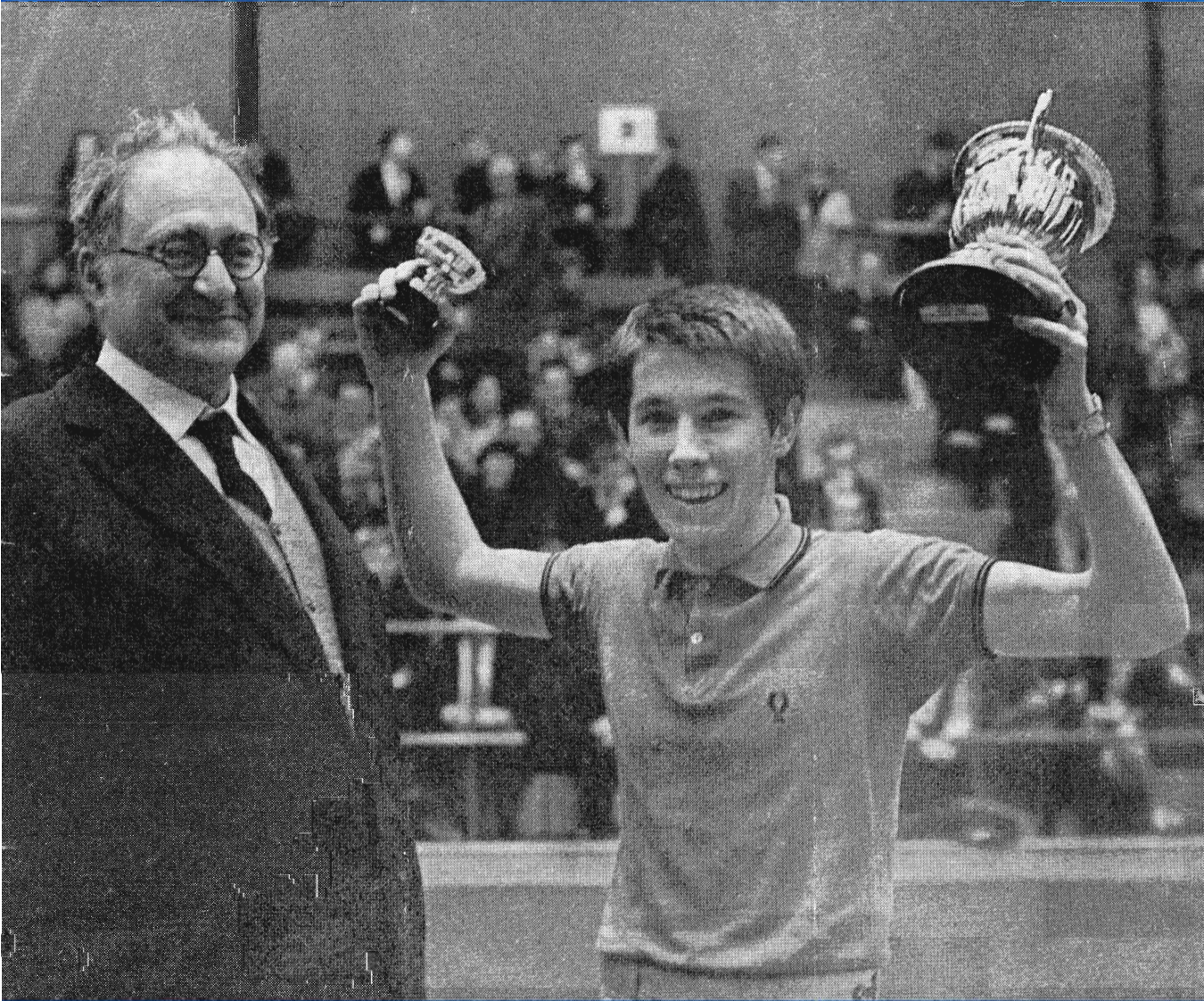


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DON'T WRITE-OFF ENGLAND

By JOHNNY LEACH

FOR those who think that England have written-off all chance of success in the World Championships at Ljubljana next April, because the Chinese and Japanese are taking part, let them think again.

I know as well as any schoolboy, who has followed the game, that we need look no further than the Asians in the men's title, but Europe will be looking to our girls as their best title-winning prospects.

Our men do not necessarily have to win titles to achieve success. They rank No. 8 in Europe and my target is a place in the top four.

And if we do not get into the top six I shall be very disappointed indeed. This would mean a step up of at least four places in Europe and in my book this would read success.

To triumph thus far our players will have to work hard between now and April and selectors are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to help. Already plans have been made for training centres in Gloucester, London and Manchester. It will be up to the players to dedicate themselves and I know they will for they have the ability, which recent results show.

TRAINING CENTRES

We have picked an international squad of eight men and five women from which the final team of four men and three women will be chosen. They

LATE NEWS

DIANE ROWE and MARY SHANNON collected yet another title when they won the women's doubles in The Moscow International Tournament on January 28. Mary was also runner-up with Denis Neale in the mixed doubles, won by Hungarians Laszlo Pignitski and Erzsebet Jurik.

are to have weekly get-togethers at the chosen centres. In London as many as possible will gather at Crystal Palace on Wednesdays and at Shell Centre on Fridays, when either Ron Crayden or myself will direct the training.

Jeff Ingber will be available for practice with the championships aspirants at Manchester, while Bryan Merrett, who is of course a member of the squad, will organise the training at Gloucester.

In addition to these weekly meetings there will be a Masters Tournament at R.A.F. Stanmore on February 21, while arrangements have been made for the team to reside at the Crystal Palace Centre between March 31 and April 3 for final tuning up before leaving for Yugoslavia.

Both teams will fly out to Ljubljana early so that they can have at least one full day's practise there in which to acclimatise themselves to playing conditions.

Selectors have been paying particular attention to physical fitness and are going out of their way to see that players get fit and stay fit.

