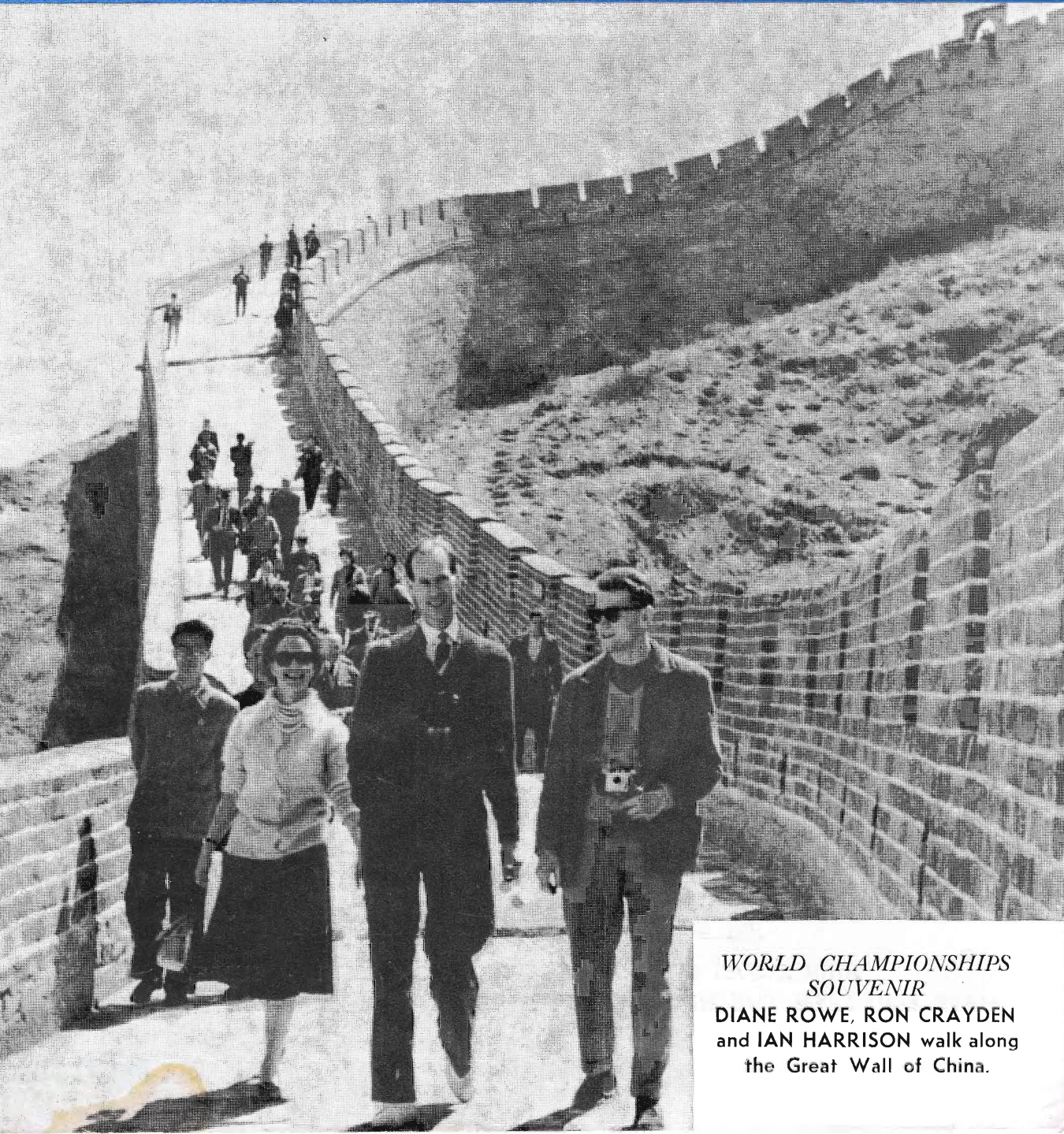


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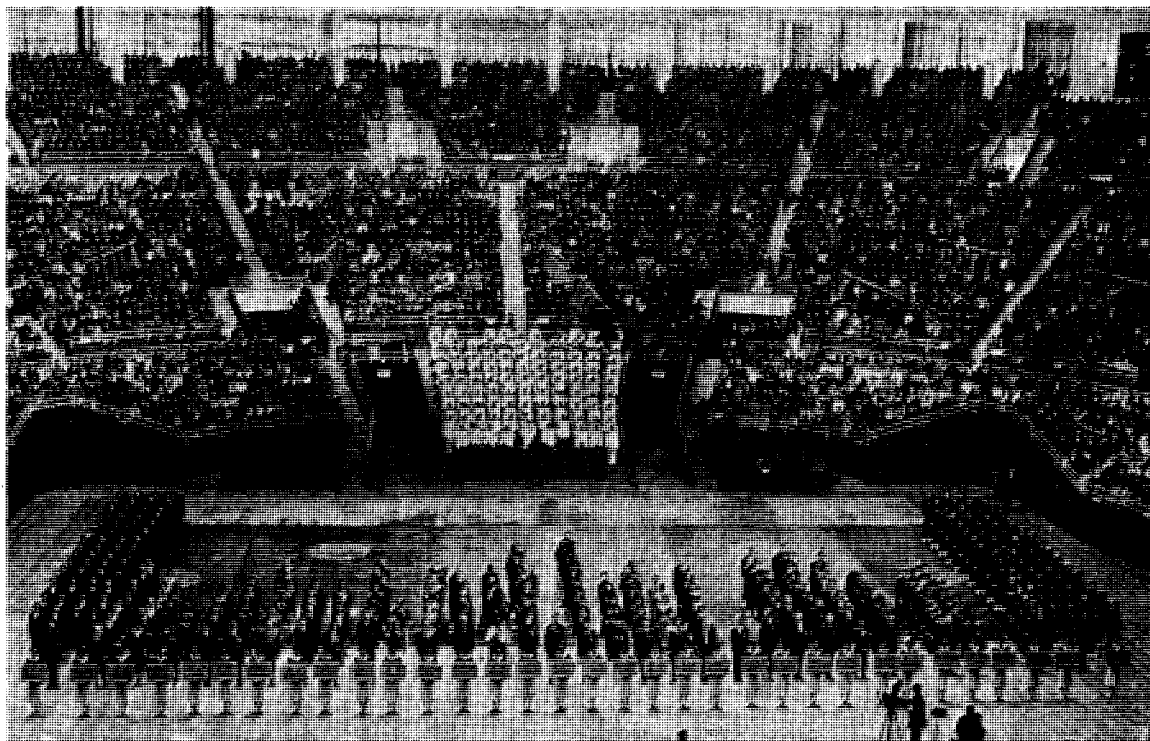
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OFFICIAL NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Saturday the 24th June, 1961, in the Derby Room, Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Many important items will be on the Agenda for consideration and it is hoped that as many members of the Association as possible will attend.

Results of the election for the Officers and members of the National Executive Committee for the 1961/62 season will be announced at the Annual General Meeting. The voting papers for the elections will be dispatched from the Office on May 15 next and should be returned to the ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY by June 12, 1961.

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION CONGRESS.

Although the details and minutes of the two meetings held in Peking, China in April, 1961 have not yet been received, the I.T.T.F. have published both TEAM and INDIVIDUAL Ranking Lists as follows:-

TEAMS: MEN:

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1. Chuang Tse-Tung (China); 2. Li Fu-jung (China); 3. Hsu Yin-sheng (China); 4. I. Ogimura (Japan); 5. Jung Kuo-tuan (China); 6. K. Kimura (Japan); 7. Chang Shih-lin (China); 8. Yang Jui-hua (China); 9. Joint Berczik (Hungary), N. Hishino (Japan), Hu Tao-pen (China), T. Murakami (Japan), F. Sido (Hungary), Tan Cho-lin (China). 15. Joint K. Miki (Japan), M. Petefy (Hungary), G. Shibutani (Japan), Wang Chuan-yeo (China). 19 Joint H. Alser (Sweden), U. Costa (Brazil), T. Larsson (Sweden), V. Markovic (Yugoslavia). 23. Joint G. Averin (U.S.S.R.), K. Freundorfer (Germany D.T.T.B.), I. Harrison (England), Lee Dal Joon (Korea R.O.) S. K. Thackeray (India).

WOMEN

1. Chui Chung-hui (China); 2. E. Koczian (Hungary); 3. K. Matsuzaki (Japan); 4. K. Itoh (Japan); 5. M. Alexandru (Rumania); 6. Sun Mei-ying (China); 7. Wang Chien (China); 8. Han Yu-chen (China); A. Simon (Germany D.T.T.B.), 10. Cho Kyung Cha (Korea R.O.). 11. Joint Choe Kyong Ja (Korea R.O.), S. Mathe (Hungary), Y. Murakami (Japan), T. Okada (Japan), D. Rowe (England), A. Rozeanu (Israel). 17. Joint Hu Ke-ming (China), S. Paisjary (U.S.S.R.), G. Pitica (Rumania), Wang Hsiu-lan (China); 21. Joint I. Kerekcs (Hungary), J. Kruse (Germany D.T.T.V.), S. Kunz (Germany), Liang Li-chen

(China), V. Schwarzova (Czechoslovakia), M. Seki (Japan), D. Szmídt (Poland).

TOUR OF U.S.S.R. It has now been agreed that a team of three MEN and a Non-Playing Captain will make a tour of the U.S.S.R. between the 6th and 15th October, 1961. This tour is in reciprocation of the U.S.S.R. Tour of England made in October, 1960.

CALENDAR FOR 1961/62. The calendar for next season is now under consideration by the "Open" Tournaments Committee and will be circulated to members as soon as it is finalised. The Association again hopes to stage the ENGLISH "OPEN" and ENGLISH "CLOSED" events and the dates will be made known as soon as they have been agreed.

E.T.T.A. MEMBERS' LEVY. Again it is felt necessary to bring to the notice of affiliated League Hon. Treasurers, Rule 6 (e) which reads as follows:-

"Members Levy. A levy of 6d. per member for all members registered with or in membership with a League shall be paid in accordance with Rule 7, but the Levy due from members registered with or becoming members of a League after 31st October shall be paid to the Secretary of the Association by the following 31st March."

It is noted that a number of Leagues have now remitted to the Office of the Association the additional "levies" due, but it would appear that additional amounts of Levy are still outstanding from certain other Leagues. It would be much appreciated if these League Hon. Treasurers cleared the outstanding amounts as soon as possible.

WILMOTT CUP AND J.M. ROSE BOWL COMPETITION—Finals.

The Final of the J. M. Rose Bowl Competition was played on Saturday the 22nd April at Messrs. Arthur Guinness Son & Co., Ltd.'s Sports and Social Club, Park Royal, London, N.W.10. The result of the match was a win for Birmingham over Portsmouth by 6 matches to 3.

The final of the Wilmott Cup Competition was played on Saturday the 29th April at the Manchester Y.M.C.A. The result of the match was a win for Manchester over Gloucester by 5 matches to 2.

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China takes over from Japan

By PETER WILSON

(Daily Mirror)

PETER WILSON

THE 26th World Table Tennis Championships were overall a supreme triumph for the Orient—of the seven main titles, the Swaythling and Corbillon team competitions and the five singles and doubles championships, Europe won only one.

But even more interesting than the triumph of the Orient over the Occident was the superiority of the host nation, China, over the Japanese, who had previously reigned so supreme.

At the start of the magnificently organised championships in Peking, Japan held each of the seven top prizes except the men's singles. Ten days later China had retained the men's singles—although not with the same player—had won the women's singles and the Swaythling Cup.

Japan had to be content with the men's and mixed doubles and the Corbillon Cup. The women's doubles went to Rumania.

It is clearly impossible within the framework of an article of this length to itemise everything that happened in Peking. I can choose only highlights—and trends.

For instance, there was much talk and disagreement among our team of three men and two women, plus such veterans as Victor Barna, Johnny Leach and Ron Crayden, about the necessity of Western players having to adopt the pen-holder grip.

As an observer and a player—always a less than indifferent one—of nearly forty years' experience, I cannot believe that it is necessary for us to change our grip.

What is necessary, in my opinion, is that we change our whole attitude to the game. First we must realise that defence, however skilful and unremitting, will not, I believe, on its own ever win us any more world titles.

It may be that we can perhaps get one round further, say to the last eight, by painstaking retrieving than we might by uncompromising hitting. But we shall never scale the heights this way. Our young players must cultivate the game of attack, attack, and then attack again, and ignore the inevitable defeats which will come in their early days against the defensive player who never expects to capture a title but just tries to stay in a competition as long as possible.

Whether we shall ever have the same time for practice and the facilities available to players in countries of varying political convictions, who nevertheless share a common belief that sport is of paramount prestige value, is a question that I am most certainly not competent to answer.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL

Men's Singles:

CHUANG TSE-TUNG
(China)

Women's Singles:

CHIU CHUNG-HUI
(China)

Men's Doubles:

NOBUYO HOSHINO
and **KOJI KIMURA**
(Japan)

Women's Doubles:

MARIA ALEXANDRU
and **GEORGETA PITICA**
(Rumania)

Mixed Doubles:

ICHIRO OGIMURA
and **KIMIZO MATSUZAKI**
(Japan)

Swaythling Cup:

CHINA

Corbillon Cup:

JAPAN

HARRISON BEATS OGIMURA

So to the Championships themselves. Our men players distinguished themselves in the Swaythling Cup—Ian Harrison by more or less consistently playing 'way above his home form, and Bryan Merrett by surmounting the handicap, which he pluckily swore was not a painful one, of a hernia sustained some forty-eight hours before the Championships opened.

Harrison scored a remarkable, but most deserved, win over Ichiro Ogimura, who had formerly twice won the

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world's singles title. The Japanese began by trying to concentrate on the looped forehand which Stan Jacobson has used with such success in Britain, but Harrison countered with the classic deep backhand chop and eventually when Ogimura tried to revert to more orthodox tactics he found he had lost his touch and was beaten in two straight sets.

Perhaps the most surprising team win we had was against the Russians, who only last December won all five of their matches during their tour of Britain. We won five-two, with Harrison scoring wins over Nickolai Novikov, the 17-year-old schoolboy from Baku, Gennadiy Averin, an 18-year-old biology student from Moscow University, and Algimantis Saunoris, the 32-year-old Lithuanian surgeon.

There was no doubt where the crowd's sympathy lay—and it certainly wasn't with England. This was, in fact, one of the very few defects of the Chinese crowd that they virtually applauded only those teams whom they wanted to win.

But Harrison refused to be put off and whether hitting, counter-hitting or defending, he played a truly masterly game with Merrett backing him up by defeating Saunoris and Novikov.

Jeff Ingber never seemed quite at his best either in this tie or throughout the Championships.

DISAPPOINTING DEFEAT

We were rather disappointingly beaten by the Yugoslavians—and I say disappointingly because despite the ability of Vojislav Markovic, who is, of course, our own English "Open" champion, our team had been displaying such superb form, with Harrison in particular playing "over his head," that we hoped for a victory.

As it was, we went down 5-3, the key match being that which Harrison lost to Janez Teran—his own personal bogey man—after leading 15-12 in the final set.

Our girls did as well as could be expected in the Corbillon Cup. We finished third in our group, losing as expected to the holders, Japan—although Di Rowe played excellently in one of her ties—and rather disappointingly being defeated by Russia, in which for once Di was not at her best, and after which Jean Harrower, who had a pretty disastrous first World Championship, was involved in a distressing scene with her team-mate.

In the individual events it would have been surprising had Merrett, Ingber or Miss Harrower done well—and there were no surprises.

Ian Harrison, I felt, was playing well enough to beat even that magnificent veteran of 187 international appearances, Hungary's Ferenc Sido, but after rallying to win the third set, he allowed his concentration to be disturbed by applause for a neighbouring match and could never recover again.

Diane Rowe justified her position as seventh seed, beating Imrene Kerekes, of Hungary, who was seeded two below her.

But in the quarter-finals the game English girl went out to the holder, Kimiyo Matsuzaki, of Japan, in three straight and rather one-sided sets.

Di always had trouble with her opponent's service and once more it was a question of attack overwhelming a resolute defence which had too little variety.

Now to the winners. From the word go it seemed very unlikely that Jung Kuo-tuan, the defending men's singles champion, would retain his title. Sure enough, in the fourth round he was blasted out of the picture by that fabulous 15-year-old Brazilian schoolboy, Ubiracy Costa.

"Ubi"—as he is not surprisingly known—hit harder than any of the other Western players and assuming that he can get enough practice around his native Sao Paulo—oddly enough, the same district from which Wimbledon Champion Maria Bueno comes—he looks to be the only threat to the ever-increasing Oriental supremacy.

He did not survive the next round, reaction inevitably overcoming him when he met Hu Tao-pen.

All four semi-finalists in the men's singles were Chinese—a tremendous performance but it is sad to have to record that the closing rounds of the Championships were marred by a number of scratchings.

With only one day left there were eight of these and in every case it was one Chinese player or a pair withdrawing in favour of another. On one occasion when one Chinese had to meet the winner of a match in which there was not a Chinese player involved, they deliberately postponed the all-Chinese match until they saw who the winner of the other match was, so that the Chinese player more likely to beat him was retained.

Myself and my colleagues brought this up at the final meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation when the Hon. Ivor Montagu, President of the I.T.T.F., admitted that there had been misunderstanding by the Chinese captain, who seemed to have confused the individual events with the team ones—where, of course, substitutions can be used from tie to tie—and Montagu promised that such a thing would never again be allowed to occur.

The eventual winner of the men's singles was **Chuang Tse-tung**, the 19-year-old Peking student who had done so well the previous year by capturing the singles title in the Scandinavian Championships when touring with China's "B" team—which prompted someone to ask what their "A" team was like!

Throughout the Championships I always thought that Chuang was the most likely winner. He is, of course, a pen holder and couples brilliant change of direction with a mastery of swerve shots and greater agility than most of the Chinese players, who in this respect are not quite comparable with the Japanese.

I have never seen a more imperiturbable youngster. On occasions in his final match against Li Fu-jung he would appear disinterested almost to the point of boredom and he displayed what used to be known as the prerogative of Balliol men, "a consciousness of effortless and inevitable superiority."

THE BEST MATCH

Quite the best match of the Championships to me was the women's final in which **Chiu Chung-hui**, a bespectacled 26-year-old from Peking, beat that dancing red-head, Eva Kozcian Foldi.

This proved that it is not necessary to employ the pen-holder grip to be successful for had it not been for one blatant misinterpretation of the rules and one inexplicable action by the umpire, I firmly believe that the attractive Hungarian girl would have won.

She was leading by two sets to one when the first incident occurred. With the score at 20-18 in favour of Miss Chiu, the Chinese girl placed her non-playing hand on the surface and clearly moved the table a couple of inches or so.

However, the umpire refused to award the point to Eva and the match was thus levelled at two sets all.

In the final set, despite the Chinese girl's superb forehand drop shot with which she opened up the table, Eva, who in the semi-final had beaten world champion Kimiyo Matsuzaki, was fairly whizzing about like a sputnik in orbit round the table, chopping well on both

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wings and bringing off the occasional backhand flick and forehand drives.

In the final set she led 6-1, 14-10, and eventually 17-14.

Then for some undisclosed reason the umpire, without being called upon, left his seat, went to the sidelines, got a towel and presented it to Miss Chiu so that she could wipe her shoes which had been slipping on the parquet flooring.

To be fair, he did offer it to the Hungarian girl, who didn't want it, but unfortunately her concentration had been broken and she lost the next four points and won only two more points in the match.

It was unfortunate, to say the least of it, that the match should be decided in this way, but taking the Championships as a whole, China, both by prowess of its players and by the slick and supremely efficient method of staging, proved herself a new force in world sport.

You have no doubt read how the magnificent 15,000 seater stadium was constructed in fifteen months—a replica of the Westfalenhalle in Dortmund where the last World Championships were staged in 1959.

It's worth recording the opinion of a West German journalist who said: "Of course this is a complete copy of the Westfalenhalle, but I must be honest and admit that the copy is better than the original."

And for those who think that there is a declining public for table tennis, it is worth recalling that there were between 350,000 and 4000,000 spectators at the opening ceremony and the thrice-daily playing sessions which made up the 26th World Table Tennis Championships; proof to me that aggressive play not only brings success but also the crowds.

