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An archway of table tennis bats headed by Victor Barna and Johnny Leach greets ROSALIND ROWE after her marriage to Dr. J. A. CORNETT of Gillingham

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NOT SO QUIET

THE SPONGE BAT may be silent in use, but it is still creating a big noise in table tennis.

The controversy surrounding this unorthodox surface has entered a new phase this season with Brian Kennedy becoming the first leading home player to adopt it. Such has been his success that he has swept through the first three major tournaments.

You would expect such performances to cheer the hearts of his county, but far from it. Yorkshire took the surprising step last month of calling a meeting to discuss the banning of players using the sponge bat from the county team!

The motion, which would also have affected Ray Dove, thus virtually knocking the bottom out of the Yorkshire team, was defeated, but it is an indication of which way the wind is blowing.

I am glad to see that the meeting decided against the ban, for while the surface is allowed by the ruling body and also the International Federation, players should be left free to make their own choice.

The Yorkshire action, I understand, arose out of a friendly match against the Civil Service, which they won 6-4. The two singles, which involved Kennedy and Dove were apparently so boring that spectators began to walk out.

A CANCER

Yorkshire were therefore acting in the best interests of the game. Leslie Forrest, speaking as an official with 32 years in table tennis, says, "Sponge is like a cancer in the human body. It must be cut out before it is too late.

"It can kill the game if we allow it to continue. The fact is we are not getting pre-war excitement of thrill following thrill, and, as I see it, those stars who change to sponge will, in the none too distant future, be entertaining, not the masses, but themselves."

Forrest is afraid that Kennedy's success with

sponge so far this season may lead to a big change over, for he feels the young players in particular will be influenced. But he is not so certain that sponge has been entirely responsible for Kennedy's good form. "Brian is playing so well I feel he would have been equally as successful with the orthodox rubber surface," he said.

TWO CAMPS

Meanwhile, leading players and officials are being divided into two camps. There are those who want sponge banned; others who say "Let's face it and it will die a natural death."

Rosalind and Diane Rowe, in their book "*Twins on Table Tennis*", openly state sponge should be banned. Johnny Leach, however, in "*Table Tennis My Way*", indicates he is in the other camp. He tells the young player not to run off and buy a sponge bat, and gives advice on how to combat the surface. Further he writes, "I am convinced that the player with a thorough basic training with pimped rubber will come off best in the end. Sponge all too often wins only by the opposition's mistakes; there is much more thrill and satisfaction in beating your opponent by your own good shots."

Leach also points out that different types of sponge have different re-action, and that brings us to another question. What is sponge? Different varieties are being invented all the time. Some are called soft rubber; there are other bats with pimped rubber stuck over the top of sponge, and of course there is the "sandwich" bat of Tanaka, the present world champion. Thicknesses vary all the time, so that rather than merely ruling that sponge be banned it is a question of laying down definite specifications, instead of the present vague law: "The racket may be of any material, size, shape or weight providing it is not white, light-coloured, or reflecting."

HARRISON EDWARDS

Official News :

Service Rule: At the last I.T.T.F. Congress it was agreed that the second paragraph of Law 10 of the Laws of Table Tennis should be amended to read as follows:—

"The free hand, while in contact with the ball in service, shall be open, with the fingers together, thumb free and the ball resting on the palm without being cupped or pinched in any way by the fingers."
As a consequence Knotty Point No. 6 has been altered to read:—

"Open Hand in Service: Physical Disability: Strict observation of the prescribed method of service may be waived where the Umpire is notified, before play begins, that compliance by the player in question is prevented by physical disability."

County Membership: From time to time questions arise as to whether it is imperative for a League to belong to a County Association or not—Rule 20(a)(i) and (b) covers the point:—

"20(a)(i)—Where a majority of affiliated local leagues or local Associations in any County agree, a body shall be set up for the purpose of administration in the County.

"(b)—Membership of such County body to be compulsory on all affiliated leagues, local Associations and clubs in the County, except that any league, Association or club, has the right to appeal to the National Executive Committee to contract out."

Foreign Tour: The International Team to take part in the Austrian Championships, Vienna 30th October/November 1st, Yugoslavian Championships, Belgrade 4th/6th November, and Match in Hungary 9th November, tour of Czechoslovakia 10th/18th November, is Mrs. J. A. Cornett (R. Rowe), Miss D. Rowe, J. Leach, B. Kennedy and I. Montagu (Non-playing Captain).

Miss Peggy Franks has entered the Austrian and Yugoslav Championships.

Open Tournaments. The National Open Tournaments Committee is once

again giving consideration to playing conditions at Tournaments. The Hon. Referee at each of this Season's Tournaments will be requested to make a written report on playing conditions etc., for the consideration of the Committee.

Books: On 31st October two Table Tennis Books were published—

"The Twins on Table Tennis"—8/6d.

"Table Tennis My Way" by Johnny Leach—2/6d.

Copies may be obtained from the Office.

Rumania: It is hoped to have a visit by the Rumanians—Men and Women—during the early part of

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December, which will include an International Match and two other matches. Details will be circularised as soon as they are available.

Wilmott Cup and J. M. Rose Bowl Competition: The entries for the Wilmott Cup were 93 and the J. M. Rose Bowl 67. The draw took place at the E.T.T.A. Office on the 3rd October in the presence of Mrs. K. Pegg, Messrs. R. St. G. Good, G. James, D. P. Lowen, and C. Corti

Woodcock. Full details of the draw are now with those taking part.

Belgium: The Belgium and German players are to take part in the Kent Junior Championships at Herne Bay on Sunday, 13th November. Arrangements are in hand for a Junior International Match with the Belgians to be staged at Chatham on Saturday, 12th November. Full details from Mr. F. G. Mannooch, 216 Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.

CLUB COMPETITIONS CORNER

Plenty of enthusiasm is being shown for the Club Competitions in aid of the 23rd World Championships "Travelling Expenses Fund." Requests have been coming in, but HAS YOUR CLUB arranged one yet? If not the Blue Card sent to your secretary should be filled in immediately.

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DRIVING THE CROWDS AWAY

by J. R. HUGHES

WE often hear comments about falling attendances at County and other matches, and a general lack of public interest in the game, etc. The blame is always laid on to all manner of outside reasons, but the responsibility really lies with the organisers, senior committee men and players themselves.

Practically nothing is being done to make our game more attractive to the average member of the public. Too many events are sloppily run and there is too much of the "couldn't-care-less" attitude.

Let me give you a few instances, by no means isolated, which to my mind help drive the people away.

TEA DELAY

A recent county match was being played at a new venue which held great possibilities for the future. What happened? The visiting team (from less than 100 miles away) arrived 40 minutes after the match was scheduled to start.

"It took longer to get tea than we expected," was their excuse, yet, it was doubtful if the home team would have been ready on starting time. And what a motley crowd the players looked in their assortment of odd shirts, shorts

or trousers when play did commence. Only two players were dressed alike.

On three occasions during the evening rubbers were delayed because players were missing! Never once did one match follow another without some sort of delay.

RUNNING BUFFET

No need to ask the nucleus of what might have been a large public following whether they would come again and bring their friends.

Then, take a recent inter-towns match. With only two exceptions the players had filthy shoes, while one umpire took his place with a ham sandwich in one hand and a mug of tea in the other.

A short while ago I attended the finals of the League's closed championship. At the time of commencement the table lay folded against the wall, and the only thing ready was the audience. This organisation now wonders why it has never since had such a good attendance at any of its functions.

All you organisers consider. How many "Open" or "Closed" finals do you know that have started on time? How many town or even county teams have a standard uniform dress? How many rubbers follow each other without

delay? How many M.C.'s at major events wear dinner jackets or even county blazers?

Do you think the crowds would look to see Arsenal play Manchester United if the match was likely to start 40 minutes late, with the teams wearing an odd assortment of dirty shirts and the referee minus whistle, wearing sports coat and flannels?

Yet you apparently expect this in table tennis, then complain if the public stay away.

WAKE UP

Wake up you organisers, secretaries, captains and players. Remember you may be playing a game, but if you charge for admission you must put on a decent show.

One other thing. Don't leave it to one individual to do everything from making the announcement to umpiring the matches, selling the tickets, etc., to making the tea and sweeping the floor. If it is to be a success it needs everyone's help.

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By name? **Shirley Jones**. Not an inch over five feet in height, bespectacled, excitable Shirley, with a brogue so pungent that it frequently confounds her Welsh colleagues, makes little preparation for her regular assaults on English titles. She just skips into a long-distance train, blasts her way through the opposition, collects her trophies and carries them back in triumph to Port Talbot to take their place among her rapidly-mounting collection.

Twice she has blessed us with her cheeky presence in the first two tournaments of the season—the East of England and Buckinghamshire Opens—and each time has left with the singles trophy tucked away with loving care in the depths of her equipment.

TOM BOY

Here is a little of the success story of the tom-boy of table tennis, who began taking an interest in the game when she was 11 and shortly after, joined a local club in Llanelly—where she then lived—with big cousin Alan Besley.

By the time she was 15, Shirley had captured the junior Welsh singles championship and went on to win it for the next two years. During this time, she achieved her first real step to the top—the award of a junior international badge.

Then on December 4, 1952, Shirley began a journey to Newport for the highlight of her young life, her first international match as a senior for Wales against England. Partnering **Vera Rowe** in the doubles, she gave a firecracker display, the Welsh pair finally giving best to the Rowe twins with the score of 21—15, 21—18.