SOCCER HELPS

Two great football managers, Billy Wright and Raich Carter, who know only too well from their own illustrious playing days the importance of being physically fit, are co-operating by opening their doors to Chester Barnes and Denis Neale.

Barnes is to train daily with Arsenal, while Neale will enjoy similar facilities at Middlesbrough. I wonder if they realise how lucky they are to have such an opportunity as this. There are many athletes who would give their right arm for such a chance.

I know only too well how valuable this type of training can be, for it was football training that helped me win my two world titles. I trained with

Spurs the first time, and with Crystal Palace on the second occasion as I was then living that side of London.

Apart from what is being done for Barnes and Neale by the courtesy of these two great football clubs, our training programme may appear modest compared with the way China, Japan, and Sweden prepare for big events. But I hope they will be adequate with the limited resource at our disposal. And, of course, there is the time factor. Remember our players also have a living to earn. In addition there is a hectic country tournament and international programme, so it is not possible to do more.

As I complete this article I learn our players

are going through a bad patch in Russia. Don't let us be defeatists about this. Have confidence in their ability and I am sure they can win through.

After all they have had some great wins this season. Among these Barnes has beaten Alser; Wright has overcome Miko; Harrison has got the better of Stanek; and Neale has verdicts over Johansson.

If they can be trained to consistently produce this high standard of play no one will be able to touch them in Europe. And, in my view, this is always possible providing all rally round and give one hundred per cent support. What about it!

STAFFS. BLOOD 16-YEAR-OLD

by John Pike

IN an effort to avoid relegation from the Premier division, Staffordshire blooded another youngster for the away game with Kent. He is **PETER EATON**, the 16-year-old junior No. 1 from West Bromwich. With nothing to lose and everything to gain I admire the selectors for pursuing this youth policy. Young Peter's "beetle haircut" should cause a few comments among the Kent supporters at Crayford.

An amusing incident in Staffordshire's home game with Gloucestershire at Shrewsbury was an official wanting to charge Ian Harrison 2s. for admission. It was only a quick bit of thinking which prevented a rather embarrassing position.

After this match it was felt that Harrison, Merrett and Morley turned in a far better performance than was seen from Surrey and Middlesex earlier in the season.

HOME IN FUTURE

The Wolverhampton Association will be staging their first ever Premier division match when they put on the Lancashire game at Featherstone at the end of February. I hope there will be a better turn out there than there was for the Gloucestershire match at Shrewsbury. This poor support from neighbouring Shropshire will probably mean that Staffordshire will not venture outside the county in future.

Tom Finney, no not the former England soccer star, but the county President, entered hospital recently for a cartilage operation. I am sure the county will join me in wishing Tom a speedy recovery.

An appeal from the Cambridge Club was turned down over the final of the club championships, so it means that the new holders are Longton from the Potteries.

The Woodfield club at Wolverhampton again held a very successful invitation tournament with the proceeds this year going to the Cheshire Homes, for the first time. It was one of the best organ-

ised tournaments I have seen for a long time.

I am sure players and officials all over the country welcomed the television coverage of the English closed and the England match with Czechoslovakia. This sort of thing can do nothing but good for the game and I hope we see a lot more of it in the future.

ESSEX

BIG SCHOOL ENTRIES

THE use of Harlow Sportcentre for the Essex Open created local interest which should help Ron Carle and other Harlow officials in their efforts to attract youth.

Clacton League are making progress in the direction and Dennis Arr took a coach load of youngsters to Crystal Palace for Jack Carrington's inter-country coaching session.

Entries for the Essex Schools competition exceed all expectations. They are being zoned to save travelling in the early stages.

Bobby Stevens attempt to regain the **EAST LONDON** singles failed at the semi-final stage when he lost to Barry Meisel, who was in turn beaten by Stuart Gibbs.

Results: Men's Singles: S. GIBBS bt B. MEISEL 19, —19, 18. Women's Singles: J. MCCREE bt P. MARTIN 20, 19. Intermediate Singles: K. LAWRENCE bt M. HERMAN 13, —17, 22.

Men's Doubles: B. BRUMWELL/R. STEVENS bt Gibbs/Lawrence 26, —19, 12. Women's Doubles: MCCREE/E. CARRINGTON bt B. Sayer/G. Sayer 14, 13. Mixed Doubles: STEVENS/MCCREE bt Gibbs/B. Sayer 15, —14, 17.

Shelagh Hession won three titles in the **ROMFORD CLOSED**, where Ray Murray successfully defended the men's singles. Results: Men's Singles: R. MURRAY bt P. SMITH —14, 10, 15. Women's Singles: S. HESSION bt A. HEWITT 16, 19. Boys Singles: D. BYSOUTH bt B. Cecil 12, 13.

Men's Doubles: D. GARNER/B. WARREN bt K. Beamish/B. Bond 15, 15. Women's Doubles: HESSION/HEWITT bt M. Hunt/B. Stephenson 13, 11. Mixed Doubles: BEAMISH/HESSION bt Bond/Hewitt 15, 17.

Roy Hayes.

NORTHUMBERLAND

Planned Practice Sessions

THE passing of 1964 saw the exit of Northumberland from both the Wilmott Cup and Rose Bowl competition. Near neighbours, Sunderland, were responsible for both defeats with respective scores of 6-3 and 5-4.

County selectors are planning more practice session for leading players, a progressive move, which must pay dividends. I shall particularly look forward to improved doubles performances.

The Northumberland closed championships have been arranged for March 6 at M.P.N.I., No. 1 Canteen, Longbenton. . . Entries to Mr. Alan Morpeth, 59 Preston Avenue, North Shields.

Stuart Lennie, the men's singles champion, can expect stiff opposition from North Shields colleagues Brian Burn, Joe McLeod and Many Dignam, and Newcastle's Peter Hoyles.

Two lads who may easily upset the form book are Peter Whiteman and Ram Bhalla, but Lennie will be strong favourite.