RESULTS IN FULL**MEN'S SINGLES**

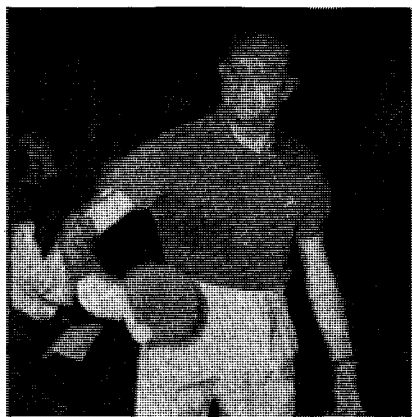
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Murakami bt Chen Hsieh-chung 19.—18, 16, 16. Gomolla bt Yu Chuang-chun —12, 18.—14, 16, 16. Wu Hsiao-ming bt Wilgaard 15, 17, 17. Hsu Yin-sheng bt Loh Heng Chew 15, 13, 10. Wang Chia-sheng bt Kusinski 20, 18, 17. Stanek bt A. Li-kuo 13, 16.—16, 18. Vogrinc bt Kim Jung Soon 6, 18, 16. Tan Cho-lin bt Sadiko 16, 17, 14.

Fourth Round: Costa bt Jung Kuo-tuan —19, 18.—15, 16, 15. Hu Tao-pen bt Prandke —14, 15, 19, 13. Li Fu-jung —19.—15, 14, 19, 8. Hsueh Wei-chu 14.—19, 19, 19.—9, 10. Sido bt Su Kuo-hsi 20, 15, 11. Miki bt Wang Chuan-yao 20, 16, 13. Yang Yui-hua bt Tsao Tzu-chiang 10, 8, 18. Chang Shih-lien bt Ou Sheng-lien 12, 14, 10.

Ogimura bt Peterfy 6, 19.—22.—15, 13. Averin bt Alser 12, 20.—6, 12. Freundorfer bt Vyhnanovsky 15, 12, 20. Chuang Tse-tung bt Chu Jen-lung 12, 13, 14. Murakami bt Gomolla 14, 13, 11. Hsu Yin-sheng bt Wu Hsiao-ming 13, 17, 15. Wang Chia-sheng bt Stanek —14, 19, 13, 15. Tan Cho-lin bt Vogrinc 11, 13, 19.

Fifth Round: Hu Tao-pen bt Costa 18, 14, 16. Li Fu-jung bt Hsueh Wei-chu 14, 10, 11. Miki bt Sido —19, 13.—16, 16, 8. Chang Shih-lien w.o. Yang Yui-Lua scr. Ogimura bt Averin 20, 15, 10. Chuang Tse-tung bt Freundorfer 15, 14, 15. Hsu Yin-sheng bt Murakami 16, 11, 16. Tan Cho-lin bt Wang Chia-sheng 8, 13, 17.

Quarter-Finals: Li Fu-jung bt Hu Tao-pen 11, 14, 12. Chang Shih-lien bt Miki 9, 5, 11. Chuang Tse-tung bt Ogimura 9, 21, 10. Hsu Yin-sheng bt Tan Cho-lin 8, 14, 11.

Semi-Finals: LI-FU-JUNG bt Chang Shih-lien 15, 11.—10. CHUANG TSE-TUNG bt Hsu Yin-sheng 18, 14, 17.

Final: CHUANG TSE-TUNG bt Li Fu-jung 15, 15.—19, 17.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round: N. Ivanova (Bulgaria) bt N. Davis (N. Zealand) 18, 13.—17, 15. Wang Hsiu-lan (China) bt L. Guntch (Sweden)

—15, 18.—19, 18, 11. Teng Chu-chun (China) bt C. Nowaryta (Poland) 10, 16.—17, 25. D. Lukina (Russia) bt G. Nansal (Mongolia) 10, 9, 7. Cheng Ying-mei (China) bt I. Muser (W. Germany) —19, 21, 17, 17. Tung Shu-ying (China) bt E. Akuteh (Ghana) 8, 5, 6. I. Hollmann (E. Germany) bt Baik Ok Hi (N. Korea) 14, 7, 5. Chang Hsiu-ying (China) bt K. Rana (Nepal) 5, 6, 8. Pang Hsien (China) bt E. Lida (Poland) 13, 13, 14. Tai Lung-chu (China) bt L. Murphy (Australia) 16, 7, 8.

N. J. Attwood (N. Zealand) bt Tai Pei-mei (China) —19, 24, 19.—18, 18. Shao Lan-fang (China) bt N. Buckland (Australia) 12.—18, 14. S. Huang Yu-huan (China) bt R. Shah (Nepal) 18, 17, 14. G. Pitica (Rumania) bt Hsiao Chieh-wen (China) 17, 17, 14. A. Boyadjieva (Bulgaria) bt B. Naran (Mongolia) 12, 8, 2. Shih Kuei-ming (China) bt B. Packwood (N. Zealand) 11, 8, 10. D. R. Gomolla (W. Germany) bt R. Fikree (Pakistan) 2, 5, 4. D. Szmidi (Poland) bt Han Tzu-pin (China) 20, 8, 22. Liang Li-chen (China) bt Trinh Le Khanh (N. Vietnam) 12, 10, 11. C. Folea (Rumania) bt B. Andersson (Sweden) —13, 16, 17, 9. Yeh Pei-chun (China) bt R. Monkarzel (Ghana) 4, 5, 12.

Second Round: K. Itoh (Japan) bt Li Ho-nan (China) 14, 13, 17. Wang Chien (China) bt Ivanova 10, 9, 13. Wang Hsiu-lan bt L. Uhrova (Czech.) —17, 12.—21, 13, 15. S. Kunz (E. Germany) bt Teng Chu-chun 18, 19, 11. Hu Ke-ming (China) bt Lukina 17, 13, 14. Ti Chiang-hua (China) bt L. Cohen (Australia) 19.—18, 12.—19, 17. Chen Ying-mei bt M. Shah (Nepal) 10, 13, 18. S. Mathe (Hungary) bt Tun Shu-ying (China) 9, 15.—17, 17.

Chui Chung-hui (China) bt Hollman 17, 21, 18. Liu Mei-ying bt J. Green (N. Zealand) 5, 8, 13. Chang Hsiu-ying bt J. Harrower (England) 19, 9, 12. M. Alexandru (Rumania) bt Pang Hsien 13, 13, 12. V. Schwarzova (Czech.) bt Tu Kuo-jui (China) 13, 13, 17. Tai Lung-chu bt C. Rougagnou (France) 17, 14, 11. Hu Shu-fen (China) w.o. Han Yu-chen (China) bt T. Okada (Japan) 13, 13.—16.—18, 13.

E. Koczian (Hungary) bt Lin Hui-ching (China) 16, 14, 16. S. Paisjova (Russia) bt Attwood 18, 9, 16. Shao Lan-fang bt M. Carlsson (Sweden) 18.—18, 16, 22. J. Kruse (W. Germany) bt Chou Pao-chin (China) 13, 15.—19, 12. M. Seki (Japan) bt Ho Yun-fu (China) —20.—15, 16, 17, 21. Huang Yu-huan bt C. Bannach (E. Germany) 14, 17, 16. Pitica bt T. Akuteh (Ghana) 2, 7, 11. Sun Mei-ying (China) bt Boyadjieva 4, 12, 9.

D. Rowe (England) bt Ma Kuang-hung (China) 15.—13, 17, 20. Shih Kuei-ming (China) bt D. Kalweit (E. Germany) 19, 18, 13. Yang Su-fen (China) bt Gomolla —14, 14, 12.—20, 17. I. Kerekes (Hungary) bt Szmidi 19.—9, 17.—16, 24. Liang Li-chen bt N. Ramanauskaitė (Russia) 13, 8, 11. E. Kroupova (Czech.) bt Yang Chiao-lal (China) 10.—18, 15.—10, 15. Folea bt Chih Hui-fang (China) 11, 16, 11. K. Matsuzaki (Japan) bt Yeh Pei-chun 15, 15, 14.

Third Round: Wang Chien bt Itoh —14, 12, 20, 18. Wang Hsiu-lan bt Kunz —17, 12, 12, 16. Hu Ke-ming bt Ti Chiang Hua 15, 20, 15. Mathe bt Chen Ying-mei 18, 14.—10, 13. Chiu Chung-hui bt Liu Mei-ying 9, 13, 7. Alexandru bt Chang Hsiu-ying 12, 12.—19, 16. Tai Lung-chu w.o. bt Schwarzova scr. Han Yu-chen w.o. Hu Shu-fen scr.

Koczian bt Paisjov 22, 17.—17, 3. Kruse bt Shao Lan-fang —15, 15, 7, 19. Seki bt Huang Yu-huan —19, 19, 9, 14. Sun Mei-ying bt Pitica 10, 15, 12. Rowe bt Shih Kuei-ming —17, 17, 15.—18, 12. Kerekes bt Yang Su-fen 12, 19, 14. Liang Li-chen bt Kroupova 19, 14, 15. Matsuzaki bt Folea 14, 12, 13.

Fourth Round: Wang Chien w.o. Wang Hsiu-lan scr. Mathe bt Hu Ke-ming —17, 18.—15, 17, 17. Chiu Chung-hui bt Alexandru 17, 11.—8, 22. Han Yu-chen bt Tai Lung-chu 19.—18, 17, 14. Koczian bt Kruse —19, 19, 6, 13. Sun Mei-ying bt Seki —16, 18, 10.—15, 15. Rowe bt Kerekes —19, 12.—17, 9, 17. Matsuzaki bt Liang Li-chen —19, 17, 17, 12.

Quarter-Finals: Wang Chien bt Mathe —22, 16, 10, 14. Chiu Chung-hui w.o. Han Y-chen scr. Koczian bt Sun Mei-ying —19, 18, 18, 19. Matsuzaki bt Rowe 11, 12, 10.

Semi-Finals: CHIU CHUNG-HUI bt Wang Chien 7, 13, 13. KOCZIAN bt Matsuzaki —7, 20, 20, 16

Final: CHIU CHUNG-HUI bt Koczian —19, 19.—14, 18, 19.

MEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: Wu Hung/Wang Hung-chi bt Novikov/Kadnini (Russia) 23.—20, 13, 15. Sen Poh Lim/Ho Feng (Singapore) bt Joshi/Lohanki (Nepal) —22, 15, 10, 9. Shibutani/Miki (Japan) bt Kuo Yi-ping/Huo Chung-kung (China) 16.—19, 14, 15. Saunoris/Averin (Russia) bt Lohani/Gopal (Nepal) 11, 6, 20. Bui Duc Long/Nguyen Xuan Hien (N. Vietnam) bt Ingber/Crayden (England) 12, 17, 14. Costa/Roth (Brazil) bt Mao Toon Siang/Aung Kyaw Than (Burma) 12, 14, 13.

Second Round: Ogimura/Murakami (Japan) bt Tsao Tzu-chiang/Wu Hsiao-ming (China) 8, 18.—19, 17. Harrison/Merritt (England) bt Tran Vu Phay/Tran Nhat Huy (N. Vietnam) 18.—21, 21.—19, 17. Freundorfer/Ness (W. Germany) bt Poon Weng Hoe/Loh Hen Chew (Singapore) —18, 16.—18, 12, 20. Ai Li-kuo/Liang Yu-hai (China) bt Midosi/Duarte (Brazil) 9, 16, 11. Chou Lan-sun/Wang Chia-cheng (China) bt Derdon/Garczynski (Poland) 18, 17, 18. Kim Chung Hao/Kim Yung Sam (N. Korea) bt Tomlinson/Foster (N. Zealand) —19, 18, 10, 14. Vogrinc/Hrbud (Yugoslavia) bt Quaye/Quaye (Ghana) 12, 6, 19. Alser/Larsson bt Chen Hsieh-chung/Su Kuo-hsi (China) 12, 17.—12, 17.

Wang Chuan-yao/Hsu Yin-sheng (China) w.o. Barna/Leach

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIAL

SO RIGHT ENGLAND SHOULD BE THERE

says **DESMOND HACKETT**

(Daily Express Columnist)



DESMOND HACKETT

THEY called it the Peking Workers' Stadium but what a rare beauty went under this depressingly common name. It was as gracious as a delicate Chinese rice bowl. But there was nothing delicate nor tranquil about the events which had this bowl bubbling with the wildest excitement I have ever seen around the world of sport, and I have seen a few.

When China won the Swaythling Cup the 20,000 who with traditional fiendish cleverness had packed themselves into 15,000 places went madly unreservedly Chinese crackers.

The heat was like the more unbearable sections of the Turkish Baths. When I found time to take the deep breath and glance around the sight was unforgettable.

Twenty thousand gleaming almond faces fixed tiger-gold eyes on the green tennis tables. You could have closed your eyes to tell the progress of the final against Japan.

Bubbling Cauldron

When China scored a point the cauldron would bubble over with a rumbling thunderous roar. Should Japan score up went a lament of "ee-yah." As the final points were being played out the crowd seemed to move towards the edge of their seats as though wishing to be a part

of this night when China was being a world sports power.

There were old men with mandarin wisps of beards and black skull caps peering through rheumy inscrutable eyes, young girls all unhappily looking far from the occidental notion of Suzy Wong with their squat noses bobbed ahri and blue denim uniforms that reminded me with no joy at all of British Railway engine drivers.

There were tense fine looking young men who looked ready to leap into the arena to aid China. There were round faced babes looking as solemn as this great moment demands.

Matched Anything

The winning shot for China matched anything I have seen in the world title fight rings or the soccer stadia and athletics tracks around the world.

Pin pang as they name table tennis down Peking way had made this Peking Workers' Stadium the temple of the tenth happiness.

It was as memorable as the opening ceremony on which occasion I was overcome by the Chinese atmosphere and cabled back — at three shillings a word:

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Thirty nations marched behind their banners. There were the Ghana boys and girls giggling, smiling, flashing their white teeth all as gay as their lively cotton dresses. There were lithe little men from tiny Singapore, hopefuls from Cuba, lusty sporting

cobbers and cobberesses from Australia who played with more pluck than skill.

From New Zealand came a bonny fourteen-year-old who had never been on a train until she reached China. She also gave the impression that this was her first association with table tennis.

But the splendid point was that they all came, they marched, and they played as well as they knew.

I was glad to stand up and cheer when England marched in all present and correct in their smart blue and gold outfits. Certainly they never looked world beaters, often they were a shade grim. But how much grimmer it would have been had they been among the absentees.

They had no hope, said some of the old stay-at-homes of England. But they had more hope than the cheerful little folks from Ghana.

When we stay away from every game in which we have no hope then international sport in England will be out of business. (Help! Come to think of it, me too!)

England made a great contribution to world sport when they created Table Tennis. The game is governed by British officials whose rule is deeply respected and warmly appreciated.

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(England) scr. Cobirzan/Covaci (Rumania) bt Alagbala/Kotun (Nigeria) 8, 6, 7. Wu Hung/Wang Hung-chi (China) bt McDonald/Thomson (Australia) 17, 18, —20, 18. Wingaard/Jespersen (Denmark) bt Cabrera/Rodriguez (Ecuador) —19, 19, —12, 15, 15. Hu Toa-pen/Tan Cho-lin (China) bt Maung Myint/Richard Tan (Burma) 10, 8, 11. Vyhnanovsky/Andreadis (Czech.) bt Sen Poh Lim/Soh Cheo Whor (Singapore) 10, 18, 9. Schneider/Pleuse bt Hsueh Wei-chu/Hu Ping-chuan (China) —14, 8, 18, —13, 18. Berczik/Sido (Hungary) bt Cyrus/Dembowski (Poland) 17, 19, 14.



Scene at the Swaythling and Corbiffon Cup finals.

Chuang Tse-tung/Li Fun-jung (China) w.o. Angula/Morales (Cuba) scr. Kim Sung Soon/Zung Kil Hwa (N. Korea) w.o. Sladkarov/Guerdjkov (Bulgaria) scr. Shibutani/Mike bt Calinski/Kusinski (Poland) 15, 16, 13. Dunn/Frew (N. Zealand) w.o. Cheang/Duque (Portugal) scr. Rozsas/Peterfy (Hungary) bt Chuang Chia-fu/Chang Shih-lin (China) 21, 21, —13, —9, 17. Saunoris/Averin bt Ou Sheng-lien/Yu Chang-chun —18, 20, 14, 19. Markovic/Teran (Yugoslavia) bt Severo/Antelo (Brazil) 12, 13, 15. Negulescu/Rethi (Rumania) bt Lam Kwok Wah/Wong Chee Nam (Singapore) —9, 11, —16, 14, 20.

Hoshino/Kimura (Japan) bt Li Jen-su/Wang Chih-liang (China) —18, 15, 18, 12. Foldi/Pignitzky (Hungary) w.o. Thackersey/Khodaiji (India) scr. Reimann/Lemke (E. Germany) w.o. Thuc Duc Long/Nguyen Xuan Hien 10, 14, 17. Tsai Ming-shu/Tu Han-kang (China) bt Wilcox/Morgan (Australia) 4, 14, 8. Jung Kuo-tuan/Yang Jui-hua (China) bt Heyerdahl/Melstrom (Sweden) 10, 12, 11. Hansen/Lyttik (Denmark) bt Costa/Roth (Brazil) 15, 16, —19, 18. Chu Jen-lung/Ma Chin-pao (China) bt Prandke/Gomolla (W. Germany) 7, 11, 16. Stanek/Polakovic (Czech.) bt Kubaczka/Roslan (Poland) 10, 17, 7.

Third Round: Ogimura/Murakami bt Harrison/Merrett 13, 14, 19. Frensdorfer/Ness bt Ai Li-kuo/Liang Yu-hai —11, 20, —14, 18, 17. Chou Lan-sun/Wang Chia-sheng bt Kim Yung Sam/Kim Chung Hao 13, 15, 15. Alser/Larsson bt Vogrinc/Hrbud 13, 20, 18.

Wang Chuan-yao/Hsu Yin-sheng bt Corbirzan/Covaci 9, 4, —17, 16. Wu Hung/Wang Hung-chi bt Jespersen/Wingaard —15, 15, 19, 9. Hu Tao-pen/Tan Cho-lin bt Vyhnanovsky/Andreadis 20, 17, —9, 16. Berczik/Sido bt Schneider/Pleuse 15, —15, 10, 18.

Chung Tse-tung/Li Fu-jung bt Kim Zung Soon/Zung Kil Hwa 10, —23, 14, 17. Shibutani/Miki bt Dunn/Frew 12, 18, 12. Rozsas/Peterfy bt Saunoris/Averin 19, 14, 10. Negulescu/Rethi bt Markovic/Teran —9, 11, —16, 14, 20.

Hoshino/Kimura bt Foldi/Pignitzky 10, 17, 17. Tsai Ming-shu/Tu Han-kang bt Reimann/Lemke 14, 14, 10. Jung Kuo-tuan/Yang Yuo-hua bt Hansen/Lyttik 11, 18, 15. Chu Jen-lung/Ma Chin-pao bt Stanek/Polakovic 12, —14, 14, 7.

Fourth Round: Ogimura/Murakami bt Frensdorfer/Ness 14, 12, 19. Chou Lan-sun/Wang Chia-sheng bt Alser/Larsson —19, 17, 19, 18. Wang Chuan-yao/Hsu Ying-sheng w.o. Wu Hung/Wang Hung-chi scr. Berczik/Sido bt Hu Tao-pen/Tan Cho-lin 20, 17, —9, 16.

Chuang Tse-tung/Li Fu-jung bt Shibutani/Miki 6, 18, 19. Rozsas/Peterfy bt Negulescu/Rethi —20, 17, 20, 8. Hoshino/Kimura bt Tsai Ming-shu/Tu Han-hang 15, 19, 16. Jung Kuo-tuan/Yang Jui-hua w.o. Chu Jen-lung/Ma Chin-pao scr.

Quarter-finals: Chou Lan-sun/Wang Chia-sheng bt Ogimura/Murakami —19, 17, 19, 18. Berczik/Sido bt Wang Chuan-yao/Hsu Yin-sheng —18, 10, —18, 22, 18.

Chuang Tse-tung/Li Fu-jung bt Rozsas/Peterfy 17, 19, 14. Hoshino/Kimura bt Jung Kuo-tuan/Yang Jui-hua 10, 13, 13.

Semi-Finals: BERCZIK/SIDO bt Chou Lan-sun/Wang Chia-sheng 13, 15, 19. HOSHINO/KIMURA bt Chuang Tse-tung/Li Fu-jung 14, —12, 11, 15.

Final: HOSHINO/KIMURA bt Berczik/Sido 18, —25, 19, 13.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: Noworyta/Szmidt (Poland) bt Nansal/Naran (Mongolia) 19, 11, 18. Alber/Rougagnou (France) bt Ramanauskaitė/Luking (Russia) 19, 20, 18. Eannack/Hollmann (E. Germany) bt Davis/Green (N. Zealand) 11, —17, 14, 11. Carlsson (Sweden)/Chou Mei-chen (China) bt Buckland (Australia)/Gomolla (W. Germany) 18, 26, 13. Kroupova/Uhrova (Czech.) bt Akueteh/Akueteh (Ghana) 4, 6, 6.