But a tender streak runs beneath that exuberant exterior. Playing

against **Betty Gray**, one of her greatest friends, in the final of her first senior Welsh championships, Shirley had won the first set and had gained a commanding lead in the second, but to everyone's amazement,



SHIRLEY JONES

she fell away and lost the match. "I hadn't the heart to take the title from Betty," Shirley explained with a broad grin as she walked away from

the table. A quip perhaps, but those who know her well maintain there was a strong ring of sincerity in the light rejoinder.

Now Betty and Shirley regularly partner each other in doubles matches. Shirley's recent pairing with Yvonne Baker was because Miss Gray has been unable to get time off from her Post Office duties in Swansea.

As well as table tennis Shirley, who is a clerk in an engineering firm in Swansea, plays a passable game of lawn tennis and has won some cups for that, too, in local tournaments.

NEW MOTHER

Doubles has become a threesome for Ann and John Woodford, of Worthing, with the arrival of a son Stephen Bruce at the end of July. Mrs. Woodford, formerly Ann Davies lost her Sussex county title to Wendy Bates last season, but will be all out to try and regain it next February. She returns to competitive play this month.

FRENCH CHALLENGER

Figuring prominently in Manchester table tennis is a 17-year-old French youth Marcel Barouh. A defensive player, he is planning a regular tournament programme and will be here at least until the English "open."

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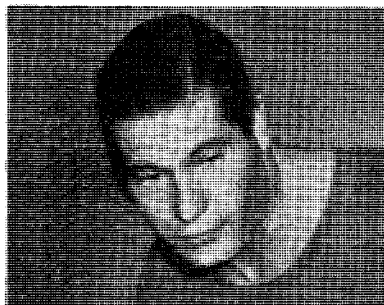
English Swaythling & Corbillon Cup Team

Ranking Unjust—Claims Bergmann

by SAM KIRKWOOD

WAS the relegation of Richard Bergmann from No. 1 to No. 2 in England's official 1955/56 ranking list, and the promotion of Johnny Leach to the premier spot, unfair to one player and flattering to the other?

Bergmann is in no two minds about it and calls the ranking list, or at least the top two positions—"cockeyed and illogical."



RICHARD BERGMANN

Speaking forcefully but without anger just before he left England for an American tour with the Harlem Globetrotters he said, "The ranking has dumbfounded me. I want followers to know that I consider my-

self England's No. 1 player, ranking list or no ranking list. Not because my name is Richard Bergmann, but because hard facts show that although the past season was, for me, mediocre, I showed up better on balance than the player officialdom has seen fit to place above me.

"If I had insufficient performance at home to justify higher ranking, I should have been left out of the list altogether. I would have preferred that to being dropped a place, anyway.

"Also if home performance was the all important factor how is it that Leach was judged top man on his quite average record? On the home basis Harry Venner came out best, yet is considered no higher than No. 5.

Best Internationally

"If on the other hand account was taken of international play, then I think I can show that, on balance, I was the country's most successful player. Let facts speak for themselves."

And these are the facts Bergmann produced.

Leach competed in the Austrian, Yugo-Slav, Scandinavian and French "opens" without winning a singles

title. In unofficial invitation matches he won against and lost to Flisberg and Ogimura, though in fairness to Leach he came out better on aggregate against both players.

In England he gained an early success in the Yorkshire "open" but subsequently suffered defeats against home players not of world class.

Bergmann's first tournament, the American "open" in the middle of March, saw him beat Bernard Bukiet and Johnny Somael, but lose to Dick Miles in the final. Returning to England he scored the South of England's only success against Czecho-Slovakia, beating Vhynanovsky, then in the English "open" to quote his own words, "*failed dismally*," losing three-straight to Jimmy Lowe.

"That freak result—and I say it with due respect to Jimmy—was something remembered vividly," comments Bergmann, "while subsequent wins against world players appear to have no significance."

Leach, on the other hand, played brilliantly in the English "open," beating Tereba in the "quarters" before narrowly losing over five-games in the semi-final to Dolinar, the ultimate winner.

In subsequent internationals against Czecho-Slovakia, U.S.A. and Japan, Bergmann came through unbeaten against Andreadis, Miles, and Tanaka,



JOHNNY LEACH

the world champion, while Leach lost to Stipek, Somael and Ogimura.

The World championships saw both players reach the singles quarter-finals. Leach beat Severo (Brazil), Cor Du Buy (Holland), Tomita (Japan) and Foldi (Hungary), and lost to Cafeiro (France): Bergmann beat Weiss (Saar), Grenton (Jersey), Robinson (Australia), and Szepesi (Hungary), and went out to Dolinar.

In the Swaythling Cup the significant matches were against Germany

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where Bergmann beat Freundorfer, who in turn beat Leach; and against Czecho-Slovakia, where Leach gained our only win against Andreadis, but lost to Stipek. Bergmann lost to both Stipek and Tereba.

Having got the side-by-side comparison off his chest, Bergmann fired this parting shot. "I don't want favours, thanks or sympathy, but I have a right to expect fair play. And nothing will convince me that I have been unjustly thrown out of the No. 1 place.

A Challenge

"I have nothing against Johnny personally—we are, of course, good friends—but I am willing to lay the odds I can beat him, any day, anywhere. More important I can beat the men who beat him."

Bergmann, now busy touring the American continent will miss the English "open" this year, as he is contracted to play with the Harlemites until April. However, he has notified the E.T.T.A. that if he is wanted for the World Series in Tokio he will obtain leave of absence and return to England in the middle of March in time to enplane for Japan.

CUE TO TABLE TENNIS

THOMAS WERNHAM, of Streatham, is a snooker player who has rendered table tennis a valuable service. His efforts brought organised T.T. to Streatham with the formation of the Estreham Club, whose first year success has been quite remarkable (*writes Harrison Edwards*).

In their first season they won the Second and 4a Divisions of the South London League, and their first team are now playing in the First Division.

How come a snooker player doing so much for another sport? The story goes back to 1953. Wernham in his capacity of secretary of the St. Leonards Club (snooker section), which he formed in 1946, began to get repeated enquiries for table tennis.

"I knew virtually nothing about the game," he told me, "but thought something should be done to give Streatham a T.T. club."

Wernham started the ball rolling with an item in the local paper headed "Table Tennis Anyone?" This was followed up with personal canvassing and so to an inaugural meeting on May 5, 1954.

Headquarters were found at the Sea

Cadets Hall and meetings held three nights a week. The club opened in the June with exhibitions by the internationals Joy Seaman and Peggy Piper.

"Deeds not words" is the motto of the club and they have certainly lived up to this. They have now outgrown the Sea Cadets Hall, and now playing in the South London and Wansworth Leagues, have moved to new headquarters at Howland Hall.

Wernham, chairman of the club, is not content to sit back on his laurels. He has launched a campaign for a beginners' section of the club, to have their own separate night.

"There are plenty of youngsters, who want to learn, but we cannot cater for them under the present set-up," says Wernham, "but I do not want them to be turned away. Thus I have a scheme for the beginners with special coaching facilities provided."

Wernham's big ambition: to make Estreham's a power in the T.T. world and produce at least a county champion.

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TV CHALLENGE

by LESLIE WOOLLARD

(Table Tennis Correspondent of the "News Chronicle")

TELEVISION gives Table Tennis the most exciting challenge of its life. And for its life.

It is an insidious, subtle monster whose painless, paralysing tentacles can now reach 92 of every hundred families. A 50-hour week makes a non-stop movie theatre of every home.

Here is a total war to secure the interest of each individual in his (or her) non-working hours. *It can succeed ONLY at the expense of those recreational activities which it can supplant.*

To ignore the impact of TV is to adopt the suicidal policy of purposeful extinction. We must inject new life and ideas into the game and adapt ourselves so that we can exploit the new medium to our cause, our prosperity and our progress.

The phenomenal development of "The Goggle Box" is complex in its effects. It is nearly two years since a Parliamentary Sub-Committee was concerned about "the harmful consequences of reduced gates at minor events . . . which form an important nursery for the development of sporting talent."

" . . . The televising of certain major events, such as the Football Cup Final, results in reducing attendances at other sporting events held on the same day and this effect is more marked at minor sporting events."

DISCRIMINATING

But TV ALONE is not the reason for dwindling attendances. There is competition for the paying spectator. He is learning to discriminate. No longer is he prepared to pay to see second-(or lower) rate performances, or familiar repetitions, in conditions of personal discomfort and inconvenience. What was good enough in the old days is not good enough now.

Crowds will still queue, surge, and overpay for any event which to them appears worthwhile, for nothing on TV can give the same exciting thrills, high-pitching emotions, the rivalry, colour, action and atmosphere of tense and spectacular performance.

TV can actually increase attendances at particular sports or for certain personalities.

When Toronto's ice hockey team, the "Maple Leafs", began to make regular TV appearances, the stadium gate receipts leaped fantastically to

maximum sell-out and a six-year waiting list for subscriber seats.

In America the general trend is certainly towards decreasing attendances, but fabulous sums being paid for TV rights are helping to offset financial losses at the gate. It is understood that the recent Marciano-Moore fight raked in more than a million dollars (£400,000) from TV.

Table Tennis has been surprisingly popular on TV in England and the propaganda value of the performance (good or bad) has had corresponding effect on attendances.

TV could be made to work for table tennis, but it needs the same factors (to a finer degree) that are necessary to fill the public halls: hard promotional work, shrewd planning,

showmanship, excitement, skill, comedy, and drama, all smoothly blended into a programme short (or spell binding) enough to leave the spectator hungry and thirsty for more.