The Valley Gardens School, Whitley Bay, is Northumberland's new coaching centre and is run in conjunction with the Northumberland Education Committee. Many Dignam is a leading light in this venture, which aims to increase the coaching potential and assist our most promising juniors.

Maureen Heppel scored a fine 21-15, 21-19, victory over international Peggy Piper in the Consolation Women's Singles in the English closed and reached the semi-finals before losing to Mrs. Abrahams of Essex.

There is plenty of excitement in the Inter-Town League where North Shields, Gateshead, Hexham, and South Shields, lead the way, all with eight points! North Shields, however, have played only four matches, one less than each of the others, who are being chased by Newcastle with six points from four matches.

Arnold Warents.

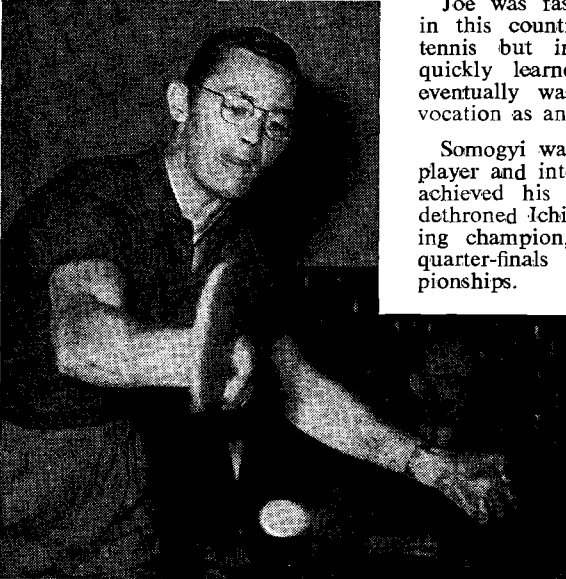
JOSEF SOMOGYI

by Brian Kerner

THE tragic death of Josef Somogyi, killed in a car accident on January 12, came as a shock to all who knew him. Joe was part of English table tennis and before 1956 a major part of the Hungarian game.

Like so many others, Joe escaped from Hungary after the 1956 uprising with his wife Ary and after various escapades through many countries of Europe, found his way to London. But they left behind them their daughter Suzy, then two years old.

It was not until last year that Suzy was re-united with her parents. Meanwhile, another daughter, Juliette, was born in London six years ago.



JOE SOMOGYI

Joe was fast to establish himself in this country, not only in table tennis but in every-day life. He quickly learned the language and eventually was able to follow his vocation as an architect-draughtsman.

Somogyi was a ranked Hungarian player and international and in 1955 achieved his finest result when he dethroned Ichiro Ogimura, the reigning champion, before reaching the quarter-finals of the World Championships.

He did not reach quite the same heights in England but made a definite mark on the records and in 1958-59 season helped Surrey win the National County Championships, the last time it left Middlesex. The

TESTIMONIAL TOURNAMENT

THE Highfield Club are running a Testimonial Tournament in aid of the dependants of Josef Somogyi at St. Barnabas Hall, Cranbourne Gardens, Temple Fortune, London, N.W.11 on February 20.

England's top players, both men and women, are being invited to compete in a combined singles event. The date has been carefully chosen, players will be gathering in London for the Masters Tournament the following day.

Johnny Leach and Victor Barna are among those being invited to take part, plus European Doubles champions Diane Rowe and Mary Shannon.

Advance bookings for seats, which are limited, should be made to B. Kerner, 35, Basing Hill, London, N.W.11. Donations to the testimonial should also be sent to Mr. Kerner; cheques made out to **JOE SOMOGYI TESTIMONIAL FUND.**

following season he was runner-up for the English Open.

Table tennis was his great love and much of his spare time was spent coaching. Under his guidance several hundred young players were able to improve their game.

The passing of Josef Somogyi is a tragedy for his wife and two children . . . a family that loved him, loved him and depended on him.

It is also a tragedy for table tennis to lose a player of his calibre both as a player and a sportsman. His infectious sense of humour and his spirit to do well, will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

And let us not forget his parents, who last saw him in 1956 then came to England for the funeral.

A Great Sportsman

WHEN Joe Somogyi was an innocent victim of some mad behaviour on the road, table tennis in general and myself, in particular, lost a great friend.

Gentle and understanding as a person and a real sportsman, Joe was also prepared to help anyone in table tennis or otherwise.

When I was in hospital following an accident over three years ago, one of the first letters I received was from Joe. Just a short complimentary note, wishing me better, but he knew how much it meant to me.

He will be most sadly missed by all who knew him.

LAURIE LANDRY.



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AN APPRECIATION

By LESLIE WOOLLARD

The Dowager Lady Swaythling, O.B.E.

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PRESIDENT ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION 1954-59.
HON. LIFE MEMBER E.T.A., DONOR OF THE SWAYTHLING CUP.

THE DOWAGER LADY SWAYTHLING was one of the most wonderful and lovely persons I have ever met: inspiring, gracious and magnificently benevolent. She walked with Kings and Queens, nor ever lost the common touch and all her paths were peace and gentleness. She illumined life and in humanity's garden she planted flowers. No good cause ever asked her potent aid in vain. Her goodwill, in the spirit of the family motto, ever came "**Swift and Sure.**" The arch of her activities was panoramic in its diversity, sterling in its quality.

Table Tennis was miraculously fortunate in gaining Lady Swaythling as it's "foster mother." From the panache of the "Ping Pong" days of the 1900's when a table appeared in the Swaythling household (and her youngest son Ivor gained his first and deathless enthusiasms) her beneficent goodwill to Table Tennis never wavered.

INSPIRED SON

Lady Swaythling gave to Table Tennis not only that rich prize, her inspired son Ivor Montagu, but she also took a most active and personal role in promoting the game in the glorious twenties. At a time when she was a leader in the society world, she wrote invaluable articles in the popular press advocating the game for everyone. One of her best publicised efforts at this time was the public table tennis match in which she defeated the popular British heavyweight champion Joe Beckett!