Lida (Portugal)/Folea (Rumania) bt Jacks (Ghana)/Chen Yuhua (China) —17, —17, 10, 25, 12. Liu Mei-ying/Wang Hsiu-lan (China) bt Ivanova/Boyadjeva (Bulgaria) 12, —17, 12, —15, 12. Chang Hsiu-ying/Yang Chiao-lai (China) bt Paisjarv/Kondratayte (Russia) —17, 12, 7, 18. Shao Lan-fang/Tung Shu-ying (China) bt Attwood/Packwood (N. Zealand) 12, 14, 12. Muser/Kruse (W. Germany) bt Shah/Shah (Nepal) 10, 20, 9.

Second Round: Matsuzaki/Itoh (Japan) bt Huang Yu-huan/Yang Su-fen (China) 12, 15, 20. Tai Lung-chu/Chih Hui-fang (China) bt Noworyta/Szmidt —19, 18, 20, 13. Shih Kuei-ming/Ho Yun-fu (China) bt Alber/Rougagnou 15, 15, 10. Alexandru/Pitica (Rumania) bt Pang Hsien/Hu Shu-fen (China) 18, 11, 15. Hu Ke-ming/Wang Chien (China) bt Bannach/Hollmann 7, 17, 17. Hsiao Chieh-wen/Tu Kuo-jui (China) bt Carlsson/Chou Mei-chen 16, —11, 12, 13. Kroupova/Uhrova bt Li Ho-nan/Chen Ying-mei —18, —12, 15, 11, 18. Koczian/Mathe (Hungary) bt Chou Pao-chin/Han Tzu-pin (China) —21, 10, 11, 20.

Chiu Chung-hui/Sun Mei-ying (China) bt Cohen/Murphy (Australia) 9, 13, 10. Tai Pei-mei/Teng Chu-chun (China) bt Lida, Folea 15, 12, —13, 11. Liu Mei-ying/Wang Hsiu-lan w.o. Fikree/Fikree (Pakistan) scr. Chang Hsiu-ying/Yang Chiao-lai bt Kunz/Kalweit (E. Germany) —16, 7, 16, 19. Ma Kuang-hung/Ti Chiang-hua (China) bt Rowe/Harrower (England) 12, 9, 5. Shao Lan-fang/Tung Shu-ying bt Andersson/Guntsch (Sweden) 18, 9, —11, 22. Han Yu-chen/Liang Li-chen (China) bt Muser/Kruse 9, 13, —17, 14. Okada/Seki (Japan) bt Yeh Pei-chun/Lin Hui-ching (China) —14, 26, 14, 17.

Third Round: Matsuzaki/Itoh bt Tai Lung-chu/Chih Hui-fang 11, 13, 11. Alexandru/Pitica bt Shih Kuei-ming/Ho Yun-fu 19, 17, 13. Hu Ke-ming/Wang Chien bt Hsiao Chieh-wen/Tu Kuo-jui 17, 17, 19. Koczian/Mathe bt Kroupova/Uhrova —13, 15, 17, 13.

Chiu Chung-hui/Sun Mei-ying bt Tai Pei-mei/Ten Chu-chun 17, 14, 5. Chang Hsiu-ying/Yang Chiao-lai bt Liu Mei-ying/Wang Hsiu-lan 19, 19, 18. Ma Kuang-hung/Ti Chiang-hua bt Shao Lan-fang/Tung Shu-ying 14, 13, 9. Han Yu-chen/Liang Li-chen bt Okado/Seki 16, 18, 16.

Quarter-Finals: Alexandru/Pitica bt Matsuzaki/Itoh 22, —18, 15, 16. Hu Ke-ming/Wang Chien bt Koczian/Mathe 13, 12, —15, 20. Chiu Chung-hui/Sun Mei-ying bt Yang Chiao-lai/Chang Hsiu-ying 11, 8, 10. Han Yu-chen/Liang Li-chen bt Ma Kuang-hung/Ti Chiang-hua 13, 14, 16.

Semi-Finals: ALEXANDRU/PITICA bt Hu Ke-ming/Wang Chien —18, 17, 15, 18. CHIU CHUNG-HUI/SUN MEI-YING bt Han Yu-chen/Liang Li-chen 9, 5, 8.

Final: ALEXANDRU/PITICA bt Chiu Chung-hui/Sun Mei-ying 14, —12, 18, —17, 13.

MIXED DOUBLES

First Round: Costa (Brazil)/Pang Hsien (China) bt Garczynski/Lida (Poland) 16, —19, 16, 16. Harrison/Rowe (England) bt Lemke/Hollmann (E. Germany) 17, 14, —18, —16, 13. Larsson/Guntsch (Sweden) bt Novikov/Kondratayte (Russia) 19, 10, —19, 18. Tsai Ming-shu/Ho Yun-fu (China) bt Frew/Davis (N. Zealand) 4, 13, 10.

Second Round: Ogimura/Matsuzaki (Japan) bt Tu Han-kang/Li Ho-nan (China) 17, —14, 19, 11. Prandke/Kruse (W. Germany) bt Lohani/Shah (Nepal) 19, 10, 11. Wang Chia-sheng/Wang Chien (China) bt Quaye/Akueteh (Ghana) 11, 8, 15.

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Schneider/Kalweit (W. Germany) bt Alser/Carlsson (Sweden) 17, 11, 18. Foldi/Mathe (Hungary) bt Negulescu/Pitica (Rumania) 18, —16, 12, —6, 17. Wu Hsiao-ming/Chen Ying-mei (China) bt Wilcox/Murphy 18, 10, 15. Costa/Pang Hsien bt Averin/Ramanouskaite (Russia) 14, 17, —21, 20. Chuang Tse-tung/Chiu Chung-hui (China) bt Dunn/Attwood (N. Zealand) 9, 9, 11.

Hoshino/Seki (Japan) bt Chang Shih-lin/Lin Hui-ching (China) —14, 17, 19, 14. Harrison/Rowe bt Kalnini/Lukina (Russia) 15, 13, 18. Ness/Gomolla (W. Germany) bt Heyerdahl/Andersson (Sweden) —12, 17, 11, 11. Yang Jui-hua/Ti Chiang-hua bt Wang Chih-liang (China)/Boyadjieva (Bulgaria) 14, —13, 15, —20, 12. Hsu Yin-sheng/Hu Ke-ming (China) bt Foster/Green (N. Zealand) 11, 14, 14. Rethi/Folea (Rumania) bt Callinski Noworyta (Poland) 12, 12, 18. Liang Yu-hai/Shih Kuei-ming (China) bt Thomson (Australia)/Rouganou (France) 17, 15, 10. Vyhnanovsky/Kroupova (Czech.) bt Sido/Kocziar (Hungary) —19, 14, 18, 13.

Wang Chuan-yao/Sun Mei-ying (China) bt Gomolla (W. Germany)/Alber (France) 7, 15, 15. Reimann/Kunz (E. Germany) bt Aryee/Jacks (Ghana) 10, 8, 9. Petyer (Hungary)/Ivanova (Bulgaria) bt Kusinski/Szmidt (Poland) 12, 11, —16, 15. Su Kuo-hsi/Yeh Pei-chun (China) w.o. Chou Lan-sun/Ma Kuang-hung (China) bt Packwood/Tomlinson (N. Zealand) 14, 8, 8. Morgan/Cohen (Australia) bt Gopal/Rana (Nepal) 14, 16, 14. Hu Tao-pen/Chang Hsiu-ying (China) bt Larsson/Guntsch 15, 12, —19, 15. Cobirzan/Alexandru (Rumania) bt Shibutani/Okada (Japan) —19, 10, 18, 13.

Saunoris/Paisjarv (Russia) bt Berczik/Kerekes (Hungary) 17, 17, —20, 19. Stanek/Uhrova (Czech.) bt Tsai Ming-shu/Ho Un-fu 12, 13, 20. Tan Cho-lin/Liang Li-chen w.o. McDonald/Buckland (Australia) bt Joshi/Shah (Nepal) 19, 11, 15. Li Fu-jung/Han Yu-chen (China) bt Quaye/Akueteh (Ghana) 7, 9, 8. Fruendorfer/Muser (W. Germany) w.o. Yu Chang-chun (China) bt Merrett/Harrower (England) —15, 12, —21, 16, 20. Murakami/Itoh (Japan) bt Pleuse/Bannach (E. Germany) 22, 12, 15.

Third Round: Ogimura/Matsuzaki bt Pradke/Kruse 17, 14, 18. Wang Chia-sheng/ Wang Chien bt Schneider/Kalweit 12, 17, 16. Foldi/Mathe bt Wu Hsiao-ming/Chen Ying-mei 11, 8, —16, 18. Chuang Tse-tung/Chiu Chung-hui bt Costa/Pang Hsien 12, 13, 17.

Hoshino/Seki bt Harrison/Rowe 20, —12, 14, —19, 15. Yang Jui-hua/Ti Chiang-hua bt Ness/Gomolla 18, 11, 10. Rethi/Folea bt Hsu Yin-sheng/Hu Keming —5, —19, 17, 16, 19. Liang Yu-hai/Shih Kuei-ming bt Vyhnanovsky Kroupova 13, —13, 18, 15.

Wang Chuan-yao/Sun Mei-ying bt Reimann/Kunz 14, 20, 13. Su Kuo-hsi/Yeh Pei-chun bt Petyer/Ivanova 20, —18, 17, 11. Chou Lan-sun/Ma Kuang-hung bt Morgan/Cohen 16, 8, 15. Chang Hsiu-ying/Hu Tao-pen bt Cobirzan/Alexandru 17, 20, 15.

Saunoris/Paisjarv bt Stanek/Uhrova 17, 12, —16, —18, 22. Tan Cho-lin/Liang Li-chen bt McDonald/Buckland 10, 17, 15. Li Fu-jung/Han Yu-chen bt Fruendorfer/Muser 22, 17, 15. Murakami/Itoh bt Yu Chang-chun/Hu Shu-fen 13, —15, 11, 19.

Fourth Round: Ogimura/Matsuzaki bt Wang Chia-sheng/Wang Chien 9, —11, 18, 12. Chuang Tse-tung/Chiu Chung-hui bt Foldi-Mathe 9, 12, 12. Hoshino/Seki bt Yang Jui-hua/Ti Chiang-hua 19, 10, —17, 18. Rethi/Folea bt Liang Yu-hai/Shih Kuei-ming 12, —20, —20, 16, 14.

Wang Chuan-yao/Sun Mei-ying w.o. Su Kuo-hsi/Yeh Pei-chun scr. Hu Tao-pen/Chang Hsiu-ying w.o. Chou Lan-sun/Ma Kuang-hung scr. Tan Cho-lin/Liang Li-chen bt Saunoris/Paisjarv 10, 14, —17, 20. Li Fu-jung/Han Yu-chen bt Murakami/Itoh 19, 14, 17.

Quarter-Finals: Ogimura/Matsuzaki bt Chuang Tse-tung/Chiu Chung-hui 23, 16, 16. Hoshino/Seki bt Rethi/Folea 17, 14, —20, 12. Wang Chuan-yao/Sun Mei-ying w.o. Hu Tao-pen/Chang Hsiu-ying scr. Li Fu-jung/Han Yu-chen bt Tan Cho-lin/Liang Li-chen 4, 6, 10.

Semi-Finals: OGIMURA/MATSUZAKI bt Hoshino/Seki 21, —15, 19, 14. LI FU-JUNG/HAN YU-CHEN bt Wang Chuan-yao/Sun Mei-ying 13, 4, 7.

Final: OGIMURA/MATSUZAKI bt Li Fu-jung/Han Yu-chen 17, 14, —16, 9.

ENGLISH RESULTS AT A GLANCE**MEN'S SINGLES**

Ingber lost to Jung Kuo-tuan —11, —13, —9.

Harrison bt Annilo (Russia) 18, 10, 9; bt Garczynski (Poland) 18, 10, 9; lost to Sido (Hungary) —18, —19, 17, —16.

Crayden bt Kotun (Nigeria) 17, 12, 19; lost to Kimura (Japan) —16, —8, —9.

Leach lost to Hsu Yin-sheng (China) —7, —5, —13.

Merrett lost to Vogrine (Yugoslavia) —8, —13, —12.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Harrower lost to Chang Hsiu-ying (China) —19, —9, —12.

Rowe bt Ma Kuang-hung (China) 15, —13, 17, 20; bt Shih Kuei-ming (China) —17, 17, 15, —18, 12; bt Kerekes (Hungary) —19, 12, —17, 17; lost to Matsuzaki (Japan) —11, —12, —10.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Harrison/Merrett bt Tran Vu Phay/Tran Nhat Huy (N. Vietnam) 18, —21, 21, —19, 17; lost to Ogimura/Murakami —13, —14, —19.

Barna/Leach scr.

Ingber/Crayden lost to Bui Duc Long/Nguyen Xuan Hien (N. Vietnam) —12, —17, —14.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Rowe/Harrower lost to Ma Kuang-hung/Ti Chiang-hua —12, —9, 5.

MIXED DOUBLES

Harrison/Rowe bt Lemke/Hollman (E. Germany) 17, 14, —18, —16, 13; bt Kalnini/Lukina (Russia) 15, 13, 18; lost to Hoshino/Seki (Japan) —20, 12, —14, 19, —15.

Merrett/Harrower lost to Yu Chang-chun/Hu Shu-fen (China) 15, —12, 21, —16, —20.

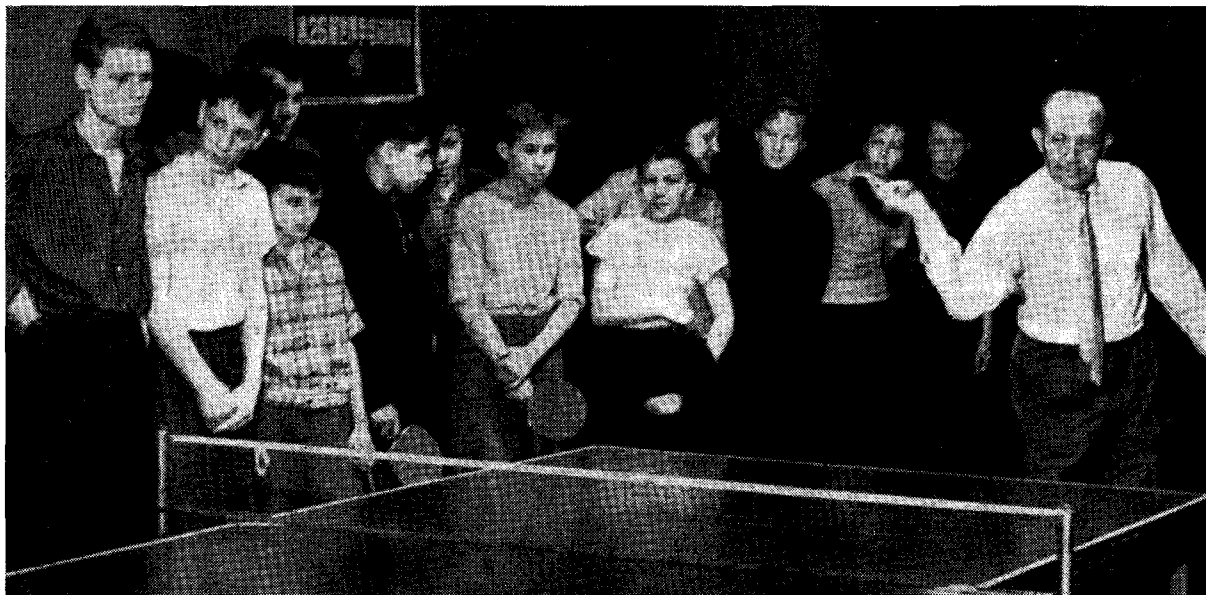


Photo by V. Un Das-sin.

VICTOR BARNÁ visited Moscow on his way to Peking for the World Championships. Our picture shows him demonstrating his famous backhand flick during a coaching session at the children's sports school belonging to the "Shakter" Society.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIAL

THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL WORLDS YET

Says VICTOR BARNA

NO doubt you have seen the results of the Peking Tournament on other pages of this magazine and articles and opinions by various people. I haven't seen them but I would not be surprised to learn that they all have a completely different view — each contradicting the others.

I am basing my supposition on the fact that in Peking during and after the Championships players, officials, and experts, seemed to differ as to what is the best style to play the game most effectively today. How can the triumphant advance of the pen-holder Asians be halted, the value of the loop drive and things like that.

From this point of view the World Championships at Peking must be considered as the most controversial of all World Championships.

Where I am concerned two aspects of the game interested me most. (a) How much effect the loop drive had on the modern game, and (b) the encounter between the Chinese and Japanese, who though both using the pen-holder grip have a distinct style of their own.

Let's take the loop drive first. The Chinese players — one can safely say — dominated the tournament yet none of them used the loop drive. So the stroke, it seems, is not so necessary or important as it was suggested by some.

The Japanese KIMURA had the best loop drive and he occasionally was successful even against Chinese opposition. As for the others, many players tried to use the stroke, some with success, some without, depending against whom they played.

For instance, Vogrine's poorish loop was more effective against Bryan Merrett than say KIMURA against CHUANG TSE-TUNG. Many a time I thought that by using the loop drive a player can lose the rhythm of his other strokes also by trying hard one is apt to make many mistakes. However, there were matches when the loop was a good weapon, especially when it was used with moderation.

Little wonder that some players are dismissing the loop entirely; others are swearing that by hook or by crook they will learn it. By the way — I don't want to give the impression that the majority of the participants used the loop; on the contrary

— only a few tried to capitalise on it.

The best day of the Championships and the most interesting was the Swaythling Cup final between China and Japan. Though players of both countries are using the pen-holder grip each country has its characteristic style.

The Japanese prefer to play from one side of the table taking everything with their forehand; the Chinese stand in the middle and are not afraid to use their backhand.

It was an intriguing encounter and I was really interested what would be the outcome of it.

Backhand Decisive

Well, the backhand of the Chinese players was the decisive factor; it allowed them to take the initiative at will and it was a strange sight to see Ogimura and his Japanese playmates struggling with defensive strokes.

The theory that one stroke is better than two or more was heavily defeated here.

I would say that unless you can force your own game on everybody you must know more than one stroke — the more the better.

Up until now the Japanese were

allowed to play their particular game: now with the Chinese taking the initiative it was obvious that their stroke repertoire was inadequate.

Just one or two more things — the Chinese as all good players should, play equally well near and far off the table. Nevertheless it was imperative especially against the Japs to *remain near* the table to keep up the attack. Therefore, some of the rallies reminded me of table tennis as it was played 35 years ago, furious half-volley battles with incredible speed.

If this trend continues then I think the knowledge of half-volley and a good reflex will be just as important as it was ages ago.

What of the future? I reckon China will keep their supremacy for quite a while. I spoke to a number of their officials they all say that they will not insist on one method or another. They are encouraging players to use the style to which they are most suited.

I believe they are absolutely right. It is of little avail to work out style and force them on players. Give me the man, give me the champion — who can implement any style!



Li Fu-jung, singles runner-up, with the Swedish team



Above, England march on. Right, Bill Vint presents the St. Bride's Vase to Chuang Tse-Kung. Left, Maria Alexandru and Georg Pitica receiving the "Pope" Cup. Below, members of the England team in a happy mood.



JOHNNY LEACH looks at**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIAL**

THE TEAM EVENTS

SO impressive were China and Japan at their practice sessions held during the two days before the battle began, it was obvious to all they were going to dominate the team events. Their speed, spin and uncanny control had to be seen to be believed. It was therefore no surprise that each won its group with ridiculous ease.

Czechoslovakia was the only country to take a game from China. Their hero was Ivan Andreadis, making a welcome return to international table tennis after an absence of four years. Naturally, Ivan was much slower than in the past. Even so he showed that he has the right game to worry the Oriental wizards by defeating Wang Chuan-Yao and only losing 17-21 in the third to Li Fu-jung.

Ivan seemed to make the ball wait for him. He was able to return the speedy hits of his Chinese opponents with his well known close-to-the-table defence as though he had all the time in the world. Then, when the opportunity presented itself, he would score the winner with a well-placed counter drive from either wing.

Japan dropped two games in their group, one to England and one to Yugoslavia. The stars were Ian Harrison, who defeated Ichiro Ogimura, and Z. Hrbud, who accounted for Kimura. They scored their victories in a similar manner with superb log-range heavy backspin defence, sudden counter drives and certain kills.

World Class

Harrison played world-class table tennis and showed what a great champion he could be if only he could also develop the temperament of a poker-player.

England's men did much better than was expected. To gain No. 6 world ranking was certainly a great achievement of which we can all be proud. Our greatest win, to my mind, was over U.S.S.R., by 5-2.

Remembering how the Russians toyed with us during their tour of England during the early part of this season, it was a tonic to see our team now the masters. Harrison was in tremendous form, winning all his three matches in straight sets. Such was his confidence that he appeared equally at home whether attacking,

defending or sparring for an opening.