There are also countless novel educational outlets, which suitably presented, could do incalculable good towards attracting new and active interest in the game.

American health authorities have become concerned with the effect of TV on youngsters. They aver that it discourages them from taking part in sporting activities, and consequently diminishes the health standard.

This tendency would decrease the flow of recruits to the game, diminish older enthusiasms and undermine the structure of the club, the prime foundation of the game.

The big testing time for table tennis in the next year of so is a stimulating challenge to bold and exciting advances, toward a new security.

Letters to the Editor

ENTHRALLED BY SPONGE

Following Brian Kennedy's easy defeat of Aubrey Simons in the North of England Open there have again been references in the press to the banning of "sponge" and suggestions from top ranking players that this final was not attractive to the spectator.

The truth is non-playing spectators were enthralled. They saw Simons outmanoeuvred, out-generalled and out-hit, by the magnificent attacking play of Kennedy. Gone were the endless top spin drives and chop returns that can drag a game out.

Sponge represents a tremendous scientific advance. To those who suggest it being banned I would say, "Don't com-

plain. Take up sponge yourself and don't cling to a bat now out of date."

Would any sane golfer ask for steel shafted clubs to be banned? Would any present day traveller wish to cross the ocean on the "Mayflower"?

I would emphasise that Aubrey Simons is not one of the top ranking players referred to as suggesting a ban on sponge.

FRANK GEE,
Manchester.

THAT SPONGE QUESTION

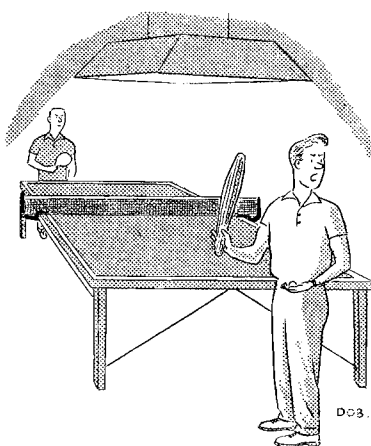
LEN ADAMS' open letter to selectors raises a problem that must be on the mind of many players. While the E.T.T.A. oppose the banning of sponge, they need not lose any sleep over chance of national selection, but a different kettle of fish is the possible attitude of county officials.

There have been reports of likely discrimination against sponge bat players in Yorkshire. It would, therefore, be in the best interests for all counties to state their position openly, thus reassuring the players.

As regards Kent I have no doubt I speak for my co-selectors in saying, we do not consider ourselves qualified to ban a player representing his county as long as he uses a bat allowed by the laws of the game.

Much has been said about the dangers inherent in the spread of the sponge bat—and most of the arguments are sound—but let us not overlook the fact that by tipping the scales in favour of the attacking player (after long periods of defensive supremacy) it is well on the way to putting an end to the curse of table tennis—"chiselling."

CONRAD JASCHKE,
(Press Officer, Kent).



"Why shouldn't I use a loofah?
He's using a sponge."

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEWCOMERS Wiltshire made a bad start in the Southern Division of the National County Championships on Saturday, October 15th, at Waltham Abbey when they met Hertfordshire who finished runners-up to Hampshire last season. Only Lindsay, in the men's singles and Mrs. Horn and Mrs. Neech in the women's doubles succeeded in winning their matches although both men's and the mixed doubles matches, and Lindsay's other singles match, went three sets.

Hampshire, promoted to the Second Division South met Surrey, last year's divisional runners-up, at Vauxhall, but only succeeded in taking three sets, Miss Wightman winning both her singles match and her doubles match partnered by Miss Ball. However, in their second appearance at Bedford on October 22nd, they atoned for this defeat by beating Bedfordshire, also making their first appearance in this division following promotion from the Eastern Division, the score being 7-3.

Newly promoted Sussex and Warwickshire both made a disastrous start on their first appearances following their return to the Premier Division. Playing at home, Warwickshire fell to Surrey at Birmingham 3-7 and to Middlesex at Nuneaton by a similar score. Sussex, also playing at home, only succeeded in winning one match in their first two games. At Crawley they went down 1-9 to Essex and at Bognor Regis they failed to win a match against Gloucestershire. On this form Sussex cannot hope to retain their position in the Premier Division. Essex, Gloucestershire, and Surrey, each having played two matches, have maximum points in this division.

Warwickshire's second team are, however, doing well in the Midland Division, having beaten Staffordshire 7-3 at Birmingham and Northamptonshire 9-1 at Peterborough.

Worcestershire, following their 100% unbeaten record in the Midland Division, thus make an unfortunate start against the stronger opposition in Second Division West and were beaten 8-2 by Glamorgan at Cardiff.

The first of the new Junior North Division games, the Lancashire v Yorkshire match, due to be played on October 1st has been postponed until February 4th but in the return match, played at Halifax on October 22nd, Yorkshire won a hard fought game 6-4.

Middlesex, champions last season

of both the Premier and Second South Divisions with their Junior Team runners-up to Surrey, again made an excellent start and so far have an unbeaten record in all three they have beaten Warwickshire 7-3, in the Second Division South, Kent 6-4, and Surrey 7-3, while their Junior Team has beaten Sussex 8-2 and Kent 8-2.

Their match, as the Champion County, against the Rest of England, will take place at Lime Grove Baths,

Shepherds Bush, London, W.12, on November 30. This is the highlight of the National County season and it will be interesting to see if Middlesex, at their eighth attempt can improve on their previous best performance, the 5—all draw at Cheltenham in 1952.

The Rest will be represented by J. A. Leach (Essex), B. Kennedy (Yorks.), B. Merrett (Glouc.), Ann Haydon (Warw.), and Jean Head (née Winn) (Surrey), with I. C. Eyles (Glouc.) as non-playing captain. Middlesex, if playing according to their ranking list will be M. Thornhill, D. C. Burridge, L. G. Adams, Rosalind Rowe and Diane Rowe.

RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION: Warwickshire 3, Surrey 7; Gloucestershire 8, Lancashire 2; Sussex 1, Essex 9; Sussex 0, Gloucestershire 10; Warwickshire 3, Middlesex 7; Lancashire 2, Essex 8; Yorkshire 3, Surrey 7. **SECOND DIVISION SOUTH:** Surrey 7, Hampshire 3; Middlesex 6, Kent 4; Kent 3, Essex 7; Middlesex 7, Surrey 3; Bedfordshire 3, Hampshire 7; Essex 3, Surrey 7. **SECOND DIVISION NORTH:** Durham 2, Yorkshire 8; Lincolnshire 7, Northumberland 3; Northumberland 8, Durham 2; Yorkshire 4, Cheshire 6. **SECOND DIVISION WEST:** Glamorgan 8, Worcestershire 2; Somerset 3, Devon 7. **SOUTHERN DIVISION:** Berkshire 5, Buckinghamshire 5; Hertfordshire 8, Wiltshire 2. **EASTERN DIVISION:** Cambridge 6, Norfolk 4; Suffolk 5, Cambridge 5. **MIDLAND DIVISION:** Worcestershire 2, Staffordshire 6; Warwickshire 7, Staffordshire 3; Derbyshire 7, Northamptonshire 3; Northamptonshire 1, Warwickshire 9. **SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION:** Dorset 6, Cornwall 4. **JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH:** Hertfordshire 1, Suffolk 9; Middlesex 8, Sussex 2; Kent 2, Middlesex 8; Essex 6, Sussex 4. **JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH:** Yorkshire 6, Lancashire 4.

FIXTURES

PREMIER DIVISION

November 11	Yorkshire v Middlesex, Baths Hall, Race Ct., Barnsley	7.30 p.m.
November 19	Lancashire v Yorkshire, Holy Trinity Memorial Hall, Dean Street, Blackpool.	7.30 p.m.
November 19	Essex v Warwickshire, Crittal Social Club, Braintree.	7.00 p.m.
December 5	Surrey v Essex, Coronation Hall, Kingston.	7.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

November 19	Cheshire v Northumberland, Bredbury Steel Canteen, Bents Lane, Bredbury, Nr. Stockport.	7.15 p.m.
December 3	Yorkshire v Lincolnshire, Town Hall, Northallerton.	7.00 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

November 10	Hertfordshire v Surrey, Town Hall, Waltham Abbey.	7.15 p.m.
November 19	Bedfordshire v Essex.	
November 26	Kent v Hampshire, The Daylight Inn, Pett's Wood.	7.30 p.m.
December 6	Hertfordshire v Middlesex, Ombey Hall, Watford.	7.00 p.m.

EASTERN DIVISION

November 17	Suffolk v Norfolk, Y.M.C.A., Lowestoft.	7.15 p.m.
December 8	Norfolk v Suffolk, Diss, Norfolk.	7.15 p.m.

MIDLAND DIVISION

November 19	Staffordshire v Derbyshire, Skelton Iron & Steel Canteen.	7.15 p.m.
November 19	Northamptonshire v Worcestershire, Tordaff School, School Lane, Kettering.	7.15 p.m.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

November 19	Wiltshire v Oxfordshire, Melksham House, Melksham.	7.15 p.m.
November 26	Oxfordshire v Hertfordshire, The Masonic Hall, Thame, Oxon.	7.00 p.m.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION

November 19	Devon v Dorset, Holiday Camp, The Nest, Paignton.	7.15 p.m.
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JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

November 19	Cheshire v Yorkshire, The Liberal Club, Queen Victoria Street, Macclesfield.	3.00 p.m.
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JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

November 19	Suffolk v Middlesex, Y.M.C.A., Lowestoft.	6.30 p.m.
December 8	Hertfordshire v Middlesex, Cricket and Social Club, Park Road, Rickmansworth.	

