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JACK CARRINGTON, the National Director of Coaching, says "Catch 'em Young". Here he is seen with two young hopefuls at Butlins.

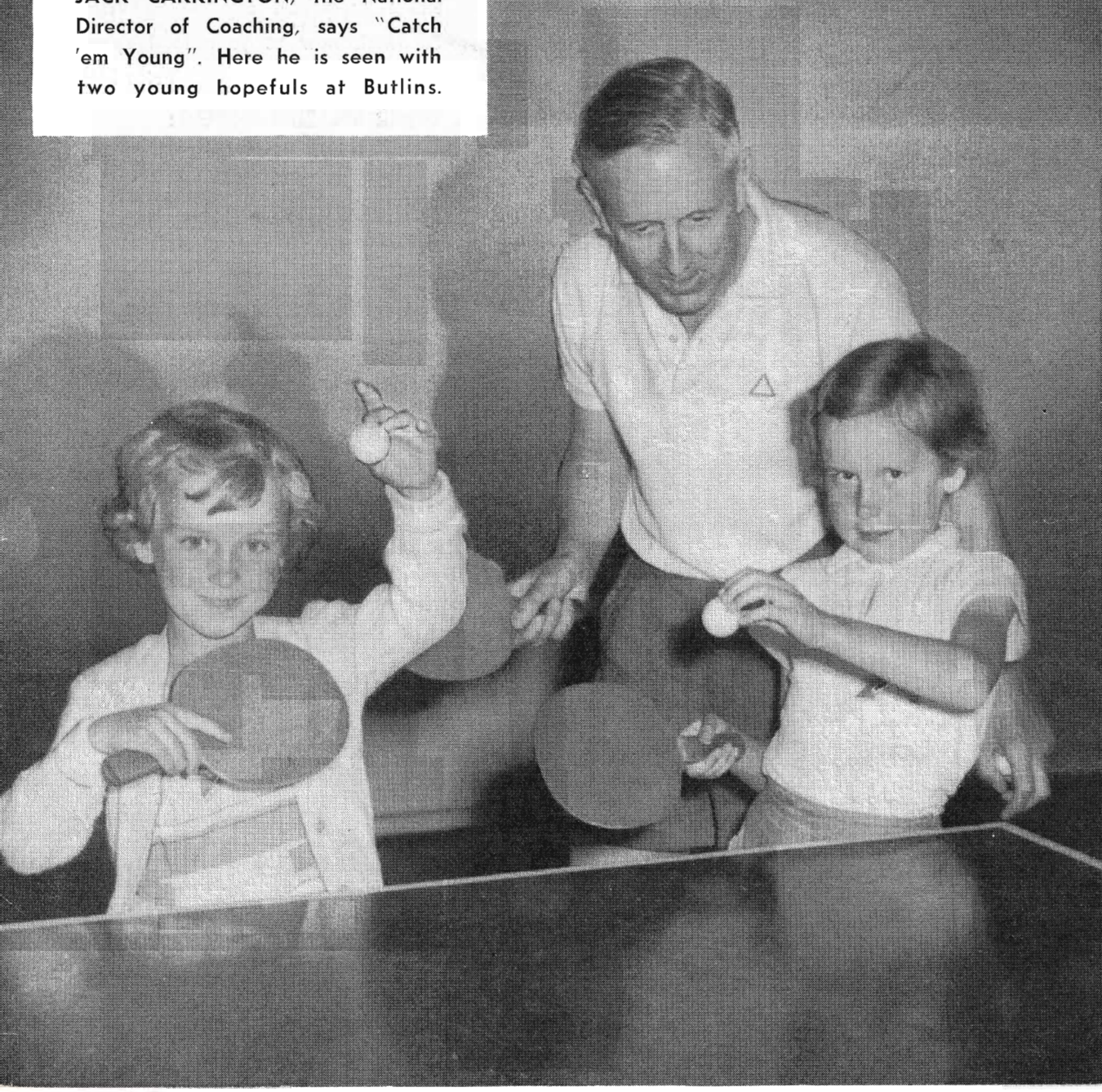


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VISIT FROM RUSSIA.

IT'S Table Tennis time again and throughout the length and breadth of the country some quarter-of-a-million enthusiasts have brought out their bats to do battle in clubs, leagues and tournaments.

Indications are that the game is as popular as ever with the players, but the big task ahead is to recapture the enthusiasm of the dwindling watching public.

And what better attraction for this game than a visit from the U.S.S.R.? They are due here this month and are to meet England in a series of five internationals.

These have been spread out over the country so that all areas can get a chance to see them.

The programme is: Bristol (Oct. 17), Birmingham (Oct. 18), Manchester (Oct. 19), Sunderland (Oct. 20), and Greenwich (Oct. 22).

AIR OF MYSTERY

No matter what the sport a visit from Russia, with that Iron Curtain air of mystery, acts like a magnet, capturing public imagination.

Table tennis should be no exception.

We have had the Russians here for football, boxing, athletics, swimming, fencing, and lawn tennis, but this will be the first ever visit of their table tennis players.

When the Russians enter international sport it is always in a big way. They aim for the top, and we have only to look back to the recent Olympic Games to find just how successful they can be.

What standard of opposition then, can England expect? That is a complete mystery. Table tennis is a comparatively new sport in Russia, yet has already been given major recognition.

As always they have been willing to learn from others, and with this in mind they held their first big international tournament in 1957. Several

leading European players have already visited there, including our own former world champion Johnny Leach.

Leach was impressed with their intensity of purpose and expects their standard to be very close to that of our own top players.

Three likely Russians to make the trip are Algimantas Saunoris, a doctor, Rimantas Pashkeavichus a P.T. instructor, and Genade Avarin, and 18 years old biological student from Moscow.

Saunoris and Pashkeavichus are both steady and experienced players, while Avarin has an attacking game which proved very popular in the European Championships last year.

The size of the Russian party is not yet known, but one thing is certain, they will be out to learn as much as they can.

Who knows, in a few years U.S.S.R. may well come forward to offer serious challenge to the Japanese domination of the game.

It will be England's turn to go on tour next month, a visit to Yugoslavia from November 18 to 20, and the Scandinavian Championships in Sweden seven days later.

Both Yugoslavia and Sweden are reciprocating by sending players to the English "Open" in January.

BUILD UP

All of this part of the build up to prepare our players for the World Championships in Peking next April. Providing the money is forthcoming to send a team, they will at least have had some international competition to help them along.

Funds from the Club Competitions and the E.T.T.A. Supporters Club scheme will be directed to sending a team to Peking, so by supporting these ventures you can play your part in seeing that we are represented.

OFFICIAL NEWS

Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting of the Association took place at the Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, London, on July 25, 1960, with 19 County Associations and 63 Leagues being represented.

The President, the Hon. I. G. S. Montagu, addressed the meeting at the start.

The result of the ballot for the election of officers and members of the National Executive Committee for 1960-61 were as follows:

Officers:

Chairman: A. K. VINT, O.B.E. Unopposed.

Deputy Chairman: I. C. EYLES. Unopposed.

Hon. Treasurer: T. BLUNN. Unopposed.

National Executive Committee on the Regional Basis:

Region 1. E. REAY. Unopposed.

Region 2. L. E. FORREST. Unopposed.

Region 3. N. COOK. Unopposed.

Region 4. L. W. JONES, 19, elected. E. Taylor 5, not elected.

Region 5. M. E. SCOTT, 13, elected. A. A. Wall 5, not elected.

Region 6. M. GOLDSTEIN. Unopposed.

Region 7. H. WALKER, 12, elected. E. J. Fairhead 9, not elected.

Region 8. L. S. WOOLLAND. Unopposed.

Region 9. G. JAMES (Subsequently appointed by N.E.C. in the absence of effective nomination).

Region 10. C. J. CLEMETT (Subsequently appointed by N.E.C. in absence of effective nomination).

Region 11. R. J. NICHOLLS. Unopposed.

Region 12. F. G. MANNOOCH. Unopposed.

National Executive on a National Basis:

Two Members. Elected: C. JASCHKE 111, J. SENESCALL, 78. Not elected: F. H. Bateman 69, L. F. Landry 66, A. Howcroft 39, L. R. J. Constable 28, S. R. Hoddy 23.

One Woman Member. Elected: Miss M. FRY 138. Not elected: Miss K. M. Benson 53, Mrs. F. M. Jarvis 11.

The Hon. I. G. S. MONTAGU was re-elected President of the Association.

The Vice-Presidents of the Association were re-elected with the addition of Mr. A. DONALDSON, of Sunderland. Mr. Donaldson was the winner of the men's singles in the English "Open" Championships of 1921-2 and

and has been a tireless worker for the game for the past 40 years.

Three further members were added to the list of Hon. Life Members of the Association: I. C. EYLES (Bristol), F. C. MANNOOCH (Sittingbourne), E. REAY (Sunderland).

This honour is bestowed on E.T.T.A. members for their past services to the games and association.

Messrs. Spain Bros., Chartered Accountants were re-elected as the Auditors of the Association.

English Table Tennis Association

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen.

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Chairman: A. K. Vint, O.B.E.

Deputy Chairman: I. C. Eyles.

Honorary Treasurer: T. Blunn.

Secretary: D. P. Lowen.

Office of the Association: 652, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2. (Telephone: TRAfalgar 2165).

E.T.T.A. Member's Levy: The following addition to the Rules was debated in full and passed by the meeting.

Rule 6(e) (Proposed by the National Executive Committee)

Member's 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 registering with or becoming members of a League after 31st October shall be paid to the Secretary of the Association by the following 31st March. The following conditions to apply:

- (i) *The levy shall be collected from each League regardless of a member being in membership with more than one League.*
- (ii) *The levy not to apply to members playing only for Youth Clubs or School Clubs in Youth or Schools League.*
- (iii) *For the purpose of definition of the word "member," this is to mean any member taking part in any League or Tournament competition under the auspices of a League.*
- (iv) *In the event of a League not*

registering individual members, the calculation for the levy shall be based on the number of teams competing in the League multiplied by the normal number of players in a team plus two players for each Club.

The effect of the addition to the Rules means that for the 1960/61 season each member of the Association will pay 6d. each via their League to the Association. Members playing in more than one League will pay 6d. to each League. The 6d. per member does not apply to those players playing only for Youth Clubs or School Clubs in Youth or Schools Leagues.

County Secretaries' Conference: The meeting also passed a resolution that a County Secretaries' meeting should be held during the 1960/61 season.

Hon. Press Officer: An announcement was made to the meeting that Mr. C. Jaschke had advised the National Executive Committee that he could not continue as the Association's Hon. Press Officer. The meeting expressed thanks to Mr. Jaschke for his work in this field, over the past three years. Mr. Leslie Woollard, speaking on behalf of journalists, also paid a tribute to his efforts.

Director of Coaching: The meeting was informed that Mr. J. H. Carrington had accepted the position of full-time Director of Coaching of the Association as from 1st July, 1960.

Mr. Carrington will visit various areas throughout the country and enquiries regarding local coaching courses should be made to him at 24 Worcester Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

N.E.C. Meeting: On the 26th June, 1960, the newly formed National Executive Committee met in the Council Chamber of the Royal Commonwealth Society. Among the sub-committees elected were:

National Selection (Senior): I. C. EYLES (Chairman), R. J. CRAYDEN (Captain), L. G. ADAMS, A. W. C. SIMONS with D. PETER LOWEN acting as Secretary to the Committee.

National Selection (Junior): E. REAY (Chairman), N. COOK (Hon. Secretary), B. BRUMWELL (Captain), A. THOMPSON. One member still to be appointed.

1960/61 Season Activities: It was agreed to proceed with the arrangements for an U.S.S.R. Tour of England. Five matches are to be staged at the following venues: October 17, Bristol; October 18, Birmingham; October 19, Manchester; October 20, Sunderland; October 22, Greenwich.

The Committee also agreed to send players to the Scandinavian Championships and the Yugoslavian Championships.

It was also agreed that the English "Open" Championships should be staged between January 2 and 7, 1961. The finals to be staged at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday evening, January 7, 1961.

The next World Championships are to be staged in Peking between April 5 and 14, 1961. The position of sending players to the Championships was discussed and it is hoped that ways and means will be found to allow the Association to send a minimum number of players.

The Club Competitions are to continue and the profit from them will be put into the Fund for the travelling expenses to the World Championships (details can be obtained from the office of the Association).

The E.T.T. Supporters' Club will again be operating during the coming season and has agreed to work during the 1960/61 season in aid of this Fund. Full details regarding the E.T.T. Supporters' Club can be obtained from the chief organiser, Mr. ASHLEY, 19 LAWRENCE HILL, BRISTOL, 5.

E.T.T.A. Office: The office of the Association is to continue the duplicating service introduced last season. Anyone interested should write to the office for any help required in this matter. The Association's office staff consisting of the Secretary of the Association together with Miss Angela Yarrow (full-time) and Mrs. V. Martin (part-time) will be only too pleased to assist any League Secretary or individual member regarding duplicating at any time during the forthcoming season.

Team Selections: The following teams have been selected for the International matches against U.S.S.R.:

Bristol, Oct. 17: I. HARRISON (Gloucestershire), B. MERRETT (Gloucestershire), A. RHODES (Middlesex).

Birmingham, Oct. 18: MERRETT, J. INGBER (Lancashire), RHODES.

Manchester, Oct. 19: HARRISON, D. C. BURRIDGE (Middlesex), INGBER.

Sunderland, Oct. 20: HARRISON, BURRIDGE, INGBER.

Greenwich, Oct. 22: HARRISON, MERRETT, BURRIDGE.

R. J. Crayden (Surrey) will be non-playing captain at Bristol, Birmingham and Greenwich. **L. G. Adams** (Middlesex) is non-playing captain at Manchester and Sunderland.