Bryan Merrett was also unbeaten, trouncing Saunoris and Novikov in straight sets. Bryan raised his game in this match a good six points by blending some splendid forehand smashes with his always solid defence. These unusual tactics completely bewildered his opponents and, I might add, those of us who were watching.

Unfortunately, when England opposed Yugoslavia, Harrison could not get the better of his bogey opponent J. Teran, and Merrett suffering from hernia was well below par.

Russia our Saviours

Russia, however, were our saviours; for they beat Yugoslavia and then most unexpectedly lost to D. P. R. Korea, the team we had already annihilated 5-0. This placed us joint second in our group with Yugoslavia.

Surprisingly, Hungary had little difficulty in beating Sweden and Rumania to win their group. My hero in this section was 17-year-old Cliff McDonald of Australia who, with clever defensive play and well-chosen hits, defeated European Champion Zolly Berzcik in straight sets.

In the finals, as was more or less expected, Hungary were no match for either China or Japan. Medical student M. Peterfy put up the gamest resistance with some superb all-round play. Berzcik was never in the picture when opposing Japan, whose players seemed to thrive on the defensive returns of Europe's champion, but everyone was amazed when Hungary's leaders dropped Berzcik for the match with China. P. Rozsas, who replaced him, was completely out-classed.

So we came to the final in which China dethroned Japan. It was packed with thrills. Never have I seen such fast table tennis. Hugging the table, the Chinese hit the ball with such speed and deception that the Japanese, who never once made a defensive return, were forced to leap back with uncanny agility to the surrounds. From this position some sixteen feet away from the table, they had the audacity to counter-drive!

In the eighth game, Nobuya Hoshino of Japan electrified the crowd with some fantastic hitting when opposing Jung Kuo-Tuan, the

1959 world champion. You can well imagine the tension, for China was leading 4-3 with Jung 1-0 and 20-17 up on Hoshino. One more point and China would be world champions!

Twenty thousand spectators were praying, wishing and demanding that Jung should win that point. Next came 20,000 groans, as Hoshino leapt all over the court like a ballet dancer to counter-hit himself out of trouble, scoring five consecutive points to win 22-20.

Japan were back in the hunt, yet Jung appeared unrattled by this sudden set-back. With the coolness and certainty of a skilled surgeon performing a routine operation he built up a lead of 18-12 in the third decisive game.

Hoshino made a courageous effort to save the day, and it would be true to say that no sportsman alive could have fought harder to stave off defeat, but eventually lost 18-21.

So China became world team champions, and holders of the Swaythling Cup for the first time—deservedly so, I might add.

I can't remember one single exciting clash in the group matches of the Corbillon Cup. It is true that Rumania caused a big form upset by beating Hungary to win their group, but the actual play was not all that interesting. Rumania's heroine was Maria Alexandru who, with a negative game, fought tremendously hard from start to finish of the championships. Her unbeaten record in the group included a victory over European Champion Eva Koczian.

China and Japan won their sections without conceding a game.

Girls Disappointing

England's girls were disappointing, or perhaps it would be more correct to say that Jean Harrower was disappointing. At one time it looked as if Jean was going to make the grade. She moved well, and played well against Ghana, D.R.V.N. and even against Sweden, although a little nervously on this occasion. But against Russia, to whom we lost 2-3, well it seemed as though Jean could not care less. She was in terrible form, without an ounce of fight. How different from her father Geoff., who used to fight tooth-and-nail for every point!

Jean's failure must have had a

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SWAYTHLING CUP

GROUP A

	Ch	EG	WG	Cz	Bur	Ecu	Gha	Nep	Mon	P.
China	—	5-0	5-0	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	8
E. Germany	0-5	—	5-3	5-4	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	7
W. Germany	0-5	3-5	—	5-3	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	6
Czechoslovakia	1-5	4-5	3-5	—	5-0	5-0	5-1	5-0	5-0	5
Burma	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	—	5-4	5-2	5-1	5-0	4
Ecuador	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	4-5	—	5-4	5-3	5-0	3
Ghana	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	2-5	4-5	—	5-2	5-0	2
Nepal	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	3-5	2-5	—	5-0	1
Mongolia	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	—	0

GROUP B

	Hun	Sw	Rum	Pol	Den	Aus	NV	Nig	P
Hungary	—	5-2	5-0	5-1	5-0	5-1	5-0	5-0	7
Sweden	2-5	—	5-1	5-1	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	6
Rumania	0-5	1-5	—	5-3	5-2	5-0	5-1	5-0	5
Poland	1-5	1-5	3-5	—	5-1	5-2	5-2	5-0	4
Denmark	0-5	1-5	2-5	1-5	—	5-3	5-3	5-0	3
Australia	1-5	0-5	0-5	2-5	3-5	—	4-5	5-4	1
N. Vietnam	0-5	0-5	1-5	2-5	3-5	5-4	—	3-5	1
Nigeria	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	4-5	5-3	—	1

GROUP C

	Jap	Yug	Eng	Rus	N.K.	Bzi	Sin	NZ	Cuba	P
Japan	—	5-1	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	8
Yugoslavia	1-5	—	5-3	3-5	5-1	5-1	5-1	5-0	5-0	6
England	1-5	3-5	—	5-2	5-0	5-3	5-2	5-2	5-0	6
Russia	0-5	5-3	2-5	—	2-5	5-1	5-2	5-0	5-0	5
N. Korea	0-5	1-5	0-5	5-2	—	5-4	5-1	5-0	5-0	5
Brazil	0-5	1-5	3-5	1-5	4-5	—	5-2	5-2	5-0	3
Singapore	0-5	1-5	2-5	2-5	1-5	2-5	—	5-1	5-0	2
New Zealand	0-5	0-5	2-5	0-5	0-5	2-5	1-5	—	5-0	1
Cuba	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	—	0

FINAL POOL

China bt Hungary 7-2. Chuang Tse-tung bt Peterfy 21-17, 21-19; bt Berczik 21-19, 21-12; lost to Sido 18-21, 17-21. Hsu Yin-sheng bt Berczik 21-8, 21-11; bt Sido 21-10, 21-11; bt Peterfy 21-15, 19-21, 21-15. Jung Kuo-tuan bt Sido 21-17, 19-21, 21-14; lost to Peterfy 13-21, 18-21; bt Berczik 21-16, 21-14.

Japan bt Hungary 5-2. Murakami bt Rozsas 21-8, 21-16; lost to Peterfy 14-21, 20-22. Hoshino bt Peterfy 21-17, 21-17; lost to Sido 9-21, 18-21. Ogimura bt Sido 21-7, 21-15; bt Rozsas 21-14, 21-18.

China bt Japan 5-3. Chuang Tse-tung bt Hoshino 21-14, 24-22; bt Ogimura 21-13, 21-13. Hsu Yin-sheng lost to Kimura 21-17, 17-21, 17-21; bt Ogimura 21-7, 21-8; bt Hoshino 17-21, 21-14, 21-18. Jung Kuo-tuan lost to Ogimura 19-21, 19-21; lost to Kimura 11-21, 21-15, 17-21; bt Hoshino 21-15, 20-22, 21-18.

World Champions: CHINA.

Runners-up: JAPAN.

SWAYTHLING CUP—ENGLISH RESULTS

Beat Cuba 5-0: J. Ingber bt J. Lemus 21-9, 21-9; bt A. Angulo 21-4, 21-5; I. Harrison bt R. Bravo 21-9, 21-5; bt Lemus 21-11, 21-11; B. Merrett bt Angulo 21-7, 21-2.

Beat Russia 5-2: Ingber lost to G. Avering 13-21, 18-21; lost to A. Saunoris 14-21, 17-21; Harrison bt N. Novikov 21-8, 21-12; bt Avering 21-19, 21-12; bt A. Saunoris 21-15, 21-16; Merrett bt Saunoris 21-11, 21-18, bt Novikov 21-19, 21-10.

Beat New Zealand 5-2: Ingber lost to M. L. Dunn 22-24, 20-22; bt A. R. Tomlinson 21-9, 21-17; Harrison bt B. A. Foster 21-13, 21-12; beat Dunn 21-15, 21-14; bt Tomlinson 21-9, 21-14; Merrett lost to Tomlinson 16-21, 21-10, 14-19; bt Foster 21-11, 23-21.

Lost to Yugoslavia 3-5: Merrett lost to J. Vogrinc 9-21, 13-21; lost to V. Markovic 15-21, 10-21; Harrison lost to J. Teran 13-21, 21-11, 16-21; bt Vogrinc 19-21, 21-14, 21-11; bt Markovic 21-13, 16-21, 21-17; Ingber bt Teran 21-18, 13-21, 21-13; lost to Vogrinc 8-21, 21-19, 19-21; lost to Markovic 12-21 17-21.

Beat North Korea 5-0: Merrett bt Zung Kil Hwa 21-14, 21-17; bt Kim Zung Soon 21-16, 21-13; Harrison bt Kim Chun Hao 21-15, 21-9; bt Zung Kil Hwa 21-13, 21-17; Ingber bt Kim Zung Soon 21-18, 21-12.

Beat Singapore 5-2: Merrett lost to Loh Heng Chew 22-20, 16-21, 14-21; bt Poon Weng Hoe 23-21, 17-21, 21-19; Harrison bt Sen Poh Lim 21-15, 21-14; lost to Loh Heng Chew 13-21, 21-17, 16-21; bt Poon Weng Hoe 21-11, 23-21; Ingber bt Poon Weng Hoe 17-21, 21-13, 21-10; bt Sen Poh Lim 21-18, 23-21.

Lost to Japan 1-5: Ingber lost to I. Ogimura 11-21, 15-21; lost to T. Murakami 12-21, 19-21; Harrison bt Ogimura 21-18, 21-18; lost to N. Hoshino 15-21, 15-21; Merrett lost to Hoshino 12-21, 22-20, 13-21; lost to Murakami 10-21, 17-21.

CORBILLO CUP

GROUP A

	Rum	Hun	EG	WG	Pol	Mon	P
Rumania	—	3-1	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	5
Hungary	1-3	—	3-1	3-2	3-0	3-0	4
East Germany	0-3	1-3	—	3-1	2-3	3-0	2
West Germany	0-3	2-3	1-3	—	3-1	3-0	2
Poland	0-3	0-3	3-2	1-3	—	3-0	2
Mongolia	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	—	0

GROUP B

	Ch	Cz	Aus	Fr	Bul	Nep	P
China	—	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	5
Czechoslovakia	0-3	—	3-0	3-1	3-0	3-0	4
Australia	0-3	0-3	—	2-3	3-0	3-0	2
France	0-3	1-3	3-2	—	1-3	3-0	2
Bulgaria	0-3	0-3	0-3	3-1	—	3-0	2
Nepal	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	—	0

GROUP C

	Jap	Rus	Eng	Sw	NZ	NV	Gh	P
Japan	—	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	6
Russia	0-3	—	3-0	3-1	3-1	3-0	3-0	5
England	0-3	0-3	—	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	4
Sweden	0-3	1-3	0-3	—	3-0	3-0	3-0	3
New Zealand	0-3	1-3	0-3	0-3	—	3-0	3-0	2
North Vietnam	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	—	3-0	1
Ghana	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	—	0

FINAL POOL

Japan bt Rumania 5-0. Matsuzaki bt Pitica 21-13, 21-9; bt Alexandru 21-12, 21-10. Itoh bt Alexandru 17-21, 21-15, 21-13; bt Pitica 21-13, 21-13.

Matsuzaki/Itoh bt Pitica/Alexandru 19-21, 23-21, 21-10.

China bt Rumania 3-2. Sun Mei-ying lost to Alexandru 14-21, 17-21; bt Pitica 21-17, 21-12. Chiu Chung-hui bt Pitica 21-16, 18-21, 21-18; bt Alexandru 21-23, 21-14, 21-16. Chiu Chung-hui/Hu Ke-ming lost to Alexandru/Pitica 13-21, 14-21.

Japan bt China 3-2. Matsuzaki bt Sun Mei-ying 20-22, 21-12, 21-12; bt Chiu Chung-hui 21-18, 21-8. Itoh lost to Chiu Chung-hui 16-21, 21-17, 19-21; bt Sun Mei-ying 21-9 21-18.

Matsuzaki/Itoh lost to Sun Mei-ying/Chiu Chung-hui 21-12, 14-21, 21-21.

World Champions: JAPAN.

Runners-up: CHINA

CORBILLO CUP—ENGLISH RESULTS

Beat Ghana 3-0: D. Rowe bt T. Akuteh 21-7, 21-14; J. Harrower bt E. Akuteh 21-6, 21-10; Rowe/Harrower bt Akuteh/Akuteh 21-11, 21-10.

Beat Vietnam 3-0: Rowe bt Trinh Le Khanh 21-4, 21-7; Harrower bt Le Tuan Dung 21-17, 21-11; Rowe/Harrower bt Le Tuan Dung/Hoang Thuc Anh 21-10, 21-12.

Beat Sweden 3-0: Harrower bt M. Carlsson 19-21, 21-19, 23-21; Rowe bt L. Guntsch 21-16, 21-15; Harrower/Rowe bt Carlsson/Guntsch 27-25, 15-21, 21-18.

Lost to Japan 0-3: Rowe lost to K. Itoh 11-21, 21-14, 21-23; Harrower lost to K. Matsuzaki 14-21, 13-21; Rowe/Harrower lost to Itoh/Matsuzaki 14-21, 5-21.

Beat New Zealand 3-0: Harrower bt J. Green 21-18, 21-14; Rowe bt N. Davis 21-18, 21-15; Harrower/Rowe bt Green/Davis 21-16, 21-19.

Lost to Russia 2-3: Rowe bt N. Ramanaukaite 21-3, 21-14; lost to S. Paisjarv 10-21, 15-21; Harrower lost to Paisjarv 13-21, 17-21; lost to N. Ramanaukaite 19-21, 11-21; Rowe/Harrower bt Paisjarv/A. Kondratyete 21-14, 21-19.

MEN'S CONSOLATION SINGLES

Final: WANG CHIH-LIANG (China) bt Li Jen-su (China) 13, 10.

WOMEN'S CONSOLATION SINGLES

Final: TI CHIANG-HUA (China) bt R. Gomolla (W. Germany) —11, 12, 13.

JUBILEE CUP

Final: FU CHIANG-HUA (China) bt W. Wehrstedt (E. Germany) 8, 18.

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LESSONS OF PEKING

by RON CRAYDEN

MANY were the hours I spent at the arena side in the Workers' Gymnasium, hours which brought the blushes of both jubilation and humiliation and where drama rubbed shoulders with farce.

Most particularly I was jubilant with the success of our much belittled Swaythling Cup team — theirs was a struggle not only against zealous and skilful opponents but against the many prophets of doom waiting anxiously to cut loose with their "I TOLD YOU SO's."

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demoralising effect on Diane Rowe, who was never at her best in the team event.

After we had won the doubles, and were leading 2-1, we fully expected Diane to clinch the match by beating 20-year-old S. Paisjarv, but Russia's star was much better than Di anticipated and took the game in straight sets, to make it two-all. Even then, we were not unduly perturbed because on normal form we knew that Jean could concede at least seven points and still beat Russia's 19-year-old N. Ramanauskaite, whose form on this day was no better than a good club player. Unfortunately for England Jean was not in the right mood and lost 0-2.

Against Japan, Di put up a brave fight in her singles game against K. Itoh and was unlucky to lose 21-23 in the third.

So England finished No. 3 in her group when, in my opinion, with Ann Haydon, or an on form Rosalind Rowe, in the team we could have won the competition outright.

The Japan v China final was a ding-dong struggle, but completely overshadowed by the Swaythling Cup final which was taking place alongside at the same time. It was a slogging match, with Japan the more consistent and worthy winners by 3-2 to complete their hat-trick of Corbillon Cup successes.

While the Men's standard was higher, the top Japanese girls were as good as Eguchi and Co. were in 1957.

What was the predominant advantage that the Chinese men had over the Japanese? I would say their intricate spin services which, directly or indirectly, won them eight points in each game.

On occasions I felt small and rather humble when to the cheers of 15,000 or more Chinese, I watched the fancied stars of the West being battered, bruised, and often outclassed by the penholder whirlwinds of the East.

SHAMING THE CRITICS

It is perhaps strongly paradoxical that there was a distinct parallel between our performances in the European Championships last year and those registered in Peking.

On both occasions we were labelled as "no hoppers" and the defeatists were adamant in their cries of "wasting the Association's money by sending a Men's team." In Zagreb we reached the final play off and finished in third position. In Peking in the overall classification both of our teams were ranked in sixth position.

When one considers that there are over 80 registered countries and we are in the first half-dozen it is a remarkable achievement.

Table tennis in this country occupies but a small corner in the field of sport and the problems that beset us are both physical and financial. Intensive training programmes are necessary to improve technique, speed, and stamina. The top players must get practise with each other, but to do so they cannot hold down a regular job. Who is to finance them?

In most Communist countries the approach is a disciplined one usually sponsored by the State. We understand from China that in preparation for the championships a squad of over fifty were given special training — in other words, the full professional treatment.

We had our work cut out to arrange occasional training and practice sessions for a privileged few.

A QUESTION OF STYLE

For several years now the purists have been theorising on the advantages of the western grip over that of the penholder and yet for several years the world scene has been dominated by the "pen-grippers" — could it be that the shake hands grip is inferior?

I pose this question, because the players from the East are going further ahead and the brilliant Chinese

have improved even upon the Japanese penholder style by hitting, and hitting devastatingly, from both wings. It must also be realised that there are great numbers of players in the East who favour the Western style and although some of them are top flight performers, by any standards, they still run second to the "pen-grippers."

As I see it, the pen-grip affords definite advantages to the attacker. It allows for a greater variety of spin services — during the championships the Chinese served as many as six outright winners per game. It allows for a more controlled forehand hit and it allows for the attack to be kept without the worry or thought of having to change the face of the bat.

It was interesting to talk to ex-champ, Ogimura who recognised the important fact that all styles are necessary, but generally thought along the lines that "Drive would beat chop, block would beat drive, and chop would beat block.

Knowing full well that the basis of the Western game is mostly long-range defence, is it any wonder that the Japanese, and now the Chinese, have worked so diligently on their attacking play.

Only Bergmann, and now to a lesser degree Sido, have worked upon the half volley or block to break up the aggressive play of the penholders.

CONCLUSIONS

In trying to assess the world scene as it is today and without being too dogmatic about one style of play or another, I feel we must be far more flexible in our approach to the game and in our coaching.

All the instructional books here teach the shake hands style and most of them go to lengths to condemn the penholder style.

For style and artistry I think the orthodox grip is more appealing, and it is possible that the perfect player, if we could assess such a person, using the western grip, would beat all other types of players.

We must, however, face facts and these are that the top ranked eight players in the world today are penholders, in fact only two out of the first fourteen use the western grip.

It is voiced by many that the pen-grip would not suit us or help us, as those of the East have a different physical make-up. There may be some truth in this but we do not know for sure without experiment.

I feel we must now encourage the development of all styles. **WE MUST BE MORE FLEXIBLE.**

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BEHIND THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

by H. ROY EVANS

(Hon. Secretary, I.T.T.F.)

A Meeting of the Council so far removed from the traditional home of the Federation always appears, in anticipation, to have a character coloured by the presence of Asiatic Associations which do not generally participate.

Yet oddly enough, when we are in one of our many Committee Meetings, or in the more formal atmosphere of the General Council, we could, in fact, be anywhere in the World, and one finds that the problems attendant upon the government of our game are the same wherever we may meet.

During the course of the World Championships it is usual for the General Council to meet at least twice, with a dozen or 15 meetings of various sub-committees, who deal with the problems which affect their particular interest and make eventual proposals to the General Council.

This system involves considerable work within sub committees, and the preparation of a large number of documents, translated into French and German, and in this case into Chinese also.

The task of providing these minutes and documents quickly and accurately, is considerable, involving high pressure work by a clerical staff.

The provision of such facilities in the past has not always been all that one would desire, but in the same way as others will speak of the incredible organisation of the Chinese in conducting the Championships, so must I pay tribute to the industry and efficiency of the staff placed at my disposal.

With the exception of my Interpreter-cum-Secretary Mrs. Li, I rarely, if ever, saw the other members of the Staff who worked in several rooms in the hotel, never seeing anything of the Table Tennis, but all fanatically keen on providing first class service. One had the impression that on presenting Mrs. Li with documents, she disappeared in the bowels of the Organisation, and in an incredibly short time, along came all the necessary papers.

As an evidence of Chinese thoroughness, it should be said that because of their own lack of experienced interpreters in French and German, the Chinese Association asked the Federation to fly out three Europeans for this task.

