opens with the Pre-Qualifying Event followed on Easter Thursday/Friday with the Qualifying Groups. Many World ranked players will be competing in the qualifiers.

Most of the best matches will be played on one of the four show courts which will be created with the tiered seating for spectators from Easter Saturday. On Saturday the second round will be staged with the last 16 and quarter finals of the singles on Easter Sunday. The semi finals and finals will take place on Easter Monday. The whole concept of the event and the tour is very exciting and I hope that many

of you will be able to join me over Easter to enjoy the '96 Open.

Less than three weeks prior to the Open, the English National Championships are to be played at the Brighton Conference Centre on the 16th and 17th March. Brighton



**Alan Ransome, Chairman ETTA**

was the home of the Open for many years in the 60s, 70s and early 80s. Latterly the Conference Centre was also the Open venue. The Championships have been brought to the Conference Centre with assistance from the Brighton Corporation and the Hoteliers Organisation, which is chaired by the former England team manager, Ken Matthews.

Both the men's and women's

singles should prove very interesting events. On current form both events are open and are likely to be hard fought. The rivalry between the players to win the coveted national title is fierce and this will provide both interest and good quality table tennis.

Our English Men's team are to meet Poland in a two leg final fixture in the Joola European League Super Division. A win is needed to avoid relegation. Our team was beaten by the strong German team over two legs in the last round, whilst Poland narrowly lost to Hungary.

The English Women's team reached the semi-final of the Women's European Super League only to be well beaten by favourites Germany.

British Telecom are to join Pacific Investments as sponsors of the Youth Sport Trust Top Programme. The announcement was made at Marion Richardson Primary School in London on Thursday 29th February by Virginia Bottomley MP, JP, the Minister for Heritage. Both sport and the National Lottery are within Mrs Bottomley's portfolio. Table Tennis was one of only four sports invited to provide a demonstration at the launch managed by ETTA Director of Development Diccon Gray. Richard Yule and Lisa Lomas were also present.

There is no doubt that Sports Council's National Junior Sports Programme and the Youth Sports Trust Top Programme is going to provide table tennis with a unique and excellent opportunity to recruit youngsters into our sport. More on the progress that table tennis is making with these programmes in next month's issue of Table Tennis News. ✍️ Alan Ransome Chairman

Saturday/Sunday 3/4 February 1996 at the Welsh Institute of Sport, Cardiff

# DAVID & GOLIATH

**BRADLEY BILLINGTON** SENSATIONALLY DEFEATED TOP SEED CARL PREAN IN THE MEN'S SINGLES FINAL OF THE WELSH OPEN AT THE WELSH INSTITUTE OF SPORT IN CARDIFF, WHILST ENGLAND'S NICOLA DEATON BEAT RISING STAR SHELLEY RUOCCO IN THE WOMEN'S SINGLES FINAL WRITES **STEVE GIBBS**.

No.2 seed Bradley Billington from Chesterfield caused a considerable upset with his decisive two game win over top seed Carl Prean in the final of the Men's Singles Final at the Welsh Open Championship on Sunday 4 February. Prean had been a clear winner of his morning group play but then never really imposed himself on any of his early knock-out round opponents. Steve Gill (Sully) lost 21-10, 22-20 to Prean while Ryan Jenkins lost 21-18, 21-15 to the World No 38 in the Quarter Finals. In the bottom half of the draw Billington quietly polished off Stephen Horsfield, Euan Walker the Scottish ace and then after an early scare beat Lancashire's Jonathan Taylor in the semi final. Taylor won the first game against Billington 21-10 and later realised that he had missed a great chance of reaching the final.

The final itself saw Billington build a steady lead in both games. Prean fought back in the first game from 15-20 down to 19-20 before Billington closed the game. Similarly Billington led 20-15 in the second and coolly settled for a 21-17 win. The moment of victory brought a yell of delight from Billington who had obviously pulled off a great coup in beating Prean and at the same time taking his first Welsh Open title.

In the Womens Singles, top seed Nicola Deaton showed considerable determination to reach the final. She was a clear winner at the morning group stage but in her first knock out game she found herself at 18-18 with Carol Giles from Devon. Giles put great pressure on Deaton in this game but the young English hopeful won the next three points to progress to the quarter finals. At this stage Deaton beat the Barbadian Kibibi Moseley but dropped a game in doing so. Helen Lower was the

semi final victim but she too pushed Deaton to beyond deuce in the second game. In the bottom half of the draw Shelley Ruocco caused a stir by beating Berkshire's Gemma Schwartz in the first round proper. Ruocco then went on to beat Clare Newns and also had a semi final win over Linda Radford. Ruocco played out of her skin to reach the final against Deaton but there she ran out of steam with Deaton winning 21-6, 21-12.

Deaton picked up a second winner's cheque when partnered by Gemma Schwartz she won the Women's doubles. They beat Helen Lower and Linda Radford in a two game final 21-18, 21-16.

Being the Welsh Open Championship most spectators eyes were on the progress of Welsh players, many of whom are under intensive National squad training or are even sent abroad for coaching and training. The TTAW investment seems to be paying off as Wales won not only the Men's Doubles event but also the Men's team event on the first day. Wales had entered two official teams into the Championship and both men's teams brought the bacon home.

On Saturday, Wales 1 men's team consisting of Steve Ward and seventeen year old Ryan Jenkins emerged as group winners and then disposed of quarter final opponents Darren Blake and Euan Walker 2-1 before beating Terry Young and Ben Johnson from Berkshire 2-0 in the final. Ward and Jenkins beat Oldfield and Morris from BFL Grove 2-0 with Ward soundly beating Oldfield 21-14 21-12. Jenkins fought back to overcome Morris in three games and the Welsh first team took the title and the prize money.

In Sunday's Men's Doubles, Wales second string caused the second big upset of the day. David Buck (Colley

Motor Group, Pontypool) and Steve Gill (ATH Builders Cardiff) returned a performance that was anything other than second class. In their opening game the Welsh pair saw off the scratch pairing of Paul Giles and John Souter before a quarter final date with Oldfield and Morris. They disposed of the Grove partnership 24-22, 14-21, 21-12 before meeting Wales No 1 pairing Steve Ward and Ryan Jenkins. Gill and Buck stole the deciding game 22-20 over the top Welsh pair to move onto a final game against the Irish internationals Andrew Dennison and Jonathan Cowan. In a tense and close final Wales 2 came out on top 21-19, 23-21.

In the Women's Singles Consolation event Wales provided both finalists when Swansea's Judith Saunders beat Delyth Davies from Wrexham 21-10, 21-17.

The gap between English performances and those of players from the remainder of the Home Countries continues to narrow. Steve Ward's two games against Oldfield and Jenkins win over Gareth Herbert was testament to that. Scotland's Euan Walker along with Ward Jenkins and Buck enabled the smaller Countries to provide four of the last eight men. Wales won the Men's Doubles and the Men's team event while Ireland provided the losing finalists in the Mens Doubles. Three of the Women's Singles last eight were non English players. The policy of Wales, Scotland and Ireland of providing their players with European experience seems to be raising the Home Countries standard.

## RESULTS ANALYSIS

S/Final:	MEN'S TEAM: BFL Grove (Oldfield/Morris) 2 Berkshire (Young/Johnson) 0	Luxembourg (Beuchler/Raison) 1 Wales 1 (Ward/Jenkins) 2
FINAL:	BFL Grove 0	<b>Wales 1 2</b>
S/Final:	WOMEN'S TEAM: Helen Lower/Linda Radford 2 Wales 1 (Williams/Daunton) 1	BFL Grove (Marshall/Moseley) 0 Nicola Deaton/Gemma Schwartz 2
FINAL:	<b>Helen Lower/Linda Radford 2</b>	Nicola Deaton/Gemma Schwartz 1
S/Final:	MEN'S SINGLES: C Prean bt C Oldfield 17, 7	B Billington bt J Taylor -10, 17, 15
FINAL:	<b>Billington</b> bt Prean 19, 17	
S/Final:	WOMEN'S SINGLES: N Deaton bt H Lower 12, 22	S Ruocco bt L Radford 13, 12
FINAL:	<b>Deaton</b> bt Ruocco 6, 12	
S/Final:	MEN'S DOUBLES: Andrew Dennison/Jonathan Cowan (IRE) bt Gareth Herbert/Euan Walker 11, 13	
FINAL:	Steve Gill/David Buck (WAL) 21 Steve Ward/Ryan Jenkins (WAL) 21, -6, 20	<b>S Gill/D Buck</b> bt A Dennison/J Cowan 19, 21
S/Final:	WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Helen Lower/Linda Radford bt Natascha Williams/Bethen Daunton (WAL) 24, -11, 17	
FINAL:	Nicola Deaton/Gemma Schwartz bt Kathryn Woodward/Michelle Haynes 9, 8	<b>N Deaton/G Schwartz</b> bt H Lower/L Radford 18, 16
S/Final:	MEN'S SINGLES CONSOLATION: Michael Auchterlonie (Dorset) bt Gerald Ashison (Surrey) 8, -9, 10	
FINAL:	Jerome Raison (Luxembourg) bt Nicholas McKoy (Mddx) 14, -17, 17	<b>Jerome Raison</b> bt Michael Auchterlonie 19, 10
S/Final:	WOMEN'S SINGLES CONSOLATION: Delyth Davies (Wrexham) bt Karen Mason (Essex) 16, 21	
FINAL:	Judith Saunders (WAL 2) bt Kathryn Woodward (Cheshire) 15, 18	<b>Judith Saunders</b> bt Delyth Davies 10, 17

Preview of the Nationals in Brighton

# Senior NATIONALS attract LARGE ENTRY

THE MOVE DOWN TO THE SUSSEX COAST HAS ATTRACTED AN ENTRY OF OVER 260 FOR THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, WHICH ARE TO BE HELD AT THE BRIGHTON CENTRE ON THE 16TH AND THE 17TH MARCH 1996, WRITES **MIKE JOHNS**.

Virtually all the top players have entered, with the notable exception of former champion Chen Xinhua (Yorks).

Top seed in the Men's Singles is Matthew Syed (Berks) whose likely semi-final opponent is reigning champion Carl Prean (Isle of Wight), making an all too rare appearance on the home soil. If all goes to seeding the other semi-final will be fought out between number 2 seed Alan Cooke

(Derby) and the 'legend' Des Douglas (Warks).

Analysts believe the draw favours Prean. Most players who have troubled him in the past, including Bradley Billington (Derbys) who recently defeated him in the final of the Welsh Open, are in other quarters. His past record against Syed is impressive, but has the recent dramatic improvement in

Syed's game levelled things out? And who could possibly write out the claims of many time champion Douglas or the athletic Cooke? Or could this be the year when one of the younger brigade break through?

Can Billington repeat his Welsh Open success, or can the likes of Andrew Eden (Lancs), Jonathan Taylor (Lancs), Chris Oldfield (Yorks) or Alex Perry (Devon) make that final push up to the top? In the late afternoon of Sunday 17th all the above questions will be answered.

On the Women's side top seed Lisa Lomas (Beds) is scheduled to meet her 'old foe' Alison Broe (Berks) in the semi-final, although Alison will have to be at her best to beat the unfortunate Nicola Deaton (Derbys) whose win at the Welsh Open came too late to move her above Helen Lower (Staffs) into the fourth seed position.

The other semi-final should be



**Andrea Holt and Carl Prean**

between defending champion Andrea Holt (Lancs) and Lower, but as in the Men's Singles the younger brigade are hoping to push through. Linda Radford (Essex), Sally Marling (Yorks), Gemma Schwartz (Berks), Maria Thornley (Lancs), Joanna Roberts (Yorks) and Shelley Ruocco (Essex) are all capable of causing upsets and should not be discounted.

Realistically it is hard to go past the top 3 when looking for a winner. Sentimentalists will be hoping that Broe can win, in what could be her last Nationals. Holt seems to play well against home players and Lomas's form at the Olympic qualifiers was very impressive.

Leading seeds in the other events are: Men's Doubles: Cooke/Douglas

(1), Skylet Andrew (Essex)/Nick Mason (Sussex) (2); Women's Doubles: Holt/Lomas (1), Broe/Deaton (2); Mixed Doubles: Damien Holland/Radford (Essex) (1), Andrew/Holt (2); Veteran Men's Singles: Nigel Eckersley (Lancs) (1), John Hilton (Ches) (2), Veteran Women's Singles: Carol Hewitt (Sussex) (1), Penelope Perry (Devon) (2); Veteran Men's Doubles: Phil Bowen (Lancs)/Hilton (1), Ian Robertson (Northumberland)/Dave Welsman (Surrey) (2); Veteran Women's Doubles: Hewitt/Perry (1), Helen Shields (Yorks)/Jackie Thomas (Bucks) (2).

A large crowd is expected for the final and tickets can be booked from the Brighton Centre (01273 202881).

## TRADE EXHIBITION

Prior to going to Press the following companies had booked space for the trade exhibition:

### SIMON FRASER SPORTS

9 Lisker Ave, Otley, West Yorks, LS21 1DG, Tel/Fax: 01943 464878 Proprietors: Peter and Patricia Simpson

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Peter Simpson.

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Marie Fagan.

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### TEESPORT

Tees Sport specialise in the supply of table tennis equipment, offering a wide range of popular equipment to suit every need. Tees Sport promote a successful Summer School in Durham with some of England's top coaches/players leading the course and offer a tournament table hire service available throughout the country at competitive rates. Ask John Miller on the stand for details.

## GOOD HOTEL GUIDE!

**WHERE TO STAY  
IN BRIGHTON**

Brighton, the scene of many English Opens during the 1960's and 70's will be the hosts of the 1996 English Senior National Championships on the weekend of 16th/17th March. In staging this event in Brighton, we are receiving assistance from the Brighton and Hove Hotels Association, particularly the following hotels who will offer excellent rates for players and spectators attending the Championships.

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# WORLD'S TOP *on* DISPLAY

TABLE TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS FROM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR EASTER HOLIDAYS EVEN MORE THAN USUAL, WHEN THIS YEAR THE 61ST ENGLISH OPEN WILL BE HELD AT THE KETTERING ARENA WRITES MIKE JOHNS.

What a Championship it promises to be. It will be the first stage of the ITTF Pro Tour and most, if not all, of the world's leading players both men and women are expected to play. And why not! With \$30,000 in prize money and the opportunity of gaining points towards an invitation to the Pro Tour Finals, where the prize money is \$200,000 which of the top players will want to pull out?

A large domestic entry is also expected and the pre-qualifying groups will start on Wednesday 3 April. The top players are expected to start their campaign on the Friday morning.

In addition to the four main events the Championships will include Under 21 Men's and Women's Singles, Veteran Men's and Women's Singles, and Veteran Men's and Women's Doubles.

As we go to press the entry is already impressive: Brazil, Canada, Hong Kong, Sweden, Austria, Wales, Singapore, China, Luxembourg, Japan, Switzerland, Scotland, Taiwan and Tanzania have all indicated that they will be represented and many more countries are expected to enter.

Details of ticket pricing and accommodation packages are available from the tournament promoter, Mike Johns at the ETTA offices.

**THE VENUE**

Kettering Arena is part of the superb Kettering Leisure Village complex which is situated less than a mile from the centre of Kettering,

in Northamptonshire.

The Arena is approximately 2000m<sup>2</sup> and for the Championships will hold 12 tables, 4 of which will be in a 'centre court' set up. A sprung

World, Weetabix Tennis Centre, Squash Courts, Health Club, Sauna, Steam Room, gallery, cafe and Picardo's Bar.

**ITTF PRO TOUR  
1996****DESCRIPTION**

The ITTF Pro Tour is a series of Open International Championships, held in several continents at which players accumulate points to qualify for the Pro Tour Finals at the end of the calendar year.

**RIGHTS AND CONDITIONS**

- The ITTF Pro Tour is a program of the ITTF.
- The ITTF holds all the rights, including commercial and television rights for the Pro Tour Finals.
- The ITTF holds the International TV rights for each Open International Championship within the ITTF Pro Tour plus advertising rights on two surrounds per court.
- The ITTF has the right to sell the "Pro Tour 'title'" to a General Sponsor and provide advertising exposure to the General Sponsor at each International Open which is part of the ITTF Pro Tour. The ITTF will ensure that a conflict does not exist with existing sponsors of the Open International Championships.
- The ITTF will share with the organisers of Open International Championships within the ITTF Pro Tour the income generated from an overall sponsor and the sale of international TV rights.
- The domestic TV rights, gate receipts and all other sponsorship and advertising rights belong to the host association of each Open International Championships within

**SCHEDULE  
(PROVISIONAL)****Wednesday 3rd April 1996**

Pre Qualifying Round Groups  
Men's Singles, Women's Singles

**Thursday 4th April 1996**

Pre Qualifying and Qualifying  
Rounds

**Friday 5th April 1996**

Qualifying Rounds and Round 1  
Men's Singles, Women's Singles,  
Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles

**Saturday 6th April 1996**

Round 2, Men's Singles, Women's  
Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's  
Doubles, Under 21s and Veterans'  
Events - Early Rounds.

**Sunday 7th April 1996**

Quarter and Semi Finals, Men's  
and Women's Doubles, Round 3  
and Quarter Final, Men's and  
Women's Singles, Continuation  
Under 21s and Veterans'.

**Monday 8th April 1996**

Semi Finals, Men's and Women  
Singles, Finals, Men's Singles,  
Women's Singles, Men's Doubles  
and Women's Doubles.

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61st English Open at Kettering Arena



**Commonwealth Women's Singles Champion Chai Po Wa from Hong Kong will be at Kettering**

the ITTF Pro Tour.

- The organising association of Open International Championships within the ITTF Pro Tour must guarantee TV production of at least the semi-finals and finals, as well as a minimum prize fund of US\$30,000.
- Open International Championships within the ITTF Pro Tour must meet the standards detailed in the "Directives for Open International Championships" and sign an agreement with the ITTF.

**TELEVISION**

- A host broadcaster must be available for at least the semi-finals and finals at each Open International Championships within the ITTF Pro Tour.
- The Pro Tour Finals will be televised and broadcast internationally.

**RESULTS ON THE INTERNET**

All results from the ITTF Pro Tour and Pro Tour Finals will be posted immediately on the ITTF's World Wide Web sit on the Internet.

**ITTF PRO TOUR FINALS**

- 16 men's singles, 16 women's singles, 8 men's doubles and 8 women's doubles.
- Single elimination draw with all

matches decided by the best 3 out of 5 games.

- Seeding of the players or pairs will be determined by the order of the player in the ITTF Pro Tour standings.
- The ITTF will select the Referee, The Assistant Referee and International Umpires will be provided by the host association. International Umpires from at least 3 different countries must be present.

**THE FUTURE**

- For the quadrennial starting in 1997, the ITTF will solicit written bids from all National Associations wishing to be part of the ITTF Pro Tour as host organisers. The bidding process will be initiated by the ITTF by sending a bidding package to all interested associations. This package will contain the detailed conditions of the ITTF Pro Tour, the specific requirements of the organisers and the benefits to the host association. The bidding package will be distributed to all concerned in April 1996. The bidding process will take place on a yearly basis.
- The ITTF will select a minimum of eight and a maximum of 16 Open

Championships to be part of the ITTF Pro Tour in 1997 and beyond.

- The bidding Open International Championships who meet the ITTF required standards and offer a minimum of \$40,000 in Prize Money, will be recognised as the "Major" events and will provide opportunities to gain more points towards the Pro Tour Finals. The goal is to have at least 8 such Championships.
- Other bidding Championships that also meet the ITTF required standards and offer a minimum of \$25,000 in Prize Money will also be accepted in the ITTF Pro Tour as "regular" events providing regular points towards the Pro Tour Finals.
- The minimum prize money requirement will increase according to the following index:

Year	Major	Regular	ITTF Finals
1996	\$40,000	\$25,000	\$200,000
1997	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$220,000
1998	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$230,000
1999	\$55,000	\$40,000	\$240,000
2000	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$250,000

- The ITTF will recommend a standard Prize Fund distribution to Open International Championships within the ITTF Pro Tour.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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- The top 7 men's doubles pairs and 7 women's doubles pairs who have accumulated the largest number of points as a pair, at ITTF Pro Tour events will be invited to participate in the Pro Tour finals. In addition, the ITTF will invite the men's doubles pair and women's doubles pair who have accumulated the largest number of points at the ITTF Pro Tour from the association hosting the Pro Tour Finals. If a pair from the host

association is already amongst the 7 invited pairs, then the 8th pair in the order will be invited.

- In the case that one player appears in two or more doubles pairs, only the highest qualifying pair will be considered.
- Players or pairs finished equal on points for the last positions (15th or 16th in singles, 7th or 8th in doubles) will be decided by their positions of the ITTF World Ranking list current on Monday December 2nd 1996. If players or pairs are still equal on the Ranking reference will be made to the previous Ranking list and so on.
- Players will accumulate points according to the following table. Ther is no minimum participation requirement:

Position	Points
1	220
2	160
3-4	110
5-8	70
9-16	40
17-32	20
33-64	10

**BONUS**

The points gained by each player or pair will be increased according to the number of Continents in which they have participated as follows:

**Participated in 1 Continent:**

no change

**Participated in 2 Continents:**

10% increase - points multiplied by 1.1

**Participated in 3 Continents:**

20% increase - points multiplied by 1.2

**Participated in 4 Continents:**

30% increase - points multiplied by 1.3

**Participated in 5 Continents:**

40% increase - points multiplied by 1.4

**PRIZE-FUND DISTRIBUTION**

Pro Tour Finals	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
1	\$34,000	\$24,000
2	\$17,000	\$12,000
3/4	\$8,000 each	\$6,000 each
5-8	\$4,000 each	\$3,000 each
9-16	\$2,000 each	\$1,500 each
	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
1	\$8,000 per pair	\$6,000 per pair
2	\$4,000 per pair	\$3,000 per pair
3/4	\$2,000 each pair	\$1,500 each pair

## CALENDAR

April 4-8	English Open	Kettering
May 24-26	China Open	Xi'an
May 30-2 June	*Hong Kong Open	Hong Kong
June 6-9	Japan Open	Kitaku-shu
June 13-19	Brazil Open	Rio de Janeiro
July 3-7	U S Open	Fort Lauderdale
August 22-25	*Australian Open	Brisbane
October 31-3 Nov	Italian Open	Bolzano
November 14-17	Yugoslav Open	Belgrade
November 21-24	French Open	Villeurbanne
November 27-1 Dec	*Swedish Open	Sweden/TBA
December 12-15	Pro Tour Finals	Tianjin, China

\*Not yet confirmed as part of the ITTF Pro Tour

Entry deadline for Open International events will be set for at least two months prior to the Championships. The competition draws must be made at least seven days in advance for the News media purpose and promotional purposes.