REGISTERED MEMBERS

The following members have been approved as Registered members for the 1960/61 season:—

G. V. Barna (Middx), S. R. Basden (Kent), B. Brumwell (Essex), D. C. Burrige (Middx), H. A. Cook (Surrey), R. J. Crayden (Surrey), G. W. Elliott (Kent), J. M. Fennell (London Bus. House), Miss J. Fielder (Kent), K. S. G. Fogwill (Surrey), D. G. Freer (Derbys), J. Griffiths (Kent), I. Harrison (Glos), Miss J. Harrower (Middx), E. W. Harvey (Surrey), J. E. Head (Surrey), R. Hinchliff (Lancs), E. J. Johnson (Cheshire), S. Johnson (Essex), B. A. Kalinka (Kent), L. F. Landry (Middx), J. A. Leach (Essex), A. Lindsay (Middx), K. Lipscombe (Middx), R. Markwell (Essex), Hon. I. Montagu (Herts), J. W. Murphy (N.A.L. G.O.), R. J. McCree (Essex), A. R. Payne (Kent), L. J. Pickering (Kent), E. J. Rumjahn (Lancs), J. H. Russell (Kent), T. E. Sears (Middx), A. W. C. Simons (Glos), J. Somogyi (Middx), G. A. Starke (London Banks), P. S. Taylor (Kent), A. Thompson (Yorks), Mrs. C. K. Thompson (Yorks), A. Watling (Surrey), L. Witten (Kent).

English Ranking 1960—61

IT'S almost as you were on the new Senior seeding list. There are no new names, just two promotions.

Tony Piddock (Kent) moves from joint 10 to No. 9 in place of A. Lindsay (Middlesex) among the men, while in the women's section Jean Harrower (Middlesex) takes over the No. 7 spot from Shelagh Hession (Essex).

The lists are based on last season's performances and will be revised later in the season.

MEN

- 1 Ian Harrison (Glos.) (1) and Bryan Merrett (Glos.) (1).
- 3 Derek Burrige (Middx.) (3).
- 4 Jeff Ingher (Lancs.) (4).
- 5 Alan Rhodes (Middx.) (5).
- 6 Josef Somogyi (Surrey) (6).
- 7 Michael Thornhill (Middx.) (7).
- 8 Laurie Landry (Middx.) (8).
- 9 Tony Piddock (Kent) (10).
- 10 Ken Craigie (Surrey) (10) and Alan Lindsay (Middx.) (9).

WOMEN

- 1 Diane Rowe (Middx.) (1).
- 2 Kathleen Best (Yorkshire) (2).
- 3 Betty Bird (Surrey) (3).
- 4 Jean McCree (Essex) (4).
- 5 Joyce Fielder (Kent) (5).
- 6 Elsie Carrington (Essex) (6).
- 7 Jean Harrower (Middx.) (8).
- 8 Shelagh Hession (Essex) (7).
- 9 Sheila Foster (Hants.) (9).
- 10 Peggy Piper (Surrey) (10).

Figures in parenthesis denote position of previous ranking list.



Peter Thorne, twins Christine and Pauline Holes, and Ray Hasler, of the Hampshire Association, with the National Tournament "Achievement Trophy" presented by Coca-Cola Bottlers at the event organised by The National Association of Mixed Clubs and Girls' Clubs. In addition to the Trophy they received a replica and a voucher for £25 to purchase sporting equipment for their Association.

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JACK CARRINGTON'S NOTEBOOK

COACHING GETS UNDERWAY

ALTHOUGH July and August might suggest siesta time for Table Tennis to some folk, it is quite clear that to others these months represent an opportunity for a different form of relaxation from winter's stereotyped match-play programme.

I refer to the considerable number of organisers and enthusiasts who have attended the no less than 41 days of instructional activity which I have conducted in these first two months as full-time Director of Coaching.

In addition to the various sessions which as might be expected, were held in the main London area, this programme took me to the following centres: Clacton, Hastings, Stevenage, Oxford Emsworth (S.E.Hants), Reading, Stone (Staffs), York, Hull, Liverpool, Warrington, Basildon, Doncaster, Lilleshall (Shropshire), Stafford, Plymouth, Chard, Fareham.

Some of these travels concerned special study sessions for coaches, others straightforward Junior development, some club coaching sessions brought in pupils of all ages so that coaches could be shown how to help them.

PARENTS' DAY

A rare highlight was a special Schoolchildren's and Parents' Day, attended by 25 juniors and 22 of their "supporters." Although held in London, for convenience of the majority, youngsters came from Essex, Middlesex, Surrey, Kent, Sussex, Hampshire and Bedfordshire.

Some seven senior coaches' sessions in London drew candidates from as far as Bedford, Brighton and even Weymouth. Such candidates do, of course, receive invitations to assist when I am running local instructional events in their own areas, in due course.

An unusual situation occurred in one of these sessions when two Barbados champions met on a London table. They were JOE HOAD, a strong and clever player now assisting Wimbledon Y.M.C.A., and FRANCIS GREGOIRE, the featherweight defensive expert who currently holds the York City singles title.

ERIC JONHSON (Cheshire) and COLIN DEATON (Derbyshire), now happily fit again, were my official assistants on a course at Lilleshall which included pupils from 20 different leagues. LEN WITTON (Civil Service) took charge of the earlier July course at Lilleshall with pupils from some 12 leagues.

JACK CARRINGTON'S NOTEBOOK is a new column by the E.T.T.A.'s first full-time Director of Coaching. Each month Carrington, who took over his appointment as from 1st July, 1960, will bring you news and gossip of his activities.

A smaller course at Bisham Abbey in September was taken by GEO. W. BILES of Dorset.

These few comments will serve to illustrate the extent of impact of our coaches and coaching students, and the obvious keenness of many of them. I do find, however, on my fleeting visits to local centres that the average crowd of good-hearted seniors are a bit shy of "letting themselves go," as instructors, the first time.

It is, of course, true that the slightest hesitancy—and any slackness—on the part of the instructor tends to multiply itself amongst pupils. Hence the Director has to project considerable "drive" in his own lectures and demonstrations.

Those who have seen Geoff Dyson

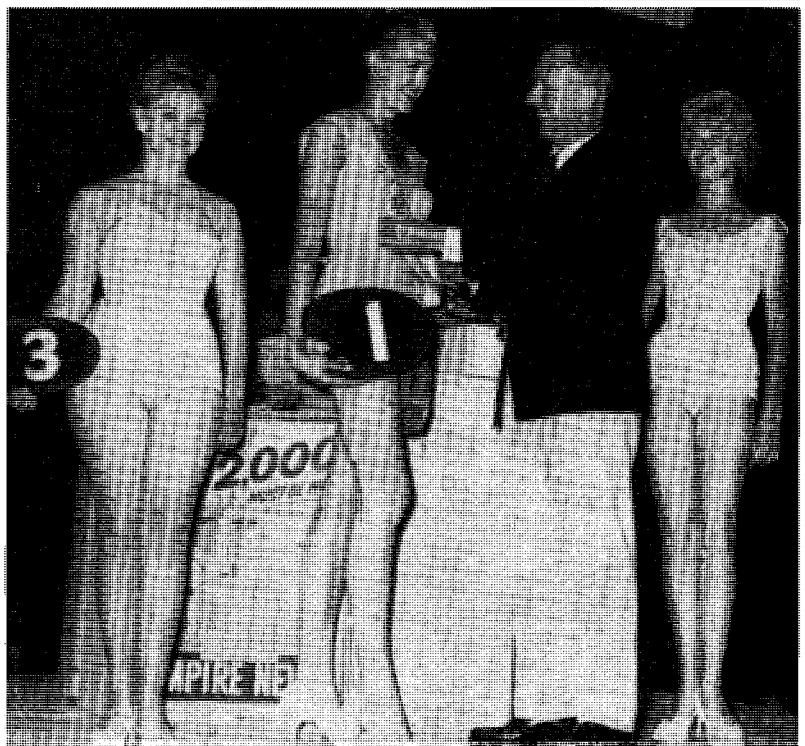
the A.A.A. Chief Coach, in action, will know just what I mean. However, the second time round usually proves more rewarding to the Director, as the students gain in confidence, and begin to realise the impact of their own self-discipline and systematic study on the players they are trying to bring forward.

As often as not, the coaching students find that in studying to help the youngsters, they have tidied up some aspects of their own play to considerable advantage.

GREATEST NEED

Leagues very often need money; in my experience they *always* need people. Money seldom brings the people; it is usually the other way about. My aim therefore, apart from the specialist duties connected with certain high-level performers, is to help *all* potential leaders to attract more people, young or adult, to their clubs and leagues.

One way to help is to speed up the teaching processes, to put new players



THE COACH'S REWARD. Our cover shows Jack Carrington with two young hopefuls. Here, after Table Tennis Hours, he is seen presenting prizes to the Beauty Queens at Butlins.

quickly and efficiently on the road to improvement.

Organisers or potential coaching leaders wishing to know more of the possibilities for their area, are invited to write to me at 24 WORCESTER GARDENS, ILFORD, ESSEX.

Just prior to starting officially as full-time Director of Coaching for E.T.T.A., I spent a few weeks as *News of the World* Resident Coach at Butlin's Holiday Camp, Clacton. I thought this would refresh my memory on the realities of life as experienced by the junior coaches whom I try to teach and assess. And I was not mistaken. The daily round soon cured any tendency to "excess of theory."

Messrs. Butlin's gave the game so much publicity that the first job was to learn how to put some 60 youngsters to work on five tables without too many riots. Because the great tradition of the *News of the World* scheme, organised by Johnny Leach, is that no junior who shows any interest in table tennis, is ever refused assistance.

After the first tricky "sort-out" all works well, except perhaps in the very junior section. Here those who are waiting their turn never quite trust the Coach, and tend to trail him from table to table, bats "at the ready," in case he forgets all about them.

It is best for the Coach to get used to this, because if he makes them sit down, then it is their turn to forget,

and as like as not they will be in the Espresso bar when it really is their turn!

Of course, clothing rules are relaxed for our holiday customers, but it is surprising how much interest they do show in a short talk on correct dress and etiquette. After explaining that one greets one's opponent or partner in a dignified manner before and after a match, one group were to be seen shaking hands after every practice turn.

THE VERY YOUNG

With very young pupils, it seemed best to defer teaching correct service until they had some satisfaction from getting the ball safely back and forth a few times. Nevertheless it was worth teaching properly, the great basic values of *direction* and *touch* before any ambitious strokes were approached.

Slow progress on Monday and Tuesday was the result, but oh! the pleasure of seeing the various gangs starting to look like a table tennis club, on Wednesday!

Weeks followed rather similar patterns, with perhaps one or two really top-line juniors, and a crowd of others of whom probably one-third improved *permanently*, one-third would go ahead if they find a club near home, and the remainder would probably turn up for their next lesson—why, next summer, of course!

One could always imagine that it

was the same crowd each week—always one tiny red-headed boy making everybody laugh, always one very large and clumsy lad, always one gorgeous little princess with no idea of ball-sense, but by and large a most inspiring bunch of healthy British youth. Just the "people" we are looking for, and we can be grateful to the *News of the World* and Butlin's for the very real opportunity they are giving us, of getting at these important people while they are still impressionable.

There were flattering moments, as when one was asked: "How long have you been the world champion?" or "Could you hit the ball so nobody could see it go?" but there were sobering moments, too—as when one young recruit warns: "I'll have lessons from you if you're better than my Mummy!"

SUFFOLK NEWSREEL

POLICY CHANGES

A playing captain for the county side, and county matches centred on Ipswich. These are but two new departures in Suffolk affairs for the new season.

Peter Cole has accepted the captaincy, which in the past has always been held by a non-player—usually a member of the selection board.

Junior county matches are to be played at St. Joseph's College, Birkfield, Ipswich, and senior ties at Manganese Bronze, Ipswich. The previous policy was to share the home ties between the three oldest and biggest leagues.

This change has not found favour everywhere, but the Suffolk Committee say it is worth a trial.

Plans are also under review for changes in the Suffolk "closed" championships.

Suffolk N.A.L.G.O., the county's newest league which was inaugurated only last season, has increased membership by one. Hartismere R.D.C.—situated in the Eye area—are the newcomers. This type of league, which could bring table tennis to some of Suffolk's "blackspots" was largely due to the efforts of Bill Buxton. He looks after the secretarial side, and is also the go ahead chairman of the Ipswich and District League.

Ipswich, after their success in the S.I.T.L. League last season, now have their eye on the East Anglian League title. They have entered a second string in Division II and now have four teams in inter-league fare.

Don Ridgley, formerly of Middlesex and now living in Lowestoft, and Roy Brown of Ipswich, are new members of the Suffolk Executive Committee.

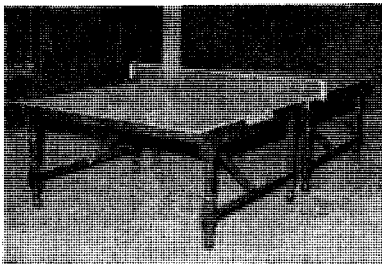
Lowestoft, whose league programme gets under way early this month, will be running four inter-town teams. They are anxious to regain the E.A.L. and S.I.T.L. titles they lost to Norwich and Ipswich respectively last season.

A.E.D.

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BOOK REVIEW

JOHNNY POINTS THE WAY

By EMLYN JONES

TECHNICALLY, table tennis in this country—and probably in the whole of Europe—stands at the cross roads; it has been in this unsettled state since the advent of sponge bats and the unorthodox techniques of the Asian players.

The standardisation of the bat has solved one problem, but the proper use of the types of bat now permitted still remains—as does the acceptance or otherwise of the techniques introduced by the Japanese.

Who better to point the way at this critical juncture than Johnny Leach, twice world champion, coach, journalist and broadcaster?

In his new comprehensive book **TABLE TENNIS COMPLETE** Leach has faced, in a realistic fashion, the technical problems which beset the modern game, but in assessing the new, he has not discarded what is valuable in the old approach.

He brings out most vividly in words and pictures the vital differences between stroke play with pimped rubber and sandwich bats. He also deals in a most interesting manner with the controversial Asiatic style of play, using good action pictures to show the somewhat awkward but nevertheless effective methods of the players from this part of the world.

In fact, to cover stroke play and tactics visually, there are 250 photographs with Leach as the principal

E.T.T.A. BOOKSHOP

The following books and publications can be obtained through the E.T.T.A. office, 652 Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.