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THE SELECTOR'S JOB

SHOOTING the Selector is a healthy British pastime. It keeps the selector on his toes and is also a sign of public interest.

Table Tennis is lucky in that it has never lacked for experts at this variety of the game and the purpose of this article (requested by the National Executive Committee) is to improve your aim.

WHAT DOES THE SELECTION COMMITTEE DO?

The basic job of choosing teams for representative matches and making nominations to important championships is obvious. But there is more to it than that, particularly in a small Association like ours that cannot afford too many separate Committees.

We have to encourage and develop promising players and keep an eye on promising juniors during their sometimes difficult transition to the senior ranks. Promising pairings have to be encouraged, and we have to promote, where we can afford it, "B" team matches which, together with junior and women's fixtures, usually lose money.

Then we have to issue new season (and review at half-season) ranking lists. There is also the selection and encouragement of captains.

We also have to keep an eye on conditions at important events and, where possible, arrange special training.

It would be ideal if we had a headquarters where players of promise could be reviewed and advised, but we have to scrape through with Lilleshall once a year, and occasional generous hospitality from clubs. And always, in everything we do for such national events, we have to fit in with county dates, local tournament and special local fixtures.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The committee needs members with actual playing experience, with international knowledge, and specialists in youth and coaching, who between them must cover all parts of the country. It must be small enough to be able to consult quickly, and large enough for one or other of its members to be present at each important match or tournament.

As with other sports, if there are regular Captains (Men's, Women's, or Juniors') it is good that they should participate intimately. There should be fresh blood and there should be experience.

by IVOR MONTAGU

Chairman E.T.T.A.

Our committee of seven meet four or five times each year and a great deal of work is also done by letter or phone. We have studied the question of dividing our work into panels—separate for men, women and juniors—but the question cannot be solved simply.

"INTERESTED PARTIES"

This question has recently aroused attention in the columns of our magazine and at Annual General Meetings. It is entirely right that it should. But it deserves deep and careful thought.

Let me say at once that, in a long experience, I have never known a selector (including me) who was not an "interested party" and did not, consciously or unconsciously "play favourites." This comes from the nature of the job.

Members who have no "interests" or are incapable of forming them would be useless for a selection committee. This is not to presuppose dishonesty in any way, but every member knows some players and their possibilities better than do other members.

The important thing is not that people should not have prejudices, but that they should have enough integrity to avow them, or recognise them when revealed by others, and enough goodwill to indulge in rough-and-tumble plain speaking.

Should we have no members who are Captains because we are continually—and rightly—choosing one another as Captain? None who are County officials? None who are coaches?

Should the Association lose the services of a member whose unique experience and qualities have long been proved, because a relative comes into the limelight?

Of all interests, this is the least potential of injury, because it is so patent and plain that, were it to be manifested, no one could be unaware of it. **The suggestion that six colleagues could be unjustly influenced by it is, however thoughtless, a reflection on the capabilities and integrity of them all.**

TRIALS

Are trials needed? Some countries hold trials, all-play-all, and choose those who come out top. You don't need a selection committee for this. All you want is an accountant. And if someone outstanding was seedy that particular day it would be too bad. He and his country would be out of luck. It is in any way an illogical method.

If you are planning for an international you don't want to know if Mr. A can beat Mr. B, Mr. C and Mr. D (perhaps all of them players who know each others game thoroughly and their respective weaknesses) but which of them will be most likely to beat

Monsieur X or Herr Y, whom they have never met before, and will be playing under quite different conditions of tension.

We do not often use senior trials because we are well acquainted otherwise with current form. At the beginning of the season we choose a list of players whose records are kept throughout. We add to the list continually, for we are advised (not always as promptly as desired) of county and open tournament results.

Figures tell far from everything, but between us the Committee also get about a good deal. We are not often surprised by unexpected stars, or unheard-of prospects among seniors.

Tuning-up matches, such as the Senior v The Rest at Southampton last year, are excellent, both from putting an edge on the play of the best players and confirming or correcting what the selectors think they know already. I wish we had more of them, but these are not large scale trials.

MID SEASON BEST

All-inclusive trials of juniors, on the other hand, are a desirable, even necessary, annual event. We keep track of the youngsters in the same way as the seniors, but their game may change so rapidly that it is best to see them afresh each year, preferably at mid-season.

I never think worse of a keen player whose sense that the Selection Committee is unjustly passing him by grows so urgent that he feels he would burst if he did not write to us of his disappointment. I do not hesitate to try to explain our views of his strength and weakness as is consistent with the proper confidence of committee work.

Juniors, however, may make progress so rapidly that figures do not at once disclose it even to a conscientious and get-about committee, and we warmly welcome prods and reminders from any qualified source.

WHAT

MAKES AN INTERNATIONAL?

Some people say just pick the best, but our job is more complex. For ranking lists, we do give prime weight to current performance in the season's home events, but we do not ignore international standing, class and potentiality.

Can we do the same on selection? Some say that international places should go as something in the nature of a reward to those who do best during that season. But is this right?

Last year a young player, of whom the selectors still have hope, was outstanding in English tournaments, but played against four foreigners, none of them first-class, and disappointed against them all. He justly earned a high ranking, but was this his year for the Swaythling Cup?

Others similarly thinking of an international place as a reward, say that

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FOLLOWING DAD

by KENNETH WHEELER

players who do not play in a lot of county matches, or registered players who are away most of, or even all, the season should forfeit consideration as a sort of punishment.

Here, I will mention another player who last season played only one tournament in England (going out in an early round) and whose engagements—entirely in accordance with our rules and sanctioned by the N.E.C.—did not deliver him either physically fit or match sharp at the crucial time.

Despite these weaknesses his wins included matches against the No. 1's of Japan, Czechoslovakia, France, Rumania and Germany.

So long as the N.E.C. decides that all who keep to the rules should be equally treated and equally entitled, it will be the job of the Selection Committee to treat all as equally eligible for honour and responsibility, and choose those thought best capable.

But how do we interpret "best capable"? We have no favourite racket or favourite style, but it is no good sending a player who depends on hitting to play abroad on soft tables. We look out for the young players who show signs of being able to raise their game.

CLASS TELLS

In the highest class of T.T. the best players play better than their average on the greatest occasions. A player who has not this ability will never beat a first class player unless the latter is off his game.

This ability cannot be proved on ordinary occasions or in trials.

To compose a team, the Selection Committee cannot just take the first batch off the top of the ranking list or the form list, but must seek a balance.

For the Swaythling Cup, for example, a workmanlike team might be three first class players to take on the top matches, one sure standby to play against second class teams, thus giving his colleagues an occasional rest, and one young gambler in case one of the top three breaks a leg.

Here styles do not come into account, where a captain knows the opposition. He may need a hitter to deal with one particular antagonist, or a steady pusher to tire out the opposition, thus laying the basis of a team win even if he does not score a point himself.

The necessity for placing a variety at a captain's disposal must affect the choice.

In the Corbillon Cup, the significance of the doubles pair and a reserve partnership in case of accident, is obvious when determining correct balance of the four teammates. For lesser matches different balances are necessary.

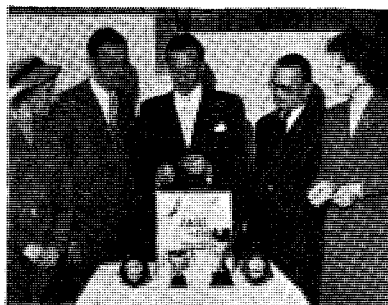
We could win internationals between the home countries without top players, but what would happen to the gate in the absence? These matches provide a chance to blood youngsters or reward loyal and steady older players who will never make the heights. Some say: try real experiments; others never give a cap until it has been long and fully earned.

The selectors try to give due weight to all considerations, but sometimes these contradict each other.

Following in his father's footsteps is ten-year-old David Stanley, son of Ken Stanley, The Lancashire international. David has just made his mark by carrying off the junior boys' title in the Manchester Qualifying Area of the "Eagle"/"Girl" National Tournament.

Displaying a rare skill for one so young he figured in one of the closest finals, beating Stephen Margrett, of St. Annes, 16—21, 21—9, 26—24.

Keenest play so far was provided at Manchester, where two of the finals went to three games, and the senior boys invoked the time-limit. Lynda Gordon, of Salford, won the junior girls for the second year.



Marcus Morris, Editor of "Eagle", makes the draw for this season's tournament.

Madeleine Strasser, of Edgbaston, who holds her school high jump record, celebrated her 13th birthday by winning the senior girls' title at Birmingham with a surprise win over Ann Charman. Sally Rolph, of Moseley, showed the benefit of coaching from Adrian and Ann Haydon by winning the junior girls' title.

More than 200 boys took part in the North London competition, where Christopher Gosling (Barnet), showing marked improvement following special coaching by Johnny Leach, after being runner-up last year, and Michael Kraitt (Edgware), complete with sponge bat, won the senior and junior singles respectively.

Derek Grant, of Ventnor, I.O.W., runner-up in last season's Grand Finals, easily took the senior boys' title in the South London Section, where the junior title went to Clive Bloy (Folkestone), whose brother Douglas, now a Kent reserve, was senior winner last season.

London North (Oct. 1):

Boy's Senior: CHRISTOPHER GOSLING (Barnet) beat Barry Bartman (Swiss Cottage) 21—9, 21—11.