## EVENTS AND FORMAT

●Open International Championships within the ITTF Pro Tour must offer at least the following events:

Men's Singles, Women's Singles  
Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles

●Events at the Pro Tour Finals will be identical to the Olympic Games' events:

Men's Singles,  
Women's Singles  
Men's Doubles,  
Women's Doubles



●Preliminary group play is recommended for the Open International Championships in singles. All events in the Pro Tour Finals will be played by the knock-out system.

●The Open International Championships will be held over a 3

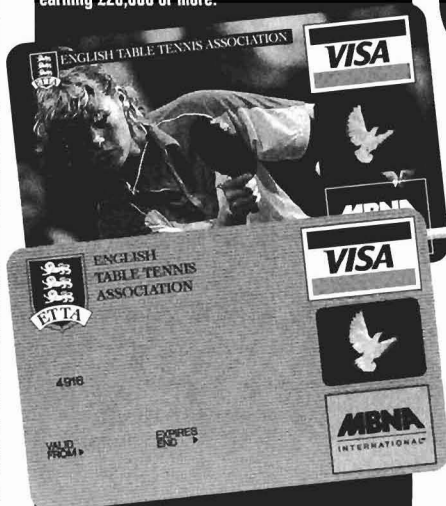
or 4 day period. The Pro Tour finals will be held over a 4 day period.

## QUALIFICATION AND POINT SYSTEM

●The top 15 men and 15 women who have accumulated the largest number of points at the ITTF Pro Tour events will be invited to participate in the Pro Tour Finals. In addition, the ITTF will invite the man and woman who have

accumulated the largest number of points at ITTF Pro Tour from the association hosting the Pro Tour Finals. If a player from the host association is already amongst the 15 invited players, then the 16th player in order will be invited.

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# VICTOR'S

**SEDFIELD DISTRICT I BECAME THE FIRST MEN'S PREMIER DIVISION WINNERS OF THE VICTOR BARNA TROPHY, WHILST DAGENHAM LADIES TOOK THE WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION TITLE, AT THE SECOND WEEKEND OF THE VETERANS BRITISH LEAGUE, AT THE BLETCHLEY LEISURE CENTRE IN FEBRUARY WRITES JOHN WOOD.**

**S**edfield's win was despite giving a 6-0 walkover to their nearest rivals Larkhall Spicer, in the final match of the weekend.

The reason was that Sedfield were down to only one man, John Crawford, as John Hilton was committed to playing in the Senior British League for Sedfield at Peniel, whilst Phil Bowen had badly damaged his shoulder, and Benny Robertson could not attend due to a cracked ribs injury.

The destination of the Victor Barna Trophy could have been different had Larkhall Spicer not dropped a point to British Gas drawing 3-3 in their final match on Saturday evening, where the opening set more or less decided the title, with British Gas's Ralph Gunnion's 20, -4, 13, victory over Dave Welsman.

The Women's title was a much closer affair, with the result going right to the wire when Dagenham Ladies drew 3-3 with Colebridge Boys Club, gaining that final third set in the third game 22-20, to take a vital point out of the hands of Colebridge, to take the trophy.

Yes Colebridge Boys Club! But the four ladies Judy Williams, Eileen Shaler, Joan Humphrey-Middlemore and Joyce Coop prefer the name of Colebridge B.C.

This final game of the weekend was also probably the longest as nerves and tension increased, because Colebridge needed both points to win the title, whilst Dagenham only needed a draw.

Colebridge opened up a 2-0 lead before Dagenham replied with Helen Shields beating Joan Humphrey-Middlemore 14, -16, 13.

The tension increased when

Colebridge's Judy Williams restored a two set advantage winning 16 and 13, against Carol Hewitt.

With Colebridge only one set from victory, Dagenham staged an amazing fight back, with Marjorie Dawson taking the fifth set 9, -10, 19, against Joan Humphrey-Middlemore.

This left the stage set for a nail-biting finale, and the two girls made a real battle of it, with Colebridge's Eileen Shaler, very sportingly conceding the first game, Jorgen Persson style, indicating an edge that was unnoticed by the umpires, going down 18-21.

**Veteran  
Lady  
'Player of  
the  
Weekend  
Eileen  
Shaler**



But the girl from Birmingham fought back winning the second 16.

The third was even closer with Dagenham's Helen Shields taking the glory 22-20, but with a little bit of luck, getting an edge when she was 19-20 down.

Bournemouth Limberlost Pine won the Men's Division 1 title in style, chopping down the rest to win by a



**Men's  
Premier  
Division  
Champions  
John Hilton,  
(inset) John  
Crawford,  
Ron Crayden  
holding the  
Victor Barna  
Trophy, and  
Phil Bowen**

massive eight points.

The happy foursome from Hampshire, Tony Clayton, Barry Hill,

Brian Burn and David Sharples can now look forward to next season having climbed into the Premier

## VICTOR BARNA 1911-1972

Victor Barna was born in Budapest and started playing there when Hungary was one of the dominant powers in World Table Tennis. He won his first World Men's Singles title in 1930 at the age of 18 and won it again in 1932, 1933, 1934 and 1935; in 1931 he was the losing finalist. He won the World Men's Doubles champion in SEVEN successive seasons from 1929 to 1935 and again in 1939, with two different partners, and the Mixed Doubles in 1932 and 1935. He was a member of the winning Hungarian Swaythling Cup team in 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1935 and 1938.

In the mid-30s he left Hungary, where there was continuing economic depression, and settled in England, where he married Suzy Arany. He went on to win another 20 or so Open titles and became captain of the England team, as well as playing regularly for Middlesex in the County Championships. He was one of the founders of the Swaythling Club. He joined the Dunlop Company and became Director of Sales, and he died while on a business trip for the company in Lima, Peru in February 1972. He was the perfect gentleman, universally liked and respected.

# victors!

**Womens  
Premier  
Division  
champions  
Dagenham  
Ladies, (left  
to right)  
Helen  
Shields,  
Sheila King,  
(Ron  
Crayden),  
Carol  
Hewitt and  
Marjorie  
Dawson**

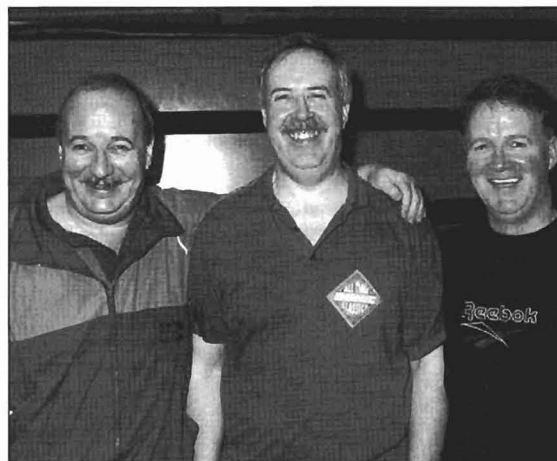


Division.

The Men's Second Division was also won by a large margin when Seasiders Blackpool 1, promenaded to the title by five points.

Blackpool's three lads Bill Russell, Barry Crook and Brian Clements, despite their big victory were held to two 3-3 draws, one on the first weekend and by Merrow at Bletchley.

The Men's Division 3 was a much closer battle with Sedgefield District II winning by 2 points from Aldborough.



**Smiling  
brothers  
Johns (left  
to right)  
Mike, Ian  
and Brian,  
following  
their triple  
whammy  
over Ralph  
Gunnion**

**Councillor  
Dave and  
Sue Lewis,  
Deputy  
Mayor and  
Mayoress of  
the Borough  
of Milton  
Keynes with  
Local Umpire  
Alf Tebby.**



**Stuart  
Seaholme  
the  
unexpected  
conqueror  
of John  
Hilton**

was Jimmy Scope of Thompsons Insurance in Division 3, who finished the tournament with a 80% average.

This was a most successful weekend of table tennis, with a few upsets thrown in, to add spice to the

Sedgefield's Geoff Salter, David Swayne, Trevor Dimartino and Ken Muhr, are obviously following in the footsteps of their more illustrious 1st team, when they also were nominated as 'Men's Team of the Weekend'

Ladies' 'Team of the Weekend' were The Bombers: Gillian Knightley, Linda Hales, Jackie Thomas, Janet Brown and Jenny Gillam, and the Women's 'Player of the Weekend' was Eileen Shaler of Colebridge for her two brilliant victories over Doreen Schofield of Bramley Ladies.

The Men's 'Player of the Weekend'

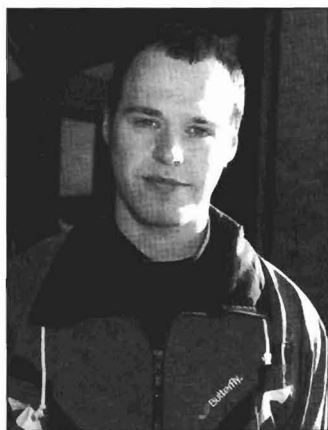
## LEAGUE TABLES

VETERANS BRITISH LEAGUE									
PREMIER DIV (MEN)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Sedgefield District I	10	9	0	1	97	47	18		
Larkhall Spicer	10	8	1	1	93	43	17		
Police Athletic Assoc.	10	4	2	4	61	77	10		
British Gas	10	3	2	5	62	74	8		
Humberside	10	2	2	6	57	83	6		
Fullerians	10	0	1	9	47	93	1		
<b>Leading Averages</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Ave</b>					
Phil Bowen (Sedgefield D I)	16	15	1	93.75					
Nigel Eckerley (British Gas)	20	18	2	90.00					
Mike Johns (Larkhall Spicer)	16	14	2	87.50					
DIVISION 1 (MEN)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
B'mouth Limerlost Pine	10	10	0	0	104	32	20		
OLOP	10	5	2	3	71	67	12		
Shamrocks	10	4	2	4	74	65	10		
Olton & West Warwicks	10	4	1	5	64	81	9		
Reading YMCA	10	3	0	7	56	85	6		
Graham Spicer	10	1	1	8	49	88	3		
<b>Leading Averages</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Ave</b>					
Tony Clayton (B' Limerlost Pine)	16	16	0	100.00					
Brian Burn (B' Limerlost Pine)	14	13	1	92.85					
Barry Hill (B' Limerlost Pine)	18	16	2	88.88					
DIVISION 2 (MEN)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Seasiders Blackpool I	10	8	2	0	102	31	18		
Merrow	10	5	3	2	84	63	13		
Extremes	10	4	0	6	73	77	8		
Lillington Free Church	10	2	4	4	56	85	8		
Briar Kingfisher	10	3	1	6	60	86	7		
Barclays Bank	10	2	2	6	51	84	6		
<b>Leading Averages</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Ave</b>					
Bill Russell (Seasiders B' I)	20	18	2	90.00					
Brian Clements (Seasiders B' I)	20	17	3	85.00					
Barry Crook (Seasiders B' I)	20	14	6	70.00					
DIVISION 3 (MEN)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Sedgefield District II	10	8	2	0	47	13	18		
Aldborough	10	7	2	1	46	14	16		
Thompson's Insurance	10	6	1	3	35	25	13		
Seasiders (Blackpool) II	10	2	2	6	19	41	6		
Dynamix Men	10	2	0	8	17	43	4		
Newbury Park	10	1	1	8	16	44	3		
<b>Leading Averages</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Ave</b>					
Fred Lockwood (Aldborough)	16	15	1	93.75					
Geoff Salter (Sedg' District II)	20	17	3	85.00					
Jimmy Scope (Thompson's Ins)	20	16	4	80.00					
Trevor Dimartino (Sedg' Dist' II)	20	16	4	80.00					
PREMIER DIV (WOMEN)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Dagenham Ladies	3	2	1	0	27	16	5		
Colebridge BC	3	1	2	0	29	16	4		
Bramley Ladies	3	1	1	1	19	22	3		
Worcester Ladies	3	0	0	3	10	31	0		
<b>Leading Averages</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Ave</b>					
Judy Williams (Colebridge BC)	6	6	0	100.00					
Helen Shields (Dag' Ladies)	2	2	0	100.00					
Carol Judson (Bramley Ladies)	6	5	1	83.33+					

proceedings, like Fullerian's Stuart Seaholme's surprising victory in the opening set of the weekend, when he beat former European Champion John Hilton 8 and 23, and he followed that up with a 16, -15, 11 victory over Hilton's team-mate John Crawford. But Seaholme's moment of glory couldn't stop the Sedgefield express as they roared on to win 4-2 en-route to the Premier title.

# O'DRISCOLL *the* STAR *of Darlington*

**D**rumchapel Glasgow lost ground on the leading two when they lost 5-9 at Darlington. Michael O'Driscoll was the star for the home side, beating Jonathan Cowan, Euan Walker and Ian Stokes all in straight games. Eddie Smith and John Hilton both got two. Linda Farrow moved into a comfortable mid table position with a 9-5 home win over St. Neots. Nicky Mason once again



**Michael O'Driscoll the 'Star of Darlington'**

demonstrated his powerhouse game to demolish the opposition whilst Lin Tei and Terry Young won two apiece. Lin Tei, however, failed against Keith Richardson whilst Young was beaten by Chris Rogers.

Vymura retained their 100% record and the leadership of the first division North but were made to struggle by Darlington seconds before taking both points. Two wins by Keith Rodger and one by Ian Robertson gave Darlington a 3-2 lead but the Cheshire side took the last three sets to win 5-3. Both Andrew and Stephen Horsfield were unbeaten in a victory that gives Vymura a four point lead over BFL

**BFL GROVE AND TEAM PENIEL STARTED OFF THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON WITH VICTORIES OVER HORSHAM ANGELS AND RM LINCOLN RESPECTIVELY AND BY DOING SO OPENED UP A THREE POINT GAP OVER THE CHASING PACK. EVEN WITHOUT ANDREW EDEN, PENIEL WERE TOO GOOD FOR LINCOLN AND GRANT SOLDER TOOK THE PLAYER OF THE MATCH AWARD WITH THREE GOOD WINS WRITES AUBREY DRAPKIN.**

Grove seconds who were held to a 4-4 draw by Bribar Humberside. A good point for Humberside this and their star was Andrew Sugarman.

Olton and West Warwicks kept on the fringe of the promotion battle with a home win over City of Leeds but they, too, were made to struggle and turned a 2-3 deficit into a 5-3 win.

DML White Hart Launceston went two points clear at the top of division one South with an emphatic sounding 7-1 win over BSG Brentwood. But the match was much closer than the score suggests with five sets going to a third end.

Launceston's nearest rivals, Edison and Colley Motor Group were in direct opposition with the Welsh side having home advantage. Gareth Herbert, however, played extremely well for Edison to ensure that they gained a point in a 4-4 draw.

Barclays Bank secured a welcome point by coming back from 2-4 down at home to OLOP to share the spoils. The player of the match award was also shared between Andy Edmunds of Barclays and OLOP's John Souter.

Division 2 North continues to be closely fought with only four points covering the top six teams. Drumchapel Glasgow, 7-1 winners over Abbeydale, and Leicester Lions who won 6-2 at Blackpool against the Seaside, are currently joint top.

The top two teams in division two

South East, Yellow Brick Progress and Invicta Lanterns met each other at Folkestone where Yellow Brick retained their one point lead by holding the home side to a draw.

Two players took the eye here, Justin Goodall of Invicta and Anthony Corbin of Yellow Brick. BSG Barking lost ground when they were surprisingly held to a draw by Crusaders Lincoln. Barking led 4-2 but Mark Donaghue and Matt Sheader salvaged a badly needed

point for the Crusaders.

DML White Launceston beat Sheffield 7-1 to stay four points clear of ATH Building Construction Cardiff who won 6-2 away to Leckie in division two South West. Kingshurst Bribar stayed level on points with Cardiff by winning 6-2 away to Jolliffe Poole. Tony Clayton won both of Poole's sets, a repeat of the situation in the first half of the season.

Fellows Cranleigh and the Chelmsford League continue to share the lead in division three East. Cranleigh whitewashed Rejects Colts 8-0 and Chelmsford, with Rik James in form, beat Byng Hall seconds 6-2.

Morris Greenburg starred for MacDonalds Barnets second team whose 6-2 victory over Ashford puts them into third spot.

## BRITISH LEAGUE RESULTS ANALYSIS 18-2-96

<b>PREMIER DIVISION</b>		<b>DIVISION TWO SOUTH WEST</b>	
Drumchapel Glasgow I	6 8 <b>Linda Farrow I</b>	Sheffield I	2 6 <b>Horsham Angels III</b>
St. Neots	1 13 <b>BFL Grove I</b>	<b>Grifline St. Neots</b>	6 2 Kingshurst Bribar
<b>Horsham Angels I</b>	10 4 RMSC Lincoln	<b>Jolliffe Poole</b>	6 2 Leckie
<b>Team Peniel I</b>	9 5 Darlington I	ATH Cardiff	0 8 <b>DML WH Launc'n II</b>
<b>DIVISION ONE NORTH</b>		<b>DIVISION THREE EAST</b>	
<b>Vymura</b>	6 2 Humberside I	Greenleys M' Keynes	1 7 <b>MacD's Barnets III</b>
<b>BFL Grove II</b>	8 0 City of Milton Keynes	Ashford (Middlesex)	1 7 <b>Chelmsford League</b>
Uxbridge (Burton) I	3 5 <b>Olton &amp; West Warw</b>	Byng Hall II	4 4 Fellows Cranleigh
City of Leeds I	4 4 Darlington II	<b>Rejects Colts</b>	5 3 Team Peniel II
<b>DIVISION ONE SOUTH</b>		<b>DIVISION THREE MIDLANDS AND WEST</b>	
<b>BSG Brentwood</b>	6 2 Horsham Angels II	Sheffield II	1 7 <b>Uxbridge (Burton) II</b>
<b>Cheltenham</b>	5 3 Barclays Bank	Wiltshire TTA	4 4 Team JUC Notts Lge
OLOP I	3 5 <b>Colley Motor Group</b>	Bromsgrove	1 1 <b>DML WH Launc'n III</b>
Edison	2 6 <b>DML WH Launceston I</b>	<b>DIVISION THREE NORTH</b>	
<b>DIVISION TWO NORTH</b>		<b>CWS Manchester</b>	7 1 BFL Grove Colts I
<b>Vymura II</b>	6 2 Burnside Seaside	<b>AALCO Leeds</b>	6 2 Drumchapel Glasgow III
<b>Leicester Lions</b>	6 2 BFL Grove III	<b>City of Leeds II</b>	6 2 Darlington IV
Derwent	3 5 <b>Drumchapel Glas' II</b>	<b>DIVISION THREE SOUTH</b>	
Abbeydale	4 4 Darlington III	<b>Generat'n 2 Fareham</b>	7 1 OLOP II
<b>DIVISION TWO SOUTH EAST</b>		<b>JAGS SC</b>	8 0 Adeyfield
<b>BSG Barking</b>	5 3 Byng Hall I	<b>MacDids Barnets L I</b>	7 1 Graham Spicer
Norwich Todd Foxwood	7 <b>Pillinger Air (LLTC)</b>	<b>Progress WHS</b>	5 3 Rejects I
Linda Farrow II	4 4 Invicta Lanterns		
<b>Yellow B'k Progress</b>	5 3 Crusaders Lincoln		

**BRITISH LEAGUE - PLACINGS AT 21/1/96**

DML White Hart Launceston ensured all of their teams stayed on top of their respective divisions when their third string won 7-1 at home to Shelfield seconds in division three Midlands and West. Team JUIC Nottingham League kept on their heels by beating Bromsgrove 8-0.

City of Leeds keep the leadership of division three North after a 7-1 win in Glasgow but CWS Manchester received a shock when they went down 0-8 away to the much improved Bribar Humberside seconds. Lee Hewitt of Humberside

was player of the match and the victory lifted his team to third place in the division.

JAGS continued to dominate division three South, winning 7-1 away to OLOP seconds but Graham Spicer lost second place when they went down 3-5 at home to Progress, for whom Gary Morgan won both of his sets.

MacDonalds Barnets League go second with a 6-2 victory at Adeyfield. Chris Beckley, Peter Harris and Chris Budden were all unbeaten for the Barnets side.

# HOMeward BOUND for FOONG

Jacky Foong, who has played for the Adeyfield club in Division Three South of the British League for the past couple of years, left England on Thursday 15th February 1996 to return home to Penang, Malaysia, to start a career in accountancy writes John Wood.