HOW TO WIN AT TABLE TENNIS by Victor Barna Price 6s.
TABLE TENNIS MY WAY by Johnny Leach ... Price 2s. 6d. and 5s.
TACKLE TABLE TENNIS THIS WAY by Ann Haydon. Price 10s. 6d.
MODERN TABLE TENNIS by Jack Carrington Price 7s. 6d.
TABLE TENNIS QUIZ by Alec Brook Price 1s. 6d.
TABLE TENNIS by Leslie Woollard Price 3s.
HANDY POCKET EDITION OF THE LAWS (the booklet every player should carry) Price 4½d.
LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS printed in black on large white card (21½ins. by 14½ins.) and corded for hanging in club room Price 2s. 6d.

demonstrator, and Diane Rowe and Peggy Franks brought in to illustrate doubles tactics.

This is probably the most complete book yet produced on the game and should do much to clear the minds of players—experienced and inexperienced—on technical problems.

TABLE TENNIS COMPLETE by Johnny Leach. Published by Nicholas Kaye, Price 21s.



JOHNNY LEACH

NORFOLK'S FIRST LADY PRESIDENT

AT the Annual General Meeting of the County Association it was unanimously decided to ask Mrs. Betty Cassell to become their first lady president, which was accepted. Mrs. Cassell has been our leading lady for many seasons and she has represented the county on many occasions. A personality who is widely known beyond our county boundaries richly deserves this position. We wish Mrs. Cassell a very successful term of office.

All the other officers of the association were re-elected. While support is not very high for the county matches and therefore a loss of income, the annual draw which makes a handsome profit keeps the county association out of the "red." Another pleasing feature was that the magazine account did not make a loss.

We need more support for the home county matches to ease the burden of the financial position as we have some long journeys for our away matches, which are always expensive. Norfolk have only four county matches this season, one less than last year, when we shall visit Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire. We entertain Buckinghamshire and Suffolk.

Despite last season's lowly position in the Southern League, Norfolk are hoping for better results this coming season. Tony Fox will be available for selection but we have lost the services of John and Hilda Ewles who have given excellent service to the county. This will leave a headache for the county selectors as we are very short of lady players of county standard.

OFF TO BUCKS.

Buckinghamshire seems to attract Norfolk players, as Alan Launder and John and Hilda Ewles have joined county champion Tony Wickens there. Alan Launder, an E.T.T.A. coach, will be sorely missed by the Wymondham League as he was doing an excellent job of coaching the young people in that area.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Les

Holdom on becoming "proud parents" again, a gift of a daughter, Debra Ann.

News from Dereham is that they intend to extend their league to a certain radius of the town which is doing a service to Norfolk table tennis. Though it is a pity that their league has discontinued its county knock-out tournament through lack of an organiser. Mr. Vincent, the past organiser, has done excellent work here and must be given the highest honours for his work.

Robin Wickens.

HORATIO NELSON SMITH

Table Tennis and Yorkshire in particular lost a great supporter and friend with the death at Ringmer, Sussex, last month, of Mr. Horatio Nelson Smith at the age of 86.

President of Yorkshire Table Tennis Association from 1935 to 1951 and a Patron up to the time of his death, Mr. Smith has 25 years' unbroken connection with the Association. He was also President of the Hull Association.

A Chemist by profession, Mr. Smith was president of the Smith and Nephew Companies, makers of Elastoplast.

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KILL THIS BOX OFFICE POISON

by **CONRAD JASCHKE**

IN an address to the annual general meeting of the E.T.T.A. the president, the Hon. Ivor Montagu, gave us a brilliant sequel to the interesting article he wrote in TABLE TENNIS, April, 1960 (Why an E.T.T.A.?). He pin-pointed the difficulties through which British sport as a whole is going, caused not only by the *direct* stay-at-home effect of television, but also by the broadening of outlook which TV has brought, and which has had the effect of giving so many people new fields of interest. These have taken them away from the ranks of the week-end sport watchers.

I found myself agreeing with every word he spoke, except for his final conclusion. This was, broadly, don't blame the table tennis administrators, they are doing the best they can in difficult circumstances, and they are managing as well, if not better, than those in other sports.

As one of these table tennis administrators whom Ivor Montagu

defends, I say: **You are too kind to us, Mr. President, you are pleading for the acquittal of the guilty!**

Guilty, that is, not by malice, or even inefficiency. But guilty, certainly, by lack of vision, unwillingness to learn new ideas in a changing world and of lacking the sense of urgency which alone can salvage table tennis as a national sport today.

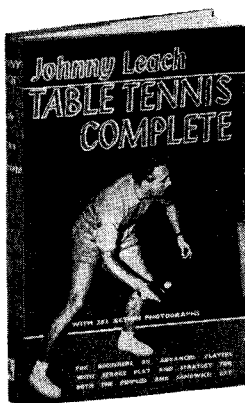
Another of our sports' drawbacks is a lack of personalities. Ivor Montagu used to infuriate me by what I termed then, his "worship of the star player." I still don't like the antics of the "star" who gets carried away with his own importance, but there is one thing Ivor Montagu always believed, which the past few years have shown to be true beyond any reasonable doubt. That is that people will come to watch "personalities." That a Barna or a Bergmann, or a once-in-a-lifetime combination like the Rowe Twins, can

make all the difference between success and partial oblivion to the game.

Let us face these facts. Whatever we put on in the way of table tennis today, the changed social pattern makes it pretty certain we would no longer fill Wembley, I think this is generally agreed, but there are some people who go to the other extreme and say we must accept that **nobody** will any longer watch table tennis.

The truth surely is that our public is a more limited one, numerically, than it was in the boom days, but that provided we give a spectacle worth seeing, we shall still receive good support.

I have seen international matches played in front of less than 50 paying spectators in recent years. This is not because of television. Bad organisation, unenterprising play, and a general lack of foresight play their part in that sort of effort. Do the thing properly, and you will still attract, not 2,000 or 3,000 paying spectators as in happier days, but a res-



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pectable total of a few hundred at least. It is within these limits that we must budget, for the time being.

Today there is a great scarcity of box office talent. This was brought home to me last season, when Victor Barna paid a return visit to Sittingbourne, where he had made such an impression with his exhibition some years back. Victor is long retired from competitive play. The younger generation possibly has never seen him in action but his great reputation as a master of his sport, and as a personality survives.

The Sittingbourne Town Hall was packed to capacity, sold out. Everyone had the time of their life. The Sittingbourne T.T.A. handed a sizeable cheque to charity and if Victor comes back, they'll sell out again.

The first thing we must combat is the box office poison we have allowed to spread—the unenterprising play—the repression of players who dare show personality and that all-pervading uniformity which is the curse not only of today's table tennis, but of 20th century life as a whole.

Take the 1959/60 English "Closed" final between Ian Harrison and Bryan Merrett. Have you ever seen anything so ghastly? Only a table tennis fanatic would want to see table tennis again after that; any casual member of the public would give it a wide berth, thereafter.

Bryan Merrett is the nicest chap I know in top class table tennis, but I would ban him from the international scene until he is prepared to discard his pat ball mania.

I know Bryan is trying hard to break out of his shell, and I also know his development as a stonewaller was largely brought on by bad advice in earlier years. For all our sakes let's hope he succeeds in overcoming his handicap.

Not Alone

I am not alone in this view. At least one of the E.T.T.A.'s top administrators wants Bryan to be given the alternative of "try to play table tennis or get out". This administrator, probably because he feels the responsibility of his office, is not willing to say it publicly.

What of Harrison? I have followed his career closely, ever since Barna "discovered" him as a Swaythling Cup prospect on my doorstep at Barnehurst not so many years ago. I think those who appear to try so hard to "curb" Harrison, to squeeze him into a pre-fabricated mould of their own, are doing a tremendous disservice to English table tennis.

Harrison is no Bergmann, or Barna,

but given the chance, he may one day be a great player—a world class player.

If certain people will stop bullying the boy, who sometimes hits over the traces a little and has off days and gets discouraged.

He needs understanding and guidance, not squashing by tinpot dictators. Harrison can play an interesting game. He can attack as well



VICTOR BARNA

as defend. And he is developing along the right lines.

If he is allowed to lose the occasional game without people immediately jumping on him, he might build up his attack, his fantastic backhand hit might be in evidence even

when he is not winning easily. What is more, given the chance, he might develop those facets of his personality which, in the not too distant future, could make him a crowd puller. This is what we want.

We don't want to make Harrison into a poker-faced, 100%-tight defensive robot.

We have had quite a few potential crowd pullers who have been discouraged and held back because of their "eccentricity", players like Ivor Jones, the best natural player I have seen in recent years. He was considered too eccentric, too erratic, and never good enough to play for England. Yet when we started to run the N.W. Kent "Open", Ivor Jones was the one player we always wanted in the final, because that's where our gate was going to gain.

Why was it the Rowe twins were always such a draw? Because they were twins; left-hander and right-hander. World champions at 17. Always a new outfit, always smart, introducing new table tennis fashions. Sisterly rivalry, sometimes far from superficial. Outspoken . . . for some of the things the twins had to say about other players or officials, we might today hear the riot act read. Completely individualistic, that is what the Rowe twins always were. And what a boon they were to English table tennis.

Let us please remember that, and next time we see some ham-handed zealot get ready to strike at one of our players for "getting out of line" let's ask ourselves: "Do we want personalities, or a race of table tennis players who are placid, uniform, and who'll bore us all to death". Uniformity is a box office poison. I say kill it.

AMERICANS PASS THROUGH

AT the backend of July the American junior team, who had been touring Russia, broke their journey home for a week-end in London.

They were met by Peter Lowen, the E.T.T.A. secretary, who not only conducted them on a tour of the sights, but, in conjunction with Harry Venner, organised a match against the Putney International Club.

The Americans, consisting of Richard Card, their national junior champion, William Keim and James Bloomer, with non-playing captain, Mr. Walter Keim, proved much too strong for the scratch Putney side, winning 10-2.

Putney's team was Gary Smith,

Ian Gibson, Ray Murray and Mary Shannon.

Scores (American names first): R. Card bt G. Smith 19, —14 18; bt I. Gibson 17, 14; bt R. Murray 13, 12; bt M. Shannon 14, 17.

W. Keim lost to Smith —13, 20, —16; bt Gibson 20, —16, 17; bt Murray —16, 14, 16; bt Shannon 17, 20.

J. Bloomer lost to Smith —18, 16, —19; bt Gibson 10, —19, 18; bt Murray 8, 15; bt Shannon 17, 7.

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has a few vacancies for this season. The Club meets at 6.15 p.m. every Monday and Friday.

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TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Conducted by LAURIE LANDRY

Has Jacobson Started Something?

AFTER Stan Jacobson's exhibition in the Essex "Open" of how to demolish defensive play, one wonders whether this is what the game in this country needs. It is quite obvious that the top defensive players must find an answer for this is not the first time that this kind of thing has happened.

Last year we had a large dose of it from the Chinese players, the only difference being that they seemed to be able to combine their top spin with an equally difficult side spin.

Both Harrison and Merrett, particularly Harrison at Birmingham, managed to get a little more used to the Chinese game and eventually secured wins and respectable scores against them. Now we are back where we started and all that was learned and thought out seems to have been forgotten.

Jacobson has definitely started something for because all those that were lucky enough to witness his victories will have something to work on in the battle against defensive play. Thank you, Stan.

EAST OF ENGLAND "OPEN"

Once again the team running this tournament did a good job. However, the light in the hall is still blacked out with those heavy blanket-like curtains. This produced an overwhelming heat which meant that even the coolest of customers showed perceptible signs of perspiration.

Another talking point from this tournament, which has been up for discussion among players for a number of years, is the question of prizes at the East of England. I am afraid that I do not know the financial position of this tournament but most of the players do feel that some sort of valuable prize, a voucher or present, should be presented instead of the replicas which are equivalent to the rewards given at a league "Closed" tournament.

ESSEX "OPEN"

The thing that one must praise at the Essex "Open" this year was the hard work put in by the committee. Without this the tournament would never have finished on time. The finals, which were due to start at 4 p.m., did in fact start as early as 4.30 p.m., which did not at one time seem possible.

Firstly, the biggest complaint, apart

from the inequality of conditions, was the fact that those people who had not booked in at Butlin's for the night were obliged to pay an entrance fee to the camp of 5s.

As regards the conditions, surely if some preliminary thought had been given to the blocking of the skylights, the Butlin's people would have agreed to doing it. The conditions of the finals were very much better, if this tournament is held at Butlin's again next year I think that it could be one of the best tournaments as long as these improvements are made.

HANDICAP TOURNAMENTS

Following Harry Walker's letter on handicapping in the final issue of the magazine last year, certain information has come to hand and it has been decided that this interesting subject should be discussed in this column.

A reply was sent to Harry first by Clem Gruber the chairman of the Victorian Table Tennis Association Social Sub-Committee. This committee runs handicap tournaments on almost every second Sunday. The competitors are graded at first, according to the team championships—"pennant" grading, which goes from Grade A (anything from -35 to -10) to Grade F (-20).

The play takes place in groups of four and if possible there is an even distribution of standard within a group, i.e. players from different grades take part in each group. The winner of each group, the person to score most points in single games, 31 up, goes forward into the knock-out competition. Handicaps are changed each time depending on performance.

Another letter was sent by Alan Browning, of Aldershot. In it he described what can and does happen in many handicaps. It is usual for the better players to have the lowest mark to start from. Sometimes these mark are even negative. On the other hand the lesser players have high marks to start from. This means that if two good players play one another, not only are their rallies longer (on account of being better players), but also they have to get more points which leads sometimes to fantastically long games. Similarly the lesser players, when they play each other, will find that their aver-

age rallies are shorter but also they have only to score a few points. This situation means that the better players have the longest games and the lesser players, who surely need the practise, have the short games.

Mr. Browning's idea is that players be given handicaps which they give to their opponents. By this simple procedure it follows that a good player has a high handicap which he gives to his opponent. The lesser player will have a low handicap, perhaps even negative, which he will also give to his opponent. Putting this system into practice; a good player with a high handicap plays another good player with a high handicap. The players will exchange handicaps and will find that they have to get very few points to win. Thus as they play long rallies they have a short game. Also if two weaker players oppose one another, they have low handicaps, and thus by this system they exchange handicaps and will therefore have a long game with short rallies. In the case where a better player plays a lesser one they will, as before, change handicaps and the position will be the same as when they are given "correct" handicaps. The net effect of Mr. Browning's idea is to equalise the length of games which is indeed a beneficial result.