In 1926, her home at Kensington Court virtually became the "maternity home" of world table tennis when she gave it over completely for the very first meeting of International Congress and birth of the I.T.T.F. (incidentally, this 1st Congress elected her son, the Hon. Ivor Montagu as its President, which he has held with such distinction to this date, 38 years later!)

And it is with these First World Championships held in London in 1926 that she made that endowment to the game which, happily, will immortalise her memory: **THE SWAYTHLING CUP**, the supreme challenge award in a table tennis world which now counts upwards of a hundred national associations and covers five continents.

Once Lady Swaythling presented the awards for an England Open Championships from a boxing ring. Always, she was sweetly, superbly, graciously, magnificently adaptable to any occasion. I dearly wish I could command the eloquence and the space to pen worthy tribute to this wonderful person; and to record her memorable work for table tennis. It was a great and proud privilege to know her. It was something uniquely special to have her benevolent goodwill in table tennis.

Typical of her remarkable character, before her last illness she left papers by her bedside. On one was written (and you can almost hear her speak), she wrote the following words:



LADY SWAYTHLING

"I wish to slip away when my time comes—no flowers and a minimum of fuss, and no memorial service. I am deeply grateful for a wonderful life—a life so full as to be almost overwhelming. Words cannot describe what I owe to the love surrounding me. God bless all."

To all who knew her, the Dowager Lady Swaythling will never die. The good and the inspiration will live deep in their hearts for all their lives.

DR. F. B. KIPPING

ON January 12th, table tennis lost another pioneer, Dr. F. B. Kipping, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, distinguished in three domains; as a teacher, in textbook and in classroom, of organic chemistry; as a university administrator; and as an administrator in Lawn Tennis, having last year been Vice-Chairman of the L.T.A. Council.

He was one of the happy and vigorous band associated in the revival of Table Tennis at Cambridge in the early twenties of this century; an activity which played so decisive a part in the launching of the national table tennis revival in England which has led to the spread of the game throughout the world.

Kipping as an undergraduate was a bluff, burly and abrupt figure, essentially amiable and a loyal friend beneath this exterior which could, however, be overwhelming on the table. He played penholder, and attacked ceaselessly on both wings, enjoying success whenever he

turned out for the university team, both against Oxford and in several matches against the All England Club. He did not keep up his table tennis and I heard from him seldom in later years, but I am persuaded he retained his characteristics of youth to the end.

His sister, Mrs. Scott, of Nottingham, won the English women's singles championship in 1921-22, the first year it was played.

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WORLD RANKING

ONLY TWO ENGLISH RANKED

ENGLAND'S poor standing in world table tennis is pin-pointed by the new ranking list to be used for the singles seeding in the World Championships at Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, from April 15 to 21.

**ENGLAND RANKING
NO CHANGE AT
THE TOP**

ENGLAND selectors indicated that Ian Harrison, who dominated the No. 1 position for so long until Chester Barnes came along, is on the slide. At any rate they push him down another peg in the latest ranking list. He switches places with Brian Wright, whose promotion follows his great performance in the English closed and the winning of the Essex Open where he beat Harrison in the final.

Indifferent form in the English closed and against the Czechs restricts the promotion of Denis Neale to one place. He is the new No. 4.

Three newcomers are Roy Morley (Gloucestershire), and Roger Chandler (Sussex) among the men, and Pauline Martin (Essex) among the women, whose list is otherwise unchanged, with Mary Shannon firmly entrenched at the top.

MEN: 1 G. C. Barnes (Essex) (1), **2 B. Wright** (Middx.) (3), **3 I. Harrison** (Glos.) (2), **4 D. Neale** (Yorks.) (5), **5 B. Merrett** (Glos.) (4), **6 M. Symonds** (Lancs.) (6), **7 C. Warren** (Surrey) (7), **8 A. Lindsay** (Middx.) (8), **9 A. Piddock** (Kent) (9), **10 R. Morley** (Glos.) (-), **11 R. Chandler** (Sussex) (-), **12 D. Lowe** (Surrey) (11).

WOMEN: 1 M. Shannon (Surrey) (1), **2 D. Rowe** (Middx.) (2), **3 L. Bell** (Essex) (3), **4 J. McCree** (Essex) (4), **5 I. Ogus** (Middx.) (5), **6 C. Duncombe** (Yorks.) (6), **7 J. Williams** (Warw.) (7), **8 L. Proudlock** (8), **9 A. Taft** (Middx.) (9), **10 B. Sayer** (Essex) (10), **11 J. Canham** (Herts.) (11), **12 P. Martin** (Essex) (-).

JAPANESE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Masako Seki, world doubles champion, won two titles in the Japanese Championships in Tokyo on December 3-6, the women's doubles with Takeshita and the mixed with Keichi Miki.

Kimura won the men's singles, while Yamanaka took the women's crown. Masaki and Arimoto won the men's doubles.

W. AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Emanuel Quaye and Miss E. Jacks each gained a triple crown in the West African Championships at Cotonou on November 26-28. Quaye beat Oduntan in the men's singles and partnered brother Okine to win the men's doubles. Miss Jacks, his 'mixed' partner, beat Akeutteh in the women's singles and with the same player was given a walk-over in the women's doubles.

We provide only two of the 38 players listed, **Mary Shannon** at No 10, and **Diane Rowe** at 14 in the women's list.

China emerge as the top nation with 16 places, nine men, including the first three, and seven women.

China and Japan between them fill the first seven places in the men's list, with **Hans Alser**, of Sweden, the top European at No. 8.

Europe lead the way in the women with **Maria Alexandru** and **Ella Constantinescu**, of Rumania Nos. 1 and 2.

MEN

1, Chuang Tse-tung (China); **2, Li Fu-jung** (China); **3, Chang Shih-lin**

(China); **4, K. Kimura** (Japan); **5, Hsu Yin-Sheng** (China); **6, Wang Chih-liang** (China); **7, I. Oginura** (Japan); **8, H. Alser** (Sweden); **9, Wang Chia-sheng** (China); **10, Jung Kil Hwa** (North Korea).