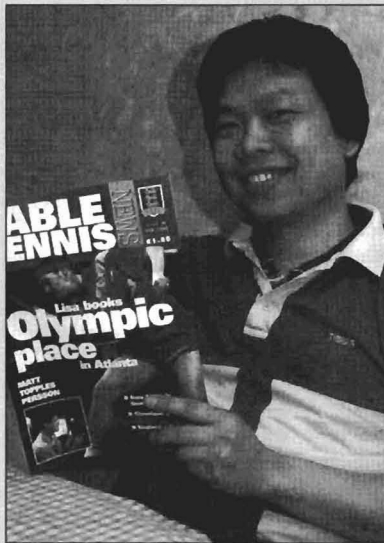
Jacky is the son of Sek Seong Foong the former No 1 of Malaysia, who coached the Malaysian National team alongside former World No 1 Jiang Jialiang of China, in 1991.

During his stay in England, Jacky lived in Hatfield where he won every trophy possible in the old Welwyn and Hatfield and St. Albans Leagues, as well as being named 'player of the match' on numerous occasions, playing for Adeyfield in the British League.

Likeable Jacky who was one of the few penhold players in the British League, leaves having made lots of new friends during his five years residency in England and will be missed! Especially by his friends at the Adeyfield Table Tennis Club in Hemel Hempstead.

Jacky's colourful and friendly character, and unique blocking style will be a loss to the British League, but a definite gain for his club the Toishan Ninyang WUIKUON in Penang.

Table Tennis News wishes Jacky every success in the years ahead, and thanks him for enriching table tennis in England.



	P	W	D	L	SETS		GAMES		
					F	A	F	A	PTS
<b>Premier Division</b>									
BFL Grove	8	8	-	-	98	14	200	39	16
Team Peniel	8	6	-	2	72	40	165	97	12
Drumchapel Glasgow	8	4	1	3	56	56	127	141	9
Darlington	8	4	1	3	52	60	127	143	9
Linda Farrow	8	3	2	3	53	59	130	131	8
St. Neots	8	2	2	4	46	66	105	151	6
Horsham Angels	8	1	1	6	34	78	87	167	3
R.M. Lincoln	8	-	1	7	37	75	96	168	1
<b>Division 1 North</b>									
Vymura	8	8	-	-	43	21	94	65	16
BFL Grove II	8	5	2	1	40	24	80	49	12
Olton & West Warwicks	8	5	1	2	41	23	91	60	11
Uxbridge (Burton)	8	4	1	3	35	29	80	71	9
Darlington II	8	4	-	4	36	28	76	57	8
City of Milton Keynes	8	1	1	6	20	44	55	94	3
Humberside	8	-	2	6	20	44	56	96	2
<b>Division 1 South</b>									
DML Launceston	8	6	2	-	45	19	100	55	14
Edison	8	4	4	-	40	24	94	61	12
Colley Motor Group	8	5	1	2	42	22	93	59	11
Horsham Angels II	8	3	1	4	30	34	70	81	7
OLOP	8	1	4	3	28	36	73	76	6
BSG Brentwood	8	2	2	4	28	36	67	82	6
Barclays Bank	8	2	1	5	23	41	56	92	5
Cheltenham Saracens	8	1	1	6	20	44	50	97	3
<b>Division 2 North</b>									
Drumchapel Glasgow II	8	5	1	2	41	23	91	59	11
Leicester Lions	8	5	1	2	39	25	87	65	11
Derwent	8	4	1	3	37	27	81	62	9
Darlington III	8	3	3	2	34	30	82	68	9
Vymura II	8	3	1	4	32	32	75	77	7
Abbeylea	8	3	1	4	29	35	70	80	7
BFL Grove III	8	2	2	4	24	40	59	91	6
Burnside Seaside	8	1	2	5	20	44	52	95	4
<b>Division 2 South East</b>									
Yellow Brick Progress	8	5	3	-	46	18	101	56	13
Invicta Lanterns	8	5	2	1	39	25	87	63	12
BSG Barking	8	4	2	2	36	28	77	72	10
Byng Hall	8	3	3	2	37	27	88	67	9
Pillinger Air (LLTC)	8	3	2	3	35	29	86	70	8
Linda Farrow II	8	1	5	23	29	35	73	82	7
Crusaders Lincoln	8	1	1	6	18	46	59	97	3
Norwich Todd Foxwood	8	-	2	6	16	48	45	109	2
<b>Division 2 South West</b>									
DML Launceston II	8	7	1	-	49	15	107	44	15
ATH Cardiff	8	4	3	1	42	22	94	56	11
Kingshurst Bribar	8	5	1	2	36	28	80	65	11
Horsham Angels III	8	4	2	2	38	26	83	64	10
Gridfine St. Neots	8	4	1	3	36	28	81	74	9
Leckie TTC	7	1	2	4	23	33	58	77	4
Jolliffe Poole	7	1	-	6	15	41	46	84	2
Shelfield	8	-	-	8	9	55	32	117	-
<b>Division 3 East</b>									
Fellows Cranleigh	8	7	-	1	54	10	113	35	14
Chelmsford League	8	6	2	-	46	18	106	51	14
Greenleys of M.K.	8	4	2	2	40	24	88	58	10
MacDonalds Barnets II	8	4	-	4	31	33	75	75	8
Byng Hall II	8	2	3	3	28	36	67	86	7
Team Peniel II	8	2	1	5	23	41	56	97	5
Ashford (Middlesex)	8	-	3	5	18	46	54	100	3
Rejects Colts	8	1	1	6	16	40	44	101	3
<b>Division 3 Midlands and West</b>									
DML Launceston III	7	7	-	-	46	10	96	34	14
Team JUIC Nottingham Lge	7	6	-	1	42	14	88	42	12
Wiltshire TTA	7	3	1	3	25	31	61	68	7
Shelfield II	7	2	1	4	24	32	56	72	5
BFL Grove Colts II	7	2	1	4	23	33	53	72	5
Uxbridge Burton II	6	1	2	3	18	30	43	63	4
Bromsgrove	7	-	1	6	14	42	42	88	1
<b>Division 3 North</b>									
City of Leeds II	7	5	2	-	40	16	88	43	12
CWS Manchester	7	5	-	2	32	24	70	61	10
Humberside II	7	4	-	3	34	22	76	58	8
AALCO Leeds	7	3	1	3	25	31	59	66	7
Drumchapel Glasgow III	7	3	-	4	29	27	67	62	6
Darlington IV	6	2	1	3	23	25	58	58	5
BFL Grove Colts I	7	-	-	7	9	47	27	97	-
<b>Division 3 South</b>									
JAGS S.C.	8	6	2	-	46	18	102	47	14
McDonalds Barnets	8	4	3	1	41	23	91	62	11
Graham Spicer	8	4	2	2	34	30	78	70	10
Progress WHS	8	3	2	3	32	32	72	77	8
Generation 2 Fareham	8	3	1	4	32	32	82	78	7
Rejects	8	2	3	3	28	36	68	81	7
OLOP II	8	2	-	6	21	43	54	95	4
Adeyfield	8	-	3	5	22	42	59	96	3

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# YOUNG *and* BARRACLOUGH

## *triumph in Cheltenham*

TERRY YOUNG AND JOANNA BARRACLOUGH WERE THE STARS OF THE COTSWOLD JUNIOR SELECT, WINNING THEIR RESPECTIVE JUNIOR SINGLES TITLES WRITES  
**ALF PEPPERD.**

The 29th successive "Cotswold Junior Open" took place over the weekend of 27/28th of January and this year saw our 4th season at the "Cheltenham Recreation Centre". Play was on 17 tables and there were 10 events overall that were up for grabs.

Berkshire's Terry Young simply powered his way to victory in the final of the U17 Boys Singles beating Christian Thompson from Kent in straight games 10,13.

Terry, has unquestionably greatly improved upon his playing technique

**Joanna Barracclough lived up to her earlier promise by winning the Junior Girls Singles**



since his recent three month stint in China. I must also point out that he won this title at last year's Cotswold.

The Girls U17 final was a great triumph for the winner Joanna Barracclough from Devon. She beat the top seed Bethan Daunton from Wales 13, -17, 15, and I understand that this was Joanna's first ever win over Bethan at least at tournament level, a feat for the Devon Girl to be well proud of.

Other tremendous Finals that caught my eyes were the U14 Boys Singles, where Andrew Baggaley

### COTSWOLD JUNIOR FINALISTS

GIRLS SINGLES U14  
**Charlotte Cooksley** (Wales) bt  
Hanna Thompson (Wilts)  
21-18, 21-9

BOYS SINGLES U14  
**Andrew Baggaley** (Bucks)  
bt Adam Robertson (Clwyd)  
21-17, 21-17

GIRLS SINGLES U12  
**Louise Durrent** (Notts)  
bt Camille Blake (Surrey)  
21-12, 21-10

BOYS SINGLES U12  
**Adam Robertson** (Clwyd)  
bt Michael Chan (Surrey)  
21-10, 21-10

CLASS 2 CADET GIRLS SINGLES  
**Louise Islip** (Wales) bt Iona Davies  
(Wales) Davies ret'd. hurt

CLASS 2 CADET BOYS SINGLES  
**Oliver Stevens** (Kent) bt Jesper  
Hougaard (Bucks) 21-17, 21-12

GIRLS SINGLES U17  
**Joanna Barracclough** (Devon)  
bt Bethan Daunton (Wales)  
21-13, 17-21, 21-15

BOYS SINGLES U17  
**Terry Young** (Berks) bt Christian  
Thompson (Kent) 21-10, 21-13

CLASS 2 JUNIOR GIRLS SINGLES  
**Lucy Perry** (Devon)  
bt Sharon Fillette (Herts) 21-19, 22-20

CLASS 2 JUNIOR BOYS SINGLES  
**Sean O'Conner** (York) bt Martin Rule  
(Bucks) 20-22, 21-17, 23-21

from Bucks. blasted Welsh Adam Robertson 17,17 to take the title.

In both games Robertson held the lead, almost to the end and then in the final stage ran out of steam or puff, however this proved a classic match between the top seed from England and the Welsh number 1.

Meanwhile in the Girls U14 event another Welsh player made her claim to fame, Charlotte Cooksley beat Wiltshire's Hanna Thompson 18,9.

In the Boys U12 Singles Welsh Adam Robertson after losing in the final of the U14s at least did not go home entirely empty-handed. He beat Surrey's Michael Chan 10, 10.

With inclement weather overnight on the eve of the Tournament, all local outdoor sports were cancelled because of snow and frozen ground. This suited my BBC Radio Colleague Peter Wilson and myself to a tee, and with nothing going on outside the Beeb gave us both at least one and a half hours of live coverage, from the Sports Hall. Sharing both the commentaries and interviews we included a wide range of people in the hall, including Nicky Jarvis, John Fell, Jack Reeves (Head Organiser), Les Smith (Chief Referee) and several parents that were present on the first day.

Overall, there were 250-260 entries and despite the weather, very few absentees, contrary to last year's Cotswold. I did not see any yellow or red cards issued at all, which speaks well for the general

behaviour of all the players that were present.

Local players were in attendance but in a small minority, none of them really got much past their respective groups or first round proper.

Finally, I must pay homage to all of the back room workers that a Tournament of this size commands, they seldom if ever get a word of praise.

So, without the Head Organiser - Jack Reeves - the Chief Referee - Les Smith, plus his two stalwart assistants - Tim Harris and Dave



**England's No1 Junior, Terry Young beat the rest to take the Junior Boys Trophy**

Nipper, David Dean the Tournament Registration Secretary and a host of Umpire's and Stewards, and do not forget the table humpers, this prestigious event in the ETTA Calendar would not even get off the ground.

And finally, thank you to the players and your respective Parents or Coaches for coming, the Gloucestershire Table Tennis Association hope that you enjoyed yourselves.

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**SEASON'S RESULTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

**I RUSSIAN OPEN**

(Moscow)

MS Yang Min (Italy) bt G Yaldiz (Turkey) 14, 10, 8

WS S Bakhtina (Russia) bt F Isanovic 17, 12, -15, 18

MD Yang Min/F Constantin (Italy) bt S Grujic/A Karakasevic (Yugoslavia) 16, -15, 16

WD O Kashulina/E Abairmova (Russia) bt E Timina/A Belova (Russia) 13, 20

**I PAN AMERICAN GAMES**

(Mal del Plata)

MS H Hoyama (Brazil) bt C Kano (Brazil) 17, 9, 18

WS Geng Lijuan (Canada) bt Lily Yip (USA) -19, 12, -16, 10, 21

MD Hoyama/Kano (Brazil) bt P Tabachnik/Paradela (Argentina) 10, 16

WD Gang Lijuan/B Chui (Canada) bt J Dias/S Tepes (Chile) 12, 14

**I JAPAN GRAND PRIX**

(Okinawa)

MS Ding Song (China) bt J Huang (Canada) 16, 8, 17

WS Park Hae Jung (Korea) bt Li Ju (China) 15, -18, 13, -17, 21

**I CHINA OPEN**

(Shentou)

MS Kong Ling Hui (China) bt Wang

Tao (China) -14, 19, 17, 13

WS Wang Nan (China) bt Wang Chen (China) 12, -15, 13, -17, 18

MD Wang Tao/Liu Guoliang (China) bt Kim Bong Chul/Oh Sang Eun (Korea) 14, 19, 17

WD Wang Chen/Wu Na (China) bt Yang Ying/Li Ju (China) -14, -20, 17, 14, 10

**I BULGARIAN OPEN**

(Varna)

MS D Cioca (Greece) bt S Adrianov (Russia) 3-0

WS Ni Xialian (Luxembourg) bt A Arial (Italy) 3-0

**I ALL AFRICAN GAMES**

(Zimbabwe)

MS S Toriola (Nigeria) bt M Merotohun (Nigeria) 17, 8, 20

WS B Kaffo (Nigeria) bt S Touati (Tunisia) 18, -19, 15, 15

MD S Toriola/F Adeyemo (Nigeria) bt A Abdel Halim/A Sobhy (Egypt) -9, 9, 13, -16, 15

WD B Kaffo/F Oshonaik (Nigeria) bt S Touati/A Naouar (Tunisia) 15, 8, 16

**I POLISH OPEN**

MS W Schlager (Austria) bt L

Blaszcyk (Hungary) 3-1

WS Ni Xia Lian (Luxembourg) bt T Boros (Croatia) 3-0

MD A Grubba/L Blaszcyk (Poland) bt W Schlager/K Jindrak (Austria) -16, 15, 17

WD Ni Xin Lian (Luxembourg)/Miao Miao (Poland) bt T Logatskaya/V Pavlovitch (Belarus) 12, -14, 19

**I AUSTRALIAN OPEN**

MS R Vimi (Slovakia) bt J Truska (Slovakia) -13, -24, 16, 19, 14

WS T Todo (Japan) bt R Sato (Japan) 16, 14, 17

MD J Truska/P Marek (Slovakia) bt R Moore/P Pinkewich (Australia) 17, -17, 13

WD R Sato/T Todo (Japan) bt C Ying Kwok/K Tepper (Australia) 20, 16

**I HUNGARIAN OPEN**

MS Yang Min (Italy) bt M Syed (England) 13, 20, 6

WS Yang Ying (China) bt Li Ju (China) 8, -17, 9, 13

MD I Lupelescu/S Grujic (Yugoslavia) bt R Vyborny/D Stepanek (Czech) 5, 16

WD Yang Ying/Wang Nan (China) bt C Batorfi/K Toth (Hungary) 13, 14

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**EPSON MEN'S WORLD RANKING**

Men				Women			
1	2	1664	KONG Linghui CHN	1	-	1870	DENG Yaping CHN
2	1	1661	WANG Tao CHN	2	-	1740	QIAO Hong CHN
3	-	1630	SAIVE Jean-Michel BEL	3	-	1646	CHEN Jing TPE
4	5	1613	WALDNER Jan-Ove SWE	4	-	1632	LIU Wei CHN
5	4	1606	LIU Guoliang CHN	5	8	1594	WANG Nan CHN
6	6	1597	KIM Taek Soo KOR	6	-	1587	GANG Lijuan CAN
7	-	1595	MA Wenge CHN	7	6	1578	YANG Ying CHN
8	-	1584	ROSSKOPF Jorg GER	8	10	1577	LI Ju CHN
9	-	1577	SAMSONOV Vladimir BLR	9	5	1574	CHAI Po Wa HKG
10	-	1566	PRIMORAC Zoran CRO	10	11	1569	KOYAMA Chire JPN
11	-	1559	DING Song CHN	11	9	1560	WANG Chen CHN
12	-	1549	GATIEN Jean-Phillippe FRA	12	-	1527	CHEN Zihe CHN
13	-	1507	HUANG Johnny CAN	13	-	1519	QIAO Yunping CHN
14	-	1503	KARLSSON Peter SWE	14	15	1499	STRUSE Nicole GER
15	-	1485	YOO Nam Kyu KOR	15	16	1491	VRIESKOOOP Bettine NED
16	-	1469	PERSSON Jorgen SWE	16	14	1490	JING Jun Hong SIN
17	-	1423	WANG Yonggang CHN	17	18	1485	SCHOPP Jie GER
18	-	1422	GRUBBA Andrzej POL	18	19	1475	PARK Hae Jung KOR
19	-	1414	LU Lin CHN	19	17	1467	WU Na CHN
19	-	1414	CHILA Patrick FRA	20	-	1466	BADESCU Otilia ROM
19	-	1414	<b>CHEN Xinhua ENG</b>	21	-	1454	BATORFI Csilla HUN
22	-	1400	LINDH Erik SWE	22	26	1451	WANG Hui CHN
23	-	1394	YANG Min ITA	23	22	1444	CHAN Tan Lui HKG
24	-	1393	CREANGA Calin GRE	24	-	1440	CIOU Emilia ROM
25	27	1356	XIONG Ke CHN	25	23	1439	TONG Fei Ming TPE
26	28	1351	SAIVE Phillippe BEL	26	24	1433	SVENSSON Asa SWE
26	28	1351	MAZUNOV Dmitrij RUS	27	28	1414	ABBATE-BULATOVE ITA
28	25	1350	KEEN Trinko NEB	28	27	1405	TODD Taeko JPN
29	26	1349	ELOI Damien FRA	28	29	1405	PARK Kyung Ae KOR
30	31	1348	LUPULESKU Ilija YUG	30	-	396	ZHANG Ling CHN
31	32	1343	MATSUSHITA Koji JPN	31	43	1392	TIMINA Elena RUS
32	33	1342	APPELGREN Mikael SWE	31	34	1392	RYU Ji Hye KOR
33	34	1339	CHENG Yinghua USA	31	-	1392	KAIZU Fumiyo JPN
33	34	1339	SHIBUTANI Hiroshi JPN	31	32	1392	TU Yong SUI
33	30	1339	LIN Zhigang CHN	35	36	1388	KIM Moo Kyo KOR
33	34	1339	FRANZ Peter GER	35	33	1388	XU Jing TPE
37	-	1338	KORBEL Petr CZE	37	35	1381	SVENSSON Marie SWE
38	-	1337	<b>PREAN Carl ENG</b>	37	39	1381	TOTH Krisztina HUN
39	44	1336	SCHLAGER Werner AUT	39	36	1380	SATO Rika JPN
40	39	1335	Wang Hao CHN	40	38	1375	NI Xia Liang LUX
41	42	1324	DING Yi AUT	41	40	1371	PALINA Irina RUS
42	45	1313	<b>SYED Matthew ENG</b>	42	41	1363	WANG-DRECHOU FRA
43	41	1307	BLASZCZYK Lucjan POL	43	47	1358	HOOMAN Mirjam NED
44	43	1302	CHAN Kong Wah HKG	44	45	1348	NEMES Olga GER
45	40	1301	FETZNER Stefan GER	44	49	1348	LI Hong CHN
46	50	1286	FEN Zhe CHN	46	-	1334	KIM Boon Sik KOR
47	53	1285	YAN Sen CHN	47	44	1332	ARISI Alessia ITA
48	-	1271	PODPINKA Andras BEL	47	42	1332	FENG Amy USA
49	-	1264	LEGOUT Christophe FRA	49	71	1326	ZHU Fang
50	69	1259	HEISTER Danny NED	49	54	1326	LAY Jian Fang AUS
50	51	1259	CHIANG Peng-Lung TPE				

# TRACY'S *crowning* GLORY



Andrew Baggaley

## KENT'S SCOTT FRIDAY BEATEN IN CADET FINAL

Kent's Scott Friday overcame the challenge of Ireland's Eoin Bryne 21-13, 20-22, 21-18 in the quarter-final of the Cadet Boys Singles for another confrontation with Welsh player Adam Robertson who had beaten him in the team event the previous day, this time Friday made no mistake winning 21-13, 21-12 for a place in the final. 4th seed Steven Jenkins (Wales) was beaten in the first round by Suffolk's Richard Mann 16-21, 21-19, 22-20, who progressed to the semi-final where he lost to Andrew Baggaley (England) 8-21, 14-21. In a repeat of the National Cadet Championships recently held in Kent, the slow conditions were always likely to favour Baggaley and so it turned out to be with the Buckinghamshire player constantly returning the ball and opening the rallies with heavy topspin, which Friday's quick hit, flat attack style could not contain, for a comfortable 21-13, 21-18 win.