Some clubs run handicap tournaments and they vary a lot in their make-up. The Putney Club gives five start to women in the main tournament and has handicaps according to standard in the special handicap tournaments which it has held in the past. These were graded from 0 upwards, best-of-three, 21-up.

31-UP

The West Ealing Club used to run handicaps ranging from -5 or so handicaps, best-of-three, 31-up, with right up to +26. This of course meant fantastically long games for the better players.

The Wembley Institute Club has also runs handicaps, best-of-three, 31-up, with handicaps ranging from 0-26. This also means longer games to better players.

Lastly, a different system can be used where the players concerned are all members of the same club and everyone knows each other's game. My own club, Tennyson, used this

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ANN'S LAWN TENNIS RECORD

By LANCE TINGAY

of "The Daily Telegraph"

IT was about this time a year ago that Ann Haydon made the decision to give up table tennis and devote herself more wholeheartedly to lawn tennis. Where has she gone from there?

The standing that Miss Haydon has now achieved in lawn tennis was sufficiently indicated when in the recent American lawn tennis championships at Forest Hills she was given the honour of being made the No. 2 seed, the No. 1, of course, being the peerless queen of women's lawn tennis, the Brazilian Maria Bueno.

Many months of unceasing lawn tennis has brought Miss Haydon many triumphs, many near triumphs and some disappointments. One is inclined to make the parallel with her table tennis career where she was almost, but not quite, at the top of the world game.

Would she have got so far in lawn tennis had she continued her table tennis? That is unanswerable. It is enough, I suppose, that Miss Haydon herself felt that she could not do both.

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system for the "closed" handicap tournament. The 16 members are drawn into four groups of four and each game is individually handicapped taking into account contrast of styles and other factors. The winners go into the semi-finals and these games are again handicapped separately.

If there are any other interesting systems which could help the particular case that Harry Walker brought up, i.e. handicaps in team events, we would be pleased to hear them.

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to two of our internationals who have become engaged in the closed season, Ian Harrison to Betty Purves, and Derek Schofield to his Cheshire county colleague, Doreen Ridgeway.

What Miss Haydon gained by giving up table tennis was a late winter trip to the Caribbean, now the favourite hunting ground of those who frequent the world's lawn tennis circuit, and a tour of the winter covered court championships of Europe.

Most of her other trips, to Italy, Hungary, and to the United States and Brazil she could have combined with the table tennis season anyway.

On Europe's covered courts Miss Haydon gained many triumphs, the championships of Scandinavia, Finland and Germany. She won two tournaments in Florida and also in Puerto Rico and Jamaica. A victory over Maria Bueno in San Juan was not the least of her successes.

Yet Miss Haydon for all her staunch resolution and match capacity still has rivals who could be said, in the main, to have the edge on her. Miss Bueno is one but then Miss Bueno, when playing well, has the edge on everyone.

Her British colleague, Christine Truman, is another. Then there is the Hungarian Suzy Kormoczy, who quelled Miss Haydon in the final of the Italian championships in Rome and did the same a little later in Budapest.

There is also the graceful South African, Sandra Reynolds, who Miss Haydon met in the semi-final at Wimbledon, established a final set lead and failed to clinch it.

NEAR RIVAL

Another near rival is the American Darlene Hard. Miss Haydon has had wins and losses against her and I would hesitate to choose between them.

Miss Haydon's two biggest let-downs of the season were in the French championships in Paris and in the American nationals in New York. In Paris she yielded to the Czech, Vera Puzejova, a hard worker rather than inspired player, but then



ANN HAYDON

at that time Miss Haydon had raging toothache. In New York, however, Miss Haydon, for no other reason that I could perceive but nerves and strain, lost to one normally much below her, Donna Floyd, whom she had beaten easily the last time they met.

So Miss Haydon has not yet climbed right to the top of world lawn tennis. In Britain she stands firmly, I think, at No. 2—what would the Wightman Cup side be without her?—only the instinctive power of Miss Truman holding her measure.

AVOID LOSING

I had the impression that Miss Haydon in her last spell in the top level of table tennis began to fall back because she was trying not so much to win as to avoid losing. Sometimes I have had that impression in lawn tennis.

I should like to see her build a more compelling forehand to acquire there something of a killing shot so as to be more able to finish the conquests begun by her stout defences elsewhere.

But of Miss Haydon's status as one of the master players in women's lawn tennis there is no doubt. There is certainly no rival not frightened of playing her. And, if I may put in another aspect, decoratively and in personality she has added much to the charm of lawn tennis around the world.

IAN HARRISON and **DIANE** ROWE gave conclusive justification, if any were needed, of their positions at the top of the ranking lists when winning the singles titles during the shock-filled English "Closed" Championships at Butlin's, Bognor, on October 17 and 18.

But this, and the fact that the 15-year-old twins, Christine and Pauline Holes have a bright future as doubles partnership, were about the only assistance these championships gave to the selectors.

Reason is that the meeting was staged too early in the season for the results to mean much. At this time of the year most of the top players have only just finished their coaching duties and are therefore not match tight.

Nevertheless it was a pleasant championship and at least Harrison and Miss Rowe, by their consistent skill, prevented it from being turned into a farce.

UNIQUE DOUBLE

The fair-haired Cheltenham draughtsman, completed a unique double in table tennis history when easily defeating Alan Lindsay, England's joint No. 10, to become the first player to win both the "Open" and "Closed" singles titles.

Harrison, who hopes to devote most of his time to the game during



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Ian Harrison Completes Double

• **DIANE ROWE RETAINS WOMEN'S SINGLES TITLE**

• **MERRETT "DETHRONED" IN SECOND ROUND**

by **BRYAN CUTRESS**

this Winter, came through the most settled half of the draw with only one narrow squeak.

After beating Ron House, Henry Buist and Alan Rhodes in straight games he was forced the full distance and, in fact, looked like losing when he met Derek Burridge in the semi-final.

Burridge led by two games to one and 14-13 when the umpire called "one minute to go." However, at this stage Harrison put some sparkle into the dull, "pushing" match and hitting out desperately took the two necessary points before "time" was called.

The deciding game was as dull as its predecessors with Harrison gaining an early lead which he maintained, to eventually gain his place in the final.

The other half of the draw broke into life in the first round, when David Gilbert, a qualifier who has yet to play in Surrey's second team, beat Harry Venner in four games.

MOVED OUT

But it was the second round which produced the biggest shock of all—the downfall of reigning champion and England's joint No. 1, Bryan Merrett.

Obviously not match-fit after three months coaching, Merrett crashed in three straight games to 35-year-old Len Adams, who gave up serious play two years ago and now only competes "for fun."

Adams fun, however, was quickly brought to an end. In the next round he was convincingly ousted 21-7, 21-17, 21-14 by Lindsay.

Johnny Leach also made a third round exit. After a long fight, he slipped out against the chop, chop, chop of Peter Shead, who eventually won 24-23 time limit in the fifth.

Shead was involved in another time limit match in the quarter-finals but this time the more enterprising play of Lindsay triumphed.

Jeff Ingber and Josef Somogyi came through the other quarter with the Lancashire international winning their match in five close games.

Somogyi had earlier beaten Gilbert and the surprise man of the Essex "Open," Stan Jacobson, whose

<i>Men's Singles</i>	<i>Women's Singles</i>
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IAN HARRISON and BRYAN MERRETT <i>(Gloucestershire)</i>	ELSIE CARRINGTON and JEAN MCCREE <i>(Essex)</i>
<i>Mixed Doubles</i>	
MICHAEL MACLAREN <i>(Surrey)</i>	PEGGY PIPER <i>(Surrey)</i>

now feared and famous top-spin was less effective than it has been previously this season.

Ingber's route took him past Louis Kerekes and Derek Schofield, both of whom he defeated in straight games.

Lindsay, who was unseeded, gained a surprisingly easy victory over Ingber in the semi-final but was no match for Harrison losing 12-21, 16-21, 18-21.

BEST MATCH

Give Lindsay credit however, for mixing attack with spectacular defence against confident Harrison to make this the most entertaining final of the evening.

More matches like this would soon bring the dwindling crowds back to the game.

Miss Rowe never looked in any danger of losing her title. Confidently and majestically she swept through the opposition without any difficulty even in the final where she comfortably beat Jean Harrower 21-17, 22-20, 21-16.

Only player to take a game off the champion was young Mary Shannon. Nevertheless except in this, the third game, Miss Shannon, who had earlier accounted for "seeds" Shelagh Hession and Yvonne Baker, was completely overwhelmed.

Miss Harrower, still only 17,

reached the final at the expense of Margaret Fry and second seeded Jean McCree, whom she defeated with the loss of only one game.

Miss Fry, who made a good recovery to beat young Alma Taft at deuce in the fifth, also staged a great fight back from a deficit of two games to one to cause the surprise downfall of Pam Mortimer.

The men's doubles, too, had their fair share of shocks before Harrison, partnered by Merrett, won his second title of the evening.

GILBERT AGAIN

Gilbert was again at the heart of the upsets when he teamed-up with Les Sawyer to beat top seeded pair, Adams and Burridge by 21-12, 21-18, 21-17 in the second round.

Then Laurie Landry, who had a poor championship—he was beaten in the third round of the men's singles—and Alan Rhodes dived to defeat in the third round.

These two formed an exceptionally successful partnership last season but could not click against Kent's Tony Piddock and Henry Buist and were beaten despite running up a two games to love lead.

The Kent pair were later out-classed by Harrison and Merrett in the semi-final.

Leach and Brian Kennedy eliminated another favoured pair in the other semi-final with a 21-16, 21-16, 21-11 win over Bobbie Raybould and Bobby Stevens, but they, too, were quickly quelled in the final by the neat Harrison-Merrett combination.

HOLES TWINS

Heroines of the women's doubles were the Holes twins. These youngsters who have been playing for only two years, showed a surprising maturity and determination as they sensationally beat the holders, Miss Rowe and Jill Mills by 10-21, 21-17, 21-19, 23-21 in the second round.

Just to show it was not a fluke win the twins defeated another seeded pair Miss Harrower and Miss Hession by the narrow margin of 19-21, 21-8, 21-19, 19-21, 23-21 before being beaten in the final.

Their conquerors, the experienced Essex partnership of Elsie Carrington and Mrs. McCree had little difficulty against the young girls who by now were showing obvious signs of the nervous tension brought on by the occasion and their earlier brilliant successes.



Christine and Pauline Holes, the 15-year-old twins, sensation of the Championships (Photo by M. G. Maclaren)

Their performance, however, was one of the brightest spots of the championships. This left and right-handed partnership will, I am sure, soon become able successors to the Rowe twins.

Michael Maclaren, sporting a well nurtured beard, and Peggy Piper were the surprise winners of the mixed doubles title.

In the third round they amazingly defeated the holders and top seeds, Leach and Miss Rowe by 21-13, 15-21, 25-23, 11-21, 21-17.

Next on their list was the formidable partnership of Raybould and Mrs. Mills. The Surrey pair quickly accounted for this challenge, winning in straight games.

Then came the final against Ingber and Mrs. McCree. Here Maclaren and Miss Piper were equally devastating winning by 21-15, 21-14, 22-20.

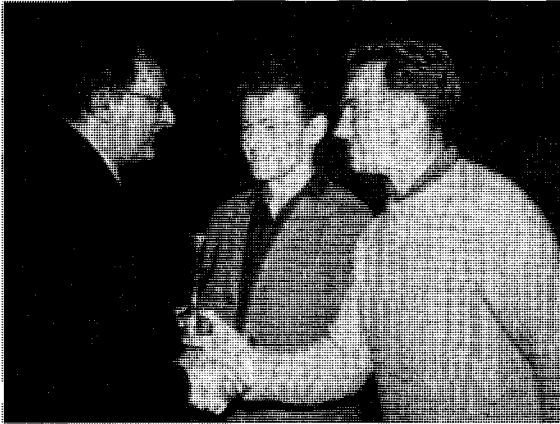
A SUCCESS?

So ended the second English "Closed" Championships. Were they a success or a failure?

It depends, I suppose on their purpose. As an enjoyable early season get-together they were highly successful. As a guide to form or if they are to be regarded as the top event for home players they were a flop.

The E.T.T.A., apparently, could not get a venue for the championships later in the season and so faced the option to hold it early or not at all.

With players' form so unpredictable at this time of year, we could easily have had unworthy English "Closed" champions. Therefore in future it would surely be better to scrap the meeting rather than take this risk.



Hon. Ivor Montagu, E.T.T.A. president, presents Doubles trophy to Ian Harrison and Bryan Merrett



Jean McCrea and Elsie Carrington the new Women's Doubles Champions



Diane Rowe



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PETER MADGE*



Alan Lindsay



Surprise Mixed Doubles Champions Michael MacLaren and Peggy Piper



Brian Kennedy and Johnny Leach as Runners-up in Men's Doubles

ENGLISH "CLOSED" SPECIAL — FULL RESULTS**MEN'S SINGLES**

First Round: L. G. Adams (Mddx.) b P. Dean (Mddx.) 9, 15, 14; B. H. K. Midgley (Hants.) b D. Smith (Somerset) 14, 18, 10; A. G. St. C. Lindsay (Mddx.) b E. R. Hodson (Mddx.) —18, 7, 16, 21; J. A. Leach (Essex) b R. J. Stevens (Essex) 18, —18, 12, 9; K. H. Beamish (Essex) b A. G. Cornish (Kent) 12, —9, 17, —19, 13; J. P. Shead (Sussex) b R. J. McCree (Essex) 19, —14, 15, —16, 14.

D. Gilbert (Surrey) b H. T. Venner (Surrey) 17, 16, —14, 19; S. H. Jacobson (Mddx.) b A. R. Khanna (Mddx.) —15, 17, —16, 10, 12; R. F. Raybould (Essex) b M. R. Ellis (Kent) 19, 15, 15; D. Schofield (Cheshire) b B. Harris (Mddx.) 13, 19, 11; G. Muranyi (Mddx.) b M. Fry (Glos.) 12, 8, 14; L. Kerekes (Mddx.) b G. A. C. Chapman (Surrey) 19, 14, —14, —14, 17-16 T.L.