11, K. Konaka (Japan); **12, K. Johansson** (Sweden); **13, V. Markovic** (Yugoslavia); **14, Hu Tao-pen** (China); **15, D. Giurgiuca** (Rumania); **16, Chou Lan-sun** (China); **17, E. Scholer** (W. Germany); **18, Yu Chang-chun** (China); **19, Z. Berczik** (Hungary).

WOMEN

1, M. Alexandru (Rumania); **2, E. Constantinescu** (Rumania); **3, M. Seki** (Japan); **4, N. Yamanaka** (Japan); **5, Han Ju-chen** (China); **6, N. Fukazu** (Japan); **7, Lin Hui-ching** (China); **8, E. Foldi** (Hungary); **9, Liang Li-chen** (China); **10, M. Shannon** (England).

11, Li Ho-nan (China); **12, Ti Chiang-hua** (China); **13, E. Jurik** (Hungary); **14, D. Rowe** (England); **15, Li Li** (China); **16, Cheng Min-chih** (China); **17, Z. Rudnova** (U.S.S.R.); **18, E. Buchholz** (West Germany); **19, S. Grinberg** (U.S.S.R.).

SUCCESSFUL CANADIAN INVASION OF U.S.A.

CANADA put the American habit of crossing their border to win titles into reverse when **Jenny Marinko** (Toronto), **Denise Hunnius** (Montreal) and **Velta Adminis** (Toronto) won the American national team championship in Newark, Delaware. They beat the strong Washington D.C. team of **Barbara Kaminsky**, **Donna Chaimson** and **Yvonne Kronlage** 5-4.

The Canadian men's team (**Howie Grossman**, **Martin Ivakitsch** and **Modris Zulps**) won their round robin section, but finish fourth overall. Zulps had a particularly good day with wins over **Bob Gusikoff** and **Sol Schiff**.

Violetta Nesukaitis, 13, of Toronto, did well to win the Ladies "A" singles in the **Sarina "Open"** at Sarina, Ontario

on January 10. She beat Ontario's **Hi Veltra Adminis** in the semi-final and **Barbara DeAbreu**, of Toronto in the final.

Barbara hails from British Guiana and is at present studying at Toronto University.

Ralph Childs of Detroit proved too strong for the Canadians to win the Men's "A" singles beating **John McLennon Jr.** and **Zulps** in the semi-final and final respectively. Childs also won the men's doubles with **Grossman** and the mixed with **Miss DeAbreu**.

Americans **Vielette** and **Williams**, both of Detroit, were respective winners of the men's "B" and "C" singles, while the Ladies "B" winner was **E. Smith** (Toronto).



The successful Canadians: **JENNY MARINKO** (Toronto), **JOHN (N.P.C.)** and **DENISE HUNNIUS** (Montreal), and **VELTA ADMINIS** (Toronto).

AROUND EAST ANGLIA

Coby's Winning Return Fails To Save Norwich

ALAN COBY, making his first appearance for Norwich for some months, proved that he is still a power in the game in the Wilmott Cup Eastern Zone final against Cambridge. He won all three of his singles but with Hipperson and Graver failing against Thurston, Ponder and Chapman, Norwich made a 3-6 exit.

However, there was brighter news for Norfolk in the Rose Bowl Zone final when Yarmouth's Edna Allen, Joan Rodwell and Brenda Wright fought valiantly to snatch victory in the final game against Cambridge.

Coby has registered for Ashlea Boys' Club in the Lowestoft League to become eligible for the Suffolk "Top Ten" competition at Beccles, which he won without loss of a game.

Yarmouth, represented by Reg and Albert Cadmore and Graham Rodwell, lost 3-7 to a strong Wanderers team in their recent visit to Stamford, Yarmouth Juniors excelled with a 6-3 win over Lowestoft in the East Anglian League, Wesley Haydock and Phillip Tye being outstanding.

St. Andrew's A head the Yarmouth Premier Division followed by Caister A and Halvergate A. Bird's Eye, with George Smith and Alan Poole, appear uncatchable in Division I, while Shrublands B sit safely on top of Division II. NALGO A, Power Stations B and Caister Y.C. are close rivals for the Division III crown, while the Junior Division leadership will fall to either Waveney or Congregationalists.

Wymondham League's Christmas Handicap was won by Roger Meadows (scr.) from Terry Cardy (rec. 4). Terry Osborne (rec. 8) received a special merit prize for his performance against John Clover.

Saints A are a point ahead of Nomands A in Division I; East Harling A two points up on Old Buckenham B in Division II, while one point separates Wicklewood, Bunwell B, and East Harling B, in Division III.

ONLY TWO POINTS

At the half-season mark only two points separate the first five of the six teams in the **Dereham League** Premier Division! Saints have 13, Toftwood 12, and Jentique A, Hindolveston and Hobbies 11 each. Sitting at the bottom with a mere two points are Hippos. In Division A, Beetley have dropped only one point.

After their splendid promise of last season, **North Walsham** have suffered a relapse. They have only six teams against 19 a year ago. They are therefore unable to affiliate to the County or E.T.T.A. and cannot take part in the East Anglian League programme.

The splendid clubroom facilities at C.E.Y.M.S. have once again drawn the younger players and they look certain to keep their **Norwich League** championship. The clubroom, which is available

SUFFOLK FOSTER JUNIORS

SUFFOLK, with an eye to the future, are to promote a junior competition of similar lines to the Top Ten and Leading Lady tournament, which have become an integral part of the county activities.

It is realised that today's juniors are the seniors of tomorrow and by fostering the young idea it should lead to rising standards.

The proposal is for the competition to embrace 20 players drawn from all areas of Suffolk and that they be divided into four groups of five to play off "Round Robin" competitions, from which the semi-finalists will emerge.