The two big meetings of the full council, were conducted with an impressive formality, and it was apparent that newcomers were sincerely conscious of taking part in a very important occasion.

Of the 34 Associations attending, Burma, Cuba, Ecuador, Ghana, Indonesia, People's Democracy of Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Nigeria and People's Republic of Vietnam, were there for the first time. Many of them made important contributions to the debates.

The Instantaneous Translation System was first class in operation, and Chinese thoroughness ensured that every one of the 40 odd documents we prepared was laid before each Delegate in the appropriate language.

There was no great controversial subjects to discuss on this occasion, but against the more important items upon which action was taken, the following will be of interest to all.

The World Championships in 1963 will be in Prague,

with options allotted to Yugoslavia in 1965 and Australia in 1967.

The much vexed question of racket colouring, etc. received a great deal of attention and it was finally agreed that all Associations should be asked to take steps to prevent the further manufacture of any bats with colour other than dark blue, dark brown, dark green, dark red and black, and with reflecting surfaces. Furthermore rackets are to be the same colour on both sides.

Associations are asked to confer with their manufacturers on this point.

The question of light coloured clothing was also discussed and it was agreed that to ensure compliance with



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the regulations, an inspection of dress and of rackets may take place before play in the next World Championships.

The importance of this resolution, is that whereas Associations have hesitated in the past to ban rackets because of differences of opinion as to what is light-coloured or reflecting, all players must now face the possibility of finding their rackets and clothing banned during the inspection at the next World Championships and the necessity for them quickly to conform must surely be apparent.

Pressure at manufacture level should see the eventual disappearance of the offending bats.

A measure, likely to be of more than passing importance to the Western European Associations, is the adoption for an experimental year of the American "expedite" rule with modifications. While it is true that

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most of the Asiatic countries are not troubled by excessive "pushing", it is obviously a malaise in the game in several European Associations.

The present time limit rule has not cured it, and a bold experiment is to be tried.

During the coming Season in all International competitions and matches, the Expedite rule will take mandatory effect after 15 minutes play, and in this event the period in subsequent games of the same match shall be 10 minutes, before the expedite rule is enforced.

The objections to the rule have all received full consideration, but the general verdict is that the present pushing rule also has weaknesses and that no greater harm can come from giving this other method a trial.

Experiences are to be gathered, and reported to the next meeting of the Advisory Committee in 1962, who may have the power to continue the experiment for a further year.

Continental Championships may adopt the system if they so desire.

Its adoption in the World Championships in 1963 will only be by agreement of a majority of the Jury.

The Federation has also adopted in principle the sys-

tem of grouping into Swaythling or Corbillon Cup Events whereby after the first Groups have played, there will be re-grouping in the second stage, based on the results of the first stage, i.e. all top teams in the one grouping and second teams in the next group, etc.

It was interesting to observe that although there was a large number of new Associations and also a pre-dominance of non-European countries, the general inclination was to leave most matters of importance in the hands of experienced legislators.

Of importance in this respect is the fact that officerships remain in Western Europe. The Hon. Ivor Montagu as President, Bill Vint as Treasurer, and myself as Honorary Secretary, being re-elected without any other nomination.

Mr. Ake Eldh of Sweden, strengthened his position as Deputy President and was unanimously re-elected. It is interesting, incidentally, to be able to say that consultation between Officers, which takes place frequently, has in no way been handicapped by Mr. Eldh's being in Sweden.

It was also interesting to observe that the composition of the Advisory Committee has seen little change and of interest to Welsh readers, is the fact that Mrs. Roy Evans, Secretary of the European Table Tennis Union, firmly retained her place on the Advisory Committee.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP

by FRANK BATEMAN

THIRTEEN PLAYERS UNBEATEN

AFTER an absence of five years Warwickshire make a welcome return to the Premier Division next season. After going through Division II (Midland) unbeaten, they gain promotion following a 7-2 win over Durham (Div. II North) in the play-off.

Joining them are Hertfordshire (Div. II South), who beat Worcestershire (Div. II West) 8-1 in the other play-off.

This will be Hertfordshire's first season in the Premier Division, and is an indication of the great progress that county has made in recent seasons.

Thirteen players went through the season unbeaten, but only three were men: Bryan Merrett (Gloucestershire) in the Premier Division, Peter Shead (Sussex) in Division II (South), and Peter Cole (Suffolk) in the Southern Division.

The qualification for the averages is a minimum of 50 per cent appearances, and the ladies who gained full marks were Jean Harrower (Middlesex) and Kathie Best (Yorkshire) in the Premier Division, Pam Morton (Yorkshire) in Division II (North), Pam Mortimer (Warwickshire) Division II (Midland), Adele Pettiffer (Somerset) Division II (West), Alma Taft (Hertfordshire) and Betty Cassell (Norfolk) in the Southern Division, Linda Gordon (Lancashire) Junior Division (North), Joyce Roberts (Warwickshire) Junior Divi-

sion (Midland) and Lesley Bell (Essex) Junior Division (South).

THE AVERAGES—Qualification minimum 50% appearances.

PREMIER DIVISION		
	W.	L. Av. %
B. Merrett (Gloucestershire) ...	10	0 100
J. Clayton (Lancashire) ...	12	2 86
A. Piddock (Kent) ...	12	2 86
I. Harrison (Gloucestershire) ...	10	2 83
A. Rhodes (Middlesex) ...	11	3 79
L. Landry (Middlesex) ...	9	3 75
H. Buist (Kent) ...	9	5 64
J. Ingber (Lancashire) ...	9	5 64
M. Thornhill (Middlesex) ...	6	4 60
R. Allcock (Lancashire) ...	8	6 57
R. Raybould (Essex) ...	8	6 57
Miss J. Harrower (Middx.) ...	6	0 100
Miss K. Best (Yorkshire) ...	5	0 100
Miss J. Fielder (Kent) ...	5	2 71
Miss M. Piper (Surrey) ...	3	2 60

Merrett, who did not play against Middlesex or Yorkshire retains his place at the top of the list with an average of 100 per cent against 92 per cent. for last season.

Jack Clayton and Tony Piddock have moved up to joint No. 2.

Jean Harrower tops the women's averages with Kathie Best, both gaining full marks. Miss Harrower did not play singles against Yorkshire, while Miss Best was absent against Middlesex and Surrey.

DIVISION III (NORTH)		
	W.	L. Av. %
M. Dainty (Yorkshire) ...	7	1 87
E. Taylor (Durham) ...	7	1 87
E. Edlington (Lincolnshire) ...	5	1 83
D. McGarry (Yorkshire) ...	5	3 62
W. Barker (Durham) ...	6	4 60
Miss P. Morton (Yorkshire) ...	3	0 100
Mrs. P. Clark (Northumb.) ...	3	1 75

The younger players have done well

in this division. How proud would have been Leslie Forrest, had he lived, to see the young Yorkshire side (average age 19) win the title, and Pam Morton (100 per cent) and Michael Dainty (87 per cent.) head the averages.

Dainty shares the men's honours with Durham's Eddie Taylor.

DIVISION II (MIDLAND)

	W.	L. Av. %
S. Jones (Glamorgan) ...	7	1 87
M. Billington (Warwick.) ...	6	2 75
C. Jacques (Leicestershire) ...	6	2 75
A. Thomas (Glamorgan) ...	6	2 75
R. Davies (Glamorgan) ...	5	3 62
Miss P. Mortimer (Warwick.) ...	4	0 100
Miss D. Worrall (Staffs.) ...	3	1 75
Miss A. Bates (Glamorgan) ...	2	1 67

The 100-per-center here is Pam Mortimer who went through undefeated though dropping a game to both Audrey Bates and Dorothy Worrall.

Welshman Stan Jones heads the men, his only defeat being at the hands of Maurice Billington, England's top junior.

DIVISION II (WEST)

	W.	L. Av. %
D. Smith (Somerset) ...	9	1 90
J. Bassett (Cornwall) ...	7	1 87
M. Hawkins (Worce.) ...	8	2 80
C. Bush (Wiltshire) ...	5	3 62
R. Bowles (Somerset) ...	6	4 60
R. Goode (Worcestershire) ...	6	4 60
R. Lush (Worcestershire) ...	6	4 60
P. Oldfield (Devon) ...	6	4 60
Mrs. A. Pettiffer (Somerset) ...	5	0 100
Mrs. J. Crosby (Devon) ...	4	1 80
Mrs. J. Lloyd (Wores.) ...	3	1 75

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Dorsetshire are the only county failing to get a player into the averages in this division, where D. Smith just edges J. Bassett, of Cornwall, out of the lead. M. Hawkins prevented both players achieving full marks and his defeat of Bassett was the first suffered by the Cornishman in two seasons.

Adele Pettifer has also lost only once in two seasons, but was un-beaten this time.

DIVISION II (SOUTH)

	W.	L.	Av. %
P. Shead (Sussex)	8	0	100
T. Densham (Hertfordshire)	7	1	87
B. Barnes (Berkshire)	3	1	75
W. Draper (Hampshire)	4	2	67
J. Hunt (Hertfordshire)	4	2	67
Mrs. S. Foster (Hampshire)	3	1	75
Miss J. Williams (Herts.)	2	1	67
Mrs. A. Woodforde (Sussex)	2	1	67

Peter Shead, by winning all his eight matches, showed that he is well above the Division II standard, and was the only player to beat Terry Densham. Sheila Foster, who lost only to Judy Williams, heads the women here. Miss Williams also suffered only one lost, to Ann Woodford.

MIDLAND DIVISION

	W.	L.	Av. %
A. Davies (Oxon.)	10	2	83
J. Robbins (Staffordshire)	4	2	67
P. Shillcock (Notts.)	5	3	62
G. Collins (Oxon.)	7	5	58
K. Shaw (Nottinghamshire)	7	5	58
Mrs. B. Carless (Warwicks.)	5	1	83
Miss C. Charman (Staffs.)	4	2	67

Although R. Warner (Warwickshire) won all four of his matches, he had played insufficient to qualify for the averages, and is topped by the Oxford player, A. Davies.

Mrs. Hammond (Nottinghamshire) failed to make the average, but had the distinction of being the only player to beat the top woman, Mrs. B. Carless (Warwickshire).

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W.	L.	Av. %
P. Cole (Suffolk)	8	0	100
H. Osborne (Suffolk)	7	1	87
J. Thurston (Cambs.)	6	2	75
G. Bebb (Hertfordshire)	5	3	62
D. Halliday (Suffolk)	5	3	62
R. Ractliffe (Hertfordshire)	5	3	62
Miss A. Taft (Hertfordshire)	4	0	100
Mrs. B. Cassell (Norfolk)	3	0	100

There are three unbeaten players in this division, Peter Cole (Suffolk), Alma Taft (Hertfordshire), and Betty Cassell (Norfolk). The two ladies did not meet during the season, which explains why each has 100 per cent.

Suffolk youngsters did well and H. Osborne did better here than in the junior division.

MIDLAND JUNIOR DIVISION

	W.	L.	Av. %
S. Hahn (Oxon.)	7	1	87
E. Lloyd (Oxon.)	7	1	87
R. Cutler (Warwickshire)	3	1	75
G. Presswick (Warwick.)	3	1	75
B. Whiting (Warwickshire)	4	2	67
Miss J. Roberts (Warwicks.)	3	0	100

Two Oxford boys share the lead with 87 per cent. D. Allen, who scored a 100 per cent. here last season, failed to qualify this time, but was the only player to beat S. Hann, while Lloyd missed full marks when he was beaten 22-20 in the third by G. Presswick.

NORTH JUNIOR DIVISION

	W.	L.	Av. %
H. Coward (Yorkshire)	9	3	75
B. Farnworth (Lancashire)	9	3	75
M. Symonds (Lancashire)	8	4	67
M. Ford (Durham)	4	2	67
D. Hurst (Yorkshire)	4	2	67
K. Whittingham (Durham)	4	2	67
D. Neale (Durham)	5	3	62

FINAL DIVISIONAL TABLES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Middlesex	7	6	1	0	53	17	13
Kent	7	4	1	2	42	28	9
Gloucestershire	7	3	3	1	38	32	9
Lancashire	7	3	2	2	38	32	8
Surrey	7	3	2	2	36	34	8
Yorkshire	7	3	1	3	32	38	7
Essex	7	1	0	6	29	41	2
Cheshire	7	0	0	7	12	58	0

DIV. II NORTH

Yorkshire II	4	3	0	1	31	9	6
Durham	4	3	0	1	26	14	6
Lincolnshire	4	3	0	1	23	17	6
Northumberland	4	1	0	3	13	27	2
Derbyshire	4	0	0	4	7	33	0

DIV. II MIDLAND

Warwickshire	4	4	0	0	28	12	8
Glamorgan	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Staffordshire	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Bedfordshire	4	1	0	3	12	28	2
Leicestershire	4	0	1	3	16	24	1

DIV. II SOUTH

Hertfordshire	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Hampshire	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Sussex	4	2	1	1	24	16	5
Kent II	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Berkshire	4	0	0	4	13	27	0

DIV. II WEST

Worcestershire	5	4	1	0	33	17	9
Somerset	5	4	0	1	36	14	8
Devon	5	2	2	1	30	20	6
Cornwall	5	1	2	2	20	30	4
Wiltshire	5	1	1	3	16	34	3
Dorset	5	0	0	5	15	35	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Suffolk	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Hertfordshire II	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Buckinghamshire	4	2	0	2	16	24	1
Norfolk	4	0	1	3	14	26	1
Cambridgeshire	4	0	1	3	12	28	1

MIDLAND DIVISION

Oxfordshire	6	2	3	1	32	28	7
Nottinghamshire	6	2	3	1	31	29	7
Warwickshire II	6	2	1	3	34	26	5
Staffordshire II	6	2	1	3	23	37	5

MIDLAND JUNIOR DIVISION

Warwickshire	4	3	1	0	31	9	5
Oxfordshire	4	2	1	1	27	13	5
Staffordshire	4	0	1	4	2	38	0

NORTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Lancashire	6	6	0	0	34	14	12
Yorkshire	6	4	0	2	33	15	8
Durham	6	1	1	4	19	29	3
Cheshire	6	0	1	5	10	38	1

SOUTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Middlesex	6	5	1	0	48	12	11
Hertfordshire	6	5	1	0	42	18	11
Essex	6	4	0	2	38	22	8
Kent	6	3	0	3	26	34	6
Surrey	6	0	2	4	21	39	2
Suffolk	6	0	2	4	20	40	2
Sussex	6	0	2	4	15	45	2

Miss L. Gordon (Lancashire)	4	0	100
Miss L. Proudlock (Yorks.)	3	1	75

Linda Gordon, unbeaten, once again heads the girls section of this division, with H. Coward, top boy.

SOUTH JUNIOR DIVISION

	W.	L.	Av. %
R. Ractliffe (Hertfordshire)	10	1	91
D. Offenbach (Middlesex)	9	1	90
N. Ive (Middlesex)	10	2	83
B. Wright (Middlesex)	10	2	83
D. Halliday (Suffolk)	8	2	80
C. Barnes (Essex)	9	3	75
B. Sykes (Hertfordshire)	8	4	67
D. Garner (Essex)	7	5	58
H. Osborne (Suffolk)	7	5	58
Miss L. Bell (Essex)	6	0	100
Miss M. Shannon (Surrey)	4	1	80
Miss J. Williams (Herts.)	4	1	80
Miss K. Stokes (Kent)	2	1	67

I feel my friends from Middlesex will forgive me when I say it is a nice change to see players from other counties at the top of the averages.

Bob Ractliffe, who played only 11 matches because his Sussex opponent was unfortunately taken ill, has made 30 consecutive junior appearances for Hertfordshire and has appeared in the averages four years in succession.

Lesley Bell not only got full marks to head the girls' section, but also had a 100 per cent record in the mixed doubles partnered with Chester Barnes.

RESULTS

DIVISION II (NORTH)

Durham 6, Yorkshire 4.

DIVISION II (SOUTH)

Kent 2, Sussex 8.

DIVISION II PLAY-OFFS

Warwickshire 7, Durham 2.
Hertfordshire 8, Worcestershire 1.

MIDLAND JUNIOR DIVISION

Warwickshire 10, Suffolk 0. (Walk-over).

NORTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Yorkshire 6, Durham 2.

The Leslie Forrest Testimonial match between the Champions and the Rest resulted in a 6-3 win for Middlesex. Played at Bradford it proved a big success, with every ticket being sold in advance and many would-be spectators having to be turned away. Organiser Ken Parks tells me that Leslie's widow will receive over £100 as a result.

With Burridge and Thornhill not available, Middlesex called on Stan Jacobson for his first county appearance, while Piddock (Kent) deputised for the injured Merrett in the Rest side.

Although the Champions led for the start and never looked like being beaten, the play was most attractive.

REPRIEVED

Members of the South London and Dulwich Leagues will be pleased to know that Ravensbourne will continue to have the use of their hall at Minet Road, S.W.9 next season.

Originally Ravensbourne were expecting to have to vacate the premises in April.

THE CIRCULATION DRIVE

By **GEOFF HARROWER**

WILTSHIRE CATCHING UP

ANOTHER tremendous effort by Donald Hillier has resulted in Wiltshire getting within 6% of Cambridgeshire, and it is my guess that they will overhaul last year's winners and carry off the prize for the leading "under 100" Counties. I am only sorry that we have not an extra issue, so that I could let you all know the result, before next October.

Devon have consolidated their third place, with Derbyshire challenging Suffolk hard for fourth position. Very disappointing to report that half the counties in this group are under 50%. It is, unfortunately, the old story that there are far too few officials available to do far too much work.

Amongst the larger counties, Hertfordshire still have matters their own way, and it seems impossible that they will be caught. The battle for second position still rages, with Essex striving to overhaul Buckinghamshire. Harry Walker has certainly found a hard worker in young Michael Turner, who has turned in consistent sales figures every month for Essex. Well done, Michael, and may this season's experience inspire you to an even higher position next year.

Great interest is being shown in the competition for the prize given to the county who in the opinion of the Walthamstow Press, have shown the best increases over the last season. Who are the candidates? Ruling out Hertfordshire and probably Wiltshire, as winners of the main competitions, there are Gloucestershire (nearly double), Kent (up from 68% to 108%), Hampshire (only up 21%, but over the 100% mark), Devon (up from 97% to 218%), Derbyshire (from 83% to 161%), Northumberland (from 38% to 86%).

**PLYMOUTH
PUSH DEVON**

On the face of it, it would seem that Devon would get the prize, but most of their progress has been made by one League (Plymouth) and not the county, so, again, we must wait and see what decision is made. In conclusion, many thanks to all those who have given their help during the season.

THE "OVER 100" COUNTIES

	Per Cent
HERTFORDSHIRE	227
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	146
ESSEX	140
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	130
MIDDLESEX	113
NORFOLK	110
KENT	108
SURREY	105
WARWICKSHIRE	102
HAMPSHIRE	100
LINCOLNSHIRE	61
DURHAM	60
SUSSEX	56
LANCASHIRE	53
YORKSHIRE	35
STAFFORDSHIRE	25
CHESHIRE	21

THE "UNDER 100" COUNTIES

	Per Cent
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	369
WILTSHIRE	363
DEVON	218
SUFFOLK	168
DERBYSHIRE	161
OXFORDSHIRE	122
NORTHUMBERLAND	86
CORNWALL	61
LEICESTERSHIRE	47
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	41
SHROPSHIRE	11
WORCESTERSHIRE	41
BEDFORDSHIRE	34
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	30
SOMERSET	25
BERKSHIRE	21
DORSET	12
SHROPSHIRE	11

SUSSEX NOTES

THE Sussex senior side were surprised to find a youthful side facing them at Deal when they defeated Kent 8-2 in Div. II South.

Peter Shead looks set to retain his No. 8 spot on the English ranking list by winning the Bucks "Open."

The inter-league contest is in its final stages with Brighton and Crawley leading in Div. I and Hastings looking likely winners in Div. II.

Hove club's team of Bert Fretwell, Robin Pierce and Peter Wales have won both the first division of the Brighton league and the Sussex inter-club competition.

Hastings "closed" men's singles winner was former county junior Jimmy Moore and the Worthing "closed" was won by Vic Pickett a newcomer to Sussex but not to table tennis.

J.W.

JACK CARRINGTON'S NOTEBOOK

S.S. ORONSAY

AS we come to the end of a season, which in the instructional field has been the busiest ever, certain impressions have crystallised out of the whirlpool of activity which is English Table Tennis.

First—how patchy is the development of our sport; in many areas we find dozens of youngsters coming from miles around to play seriously, properly dressed, with officials obviously devoting their entire spare time to fanning the enthusiasm. In some other, quite similar areas, we find few people willing to travel more than a mile for a good game, and few young players being introduced to organised play.

Similarly, one finds schools where Table Tennis has no place at all in the order of things, but also others which have many tables (very often made by the carpentry class) and occupy many, even hundreds of boys in their organised sessions and club periods.