Boy's Junior: MICHAEL KRAITT (Edgware) beat David Johnson (Isleworth) 8—21, 22—20, 21—17.

London South (Oct. 8):

Boy's Senior: DEREK GRANT (Ventnor, I.O.W.) beat David Lowe (Westcliff) 21—11, 21—8.

Boy's Junior: CLIVE BLOY (Folkestone) beat Anthony Feldman (Barnes) 21—19, 21—16.

Birmingham (Oct. 15):

Boy's Senior: CHRISTOPHER HALL beat William Cox 21—10, 21—19.

Boy's Junior: PETER HALE beat Michael Stacey 21—13, 21—14.

Girl's Senior: MADELEINE STRASSER beat Ann Charman 21—18, 21—16.

Girl's Junior: SALLY ROLPH beat Fiona McArthur 21—8, 21—9.

Manchester (Oct. 22):

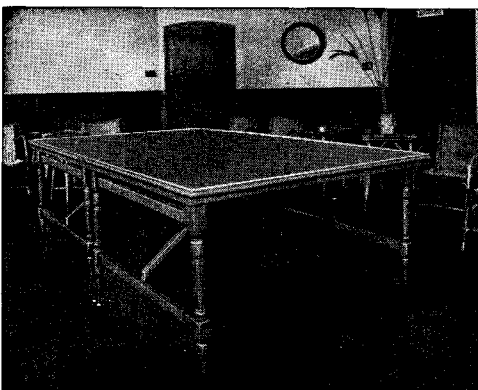
Boy's Senior: ALAN HOLDEN (Haslingden) beat Peter Walsh (Blackburn) 21—19, 20—13 (Time limit).

Boy's Junior: DAVID STANLEY (Burnley) beat Stephen Margrett (St. Anne's) 16—21, 21—9, 26—24.

Girl's Senior: SHIRLIE NELSON (Macclesfield) beat Jean Rawstorn (Littleborough) 21—19, 26—24.

Girl's Junior: LYNDIA GORDON (Salford) beat Sylvia Carter (Darwen) 21—12, 21—23, 21—12.

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE SNIPPETS

DISSAPOINTMENT at the Wilmott Cup and Rose Bowl matches not being played off in the **ONE** day, an innovation which I have pioneered without success, has led to the withdrawal of Cheltenham and Gloucester from the competitions. Bristol are the only Gloucestershire League taking part.

We consider that the present methods of spreading the rounds is outdated, adding to the congestion of the calendar, and proving too expensive.

A big blow to the county has been the resignation of the Forest of Dean League. They have been members of the county since its formation in 1948, and could always be relied upon to stage any of our matches.

Covering a wide rural area The Forest was never an easy league to organise, and as I understand their number of clubs has shrunk to three, it looks as though they may soon cease to function altogether. However, we hope that they will get over their difficulties and revert to normal.

Mr. Green, treasurer and chairman of Cirencester, former members of the County, is keen on the league re-affiliating to both the E.T.T.A. and Gloucestershire. They are a virile league but its committee cannot see any practical advantage of such affiliation other than being able to compete in the

County League which they would very much like. Maybe Mr. Green's efforts will persuade them to return to the fold.

In the hope that the E.T.T.A. will be holding junior trials, Gloucestershire are nominating Ian Harrison, Keith Tarling and David Griffiths, all of Cheltenham, who are quite willing to "foot" the bill to enable these boys to play.

Arrangements have been completed for the County "Closed" championships to take place at Cheltenham in March, two halls being used, the Y.M.C.A. and Montpelier Pavilion.

Gloucestershire were away to a good start in the County Championship with an easy 8-2 win over Lancashire, but the lack of strong women players has again been emphasized.

Early in the season administrative changes have taken place in the Bristol Association. Mr. John Goss has resigned the secretaryship and Mrs. Pat Archdale elected in his place, thus joining the growing band of lady officials now springing up among the leagues. Formerly Pat Pulsford, she brings experience as hon. minutes secretary to the County Association, and is also one of our National County Umpires. Good luck, Pat, in your new position.

Ivor Eyles

IRISH SCENE

THE Irish championship programme has got well under way, and prominent players have suffered quite a few unexpected reverses. The Cork "Open" was the first tournament staged and produced several first-class surprises. The

first of these took place in the second round of the men's singles when the Munster number one and firm favourite for the title, Tom Seacy was beaten by the Dublin player Brendan Campbell.

Fellow inter-provincial John Christie fared a trifle better; he reached the semi-final only to be defeated by the eventual winner T. Clancy, of Waterford. In the other semi-final S. Cummins, the 1952 winner beat H. Fisher, Cork, but after taking the first set of the final at 13, lost the next three to Clancy.

The young Cork player Maura Sullivan brought off the biggest surprise of the night when she defeated Irish international and top woman in Munster, Florrie Dawkins, in the women's singles final. Miss Dawkins did, however, gain some compensation when she partnered Mrs. Roberts to win the women's doubles, and then with Giltinan took the mixed.

This was the first tournament in the country in which the white line was not used for the doubles. Neither was it used in the Belfast County "Open"—an event that did not enhance the reputations of Irish internationals Ivan Martin and Ernie Allen. Martin was beaten by J. A. Griffiths in the first semi-final and Allen suffered a similar fate at the hands of Colin Senior in the other. Senior, after a hard match defeated Griffiths in the final. In fact this tournament was a personal triumph for Senior as he recorded a fine treble, winning the Men's and Mixed doubles in partnership with Griffiths and Miss I. Jordan respectively.

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ESSEX NOTES

BAD news for Essex fans is that Bobby Stevens damaged his knee playing football and has had to undergo an operation.

A brighter note is the grand form of Bob McCree, the 6ft. 4in. giant from Eton Manor. He was mainly responsible for the 7-3 win over Kent in the Second Division of the County championship. His defeat of Ray Syndercombe was one of the highlights of the match, and he also combined well with Les Sawyer for a doubles win over that established Kent pair Etheridge and Thorn.

Brilliant play by Brian Brumwell offset the absence of Johnny Leach in the 9-1 win over Sussex in the Premier Division. He scored a grand win over Peter Shead, who had earlier scored the lone Sussex success by defeating Stevens.

It is good to see George Eagle following the county side again after two years absence in West Africa. Before going abroad Eagle was the East London representative on the County committee.

The 10-nil win over Walthamstow saw East London away to a good start in the First Division of the Inter-Leagues championship. In the Junior Division Walthamstow and Ilford Youth shared the spoils at 5-all.

A German junior side (two boys and two girls) meet the Essex juniors at Ilford on November 11, and will afterwards travel to Herne Bay with a coach load of Essex youngsters for the Kent Junior "Open" on November 13.

Braintree are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to make a success of their first Premier Division match—Essex against Warwickshire on November 19. The careful planning of their committee and good publicity in the local press deserve a good game and a large attendance.

County secretary Harry Walker has produced an excellent county News Sheet which he hopes to publish monthly. Chelmsford League have also started a News Sheet and it is hoped other leagues will copy the idea and so keep their members informed of all that is going on.

Frank Bateman

WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN

NEWLY promoted West Wilts faced a formidable task when they opened their First Division programme against Birmingham at Trowbridge. But they need not be dismayed at losing 3-7, for they gave a good account of themselves, five of the ties going to three sets.

T. Edwards (W. Wilts) and R. Holt (Birmingham) gave a thrilling exhibition before the Birmingham player won 23-21, 20-22, 24-22. Miss Doonham and Mrs. Neech found Mrs. Cumberbatch and Miss Gregory too strong, but gained valuable experience.

Newport are not going to find it easy to return to First Division status judging by their opening match in the lower division. They lost 4-6 to Bristol 2nds, despite a great effort by their captain Brian Everson to save a point when he met P. Harris in the final match. He

lost at 17 in the third set. Mrs. Vera Rowe won her match for Newport but Shirley Harris had to give best to Miss Dando. Bristol just had that little extra bit of edge.

Weston, who opened their Second Division programme with an 8-2 win over Taunton, appear to have found a worthy successor to Mick Bennett (now in Canada), in D. Shipton, formerly of Bristol. Although losing to S. Ewens he scored a well merited straight games win over J. Garland.

Ray Philpott opened the season in great style by winning both his singles, while Mrs. Bull and Miss Francis were also successful in the women's singles.

D. Hebden, who beat G. Philpott marked up Taunton's other win.

RESULTS

Division I: West Wilts 3, Birmingham 7.
Division II: Newport 4, Bristol II 6;
Weston 8, Taunton 2.

Grove Motlow

KENT NOTES

OFFICIAL German and Belgian teams plus the first ever entries from Cheshire combine with players from nearer home, to provide an expected record entry of over 200 for the Kent Junior Open at Herne Bay on November 13.

The German team, all newcomers, will be Dieter Köhler (16), Herbert Mayer (17), Michaela von Behm (16) and Heide Dauphin (13).

Eddie Hodson and Laurie Landry (sorry Laurie for making you over-age last month) head the home list, and it is expected one of them will win the Boy's Singles Trophy, left vacant by Erich Arndt, of Germany.

The Belgian team meet England boys in an official international at Chatham on November 12.

Shock defeats of N.W. Kent by Gravesend, and Medway Towns by Folkestone, despite three singles wins by

Mrs. Joan Beadle, should pave the way for Maidstone to retain the Kent Women's Division, which they won on games average last year.