The inclusion of Alan Coby, the Norfolk No. 1, in the first Top Ten event, was greeted with mixed feelings. Although a player of considerable ability, from whom experience could be gained, the majority of players felt it unfair that he should fill the place of a player on the current Suffolk ranking list.

Needless to say, Coby convincingly won Group "A" without conceding a game. His most significant victory was against David Mann, the holder.

The more closely contested Group "B" was won by Brian Buckle after narrow victories against Reg Purnell and Ray Bumstead. Coby dominated the inter-group final.

Leading scorers were A. Coby 16, B. Buckle 11, H. Fleck 7 and S. Pearson 7.

Pam Rogers made a welcome return to the **Leading Ladies'** tournament and won her group after losing in straight games to Linda Barrett. She was then beaten in the inter-group final by Brenda Brown, who won her section without loss of a game.

Leading scorers were: B. Brown 15, P. Rogers 11½, J. Young 7½.

B. C. Buckle.

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for play six nights a week, has helped strengthen the game in Norwich and Norfolk as a whole.

The big need in Norwich now is a hall with ample provision for spectators and large enough to stage an East Anglian Open.

J. S. Penny.

MIXED FORTUNES FOR CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE CITY met with mixed fortunes in the National Cup competitions. The men won Zone 6 of the Wilmott Cup when they beat Norwich 6-3, but the ladies, once again, found Great Yarmouth a stumbling block and lost 4-5 in the Rose Bowl.

The county side met with a surprise reverse when they lost 4-6 to Suffolk, for whom it was their first county championship win since 1959.

It was an entertaining match which could have gone either way. Alan Ponder won both his singles, Valerie Gillam won the women's singles, and Keir Chapman and Ron Nunn won the men's doubles.

John and Margaret Cornwell are the leading lights behind the enterprising coaching scheme at Cambridge Y.M.C.A. Some 30 boys and girls are receiving tuition and there are distinct signs of progress.

Cambridge City Juniors, so far unbeaten, look all set to win their division of the South East Midland League.

In the women's division Cambridge are making plenty of headway with Valerie Gillam, Carol Chapman and Sandra Grainger, but the men are not so happy, having dropped valuable points against St. Neots. Selectors, however, intend to pursue their policy of playing a young team.

Ely and District, with Reg Dean and Eddie Sharpe in their ranks, are holding their own at their first appearance in the S.E. Midlands League.

The Cambridgeshire League enters the second half of the season with Y.M.C.A. heading the First Division, having beaten New Chesterton Institute, last year's champions, 6-4.

The seven divisions operating in the league are all the centre of keen competition. Next season it is expected there will be an increase in numbers.

Umpires are still urgently needed in the county and all help will be given to would be administrators.

Leslie Constable.

Michael Maclaren's Glamour Choice

THE SAYER TWINS

HERE'S a special double ration of femininity for male readers as the delightful SAYER TWINS move into focus as this month's Glamour Choice.

Beverley and Gloria were born in Walthamstow and have lived there for all their 17½ years. Beverley, slightly taller at 5 feet 2 inches, is also the elder by about 20 minutes. They are almost identical and must find those same vital statistics of 36-24-35 most useful for the swapping of clothes.

The twins are peace loving young ladies and do not indulge in the usual violence when one borrows the other's new 20 guinea leather jacket.

As far as table tennis prowess goes they have both played for England as juniors and hope to do the same as seniors. Beverley is higher ranked than Gloria, being No. 3 in Essex and No. 10 in England.

They naturally play doubles together and here is where their main differences can be seen, Beverley is left-handed; Gloria right-handed.

Two years ago Beverley and Gloria hit the headlines in an entirely different way. Each went into hospital for a tricky hole-in-the-heart operation, which thankfully was completely successful.

The well dressed Sayer twins have just one wish in table tennis: They would both like to see the men players take more care in their presentation.

So come on, chaps, and we might start a male counterpart of this column especially for the girls!



BEVERLEY and GLORIA SAYER

SOUTHAMPTON DOUBLE

SOUTHAMPTON scored a double success over Portsmouth in the zone finals of the Wilmott Cup and Rose Bowl. Both matches were won 5-4, with David Davies and Christine Holes each winning three.

The Southampton Schools League reached the half-season stage with Deanery 'A', St. Mary's 'A' and Milbrook 'A' sharing the lead.

Hampshire T.T.A. were represented at the Sport and Young People's conference at Southampton on January 9.

More than 50 delegates, mainly connected with the county education and youth service attended and table tennis often featured in the discussions.

A recent survey of four separate industrial and country areas by the National Association of Boys' Clubs revealed that table tennis and soccer were still the main activities of club members.

This poses the question: Why are not

more of the five million young people between the ages of 14 and 21 joining adult table tennis clubs?

Bournemouth 'A' in the First Division, Aldershot 'A' in the Second Division, and Bourne-mouth in the Junior Division all have hundred per cent records.

Teddy Grant.

THE GLAMOUR TOUCH

IN case there should ever be any doubting soul on the Editorial executive that does not think Maclaren's girls are worth their space (bless 'em) we want it clearly understood that the very fact that there is a new pin-up each month makes regular customers from casual readers.

We can dispose of more mags than we have players in this club alone—thanks to Mac.

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(Boys' Section—of course!)

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JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT

by LAURIE LANDRY

TWO BRIGHT YOUNG MISSES

TWO bright young girls stole the junior limelight over the past month: Judy Heaps, of Berkshire, and Diane Simpson, of Essex.

Judy's achievement of beating Alma Taft, No. 9 senior, in the English Closed takes pride of place. It was a great performance, for after losing the first game at 18, she steadied down, looking for openings, to win the next three 21-15, 21-17, 26-24.

FOOLISH COUNTY

This young girl must be well in the running for some recognition for she won the Yorkshire Junior Open from a top entry. Yet her county foolishly failed to put her name forward for the Area Trials.

Fortunately some parts of Berkshire do appear interested in juniors when we hear of Newbury's intention to have a separate junior championship.