## MONNELLY CAPS GOOD WEEKEND FOR IRISH TO WIN CADET SINGLES

Suzanne Commelly carried on the good weekend for the Irish when she won the Cadet Girls Singles against



Christian Thompson

THE THAKE TRANSPORT KENT JUNIOR OPEN WAS PLAYED AT COBHAM HALL, COBHAM, GRAVESEND ON 17TH-18TH FEBRUARY 1996, AND ATTRACTED INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES FROM BELGIUM, DENMARK, ENGLAND, IRELAND, LUXEMBOURG, SCOTLAND, FRANCE AND WALES MAKING IT THE BIGGEST JUNIOR EVENT TO BE STAGED IN THIS COUNTRY. THE MAIN SPONSORSHIP OF THAKE TRANSPORT WAS SUPPORTED BY THE KENT SPORTS DEVELOPMENT UNIT AND GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL WRITES **ADRIAN HALL.**

Belgium's Annalese Trevot 21-19, 17-21, 21-15. Monnelly beat Luxembourg's Simone Haan in the quarter final 21-17, 23-25, 21-17 and then top seed Karen Lockwood (England) 13-21, 21-15, 21-12 to reach the final. In the other half of the draw, 3rd seed Julie Dekeirel (France) beat Celile Chrudion (Belgium) 21-12, 7-21, 21-3 before losing to Trevot in the semi, 16-21, 18-21. England's Trudie Bloor beat second seed Noelle Lennon (Ireland) 24-22, 21-15 but then lost to Trevot 15-21, 10-21. Second seed Natalie Bawden comfortably won the U12 Girls Singles beating Aimee Sparkes 21-14, 21-17 in the final. Sparkes beat top seed Kay Barham (Essex) 21-12, 21-15 in one semi while Bawden accounted for Glenys Ashison 21-16,

21-12 in the other. Adam Robertson (Wales) won the U12 Boys Singles beating Surrey's Daniel Clingbine 21-19, 21-10, in the final. Robertson beat Jesper Hougaard (Bucks) 21-16, 21-8 in one semi while Clingbine made his way to the final at the expense of Chris Jamieson (Essex) 21-12, 16-21, 21-11. Suffolk's Gary Bloomfield let his chance of the championship go by scratching at the quarter final stage.

## BELGIUM DOUBLE AS DELOBE BEATS YOUNG

Belgium's Damien Delobbe reversed Friday's team result when he powered through England's Terry Young in the final of the Junior Boys Singles 21-18, 21-13. Kent's Christian Thompson caused the only other minor upset when he beat England's Gareth Herbert in their semi 15-21, 21-15, 21-16, although the patriotic Kent supporters' nerves began to jangle as Thompson's third leg 16-8 lead was cut back to 18-17, before an unforced error from Herbert set up the victory. Thompson then could not contain Delobbe in the semi losing 15-21, 17-21. Norfolk's Leeroy Pye came through a tough quarter final with Jason Sugrue (Middlesex) 21-17, 13-21, 21-16 and then extended Young in the semi without being able to apply the

## RESULTS ANALYSIS

U12 BOYS SINGLES:  
**Adam Robertson** (WAL) bt Daniel Clingbine (Middx) 19, 10  
 U12 GIRLS SINGLES:  
**Natalie Bawden** (E) bt Aimee Sparkes (Suffolk) 14, 17  
 CADET BOYS SINGLES:  
**Andrew Baggaley** (ENG) bt Scott Friday (Kent) 13, 18  
 CADET GIRLS SINGLES:  
**Suzanne Monnelly** (IRE) bt Annalese Trevot (BEL) 19, -17, 15  
 JUNIOR BOYS SINGLES:  
**Damien Delobbe** (BEL) bt Terry Young (ENG) 18, 13  
 JUNIOR GIRLS SINGLES:  
**Tracy Davies** (E) beat Rebecca Sparkes (Suffolk)  
 CADET BOYS DOUBLES:  
**Andrew Baggaley/Chris Dunne** (ENG) bt Eoin Bryne/James Conney (IRE) 10, -13, 15  
 CADET GIRLS DOUBLES:  
**Noelle Lennon/Suzanne Monnelly** (IRE) bt Karen Lockwood/Trudie Bloor (ENG) -19, 22, 15  
 JUNIOR BOYS DOUBLES:  
**Delobbe/Gregory Obert** (BEL) bt Young/Gareth Herbert (ENG) 20, 19  
 JUNIOR GIRLS DOUBLES:  
**Lindsey Thornton/Michelle Haynes** (ENG) bt Karen Lockwood/Trudie Bloor (ENG) 16, -18, 9  
 CADET BOYS SINGLES PLATE:  
**Jesper Hougaard** (Bucks) bt Douglas Speed (Surrey) 22, -15, 13  
 CADET GIRLS SINGLES PLATE:  
**Claire Shannon** (Cambs) bt Hannah Cleminson (Essex) 13, 11  
 JUNIOR BOYS SINGLES PLATE:  
**Justin Dodd** (Kent) bt Geraint Williams (Wales) 19, -19, 13  
 JUNIOR GIRLS SINGLES PLATE:  
**Vicky Lampkin** (Surrey) bt Anna Cheesman (Essex) 8, -15, 10

JUNIOR BOYS TEAM EVENT		JUNIOR GIRLS TEAM EVENT	
1	Belgium	1	Denmark
2	England 'A'	2	Ireland 'A'
3	Kent 'A'	3	England 'A'
4	Scotland 'A'	4	Peniel
5	France 'A'	5	England 'B'
6	England 'B'	6	Wales 'A'
7	Ireland 'A'	7	Ireland 'B'
8	Ireland 'B'	8	Kent 'A'
9	Peniel	9	Scotland 'A'
10	Wales 'B'	10	France
11	Luxembourg 'A'	11	Wales 'B'
12	Kent 'B'	12	Luxembourg
13	Wales 'A'	13	Belgium
14	Denmark	14	Kent 'B'
15	Luxembourg 'B'		

killer touch 12-21, 20-22. Surrey's Howard Quarty claimed the prize scalp of Belgium's Gregory Obert 21-19, 21-13 but then found Young just too strong.

## DAVIES AND SPARKES OUTSHINE NATIONAL PLAYERS

Lots of upsets in the Junior Girls Singles, with the top two seeds being beaten in the groups and two non-national team players reaching the final. First Denmark's Christina Frost beat top seed Bethan Daunton (Wales) in group one 21-13, 21-15 and then the same fate overcame England's Lindsey Thornton as she lost to Ireland's Andrea Glover 16-21, 19-21. With three from each group going into the competition proper the players had a chance to redeem themselves. Frost progressed to the semi by beating Glover 13-21, 21-11, 21-16 but then lost to Suffolk's Rebecca Sparkes 20-22, 19-21, 21-19. Sparkes had beaten England's National Champion Michelle Haynes in the previous round 21-19, 15-21, 21-19. The early group upsets brought together the two top seeds in the second round where Daunton beat Thornton 18-21, 21-18, 23-21. Daunton then did

batle with the defence of Denmark's Karen Nielsen and lead all the way through third leg until the end when Nielsen came back to win 21-19, 15-21, 21-18 who then in an exact reverse situation lost to Essex's Tracy Davies in the best girl's match of the day 21-18, 18-21, 18-21. Davies then beat Sparkes in the final 21-14, 21-12.

## 3RD PLACE FOR KENT JUNIOR BOYS AS BELGIUM AND DENMARK WIN INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

The DB Contractors Kent Invitation International Team Event played at Cobham Hall, Cobham, Gravesend on 16 February 1996, with the support of the Kent Sports Development Unit and Gravesham Borough Council, attracted entries from Belgium, Denmark, England, Ireland, Luxembourg, Scotland, France and Wales for the biggest junior event in this country. The Belgian team of Damien Delobbe and Gregory Obert beat England 'A', Terry Young and Gareth Herbert in the Boys Team Final 3-2. Terry Young looked in good form following his stay in China winning both his singles but the doubles and two defeats for Herbert took Belgium to the Championship. Kent 'A' team of Christian Thompson and Scott Friday (Medway) finished in third place beating Wales 'B' 3-1 and France 3-0 before losing to

England 'A' in the semi 1-3, the doubles being Kent's sole consolation. Kent then beat Scotland (Stewart Wilson and Kevin Liddle) 3-0 in the 3rd/4th place play off. Kent Boys 'B' Alastair McTavish (Gravesend) and Ashley Steers (T Wells) lost 1-3 to Ireland 'A' and then came back from 0-2 down to beat Wales 'A' 3-2 to finally finish in 12th place. Kent Girls 'B' Kelly Grant (Thanet) and Cally Howes (T Wells) finished in last place but will have learned much from competing at this level and certainly fought for every point and did not let themselves or the county down.

Denmark and Ireland upset the form book in the Girls team event, with Denmark (Christina Frost and Karin Nielson) beating the favourites England 'A' (Lindsey Thornton and Michelle Haynes) 3-2 in the semi and then defeating Ireland 'A' (Brioni Lane and Michelle McGreevy) 3-0 in the final after Ireland had accounted for the second seeds Peniel (Tracy Davies and Verity Cleminson) 3-0 in the other semi. Frost was unbeaten for Denmark against England, for whom Thornton and the doubles kept England in the match to the end. Ireland's Brioni Lane won her two plus the doubles to beat Peniel. Peniel's Tracy Davies made a point to the England selectors when she beat England's Michelle Haynes 21-15, 21-18 as Peniel lost 3-1. Kent 'A' with Angie Bristow (T Wells) in inspired mood and well supported by Rachel Woolven (Maidstone) beat Belgium (Cecile

Chrudion and Annalese Travot) 3-1 in the first round before falling to Ireland 0-3, England 'B' 0-3 and Ireland 'B' 2-3 to finish in 8th place.



Tracy Davies

# CORNWALL

## Senior Division 2B

# TITLE

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THIS MONTH'S NOTES ARE WRITTEN BY A NEW CORRESPONDENT, AS UNFORTUNATELY DOUG MOSS IS IN HOSPITAL FOR AN OPERATION. ON BEHALF OF ALL READERS, WE WISH HIM A SPEEDY RECOVERY AND TRUST HE WILL BE BACK BEHIND HIS TYPEWRITER FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF TABLE TENNIS NEWS WRITES **LESLIE SMITH.**

### SENIORS DIVISION 2A

Cu 2 Ng 8, Le2 1Ch 9, St3 8 Cw 2, Le2 4 La2 6, Cv 10 Wa2 0 (walkover).

**Julie Stitch won both her sets for Cumbria in the home 8-2 defeat by Notts. Leaders Lancs 2nd gained a narrow 6-4 win away to Leics 3rd at Knighton Park TTC even though they could only field one lady. In this division Warwick 2nd were unable to field a team and conceded their away match to Cleveland.**

Division 2B Wi2 0 Co 10, Wi2 3 Co2 7, Wi 7 Co2 3, Wi 4 Co 6, So 5 Co2 5, Wo 8 Dv3 2, Wo 8 Dv4 2, Co 10 Gs2 0.

Cornwall 1st have clinched the division following two 10-0 white-washes against the bottom teams, Glos 2nd and Wilts 2nd and a narrow 6-4 victory against Wilts 1st. Worcester 1st with games in hand could pip Devon 3rd for the runners-up position.

Division 2D Ha2 4 Sx2 6, Sy2 10 Do 0 (walkover), Sy2 9 Bk2 1, Sy2 8 Ha2 2.

Mayur Majithia's two wins helped Sussex 2nd to a narrow 6-4 win over Hants 2nd at New Malden which gave them the championship. The administrative problems Dorset have had all the season continue, being unable to raise a team to play Surrey 2nd.

### JUNIORS DIVISION 1A

WA 7 NG 3 E2 2 LA 8  
CH 8 NK 2 NG 10 E2 0  
NK 2 WA 8 CH 5 SK 5  
WA 6 CH 4 SK 6 LA 4  
E2 2 NK 8 Y2 7 NG 3  
Y2 7 SK 3 LA 3 Y2 7

Yorks 2nd finished the season with a 100% record following the round of matches played at Grantham even though they played their boys out of order to that ranked and conceded sets in each match. Warwickshire finished in runners-up position, and take their place in the premier division next season as Yorks already have a team in the premier. The Norfolk 8-2 win over bottom placed Essex 2nd failed to save them from being relegated along with Essex.

### DIVISION 1B

DV 6 BU 4 DV 8 K2 2  
BU 6 GN2 4 GN2 5 K2 5  
HA 8 SY2 2 BK 4 SX2 6

4 counties played a group of matches at the Plymouth League Headquarters, the host county Devon won their two matches, against Bucks 6-4 and Kent 2nd 8-2 to give them the title and play in the Premier Division next season. Peter Thomas and Elizabeth May were unbeaten in both matches for the winners.

### DIVISION 2A

DU 5 NP 5 NP2 0WA2 10  
ND 4 LA2 6 NP2 0 CW 10  
LI 6 NG2 4 ND 2 NP 8  
WA2 6 DU 4 LE 4 LA2 6  
NP 0 CW 10 LI 5 DU 5  
LA2 10 NP2 10 ND 4 LE 6  
NG2 4 WA2 6 NG 1 CW 9  
LE 4 LI 6

Only Nicola Farrell's two straight win 21-13, 21-13 for Notts 2nd prevented Clwyd making it three 10-0 white-washes in the group of matches played at Grantham. Clwyd looks a good bet for the title, having only conceded 4 sets in 6 matches. The bottom two teams, Northumberland and Northants both failed to gain a point, although Northumberland gave third placed Lancs 2nd a fright before going down 6-4.

### DIVISION 2B

SK2 2 OX 8 BD 4 HE 6  
HU 8 E3 2 HE2 5 NK2 5  
HE 6 HU 4 E3 4 NK2 6  
SK2 3 BD 7 HU 5 OX 5  
SK2 0 HE 10 NK2 4 BD 6  
CA 5 HE2 5 CA 1 OX 9

The St. Neots T.T.C. was the venue for the final round of matches in this division. Oxfords comeback from 4-0 down to clinch a draw against Hunts proved to no avail, Herts 1st taking the title by 1 point, both teams having a similar sets record.

### DIVISION 2C

CO 3 WO 7 GS 3 AV 7  
GN3 8 HR 2 SO 7 WI 3  
DV2 0 WO 10

Worcester played two matches on their first visit to Bodmin, winning both to take them into 3rd place. The Glamorgan 3rd v Avon match on the final day of the season should decide the championship, with the Welsh team favourite.

### DIVISION 2D

SX3 5 BK2 5 SY3 5 HA2 5  
MI2 7 BU2 3 K3 7 DO 3  
SY3 5 MI2 5

Surrey 3rd missed the chance to go top when they only had two boys for the 5-5 draw with Middlesex 2nd. The match between the two top teams, leaders Hants 2nd and Surrey 3rd also resulting in a draw. Bottom team Berks 2nd gained their first point of the season when they visited Lancing to play Sussex 3rd.

### VETERANS DIVISION 1A

LE 4 WO 5 WO 3 WA 6  
LE 6 ND 3 NP 2 LI 7  
NK 9 E3 0 WA 1 LE 8  
E3 5 NP 4 ND 3 NK 6  
WO 6 LI 3 NP 2 ND 7  
NK 4 WA 5 LI 4 E3 5

The teams from division 1A returned to Grantham for the second weekend over 13/14th January.



**Benny Robertson's 100% not enough for Northumberland**

Leicester who led the division after the first weekend, had surrendered their unbeaten record to Worcester in December, the match having been re-arranged to allow Worcester to take part in the Worcester Closed on the Sunday. Going into the final session on the Sunday, Norfolk could have taken the title from Leicester if they had beaten Warwick 6-3, but they went down 5-4, but their sets ratio was good enough to take 2nd place from Warwick and Worcester, all counties finishing on 10 points, 2 points behind champions, Leicester. Northants found the going tough, being relegated with Northumberland, Benny Robertson 100% record failing to save Northumberland.

**DIVISION 1B**

SX2 0 SX1 9 SY2 3 DV 6  
 SY2 8 HA 1 SX2 4 BU 5  
 E2 4 K2 5 DV 3 SX1 6

Sussex 1st look like returning to the Premier Division at the first attempt following their 9-0 win against their 2nd team on Dec 2nd and a 6-3 win away to 2nd placed

Devon at Exmouth, Mike Short winning both of his singles for Devon. At the bottom of the division, Essex 2nd again lost 4-5, their 4th such reverse of the season, this time at home to Kent 2nd.

**DIVISION 2A**

WA2 7 WA3 2 Y2 9 NP 0  
 ST 4 WA3 5 LA2 4 CH2 5  
 WA2 6 NG 3

Warwick 2nd got back to winning ways with 2 victories, 7-2 against Warwick 3rd and 6-3 over Notts, but it looks as if it will not be enough to gain promotion, as leaders Cheshire 2nd gained a narrow 5-4 away to Lancs 2nd at Hyburn. Stafford and Northants 2nd again failing to win their first match of the season, meet in the final match of the season to decide who is relegated.

**DIVISION 2B**

HU 2 HE2 7 OX 8 BD2 1

The Herts 2 v Oxford match on 10th February should decide the division. The Bedford 1st v Bedford 2nd match having not been played by

December 31st as per Regulation has been declared void, while no result has been received from the Berkshire 3rd v Cambridge match played on 20th January.

**DIVISION 2C**

BK2 7, K4 2 MI2 8 OX2 1  
 K3 6 SY3 3

Bottom team, Oxford 2nd suffered a heavy 1-8 reverse away to Middlesex 2nd at Ashford, Sue Gokgor gaining the only success for the losers. Kent 3rd kept up the pressure on the leaders, Berkshire, with a 6-3 win at home to Surrey 3rd, for the winners their No. 1 Roger Pingram lost both his singles and the mixed doubles when partnering Gloria Dowding.

**DIVISION 2D**

HA2 4 SO 5 GS2 1 WI 8  
 HA3 3 GS 6

The Hants 2nd v Somerset match was a close affair with a number of fightbacks. Maurice Shave came back from 17-8 down in the 3rd

game to beat John Crabtree -19,7,19 to give Hants a 2-1 lead. The men's doubles went to Somerset with a 21-18, 24-22 win for Crabtree and Brain Reeves, coming back from 19-8 down in the second, while Reeves was 19-11 down in the second to Shave before winning 21-15, 24-22. In the Hants 3rd v Glos match Ken Burton had to concede his 2nd singles to Glos following an Achilles tendon injury.

**DIVISION 3A**

CH3 4 NK2 5 CW 4 HE4 5  
 DU 9 NP3 0

Division leaders, Norfolk 2nd kept their unbeaten record with a narrow 5-4 win away to Cheshire 3rd. Northants 3rd suffered a 0-9 reverse away to Durham at Darlington, their task not being helped by having only 2 men.

**DIVISION 3B**

SK2 5 BU2 4 OX3 1 MI3 8  
 HE3 9 CA2 0

Suffolk 2nd obtained their first success of the season against Bucks 2nd, with Dave Halliday winning both of his singles, and in partnership with Howard Osborne, the mens doubles for the winners. Tony Wheeler won the opening set for Oxford 3rd which proved to be their only success.

**DIVISION 3C**

SX4 2 SX3 7 SX4 7 BK4 2  
 HE6 0 X3 9 WI2 4 DV3 5

Sussex 3rd take the title with a match to play following 2 away wins. Wilts 2nd and Devon 3rd were involved in a close match, the visitors winning 5-4, Roger Annis 3 game win in the final set clinching victory.

**DIVISION 3D**

CV2 7 DV4 2 HR 2 DO3 7  
 WI3 3 HE5 6

Harry Jutle won both of his singles against leaders Dorset 3rd in Hereford's 7-2 defeat. Herts 5th unbeaten record was kept with a 6-3 win away to Wilts 3rd at Devizes, to keep up the pressure on Dorset.