In the men's First Division, Woolwich, the champions, made a good start with a 9-1 victory over Beckenham, despite the absence of Ray Syndercombe, while Bromley, their main challengers, beat Tunbridge Wells by a similar margin.

N.W. Kent, the only league with two sides in Division I, had a mixed experience against Canterbury, the "B" side winning 6-4, but the "A's" losing 4-6.

Ray Syndercombe (Woolwich), who started the season at No. 3, has been given top county ranking following good wins over I. Redfearn and Ivor Jones in the respective matches against Middlesex and Essex. Ron Etheridge (Bromley) drops back to No. 2.

Dennis Whittaker (Woolwich) gets his first county game against Hampshire at Petts Wood on November 26; Bobby Thorn (Bromley) stays in the team for men's doubles.

Putting "partner wanted" on her entry form, Joyce Fielder was paired with Molly Jones, the Gloucester international, in the Bucks "open." They carried off the doubles title, beating international pairs Betty Isaacs/Pam Mortimer, Peggy Franks/Peggy Piper, and Shirley Jones/Yvonne Baker. On the strength of this performance Joyce was teamed with Scotland's Helen Elliot, in the Sussex "Open."

Joyce has joined Bobby Raybould, of Essex for mixed doubles, in the next few tournaments.

Vic Atterano, former Woolwich player, writes from Canada where he and his wife Pat have taken teaching jobs, that there is not a lot of table tennis activity in their new home town of Medicine Hat, Alberta, but that he has found a small club and already started coaching.

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AROUND THE LEAGUES

The break up of three clubs is perhaps a sad note on which to open this column, but it is not a sign of dwindling interest. The various members have been absorbed into other clubs, new clubs have been formed and generally the news is of increased entries.

The winding up of Nahum's in the **Manchester League** finds Ron Allcock, the international, Vince Hankey and Arthur Holland all returning to Y.M.C.A. The League are catering for something like 1,300 players in 14 divisions.

Leeds and District lose Loiners, but taking their place are Blenheim Baptist and Nether Green. The two new clubs have secured the services of Colin Price and Bernard China respectively, both ex-Loiners.

Two other Loiner members, Dyson and Roberts have gone over to Appleyard's.

A third team to put up the shutters are All Saints, Exmouth, but **Exeter and District** report an increase of 13 teams, bringing the total up to 64.

Incidentally, the start of the Exeter programme showed more than usual upsets, the biggest surprise being the 8-4 defeat of Emmanuel "A", last year's league champions, by Heavintree "A". Len Suter was in particularly good form, including Devon champion Peter Ofield among his three victims.

Salisbury and District are one of the few leagues with a decrease in their numbers. They have lost ten teams, reducing their numbers to 51. They run five divisions.

A new Minor Division at the request of Youth Clubs in the area has been formed by **Eastbourne**. The league embraces 12 senior and six youth clubs and some 250 players are involved in the 31 teams competing in four divisions.

A sad note from **Bournemouth** has been the death of Glyn Gubb, of Iford. He was killed in a motor cycle accident.

An all-round athlete Gubb also took an active interest in boxing, football and running.

Hastings and District experiment with a new match points scoring system this season. Four points are awarded for an away win and three for a home win. An away draw earns two points, but there will be only one for a draw at home.

A record number of 44 teams playing in four divisions is reported from **Worthing**.

The **London Federation** welcome Printing, Publishing and Allied Trades League to this season's programme, in addition to the 12 leagues that took part last year.

Over 800 players are registered in the nine men's and three women's divisions of the **Thames Valley League** whose area stretches from Wimbledon to Walton-on-Thames. Kingston Y.M.C.A. have won the First Division championship for the past eight years.

Cranston Park (Derek Marsham, Ron Wesley, Ray Little and Ron Linge) will be making a strong bid for the

Romford League first division title, judging by their 7-3 win over Red Triangle, last year's champions. Unfortunately Cranston lose Little after Christmas when he sails for Canada.

Barry Meisel, recommended to **Medway** by Conrad Jaschke, has not been long in making his mark. He has gained No. 1 ranking in the league team, and in the opening match against Gravesend won all his ties in convincing style. He may well be bidding for county honours within 12 months.

R. E. Herridge, of **Sittingbourne**, is the new secretary of the Kent Umpires' Association. Charles Wyles, genial chairman of **Thanet** has had to restrict county activities owing to his father's illness. He is still secretary of the Kent Supporters' Association, but has been unable to travel to county matches and selection meetings.

Woolwich stage the county match against Bedfordshire at Seimen's Canteen on December 9; Derek Syder, **Bromley** press officer, makes his first venture into county match organising with the fixture against Hants at Petts Wood on November 26.

Hackney Council always out to provide varied sport entertainment for the borough have taken an interest in Table Tennis. They sponsored the recent **North Middlesex** "closed championship." Cost to the league: Nil. King's Hall was provided free of charge. The council took the "gate"; North Middlesex took the entry fees.

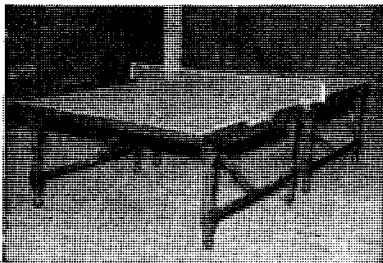
Out to spread the gospel of table tennis among the youngsters, **Oldham** have broken new ground this season by running a schools tournament. Restricted to the children attending the Grammar and Secondary-Modern Schools in the borough, the competition is being run as a mixed singles.

Seventy-three entries (57 boys and 16 girls) have entered from ten out of a possible 15 schools, and the early rounds have been played off at the various clubs affiliated to the league.

It is hoped that the competition will have roused sufficient interest to start a junior league next season.

Two new clubs and five extra teams make the outlook brighter in the **Hertford League** this season. Last season's experiment of restricting the Premier Division to five teams, who play each other four times, is being continued for another year. The idea is to maintain a high standard of play in this division.

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"The Twins on Table Tennis" by Diane and Rosalind Rowe, Nicholas Kaye—8s. 6d. net.

"It all began with an unwanted Christmas present. We were fourteen years old at the time, and the gift that we wanted most was a bicycle. But Daddy gave each of us a table tennis bat—'To keep you out of mischief,' he told us."

Thus begins the second chapter of "The Twins on Table Tennis," the long awaited story of the Rowe twins told by themselves.

It seems incredible that the Christmas referred to was 1947 and that only three years later, in Vienna, these two girls, then only 17 years of age, should become the world champions, taking the Women's Doubles title from Rozeanu and Szasz. But they did, and their progress, achievements and failures up to and including the World Championships in Utrecht last year are delightfully told in this book.

The excitement of the special occasions, including that unforgettable night at Wembley on their twenty-first birthday, is vividly brought to life and the descriptions of their various tours make interesting reading.

There is a unique chapter of advice and encouragement for the young player, addressed particularly to girls.

A small section of the book, with some

excellent illustrations, both photographic and line drawings, is devoted to instruction with, as might be expected, a special chapter on the doubles game, but I personally am not sure that it is a good policy to combine an autobiography with an instruction manual.

I felt that the inclusion of the instructional section had robbed me of sharing with the twins some of the thousands of other incidents, both amusing and interesting, which must have occurred during their playing career and which, presumably, they were unable to relate owing to lack of space.

There is some controversial matter on playing conditions and the sponge bat, and the final chapter describes, with some recognisable line sketches, present day personalities.

Altogether an interesting and enjoyable book which should find its place on the shelves of all club libraries and in the homes of the twins' many admirers.

"Table Tennis My Way" by Johnny Leach, Nicholas Kaye 2s. 6d. net.

Although obviously written primarily for the beginner, this book, with its lucid and detailed descriptions of every shot in the game, could be read with benefit by the more experienced player if only for the interesting and enlightening chap-

ters devoted to the Asiatic Game and Sponge. Here Johnny Leach puts forward his theories and reasons for the success of the "sponge" players and offers his advice on how to overcome this so-called menace.

The excellent line drawings and photographs are, I feel, too few to do justice to the text, but the flicker sequences illustrating back spin service, defensive chop and top spin drive are unique in this type of book and are themselves well worth half the cost of the publication.

This type of illustration permits the reader to examine every phase and position of any particular shot, and I am of the opinion that it would be well worth the while of some enterprising publisher to produce a book, or a series of books, illustrating the various strokes by this method.

"Table Tennis my Way" is an attractively produced book at a very moderate price and is a worthy addition to the many other instructional books already available.