Diane Simpson caused quite a stir at the Essex Open with successive

wins over Linda Henwood, England's No. 2 junior, Evelyn Canham, and Karenza Smith, the No. 4, before going down to Pauline Hemmings in the final.

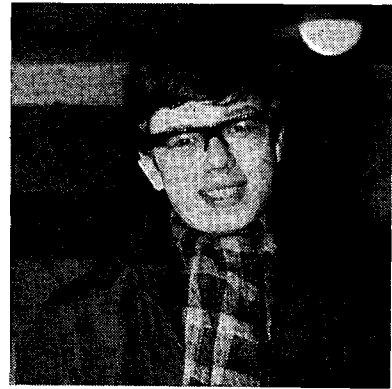
BEAT ALL COMERS

Stuart Gibbs beat all-comers to take three titles at the Yorkshire Junior. His partner in the boys' doubles, Colin Hughes, of no fixed county, gave Stuart a wonderful game in the quarter-final at the Essex, holding on to 18-all in the third.

But Stuart came in for a shock in the final, where he lost to an inspired Geoff Salter, who appears to have improved in many respects.

Salter, No. 4 junior, has now beaten all three boys ranked above him this season.

Keith Lawrence is another 14-year-old with great promise for the future. Although he lost to Salter in the boys' singles at the Essex Open, he played superbly, on the rather slow conditions to beat Connie Warren, England's No. 7 senior.



GEOFF SALTER

Lawrence went down in the next round to Alan Cornish, who also beat Salter.

The Juniors are coming . . .

GLOS. JUNIOR OPEN

DUE to an oversight, the cancellation of the Gloucestershire Junior Open was omitted from the January issue.

The Editor wishes to apologise for any inconvenience caused to the organisers and to would-be contestants who have been writing for entry forms.

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ENGLISH CLOSED SPECIAL

Double hat-trick for Barnes

● COLLECTS TRIPLE CROWN

● THIRD WIN IN SINGLES

IRREPRESSIBLE CHESTER BARNES has done it again. The 17-year-old East Londoner has proved beyond all doubt his right to the No. 1 ranking by winning the men's singles for the third successive year in the English Closed Championships at the National Recreation Centre, Crystal Palace, on January 7-9.

And he not only completed his hat-trick of the singles, but also collected the triple crown by winning the men's doubles with **Ian Harrison**, of Gloucestershire, and the mixed doubles with **Diane Rowe**, of Middlesex. These were his first national doubles titles, and are a sign that perhaps after all he is not purely an individualist.

The women's singles changed hands once again with **Mary Shannon**, of Surrey, regaining the title from **Diane Rowe**, with whom she retained the women's doubles.

Suggestions persisted throughout the opening day that Barnes might not complete the championship because of knee trouble, but he gave little signs of this with the mastery of his performance.

Barry Meisel, Derek Wall, and Mike Maclaren were easily dismissed to be followed by a slaughtering of Connie Warren. It took Barnes just 14½ minutes to overcome what was expected to be a sticky customer.



CHESTER BARNES receives his trophy from **IVOR MONTAGU**.

By **HARRISON EDWARDS**

Benefiting from past experience against the same player, Barnes was determined not to give him a chance to settle into any kind of rhythm. Consequently we were treated to a crowd-pleasing spectacle of all-out hitting

It was one of the best displays ever by Barnes.

This took Barnes into the semi-final and his toughest match of all, against Brian Wright, the player he had beaten in the final the previous year. He needed five match points before winning at 19 in the fifth.

Barnes took his first two games without undue trouble, then appeared to relax a little as though perhaps overconfident. It could well have proved his undoing, for Wright suddenly swept through with a spell of brilliant counter-hitting.

Fortunately for Barnes he was able to raise his game in the decider, but, although leading all the way, he was never completely comfortable, particularly when those match points began to slip by.

Barnes faced another sudden reversal in the final against Ian Harrison, who came back from 2-9 down to win the third game, running out with five points in a row. It was not surprising that Barnes looked a little shaky in the fourth before emerging the winner at 21-14, 21-11, 18-21, 22-20.

It would appear that the danger time for Barnes is when he gets the smell of victory too early. It breaks up his concentration.

But credit is due to Harrison for

CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL

<p><i>Men's Singles</i> CHESTER BARNES (Essex)</p> <p><i>Men's Doubles</i> CHESTER BARNES (Essex)</p> <p><i>Women's Doubles</i> DIANE ROWE (Middlesex)</p> <p><i>Mixed Doubles</i> CHESTER BARNES (Essex)</p>	<p><i>Women's Singles</i> MARY SHANNON (Surrey)</p> <p>IAN HARRISON (Gloucestershire)</p> <p>MARY SHANNON (Surrey)</p> <p>DIANE ROWE (Middlesex)</p>
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ENGLISH CLOSED SPECIAL

the way he rang the changes with his tactics. He surprisingly started out by trying to outhit Barnes and played right into the youngster's hands, for there is nothing Barnes likes more than a good paced ball. In very little time Barnes had galloped through the first two games and it looked somewhat one-sided . . . an anti-climax after the excitement of the semi-final.

HARDLY HIT

Harrison completely changed his tactics. He went into his shell and hardly hit at all, leaving Barnes to make the mistakes, of which there were plenty. Suddenly it was Harrison's game and he was back there with a chance.

But, close as the fourth game proved, Barnes just managed to have the edge and ran out a thankful winner.

Harrison, dropped from England's team for the Russian trip, and with Denis Neale breathing down his neck, was fighting for his national status, and the strength of this performance shows that he is a long way from being written off.

Another multi-international in the

same position was Bryan Merrett, Harrison's county colleague. They were destined to meet in the semi-final which lasted 81 minutes, with all four games being decided under the expedite rule, before Harrison scraped through.

Harrison's other victims were Mike Creamer, Les Haslam, Alan Cornish, and Alan Lindsay.

Merrett had perhaps the outstanding result of the meeting when he beat Denis Neale 23-21, 21-17, 21-16.