K. E. Edwards (Glos.) b A. G. Gazley (Essex) 14, 10, —15, 9; C. Warren (Surrey) b B. Barnes (Berks.) 18, 19, —15, 15; J. T. Densham (Herts.) b P. C. Duncombe (Yorks.) 18, 12, 18; F. B. Brumwell (Essex) b C. L. Cadwallader (Warwicks.) 18, 17, 12; A. R. Miller (Surrey) b T. M. Moriarty (Northants.) 10, 11, 13; B. Mayfield (Bucks.) b L. Hoffman (Mddx.) 20, —19, —15, 11, 11.

M. G. Maclaren (Surrey) b A. H. D. Meekings (Surrey) —15, 10, 8, 9; D. L. Bloy (Kent) b A. J. Gladwell (Herts.) 11, 4, 9; R. C. Morris (Warwicks.) b K. R. Craigie (Surrey) —14, —11, 19, 20, 13; H. S. Buist (Kent) b B. Meisel (Kent) —16, 15, 16, 7; G. Livesey (Lancs.) b B. A. Mackie (Warwicks.) 10, —18, 10, 18; R. P. House (Somerset) b J. Leith (Kent) 16, 13, 14.

Second Round: Adams b B. R. Merrett (Glos.) 15, 18, 18; Lindsay b Midgley —12, 14, —14, 8, 16; Leach b Beamish 9, 8, 20; Shead b A. R. Piddock (Kent) —14, 10, 17, 15.

J. Somogyi (Surrey) b Gilbert —14, 12, 14, 17; Jacobson b Raybould —10, 20, 15, 13; Schofield b Muranyi —5, 14, —12, 16, 18; J. Ingber (Lancs.) b Kerekes 7, 13, 14; D. C. Burridge (Mddx.) b Edwards 16, 10, 16; Densham b Warren —16, 19, 10, 18, 13; Miller b Brumwell 17, 20, 9; L. P. Landry (Mddx.) b Mayfield 13, 11, 11.

A. Rhodes (Mddx.) b Maclaren 19, 13, —17, 13; Bloy b Morris —19, 15, —10, 19, 10; Buist b Livesey —20, 7, 19, 14; I. Harrison (Glos.) b House 13, 10, 17.

Third Round: Lindsay b Adams 7, 17, 14; Shead b Leach 14, —16, 18, —10, 24-23 T.L.; Somogyi b Jacobson 21, —15, 19, 15; Ingber b Schofield 9, 11, 11. Burridge b Densham 14, 9, 16; Miller b Landry 13, —14, —18, 15, 13; Rhodes b Bloy 15, 18, —18, 15; Harrison b Buist 7, 19, 13.

Quarter-Finals: Lindsay b Shead —20, 13, —17, 19-16 T.L., 20-18 T.L.; Ingber b Somogyi —18, 8, 18, —23, 19; Burridge b Miller 16, 8, 13; Harrison b Rhodes 6, 16, 17.

Semi-Finals: LINDSAY b Ingber 19, 9, 6; HARRISON b Burridge 13, —11, —8, 15-14 T.L., 10-7 T.L.

Final: HARRISON b Lindsay 12, 16, 18.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round: Mrs. K. G. Andrews (Surrey) b J. L. Coleman (Surrey) 4, 8, 14; Y. J. Baker (Essex) b G. M. Robinson (Herts.) 17, 14, —23, 17; C. D. Blackshaw (Yorks.) b E. Whitams (Mddx.) 21, 11, —19, 19; M. Shannon (Surrey) b Mrs. D. Faulkner (Surrey) 12, 13.

I. Baker (Herts.) b C. S. Holes (Hants.) 12, 12; M. G. Fry (Mddx.) b A. Taft (Herts.) 14, 16, —14, —15, 20; P. Mortimer (Warwicks.) b J. I. Butcher (Mddx.) 16, 11, 17.

M. Piper (Surrey) b M. I. Hicks (Mddx.) 15, 18, 11; J. Y. Williams (Herts.) b Mrs.

E. A. Burnett (Berks.) 7, 13, 20; B. P. Barber (Kent) b Mrs. K. H. Beamish (Essex) 21, 14, 17.

Second Round: D. Rowe (Mddx.) b Mrs. J. Woodford (Sussex) 9, 16, 16; Mrs. O. Foster (Hants.) b Mrs. Andrews 17, 17, —14, 16; Baker b Blackshaw 11, —20, 16, 17; Shannon b S. Hession (Essex) 19, 21, 20. Fry b Mortimer 12, —17, —22, 13, 16; Piper b Williams 16, 10, —15, 17; Mrs. R. J. McCree (Essex) b Barber 18, 10, 20.

Quarter-Finals: Rowe b Mrs. Foster 12, 14, 15; Shannon b Baker 18, —13, 8, —15, 17; J. Harrower (Mddx.) b Fry 15, 16, 15; Mrs. McCree b Piper 6, 14, 11.

Semi-Finals: ROWE b Shannon 16, 12, —12, 10; HARROWER b Mrs. McCree —14, 11, 17, 15.

Final: ROWE b Harrower 17, 20, 16.

MEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: D. H. Lowe (Surrey)/C. Warren (Surrey) b M. Fry (Glos.)/W. G. Holder (Surrey) 13, 15, 17; M. G. Maclaren (Surrey)/H. T. Venner (Surrey) b C. D. Cadwallader (Warwicks.)/B. Mayfield (Bucks.) 19, —19, 10, 7; R. P. House/D. Smith (Somerset) b J. Cockerill (Hants.)/L. Hoffman (Mddx.) 16, 18, 12;

P. G. Duncombe (Yorks.)/G. Livesey (Lancs.) b C. Dawson/I. Harvey (Bucks.) 17, 8, 10; J. T. Densham (Herts.)/E. R. Hodson (Mddx.) b C. Lindsay/R. J. Lockyer (Mddx.) 16, 9, 19.

K. H. Beamish/R. J. McCree (Essex) b K. Baker (Mddx.)/B. Finucane (Surrey) 10, 14, 15; F. B. Brumwell (Essex)/J. Ingber (Lancs.) b D. L. Bloy/B. Meisel (Kent) —19, 22, 7, 13.

K. E. Edwards (Glos.)/D. Schofield (Cheshire) b R. Evans/G. Whalley (Sussex) 11, 19, 16; B. H. Kennedy (Yorks.)/J. A. Leach (Essex) b L. Gunn/J. P. Shead (Sussex) 13, 17, 18; D. Gilbert/L. D. Sawyer (Essex) b B. A. Mackie/R. Morris (Warwicks.) —21, 17, —18, 18, 14.

Second Round: I. O. Harrison/B. R. Merrett (Glos.) b Lowe/Warren 10, 13, 12; Maclaren/Venner b P. E. Dean (Mddx.)/A. H. D. Meeking (Surrey) 20, 15, —14, —20, 10; B. Barnes (Berks.)/L. Kerekes (Mddx.) b House/Smith 14, 12, 19.

Duncombe/Livesey b B. Harris (Mddx.)/T. M. Moriarty (Northants.) 9, 11, 20; R. H. Miller/R. Pettit (Bucks.) b G. L. Potts (Mddx.)/T. A. Reardon (Surrey) 15, 18, 18; H. S. Buist/A. R. Piddock (Kent) b J. E. Cleland (Sussex)/M. R. Ellis (Kent) 16, 13, —17, 19; L. F. Landry/A. Rhodes (Mddx.) b J. T. Densham (Herts.)/E. R. Hodson (Mddx.) 26, 13, —22, 13.

R. F. Raybould/R. J. Stevens (Essex) b Beamish/McCree —13, 17, 18, 19; R. Champion/R. A. Henderson (Hants.) b J. Davy (Bucks.)/A. J. Gladwell (Herts.) 10, 15, 16; K. R. Craigie (Surrey)/A. G. Lindsay (Mddx.) b Brumwell/Ingber —21, 19, —21, 13.

S. H. Jacobson/A. R. Khanna (Mddx.) b Edwards/Schofield 15, —15, 18, —22, 14; Kennedy/Leach b B. G. Cronin (Hants.)/J. W. Richardson (Mddx.) 6, 11, 14; G. A. C. Chapman (Surrey)/B. H. K. Midgley (Hants.) b A. G. Cornish/M. B. Westoby (Kent) —16, 6, 13, —12, 19; Gilbert/Sawyer b L. G. Adams/D. C. Burridge (Mddx.) 12, 18, 17.

Third Round: Harrison/Merrett b G. Muranyi (Mddx.)/J. Somogyi 10, 15, 14; Maclaren/Venner b Barnes/Kerekes 19, 16, 8; Duncombe/Livesey b Miller/Pettit 15, 13, 14; Buist/Piddock b Landry/Rhodes —19, —18, 18, 19.

Raybould/Stevens b Champion/Henderson 13, 12, 14; Craigie/Lindsay b A. F. Cornell/A. C. Cazeley (Essex) 12, 12, 18; Kennedy/Leach b Jacobson/Khanna 12, 15, 12; Chapman/Midgley b Gilbert/Sawyer 20, 18, 15.

Quarter-Finals: Harrison/Merrett b MacLaren/Venner 13, 20, 12; Buist/Piddock b Duncombe/Livesey —21, 9, —16, 17, 10; Raybould/Stevens b Craigie/Lindsay 19, 14, —16, 8; Kennedy/Leach b Chapman/Midgley 18, 15, 13.

Semi-Finals: HARRISON/MERRETT b Buist/Piddock 18, 10, 7; KENNEDY/LEACH b Raybould/Stevens 16, 16, 11.

Final: HARRISON/MERRETT b Kennedy/Leach 13, 17, 13.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: P. Mortimer (Warwicks.)/Y. Baker (Essex) b I. Baker (Herts.)/C. A. Oliver (Surrey) 12, 10, —19, 18; M. Piper/M. Shannon (Surrey) b C. D. Blackshaw (Yorks.)/C. S. Holes (Hants.) 12, 20, 13; J. Harrower (Mddx.)/S. M. Hession (Essex) b Mrs. K. G. Andrews/Mrs. D. Faulkner (Surrey) —24, —16, 10, 16, 11; Mrs. B. Foster (Hants.)/J. Butcher (Mddx.) b M. G. Fry (Mddx.)/J. Williams (Herts.) 20, 18, —17, 17; C. Holes/P. Holes (Hants.) b Mrs. E. A. Burnett/Mrs. F. R. Harmsworth (Berks.) 9, 15, 8.

Quarter-Finals: Mrs. J. H. Carrington/Mrs. R. J. McCree (Essex) b G. Robinson/A. Taft (Herts.) 9, —18, 18, 13; Piper/Shannon b Mortimer/Baker 19, —16, 11, 17; Harrower/Hession b Mrs. Foster/Butcher 27, —14, 14, 14; Holes/Holes b D. Rowe (Mddx.)/Mrs. A. R. Mills (Surrey) —10, 17, 19, 21.

Semi-Finals: Mrs. CARRINGTON/Mrs. McCREE b Piper/Shannon 16 —17, 15, 11; HOLES/HOLES b Harrower/Hession —19, 8, 19, —19, 21.

Final: Mrs. CARRINGTON/Mrs. McCREE b Holes/Holes 17, 16, 18.

MIXED DOUBLES

First Round: L. Kerekes (Mddx.)/Mrs. K. H. Beamish (Essex) b J. T. Densham/Miss J. Y. Williams (Herts.) —16, 16, —15, 18, 19; A. G. Lindsay/Miss J. I. Butcher (Mddx.) b P. C. Duncombe/Miss C. D. Blackshaw (Yorks.) 20, 11, 15; G. Whalley (Sussex)/Miss A. Taft (Herts.) b L. Hoffman (Mddx.)/Miss G. Robinson (Herts.) 19, —20, 15, —15, 16.

A. Cornish/Miss B. P. M. Barber (Kent) b B. Meisel (Kent)/Miss I. Baker (Herts.) 9, —13, 19, 20; R. J. Stevens (Essex)/Miss P. Mortimer (Warwicks.) b L. Gunn/Mrs. J. Woodford (Sussex) 17, 11, 15; B. H. K. Midgley (Hants.)/Miss M. Shannon (Surrey) b D. Gilbert (Surrey)/Miss M. J. Hicks (Mddx.) 18, —16, 16, —18, 18; R. F. Raybould (Essex)/Mrs. A. R. Mills (Mddx.) b D. L. Bloy (Kent)/Miss C. A. Oliver (Surrey) 6, 13, 21.

F. B. Brumwell (Essex)/Mrs. D. Faulkner (Surrey) b G. Muranyi (Mddx.)/Miss Y. J. Baker (Essex) 19, 19, —11, 11;

Second Round: J. Ingber (Lancs.)/Mrs. R. J. McCree (Essex) b Kerekes/Mrs. Beamish 12, 17, 15; Lindsay/Miss Butcher b Whalley/Miss Taft —16, —20, 17, 10, 15; R. A. Henderson/Mrs. B. Foster (Hants.) b Cornish/Miss Barber —18, 16, 17, 19; Stevens/Miss Mortimer b K. H. Beamish/Miss S. M. Hession (Essex) 19, 15, 22.

L. F. Landry/Miss J. Harrower (Mddx.) b Midgley/Miss Shannon 16, 23, —17, —18, 15; M. G. Maclaren/Miss M. Piper (Surrey) b K. E. Edwards (Glos.)/Miss E. Whitams (Mddx.) 8, —16, 11, 17; J. A. Leach (Essex)/Miss D. Rowe (Mddx.) b Brumwell/Mrs. Faulkner 11, —19, 23, —15, 12.

Quarter-Finals: Inger/Mrs. McCree b Lindsay/Miss Butcher —19, 10, 12, 16; Stevens/Miss Mortimer b Henderson/Mrs. Foster 17, —19, 11, 19, 14; Raybould/Mrs. Mills b Landry/Miss Harrower 12, 19, 13; Maclaren/Miss Piper b Leach/Miss Rowe 13, —15, 23, —11, 17.

Semi-Finals: INGBER/Mrs. McCREE b Stevens/Miss Mortimer —18, 14, 11, 18; MACLAREN/Miss PIPER b Raybould/Mrs. Mills 15, 20, 17.