There does not seem to be any over-all explanation for this; the growth seems to run in phases, with some centres being temporarily on the downslope or the flat, while others are climbing cheerfully.

Second impression: Too many leagues and clubs close down completely for the summer. This is especially prevalent in the North. It is a pity because the organisation has virtually to rebuild itself each autumn. Undoubtedly, skeleton competitions and practice nights during summer would preserve the valuable momentum of the organisation.

Third: How uncompetitive are most of our youngsters today. In

my time, if somebody got ahead of the field, we were all determined to "get" him. Today, it is common experience when training a group from scratch, to find that they all stick at it until one or two show themselves as clearly the best. Then the others tend to drop out of the race.

LONG RACE

Youngsters should realise that it is a long race, and individuals learn and absorb experience at various different rates.

At present I can only think of one youngster who even wants to be England's No. 1—in the sense that he wants to work to achieve it.

Fourth: Being obliged on ship-board to play with an old thin-rubbered bat, I found that my drop-shot, which used to drop, say, within four inches of the net (in practice anyway), would now only reduce to a length of say ten inches. With the sandwich bat, I could still manage a "small" dropshot. Is this a measure then, of the loss of personal skill suffered by the game when played with sandwich bats? And if so, is it compensated by the ease of producing "winner" shots?

I don't know the answer; but I do know that when we staged an exhibition with rubber bats, the old magic seemed to return—the uninitiated spectators were once again leaving of their chairs.

I have a feeling that at least a spell of rubber bat practice might "true-up" some of my shots again; anyway I shall give it a try during the close season.

TALKING POINTS

Conducted by LAURIE LANDRY

TOURNAMENT RATINGS

UNFORTUNATELY I have had very few postal replies from people wishing to give their ratings for various Tournaments so I have had to rely largely upon interviews. This, to my dismay, has meant that a few Tournaments have had to be left out owing to insufficient data for one can hardly give a rating on a sample of only a few players. Otherwise the response has been fairly good and quite a few people were prepared to give me the necessary 15 minutes to take their views.

The ratings were split into five sections, each marked out of 100: (a) The running of the Tournament; (b) The treatment of the Umpiring problem; (c) Facilities and availability of refreshments; (d) The basic conditions, i.e. the venue; and (e) The actual playing conditions and what was made of the venue.

Top Tournament as expected was the English "Open" but very close behind was the Yorkshire "Open." These two were followed by English "Closed," Kent "Open," Middlesex "Open" and Newbury Approved "Open" which had a final rating of 81% in a very close fight.

The chart gives the leading 20 tournaments according to the ratings. The remaining tournaments which do not appear on the list, either did not have enough respondents to warrant inclusion or had less than 56%.

NORTH EAST ENGLAND

Once again the Scarborough tournament was very popular though this may be because it is in the holiday season.

Quite a few points emerged from the organisation. The first was with respect to the staggering of the Men's singles event. At present most of the men are told that they are playing at 11 in the morning, the Men's to carry on until 3 o'clock. This inevitably involves long waits and no definite break for meals. If the four quarters were played at 11, 12, 1 and 2 o'clock this would mean that there would not be such a wait between games within a quarter and that also a break for lunch would be possible.

The venue in which the North East England was held, is ideal but unfortunately the best was not made of it. The tables were put all down the centre of the hall leaving a small space along each wall for spectators. There were no surrounds which led to confusion. The answer to this is possibly to move the line of tables nearer one wall thus leaving double

TOURNAMENT	TABLE					Total out of 500	Final %
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)		
English "Open"	98	98	68	97	100	461	92
Yorkshire "Open"	95	85	70	100	95	445	89
Kent "Open"	79	83	78	88	78	406	81
English "Closed"	87	93	90	63	71	405	81
Middlesex "Open"	88	90	61	83	83	405	81
Newbury Approved "Open"	94	88	63	70	88	403	81
Sussex "Open"	84	80	68	78	79	389	78
Hull & East Riding "Open"	73	87	60	87	80	387	77
Buckinghamshire "Open"	70	54	91	83	84	382	76
West of England "Open"	77	78	78	77	70	380	76
Merseyside "Open"	75	70	73	85	75	378	76
East of England "Open"	68	56	85	78	83	370	74
South of England Approved "Open"	84	75	81	59	57	356	71
North of England Approved "Open"	80	80	70	64	60	354	71
Bath "Open"	62	56	62	66	78	324	65
Midland "Open"	75	65	59	65	60	324	65
Essex "Open"	63	61	77	59	59	319	64
South Yorkshire "Open"	53	60	80	53	60	306	61
Bournemouth Approved "Open"	60	65	50	67	62	304	61
Portsmouth Approved "Open"	52	46	66	68	48	280	56

space for spectators on the other side, and of course having surrounds. This could make the conditions near perfect.

One thing that one could not complain about was the prizes which are, I believe, more in value than any other tournament in the country. Also the crowd at finals night was quite overwhelming in its applause. Both Stanley Jacobson and myself, who contested the Men's Singles final, have never had such a reception as the one we received after completion of each match.

GWENT "OPEN"

The Gwent "Open" at Newport was a success from start to finish. The programme was so arranged that there were no lengthy waits and the finals were staged as arranged. The umpiring was almost entirely done by losers who were nabbed by the eagle-eyed stewards before they had recovered from their games. Prizes were tasteful and in the form of gifts. Hospitality was first-class. This is one tournament where you feel that you are welcome.

WELSH CORNER—TEAM SEMI-FINALS

THE Semi-finals of the Club Team Championship of Wales provided two contrasting matches. The first of Bridgend, between Cardiff G.P.O. and Sketty Court, Swansea, was the more exciting, but the other, between the Royal Overseas and Alma Newport supplied much the better table tennis.

The G.P.O. Swansea clash could have gone either way. Tony Huish, Ken Bull and Roy Fowler are exponents of the new school of quick hitting, without any let-up, and also not backed by any defence. The older and more orthodox Stan Jones, Alan Morris and Alan Lewis often found themselves in trouble against this type of play, but the very nature of the G.P.O. play proved its own downfall.

Instinctive hits which win points at the beginning of a game have an annoying habit of going away when the tension's on at the end.

G.P.O. had plenty of chances to

win, but important points were thrown away at crucial moments, leaving the steadier and more experienced Swansea winners at 6-3.

Welsh International players have failed so often this season that one is apt to overlook their background of play. Against Alma, Alan Thomas, Ron Davies and Bernard Dimasio turned on a brand of table tennis that was streets ahead of their opponents, with the possible exception of Brian Everson. But he suffers from that old lack of an attacking forehand.

There was plenty of cut and thrust about this game, with all aspects of table tennis excellently demonstrated. Play was altogether more controlled than in the other semi-final, and the Royal Overseas club did not drop a game in their 5-0 victory. Basil Evans and Cyril Gray were well below their opponents standard, and one sighs that our international players do not always look so good.

UMPIRES' CORNERby **COLIN CLEMETT****LOWER UMPIRE QUALIFICATION**

AT the end of another season the N.U.R.C. is still faced with two of the problems that were before it at the beginning of the year, and although I have mentioned both in earlier articles I should like to discuss them in more detail here in the hope of receiving advice or guidance from readers.

The first and most serious is the difficulty of recruiting new County Umpires and I am interested to see that the idea of a lower umpiring qualification is receiving some support.

It is not clear, however, in what way the standard should be lowered to produce the desired result for it would be difficult to frame a question paper requiring much less technical knowledge than the existing C.U. Test Paper, especially when a candidate is allowed to fill it in with reference to any books he chooses and in his own time.

SHY AWAY

There are probably many people who shy away from any idea of an examination paper with its memories of school days, and for these people a practical test might prove more attractive.

It would, however, be necessary to make this more prolonged than the present practical test to ensure that the umpire's knowledge was tested in a sufficiently wide range of differing circumstances.

There may also be candidates who would welcome any kind of written test but are put off by the thought of umpiring before a large audience and the watching eyes of the examiners.

Such people, while never aspiring to officiate at staged events, could be valuable in the qualifying rounds of an "Open" tournament, and for them it might be feasible to introduce a similar qualification to the Coaching Committee's "Teaching Theory Certificate."

There is nothing to prevent County Association's from trying such a scheme and I shall be glad to hear from anyone who has tried or is thinking of doing so. It would be even more interesting to know whether there is any indication that this idea will really help to solve the problem of the vanishing umpires.

The second problem is the now familiar one of defining "light-

coloured or reflecting" in relation to rackets.

For clothing, the difficulty is simplified by the I.T.T.F. Regulations for International Competitions which make the referee the final judge of whether clothing is likely to unsight the opposing player. No such criterion can be applied to the racket, which is the subject of a Law.

Although the wording of this Law is rather vague its intention is clear enough in most respects to allow an umpire or referee to make a reasonable decision on the suitability of a racket's covering material.

For example, the word, "reflecting" is obviously intended to apply to the shiny surfaces sometimes associated with reversed pimped-rubber, and any such highly-polished rackets certainly contravene the Law.

"Dark-coloured" is more difficult to interpret, and although there is no doubt that the popular yellow covering is much lighter than the Law intended to allow, the exact point at which "dark" becomes "light" is sub-

ject to a wide range of personal opinions.

The difficulty of defining such a point has led to the consideration of a more fundamental question: Does it really matter if the racket, or for that matter the clothing, is light-coloured or even brightly reflecting?

The U.S. Association have for years sanctioned all-white clothing for competitions without apparent detriment to the game, and many top-grade players wear shiny wrist-watches throughout their matches without seeming to unsight their opponents. It is quite possible that the only distraction is caused by the player knowing that a Law exists which implies that such objects may unsight him.

Whatever the reason, it is increasingly obvious that the Law as it stands is in disrepute, and it will be better for both players and umpires when it is re-worded in a form more easily applicable to accepted practice.

Colin Clemett.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES**25 YEARS' SERVICE**

AYLESBURY, probably the oldest league in the county, sprang a pleasant surprise on the secretary, Cyril Thorne, at the Finals Night, with the presentation of a canteen of cutlery. Cyril, aided by his wife, Wynne, has been in office for 25 years. He has also been chairman of the Buckinghamshire Association since its formation in 1946.

The Inter-League championships have been closer than ever. Slough men appear to have lost their grip on Division "A", and with four matches to go Chalfonts are hot favourites, with High Wycombe, the likely runners-up.

100 PER CENT.

Slough Ladies have only to beat their second string to keep the title they won five years ago, while High Wycombe, with a 100 per cent. record have won the Junior Division at the third attempt.

High Wycombe and Bletchley have to play off for top place in Division "B".

Buckinghamshire have some promising young players coming along, particularly Les Wooding (Bletchley), Paul Shirley and Dave Richards (Slough) and John Cooper (High Wycombe), who may well lift the county to greater heights in the future.



Congratulations to Mrs. Betty Bird, above, the Surrey international, on the birth of a daughter, Nicolet Rae, on April 30.

Editor's Postbag . . .

CHINESE SCRATCHING AT PEKING

LET us not be over hasty in judging (or perhaps misjudging) the Chinese action at the World Championships in scratching some players, or having "exhibitions," in some cases of the individual events where their players were in opposition.

I turned a cynical eye on the Chinese explanations that they were inexperienced in these matters and that they thought individual events were similar to the team events in which players could be replaced.

It is true that the individual events were always intended to be "individual" but have they in effect ever been so? The winners have always been regarded (however mistakenly) not as individuals but representatives of their nations.

The Peking championships were not the first to have scratchings or "exhibitions" when the interests of national team were involved nor will they be the last, at least as regards "exhibitions." They have to be brought into prominence this time because of the wealth of Chinese talent still playing in the later stages.

I think they were wrong in not playing the "scratched" matches. No one would have blamed them for mere "exhibitions" whether or not observable as such.

Why do I say this? Well let me give an impossible example:

I am a member of the English team and the draw brings me up against colleague X at a late stage of the singles. X is known to stand a good chance of winning the final whereas I cannot beat him, but am capable of giving him an exhausting match. It would therefore be quite conceivable for my captain to quietly hint not to wear X out for the next match. I'm sure that even in the event of "no instruction" colleagues would take a dim view if I played flat out and exhausted him but duly lost. And I would be called the biggest "Asterisk of all Asterisks" if I adopted these tactics and pointed out this was an individual event and had nothing to do with national success. I would be bound to agree with him.

And don't forget that in athletics there are many cases of sacrifices in somewhat similar manner.

My conclusion therefore is that it is desirable to legislate there shall be no scratchings but no amount of legis-

lation can stop "exhibitions."

After these sombre reflections let us congratulate all concerned on the resounding success of the Peking Championships.

DENNIS OFFER
(English National Umpire)

Out of Sponge?

MR. CROXTON of Perth (April issue) cannot deny that he lives far off the actual Table Tennis Centre of Australia—namely Melbourne (site of the 1956 Olympics).

Therefore his statements though well meant, are off the beam. Firstly, Australia's team in Peking had one sandwich player, Miss L. Cohen (Thomson also plays sandwich occasionally); secondly Australia's new singles champion, Vic Hirsch from Austria never used sandwich in this country; he plays strictly ordinary rubber. Thirdly, Mr. Croxton is completely mistaken when he assumes that the wheel has gone the full circle in the Eastern Australian states. As a Victorian player I can only say that more players than ever use sandwich bats here and for one player going back to plain rubber, there are two others taking to sandwich.

But why for heaven's sake does Mr. Croxton refer first to sponge and later to sandwich? Plain sponge is banned since Dortmund (1959) and all we face now is a battle against pimpled and smooth sandwich. However I heartily agree that sandwich should be tossed out too as it does nothing to enhance the game.

C. M. GRUBER.
(Victoria, Australia.)

Slow Tables

I WAS very pleased to be able to read a letter which was written in the form of a reply to Tournament Talking Points. This particularly as it is the only one that has been received this season. The first point that Colin Clemett makes is with regard to the "slow" conditions at the South of England "Open." I, personally, was of the opinion that

it WAS the tables that were slow and not any other factors. My reasons are: (a) Whenever and wherever I have played on this particular make of table, the conditions have always been slow and the South of England was no exception. (b) The tables seemed to play the same no matter what ball was used, i.e. slow. Finally, as is generally known, any judgment or remark contained in Tournament Talking Points is based on a consensus of opinion among players except where specifically stated; *ipse facto* the slowness of the conditions being attributable to the tables was the general opinion of a number of players.

Covered by Laws

Further, with regard to the variation of bounce on a table, it is of absolutely no interest to us whether or not a mistake caused by this unevenness is more or less significant than in cricket or tennis for it is covered in the laws of the game which state that, "the table shall be made of any material and shall yield a uniform bounce of not less than 8in. and not more than 9in. when a standard ball is dropped from a height of 12in. above its surface." Admittedly there is a difficulty in applying this rule but one thing that it does make clear and that is that there should be an even bounce.

The last question that Colin poses is, "Does fastest mean best?" Perhaps not to its limits but certainly faster means better if it is attractive table tennis that you are seeking. There can be no doubt about that!

LAURIE LANDRY
(Hampstead.)

Sussex "Closed"

REFERENCE the Sussex "Closed" championships report in the April issue, which incidentally were held at Hastings and not at Brighton.

I should like to point out that the players who beat the then reigning singles champions G. Whalley and Mrs. A. Woodford were Donald Sheppard and Miss Joyce Coleman respectively.

I should also like to point out that although she has not yet played for Sussex, Miss Coleman, who is a member of my Club, has in recent months beaten the three top ranking players in the Sussex Women's ranking list, published in you November issue.

R. E. TUTTON.
(Hon. Sec. Hastings Tigers T.T.C.)

Norfolk Errors

FACTUAL mistakes have appeared in the Norfolk Notes in both your January and March editions.

In the January edition Archer was stated to have been playing for Lowestoft in the Wilmott Cup against Ipswich, when he beat Halliday, Osbourne and Purnell; in fact he was playing for Great Yarmouth.

In the March edition Tony Fox was mentioned as winning the County "Closed" Singles, beating Les Holdom in the final; in fact, Holdom won the County "Closed" as reported in your December edition. The report in the March edition was about the Norwich and District League "Closed," and this was the title which Fox won.

A. J. H. WICKENS.
(Bucks.)

STAFFORDSHIRE KNOTS

NEW INTER-TOWN SUCCESS

STAFFORDSHIRE'S new inter-town competition for the Beattie trophy has proved a great success in its first season. Mr. James Beattie who gave this cup is a founder member of the Wolverhampton Association and is now a life member.

In the final the Potteries beat a weakened West Bromwich side 5-2. It was unfortunate for West Bromwich that the final was held on a Sunday as three of their regular players are Sunday school teachers and were unable to take part.

West Bromwich players were in the news in the Midland "closed" at Derby. **Derek Backhouse**, who has had one of his best seasons ever, won the men's singles while Dorothy Worrall lost narrowly to **Doreen Griffiths** in the final of the women's singles.

Staffordshire's senior side has had a poor season. With only one win and one draw to their credit they finished one from bottom.

Potteries made sure of the Staffordshire County league title by beating West Bromwich in the deciding match.

In the March edition Harry Walker suggested that medals for prizes should be banished. Wolverhampton took this step years ago and they now present cups, swivel trophies and shields so that no one player in any year can get two of the same design.

When a recent meeting was held in Wolverhampton to discuss the possibility of an indoor sports stadium at Aldersbury it was well supported by members of other indoor sports.

Alan Cavell, the Wolverhampton

secretary believes in working well in advance. Although the A.G.M. is not until May 30th, all clubs were notified in March.

John Pike.

CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

SURPASSING by far in intensity of dramatic excitement, the "closed" championships of the Bolton S.S.S. League were brought to a nerve wracking conclusion.

At his sparkling best **Bryn Farnworth** terminated his days as a junior to end a brilliant season by capturing the senior and retaining the junior crown, a feat last achieved by former junior international Cliff Booth eight years ago.

Both Albert Smith in defence of his senior title, and Booth, conqueror of Michael Symonds, forced Farnworth into third game deciders, Booth even surmounting a broken bat when 21-22 down to win his first game.

The power of Farnworth's hitting was never more in evidence than from being 9-11 down to Keith Ormrod in the second game of the junior final he subsequently thrashed his opponent into near obscurity to win game and set 21-11.

Results:
Men's Singles: **B. FARNWORTH** bt C. Booth 23-25, 21-19, 21-17. Men's Doubles: **A. SMITH/C. BOOTH** bt R. de Riggs/ K. Ormrod 21-12, 22-20. Junior Singles: **FARNWORTH** bt K. Ormrod 21-16, 21-11. Junior Doubles: **ORMROD/C. HEAP** bt D. Birch/J. Kaufman 21-13, 18-21, 22-20.

George Yates.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

WILLESDEN SILVER JUBILEE

WITHIN Middlesex, the most interesting event this month was the special match which was arranged to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Willesden and District Table Tennis League. Willesden met an international side and won 5-3.

Among those present were Peter Lowen, the Secretary of the E.T.T.A., Ted Connell, the Chairman of the Middlesex Association and many other members of the Middlesex Executive. Diane Rowe, who had just arrived back from Peking, was also there and she presented the players with mementos of the occasion. Bill Vint, the Chairman of the E.T.T.A. was unable to be present but he sent his good wishes and expressed regret at not being able to be there.

Results: (Willesden names first): Laurie Landry bt Alan Rhodes 21-10, 14-21, 21-17; lost to Bobby Stevens 21-16, 13-21, 22-24. Stanley Jacobson lost to Rhodes 20-22, 14-21; bt Stevens 21-15, 21-14. Arun Khanna lost to Bobby Raybould 20-22, 19-21. Brian Wright bt Eddie Hodson 21-18, 21-19.

Landry/Wright bt Stevens/Raybould 20-22, 21-19, 21-13. Jacobson/Khanna bt Rhodes/Hodson 15-21, 21-19, 21-13.

In the Middlesex Inter-League Championship the Premier division has already gone to Willesden as stated last month and now on the completion of the fixtures a very excellent record has been unearthed. North Acton League, who came nearly bottom of the table would certainly have been badly off but for their ladies, Margaret Fry and Heather Angel, who won all their singles matches and also their doubles, making a total of 18 matches unbeaten.

In the Middlesex Borough Youth Competition, Willesden are to play Poplar in the final. Willesden will be trying to win it for the third year running.

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WILTSHIRE WANDERINGS

ANOTHER TITLE FOR HOWELL

Ernie Howell, who reached the final of the recent Wiltshire "Closed," successfully defended his Singles Title at the **Swindon and District League Finals**, beating **A. Wolfe** 21-16, 21-15, 21-11.