## LEAGUE TABLES up to 31st January 1996 compiled by Leslie Smith

### SENIORS

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Berkshire	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Essex	3	2	1	0	18	12	5
Leicestershire	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Devonshire	3	1	2	0	17	13	4
Staffordshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Sussex	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Middlesex	3	0	1	2	12	18	1
Cambridgeshire	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

### DIVISION 1A

Yorkshire	4	4	0	0	36	4	8
Suffolk	4	4	0	0	26	14	8
Lancashire	4	1	2	1	20	20	4
Northumberland	4	1	2	1	17	23	4
Buckinghamshire	4	1	1	2	16	24	3
Staffordshire 2nd	4	0	2	2	16	24	2
Warwickshire	4	0	2	2	14	26	2
Derbyshire	4	0	1	3	15	25	1

### DIVISION 1B

Hertfordshire	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Kent	3	3	0	0	19	11	6
Middlesex 2nd	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Avon	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Surrey	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Devonshire 2nd	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Hampshire	4	1	0	3	17	23	2
Gloucestershire	4	0	0	4	15	25	0

### DIVISION 2A

Lancashire 2nd	6	6	0	0	51	9	12
Cleveland	5	5	0	0	37	13	10
Cheshire	6	4	1	1	35	25	9
Nottinghamshire	5	4	0	1	39	11	8
Warwickshire 2nd	6	2	1	3	26	34	5
Leicestershire 2nd	6	2	0	4	21	39	4
Staffordshire 3rd	6	1	1	4	21	39	3
Cumbria	6	0	1	5	17	43	1
Clwyd	6	0	0	6	13	47	0

### DIVISION 2B

Cornwall 1st	9	7	1	1	67	23	15
Devonshire 3rd	8	6	1	1	56	24	13
Worcestershire 1st	5	4	0	1	36	14	8
Wiltshire 1st	6	3	2	1	38	22	8
Somerset	6	1	4	1	33	27	6
Devonshire 4th	8	2	1	5	32	48	5
Cornwall 2nd	7	2	1	4	28	42	5
Worcestershire 2nd	5	1	1	3	19	31	3
Wiltshire 2nd	6	1	1	4	17	43	3
Gloucestershire 2nd	6	0	0	6	4	56	0

### DIVISION 2C

Essex 2nd	6	6	0	0	49	11	12
Lincolnshire	5	5	0	0	40	10	10
Northamptonshire	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
Huntingdonshire	6	3	0	3	27	33	6
Hertfordshire 2nd	6	2	1	3	32	28	5
Bedfordshire	5	2	0	3	22	28	4
Kent 3rd	5	1	1	3	22	28	3
Suffolk 2nd	5	0	1	4	13	37	1
Norfolk	5	0	0	5	5	45	0

### DIVISION 2D

Sussex 2nd	7	7	0	0	54	16	14
Surrey 2nd	8	5	0	3	52	28	10
Kent 2nd	6	4	0	2	36	24	8
Sussex 3rd	6	4	0	2	33	27	8
Hampshire 2nd	7	3	1	3	32	38	7
Berkshire 2nd	6	1	1	4	17	43	3
Essex 3rd	7	0	1	6	24	46	1
Buck's 2nd	4	0	1	3	12	28	1
Dorset	1	0	0	1	0	10	0

### JUNIORS

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derbyshire	3	2	1	0	18	12	5
Middlesex	3	2	1	0	17	13	5
Yorkshire	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Surrey	3	1	2	0	16	14	4
Kent	3	2	0	1	15	15	4
Sussex	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Glamorgan	3	0	0	3	12	18	0
Essex	3	0	0	3	10	20	0

### DIVISION 1A

Yorkshire 2nd	7	7	0	0	55	15	14
Warwickshire	7	6	0	1	48	22	12
Cheshire	7	3	2	2	36	34	8
Suffolk	7	3	2	2	35	35	8
Lancashire	7	3	0	4	37	33	6
Nottinghamshire	7	2	1	4	36	34	5
Norfolk	7	1	1	5	22	48	3
Essex 2nd	7	0	0	7	11	59	0

### DIVISION 1B

Devonshire	7	6	1	0	47	23	13
Hampshire	5	4	0	1	34	16	8
Surrey 2nd	6	3	2	1	35	25	8
Buckinghamshire	5	2	2	1	27	23	6
Glamorgan 2nd	6	2	1	3	30	30	5
Kent 2nd	5	0	2	3	18	32	2
Sussex 2nd	5	1	0	4	18	32	2
Berkshire	5	0	0	5	11	39	0

### DIVISION 2A

Clwyd	6	6	0	0	56	4	12
Lincolnshire	6	5	1	0	41	19	11
Lancashire 2nd	6	4	1	1	37	23	9
Warwickshire 2nd	6	4	0	2	37	23	8
Northants 1st	6	3	1	2	31	29	7
Leicestershire	6	3	0	3	31	29	6
Durham	6	1	2	3	23	37	4
Nott's 2nd	6	1	1	4	26	34	3
Northumberland	6	0	0	6	11	49	0
Northants 2nd	6	0	0	6	7	53	0

### DIVISION 2B

Hertfordshire 1st	8	7	0	1	58	22	14
Oxfordshire	8	6	1	1	58	22	13
Bedfordshire	8	6	1	1	49	31	13
Suffolk 2nd	8	5	0	3	45	35	10
Huntingdonshire	8	4	1	3	46	34	9
Essex 3rd	8	2	0	6	30	50	4
Norfolk 2nd	8	1	2	5	29	51	4
Cambridgeshire	8	0	5	26	54	3	0
Hertfordshire 2nd	8	0	2	6	19	61	2

### DIVISION 2C

Glamorgan 3rd	6	5	1	0	45	15	11
Avon	5	4	1	0	35	15	9
Worcestershire	6	3	3	0	40	20	9
Somerset	6	2	3	1	32	28	7
Gloucestershire	6	2	1	3	27	33	5
Devonshire 2nd	6	2	1	3	20	40	5
Cornwall	6	1	2	3	26	34	4
Wiltshire	5	0	1	4	16	34	1
Herefordshire	6	0	1	5	19	41	1

### DIVISION 2D

Hampshire 2nd	5	3	2	0	33	17	8
Surrey 3rd	5	3	2	0	32	18	8
Middlesex 2nd	5	3	1	1	29	21	7
Kent 3rd	5	2	2	1	27	23	6
Dorset	5	2	0	3	26	24	4
Buck's 2nd	5	1	1	3	24	26	3
Sussex 3rd	5	1	1	3	17	33	3
Berkshire 2nd	5	0	1	4	12	38	1

### VETERANS

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Lancashire	3	3	0	22	5	6
Cheshire	3	3	0	20	7	6
Surrey	3	2	1	16	11	4
Yorkshire	3	2	1	14	13	4
Dorset	3	2	1	14	13	4
Essex	3	0	3	10	17	0
Hertfordshire	3	0	3	6	21	0
Kent	3	0	3	6	21	0

### DIVISION 1A

Leicestershire	7	6	1	45	18	12
Norfolk	7	5	2	44	19	10
Warwickshire	7	5	2	35	28	10
Worcestershire	7	5	2	34	29	10
Lincolnshire	7	3	4	30	33	6
Essex 3rd	7	3	4	23	40	6
Northumberland	7	1	6	26	37	2
Northamptonshire	7	0	7	15	48	0

### DIVISION 1B

Sussex 1st	6	6	0	39	15	12
Devonshire	5	4	1	25	20	8
Hampshire	5	4	1	24	21	8
Surrey 2nd	5	2	3	24	21	4
Buckinghamshire	5	2	3	22	23	4
Kent 2nd	5	2	3	19	26	4
Sussex 2nd	6	1	5	17	37	2
Essex 2nd	5	0	5	19	26	0

### DIVISION 2A

Cheshire 2nd	5	5	0	35	10	10
Warwickshire 2nd	6	5	1	36	18	10
Yorkshire 2nd	5	4	1	35	10	8
Lancashire 2nd	5	3	2	30	15	6
Nottinghamshire	5	2	3	19	26	4
Warwickshire 3rd	6	2	4	17	37	4
Staffordshire	5	0	5	11	34	0
Northants 2nd	5	0	5	6	39	0

### DIVISION 2B

Hertfordshire 2nd	6	6	0	42	12	12
Oxfordshire	5	5	0	37	8	10
Essex 4th	5	3	2	26	19	6
Bedfordshire 1st	7	2	5	25	38	4
Huntingdonshire	6	2	4	20	34	4
Bedfordshire 2nd	6	1	5	14	40	2
Cambridgeshire	5	1	4	15	30	2
Berkshire 3rd	4	1	3	10	26	2

### DIVISION 2C

Berkshire 1st	5	5	0	32	13	10
Kent 3rd	5	4	1	35	10	8
Middlesex 1st	5	3	2	28	17	6
Middlesex 2nd	5	2	3	21	24	4
Berkshire 2nd	5	2	3	20	25	4
Surrey 3rd	5	2	3	18	27	4
Kent 4th	5	1	4	15	30	2
Oxfordshire 2nd	5	1	4	11	34	2

### DIVISION 2D

Avon	4	4	0	32	4	8
Somerset	5	4	1	28	17	8
Wiltshire	5	3	2	28	17	6
Glouc's 1st	5	3	2	28	17	6
Hampshire 3rd	5	3	2	25	20	6
Hampshire 2nd	5	2	3	18	27	4
Dorset 2nd	4	0	4	9	27	0
Glouc's 2nd	5	0	5	3	42	0

### DIVISION 3A

Norfolk 2nd	5	5	0	31	14	10
Durham	4	3	1	27		

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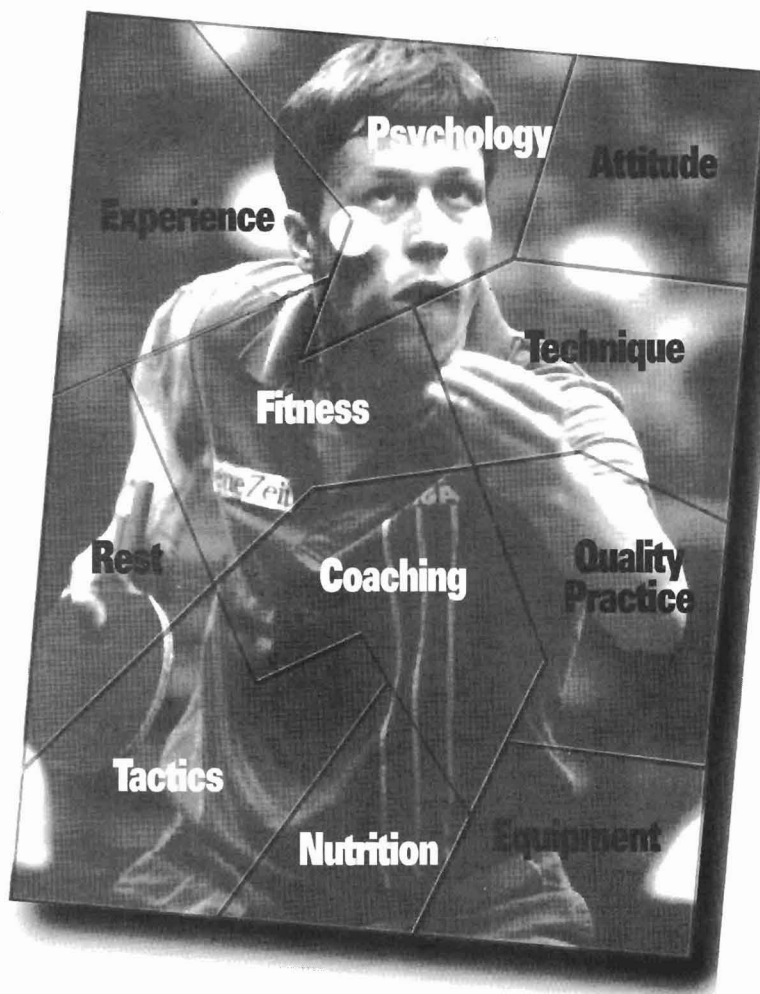
## *in Table Tennis?*

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE GREAT PLAYERS THAT YOU HAVE SEEN PLAY THE GAME OF TABLE TENNIS OR SIMPLY THINK ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE CURRENT PLAYER IT IS OFTEN AN EASY JOB TO SPOT HOW THEY ARE DIFFERENT FROM YOU IN THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE GAME.

Watching Table Tennis of a good standard can also make you aware of the fact that the difference between two players cannot always be spotted from a purely technical point of view. When you think of what might make up a complete table tennis player it might be useful to think of the development of a player as like completing a jigsaw. A jigsaw is only complete if all the parts are there and are in the right place. If any of the pieces are missing (or do not fit correctly) then the performer is unlikely to achieve the potential that they have for the game. The more you work on a particular area the better the piece fits into its place.

The diagram shows the areas which I believe make up a complete table tennis player.

Some of the areas (e.g. technique, coaching, equipment) are the ones that players and coaches spend the most time working with and are the areas in which there is a good amount of written information available to help (in the form of coaching manuals, manufacturers, catalogues etc). Unfortunately there



are certain other areas which do not generally receive the same amount of attention and some of these areas involve Sports Science information (eg psychological factors, physical fitness, nutrition).

Many coaches have suggested that although a player they are working with practices well and has a good technique they do not seem to achieve their potential when it comes to competitive play. It may well be that in a case such as this it is only some elements of the jigsaw which have been developed fully and progression needs to be made in other areas.

Within each issue of Table Tennis News myself and Mark Bawden (ETTA Sports Physiologist) will be offering ideas and advice on how to improve a player's game by filling in, or helping to develop the bits of the jigsaw that are involved with Sports Science. Topics that will be covered include Mental Skills, Physical Training and Nutritional advice. For those interested in more details on any of the areas that will be covered there will be booklets to accompany the column which can be sent, free of charge, to anybody who is interested.

The point of the column is to make Sports Science information EASY TO UNDERSTAND and EASY TO USE. We hope that this will be the way it comes over to you!!

## The Complete Table Tennis Player?

Tim Holder  
(ETTA Sport Psychologist)

# HI-PERFORMANCE TABLE TENNIS CENTRE *at* UNIVERSITY OF TEESIDE

It is well known that many leading young sportsmen and sportswomen give up or take far less seriously their sport in order to concentrate on their academic studies, both before and during their time in higher education. The perception may be that it is either one thing or the other - continuing with sports training at a high level or achieving a good degree - and that it is not normally possible to do both. However, at the University of Teeside they already have High Performance Centres for Squash, Tennis and Badminton, where players of junior county standard and above can continue to develop their sporting ability with a planned programme of coaching, practice, competitions and fitness development, with advice from nutritionists and sports psychologists and access to physiotherapists for sports injury, whilst at the same time studying for an academic qualification in Higher Education (not necessarily in Sports Science).

From October 1996 for the next university intake, there will be a High Performance Centre for Table Tennis, fully endorsed by the ETTA. In addition to the sports science backup, and fitness monitoring and training facilities, a top ETTA coach will provide group and individual coaching. A hall with 5 tables is set aside for table tennis in the well-equipped Fitness Centre. However, close links will also be formed with leading clubs in the area, including the dedicated table tennis centre that is being planned in Middlesborough and possibly another centre being planned for Darlington.

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If you are interested in the Centre, you are encouraged to write to: High Performance Table Tennis Centre  
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## DAVE BERRIMAN

*South East Regional  
Table Tennis  
Projects Officer*

I was born and raised in Horsham, West Sussex, and for the past three years have been Regional Staff Coach for the South-East. During that time I have worked closely with Claire Moore who was then Regional Development Officer, and been involved with many schemes around the region. I became a professional coach in

1991, am qualified as an ETTA level 4 (senior) Coach, and advanced tutor/assessor. In addition to my duties as Staff Coach, I have worked at various times with several of the top coaches in the country, and was fortunate to be able to travel to Sweden last summer, with two junior players, to work with Glen Osth at the Lyceby Club.

My roots in table tennis go back to when I played as a lad in the Horsham Youth Club League then progressed to play for the Horsham Club in the Horsham, Crawley and District League.

During 1969/71 I lived in Birmingham where I was fortunate enough to see the young Desmond Douglas (among others) in action at the Central YMCA. This inspired me

to try and improve my own performance as a player, and eventually led on to an interest in coaching. After a decade of being the Horsham Club Coach, the opportunity arose to start an Advanced Training Centre, at the new Broadbridge Heath venue under the direction of the then Staff Coach, Nicky Jarvis and this is now the Centre of Excellence for Sussex.

I am excited by the challenges presented by my work programme, which will be project based, and look forward to being in touch with many of my table tennis colleagues, and other project partners in the near future. I can be contacted on 01732 872566.



ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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# A FIRST for TABLE TENNIS?

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COUNTY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION'S IN THE EAST MIDLANDS WHO HAVE ALL SHOWN FORESIGHT AND CONFIDENCE IN AGREEING TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO A PART TIME COUNTY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER POST IN EACH COUNTY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THESE POSTS WILL COMMENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE TERMINATION OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER POST AT THE END OF MARCH 1996.

Over the last 18 months or so East Midlands Regional Chairman Mike Smith and RDO Harold Taylor have been planning for part time county posts in line with regional Sports Council preference over one regional officer. Significant Sports Council grant aid and

assistance from Liaison Officer (Anne Rippon) has enabled a financial package (that involves a number of other partners including local authorities) to make the scheme viable initially in 4 of the 5 counties.

The Regional Development co-ordinator post may be combined with one of the county posts if a suitable applicant is available.

There are exciting times ahead for Table Tennis and these posts will play a key role in the development of the sport in the East Midlands.

Never before has the Table Tennis community contributed to a scheme thereby re-affirming their commitment to Table Tennis development work. Only local authorities in Derbyshire have been unable to match Sports Council and the Table Tennis communities funding. This is a major disappointment given that a number of England internationals such as Alan Cooke, Bradley and Julie Billington, Nicola Deaton etc have brought glory to the county. Nevertheless whilst unable to proceed in Derbyshire at present it is hoped that a satisfactory arrangement can be worked out at a later date. This is not through any fault of the Derbyshire Table Tennis community and the ETTA are taking steps to ensure that Chairman Ray Harrison and colleagues get a piece of the action.

## STRENGTHENING THE SPORT

It is envisaged that the part time county development officers will be co-ordinated at regional level and be responsible to ETTA East Midlands

regional committee via the co-ordinator who in turn will be responsible to ETTA at national level. They will be following agreed work programmes (formulated by county steering groups) working within the broad parameters of ETTA national priorities. The counties via their charimen will have a significant influence in what the officers will actually do, however the posts are not intended to take

over tasks undertaken by volunteers, but their role is to support volunteers in development work. Their posts will be an adversarial/influencing role as opposed to a "hands on" coaching role. It will be vital that county development officers form string partnerships with local authorities to take full advantage of local opportunities.

This is very much a pilot programme and the ETTA thanks it's East Midlands colleagues for all their hard work so far and wish the scheme every success.

A final note of grateful thanks goes to Harold Taylor who after three and a half years in post has decided not to continue in a paid professional role. Harold has brought a high level of professional efficiency and knowledge to the region and colleagues will no doubt acknowledge the positive influence he has had towards strengthening our sport - Thank you Harold, happy retirement!



### APPOINTMENTS

Closing date for applications - March 25th 1996 - Interviews likely to be held 15-18th April 1996

Person specification, application form and other details contact Harold Taylor on 0115 985 8037.

### ETTA EAST MIDLANDS PART TIME

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Hours: Minimum 12 hours (average) per week + attendance at ETTA ROD Training

Office Base: not yet known

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Hours: Minimum 12 hours (average) per week

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**LASTING BENEFIT**

*Brian Lamerton, Hampshire*

Last summer I travelled to officiate at the Island Games in Gibraltar, an event notable for keen competition and the making of friends, and I now learn of the second Island to have obtained a lasting benefit. First the

outstanding

performances by our own Isle of Wight opened the eyes of that Island's administrators to an extent that they further

helped in the final funding for the



construction of the "Carl Prean Centre". I now hear that Gibraltar themselves have been given suitable premises for a permanent home for both their players and the six new tables provided for games which I was astounded to learn on leaving would go into store because there was nowhere else for them.

The purpose of this letter is that the Gibraltar Association (newly affiliated to the ITTF in 1995) and whose players can best be described as promising are keen to arrange exchange visits with clubs or associations in the UK. They would also welcome any individuals who may be holidaying in Gib. to

their new permanent home of which, despite the need for refurbishment, they are very proud. Gibraltar is a delightful place for a few days stay. In fact I met many who had stayed many years. Gibraltar's secretary is Eugene Pons of 36, Northview Terrace, Gibraltar Tel: 350 72934 (H) or 350 75687 (O) or I will gladly act as a go-between, my number being 01489 781266.

After the match our meal was provided at a very well run Country Club. Claire Marshall, one of the lady players led the way to a well-cooked meal which has to be noted as very excellent cuisine.



Thanks again Grove Table Tennis Club and Lillian and John for my day out.

**MAGAZINES**

*David George Tel: 01254 674865*

I require the following Table Tennis News magazines Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 15, 24, 35, 45, 52, 53, 55, 108 and 221, also TT badges (Pins), books, bats, balls, videos on VHS of players of the past i.e. Barna, Sido, Ogimura, Berrizic, Dvoracek, Giomorkov etc. I will purchase or exchange for the above items, I have various TT publications etc to exchange and badges etc.

**THANK YOU GROVE**

*J G Turton, Pontefract*

It was just a day out, but I feel I must thank Grove Table Tennis Club for a very enjoyable day. My good friends from Selby club organised my day out. Being an old umpire, I enjoy seeing well-played matches and my Selby gang did win 8-0.

**LOST IN SPACE**

*Brian Cole, Salisbury*

Reading the last several issues of TTN there appears to be a dearth of data concerning Wiltshire contained in the County Notes section. I would be grateful if you could indicate whether this is due to the absence of information supplied or the lack of space in the otherwise absorbing magazine.

*Thanks for the praise of the magazine. The lack of prose from Wiltshire is mainly due to the lack of information supplied but on the rare occasion, it is due to insufficient space. - Editor*

OBITUARY by Ron Crayden

**Ernie Bublely - A Man of Many Talents**

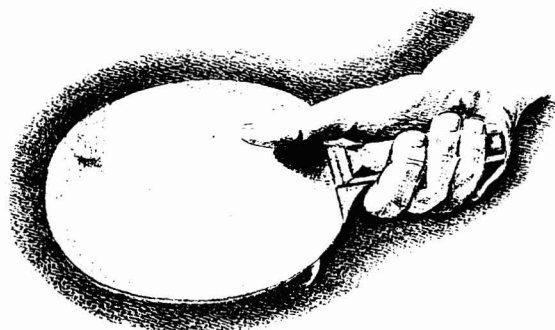
On Sunday, 21 January 1996, table tennis suffered a sad loss when one of its outstanding characters died, leaving behind only scattered memories. The deceased, Ernie Bublely, had been unwell for some time but his death came as rather a shock and the only consolation is that he had a full and varied life. He was 83 years old.