Final: MACLAREN/Miss PIPER b Inger/Mrs. McCREE 15, 14, 20.

THE INTERNATIONAL PICTURE

By IVOR EYLES

Chairman, National Selection Committee

THE National Selection Committee received a big confidence-booster after their first year in office when they were unanimously re-elected at the first meeting of the E.T.T.A. Executive Committee.

So Ron Craydon, Len Adams, Aubrey Simons and myself intend to continue with our same policy which was, briefly, to assess form from all official E.T.T.A. events and also take into account physical fitness.

The selection of players for the World Championships in China will, of course, provide us with our biggest headache this season.

However we will have ample opportunity to sum up our top

players' capabilities during this season's full international programme, which includes five matches against the U.S.S.R. followed by tours of Yugoslavia and Scandinavia plus all the usual top championships.

The big problem from the players' point of view is getting the time off from work to compete. We selectors realise their difficulty and have already sent out a circular asking, among other things, whether they would be available if selected.

The selectors will again be visiting most events and will be available at all times for consultation and advice in an effort to maintain the good-will which was so evident last season.

KENT NOTES

ENCOURAGING YOUTH

IF Kent are not County Champions within the next few years it will not be through the lack of trying.

With an eye to the future Kent have extended their youth policy to such an extent that they will field this season the youngest ever side to compete in the Premier Division of the National County championships.

Most impressive of the youngsters is 16-year-old Susan Thomas, who after the women's county trials, in which she defeated international, Joyce Fielder, she



JOYCE FIELDER

has been promoted to the No. 2 spot. Miss Fielder, England's No. 5, who was beaten 22-20 in the final set against Susan, retains her top position.

The full rankings list is J. FIELDER (N.W. Kent), S. THOMAS (N.W. Kent), J. BEADLE (Medway Town), J. PILFOLD (Woolwich), S. JOHNSON (Tonbridge), B. LANDIMORE (N.W. Kent), A. JACOBS (Sittingbourne), P. BUTCHER (Gravesend), S. DEAKIN (N.W. Kent), B. BARBER (Gravesend), K. STOKES (Folkestone).

Miss Thomas, of course, retained her No. 1 position in the Junior rankings after the trials at Barnehurst.

The new lists are now: **Girls:** S. THOMAS, K. STOKES, C. CARTER, (Woolwich), V. FIELD (Folkestone), G. CORDON (Sittingbourne), D. SPICE (Sittingbourne), M. WHITTINGTON (Sittingbourne), M. CAMPBELL (Sittingbourne), J. CORNFORD (Sittingbourne).

Boys: D. BASDEN (Woolwich), C. BLOY (Folkestone), S. CONQUEST (Woolwich), G. FRENCH (Woolwich), D. EVANS (Woolwich), B. ROBERT'S (Deal), E. PERKINS (Folkestone), D. BOYER (Folkestone), J. HOLLINGWORTH (Sittingbourne).

Editor's Postbag . . .

ATTACKERS NEEDED

LET us hope that now we have a national coach, every effort will be made to develop an attacking instinct in our players.

At the English Championships last year I was bored to tears by the defensive attitude of Harrison and Merrett. This may be all very well for the student of the game, but it is not good entertainment.

Oh for a real attacking player to brighten things up.

R. GREENSMITH

(Westminster).

BARNA'S TITLES

CAN you please settle an argument for me? My friend says that Victor Barna won 15 world titles but I am convinced it was only 13.

Also could you tell me if Barna holds the record of most wins.

STANLEY CLARKE

(Leeds).

Editor's Note: Sorry Mr. Clarke, you lose. Barna's score was in fact 16. He won the singles five times, the men's doubles eight times and the mixed doubles twice.

The record of most wins is held by Maria Mednyanszky of Hungary with 18—five singles, seven women's doubles and six mixed doubles.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONGRATULATIONS on your coverage of the European Championships in the May issue. I found the reports of Sydney Hulls and John Bromley most readable, giving a clear picture of the whole meeting.

It was also most welcome to have such detailed results. All too often in the past we have been left in the air as to what happened in the earlier rounds.

Keep up the good work.

PHILIP JOHNSTON

(East Ham).

MORE NORTHERN NEWS

CAN we have more Northern news in TABLE TENNIS. As a Lancastrian living in exile in London, I have often looked for news of activities from my old county, but alas it is all too rare.

BILL BRENNAN

(London).

Editor's Note: Sorry, but the Lancastrians appear reluctant to provide news of their area.

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SPOTLIGHT ON JUNIORS

By NIGEL IVE

Easing the Change

I CANNOT help feeling that September is a bit early to go indoors and rush about after that hypnotic white ball so I'd like to pin a medal on whoever thought of opening the season with a tournament at a holiday camp.

It is such a good way of easing that transition from sunlit tennis-courts and beaches to electrically lit clubs and halls. This season started off with two successive holiday camp tournaments and each one took place in perfect weather.

Since the entire top flight of last season's juniors had passed into the senior ranks, the junior events at both tournaments were very open. We shall miss names like Barker, Creamer, Keogh, Livesey, but wish them all well in the future.

EAST OF ENGLAND "OPEN." Let's start this story with its happy ending first. Happy for Maurice Billington anyway, because right through the boys' singles he remained cool and calm to collect the title in well-deserving fashion, beating Bob Ractliffe in the final.

Bob seems improved from last season, though he says he has not been practising this summer. When he gets a grip on his temperament Bob is going to be a really good player.

His semi-final with Colin Cadwallader was probably the best match of the whole event.

For those who like vital statistics here are some results. Cadwallader beat Brian Wright, Billington beat

Offenbach. Semi-Finals: Ractliffe beat Cadwallader (18, 17, 17) and Billington beat Walmesley (12, 15).

In the girls' singles Lesley Bell showed what a brilliant prospect she is by beating Judy Williams after a hard battle by 23-21, 26-24 in the final.

ESSEX "OPEN." One of the outstanding features of this tournament was the windmill forehand of Derek Basden (Kent). With it he flailed his way through the rounds, unseeded, and reached the final against seeded Brian Wright. Then his forehand consistency deserted him and Brian, playing a waiting game, won by 9 and 17.

In the semi-finals Basden beat Bob Ractliffe —19, 16, 3, and Wright beat David Offenbach 12, —19, 11. This was sweet revenge for Wright, who had lost to David in the Middlesex Trials. The deciding factor was Brian's ability to move in and use his quick hit.

In the girls' singles Lesley Bell reached the final at the expense of Hilde Brautigam, June Matheson and Judy Williams. In the semi-final Judy never seemed to regain the confidence she had at Skegness against the lively, unorthodox Lesley and she went down —3, 16, —11.

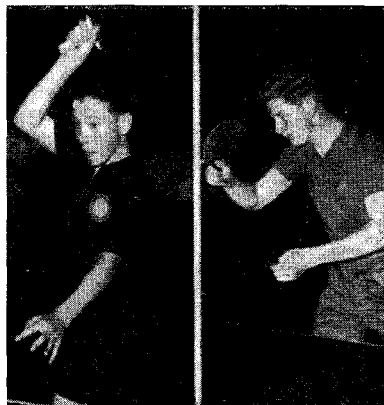
In the other half Mary Shannon played confidently throughout. Her toughest game perhaps was in the semi-final against Sue Thomas whom she beat 17 and 19. In the end Mary proved too good for Lesley in the final.

The organisers were somewhat concerned over the drop in entries for both junior events. Only 18 boys entered, compared with 34 in 1959 and 48 in 1958. There were eight girls this year, compared with 26 last.

The weather at Clacton was almost tropical. Play was constantly held up while competitors were tracked down to swimming-pools, tennis courts, roller skating rinks or beaches.

The lighting conditions in the hall of play were very poor, but since it was a first occasion for this tournament at Butlins, maybe we can hope for improvements next year.

PINPOINT. Watching other competitors' at work during the Essex "Open" I noticed a solemn lad with a



Chester Barnes

Maurice Billington

cute crew cut. This little chap, who is not much taller than the table was belting the ball with one of the most orthodox and casual forehands in the game. I discovered that he was 14, came from Essex and was named Chester Barnes

In 1958 Chester went to Butlin's at Clacton for a holiday and at the last moment decided to go in for the *News of the World* coaching scheme. Camp coach Harry Venner chose him as "Boy of the Week", and there was our Chester with his name in the *News of the World* at the age of 12.

Since then he has never looked back. He now attends the Putney Club for coaching three times a week and spends the rest of his time practising. This means he has had to sacrifice his other interests, football and swimming.

Chester, who should be playing for his County this year, was nominated by Essex to go forward to the English Junior Trials.

KIWIS CRUSHED

Kimiyou Matsuzaki, the world women's singles champion, and Kazuko Yamazumi, world doubles champion, visited New Zealand in the summer, playing a series of four internationals. They won the lot by 5-0. In fact the two Japanese girls were so overwhelming that New Zealand failed to win a set.

Rumania were comfortable winners of the boy's team in the International Junior Tournament in Budapest last May with an unbeaten record for their four matches and aggregate games score of 20-7. Hungary were second with 17-8, Hungary II third with 15-13, followed by Bulgaria 8-18, and East Germany 6-20.

Hungary were clear cut winners in the girls' team where they dropped only two games (12-2).



Brian Wright and Derek Basden

WELSH CORNER

Glamorgan Cut Programme

GAMORGAN have cut their programme for the national county championship this season. Following their relegation to Division II (Midland) it was felt there was little value in entering a second side into a lower division where the competition would not be so strong as that in the Welsh League or the Western Counties competition.

In some respect the smaller county programme is a help in our money problems, for travelling is expensive, but the association has always felt that the expense of taking part in the county championship is a very necessary one.

In the absence of a second team it is possible that the association will try to sponsor the entry of top players into the English Tournaments. This is a project dear to the hearts of some officials, but finance, will be a determining factor.

Glamorgan are at home to Leicester-

shire in their opening matches probably at Cardiff. Then some away matches with Bedfordshire and Warwickshire and a home fixture with Staffordshire.

It is early yet to guess the make-up of the Welsh Association, though most of the larger leagues report a maintenance of interest. Unfortunately we shall be without Port Talbot, where it appears impossible to get anyone to take on the job of organising with efficiency.

The Cardiff Public Services Leagues, which filled a much wanted gap during the war, but has since carried on with difficulty, has at last given up.

There appears to be a renewed interest down in West Wales, where Joe Ackroyd and Cliff Smith, have now got a flourishing club going at Milford.

This has always been a kernel of West Wales activities, and with a virile organisation there could be a revival of the West Wales Association with an inter-league programme embracing, Milford, Tenby, Newport, Haverfordwest and possibly Carmarthen. Lets hope that these enthusiasts can really get this going.

The North Wales Association, which, with the problem of finding the right organiser, has rarely fulfilled the purpose for which it was created, has temporarily closed down. However we expect to see Leagues operating in Rhyl, Llandudno, Wrexham, Bangor and Anglesey. They will now have direct contact with Welsh Headquarters in Cardiff.

The Welsh League will run two senior divisions this season, the second division being an amalgamation of the North and South Divisions. The programme gets under way on October 8 and the expected line up is:

Division I: CARDIFF, SWANSEA, EASTERN VALLEYS, NEWPORT, ABERGAVENNY, ABERDARE, BRIDGEND, RHONDDA.

Division II: ABERGAVENNY II, TREDGAR, MERTHYR, CARDIFF II, BRECON, EASTERN VALLEYS II, ABERDARE II, BRIDGEND II.

Junior Division: ABERGAVENNY, SWANSEA, ABERDARE, CARDIFF, NEWPORT.

Two highlights of international affairs will be the Quadrangular Tournament (England-Ireland-Scotland-Wales) on December 2-3, and a visit from East Germany in January.

The colourful Germans, including such stars as Schneider and Pleuse, will take part in the Welsh "Open" on January 13-14 then meet Wales in international matches on the following Monday and Tuesday, before going on to Ireland then Scotland. Venues have still to be arranged.

Other dates to note are: Swansea "Open" November 12, Cardiff "Open" December 10, Gwent "Open" February 18, Welsh "closed" March 18.

FAMILY AFFAIR

BROTHER and sister Paul and Jennifer Racey made a family affair of the Bedfordshire "Closed" championships at the end of last season with a clean sweep of all senior titles.

This unique record was made possible by their successful partnership in the mixed doubles.

In addition, Paul also won the junior boys' singles.



Jennifer and Paul Racey

Jennifer celebrated her women's singles just on her 21st birthday, while Paul had the distinction of taking the men's crown in his last season as a junior.

FINALS RESULTS

Men's Singles: P. RACEY (Bedford) bt D. White (Leighton Buzzard) 21-19, 15-21, 17-21, 21-12, 21-19. **Women's Singles: J. RACEY** (Bedford) bt D. Underwood (Sandy) 21-17, 15-21, 21-6.

Men's Doubles: RACEY/WHITE bt B. Cohoen/J. Mayes 21-14, 21-12. **Women's Doubles: RACEY/UNDERWOOD** bt Mrs. G. Dean/Mrs. J. Cox 21-14, 24-22. **Mixed Doubles: RACEY/MISS RACEY** bt C. Crowe/Miss A. Eagles 21-17, 21-14.

Boys' Singles: RACEY bt M. Spavins 21-10, 21-17. **Girls' Singles: J. HULLEY** bt A. James 19-21, 21-17, 21-16.

Worcestershire Notes

THE return of the Worcestershire Team to Division II West of the County Championships has been welcomed by players and officials alike. All are looking forward to renewing their pleasant associations with the counties of the South-West, which were temporarily broken last season.

The two home fixtures in this division will be played in October. On the 1st, Devon will be met at Malvern in the first-ever County match staged in that beautiful town, and on the 15th Wiltshire will be the visitors to Worcester Shirehall. Previously, an away friendly match will have been played versus Nottinghamshire on September 17.

Beryl Shammon, a County stalwart with 35 appearances, will not be available this season, so the situation is ready-made for Sheila Melley of Kidderminster to clinch the number two ladies' position below Joyce Lloyd of Stourbridge. Only a startling upheaval of form seems likely to separate the men's trio of Ray Lush, Mick Hawkins and Bob Goode, who have played unaltered in seventeen consecutive matches since 1957.