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FIXTURE ENGAGEMENTS

In the Open Tournaments below, events shown in the column are additional to M.S., W.S., M.D., W.D., and X.D. in every case. The closing date for entries is shown in brackets after the title. Suitable entries are inserted in this diary without charge but all organisers should send information to The Editor at the earliest date possible.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Details and Venue</i>	<i>Extra Events</i>	<i>Organising Secretary</i>
Nov. 12	Birmingham Open (Oct. 29) Friends Institute, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.	B.S., G.S. J.X.D., V.S.	Mr. M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.
12	Hartlepoons Open (Nov. 6) Hartlepoons Trading Estate Canteen, West Hartlepool.	B.S.	Miss J. Metcalf, 1, Goldsmith Grove, West Hartlepool.
12	England v Belgium (Jnr. Boys) Chatham.		Mr. F. G. Manooch, 216, Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
13	Kent Junior Open (Oct. 22) Pier Pavilion, Herne Bay.		F. G. Mannooch, 216, Park Road, Sit- tingbourne, Kent.
18-20	South of England Open (Oct. 31) Powers Samas Welfare Hall, Aurelia Road, Croydon.	B.S. G.S.	Mr. C. A. Bourne, 15a, Red Down Road, Coudsdon, Surrey.
26	Dorset Open (Nov. 16) Sidney and Trinity Halls, Weymouth.	B.S.	Mr. P. Northcott, 31, Hillcrest Road, Weymouth.
26	Peterborough Open (Nov. 14) Baker Perkins Canteen, Westwood Wks., Peterborough.	B.S. G.S.	Mr. J. Wildman, St. Davids, 8, Eastgate, Deeping St. James, Nr. Peterborough.
30	Champion County v. The Rest Lime Grove Baths, London, W.12.		Mr. D. P. Lowen, 79, Monks Drive, W. Acton, London, W.3.
Nov. 28/ Dec. 3	Middlesex (Herga) Open (Nov. 7) Herga L.T. Club, Courtfield-avenue, Harrow.	B.S.	Mr. P. France, 53, Rickmansworth Road, Pinner, Middlesex.
Dec. 1	Ireland v. England , Belfast.		
2	Scotland v England Woodside Public Halls, Glasgow.		Mr. W. Bennett, 14, Dundrennan Road, Glasgow, S.2.
3	Bath Open (Nov. 21) Drill Hall, Lower Bristol Road, Bath.	B.S.	Mr. L. Le Cren, 4, Newark Street, Bath.
4-7	Swedish Open , Stockholm.		
Jan. 1-7	N. W. Kent Open (Dec. 5) Barnehurst Residents' Club, Parkside Ave., Barnehurst, Bexleyheath, Kent.	B.S. G.S.	Mr. J. Pickering, 187, Bedonwell Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.
7	Yorkshire Junior Open (Dec. 28) Fenton Street Barracks, Leeds.		Mr. J. Hancock, 73, Lady Pit Lane, Leeds 11.
14-15	Flintshire Open (Welsh Tournament).		
21	South Yorks Open (Jan. 14) Edmund Road Drill Hall, Sheffield 2.	B.S.	Mr. R. D. Renshaw, 7, Luna Croft, Gleadless, Sheffield 12.
20-21	Welsh Open	B.S., G.S.	Mrs. N. Roy Evans, 1, Llyn-y-Grant Road, Penylan, Cardiff.
22	Southampton Open (Jan 7) Royal Pier Pavilion, Southampton.	B.S.	Mr. K. H. Miles, 46, Bevois Valley Road, Southampton.
27	England v Wales Sidney Hall, Weymouth		Mr. P. H. Northcott, 31, Hillcrest Road, Weymouth.
28	Lancashire Open (Jan. 21) De Havilland Works Canteen, Lostock, Bolton.	B.S.	Mr. A. Howcroft, 30, Thorne Street, Farnworth, Lancs.
28-29	Kent Open (Jan. 14) Marine Gardens Pavilion, Folkestone.	J.X.S.	Mr. J. Trigg, 21, Marler Road, Folke- stone.
Jan. 31/ Feb. 2	French Open		

YORKSHIRE "OPEN"

UNSEEDED players had a day out in the Yorkshire "Open" at Huddersfield on October 8, carrying off three of the five titles. Miss P. Heppell took the women's singles, G. Temperton and E. Johnson, the men's doubles, and Ray Dove and Miss M. Lightfoot won the mixed.

The seeds that came through were Brian Kennedy in the men's singles and Miss Adele Wood and Mrs. D. Wilkinson in the women's doubles.

Miss Heppell looked as though she was going to be runner-up for the second successive year when she lost the open game of the final to Miss Wood, but tightening her game she recovered brilliantly to take complete control and get the next two games for the match at 12-21, 21-15, 21-18.

One of the seeds to fall by the wayside was Miss Florence Wright, the junior international, beaten over three sets by Miss B. Slater in the third round. Miss Slater lost in turn to Miss Heppell in the semi-final.

The best performance was that of Temperton and Johnson. They sprang the first upset by beating the favourites Kennedy and Alan Thompson in the fourth round, then dismissed another seeded pair, Arnold Shepherd and J. Worsley in the final.

Dove and Miss Lightfoot also beat two seeded pairs, Shepherd and Mrs. Braddock in the semi-final and Kennedy and Miss Heppell in the final.

Kennedy landed his second successive title and once again Ray Hinchliff provided the opposition in the final. It was another three games affair. Apart from the loss of the second game, Kennedy was much too strong, scoring freely with the added power of his sponge bat.

J. Hitchcock's two years reign as veteran's champion

was ended by E. A. Brown, of Manchester, who after losing the first game gradually worked his way to the top and went through the final game with the loss of only 12 points.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles: Semi-finals: B. KENNEDY (Yorks) bt. D. Schofield (Cheshire) 21-15, 21-8; R. HINCHLIFF (Yorks) bt. A. Shepherd (Manchester) 21-15, 21-18.

Final: KENNEDY bt. Hinchliff 21-9, 17-21, 21-14.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals: Miss A. WOOD (Manchester) bt. Mrs. D. Wilkinson (Manchester) 21-14, 21-19; Miss P. HEPPELL (Hexam) bt. Miss B. Slater (Derby) 21-6, 21-18.

Final: Miss HEPPELL bt. Miss Wood 12-21, 21-15, 21-18.

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals: G. TEMPERTON and E. JOHNSON bt. G. Brook and S. Dyson 21-16, 25-23; A. SHEPHERD and J. WORSLEY bt. V. Hankey and D. Schofield 15-21, 21-19, 21-17.

Final: TEMPERTON and JOHNSON bt. Shepherd and Worsley 21-15, 21-17.

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals: Miss A. WOOD and Mrs. D. WILKINSON bt. Misses M. and J. Dyson 21-14, 21-14; Miss F. WRIGHT and Miss M. LIGHTFOOT bt. Miss M. Haley and Mrs. J. Braddock 19-21, 21-14, 21-18.

Final: Miss WOOD and Mrs. WILKINSON bt. Miss Wright and Miss Lightfoot 21-14, 16-21, 21-17.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals: B. KENNEDY and Miss P. HEPPELL bt. G. Brook and Miss M. Eagle 21-14, 21-14; R. DOVE and Miss M. LIGHTFOOT bt. A. Shepherd and Mrs. J. Braddock 21-14, 15-21, 21-16.

Final: DOVE and Miss LIGHTFOOT bt. Kennedy and Miss Heppell 16-21, 21-19, 21-18.

Veterans' Singles Final: E. BROWN bt. J. Hitchcock 18-21, 21-19, 21-12.

NORTH OF ENGLAND "OPEN"

BRIAN KENNEDY, the Leeds international, is bidding strongly to become the player of the season. He has certainly got off the mark in great style, since he adopted the sponge bat, for with a display of hurricane hitting he swept to his third title in a row by defeating Aubrey Simons in the men's singles final in the North of England "Open" at Manchester (Oct. 13-15).

Kennedy won in straight games 21-17, 21-18, hitting through the stubborn defence of Simons by sheer power and speed. As Simons said afterwards, "Brian had too many guns."

This was by far the most important of Kennedy's successes this season, and is an indication of what can be expected when he is more acclimatised to sponge.

Kennedy's closest call was in the earlier rounds against D. Schofield, of Cheshire and he had to call on all his skill to stave off defeat. Schofield took the opening game and went to 18-17 in the next, but lacked just that little extra to get the next three points for victory. Having saved this game Kennedy got on top in the decider to win at 15.

Simons also had a tough semi-final against another sponge bat player, A. Cowgill, of Huddersfield, before winning at 25-23 in the third. Cowgill had earlier beaten Ron Allcock.

The "dark horse" of the meeting was the Frenchman M. Barrauh, who is living in Manchester while learning English. Possessed of an excellent all-round style he toppled both Ken Stanley and Ray Hinchliff before going down to Kennedy in the semi-final.

Barrauh then had the consolation of partnering J. Ingber to win the men's doubles final against Arnold Shepherd and J. Worsley. On this form he looks like playing a prominent part in future tournaments.

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The most successful player of the meeting was Birmingham's Pam Mortimer, who landed a triple crown by winning the women's singles and doubles with Jean Mackay and the mixed doubles with Kennedy. Playing a bold attacking game Miss Mortimer proved much too strong for Margaret Fry in the singles final.

FINALS RESULTS:

Men's Singles: B. KENNEDY (Yorks) bt. A. Simons (Glouc.) 21—17, 21—18.

Women's Singles: Miss P. MORTIMER (Warw.) bt. Miss M. Fry (Middx.) 21—17, 21—15.

Men's Doubles: J. INGBER and M. BARRAUH bt. J. Worsley and A. Shepherd 21—17, 14—21, 21—12.

Women's Doubles: Miss J. MACKAY and Miss P. MORTIMER bt. Miss A. Wood and Mrs. D. Wilkinson 21—19, 21—13.

Mixed Doubles: B. KENNEDY and Miss P. MORTIMER bt. R. Allcock and Miss A. Wood 21—14, 21—18.

BUCKS "OPEN"

THIS popular tournament at Slough on October 8/9 attracted its usual good entry, and some keen matches in the singles failed to produce the usual crop of surprises. Harry Venner had an easy passage to the quarter-finals, at which stage he was unimpressive against Ron Crayden, only scraping through in three games. Another Surrey player, Tony Miller, proved to be his semi-final adversary, after two tough games, firstly against young Bob Bradstreet, round 3 (21—13, 19—21, 21—19), and then the quarter against Middlesex junior Laurie Landry (21—9, 17—21, 21—18).