Ernie was a man of many talents and although he excelled at table tennis, being England's top star before the War, he reached a high standard of performance in a number of other unrelated activities. For example he was a dab hand at Bridge, played Snooker to a very high level and was able to make breaks of 50 when such scores were rare, even by the champions of the day. Secretly, however, his ambition was to become a star of the variety stage with an act that could be loosely described as "Fiddling and Fooling". It was the kind of act that made the American, Jack Benny, a world-wide name although, with due respect, Ernie was never quite in that class. He played the violin, fingering the strings with a gloved hand, and told 'risque' jokes. Most of his performances were given in social clubs but he did have one moment of fame when he appeared on the Michael Barrymore television show. The Barrymore show is seen by something like twelve million viewers and Ernie will be remembered, not for his act, but by the embarrassing fact that he appeared with his 'flies' undone. The programme was videoed and shown at the Swaythling Club dinner in Birmingham 1994. On the table tennis circuit he was highly respected as his unique style made him a very difficult opponent. He was left handed and surprisingly held his rubber faced bat in a gloved hand. This, I understand, was not a gimmick but because he was prone to eczema or a persistent skin complaint. He played close to the table and took the ball very early. His dominating shot was a perfectly executed backhand which he was able to direct with deftness of touch and considerable speed to any spot on the table. He did not have an attacking shot on his forehand but instead a vicious chop that had to be treated with great respect. Technically he was very limited, but nevertheless extremely effective and only the top world ranked stars could expose his limitations. Before World War 2 he won many open tournaments and represented England in Swaythling Cup matches. When the euphoria of peace had settled, there became a tremendous boom in sporting activities amongst which table tennis took its rightful place. Ernie Bublely seemed to have retained his skill and enthusiasm for the sport and made England's Swaythling Cup teams in 1947 and 1948. Later, Ernie and I played for the West Norwood Tennis Club and to me his downfall was apparent with the introduction of the sponge bat. The lack of sound and the irregular bounces completely destroyed his patterned game and he was not prepared to be an also ran, so retired. For me his greatest performance was in the quarter final of the English Open at Wembley in February 1939. His opponent was the legendary Victory Barna who was shocked to find himself two games down in double quick time. Ernie who was then cock-a-hoop became over confident and foolishly lost the vital third after which frustration and physical exhaustion let him down.

In addition to his many talents Ernie was a person of many moods. He was the ultra extrovert with an unquenchable ego and astounding belief in his abilities, whether playing table tennis or his beloved violin. As he grew older he became increasingly impatient and at times quite cynical which was a pity for when you gained his confidence he could be humorous and pleasantly sociable. To sum up, he was one of the greatest table tennis characters that England has produced. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

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## Bedfordshire

BY ALEX MURDOCH

### FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

It is with deep regret that I have to start these notes by remembering the death of Bedfordshire's oldest player Peter Harmer at the end of last year. I would need more pages than I could write to detail Peter's life, but he will not be forgotten and all our sympathies go to Dolly: wife, companion, friend and playing partner over many happy years.

During the last couple of months since my last notes county teams have acquitted themselves very well despite numerous injury problems.

The junior team came third in division 2B which is an excellent result in view of our shortages of junior girls. If anyone has a girl who would like to be considered for the county selection in 1996/97, could they please make contact with me. Paul Birch has volunteered to arrange a number of coaching sessions in the coming months. Our senior team recently finished their matches at BATTIS in Harlow with 2 wins against Norfolk and Northants with an excellent draw with arch rivals Herts.

Jimmy Walsh and Norman Swift remained unbeaten in these matches and our ladies Nichola Walsh and Veteran Val Murdoch supported the men with some outstanding performances.

Our veteran 2nd team have one match to play which they need to win to avoid relegation and I hope that our veteran's 3rd team can get their first win out of the last two matches.

Your committee will be looking at team entry for the next season in the coming months and in view of the problems we have had this year, letters will be sent out to ranked players asking them about their availability.

If you feel you have been overlooked in the past or have players in your league worthy of consideration please contact me.

Could all league press officers tell me if they have anything to include in these notes for the ETTA Magazine. I cannot keep writing it without your support. You will be pleased to note that yours truly has at last, though probably temporarily, made under 200 in the veteran's ranking list, so I have no reservations about the way the ranking list is made up. I have heard of various comments relating to the veterans game becoming too big a proportion of table tennis in the UK.

# COUNTY Notes

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Has anyone stopped to consider what would have happened if these players had finished playing and gone onto golf, bowls and SAGA holidays. They would have been lost to the game forever. Who would be running the local leagues, serving on committees, coaching, umpiring, organising and refereeing tournaments, running junior teams and transporting them, maintaining and running table tennis centres and helping the game across the board? Let's give all the support and encouragement to these veterans and use them to help the game in a constructive manner.

## Berkshire

BY JOHN CUNNINGHAM

FIRST TOURNAMENT WEEKEND OF THE SEASON - BRACKNELL & WOKINGHAM TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE GROUPING TOURNAMENT

### 'SUPER SCHWARTZ'

After an absence of two years, Bracknell & Wokingham Table Tennis League (supported by Kingfisher TT Club) recently held their ever popular Grouping Tournament. The event ensures that everyone enjoys the maximum amount of table tennis, whilst finding their overall tournament ranking via their group performances. Thirty-two players entered for the first round, eight groups of four players. Only eight seeds were nominated, one being allocated to each first round group. Fierce competition was assured as first round placings would be crucial in deciding final tournament positions.

Few surprises from the first round, all seeded players finishing top of their respective groups. Ian Schwartz, Allan Bruton, Steve Barnes, Maurice Chappell, Barry Morten and Mike Levey all made top spot with few scares. Final seeds Geoff Civil and Roger Woolven-Allen were pushed all the way by Laurent Geoffroy and Peter Bennett. Civil edged Laurent 15-21, 21-18, 21-18, whilst Woolven-Allen came through 9-21,

21-12, 21-15 against Bennett. Other first round highlights saw Tony Morton beating Premier player Ken Banham 21-8, 16-21, 21-11 and Bob Walker losing a close contest (again involving Ken Banham) 23-21, 19-21, 9-21.

The second round, based on group placing from the first round, proved both competitive and exciting. Group A required a calculator to determine final positions - Ian Schwartz claimed top spot by winning all three of his group games against Allan Bruton, Geoff Civil and Steve Barnes, though he was pushed all the way by Bruton (21-15, 8-21, 21-12) and Barnes (20-22, 21-14, 21-19). The remaining games saw Bruton beat Civil, Civil beat Barnes and finally, Barnes beat Bruton. Final placings could only be decided on countback, Barnes edging second spot with Bruton third and Civil fourth. Group B saw Roger Woolven-Allen finish top against Barry Morten, Maurice Chappell and Mike Levey. Winners of the remaining groups were - Laurent Geoffroy, Peter Bennett, Ken Banham, Richard Heasman and finally Chas Dean. This final group is worth a mention - Dean placed first by virtue of two wins from three games (wins over Stephanie Goyer and Sharon Mitchell, losing to Simon Jay). Sharon Mitchell finished second with wins over Simon Jay and Stephanie Goyer, Jay claiming third spot after a close match with Goyer 21-18, 18-21, 21-17.

The final round was a straight fight for tournament placings - Ian Schwartz and Roger Woolven-Allen met in the match deciding 1st and 2nd positions, Schwartz taking the prize 21-13, 18-21, 21-12. Congratulations to Ian on winning the only trophy to have eluded him over all the years he has supported the Bracknell and Wokingham League. Commiserations to Roger, who contributed significantly to an entertaining final. Positions 3 & 4 were contested by Steve Barnes and Barry Morten, Morten outplaying Barnes 21-16, 21-18.

Full list of final placings:  
1: Ian Swartz, 2: Roger Woolven-Allen, 3: Barry Morten, 4: Steve Barnes, 5: Allan

Bruton, 6: Mike Levey, 7: Geoff Civil, 8: Maurice Chappell, 9: Laurent Geoffroy, 10: Peter Bennett, 11: 'Evergreen' Gred Brewster, 12: Richard Woolven-Allen, 13: Zhifan Yin, 14: Tony Morton, 15: Paul Savage, 16: Keith Goswell, 17: Ken Banham, 18: Richard Heasman, 19: Sylvia Bruton, 20: Roger Mills, 21: Pat Daniels, 22: Bob Walker, 23: Cedric Dias, 24: Adrian Southey, 25: Chas Dean, 26: Sharon Mitchell, 27: Simon Jay, 28: Stephanie Goyer.

Thanks to all who attended and made the organisation worthwhile. Next tournament weekend is in April '96 (check handbooks for dates, times and events) - enter early to avoid disappointment.

## Clwyd

BY ROY WILLIAMS

### UNBEATEN

After their County Championships 2A Junior division matches Clwyd are unbeaten in six matches all played at the South Kesteven TTC Grantham. In the six matches played only four sets have been lost. All the boy's are unbeaten led by Adam Robertson with twelve wins, Danny Harris (10), Geriant Williams (10) and Gareth Steen (4). Delyth Davies has won her six sets followed by Julie Furber (11) and Joanne Adams (3).

The senior team although enthusiastic, are finding division 2A a little on the tough side having lost all six matches. Joanne Bastin has won six sets, Chris Robson four and veteran Don Hobbs has been a winner on three occasions.

Our Veteran team won their first match for two years their only reward this season from four starts. John Spence has five singles out of eight to his credit with Ian Woolley four wins out of six. Bernard Carter has one win and our only success in the ladies singles was gained by Pru Oakes. Men's and mixed doubles have also been won.

In the North Wales Junior League Llandudno won the intermediate, Junior Division One and Two and the Cadet First Division. Wrexham won the second division in the Cadets. Forty 2-a-side teams played in the competition played at Ysgol John Bright. At the same venue, forty veteran teams contested the various age group titles. Wrexham won the over 40 men's with Llandudno winning the men's 50 and men's 65 and over titles. Wrexham won the Ladies Division. The men's and ladies senior events are also to be played at this venue with five men's divisions and two ladies.

The Association is holding a dinner/dance at

the Grange Hotel, Rhyl to present County badges and trophies for the North Wales League. Everyone is welcome.

The North Wales Closed is being held at a new venue at the Leisure & Sports Centre on Sunday 10 March, at Llanwrst. A bumper entry is expected for the nineteen titles at stake.

The first Community Table Tennis Club in North Wales opened on January 6th with ten new imperial tables. The club is open every Tuesday evening from 6pm to 10pm. The club held in a new sports centre in Kinmel Bay will be known as Y Morfa TTC. Coaching is available to newcomers to table tennis.

I end on a sad note with Wrexham's Charlie Bayliss having passed away at the start of the season. Charlie was a regular umpire at the County matches as well as local tournaments. He was secretary of the Wrexham TTL and a committee member of the NWCTTA. He had attended meetings at national level for over thirty years.

Charlie will be missed by his many friends in table tennis and church circles.



**A STITCH IN TIME**

Julie Stitch proved to be a stitch in time for Cumbria table tennis team when she stepped in at the last minute for Barrow's unavailable Jade Kendall and won the county's only sets in an 8-2 defeat by Nottinghamshire at Whitbarrow Timeshare Village, near Penrith.

The Carlisle League star beat number one Tina Russ in Notts 21-19, 21-15, and also had a resounding victory over number two Joan Mole 21-10, 21-10.

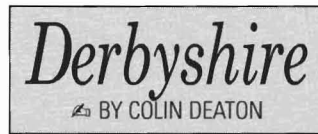
Katherine Swan, of Barrow, lost 22-24, 21-19, 18-21 to Tina and to Joan 13-21, 16-21.

Paul Watson (Carlisle League) came in for Tristran Swan (Barrow) but lost 7, 7 to no. 1 Lee Neil and 11, 12 to no. 2 Mark Green.

Carlisle's Mark Temple took Neil, however, to three, going down 7-21, 21-16, 8-21. But Mark lost to number three Paul Wood in two straight, 10 and 17.

Another Carlisle player, Phil Clarkson, succumbed 10 and 16 to Wood and 5 and 8 to Green.

There was an overwhelming response to the inaugural get-together of the newly-formed Whitehaven Sports Centre Woolwich Junior Table Tennis League. Around 40 youngsters from as young as eight enjoyed two hours of non-stop table tennis on several tables, registered and formed themselves into eight teams.



**TABLE TENNIS TOPICS**

In the annual Derbyshire Closed Championships held at the Lea Green Centre, Matlock, Burton's Steven Shaw gained his fifth win in the Men's Singles Tournament.

Steven represents Uxbridge in the National League team and remains a model of dedication travelling many miles per week from his Bruton home in search of practice and training.

He plays whenever he can in the tournaments and is a regular member of the Derbyshire first team. The full championship results are:-

**Men's Singles**

*Winner: Steven Shaw (Burton) Runner up:*

*Mark Short (Chesterfield) Men's Doubles*

*Winner: S Bibby/M Short (Chesterfield)*

*Runner up: S Shaw/Jason Bamford*

*(Eastwood) Women's Singles Winner: J*

*Vickers (Derby) Runners up: Rose Hagger*

*(Burton) Women's Doubles Winner: J*

*Vickers/T Gregory (Matlock) Runners up: R*

*Hagger/C Ambrose (Derby) Mixed Doubles*

*Winner: J Vickers/T Gregory Runners up: R*

*Hagger/C Ambrose Vets Singles Winner:*

*Neil Marples (Chesterfield) Runner up: Ivor*

*Warner (Chesterfield) U17 Girls Winner:*

*Helen Rainford (Derby) Runner up: Charlotte*

*Merrick (Burton) U17 Boys: Winner: Michael*

*Isherwood (Chesterfield) Runner up: Scott*

*Habbershon (Chesterfield) U14 Boys Winner:*

*Robin Pearce (Burton) Runner up: Simon*

*Walters (Derby) U14 Girls Winner: Mary*

*Wainwright (Chesterfield) Runner up: Kerry*

*White (Chesterfield) U12 Singles Winner:*

*Russell Anderson (Chesterfield) Runner up:*

*Sam Boulton (Chesterfield) U21 Singles*

*Winner: Michael Isherwood Runner up: Scott*

*Habbershon*

The Championships were organised by County Secretary Les Allwood and a very good entry was received.

Ray Harrison is to retire as Chairman of the Derbyshire Association. He has been Chairman for the last seven or eight years. A new chairman will be appointed at the next AGM.

In the past, the Matlock and District League has never produced a player worthy of being a county Senior standard player. Their league comprises two senior leagues and one junior which provides weekly competition at both levels. One of their most exciting prospects for several years is 10 year old Tim Gregory.

Tim emerged last month as the Derbyshire Schools U11 Champion and this talented young left hander competes with some impressive spin and serves, surely a real player of the future.

Finally, congratulations to Nicola Deaton and Bradley Billington on winning the Welsh Open.

Nicola did not lose a game all weekend in both the Open Singles and the Team event, whilst Bradley brought off a sensational win over Carl Prean.

A victory that may well have swung the balance in his favour for a place in England's European Championships team.



**ESSEX JUNIOR INTER-LEAGUE:**

This year's junior inter-league competition has ten teams participating, and the Southend league lead the way with three of these. In the first division Chelmsford A (Reagan Nettleingham, Paul Lucas, Gary Brignall and Catherine Woodcock) and Ilford A (Matthew Spero, Oliver Beaumont, Daniel Cantale and Karen Sweeney) both have seventeen points from their two games but Chelmsford are strong favourites to retain their title. Colchester A (Andrew Faiers, David Kao, Edward Mehan and Caroline Faiers) look to have the edge in the second division after beating Chelmsford B 5-4.

**BRENTWOOD LEAGUE:**

Trevor Carter (Brentwood League's Press Officer) reports that Buttsbury A are in the driving seat in their very strong premier division. Their squad of Damian Holland, Ian Attridge, Reagan Nettleingham, John Holland and Steve Willis hold a three point lead and have a game in hand, despite a set-back just before Christmas against second-placed Brentwood A, where messrs Holland D., Attridge and Nettleingham were beaten 7-3 by an in-form Steve Rand and an inspired Mark Wicker who both recorded maximums. Despite the large number of county ranked men spread throughout the top division it is Linda Radford (Cranston Park) who heads the averages with just one defeat in seventeen. Favourites to win the first division are Billericay B (John Gagg, John Parodi and Dave Carter) followed by Buttsbury C (Ed and Paul Lucas, Ted Tydeman and Luke Pyne). Throughout the entire league there are only four players with 100% singles records: John

Webber (Billericay Constitutional) and Dave Pooley (Billericay Catholic A) in the second division, Roy Barnes (St. Nicholas) in the third and Ian Hockley of Highwood in division four.

**ESSEX SCHOOLS**

Phil and Sue Gower organised the Essex schools individual events at Peniel Academy where there were an encouraging 96 entries. As expected Peniel players dominated proceedings and some of the day's best action included Sarah Davison's 24-22 in the third win over Tracy Davies in the GU19s final, a superb win for Catherine Woodcock over Helen Lincoln (28-26 in the third) in the GU16s, and a thrilling GU11s semi-final between Grace Brown (Peniel) and nine-year old Braintree debutante Leanne Bentley won by the Peniel girl at 18 in the third. Boys who caught the eye included the up-and-coming Peniel stars - Ben Linnecar, Christopher Jamieson, Tim Yardy, Sam Cleminson and David Coleman. Results were as follows:  
*U19B: Reagan Nettleingham (Billericay Comprehensive) bt Ben Linnecar*  
*U16B: Ben Linnecar bt Christopher Jamieson*  
*U13B: Christopher Jamieson bt Jonathan Whittaker*  
*U11B: Peter Cleminson bt David Embling*  
*U19G: Sarah Davison (Braintree College) bt Tracy Davies*  
*U16G: Tracy Davies bt Hannah Yardy*  
*U13G: Hannah Yardy bt Natalie Bawden (Elmwood School)*  
*U11G: Grace Brown bt Leah Cheesman*  
 (All players Peniel unless otherwise stated).

**CHELMSFORD LEAGUE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:**

The Chelmsford League celebrate their sixtieth anniversary this year and have arranged a Jubilee dinner on Saturday 20th April 1996 at Writtle Table Tennis Club, Paradise Road. The cost for the evening is only £15.00 and Donald Parker is booked as guest speaker. Anyone interested in attending should contact League Treasurer Brian Cook (telephone no. 01245 467787).

.....And finally in response to Ken Muhr's quest for details of other sportsmen and celebrities who play ping...Steve Tilson, Southend FC's creative midfielder is undoubtedly a county standard table tennis player and his performances in Chelmsford and Southend this season have put his teams in contention to win the top divisions in both leagues. A former county no. 2 junior behind Richard Darnell but ahead of Steve Dorking - football's gain was a definite loss to our sport.

A Look around the Country

*Gloucestershire*

BY ALF PEPPERD

**SECOND VENTURE**

With the success of the first Gloucestershire 1 Star well behind us, the County table tennis association launched its second venture - The Gloucestershire 1 Star Cadet Tournament on Sunday 7 January at Deer Park School, Cirencester.

Play commenced at 10am on nine tables and there were a total of 44 entries from nine separate Counties, once again Mrs Gill Smith from Cheltenham stepped into the breach as Hon Referee, and Cirencester's Ken Bridle proved to be a very worthy Organiser.

Final results:  
Girls Band 1 Final: Claire Maher(Bk) bt Claire Gibbs(So), -5, 10, 16; Boys Band 1 Final: Douglas Speed(Sy) bt James Witeman(Dv) 10, 18; Girls Band 2 Final: Lisa Calcutt(Bk) bt Samantha Johnson(Gn) 14, 10; Boys Band 2 Final: Chris Roberts(Gs) bt Lee Calcutt(Bk) 16, 13; Girls Open Event: From a group of 6, Hanna Thompson(Wi) was the outright winner, with Claire Maher runner-up. Boys Open Event: Winner James Whiteman (Dv) and the r.u. on points difference was Chris Roberts (Gs).

Two stalwart Gloucestershire well worthy of a mention are:- from a playing point of view, I see Cadet player Chris Roberts from Cheltenham as possibly the most improved youngster around today, both in 1 star tournaments and his local league, i.e. Cheltenham, and further news upon Chris, he has three more years yet to go in the Junior field.

The other person that has attracted my attention of late is Gloucester's Anthony Davis, who is turning out to be a very useful Umpire. Anthony is a slightly disabled Gloucester 6th division player, well in line with his team for this season's 6th Division Team Championship, but of late his sheer enthusiasm for umpiring could indeed well appear to be his future trend in a sport that unquestionable he enjoys so much.

The County wind up this season's Banded 1 Star Tournaments with a Gloucestershire Senior 1 Star Open Singles Tournament on Sunday 25 February, venue:- at Cirencester, full report upon this venture in next months table tennis news.

A week or so prior to the commencement of the "European Qualifying Tournament" for the Olympic Games at the Nynex Arena in Manchester, I had the pleasure of a six minute BBC Radio phone-in interview with

Tournament Director Mike Watts, of course it's all over now, pending the actual play in Atlanta this summer, but Mike was very informative and despite suffering from a very heavy cold, he gave me enough news and information to warrant recordings of our interview being sent to several BBC Regional Stations in the South West area.

Thanks Mike, I hope to talk to you again upon the forthcoming World Championships next year in Manchester.

**DEVELOPMENT**

Following last year's work in the Cirencester/Stroud area the Gloucestershire county development team, in conjunction with county youth sports development officer Mandy Hymers, have been very busy promoting table tennis this season in the Cheltenham/Tewkesbury area.

So far, 17 demonstration and come and try table tennis sessions have been held around the area, each lasting 1.5 hours, and another 10 sessions in youth clubs are being arranged. In addition, we are waiting for 10 schools to confirm dates. A great deal of enthusiasm has been generated at each club visited and thanks must go to Graham Slack (ETTA development officer), Dave Harvey, Steve Moreman, Natasha Williams and Brian McRandal for giving their time so willingly for the benefit of table tennis in Gloucestershire.

As a result of these sessions 6 coaching clinics have been set up (at Whaddon YC, Northway YC, St. Benedicts School and Winchcombe School for 8 weeks, and Bourton YC and Stowe YC for 4 weeks each). In addition an ongoing 2 hour session is being held at Benhall Infants School. Over 60 youngsters are now receiving coaching (under the supervision of county coach Steve Moreman) for the first time.

To ensure these new players are not lost at the end of the clinics we are holding our 2nd 'Lucozade Fun Day' on 18th February. This competition is for non-senior league players (Woolwich League players can enter) and is split U14, U17 and U21 with separate events for boys and girls. A number of fun games are being arranged to keep everyone amused while they are not competing. All entrants receive free Lucozade goodies and the top 3 in each event receive prizes ranging from table tennis bats to baseball caps.