Internally, there are high hopes that Redditch League will become affiliated, bringing the membership up to seven Leagues. There is, unfortunately, no news of the revival of Stourbridge League, once so prominent in County circles.

With the inclusion of Bromsgrove the first division of the County League is increased to seven teams. The second division, in which mixed matches are played, has attracted five representative sides.

I. R. Crickmer

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES**CROMWELL INJURED**

CAMBRIDGESHIRE start the new season without the services of John Cromwell. He is still suffering from the back injury he contracted last season and it is still not known when he will be fit again.

This will be a big handicap to the county and an influx of new talent is needed if they are to put up a creditable show in the Southern Division.

New Chesterton Institute, winners of the Cambridgeshire winter League, have also carried off the Summer League. Frank Jeffrey, the wily veteran, was again their mainstay, winning all his games. . . a magnificent achievement.

The addition of Beryl Speechley, winner of the singles at the last Cambridgeshire "closed" championships, is expected to strengthen the women's section of the county team, but there is still a need for more women players.

ROGERSON RESIGNS

Bill Rogerson, whose efforts as magazine secretary put Cambridgeshire at the top of the Circulation Drive last season, has resigned. Tony Brochie, secretary of the Summer League, has taken over the job. Rogerson was presented with an inscribed tankard for his services.

Coaching courses will again be held at Impington and Chesterton Youth centres. John Cromwell, Fred Larter and Leslie Constable are the committee busy with this work.

The Cambridgeshire Youth League is flourishing and promises to produce some promising talent.

SEEING EUROPE

HIGH WYCOMBE may not be one of the most fashionable leagues but they are becoming well known on the Continent, thanks to the enterprise of some of their members.

Cyril Dawson, as captain, Roland Sewell, Jimmy Palmer, Ian Harvey and Bob Miller spent the Easter weekend with a five-days' tour playing at Boulogne (France), Ghent (Belgium) and Vlissingburg (Holland), covering a round total of 700 miles.

And not only was it very successful socially but the High Wycombe side won all three of their matches, beating the Pongiste Club (Boulogne) 8-2; the Small Street Club (Ghent) 6-4; and the Sorry Club (Vlissingburg) 8-2.

All players concerned in the trip were responsible for their own expenses. They have made so many new friends abroad, that invitations are beginning to pour in for next year, when they hope to include Paris in their programme.

FIXTURE ENGAGEMENTS

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

Date	Title and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
Oct. 5-8	WEST AFRICA "OPEN"		
6-8	North of England "Open" (A) (Sept. 24), Drill Hall, Seymour Grove, Old Trafford, Manchester, 16.	J.S.B. J.S.G.	L. W. Jones, 261 Mauldeth Road, Burnage, Manchester, 19.
16	Portsmouth "Open" (A) (Sept. 30), South Parade Pier, Southsea, Hants.	J.X.S.	P. Goldring, 52, Winter Road, Southsea, Hants.
21-22	Cheshire "Open" (Oct. 10) T.A. Centre, Harrowby Road, Birkenhead, Cheshire.	V.S.	Mr. W. Sawne, 33 Broadway Ave., Birkenhead.
29	Hartlepool "Open" (A) (Oct. 2) Hartlepool Trading Estate Canteen, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham.	Y.S.	S. Parker, 12 Stirling Street, West Hartlepool.
29-30	Sussex "Open" (Oct. 15) White Rock Pavilion, Hastings.	V.S.	D. N. Tyler, "Bracondale," 23 Elphinstone Road, Hastings.
Nov. 5	Hull & East Riding "Open" (Oct. 26), Madeley Street Baths, Hessle Road, Hull.	J.S.B. J.S.B.	K. H. F. Jordan, 6 Blackburn Ave., Brough, E. Yorks.
5-6	Kent Junior "Open" (Oct. 15) Marine Gardens Pavilion, Folkestone.	J.S.B. J.S.G. J.D.B. J.D.G. J.X.D.	F. G. Mannooch, 216 Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
5-6	AUSTRIAN "OPEN"		
11-12	Merseyside "Open" Dunlop Rubber Co. Ltd., Speke, Liverpool, 24.		Miss M. Lindner, Flat D1, Eaton Grange, Eaton Road, Liverpool 12.
11-12	HUNGARIAN "OPEN"		
12	Swansea "Open"		
18-20	YUGOSLAVIAN "OPEN"		
19	Birmingham "Open" (Nov. 12) Friends Institute, 220, Moseley Road, Birmingham, 12.	J.S.B. J.S.G. J.X.D. V.S.	M. Goldstein, 415 Moseley Road, Birmingham, 12.
26	Yorkshire "Open" York.		K. Park, 7 Moss Rise, Leeds, 17.
27	Bournemouth "Open" (A) (Nov. 5) The Drill Hall, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth.	J.S.	C. B. Cashell, 16 Victoria Ave., Winton, Bournemouth.
27-29	SCANDINAVIAN "OPEN"		
Dec. 2-3	QUADRANGULAR HOME INTERNATIONALS Cardiff.		
4	Newbury "Open" (A) Corn Exchange, Newbury.		A. A. J. Mosson, 29 Croft Road, Newbury, Berks.
10	Yorkshire Junior "Open" Bradford.		K. Park, 7 Moss Rise, Leeds, 17.
10	Cardiff "Open"		
10-11	Middlesex "Open" Hanwell Community Centre, Westcott Crescent, Hanwell, W.7.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	Miss I. Moss, 49 Okehampton Road, London, N.W.10.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UPby **CONRAD JASCHKE****RECORD ENTRY MAINTAINED**

LAST season's record entry in the National County Championships has been maintained with 33 counties entering 54 teams in 10 divisions. Leicestershire field a second senior team to cancel out the withdrawal of Glamorgan II.

The maximum number of entries has not, of course, been reached. There is still room for another third and Junior division. However I have not the slightest doubt that within a couple of seasons the total entries will be well in the sixties.

Looking around for a "home" for a second senior team, Dorset applied for permission to field two teams in Div. II West. This was refused, which many feel is a great pity, though it must be stated in fairness that there are excellent reasons for opposing the inclusion of two teams from the same county in one division.

Hampshire wanted to enter a junior team, but only if the Junior South

division could be divided into two, to avoid excessive travel. This was found impracticable, mainly because the counties who comprise this division are bound by ties of great rivalry and friendship which they do not want to lose.

Kent are jumping in with an offer to Hampshire to play their junior team on a friendly basis, home and away this season, in the hope that an official entry from Hants will be possible next time. How about one or two of Dorset's neighbours offering to meet them in friendly second team matches?

TAKE OVER BID

In the city, wherever there is a going concern with "hidden assets" the take over bidders are not far away. Now in the Minutes of the N.C.C. there is an item: "Taking over" of the Championships by the E.T.T.A.

The N.C.C. is a very much going concern. So much so that two seasons back it was able to repay counties their entry fees because there was surplus cash. Last season the counties themselves said "we don't want our fees back, use them to pay the expenses of play-off matches". It is true TV fees have contributed to this happy state. But even if not one penny is received from TV this season (and short of complete bungling I see no reason why this should happen) the N.C.C. is still self supporting, though there may be no margin for handouts. There is also a substantial balance in the bank.

What about "hidden assets". I'll tell you what those are. The tremendous goodwill and enthusiasm the counties feel towards the Championships, which they rightly regard as their own creation and property . . . the one body on which they can actually back their voice by a vote.

On the money side, there is the hidden asset of a **very considerable income per annum**, which might easily result if ever we get around to producing the sort of play and timing the TV people require. Negotiations with TV have not always been handled in the most successful way. But there is no reason why we should not learn by past mistakes and eventually find a formula which will produce something worth having for the TV people, but some welcome cash for the N.C.C. Perhaps this asset is still very much "hidden" today . . . but then take-over bidders are usually people who look well ahead!

Of course the views expressed above are my personal ones . . . the N.C.C. has not yet finally spoken on the issue, which is in the "examination stage".

EYLES TO RETIRE

Ivor Eyles tells me that this will be his last season as hon. secretary of the N.C.C.

He has rendered great service to the Championships, and if now he feels that his work for the E.T.T.A., as Deputy Chairman, and Chairman of Selectors, must have first call, I am sure nobody will begrudge him this decision.

Eyles has been a popular and strong Secretary, in the mould of his predecessor, Geoff Harrower, the founder of the N.C.C.

These are not easy men to follow. **Personal note.** Here I would like to add a personal note. There are

COUNTY DIARY**PREMIER DIVISION**

October 1	Gloucestershire v Yorkshire, Y.M.C.A., Totterdown, Bristol 4	7.00 p.m.
	Middlesex v Kent, Bealine House, South Ruislip	7.15 p.m.
	Essex v Cheshire, Y.M.C.A., Western Road, Romford	7.30 p.m.
October 15	Yorkshire v Lancashire, Mechanics' Institute, Bridge Street, Bradford	7.00 p.m.
	Cheshire v Kent, Fairey Aviation Sports Club, 35 Derby Road, Heaton Chapel, Stockport	7.15 p.m.
	Surrey v Gloucestershire, Adult School, Benhill Avenue, Sutton	7.00 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

October 1	Derbyshire v Durham
October 15	Northumberland v Lincolnshire

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

October 8	Berkshire v Kent
October 15	Hampshire v Sussex

SECOND DIVISION WEST

October 1	Cornwall v Wiltshire	
	Worcestershire v Devonshire, Geraldine Staff Hostel, Malvern	7.15 p.m.
October 15	Cornwall v Dorset	
	Worcestershire v Wiltshire, Shirehall, Worcester	7.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

October 15	Glamorgan v Leicester
October 22	Bedfordshire v Warwickshire

MIDLAND DIVISION

October 1	Warwickshire v Staffordshire	
	Oxfordshire v Nottinghamshire	
October 15	Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire, Nottingham	6.45 p.m.
	Oxfordshire v Staffordshire	

SOUTHERN DIVISION

October 15	Norfolk v Buckinghamshire
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NORTH JUNIOR DIVISION

October 29	Yorkshire v Cheshire, Technical College Hall, George Gate, Doncaster	3.00 p.m.
	Yorkshire v Lancashire, Technical College Hall, George Gate, Doncaster	3.00 p.m.

MIDLAND JUNIOR DIVISION

October 1	Warwickshire v Staffordshire
October 15	Oxfordshire v Staffordshire

SOUTH JUNIOR DIVISION

October 1	Suffolk v Hertfordshire	
October 8	Sussex v Middlesex, Goring Hall, Worthing	7.15 p.m.
October 8	Surrey v Kent, Higgs and Hill Ltd., Crown Works, Lawn Lane, South Lambeth Road, London, S.W.8	4.00 p.m.
October 22	Kent v Essex, Tarland Sports Club, Tarland House, Bay Hall Road, Tunbridge Wells	
	Suffolk v Surrey	
October 24	Middlesex v Hertfordshire, Johnsons of Hendon Way	7.15 p.m.

those who feel, and who tell me as indeed they have every right to do, that they do not think I am at my best when occupying an official capacity . . . that I am too outspoken, and that I would probably be more use to the game "on the outside". I hope they don't mean right outside! I have recently retired from the post of E.T.T.A. press officer, and it may well be that there is some enthusiast in the N.C.C. who would like to try his hand at the job of County Championships publicity secretary. Lets face it, writing a column like this year in year out, it is impossible not to repeat oneself, and a new man might act like a breath of spring.

I have never yet turned down a table tennis task unless I felt I could not carry it out. And I would not claim the writing of a monthly column like this is a heavy burden. But if any county have a budding press officer who they think might like this job and carry it out successfully, why not nominate him next time? I would willingly stand down if a suitable alternative nomination is received. And of course my connection with the N.C.C. would be maintained through my county.

The line up for season 1960-61

PREMIER DIVISION

CHESHIRE, ESSEX, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, KENT, LANCASHIRE, MIDDLESEX, SURREY, YORKSHIRE.

SECOND DIVISION

Midland: BEDFORDSHIRE, GLAMORGAN, LEICESTERSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE, WARWICKSHIRE.

North: DERBYSHIRE, DURHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE, NORTHUMBRLAND, YORKSHIRE.

South: BERKSHIRE, HAMPSHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE, KENT, SUSSEX.

West: CORNWALL, DEVON, DORSET, SOMERSET, WILTSHIRE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

REGIONAL DIVISIONS.

Midland: LEICESTERSHIRE II, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, OXFORDSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE II, WARWICKSHIRE II.

Southern: BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE II, NORFOLK, SUFFOLK.

JUNIOR DIVISIONS

Midland: LEICESTERSHIRE, OXFORDSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE, WARWICKSHIRE.

North: CHESHIRE, DURHAM, LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE.

Southern: ESSEX, HERTFORDSHIRE, KENT, MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK, SURREY, SUSSEX.

THE CIRCULATION DRIVE

Welcome, friends, to a new Table Tennis season, and the biggest ever drive to still further increase our circulation.

At the Annual General Meeting of the E.T.T.A. I called for a drive by every county to put on a small increase each month; 20 copies per month for the bigger counties and 10 per month for those with a smaller membership.

When it came to work it out, however, there were far too few counties with a big membership. I therefore compromised with two equal groups, with a handy 100 clubs as the dividing line. Here they are:—

THE "OVER 100" COUNTIES	THE "UNDER 100" COUNTIES
Buckinghamshire	Bedfordshire
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Durham	Cambridgeshire
Essex	Cornwall
Gloucestershire	Derbyshire
Hampshire	Devon
Hertfordshire	Dorset
Kent	Leicestershire
Lancashire	Northamptonshire
Lincolnshire	Northumberland
Middlesex	Nottinghamshire
Norfolk	Oxfordshire
Staffordshire	Shropshire
Surrey	Somerset
Sussex	Suffolk
Warwickshire	Wiltshire
Yorkshire	Worcestershire

There is a valuable prize to be won

By GEOFF HARROWER

by the winner of each group, and, in addition, the Publishers will award a special prize to the county who, in their opinion, have made the most meritorious effort in comparison to last season.