Miller's passage to the semi was helped somewhat by F. D. Wilkins, who beat Len Adams 21—13, 17—21, 21—17, in the first round. Venner displayed improved form to beat Miller in the semi-final.

Before leaving this half, mention should be made of young Ian Harrison (Glos.) who ran Beamish to 21—23 in the third game, and Maclaren's effort when losing 1—2 to Crayden in the fourth round.

Dennis Miller was the third semi-finalist, with successive wins over Lou Hoffman (21—19, 21—17), Ivor Jones (18—21, 21—8, 22—20), and Alan Rhodes (21—19, 24—22). Earlier Jones beat Brian Brumwell 21—18, 21—14.

The last quarter was by far the toughest, Jimmy Lowe ploughing through with successive straight game wins over John Hunt, Ron Etheridge, Peter Pudney and Derek Burridge. Burridge survived three game struggles with Bobby Thorn and Jackie Head, and a more comfortable win against Keith Hurlock.

In the semi-finals Lowe proved the steadier and deserved his win over D. Miller, whilst Venner showed improved form in defeating Tony Miller. Venner continued to play a tight game and was a clear finals winner over Lowe, slipping only once when Jimmy got back an 11—18 deficit in the second game.

Pam Mortimer put up the best showing in the women's singles when she beat Peggy Franks in the quarter-finals 21—17, 5—21, 21—17, only to fall to Betty Isaacs in the next round after Betty had beaten Peggy Piper in three games. Miss Isaacs did take one game off Welsh wizard Shirley Jones in the final, which was more than anybody else, for Joyce Fielder and Jean Head (née Winn) proved easy victims for the Welsh fury. Both these girls had had good wins earlier, Joyce a two straight affair over Yvonne Baker, and Jean did not drop a game against Mary Austin or Joy Seaman-Faulkner.

A scratch pairing of Joyce Fielder and Molly Jones surprised the field—a strong one—and walked off with the women's doubles, while Michael Maclaren and Keith Hurlock were unexpected but deserving winners of the

men's doubles. Laurie Landry had no difficulty in taking the boys' singles, and it is difficult to see any Junior in England beating him on his present form, whilst the 12-year-old Jean Harrower won her first major Open title when overwhelming Barbara Peisley.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-finals: H. T. VENNER beat A. R. Miller 21—14, 21—16; J. W. LOWE beat D. A. Miller 21—18, 22—20.

Final: VENNER beat Lowe 21—11, 19—21, 21—16.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals: Miss S. JONES beat Mrs. J. Head 21—15, 21—15; Miss B. ISAACS beat Miss P. Mortimer 21—15, 18—21, 21—13.

Final: Miss JONES beat Miss Isaacs 17—21, 21—16, 21—10.

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals: R. J. CRAYDEN and J. E. HEAD beat R. Hook and R. Raybould 22—24, 21—18, 21—19; K. HURLOCK and M. G. MACLAREN beat J. W. Lowe and H. T. Venner 14—21, 21—16, 21—17.

Final: HURLOCK and MACLAREN beat Crayden and Head 21—17, 12—21, 21—9.

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals: Miss J. FIELDER and Miss M. JONES beat Miss P. Franks and Miss M. Piper 14—21, 21—19, 21—17; Miss Y. BAKER and Miss S. JONES beat Mrs. J. Faulkner and Mrs. J. Head 21—15, 21—19.

Final: Miss FIELDER and Miss JONES beat Miss Baker and Miss Jones 16—21, 21—17, 21—5.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals: A. RHODES and Mrs. J. HEAD beat R. Raybould and Miss P. Franks 21—19, 21—13; J. W. LOWE and Miss B. ISAACS beat I. Jones and Miss S. Jones 21—19, 21—17.

Final: A. RHODES and Mrs. J. HEAD beat J. W. Lowe and Miss B. Isaacs 10—21, 21—15, 21—18.

Boys' Singles: Final: L. E. LANDRY beat E. Hodson 21—18, 21—16.

Girls' Singles: Final: Miss J. HARROWER beat Miss B. Peisley 21—7, 21—11.

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PORTSMOUTH "OPEN"

A SUBSTANTIAL increase in entries and improved organisation made the Portsmouth Open at South-sea on October 23 a pleasant tournament, marred only by the slippery floor. Miss Wilson and her helpers did a good job and there was none of the chaos which surrounded last year's tournament.

Bryan Merrett was a comfortable winner of the men's singles. He was pressed only by R. McCree, the up-and-coming Essex man who did well to take the middle game from Bryan in the quarter final. Earlier McCree disposed of Dennis Miller and his sponge bat after Dennis had run away with the first game. In this half the old Hampshire stalwart Muller had done well to dispose of Ken Beamish, but found Merrett too much for him in the semi.

Michael Maclaren emerged from the other half, after a titanic struggle with Laurie Landry, who improves with each tournament. Mac then easily beat Keith Hurlock, and was a good winner over Peter Shead in the semi-final. Peter is in that transitional stage which comes to all defensive players trying to attack. Unfortunately the final was one-sided, as Merrett got back Maclaren's best hits, whilst his own sudden drive was a winner time and again.

Wendy Bates retained her women's singles title, but not before Hampshire county player Miss D. Wightman had given her a shock in the semi. In the final—a repeat of last year—Joyce Fielder failed to reproduce the form which made her a comfortable winner over Mary Austin.

There were two outstanding performances in the doubles. The Somerset pair of House and Holden beat

Bucks open winners Hurlock and Maclaren in the second round of the men's event, only to fall to Blackwell and Bryant two rounds later, while in the mixed doubles Peter Shead and his wife did well to beat Merrett and Molly Jones and then Raybould and Joyce Fielder. In the semi the Essex pairing of Gazley and Gloria Burns cut short their run.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-finals. B. MERRETT (Glouc.) bt. L. Muller (Hants.) 21—13, 21—17; M. MACLAREN (Surrey) bt. J. P. Shead (Sussex) 21—19, 15—21, 21—13.
Final: MERRETT bt. Maclaren 21—10, 21—11.
Women's Singles: Semi-finals: Miss W. BATES (Sussex) bt. Miss D. Wightman (Hants.) 15—21, 21—19, 21—16. Miss J. FIELDER (Kent) bt. Miss M. Austin (Surrey) 21—11, 21—13.
Final: Miss BATES bt. Miss Fielder 21—11, 8—21, 21—11.
Men's Doubles: Semi-finals: L. HOFFMAN and D. MILLER (Middx.) bt. B. Merrett and A. Bruce 21—19, 16—21, 21—15; G. SAVAGE and D. WHITTAKER (Kent) bt. P. Shead and I. Alexander (Sussex) 21—12, 21—14.
Final: HOFFMAN and MILLER bt. Savage and Whitaker 22—20, 21—16.
Women's Doubles: Final: Miss J. FIELDER and Miss M. KENNEL (Kent) bt. Miss S. Ball and Miss D. Wightman (Hampshire) 21—13, 15—21, 21—17.
Mixed Doubles: Final: M. MACLAREN and Miss M. AUSTIN (Surrey) bt. A. Gazley and Miss G. Burns (Essex) 21—19, 21—12.
Junior Singles: Semi-finals: L. LANDRY (Middx.) bt. G. Gladwish (Sussex) 21—17, 23—21. E. HODSON (Middx.) bt. K. Griffiths (Glouc.) 21—12, 21—13.
Final: LANDRY bt. Hodson 21—15, 21—15.

SUSSEX "OPEN"

RESULTS

FINALS: Men's Singles Final: H. VENNOR (Surrey) bt. B. Brumwell (Essex) 21—14, 21—16. **Women's Singles Final:** A. HAYDON (Warwicks.) bt. H. Elliot (Scotland) 21—10, 12—21, 21—19. **Men's Doubles Final:** A. RHODES (Middx.) and I. JONES (Essex) bt. A. Raybould (Essex) and M. Thornhill (Middx.) 21—11, 21—13. **Women's Doubles Final:** Miss HAYDON and J. ROOK (Surrey) bt. Miss Elliot and J. Fielder (Kent) 21—14, 21—13. **Mixed Doubles Final:** A. SIMONS (Gloucs.) and Miss ELLIOT bt. Venner and Miss Haydon 21—17, 21—13. **Junior Singles Final:** L. LANDRY (Middx.) bt. G. Gladwish (Sussex) 21—16, 21—14.

AUSTRIAN "OPEN"

RESULTS

Men's Singles Final: I. ANDREADIS (Czechoslovakia) bt. L. Stipek (Czechoslovakia) 18—21, 21—19, 21—17, 21—18. **Women's Doubles Final:** ROWE TWINS bt. A. Rozeanu, E. Zeller (Rumania) 21—5, 21—19, 9—21, 21—18. **Men's Doubles Final:** L. VYHNANOVSKY, V. TEREBA (Czechoslovakia) bt. Andreadis, Stipek 21—4, 21—15, 17—21, 18—21, 21—17. **Mixed Doubles Final:** STIPEK, Mrs. CORNETT bt. J. Leach, Diane Rowe 21—19, 21—10, 21—23, 21—15.

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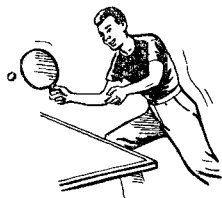
Due to a misunderstanding we announced last month that the GRIMSBY "OPEN" was one of the tournaments cancelled this season. This was incorrect. The Grimsby "Open" will take place at the Pier Pavilion, and Town Hall, Cleethorpes on March 10.

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