This event has no entry fee and we hope that all competitors will enter our Lucozade Youth Agency League which will be held on March 30, May 4 and June 8. Again Lucozade will be providing the prizes.

County junior sessions are held every Friday evening and these are immediately followed by coaching sessions for ANYONE who is

interested in improving, whatever their age.

Our overall standard is improving, but we must not expect immediate success.

Next season Dave Harvey and Graham Slack are not playing competitive table tennis outside of the local league to enable them to commit themselves 100% to development and to bring Gloucestershire out of the also-rans back into the big time.

Many plans are afoot - so watch this space!

*Hampshire*  
BY BRIAN LAMERTON

**SAFE HANDS**

Four of this season's County junior titles travelled back across the Solent to the Isle of Wight in the safe hands of Danny Burns (Junior Boys), Lucy Pointer (Cadet and Under 12 Girls) and Nathan Godolphin (Under 12 boys) - another fine advert for their "Carl Prean Centre" - the sooner we get some similar centres on the mainland the better - both Portsmouth and Southampton have schemes afoot, hopefully 1996 will be the year of progress. Other junior titles went to Bournemouth's Tina Young (Junior Girls) with Wanda Hutchinson (Aldershot) the runner-up and David Riddle of Portsmouth (Cadet Boys) with Stuart Williams (Bournemouth) the runner-up. Runners-up to the 4 Islanders were Chris Butt (Southampton - Junior Boys); Julie Wright (Basingstoke - Cadet Girls); Jeanette Rich (Aldershot - Under 12 Girls) and Danny Hayward (Southampton - Under 12 Boys).

I am indebted to Portsmouth's magazine "Beyond the Table" for the results of their "Peter Goldring Special Tournament" (for all players outside Division 1) which produced two interesting family contests; father Phil Eardley defeating son Peter 21-19 in the third game of the consolation final and Stuart Riddle also taken to a third before defeating brother David in the Junior Singles. Other winners included Neil Carroll (Men's Singles), Caroline Goatley (Women Singles), Peter Grubb (Division 4-7 singles), David Riddle (Cadet Singles) and Nick Anderson (Under 12 Singles). The same publication tells me that at the season half-way point Cowplain Blue lead Division 1 with a 100% record and also that their Ken Burton with 25 wins from 28 starts is their leading individual regular player.

Southampton's mid-season newsletter shows that last season's premier title winners Eastpoint (now playing as Pirelli) are again in the lead after defeating rivals Snobs. Top individual with 15 from 15 is Charlie Childs (Pirelli) who the editor unkindly points out has

been replacing Graham Pointer against the weaker opposition! Otherwise the leading players are Christos Hannides (Pirelli) and Chris Wilshere (Snobs) - both having been defeated just once in close on 40 sets.

County Championship wise only the juniors and the veterans have been in action since Christmas with a win and a draw for the juniors and three defeats for the veterans not quite living up to pre-Christmas form. The two outstanding matches both produced unexpected results against Surrey - the juniors defeating Surrey 2 with surprising ease by 8 sets to 2 and the veterans crashing to Surrey 2 8-1. These results give fresh impetus to the juniors hopes of promotion and virtually ends the vets anticipation of a quick return to the premier. The all-conquering junior team were Danny Burns, Chris Butt, Mark Wilshere, Lorna Dutch and Tina Young whilst Gill Larking saved the vets from a whitewash.

*Herefordshire*  
BY GEOFF MUTTON

**GOOD AND SETTLED**

At the time of writing, just over half-way through our league season, a good number of the league issues look to be as good as settled. Green Farm Lions, nine points clear at the top of division 1 are just too consistent for all the other sides, and may well go through the season unbeaten. Experience seems to count for a great deal in Herefordshire, as the clear leaders in divisions 2 and 3, Bromyard Hawks and Inco A just like Green Farm Lions in Division 1 are comprised mostly of Veteran status players.

Talking of veterans, Harry Jutle, our most junior of veterans is by all accounts relishing the chance to play at county level. His quick fire attacking style achieving good wins for our county side.

The Junior side were unlucky to come away from Wellington without taking a point from fourth placed Somerset. At 5-2 down we looked a well-beaten side, but Chris Jonen our no. 1 came back from a game down to beat Michael Ong, ranked over 100 places higher than Chris 17-21, 21-8, 21-18. The remaining two games were then very tight matches with Leanne Neads and Steven Arrowsmith both losing at deuce in the third. Recently the county side has also given opportunities to other promising lads, and Tom Peters and Russell Jones have both enjoyed being tested at this higher level.

The Hereford League committee is already

starting to plan for next year. This is particularly important this time around as 1996-97 will be the 50th year of official, organised table tennis in the county. The present committee are keen to hear from league members who can help to organise events, or who have suggestions for appropriate ideas to help mark this anniversary.



**SIX OF THE BEST!**

Hemel Hempstead's Emma Hurling celebrated her sixth Hertfordshire Women's Singles win, when she defeated her old rival Caroline Seaholme, from Watford in the final of the County Closed Championships, in January at the Barnet Table Tennis Centre, winning the trophy in style 7 and 10.

Super defender John Taylor's name went onto the Men's Singles trophy once again when he chopped, floated and occasionally hit his way to victory, defeating Hemel Hempstead's lively Glen Wilkes who narrowly lost out to the man from Barnet 23 and 18.

Maybe Wilkes will taste glory next year?

Taylor picked up his second trophy when in partnership with his son Duncan they won the Men's Doubles title, beating Keith Samuels from North Herts and Morris Greenberg in the final 13, -16, 18.

Hurling took her trophy tally to two when she played with Barnet's Maria Williams overpowering Watford's Sally Bax and Barnet's Michelle Budden to take the Women's Doubles title 15 and 15.

In the Mixed Doubles early finalist losers Samuels and Seaholme tasted glory when they paired up to win the Mixed Doubles final, when they beat Hemel Hempstead's Wilkes and Hurling 13 and 17.

This year's Men's Veterans Champion is former County Secretary Chris Budden who defeated former World Over 50 Consolation Singles Champion Keith Hartridge from the newly formed SHAW League 13, -15, 10.

The Veteran Women's Singles was won by Watford's Sally Bax who defeated North Herts Sue Felstead.

Cheshunt's Alan Lamprell's long pimples out-foxed Watford's antispin exponent Geoff Bax to win a thrilling three game Senior Veteran's final, 19, -12, 15.

The Veteran Doubles final was won by SHAW's Alan Phipps and Hemel Hempstead's Gary Keers who beat the highly fancied pairing of two of the county's top defenders: Watford's Dave Seaholme and Barnet's Chris

Budden 16, -24, 11.

Hemel Hempstead's Keers was delighted to win his first veteran trophy in his debut season, having reached the grand old age of 40!

Hertfordshire Table Tennis Association wish to express its best wishes to Jacky Foong of the SHAW League who returned home to Penang, Malaysia, on Thursday 15th February 1996.

Likeable Jacky, who has spent the last five years living in Hatfield, won practically every local trophy in the old Welwyn and Hatfield and St. Albans leagues.

He returns home to Penang to start a career in accountancy.

Hertfordshire has lost a true table tennis enthusiast and sportsman, but Malaysia has regained a lost son.



**HAT-TRICK**

Our team in the Southern Region League has won again, making it 6 wins in 6 outings. The 7-2 win against KCD Stiga (Gosport) may play a big part, as the 7-2 margin produced also the valuable third point. Our opponents were rather unlucky as they suffered from an injury to a key player and went close on more than one occasion. Roger Hookey again contributed a hat-trick and Mike Turner and Danny Burns produced two each. Now for Cippenham and the probable moment of decision!

Hard to keep Hookey out of the news, as he also won out "masters" which our previous "Top 10" and "Top 12" has become. This time we lined up 15 players (it should have been 16) into four groups with two from each group going to the Quarter Finals and sudden death. Danny Burns survived a group defeat against Matt Holey to reach the final against Roger who won in two straight, but in the second the doors had opened for the younger man at deuce. He needed to play a couple of good points then to level the match, but played a couple of indifferent ones.

James Ovník made an excellent impression, beating a couple of good first division players (Chris Everson and Kevin Gatrell). James has been setting our second division alight with his serves and loops. Lorna Dutch won her group, then survived a cliff hanger against Roger Nevell and then fell to Hookey in the semis. Roger has now won this event 6 times in the 8 seasons it has been staged. This season's event was by far the best, the new Carl Prean centre being an excellent venue and backcloth.

In the Cotswold Junior Select, Lorna Dutch reached the semi-finals and Danny Burns the Quarters, indicating the progress of our younger players. Lucy Pointer came second in a group of 5 in the Under 12s and so did not make the semi-finals. Danny's national ranking has been mysteriously low for some time. Recently it was discovered, I am told, that some of his points had gone to another 'Burns'. I would guess that he is somewhere in the top 20 of English boys, but the rankings show him in the top 50. He also hardly loses in the first division of the Junior County Championships, but that event seems to attract very poor points because of the feeble 'weighting' attached. I am amazed that National Councillors, representing the counties should tolerate this state of affairs, but they do. No news at all on the Carl Prean front, although England have lost 6 of the 7 matches played without him. The win was by a 4-3 margin against what was virtually a Hungarian 'B' team. In the meantime seven (sic) selectors have been appointed. That will really frighten those foreigners. If not, it certainly frightens me. The last thing we need is an expansion of the red tape industry.



**KENT RELIANCE SENIOR CLOSED**

The Kent Reliance Kent Senior Closed Championships were held at the Black Lion Sport Centre, Gillingham on Saturday 13th January 1996. Tonbridge's Juliet Houghton claimed her thirteenth Ladies Singles Title as expected in a close final against Canterbury's Helen Garlic, but it was the Men's Singles semi-finals and final that caught the large crowds attention with the defence of Tunbridge Well's Mark Brown accounting for the top seed Joe Kennedy in the semi-final and in the final second seed Andy Cunningham (Medway) 21-15, 21-13 to take his first Kent Singles Title.

**WISEWAY GROUP KENT JUNIOR CLOSED**

The Wiseway Group, Kent Junior Close Championships were played at the Black Lion Sports Centre, Gillingham, on Sun 14th January 1996. Medway's Christian Thompson and Maidstone's Alison Smith retained their U17 Singles titles to add to the U21 titles they had won on the previous day, but it was 14 year old Justin Dodd (Gravesend) that had the most successful day appearing in six

finals, winning five.

**ALISON & JUSTIN WIN THROUGH**

Maidstone's Alison Smith (Junior Girls) and Gravesend's Justin Dodd (Cadet Boys) won through from the National Trials at Kings Lynn on 3/4th Feb to win a place at the Masters 24/25th Feb 1996. They will be joined by Medway's Christian Thompson who received direct entry into the Masters due to his national ranking. Tunbridge Well's Angie Bristow was the only other Kent player to progress past the group stage, but could not quite match last year's masters place. Maidstone's Rachel Woolven beat the top two players in her group including England No12 Emma Smith but then lost to the bottom two in the process failing to get out of her group.

**KENT RELIANCE KENT SENIOR CLOSED**

RESULTS

- Men's Singles** Mark Brown (T Wells) bt Andy Cunningham (Medway) 21-13, 21-15
- Ladies Singles** Juliet Houghton (Tonbridge) bt Helen Garlic (Canterbury) 21-10, 18-21, 21-17
- U21 Men's Singles** Christian Thompson (Medway) bt Scott Dawtry (Folkestone) 21-12, 21-13
- U21 Ladies Singles** Alison Smith (Maidstone) bt Crystal Hall (Maidstone) 21-11, 21-15
- Vet Men's Singles** Henry Buist (Bromley) bt Dave Emery (NWK) 21-16, 22-20
- Vet Ladies Singles** Di Pearce (Deal) bt Marilyn Dodd (Gravesend) 21-12, 21-13
- Men's Doubles** Mark Brown (T Wells)/Paul Rainford (Bromley) bt Andy Cunningham (Medway)/Phil Cox (Bromley) 21-17, 21-19
- Ladies Doubles** Juliet Houghton/Caroline Brown (Tonbridge) bt Kristina Brocklebank/Helen Garlic (Canterbury) 21-16, 21-19
- Mixed Doubles** Joe Kennedy (Bromley)/Helen Garlic (Canterbury) bt Barry Chapman (Canterbury)/Di Pearce (Deal) 21-5, 21-19
- MAN OF KENT SINGLES** Scott Friday (Medway) bt Scott Dawtry (Folkestone) 21-17, 22-20
- KENTISH MAN'S SINGLES** Lee Hewett (NWK) bt Roger Pingram (Sevenoaks) 21-15, 21-16
- CLASS II LADIES SINGLES** Di Pearce (Deal) bt Carla Burgin (Canterbury) 9-21, 21-9, 21-18

**WISEWAY GROUP KENT JUNIOR CLOSED**

- U17 BOYS SINGLES** Christian Thompson (Medway) bt Justin Dodd (Gravesend) 21-14, 21-14
- U17 GIRLS SINGLES** Alison Smith (Maidstone) bt Angie Bristow (T Wells) 21-19,

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21-12 **U14 BOYS SINGLES** Justin Dodd (Gravesend) bt Oliver Stevens (Time and Talents) 21-12, 21-12

**Lancashire**

BY TONY MEREDITH

**MORE NEWS**

Apologies to Lancashire readers re. my last notes. They had to be cut due to shortage of space. This will happen occasionally so please be patient.

Lancashire Junior seconds fared very well on Jan 20th at Grantham. They beat Northumberland, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire II by the scores of 6-4, 6-4 and 10-nil respectively. Nicholas Bennett was worth a mention. He stepped in at the last minute in place of Eric Tully and won 3 sets out of 6.

More news now of the Lancashire and Cheshire League, Liverpool lead division one after a 6-4 close shave win over Warrington. Veteran Jack Evans took the scalps of Stuart Richards and Kevin Dolder in this match. Stockport drew with Wigan with Paul Collins in superb form. Preston's favourite score appears to be 6-4. They have lost by that score to Bury, Wirral and Warrington and remain at the foot of the table. Wirral seem to be Liverpool's nearest rivals, with wins over Manchester (8-2) and Bolton (6-4). Bolton's Glenn Payne did well to defeat the Wirral trio of Bernie Wentworth, Gary Watson and Roy Smith. Mid-Cheshire are still unbeaten in 2 North, but watch out for Blackpool. Since the inclusion of Brian Carney and Steve Bevan they haven't lost. Burnley are still romping away with 2 south with Ellesmere Port close on their heels (it may sound a bit Irish, but Burnley have only dropped six sets to date). In division three Tameside just lead Chester by 2 points with Chester having played a game less. Both teams have dropped just four sets so far and the match between the two in March promises to be a 'cracker'.

There are still three unbeaten teams in the Ladies division. Oldham head the table after a 6-4 success at Wirral. Oldham's Karen Richardson was unbeaten (including a 19 in the third success over Clare Newsns). Preston beat Wirral 7-3 and Liverpool accounted for Southport 'A' (10-0) and Glossop (8-2)

Barrow overtook St. Helens in junior division one when they defeated them 7-3. Tristan Swan gave an excellent display (he saw off Stuart Toole 7 and 16). Wirral drew with Barrow thanks to the skills of Chris Dunne and remain in contention, 2 points behind and

a game in hand. Junior 2 is headed by Blackburn, also unbeaten are Rochdale with games in hand.

It's still Stockport at the top of Vets 1 after wins over Preston (8-2), Macclesfield (8-2) and Liverpool (10-0). In the Liverpool match only one of the sets went to three. Schoey beating Dave Roberts 18 in the third (the mind boggles). Blackburn beat Mid-Cheshire 8-2 and look comfortable at the top of Vets 2. Division 3 leaders are Preston 'A' who beat Hyndburn 8-2 (good win for Roger Whewell over Dave Evans), Wirral (9-1) and Halton 'A' (9-1).

Although Tameside are top of division four, they went down 8-2 to fourth placed Wigan 'A'. Lancaster and Morecambe overcame Wigan 1st team 7-3 where Carl Stebbing hit form. Mid-Cheshire 'A' are setting at the top of Vets 5 after a convincing 7-3 victory at Tameside 'A'. All will be revealed next month when they meet the strong Lytham St Annes side. Lytham St Annes 'A' registered a 6-4 success at Wirral 'C' in division six. Lancaster and Morecambe 'A' did likewise and the meeting of the two unbeaten sides will be an interesting one.

There were some interesting results in the Norman Cook Memorial Shield where Blackpool beat Barrow 7-2. Liverpool disposed of neighbours Wirral 5-1, Chester beat Preston 5-1 and Mid-Cheshire accounted for Wigan 5-3. The semi-final draw is:- Blackpool v Mid-Cheshire, Chester v Liverpool. The Blackpool/Mid-Cheshire clash is off scratch and likely to be a close affair. In contrast I rather fancy that holders Liverpool will have their work cut out against a strong Chester side who have five points a game start.

Lancashire's representatives in the National League Burnside Seaside of Blackpool are having a hard time in division two north. After a marvellous win over top of the table Glasgow, they have met with little success. Perhaps the signing of Lancashire player Howard Whewell may just save them from the drop.

Finally, a rather belated congratulations to Lindsey Thornton on reaching the No 1 spot on the junior girls list. Father Bill must take some of the credit. Without his tireless efforts over the years, I'm sure the achievement could not have been possible.

And yet another thought, a matter which I promised the County Association I would mention in previous notes, the question of umpires. A seminar was scheduled for Sunday 4th February at Preston and I understand it has attracted thirteen people. This apart the situation is grave. In reality there are about half a dozen active umpires only, in the County. Umpiring can be very

rewarding. It can give local league players the opportunity of being involved in the game at the higher levels. The costs of travelling, meals and accommodation are always met by tournament organisers etc. So where are all the genuine enthusiasts of the game? Anyone interested who would like further information should contact County Umpires' Secretary Brian Leeson on 0151 228 5028 on yours truly on 01253 397589.

**Leicestershire**

BY DEREK BUTT

**NAMES ON THE TITLE**

No change in the Leicester League Division One title race Rushey Mead seconds remain unbeaten and still with a 100% record from thirteen outings. And in Division Four the Leicester University looked to have their names on the title when they beat their closest rivals Rank Taylor Hobson 9-1. University now won all their fifteen matches.

All cup competitions have now reached the final stage. No results of the finals have reached me yet. I will have them no doubt for the next issue of Table Tennis News.

One result I do have is the Phil Reid Memorial Trophy. This was won by young Abraham Conteh with few problems from the Group finals of sixteen players emerged the four semi-finalist. The first semi-final was between Peter Wilson of Knighton Park and Norman McLean of Leicester Gas. Pete came out the winner in a very close match which went to three. The second semi-final was between Abraham Conteh (Rushey Mead) and Derek Butt (British Show), Abraham took this match with his tremendous power shots and did not put a foot wrong winning two straight.

So to the final and Peter Wilson also found Abraham too strong and again with some terrific play emerged to lift the trophy winning two straight.

Both the Leicester and Hinckley Leagues have almost completed the Woolwich League for another season, and according to what I have heard and seen have been very successful. Again I have not got the final results as yet.

This weekend another coaching course got underway at the Rushey Mead Centre. The numbers were not as high as was expected but at least we had ten, and it was good to see the younger generation well represented.

A group of young Chinese players on a visit to this country played against a strong Rushey Mead team and it was a very good match with some really brilliant table tennis from

these youngsters. The schoolchildren from Rushey Mead really enjoyed the exhibition put on before the match by the Chinese youngsters.

The Rushey Mead team took the very last rubber to win the match 4-3. I was pleased to be present during the whole afternoon and enjoyed every moment.

**Middlesex**

BY TONY TAYLOR

**SEVERE DANGER**

The Premier and Senior weekend county matches take place on the 10th and 11th February, and our Premier County Team who were last season's champions are in severe danger of relegation, mainly due to the loss of both last year's top lady players. Our fast-developing Junior girl Yuki Gresswell is being given her opportunity and Neil Charles is promoted from the Second team.

Our Second team is further depleted by the absence of Simon Rockall who is unavailable which could affect our chances of staying in the division. Nevertheless, Jason Sugrue has earned his debut to gain further experience.

Our Junior Second Team was successful against Bucks 2nd by 7-3 and drew with Surrey 3rd 5-5. Daniel Fesethson performed particularly well winning all his three singles matches. The National Junior Trials at Kings Lynn bodes well for the County where we have a larger number of participants than for many years.

The Vets County 2nd Team defeated Oxford 2nd 8-1 improving their chances of avoiding relegation and the Vets 3rd defeated Oxford 3rd 8-1 improving their prospects of promotion.

In a recent Wilmot Cup Match there was a titanic struggle within the area when the West Middx. team of John Souter, Jason Sugrue and Antony Corbin won 5-4 against the formidable North Middx. team of Nick McKoy, Simon Rockall and Graham Sandley. The redoubtable John Souter won his 3 games proving he is the man in form with Middlesex but the crucial win was Jason Sugrue winning against Graham Sandley.

**Norfolk**

BY RAY HOGG

**NEW SPONSORS**

Reminder - County Closed Kings Lynn Juniors Sat March 30th, Seniors Sun March 31st - the day the clocks go on. We hope to

have finalised an excellent deal with new sponsors by then so please enter to make it all worthwhile for your Treasurer and President who have made it all possible. Entry forms from Miller Hall in Norwich or referee Dennis Calver or myself.

John Skilleter has done a good job with the schools tournament in his first year with many being represented at the play offs. Taverham High School won the U16s and progressed to St Neots to come 3rd. Next season would see more schools playing as the word gets round and there will also be an individual tournament.