I am writing these notes in early September, and counties who are going to make a big effort, but whom I do not name, I hope will forgive me. At this early stage I only have plans from a few. First came Norfolk, Robin Wickens being early in the field with a letter to each of his Leagues urging them to support my call for an increase.

Very welcome news comes from Colin Clemett, who tells me that Surrey have appointed Peggy Piper as Magazine Secretary, and will be "making a concerted attempt at a prize." Gloucestershire, in the person of Miss Wilkinson, are also newcomers to the fold, and a first order of 50 copies is very welcome. 50 also rings a bell in Derbyshire, where Colin Deaton, now happily 100% fit again, gives news of this big increase from 24. Well done, Colin, I hope you get the support you deserve.

Ron Nicholls, the new N.E.C. member from the West Country is well in the fore with an order for 24 from Plymouth, whilst another new "customer" is Ian Crickmer, who is going to try and get things moving in Worcester.

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"ESSEX OPEN"By LAURIE LANDRY

Jacobson Baffles The English Champs

THE Essex "Open" at Clacton on September 11-12, provided the greatest sensation since Percy Curtis won that famous "fall of internationals tournament"—The East Suburban "Open" of 1955. This time it was Sales Representative Stan Jacobson of Willesden who was the hero.

It was no fluke, Jacobson beat both the English "Closed" Champion—Bryan Merrett and the English "Open" Champion—Ian Harrison in matches that on this performance could not have conceivably gone the other way.

Jacobson utilised his now famous "excessive topspin" shot and neither Harrison or Merrett had a winning answer to it.

Merrett must take some of the blame for his inept display. He was chopping off Jacobson's topspin from start to finish of a match that he lost 10-21, 9-21. Merrett seemed to admit that he had no answer. He did not seem to alter his type of return but just chopped thereby giving Jacobson the natural food for his topspin.

In the final Harrison, though presenting Jacobson with the first game, tried gallantly but unavailingly to stop the rot in the second.

Harrison's hit was not quite up to it and lost 21-7, 21-16.

Harrison had not played too badly in his earlier rounds for he beat the holder Laurie Landry (21-17, 21-19), who had previously dismissed Leach 21-16, 20-22, 21-16.

Merrett did as expected in getting to the Semis (bt MacLaren 2-0 who beat Venner and McCree).

Tony Piddock had good wins over Stevens (7-21, 21-13, 21-12) and Somogyi (17-25) before falling to Jacobson, 22-20, 21-18.

Somogyi, after winning the East of England, was in trouble from the start for he dropped the first game to young Brian Wright, the Junior singles winner, before winning 17-21, 21-13, 21-14.

The last semi-finalist was Brian Barnes, of Berkshire, who beat Alan Rhodes at 19 in the third, and put up a creditable showing against Harrison.

The Women's singles was a much simpler affair with holder Diane Rowe securing an uneventful win over Jean McCree by 21-19, 21-14. Mary Hicks must be the main surprise of this event for she stood at 17 all in the third against Jean McCree, having previously scored a good win over Shelagh Hession 21-11, 22-24, 25-23.

The Doubles events were far less interesting but the plum must go to juniors Brian Wright and his young mixed doubles partner Irene Ogus of Middlesex. They played some wonderful shots to beat Brumwell and Carrington 21-10, 21-18. Then in the semi-final with nothing to lose they held a lead of 20-16 in the third game against three times English "Open" winners Johnny Leach and Di Rowe, only to lose.

Barry Midgley and Mary Shannon, who are fast becoming quite a doubles pair, beat Landry and Betty Bird in straight games, but were no match for the holders.

The Women's Doubles went with the seeding, Elsie

Carrington and Jean McCree recovering their lost form of the week-end to beat Di Rowe and Peggy Piper in the final.

Harrison and Merrett made up for their singles defeat by winning the Men's Doubles. They had a cracker of a game against Raybould and Stevens in the semi but they had been all out in the round before when MacLaren and Venner were a game and 20-17 up.

Sawyer and Pudney, who reached the final via Landry and Rhodes (20 in the third), put up a very spirited display in the final but Harrison and Merrett were just too strong.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: S. JACOBSON (Middx.) bt B. Merrett (Glos.) 21-10, 21-9. I. HARRISON (Glos.) bt B. Barnes (Berks.) 21-19, 21-14.

Final: JACOBSON bt Harrison 21-7, 21-16.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: D. ROWE (Middx.) bt A. Taft (Herts.) 21-13, 21-14. Mrs. J. MCCREE (Essex) bt M. Hicks (Middx.) 19-21, 21-9, 21-17.

Final: ROWE bt McCree 21-19, 21-14.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: HARRISON/MERRETT bt R. Raybould/R. Stevens (Essex) 21-14, 9-21, 21-15. L. SAWYER/P. PUDNEY (Essex) bt L. Landry/A. Rhodes (Middx.) 11-21, 21-15, 22-20.

Final: HARRISON/MERRETT bt Sawyer/Pudney 21-13, 23-21.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: MCCREE/Mrs. E. CARRINGTON (Essex) bt Taft/G. Robinson (Herts.) 21-13, 21-13. ROWE/P. PIPER (Surrey) bt M. Shannon (Surrey)/J. WILLIAMS (Herts.) 21-15, 21-18.

Final: MCCREE/CARRINGTON bt Rowe/Piper 14-21, 21-16, 21-13.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: J. LEACH (Essex)/ Miss ROWE bt B. Wright/Miss I. Ogus (Middx.) 21-16, 14-21, 22-20. B. MIDGLEY (Hants.)/Miss SHANNON bt Landry/Mrs. B. Bird (Surrey) 21-19, 21-15.

Final: LEACH/ROWE bt Midgley/Shannon 21-16, 21-14.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: WRIGHT bt D. Offenbach (Middx.) 21-12, 19-21, 21-11. D. BASDEN (Kent) bt R. Ractiffe (Herts.) 19-21, 21-16, 21-3.

Final: WRIGHT bt Basden 21-9, 21-15.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: SHANNON bt S. Thomas (Kent) 21-17, 21-19. L. BELL (Essex) bt Williams 21-3, 16-21, 21-11.

Final: SHANNON bt Bell 21-8, 21-12.

Veteran's Singles: Final: B. FRETWELL (Sussex) bt H. Ralls (Essex) 21-17, 21-11.

NOW MRS. FOLDI

A Table Tennis love match is that of the Hungarians Eva Koczian (see picture) and Laszlo Foldi. They were married in Budapest on August 6.

Both are Hungarian internationals and both have been popular visitors to this country.

Miss Koczian won the women's singles at the 1957 European Championships and retained her title at Zagreb last season.



EAST OF ENGLAND "OPEN"

NEW CHAMPIONS

JOE SOMOGYI (Surrey) and Mrs. Jean McCree (Essex) became the first tournament winners of the new season when they carried off the singles in the East of England "Open" at Skegness on September 3-4, where all five senior titles changed hands.

Somogyi beat Laurie Landry (Middx.) 21-14, 21-16, in the men's final, while Mrs. McCree dethroned Mrs. Betty Bird (Surrey), the defending champion, by 21-18, 21-12 in the women's final.

Mrs. Bird had the consolation of winning the women's doubles with Mrs. P. Clark, while Michael Maclaren and Len Adams won the men's doubles, with the mixed going to Eric Johnson and Diana Wright.

The junior winners were Maurice Billington and Lesley Bell.

Somogyi did not have things all his own way in reaching the singles final, being 17-19 down in both games to Brian Barnes of Berkshire before winning 21-19, 22-20. He also dropped the first game to East London's Alan Gazley and trailed 5-10 in the third to Terry Densham in the semi-final.

Landry also had his shaky moments as in his match with the little known Allinson who led 11-6 in the deciding game.

Landry's semi-final victim was his Middlesex colleague Alan Lindsay. This was one of the best of the tournament, Lindsay just failing at 18-21 in the third after trailing 4-15.

The East of England is noted for its shocks but these were reserved mainly for the doubles, where the biggest upset was the giant killing performance of juniors Brian Wright and David Offenbach when they topped the top seeds Somogyi and Lindsay by 21-16, 24-22.

Their fine hitting also took them to victory over the crack Yorkshire pair Pitts and Dyson before failing to surprise finalists Connie Warren and David Lowe, who came within a point of the title before losing the final to Maclaren and Adams at 22-24, 21-5, 23-21.

Elsie Carrington and Jean McCree, last year's winners lost their women's doubles title in the final to the Yorkshire pair Pam Morton and Mavis Dyson.

Johnson and Diane Wright beat the holders, Landry and Mrs. Bird, before going on to win the mixed final.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: L. LANDRY (Middlesex) bt A. G. Lindsay (Middlesex) 21-16, 15-21, 21-18. J. SOMOGYI (Surrey) bt T. Densham (Hertfordshire) 21-14, 16-21, 21-15.

Final: SOMOGYI bt Landry 21-14, 21-16.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: Mrs. B. BIRD (Surrey) bt Miss J. Williams (Hertfordshire) 21-19, 21-19. Mrs. J. McCREE (Essex) bt Mrs. P. Clark (Newcastle) 21-16, 21-13.

Final: McCREE bt Bird 21-18, 21-12.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: D. H. LOWE/C. WARREN bt B. D. Wright/D. Offenbach 14-21, 23-21, 21-11. M. MACLAREN/L. ADAMS bt E. T. Johnson/G. Temperton 21-8, 21-15.

Final: MACLAREN/ADAMS bt Lowe/Warren 22-24, 21-5, 23-21.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: BIRD/CLARK bt Mrs. W. Eanor/Mrs. C. Moran 21-11, 21-7. Mrs. M. DYSON/P. MORTON bt D. Wright/D. Ridgeway 21-15, 21-13.

Final: BIRD/CLARK bt Dyson/Morton 16-21, 21-14, 21-12.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: M. J. PITTS/Mrs. DYSON bt MacLaren/Mrs. Eanor 21-19, 21-13. JOHNSON/Miss WRIGHT bt S. Dyson/Miss Morton 21-19, 21-19.

Final: JOHNSON/Miss WRIGHT bt Pitts/Mrs. Dyson 8-21, 21-10, 21-17.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: R. E. G. RACTLIFFE (St. Albans) bt C. Cadwallader (Birmingham) 18-21, 21-17, 21-17. M. BILLINGTON (Leamington) bt P. Walmsley (Stretford) 21-12, 21-15.

Final: BILLINGTON bt Ractliffe 21-11, 22-20.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: J. WILLIAMS bt J. Wooding (Bletchley) 21-9, 21-6. L. BELL (Romford) bt P. Wodland 21-8, 21-10.

Final: BELL bt Williams 23-21, 26-24.

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YORKSHIRE NOTES

HERTFORDSHIRE NOTES

FORREST SUGGESTS NEW LINE

LES FORREST refuses to allow table tennis to slump. During the close season, Yorkshire's N.C.C. representative talked the proposal to run the county championship on tournament lines out of the room.

Now, at his suggestion, Yorkshire will try a new line to pull in spectators to the first Premier Division match against Lancashire.

They are to experiment with advertising in buses.

Home matches will again be played at Bradford Mechanics' Institutes with its



LESLIE FORREST

tiered seating, printed programmes and music before the start. Season tickets are costing less because there are only three fixtures this time.

Big inter-league news is the break-up of the all-conquering Leeds Ladies' team. Only three times since the war have they allowed anyone else top place.

Now Marjorie Harrison, the Premier Division doubles player, and Shirley Riley are out for domestic reasons, and Marjorie Lightfoot has retired from representative table tennis.

Miss Lightfoot has also retired as county executive minutes secretary. Lilian Nisbet (Leeds) takes her place. Hull's Harold Litchfield is the new treasurer for Norman Rushton, who remains on the N.C.C. committee.

Former county player Ken Park becomes tournament secretary and his first job was to push through a motion to boost the Yorkshire "Open" by inviting a few top stars to compete.

Ken Stanley has crossed the pennines to take a post at Huddersfield and his

son David (16) and daughter Janet (13) will be acquisitions to some club.

Bradford have struck the doubles event out of the cup matches so that with nine singles there will be no long drawn out replays.

Leeds aim to improve their inter-league men by playing teams of three instead of four in the top three divisions. Previously the bottom pair did not have a crack at their opponents' best two.

Young Linda Gordon, a player packed with potential, has joined the all-star Victoria club and practice among some of the city's best should speed her improvement.

At Hull, the Young People's Institute celebrates its centenary this autumn and one of the special events was to be a tennis tournament to which all the leading county players were invited. Dave Bartlett and Mick Sothcott look forward to mid-season demob.

Coach Alan Thompson has been as busy as ever and started sessions at Leeds Y.M.C.A. in July. They consisted of 2½ hours' coaching, tea break, and two hours of match-play.

Yorkshire Juniors, with Cynthia Blackshaw and Harvey Coward already well in form, look forward to a bright season.

Dates for your diary: November 5, Hull "Open"; November 26, Yorkshire "Open", York; December 10, Yorkshire Junior "Open", Bradford; January 21, Pontefract "Open"; February 11, South Yorkshire; April 1-3, N.E. England, Scarborough.

Malcolm Hartley

THE prospects for both our senior teams and the juniors look very bright this season. Runners-up in their respective divisions in the National County Championships last season, the seniors could well be divisional champions this time. Only Judy Williams (Hatfield) and Robert Ractcliffe (St. Albans) remain in the junior ranks and the County trials were used to determine the three newcomers to make up the team.

Hertfordshire have decided to break a tradition with their junior team. Normally an adult has acted as their non-playing captain but now Robert Ractcliffe has been selected as the Junior Captain for this his fifth and final season in the side.

Two North Herts Juniors, Brian Sykes and Jacqueline Canham, together with Miss Williams and Ractcliffe were invited to the National Junior trials (Eastern Area) which took place last month.

Sixteen-year-old Carol Monk, well known in many parts of the County, died tragically in the early hours of September 3 when the car in which she was travelling was in collision with two other vehicles on the A.1 road near Baldock. She was a member of three Letchworth Clubs and last season played in the local team which won the Junior Inter-League. Our deep sympathy go to Carol's parents and brother.

Yet another successful Coaching Course for our Juniors was held at Lilleshall during the Whitsun holiday and it is confidently expected that a number of those who attended will make the grade.

Several juniors have also been successful in summer competitions in various parts of the Country.

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