Other results: **Women's Singles: Mrs. G. HAZELL** (holder) bt **D. Onslow** 21-17, 21-15. **Junior Singles: E. WHITTINGHAM** bt **D. Hatherall** 21-15, 17-21, 21-10. **Mixed Doubles: G. TOWNSEND/Mrs. B. MOODY** bt **F. Warman/Mrs. D. Leahy** 21-14, 21-14. **Men's Doubles: E. HOWELL/A. WOLFE** (holders) bt **L. Bues/J. Clifford** 13-21, 21-9, 21-16. **Women's Doubles: Mrs. I. SHERMAN/Mrs. G. HAZELL** (holders) bt **Mrs. N. Thompson/Mrs. B. Moody** 13-21, 21-15, 21-10.

The Mayor of Swindon (Clr. Miss E. C. M. Millin) also presented the League Champions trophies to: **Women's Div.** Swindon Hardcourts; **Div. 1—B.R. Ath. Assoc.; Div. 2—Haydonians; Div. 3—St. Augustine's S.C.; Div. 4—Stratton Y. Guild; Div. 5—S.E.B.; Div. 6—Ferndale Y.C.; Under 16—Central Hall.**

Purton players won four out of five titles at stake at the **Wootton Bassett Finals Night**.

Senior Singles: R. WEBB bt **C. Sandell** 21-16, 18-21, 23-21. **Junior Singles: R. JONES** bt **I. Dickens** 21-12, 21-14. **Handicap Singles: R. JONES** bt **S. Emery** 23-15, 23-16. **Women's Singles: Mrs. M. FAWTHROP** bt **Mrs. I. Tullett** 21-10, 12-21, 21-17. **Doubles: R. WEBB/R. JONES** bt **M. Hopkins/J. Parker** 21-15, 21-14.

Vice-President Mr. L. F. J. Marshment also presented League Championship Awards to Men's Club "B" (Div. 1) and Purton Upper Square Methodist Y.C. (Div. 2).

HOLDERS BEATEN AT SALISBURY

There were several upsets to form where New Sarum players did well to win three titles and share the honours in another at the **Salisbury League Championships**.

Men's Singles: J. CANDY bt **A. Ward** 21-16, 21-18; **Women's Singles: K. WATERS** bt **J. Ward** 21-13, 16-21, 21-14. **Junior Singles: M. VANCE** bt **M. Hooper** (holder) 21-14, 21-19. **Intermediate Singles: F. SINGLETON** (holder) bt **J. Curtis** 22-20, 21-9. **Men's Doubles: N. BAKER/T. CASH** bt **A. Ward/ D. Waters** (holders) 17-21, 21-17, 24-22. **Women's Doubles: Mrs. J. LEGG/Mrs. P. MACDONALD** bt **Mrs. M. Baker/Mrs. C. Carter** 14-21, 21-19, 21-18.

Salisbury League Champions were: **Div. 1, New Sarum "A"; Div. 2, S.E.B.; Div. 3, Salisbury Insurance; Div. 4, Netheravon "B".** **A. Ward** (100%), **P. Singleton** (94.4%), **M. Hooper** (90.7%) and **J. Hellowell** (100%) topped their respective Divisional averages.

Go-ahead Devizes held a very successful Junior Tournament for the 8 to 16-year-olds. **Miss A. Boyce** beat **P. Clarke** in the 12 and Under Final while **R. Harris** beat **B. Doughty** in the 16 and Under Final.

Literary Inst. "A" (Div. 1), R.E.M.E. (Div. 2) and Urchfont Y.C. (Div. 3) are divisional champions of the biggest **Devizes League** for seven seasons and

hopes are high of a Junior Division next season. **Rowde** and **The Brogues** will contest the **Team Handicap K.O. Final**.

With "extra time" being played for outstanding fixtures in the **West Wiltshire League**, the **Second Division Champions** are still unknown with **White Hart "A"** leading **St. John's** by one point. **Newcomers Rowde** became the only team to score over 200 in the games aggregate on winning **Division Three**.

After three unsuccessful appearances **John Cundick** beat **Ken Tanner** to become the new **Warminster Singles Champion** and partnered by **Dick Rees** beat **Ken Tanner** and **Geoff Warren** in the **Men's Doubles Final**. **Christchurch "B"** beat **St. John's "A"** in the **Team K.O. Final**.

C. Hooper retained the **Mere Senior Shield** while **R. Snook** beat **C. Hoskins** in the **Junior Shield Final**.

Wiltshire Women Seed No. 2, **Jean Tyler**, won the **Westinghouse Handicap Singles** and shared the **Doubles Award** with **Major Roddham**. **County Umpire Dave Jones** won the **Singles Title**.

Don Hillier.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

CORNWELL TAKES SINGLES

THE Cambridgeshire "Closed" Championships held at the **Cambridge Corn Exchange** at the end of March were important in that the **Junior Girls' Singles** were revived and that the **Junior Boys' Singles** contained many of the boys who had been attending the **Junior Coaching Courses** for the past few months.

Ruth Buttle won the **Junior Girls' title** and **Eddie Sharpe** (aged 13) won the **Junior Boys' title**.

Sharpe, who comes from **Cambridge League Club**, **Wilburton**, must be the youngest winner of this trophy.

John Cornwell secured his singles title by beating **John Thurston** but **Beryl Sebley** lost her ladies' singles title to **Mrs. Bamber** of **Wisbech** who won in two sets, a creditable performance.

Men's Singles: J. D. CORNWELL bt **J. A. Thurston** 21-14, 21-16. **Men's Doubles: CORNWELL/THURSTON** bt **G. Howell/K. Puddick**.

Women's Singles: Mrs. M. BAMBER bt **Mrs. B. Sebley** 21-16, 21-19. **Women's Doubles: bt Mrs. Bamber/ Mrs. Nobbs** 21-6, 9-21, 21-13.

Mixed Doubles: Mr. and Mrs. B. STEVENS bt **R. Nunn** and **Mrs. M. A. Cornwell** 21-14, 17-21, 21-18.

Boys' Singles: E. SHARPE bt **B. Jones** 21-10, 22-20. **Girls' Singles: R. BUTTLE** bt **C. Chapman** 21-10, 21-12.

Veterans' Singles: T. H. CATLYN bt **F. Bamber** 21-9, 21-11. **Handicap Singles: F. DYER** bt **J. Buck** 33-31, 31-28.

Men's Radius Singles: P. ASHOK (Varsity) bt **J. A. Thurston** 21-15, 21-19. **Men's Radius Doubles: CORNWELL/THURSTON** bt **Saywell/I. Twyden** 21-9, 21-18.

New Chesterton Institute became champions of **Division I** in the **Cambridge League** with their second team runners-up.

Wesley and **Fire Brigade** are the relegated clubs, making way for **Pest Control I** and **Y.M.C.A. II**.

Wilburton and **Hospital I** win promotion to the **Second Division**.

Wilburton won the knock-out Handicap for the second successive year, beating **Torchbearers I** 5-4 in the final.

Martin Brown of **Torchbearers** (Salvation Army) defeated **Ron Nunn** in the **Final of the Hospital's Challenge Cup** in two straight sets. **Nunn** pulled up well in both sets but just could not make it.

In the semi-finals **Nunn** beat the holder, **Chris. Reeve**, while **Brown** beat **Tony Haslop**.

Although **Cambridgeshire** did not fare as well as expected in the **National County Championships**, they now have some junior talent which promises well for the future.

Cambridge are again doing well in the **Circulation League Drive Table** and are still top thanks to the continued good efforts of **Tony Bratchie**.

John Thurston has reached the final of the **Bedfordshire Radius Championships**.

Leslie Constable.

NORTHANTS NOTES

EIGHTH SUCCESSIVE WIN

C. S. HOGG won the men's singles for the eighth successive year in the **Northamptonshire "closed" championships**. **Mrs. A. Lenton** took the women's singles and the doubles with **Miss M. Coleman**.

P. Westley and **A. Penn** won the men's doubles, with the mixed going to **B. Bond** and **Mrs. C. Laverick**. **J. Goodall** won the junior singles.

Kettering, with two matches in hand and only two points behind **Wellingborough**, look likely to win the **County Inter-League Championship** for the first time, and are well placed to retain the **Intermediate title**.

Reorganisation of the **County League** and the structure on one or two other leagues is possible in an effort to infuse more interest in the county, with a new **Youth League starting at Stamford**.

BEDFORDSHIRE "CLOSED"

Men's Singles: D. WHITE bt **F. Morris** 21-18, 21-7, 21-14. **Women's Singles: R. SEYMOUR** bt **Mrs. B. Freil** 21-18, 21-19.

Men's Double: P. RACEY/D.WHITE bt **C. Crowe/G. Larg** 21-14, 18-21, 21-16.

Women's Doubles: J. RACEY/Mrs. J. WHITING bt **J. Cox/D. Underwood** 12-21, 21-14, 21-15. **Mixed Doubles: P. RACEY/Miss RACEY** bt **C. Crowe/Mrs. Whiting** 23-21, 23-21.

Boys' Singles: B. ODELL bt **B. Copperwheat**. **Girls' Singles: A. JAMES** bt **P. Jinks**.

NORFOLK NOTES

EWLES TAKES TITLE

THE biggest surprise in the Yarmouth "Closed" Championships was the victory of Maurice Ewles over Tony Archer. This was an unexpected victory for Ewles, whose form had been in and out in representative matches this season. Archer, who has had some excellent results this season, was firm favourite to take the title for the fourth successive year.

The final went to the full length of five games. Ewles, who won the first ten points, built up a two games lead, but was caught at two-all and trailed 15-19 before racing through with a sequence of six points.

Mrs. Allen retained the Women's Singles, beating Mrs. Rodwell 23-21, 22-20, in one of the closest finals for several seasons.

DEREHAM

For the first time in the history of the Dereham League there was a tie for first place between The Saints and Hobbies "A". Both teams won 11 games and lost 33 with 23 points. The league has been functioning for 13 years and at the start of the season it extended its boundaries.

B. Loveday beat I. Butler in a thrilling five-games final to win the Men's Singles for the fourth year in the Dereham "Closed" Championships.

KINGS LYNN

Heacham dropped only one point when gaining promotion to the First Division of the Kings Lynn League.

Nomads and Sutton Bridge are once again finalists for the Challenge Cup.

Sixteen enthusiastic entrants competed for the Stalham leagues singles trophy where two penguipers emerged as finalists. The winner was R. Durrant from the neighbouring village of Hickling and the runner-up was R. Lee from Upton.

NORWICH

Gothic achieved a double in the Norwich League, winning the First Division and The Readwin Cup.

Gothic had one point lead over Bullards in the league and beat Y.M.C.A. 6-3 in the final of the Readwin Cup.

Robin Wickens.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

UNLUCKY THIRTEEN

IT was David who toppled the Goliath club of the Leeds League. Champions for 13 seasons since their formation in 1947, Victoria have yielded their crown to Rowland Road.

In the vital meeting between the two, Road won 6-4. And the hero was David Laycock, who won all three against Kathie Best, Peter Simpson and John Spencer.

Brother Stuart won two and Peter Sykes accounted for the other.

Vics gained some consolation by winning the final of the cup competition 6-4—despite another three for David Laycock.

Clive Pollard took three titles at the Hull "Closed." He beat Eddie Beedle in the men's final and won the men's doubles with David Bartlett and the mixed with Irene Allsopp.

Other winners: Women's Singles: Gladys Mears; Boys' Singles: Colin Gray; Girls' Singles: Ann Brown; Veterans' Singles: John Robinson; Women's Doubles: Brown - Kath and Whinham.

The Barnsley "Closed" was full of smiles for Doug McGarry, who took three titles home.

Metal Box did the Bradford cup-league double for the sixth season running and reached the final of the county inter-club event with a 6-0 win over Harrogate Wanderers.

Hull Y.P.I. had a 5-4 semi-final shock for Barnsley North End, women's inter-club champions six times in nine years, Irene Allsopp beat both Lillias Hamilton and Eileen Starkie.

The following night Irene lost to both players when Barnsley beat Hull 7-3 in an inter-league match!

Sheffield are the men's champions with battling Barnsley runners-up. Huddersfield won the women's crown.

In section-winners' play-offs, Bradford "B" beat Northallerton for promotion to Division Two and Huddersfield defeated Hull for the youths' title.

Malcolm Hartley.

Australian News

VICTORIA'S big Easter Tournament, sponsored by the Riversdale Co., excelled all records with over 60 inter-state entries on top of all leading Victorian players.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: V. Hirsch bt P. McLaughlin 26-24, 22-20, 21-12; J. Marton bt R. Lim 17-21, 21-11, 18-21, 21-17 21-14.

Final: Hirsch bt Marton 21-18, 21-17, 21-18.

Women's Singles: S. Javor bt L. Prowse 21-8, 21-11, 21-9.

Men's Doubles: J. Marton/J. Nicholson bt R. Lim/V. Sirvic 22-20, 21-14, 10-21, 21-17.

Women's Doubles: S. Javor/L. Prowse bt F. Smith/N. Greig 21-14 21-13.

Mixed Doubles: V. Hirsch/S. Javor bt B. Peters/B. Turner 14-21 21-11, 21-16.

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

JOHNNY LEACH the No. 1 seed, crashed in the first round of the French "Open" championships at Lille. He was beaten by Tran Ngoc Toan (France) 21-18, 21-16, 16-21, 22-20.

With the non-arrival of the Vietnam team, of whom Le Van Tiet, was to have been second seed, the title went to Loehler, of Germany who beat Lo (Portugal) 22-20, 21-15, 21-13 in the final.

Lo, with terrific defensive ability and a slashing forehand attack, proved a great favourite with the crowd.

Agnes Simon gained a triple crown by winning the singles, women's doubles with Angelica Rozeanu, and the mixed doubles with Michalek. In the singles final she beat Mrs. Rozeanu 21-14, 21-18, 21-12.

Leach partnered Mrs. Rozeanu and reached the mixed doubles semi-final where they were beaten by Mrs. Simon and Michalek.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: Koeler (Germany) bt Onnes (Holland) 3-1; Lo (Portugal) bt Forster (Germany) 3-2.

Final: Koehler bt Lo 22-20, 21-15, 21-13.

Women's Singles: Final: A. Simon (Germany) bt A. Rozeanu (Israel) 21-14, 21-18, 21-12.

Men's Doubles: Final: Forster/Terback (Germany) bt Schoofs/Onnes (Holland) 22-20, 14-21, 17-21, 21-15, 21-11.

Women's Doubles: Final: A. Simon/A. Rozeanu bt E. Buchholz/Dauphin (Germany) 21-17, 21-5, 15-21, 22-20.

Mixed Doubles: Final: A. Simon/Michalek bt H. Dauphin/Harst 21-14, 21-11, 17-21, 21-14.

Frenford Tour of Belgium

THE Frenford Table Tennis Club (Ilford) enjoyed their third tour of Belgium at Easter during which they played two matches. On Good Friday they beat Kortrijk T.T.C. 17-7.

The men were stronger than the Belgian players but the Ladies met strong opposition in Madame M. Detournay one of Belgium's leading players. Mrs. Diane Dunand came close to her just going down 21-14, 16-21, 17-21.

Reg Gray had a narrow win over G. Vervaeke winning 20-22, 21-13,

22-20 after being 15-20 down in the third game.

On the Saturday the Frenford team played a strong team from Small Street T.T.C. Ghent winning 13-9. This was a good close match with Alan Gazley in great form but all of the Frenford players fought hard and well to maintain their unbeaten record on the Continent.

Players on this tour were Alan Gazley, Reg Gray, Ken Smith, Charlie Carroll, Stan Criddle, Derrick Dunand, Mrs. Diane Dunand and Mrs. Shirley Carroll.

NORTH-EAST ENGLAND "OPEN"

Landry-Jacobson Thriller

LAURIE LANDRY and Stanley Jacobson, both of whom play for Willesden, met in the final of the North East England "Open" at Scarborough over Easter. Landry, knowing that he must keep Jacobson out at all costs to prevent him utilising his "topspin," was aggressive from start to finish. Jacobson, who is generally assumed to have nothing besides his well-known stroke, hit his critics for six with a display of hit and counter-hit rarely seen in an "Open" Tournament final.

Landry had a good match in the semi with the holder, young David Creamer. Landry, slow hitting, seemed to have the game bottled up when he was a game up and held a good lead in the second. Then Creamer came in with the hitting that we know he is capable of and he drew level. Though he lost in the third, he put up a very good fight.

Landry had anxious moments against Kevin Forshaw whom he beat after 20 in both games. Forshaw had previously scored a good win over Densham.

Jacobson had marched majestically to the final with topspin much in attendance. Schofield and Thornhill fell by the wayside. Creamer beat Alan Lindsay, who had knocked out the most dangerous of the Northerners, Jack Clayton, in two close games (17, 21).

The Women's Singles also produced a final out of the ordinary. Joyce Fielder beat Shelagh Hession after losing the first game. Joyce all but lost it two straight but she produced some great hitting to pull her through. Hession performed most creditably in beating the solid defence of Philomena Clark.

Maurice Billington once again beat Brian Wright in the boys' final. Both these boys had early scares. Wright was three match points down against the Scots junior, J. Dow, and was then taken to 19 in the third by Coward whilst Billington was in trouble against the topspin of H. Schofield (no relation to Derek) of Cheshire.

Alan Lindsay was successful in both doubles finals, partnering Jacobson to beat Thornhill and David Creamer, then taking the mixed with Gwen Robinson.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals: L. LANDRY (Middlesex) bt D. Creamer (Middlesex) 21-19, 18-21, 21-15. S. JACOBSON (Middlesex) bt M. Thornhill (Middlesex) 21-16, 21-16.
Final: LANDRY bt Jacobson 19-21, 21-18, 21-18.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals: J. FIELDER (Kent) bt C. Spencer (Lancashire) 21-12, 21-10. S. HESSION (Essex) bt P. Clark (Northumberland) 21-12, 21-15.
Final: FIELDER bt Hession 19-21, 21-18, 21-16.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: JACOBSON/A. LINDSAY (Middlesex) bt M. Pitts (Yorkshire)/G. Livesey (Lancashire) 21-10, 21-18. THORNHILL/CREAMER bt T. Densham (Hertfordshire)/Landry 21-19, 10-21, 21-14.
Final: JACOBSON/LINDSAY bt Thornhill/Creamer 20-22, 22-20, 21-17.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: M. LEIGH/W. SWIFT (Lancashire) bt A. Taft (Hertfordshire)/Hession 22-20, 21-18. C. SPENCER/D. FITZGERALD (Lancashire) bt P. Chadwick (Lincolnshire)/P. Clark 21-18, 21-13.
Final: LEIGH/SWIFT bt Spencer/Fitzgerald 11-21, 21-13, 21-17.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: LINDSAY/G. ROBINSON (Hertfordshire) bt Jacobson/Swift 13-21,

21-18, 21-16. M. SIMPSON (Yorkshire)/D. GRIFFITHS (Warwickshire) bt Landry/Fielder 19-21, 21-10, 24-22.

Final: LINDSAY/ROBINSON bt Simpson/Griffiths 21-15, 21-15.

YOUTH SINGLES

Semi-Finals: K. FORSHAW (Lancashire) bt E. Wright (Middlesex) 21-13, 21-14. B. FARNWORTH (Lancashire) bt G. Whalley (Sussex) 24-22, 22-20.
Final: FORSHAW bt Farnworth 21-17, 21-16.

BOYS' SINGLES

Semi-Finals: M. BILLINGTON (Warwickshire) bt H. Schofield (Cheshire) 21-16, 15-21, 21-19. WRIGHT bt H. Coward (Yorkshire) 21-15, 22-24, 21-19.
Final: BILLINGTON bt Wright 21-16, 21-17.

GIRLS SINGLES

Semi-Finals: C. BLACKSHAW (Yorkshire) bt I. Allen (Yorkshire) 21-8, 21-10. P. DAINTY (Yorkshire) bt D. Fitzgerald (Lancashire) 21-17, 21-18.
Final: BLACKSHAW bt Dainty 21-15, 21-18.

VETERANS' SINGLES

Semi-Final: N. LUSHER (Yorkshire) bt E. Moorhouse (Yorkshire) 21-13, 21-17. C. ROBERTS (Nottinghamshire) bt E. Brown (Cheshire) 23-21, 21-7.
Final: LUSHER bt Roberts 16-21, 21-12, 21-14.

GWENT "OPEN"

Shannon Takes All Four

A GROUP of nine players came to Newport in a Dormobile and travelled back with every title in the Gwent "Open." Laurie Landry won another title again beating Stanley Jacobson in the final. This match was not up to the level of the Scarborough match the previous week but it was nevertheless well fought, with Landry winning very closely in all three games of the best-of-five match. In each game Jacobson seemed to lose his grip just near the end, giving Landry the initiative.