County briefs. Veterans 1st missed out on promotion to premier by a whisker after me not expecting them to win a match. Mick Broughton, Chris Brewer, Steve Howlett and Mary Sawyer were the team. Vets 2nd did win promotion to Div 2 after some very tight matches with Durham and Cheshire 3rds. David Henderson, Tony Hipperson, Mick Musson, Sue Allen and Joy Dixon - congratulations.

Junior 1st were relegated which is just as well as we are losing Ashleigh Mackellar, Claire Vasco and Katie Edwards through age - it takes some realising that these girls have reached 17. I thank them for all their efforts over the junior years and hope to see them in senior colours. Junior 2nd team was experimental for next season and much thought and trials with both Norwich and Kings Lynn juniors need to be held during the closed season. Remember talent is required but also appearance and attitude and lack of strong language are taken into account.

Also for next season we have veterans teams in Div 1 and 2 and there is a vacancy in Div 3 for another team. I know we have the players in the County, we have the administration, what we need now is these players who are keen to let me know in time for a team to be entered.

## Northants

BY DENNIS MILLMAN

### GRAND SLAM

This time it will be Ryan Keates' turn to go for a 'Grand Slam' of men's singles titles in the county, following his win in the Wellingborough Closed, the first major event of the season.

Wellingborough's 1995 winner, Richard Elliott, had gone on to add Northampton honours before falling at the final hurdle in Kettering, but on this occasion he had lost out to Gordon Shaw in the quarter-finals. Shaw, however, made no further progress, when he

became the victim of some astute tactical thinking on the part of Steve West.

Keates, who in an early round had dropped an opening end to Grant Timms, made no such mistake against semi-final opponent Gary Deakin, or in the final, when he all-out attacking game ultimately proved too powerful for West.

Later Deaken and West were to gain some consolation in the doubles, when they took the title -18, 7, 12, with Mick Edwards and Chris Gibbons filling the runners up berth.

Maxine Shears took the major honours on the distaff side, notching her third singles title, when beating Muriel Cox 11 and 9, and then joined by Clare Waples, adding the doubles at deuce in the third, with Mrs Cox and Joanna Dilley (Abbott) the defeated finalists. It was so near and yet so far again in the Veteran Ladies, when Mrs Cox was again on the wrong end of the result as a delighted Sue Moloney gained her first major award.

In the veteran's men's event, Edwards gained his fifth title in eight years, when he held on to beat Steve Brown 12, 23 while Edwards and Shaw retained the veteran doubles in a hard fought contest against Brown and Dave Marsh with a 15, -20, 19 scoreline.

Marsh, who won the Over 50s event in 1993, repeated the performance, but partnered by Chas Allen, was unable to prevent John Gandolfi and Dennie Millman from taking the corresponding doubles.

Millman also collected his third successive Over 60s title, with Gandolfi in second place.

At the opposite end of the age range, Daniel Vertigan took the Rod Marchant Memorial Trophy, when he beat Darren Toogood in the junior singles, while Gabrielle Evans beat close rival Ruth Huddle in the final of the girls' event.

Greg Yarnall had an excellent day, his hat-trick of titles coming in the Under 14 and the Under 12 Singles and finally the Under 14 Doubles in partnership with Ashley Vertigan.

Joe Trippett came out on top in the 17/22 Singles, but he couldn't add the Class 1 Singles, when in an entertaining match he was opposed by Clive Allenby, who further excelled with a fine win in the Class 2 event.

That super enthusiast Brett Luckie won at Class 3 level, the Mystery Doubles went to Adrian Ellmer and James Seamark, the Mystery Mixed Doubles to Gary Deakin and Bryna Holmes, while in the Junior League final, Lizzie Todd qualified for a third loser's medal when she suffered a third end defeat at the hands of Andrew Naidu.

All in all a superb day's play capable marshalled by Tournament Organiser, Phil

Slade, with specialist assistance from Arthur Palmer and Ken Marchant.

## Northumberland

BY PAULINE LONG

### TRAVELLED TO GRANTHAM

The Northumberland veterans' County team of Ian Robertson, John Williamson, Jimmy Scope and Pauline Long travelled to Grantham for the final play-offs during the weekend of January 13/14. They beat Northamptonshire 7-2, but lost to both Leicestershire and Norfolk 3-6 in each case, and as a result, will be relegated from Division 1A along with Northants.

'Benny' was again unbeaten in all six singles matches, and together with Pauline won two mixed doubles against Norfolk and Northants. John and Jimmy each got two singles against Northants, while the other singles set was won by Pauline against Leics. It could have been so different had Northants beaten Essex III in their second match, but with the score standing at 4-4, and our team watching anxiously, the Essex player won the last set to give his team the match by 5-4 and his team the match by 5-4 and condemn the others to the relegation zone. Unfortunately, in the end, our lack of strength in depth proved to be our undoing.

The following Saturday, it was the turn of our juniors, who are sponsored by Wenade (UK) of Blyth, to take on Lancashire II, Leics and Northants at the same venue on the one day, which is a lot to ask of our young team, given the distance they have to travel - their first match was scheduled for 1000 hours! However, the team was strengthened by the return of Gareth Brown, who had been unavailable for the first play-offs, and he duly won all six of his singles. David Gladwin and Peter Scatchard, won one each against both Lincs II and Leics, to make the final results against these teams 4-6 in each case, but the 2-8 defeat against Northants means that the team is still without a victory. Our girls Gillian Chapple and Ellie de la Hunt tried hard but unfortunately failed to win a set, although all losing players were involved in some very close games which could have gone the other way and augurs well for the future.

The veterans' League representative side, unchanged from the County side as previously quoted, met the Sunderland League in the first round of the Brook Trophy and won by 5-1.

In the Northern Area Junior and Cadet Trials, David Gladwin lost his matches in the

junior boys' event, and Peter Scatchard, Chris Worswick, Ben Van Der Velde and Nicky Backett were similarly unsuccessful in the cadet events. Ellie de la Hunt, however, finished second in the cadet girls' event, and would be invited to the final trials along with Gareth Brown, who automatically qualified because of his ranking in the junior boys' National list.

## Surrey

### JUNIOR COUNTY SCENE

The County scene has progressed very well over the new year, with the Surrey 2nd team improving their position to 2nd behind Devon. It was on the 18th November that four of the teams, Devon, Glamorgan 2nds, Sussex 2nd and Surrey 2nds met up in New Malden to play their fixtures. Surrey started off poorly against Sussex, where Adam Laws lost to Paul Hancock at 13 in the third game, and Claire Lane losing to Kelly Farrier, but Sussex were to have no more successes as they lost 8-2 with Adam Quartey getting a good victory against Sussex's Chris Hancock.

Surrey then played Glamorgan 2nds who had nearly shocked Devon in the previous match. The trio of Laws, Quartey and Tom Wilkins were good enough to win their six matches and Vicky Lampkin her two, making the final scoreline 8-2.

Surrey's toughest match then came against Devon. Surrey did very well early on in the match, and went 4-2 up, but it could have been 5-2 although Vicky Lampkin was unlucky not to beat Lucy Perry, just losing at deuce in the third game, with screaming and cheering from both parties! Devon were 5-4 up, but it turned out to be a draw as Adam Quartey beat Rory Harries.

Devon head the table with Surrey a point behind, who meet Hampshire on 20th January.

### SURREY JUNIOR CLOSED

The Surrey Junior Closed tournament took place on New Years Eve, with an entry of 56. The Junior Boys event was not entered by Michael Chan, Robert and Paul Pountney or Adam and Howard Quartey but nevertheless turned out to be a good event. No 1 seed, Gerry Ashison was hard pressed to reach the final, just squeezing through against Michael Hill 21-17, 20-22, 21-15 while Adam Laws beat Chris Lemon 21-11, 21-17 in the other semi. Gerry gained his first Junior Boys

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singles title by beating Adam Laws 19-21, 21-10, 21-13.

The Junior girls singles turned out to be an exciting event, especially when Kristie Jal caused the surprise of the tournament by beating Vicky Lampkin in the semi, 10-21, 23-21, 21-18. She could not hold out Sarah Lane, though who won fairly comfortably.

The Junior boys doubles went according to plan, with No. 1 seeds Adam Laws/Chris Lemon playing no 2 seeds Steven Speed/Damien Cole but the latter emerged victorious by the scores of 21-12, 21-16.

There were only 3 pairs in the Junior girls doubles with a round robin system taken place. Kirstie Jal and Katy Hart were comfortable winner, but the match for 2nd place was an extremely tight affair, with the Lane sisters, Claire and Sarah beating Vicky Lampkin and Glenys Ashison 22-20 in the final game.

The mixed doubles proved a very good competition, with Gerry Ashison and Katy Hart coming back from 15-10 down in the third game against Michael Hill and Vicky Lampkin to reach the final, while Adam Laws and Sarah Lane winning theirs. It was them who won the final against Ashison and Hart 22-20, 21-16.

**Worcestershire**  
BY KEN WALTON

**PRIDE OF PLACE**

The Senior Closed Championships took place on Sunday 14th January at the Droitwich Leisure Centre, under the guidance of Dave Roden and his merry band of Assistants.

A full programme of events meant that it was around 9.30pm, when 'clearing up' began at the end of another successful day. Pride of Place (as predicted by yours truly) for his efforts on the day, went to Steve Horton (Dudley) who clinched his first County Men's Singles title, with a 21-17 in the 3rd victory over Mark Brookes, who had led 17-13 in the deciding game. Never one to do things too easily, Steve had to fight off the threat of a powerful and well motivated Lewis Siket in the semi's, again after losing the first game, whilst Brookes had defeated defending Champion Dave Rogers (Bromsgrove) in the Semi. Earlier, a thrilling encounter between Siket and British League team mate Mark Fiddian, has seen the former triumph just at 22-20 in the third, after a titanic battle that brought the crowd to its feet. Sandra Roden easily retained her Women's Singles title with a comfortable victory over Joanne Hill (Dudley), who did well to reach the final.

Number One Men's Double Seeds, Steve Horton and Ken Walton captured crown with a comfortable victory over Roy Norton and Mervyn Wood, who struggles to overcome Dave Wright and Keith Dean in their semi-final at 21-17 in the 3rd.

A surprise in the Mixed Doubles final, saw Dave Roden and Sarah Stone defeat the much fancied Steve Horton and Sandra Roden in a lively encounter, whilst the Veteran Doubles Final, Norton and Wood came into their own defeating Brian Belcher and Chris Maiden in three games.

Veterans Mens Singles Defending Champion Ken Walton (Dudley) having defeating Belcher 9, 8 in the semi, found the final a lot more taxing against Number 2 seed Roy Norton. After losing the first at deuce, he upped the tempo to clinch the match 21-17 in the 3rd game, after another epic struggle.

All in all, events ran very smoothly, and Thanks should go to Dave Roden and the 'Team', umpires, helper and the like, for their efforts.

County Veteran News that in the final fixtures of the season, the team lost narrowly to Warwickshire, having beaten Lincolnshire in their other fixture at the Grantham weekend. Trevor Washington was in good form, defeating Ralph Gunnion, whilst Mervyn Wood 'blasted' Pat McCabe off the table or so Merv tells me!!!

Junior results recently include a 10-0 win over Devon and a 7-3 victory against Cornwall. Excellent wins for Laura Vaughan (4/4) and on his County Junior debut 3/4 for promising Dudley Junior, Lewis Cook.

By the time you read this report both Senior firsts and the Juniors will know if they have won their respective divisions.

**Yorkshire**  
BY REA BALMFORD

**PIGEON SERVICE**

I am going to open these notes by placing on record - belatedly, due to an unfortunate hiccup in the pigeon service between the West Riding and Hull - the success of BRADFORD outfit Olivetti Bribar in the opening series of Ladies British League matches at Stourbridge.

"One win in five outings is not success" will be the cry of the detractors but, although good results were achieved - Joanna Roberts, Helen Shields, Cathy Johnson and Sandra Rider all scored excellent wins over higher ranked players - the award was that of 'team of the Weekend', decided not only on playing success, but for sportsmanship - or should it

be in this case, to be politically correct, 'sportsmanship'?

Victories were accepted with due modesty, in the same manner that defeat meant a cheery smile and a warm handshake and the girls well deserved their gift of flowers and a crystal goblet each.

Don't be fooled, they are Yorkshire lasses and the next meeting is a new game, But, win or lose, it will certainly be accepted in the same way.

On the playing front this month the County's Junior 2nd team top the honours list after tying up Division 1 North for the third successive season with rousing wins over Suffolk and Notts (10-0) and Lancs (9-1). Well done David Charlton (Rotherham), Mark Brook (Huddersfield), Timothy Simpson (Doncaster), Sarah Noutch (Leeds), Joanne Lister (Keighley) and Charlotte Spink (Leeds) not forgetting coach Peter Thompson.

And, with talented youngsters coming off the production line all the time, there are plenty of 14 and 15 year olds - and younger - emerging who, by the time the championships get under way next season will be ready, willing and, most important of all, able to take over the reins.

In a month when all the news which has come in seems to relate to the youngsters, it is on to BEVERLEY and the second of a series of four 1\* Junior events held in the east of our area.

The two major Junior Boys titles moved out to Cleveland - 'it's really part of Yorkshire, anyway - ask Denis!' - but the event was otherwise dominated by the local players with Laura Spencer from Keyingham, near Withernsea, claiming all three titles open to her.

In the Junior/Cadet divisions of the Yorkshire league Bradford, despite the absence of Darren Wright, strengthened their challenge in the Junior Boys Premier Division with wins over Doncaster (5-4) and their own second string (9-0), while in Division 1 Halifax are still pushing their claims with big wins over the two Scarborough teams.

Leeds (Junior) and Bradford (Cadet) top the respective Girls Divisions as both came through undefeated.

And, with the funding now in place for work to continue in development - the future of our sport - it is pleasing to note that a high profile Coaching - Development Conference is to go ahead at Leeds Metropolitan University which will feature top names from the ETTA, in Alan Ransome and the Sports Council's Simon Town and has been masterminded by County Development Officer Ray Burch.

**Warwickshire**  
BY PETE WALDEN

**COUNTY CLOSED**

This years County Closed Championships took place on Sunday January 7th in Warwick. Although a number of top players were missing due to a Christening on the same day, the event was reasonably well supported at the new venue. The Works Committee have already decided to return to Warwick next year on a similar date.

An all-Birmingham Mens Singles Final saw Ian Ferguson take the title from Mark Read, whilst the Coventry pairing of Adrian Pilgrim and Jas Singh took the doubles against Mark Read and Andy Hare. Joan Humphrey-Middlemore beat Leamington's Cherry Matthews to win the Ladies Singles and then teamed up with Eileen Shaler to land the doubles. Other Results:

Vet Singles: Pat McCabe bt John Chandler  
Vets Doubles: Pat McCabe/Phil Paine bt Cliff Bull/Bill Fletcher

Junior Girls: Liz Haynes bt Susie Allen  
Junior Boys: Alan Hewitt bt Stuart Kurle  
Junior Girls Doubles: Susie Allen/Liz Haynes bt Gilly Matthews/Jenny Williams  
Junior Boys Doubles: Stuart Kurle/David Matthews bt Richard Moore/Mark Williams  
Cadet Girls: Gilly Matthews bt Kay Nason  
Cadet Boys: Mark Williams bt Gurdeep Singh

Leamington Cadet A side made history at the last session of the Heart of England Cadet League when they took the title for the third year in succession, the first side ever to do so. The team of Mark Williams, loan Rees, Robert Booth and Gilly Williams completed their programme with 11 wins from 11 matches. Mark and loan were unbeaten throughout as was Dudley's Lewis Cook.

Mark Williams also won the Individual Singles tournament when he defeated Nuneaton's Kevin Hobley 21-12, 21-13 in the final.

Nuneaton's A side came within a whisker of finishing runners-up when they led 4-1 against Banbury A only to lose 4-6, Banbury themselves thereby landing second spot.

**Top six places:**

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| 1. Leamington A  | 22pts |
| 2. Banbury A     | 19pts |
| 3. Dudley        | 17pts |
| 4. Nuneaton A    | 16pts |
| 5. Kidderminster | 16pts |
| 6. Banbury B     | 9pts  |

## THE NORWEB 11TH TAMESIDE 2 STAR JUNIOR OPEN

The Norweb sponsored tournament started on the evening of Friday 8th December 1995 with an individual international event keenly contested by junior and cadet teams representing Wales, Scotland, Ireland and the Isle of Man. Regretably no teams were entered by England. The event played on a round-robin basis was won by the impressive Welsh squad writes Stan Clarke.

Saturday morning started with the Boys and Girls singles groups followed by the Class 2 singles and Boys and Girls doubles, the biggest upset being the early exit of the no.1 Girls seed, Lindsay Thornton.

During the course of the afternoon BBC Television spent a considerable time filming and conducting interviews for inclusion in the magazine programme LOOK NORTH, which linked to an item on the forthcoming Olympic Qualifying event.

The Welsh squad proved to be successful in the individual events as they had in the team event, with Welsh players appearing in no less than eight of the finals. Their most successful and very impressive player was Adam Robinson who appeared in four finals ranging from under 12 to the premier event of the weekend, the Junior Boys singles, obviously a player to watch for in the future.

### RESULTS

*Junior Boys Doubles: Kevin Liddle(Sco)/Ryan Jenkins(Wal) b Alan Hewitt (Wal)/David Smith (Y)*  
*Junior Girls Doubles: Bethan Daunton (Wal)/Michelle Haynes (Dy) b Emma Smith (Y)/Lindsay Thornton (L)*  
*Junior Boys Class 2 Singles: Christopher Dunne (Ch) b Sean O'Connor (Y)*  
*Junior Girls Class 2 Singles: Sarah Simmons (Wal) b Gemma Lloyd (Ch)*  
*Junior Girls Singles: Michelle Haynes (Dy) b Katherine Woodward (Ch)*  
*Junior Boys Singles: Ryan Jenkins (Wal) b Adam Robinson (Wal)*

Awards were presented by Mr Bob Emerson, Regional Manager Norweb Distribution. Sunday gave the opportunity to the

U12s and cadet boys and girls to show their metal, U12 boys was won by Adam Robinson (Wal) beating Gavin Jones (Wal), U12 girls was an all-Irish final with Vivienne Ray defeating Sarah Jane Miskelly. Cadet Boys Doubles was won by Stephen Jenkins and Adam Robinson (Wal) beating Christopher Dunne (Ch) and Andrew Rushton (La) Cadet Girls Doubles resulted in a win for Jade Kendall and Katherine Swan of Cumbria against Iona Davies and Catherine Cooksley. Cadet Boys Class 2 was won by Michael McGowan (Irl) who beat John Callow of the Isle of Man. Cadet Girls Class 2 saw Iona Davies (Wal) beat Sarah Jane Miskelly (Irl) Cadet Girls Singles winner was Jade Kendall (Cu) who beat Trudie Bloor (Sh) and in the final event Adam Robinson (Wal) beat Christopher Dunne (Ch) to become the Cadet Boys singles winner.

Presentations were made by Nicky Jarvis, Anne and Roger Whewell and Barbara Kinder.

The organising committee extend their grateful thanks to Sponsors NORWEB PLC, Jarvis Sports, Referees Roger Vardon and Karen Tonge, Brian Lloyd and to all of the umpires who gave so generously of their time.

## ENGLISH SCHOOLS TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Although when these notes appear in print all matches will have been completed - something we all have to live with in a monthly magazine for which the Editor must obviously have a copy deadline - I am pleased to report that 181 teams from 113 schools and colleges, from Newcastle-on-Tyne and Barrow-in-Furness in the north to Devon at the heart of the West Country and Hastings - where have I heard of that town before? - will at the time of writing be gearing up for the Area Rounds of the English Schools Team Championships, to be played at centres across the country in mid-January writes Rea Balmford.

Familiar names are there, from Grove School, Market Drayton, Sandal Endowed C/E (Wakefield), Holymead (Bristol), Parkview and Yarlside (Barrow), Wheelers Lane

(Birmingham), Highfields (Wolverhampton), and others too numerous to mention, to what could be termed the team of the 90s, Peniel Academy, who dominate the Essex entry with sides in all eight categories.

Whether this situation is good for the sport is debatable but, as I remember noting once before in this column, to criticise is easy - the real challenge is to emulate Peniel and provide them with the competition they need, thus raising the standard of our sport across the board.

And I sincerely hope that there are teams and coaches out there who are thinking along the same lines - could it be the talented girls from Croydon High School pulling off a repeat of their excellent title-winning run of last season, or one of the new names on the long list of competing schools?

In the Midlands Grove (Market Drayton), who have always been a force in the Championships, even though their power has declined somewhat over recent years, are again the sole representatives of Shropshire - it would be good to see at least one of their three teams coming through as a fitting tribute to long service schoolmaster and coach Ian Marshall, who has moved to pastures new as a full time official of the ITTF - best wishes in your new career, Ian and a sincere thank you for your big contribution to TT at schools level.

And apart from Peniel and Croydon High, it is also welcome back to KCS Wimbledon (Sy) - south - and Disley County Primary - north - both current champions, as well as to a number of other schools who will be out to go one or two! better than twelve months ago, and a sincere greeting to all those schools making a first appearance on the big stage.

A particular word of congratulation the West Riding (8 teams) South Yorkshire (6), Devon and Kent, all of whom have entered a large complement of six or more teams featuring as many different schools - this, surely, is what 'grass roots' school TT is all about - not only keen competition to make progress from the Area finals, but equally hot rivalry to reach that stage.

Good luck to you all - give 100%,

enjoy the competition, make the handshake mean something.

## UMPIRING

At a recent meeting of ESTTA's National Executive Committee, the standard of umpiring by players came up for discussion.

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