Landry also won the Men's Doubles with Terry Densham, whom he beat in a fast, close and furious semi-final. In the final they beat Michael Creamer and Brian Wright who had put out the holders, Welsh pair Evans and Davies. Landry's third title was in the Mixed with Mary Shannon. Once again Michael Creamer appeared on the losing side, this time with Alma Taft. They just lost to Landry and Shannon at 18 in the third.

The Mixed Doubles was Mary Shannon's fourth title. She won the Girls' with little difficulty and the Women's Doubles was won in two close games with Shirley Prior.

The Women's Singles looked to be a walkover when Shannon won the first 11 and was leading 18-6 in the second when Beryl Broad, who had earlier done so well to beat Audrey Bates (18, —18, 18), refound her form to take the game 23-21. Shannon pulled herself together in the third and won it 13.

Brian Wright won his sixth junior

title of the season when he beat Morley Mordecai in the final.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals: L. LANDRY (Midxx.) bt T. Densham (Herts.) 22-20, 21-18. S. JACOBSON (Midxx.) bt D. Baddeley (Warwicks.) 21-9, 21-15.
Final: LANDRY bt Jacobson 22-20, 24-22, 21-18.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals: M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt D. Schofield (Cheshire) 21-18, 21-12. E. BROAD (Staffs.) bt J. Rainsbury (Wales) 21-15, 21-10.
Final: SHANNON bt Broad 21-11, 21-23, 21-13.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: LANDRY/DENSHAM bt K. Bull/R. Fowler (Wales) 21-19, 21-9. M. CREAMER/B. WRIGHT (Midxx.) bt R. Davies/G. Evans (Wales) 21-15, 21-15.
Final: LANDRY/DENSHAM bt Creamer/Wright 21-11, 19-21, 21-14.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: SHANNON/S. PRIOR (Surrey) bt E. Bale/A. Bennett (Wales) 21-7, 21-16. BROAD/SCHOFIELD bt A. Bates/S. Sturgess (Wales) 21-15, 21-15.
Final: SHANNON/PRIOR bt Broad/Schofield 22-20, 22-20.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: LANDRY-SHANNON bt K. Edwards/J. Collier (Gloucs.) 14-21, 21-16, 22-20. CREAMER/A. TAFT (Herts.) bt G. Morgan/Bates (Wales) 21-14, 11-21, 21-18.
Final: LANDRY/SHANNON bt Creamer/Taft 21-14, 18-21, 21-18.

BOYS' SINGLES

Semi-Finals: WRIGHT bt D. Holland (Gloucestershire) 21-9, 21-16. M. MORDECAI (Gloucestershire) bt Miss M. Shannon 21-19, 21-18 (also included in this event—small entry for Girls).
Final: WRIGHT bt Mordecai 21-16, 21-18.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Semi-Finals: SHANNON bt D. John (Wales) 21-7, 21-4. J. ROBERTS (Warwickshire) bt C. Gray (Wales) 21-4 21-8.
Final: SHANNON bt Roberts 21-6, 21-6.

JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT**JUNIORS ARE NOT WORLD CLASS**Says **BRIAN BRUMWELL**

AS the Table Tennis season draws to a close I like to look through the list of top Juniors and consider which, if any, could become World Class. Last season we had a very strong group of boys, Creamer, Livesey, Keogh and Barker.

All of these could I believe win senior international badges, but David Creamer is the only one with the right killer instinct to make World Class.

This season I do not think the boys' standard has been so high. They do not appear to have the right approach to the game to become World Class.

Among the girls moving up to senior ranks are Mary Shannon and Judy Williams who undoubtedly could get senior international badges next year. Are they of the calibre of World Class players? My answer is no. Mary Shannon has shown great form winning many senior titles, but lacks the necessary killer instinct.

Diane Rowe is the perfect example of a person with a killer instinct and I would advise all juniors who hope

to get on in Table Tennis to watch Diane whenever she is playing any important matches.

While I realise Diane has a top class all-round game I think it is her killer instinct that took her into World Class and made her one of the Table Tennis Greats.

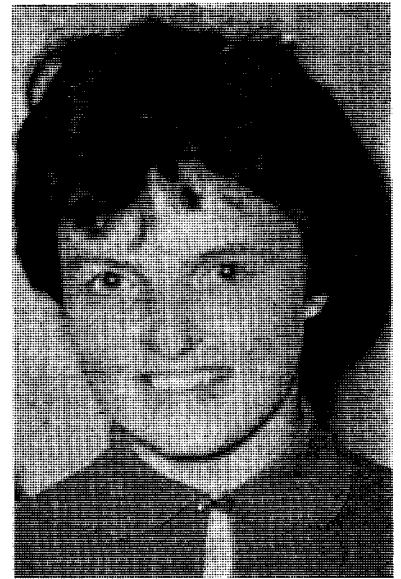
This month's spotlight is on Judy Williams, aged 17, born 25.2.44. Height 5ft. 5in. Weight 121lb. She is a schoolgirl at St. Albans Grammar School (Upper VI) and is hoping to study foreign languages at University if successful in her G.C.E. "A" level this summer.

Judy hopes to play for School at Tennis this year. She also plays Lacrosse.

CARROLL LEVIS DISCOVERY

An exhibitionist at Guildhall School of Music for Elocution she was a "Carroll Levis Junior Discovery" in 1959 for verse-speaking.

She has visited France and West

**JUDY WILLIAMS**

Germany twice, each on educational grounds.

She first played table tennis (apart from with family after tea) at Easter, 1957, when she was sent by Herts County T.T.A. to a course they organised to recruit a junior team. Her first match was for Herts Juniors v Suffolk Juniors in September, 1957. (She started playing for DAGMAR II in the W.G.G. and Hatfield League Div. V the following week.)

Judy has played every Herts Junior match since then—her score of County Matches to date is: 24 Junior team (maximum possible), 1 Second team (Spring, 1959), 9 First team (first appearance in play-off against Glamorgan, 1959).

At present she is the holder of the Ladies' Singles and Mixed Doubles (with Brian Barr) in Herts "Closed" Championships; holder of Ladies' Singles Titles in Bournemouth "Open" and Peterborough "Open," and Mixed Doubles (with B. Merrett) at Middlesex "Open."

She is the first girl to be the pupil in winning NEWS OF THE WORLD Coach and Pupil trophy, and won the GIRL Senior 1959.

She has been coached by Geoff Harrower since she started to play.

Her parents have both played in League Table Tennis (Lower Divisions) but neither has played in representative teams at any sport. Her father owns a small hotel.

Brother Peter (14 years) has just started to play for Herts Juniors and has had 50 per cent. success so far.

I will be sorry to see Judy leave the Junior ranks but I wish her every success in the Seniors.

ESSEX NOTES

THE Essex "Closed" Championships, excellently staged at the Eton Manor Club, produced its usual crop of surprises. First major casualty in the

men's singles was Brian Brumwell who went out in his group to Bob McCree.

McCree, obviously feeling the effects of a three-game marathon with Ken Beamish, lost to young Keith Fallan. Tony Condon beat Fallan in one semi-final, whilst Stevens beat Golding (winner over Les Sawyer) in the other.

Condon fought hard in the final but found Bobby Stevens a shade too good for him.

Shock of the Ladies' Singles was the semi-final defeat of Jean McCree by Ivy Sawyer.

Lesley Bell, fighting back from 3-10 down in the third, beat Mrs. Sawyer to become the first junior ever to win an Essex Senior title.

Men's Singles: R. Stevens bt A. Condon 21-10, 24-22. **Women's Singles:** L. Bell bt Mrs. I. Sawyer 21-9, 15-21, 21-17. **Men's Doubles:** K. Beamish/Condon bt R. Raybould/Stevens 21-14, 22-20. **Women's Doubles:** Mrs. J. McCree/Mrs. Sawyer bt Mrs. M. Know/Miss P. Martin 21-9, 21-15. **Mixed Doubles:** L. Sawyer/Mrs. Sawyer bt Stevens/Mrs. McCree 15-21, 21-14, 27-25.

Veterans' Singles: R. Markwell bt V. Ralls 21-13, 19-21, 21-19.

Gene Ryan became the first ever player to win the triple crown when he took the men's singles, men's doubles and mixed in the recent Billericay Championships.

Frank Bateman.

**LESLEY BELL**

Summary of Tournament Winners 1960-61

EAST OF ENGLAND. M.S., J. Somogy (Surrey); **W.S.**, Mrs. J. McCree (Essex); **M.D.**, M. Maclaren (Surrey)/L. Adams (Middx.); **W.D.**, Mrs. B. Bird (Surrey)/Mrs. P. Clark (Northumberland); **X.D.**, E. T. Johnson (E. Cheshire)/Miss Wright (Cheshire); **B.S.**, M. Billington (Warwicks); **G.S.**, L. Bell (Essex).

ESSEX OPEN. M.S., M. Jacobson (Middx.); **W.S.**, D. Rowe (Middx.); **M.D.**, I. Harrison (Glos.)/B. Merrett (Glos.); **W.D.**, Mrs. J. McCree (Essex)/Mrs. E. Carrington (Essex); **X.D.**, J. Leach (Essex)/D. Rowe (Middx.); **B.S.**, B. Wright (Middx.); **G.S.**, M. Shannon (Surrey).

ENGLISH CLOSED. M.S., I. Harrison (Glos.); **W.S.**, D. Rowe (Middx.); **M.D.**, I. Harrison (Glos.)/B. Merrett (Glos.); **W.D.**, Mrs. E. Carrington (Essex)/Mrs. J. McCree (Essex); **X.D.**, M. Maclaren (Surrey)/Miss Piper (Surrey).

NORTH OF ENGLAND APPROVED OPEN. M.S., J. Ingber (Lancs.); **W.S.**, J. Harrower (Middx.); **M.D.**, J. Clayton (Lancs.)/D. Schofield (Cheshire); **W.D.**, P. Clark (Northumberland)/J. Williams (Herts.); **X.D.**, L. Landry (Middx.)/Miss Fry (Middx.); **B.S.**, D. Stanley (Yorks.); **G.S.**, L. Proudlock (Yorks.).

PORTSMOUTH APPROVED OPEN. M.S., P. Shead (Sussex); **W.S.**, M. Hicks (Middx.); **M.D.**, A. Lindsay/S. Jacobson (Middx.); **J.S.**, S. Ogundipe (Sussex); **W.D.**, C. Holes/P. Holes (Hants.); **X.D.**, Lindsay (Middx.)/Miss A. Taft (Herts.).

HARTLEPOOLS APPROVED OPEN. M.S., J. Clayton (Lancs.); **W.S.**, H. Elliott (Scotland); **M.D.**, W. Barker/E. Taylor (Durham); **W.D.**, D. Ridgway/D. Wright (Yorks.); **X.D.**, I. Barclay/Miss H. Elliott (Scotland); **J.B.S.**, W. Barker (Durham).

SUSSEX OPEN. M.S., H. Alser (Sweden); **W.S.**, D. Rowe (Middx.); **M.D.**, I. Harrison (Glos.)/B. Merrett (Glos.); **W.D.**, D. Rowe (Middx.)/J. Mills (Middx.); **X.D.**, H. Alser (Sweden)/Miss M. Fry (Middx.); **V.S.**, R. Markwell (Essex).

HULL & EAST RIDING OPEN. M.S., D. Creamer (Middx.); **W.S.**, D. Wright (Cheshire); **M.D.**, D. Creamer/L. Landry (Middx.); **W.D.**, M. Dyson (Yorks.)/P. Morton (Yorks.); **X.D.**, S. Dyson/P. Morton; **B.S.**, D. Stanley (Yorks.); **G.S.**, L. Proudlock (Yorks.).

MERSEYSIDE OPEN. M.S., J. Clayton (Lancs.); **W.S.**, P. Morton (Yorks.); **M.D.**, T. Densham (Herts.)/L. Landry (Middx.); **W.D.**, P. Mortimer (Warwicks.)/D. Griffiths (Warwicks.); **X.D.**, T. Densham/Miss Mortimer; **B.S.**, M. Billington (Warwicks.); **G.S.**, D. Fitzgerald (Lancs.).

BIRMINGHAM OPEN. M.S., P. Shead (Sussex); **W.S.**, J. McCree (Essex); **M.D.**, P. Shead/A. Simons (Glos.); **W.D.**, P. Piper (Surrey)/P. Mortimer (Warwicks.); **X.D.**, Event unfinished. **Inter. Singles**, T. Piddock (Kent); **B.S.**, B. Hill (Lincs.); **G.S.**, M. Shannon (Surrey); **J.D.**, B. Wright (Middx.)/D. Offenbach (Middx.); **V.S.**, H. Spiers (Warwicks.).

BOURNEMOUTH APPROVED OPEN. M.S., A. Lindsay (Middx.);

W.S., J. Williams (Herts.); **M.D.**, L. Densham (Herts.)/M. Creamer (Middx.); **W.D.**, Miss G. Robinson (Herts.)/Miss A. Taft (Herts.); **X.D.**, L. Sawyer/I. Sawyer (London); **B.S.**, M. Billington (Warwicks.).

YORKSHIRE OPEN. M.S., J. Clayton (Lancs.); **W.S.**, J. McCree (Essex); **M.D.**, R. Raybould (Essex)/R. Stevens (Essex); **W.D.**, J. McCree (Essex)/J. Mills (Surrey); **X.D.**, L. Landry (Middx.)/Miss Wright (Yorks.); **V.S.**, H. Nixon (Lancs.).

NEWBURY APPROVED OPEN. M.S., I. Harrison (Glos.); **W.S.**, G. Robinson (Herts.); **M.D.**, T. Densham (Herts.)/L. Landry (Middx.); **W.D.**, C. Holes/P. Holes (Hants.); **X.D.**, R. Henderson/S. Foster (Hants.); **J.M.S.**, E. Lloyd.

MIDDLESEX OPEN. M.S., I. Harrison (Surrey); **W.S.**, J. Harrower (Middx.); **M.D.**, R. Raybould (Essex)/R. Stevens (Essex); **W.D.**, J. McCree (Essex)/E. Carrington (Essex); **X.D.**, B. Merrett (Glos.)/Miss Williams (Herts.); **B.S.**, R. Racliffe (Herts.); **G.S.**, Miss Bell (Essex).

WEST OF ENGLAND. M.S., L. Landry (Middx.); **W.S.**, T. Spokes (Glos.); **M.D.**, L. Landry (Middx.)/T. Densham (Herts.); **W.D.**, M. Shannon (Surrey)/S. Prior (Surrey); **X.D.**, L. Landry/Miss Shannon; **B.S.**, B. Davis (Cornwall); **G.S.**, M. Shannon; **J.D.**, Davis/Hocking (Cornwall).

ENGLISH OPEN. M.S., V. Markovic (Yugoslavia); **W.S.**, Eva Foldi (Hungary); **M.D.**, Hans Alser (Sweden)/Tony Larsson (Sweden); **W.D.**, Agnes Simon (W. Germany)/Kathleen Best (Yorks.); **X.D.**, Zoltan Berczik (Hungary)/Mrs. Eva Foldi; **B.S.**, B. Wright (Middx.); **G.S.**, Lena Guntch (Sweden); **B.D.**, T. Caffrey (Ireland)/C. Thomas (Wales); **G.D.**, M. Shannon (Surrey)/J. Williams (Herts.); **J.M.D.**, T. Caffrey / M. Carlsson (Sweden); **V.M.S.**, R. Crayden (Surrey); **V.W.S.**, Mrs. C. H. N. Whitehouse (Middx.).

WELSH OPEN. M.S., T. Larsson (Sweden); **W.S.**, D. Rowe (Middx.); **M.D.**, T. Larsson/H. Alser (Sweden); **W.D.**, L. Guntch (Sweden)/B. Andersson (Sweden); **X.D.**, I. Harrison (Glos.)/Miss Rowe (Middx.); **B.S.**, B. Wright (Middx.); **G.S.**, L. Guntch.

LANCASHIRE OPEN. M.S., J. Ingber (Lancs.); **W.S.**, D. Wright (Cheshire); **M.D.**, J. Ingber/P. Strulovitch (Lancs.); **W.D.**, M. Leigh (Lancs.); **X.D.**, Dyson (Yorks.)/Miss Morton (Yorks.); **B.S.**, H. T. Coward (Yorks.); **G.S.**, L. A. Gordon (Lancs.); **V.S.**, H. M. Nixon (Lancs.).

PONTEFRACT APPROVED OPEN. M.S., D. Schofield (Cheshire); **W.S.**, D. Fitzgerald (Lancs.); **M.D.**, R. Crusham/K. Forshaw (Lancs.); **W.D.**, M. Leigh (Lancs.)/Mrs. D. Schofield. **X.D.**, M. J. Pitts (Yorks.)/Mrs. M. Dyson (Yorks.); **Y.S.**, G. Livesley (Burmley); **G.S.**, D. Fitzgerald (Lancs.); **V.S.**, E. A. Brown (Cheshire).

BATH OPEN. M.S., I. Harrison (Glos.); **W.S.**, G. Robinson (Herts.); **B.S.**, M. Mordecai (Glos.); **M.D.**, S.

Jacobson (Middx.)/A. Lindsay (Middx.); **W.D.**, Mrs. J. Lloyd/B. Broad; **X.D.**, A. Lindsay/Miss Robinson.

KENT OPEN. M.S., E. Quaye (Ghana); **W.S.**, J. Harrower (Middx.); **M.D.**, H. Buist (Kent)/A. Piddock (Kent); **W.D.**, L. Bell (Essex)/Mrs. J. Piffold (Kent); **X.D.**, A. Rhodes (Middx.)/J. Fielder (Kent); **B.S.**, I. Giles (Middx.); **G.S.**, M. Shannon (Surrey).

MIDLAND OPEN. M.S., I. Harrison (Glos.); **W.S.**, A. Bates (Wales); **M.D.**, A. Rhodes (Middx.)/L. Landry (Middx.); **W.D.**, D. Worrall (Staffs.)/A. Charman (Staffs.); **X.D.**, A. Rhodes/J. Fielder (Kent); **B.S.**, M. Billington (Warwicks.); **G.S.**, I. Ogus (Middx.); **V.S.**, H. Spiers (Warwicks.).

SOUTH YORKSHIRE OPEN. M.S., K. Forshaw (Lancs.); **W.S.**, Mrs. C. Spencer (Lancs.); **M.D.**, L. Oram/P. Skerratt (Lincs.); **W.D.**, Miss M. Leigh/Miss W. Swift (Lancs.); **X.D.**, D. McGarry/Miss L. Hamilton (Yorks.); **J.S.B.**, B. Farnworth (Lancs.).

SOUTH OF ENGLAND APPROVED OPEN. M.S., P. Shead (Sussex); **W.S.**, M. Shannon (Surrey); **M.D.**, E. Hodson (Middx.)/T. Densham (Herts.); **W.D.**, S. Hession (Essex)/M. Shannon; **X.D.**, S. Jacobson (Middx.)/J. Fielder (Kent); **B.S.**, B. Wright (Middx.); **G.S.**, J. Williams (Herts.).

GRIMSBY OPEN. M.S., M. Simpson (Yorks.); **W.S.**, D. Griffiths (Warwicks.); **M.D.**, K. Forshaw (Lancs.)/R. Crusham (Lancs.); **W.D.**, C. Blackshaw (Yorks.)/L. Proudlock (Yorks.); **X.D.**, P. Skerratt (Lincs.)/C. Moran (Lincs.); **B.S.**, H. Coward (Yorks.).

NORTH-EAST ENGLAND OPEN. M.S., L. Landry (Middx.); **W.S.**, J. Fielder (Kent); **M.D.**, S. Jacobson/A. Lindsay (Middx.); **W.D.**, M. Leigh/W. Swift (Lancs.); **X.D.**, A. Lindsay/G. Robinson (Middx.); **Y.S.**, K. Foreshaw (Lancs.); **J.S.B.**, M. Billington (Warwicks.); **J.G.S.**, C. Blackshaw (Yorks.); **V.S.**, N. Lusher (Yorks.).

BUCKS OPEN. M.S., P. Shead (Sussex); **W.S.**, M. Shannon (Surrey); **M.D.**, L. Landry/A. Rhodes (Middx.); **W.D.**, M. Shannon/S. Prior (Surrey); **X.D.**, L. Sawyer/I. Sawyer (Essex); **J.B.S.**, E. Lloyd (Bucks.); **J.G.S.**, M. Shannon (Surrey).

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September 2-3 **EAST of ENGLAND Open**, Skegness (Entries Mrs. F. A. Merryweather, 54 Redborn Road, Lincoln.)

October 12-14 **NORTH of ENGLAND Open**, Manchester. (Entries to L. Jones, 261 Mauldeth Road, Burnage, Manchester.)

October 22 **PORTSMOUTH APPROVED Open** (Entries to L. P. Goldring, 52 Winter Road, Southsea.)
In the absence of official closing dates it is suggested to allow at least two weeks before the event.