Neale was regarded in most quarters as the player likely to dethrone Barnes but, although he has beaten all the leading European champions this season, he was completely bewildered by the stonewalling of Merrett.

It was a big set-back for the ambitious Neale, but with true Yorkshire grit he is more than ever determined to conquer this aspect of the game. He will not be content until he is there at the top.

FIRST ROUND EXIT

Bobby Stevens, holder of the title in 1962, made a shock first round

exit to Tony Piddock, who went out to Neale in the next round.

Mike Symonds was another to have a short interest. He was beaten in the second round by Jeff Ingber, who showed that he is far from a "has-been," following up with a win over Stan Jacobson, before falling to Wright in the quarter-final.

SEEDING SHOCKS


There were early upsets in the women's singles with Irene Ogus, member of our European Championship winning team going down to Pauline Martin in her first match.

Judy Williams fell to Jackie Canham at the first hurdle; Jean McCree failed to turn up for the singles, and Lesley Proudlock, after surviving just one match, fell to little Linda Henwood. Thus in the space of two rounds, half the seeds were out.

Miss Henwood played remarkably well and reached the quarter-finals before losing to Mary Shannon, the eventual champion, 14, 14, 15. Just under five feet tall, Miss Henwood still has another year as a junior, and with her talents should go a long way.

Miss Martin also lost at the quarter-finals to Lesley Bell, while Miss Canham went out at the same stage

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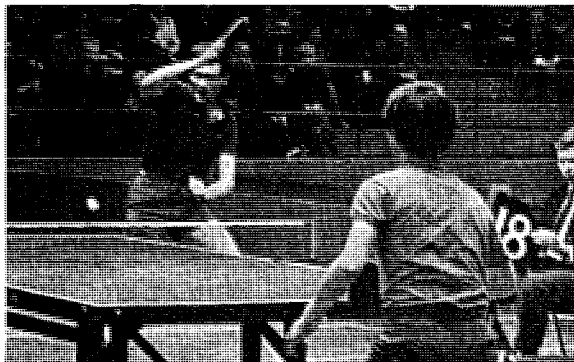
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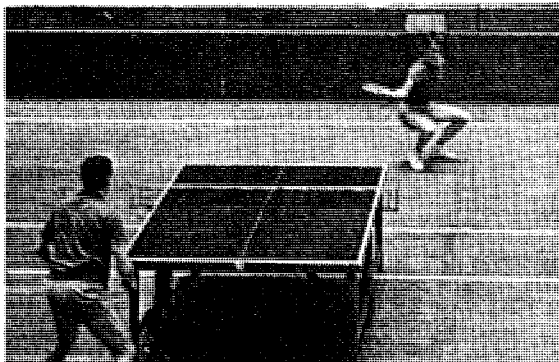
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BRIAN WRIGHT in action against **CHESTER BARNES** in the semi-final.



A sit down shot by **CHESTER BARNES** in his final against **IAN HARRISON**.

to the unseeded and unranked Jean Head who is in semi-retirement.

Mrs. Head made little impression on Diane Rowe, who went through without loss of a game until the final.

Miss Shannon no longer appears unduly worried by Lesley Bell and won their semi-final 21-10, 21-19, 21-18. Until this season Miss Bell was always Miss Shannon's bogey-player, and dethroned her as champion at the same stage last season.

Miss Rowe, who usually comes off second best against Miss Shannon, made a valiant attempt to retain her title and instead of defence went out to hit against Mary's loop. Miss Shannon was shaken by this surprise attack and looked completely lost as she saw the opening game slide away.

Once the initial shock was over, Miss Shannon began to counter-hit then steadily got on top.

Barnes and Harrison did not have things all their own way in the men's doubles and dropped games to both Len Cooper and Mike Ellis and Peter Duncombe and Denis Neale before getting to the final where they beat Alan Lindsay and Stan Jacobson 21-14, 21-17, 23-21.

RENEWED PARTNERSHIP

Lindsay and Jacobson, renewing the partnership which was broken up last year, were once again all-powerful and came through unseeded. Their best win was against the strongly fancied Middlesex-Surrey pairing of Brian Wright and Connie Warren, whom they eventually beat at 19 in the fifth. In the previous round they beat the seeded George Muranyi and Mike Symonds.

As reigning European champions it was not surprising that Diane Rowe

and Mary Shannon should win the women's doubles for the third successive year.

This was an event which went very much according to form with all the seeds achieving their allotted places. Miss Rowe and Miss Shannon easily dismissed Mrs. McCree and Peggy Piper in one semi-final, and Lesley Bell and Irene Ogus beat Carole Duncombe and Lesley Proudlock in the other. Miss Rowe and Miss Shannon then won the final 21-17, 16-21, 21-14, 21-15.

Miss Rowe changed partners, exchanging Johnny Leach for Chester Barnes, to keep her half of the mixed doubles title. They worked out a fine

understanding which carried them to a 21-16, 21-11, 11-21, 21-18 win over Brian Wright and Mary Shannon, the champions of 1963.

Here too, it was a case of everything going to plan where the seeds were concerned. Barnes and Miss Rowe disposed of Harrison and Miss Bell in one semi-final; Wright and Miss Shannon accounted for Bobby Stevens and Mrs. McCree.

Miss Rowe has kept her name on the championship roll each year since the English closed was inaugurated in 1959-60. She has won a total of 13 titles out of a possible 18, a truly remarkable achievement unlikely to be surpassed for many years.

DETAILED RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

First Round: G. C. Barnes (Essex) bt B. Meisel (Kent) 4, 16, 14. D. Wall (Mddx.) bt G. Livesey (Lancs.) 17, 17, —14, 16. M. S. R. Ellis (Kent) bt D. J. Harse (Oxford) 15, —17, —15, 18, 20. M. G. McClaren (Surrey) bt G. Warwick (Staffs.) —18, 15, —17, 19, 15.

P. Duncombe (Yorks.) w.o. G. Sykes (Yorks.) scr. L. Sawyer (Essex) w.o. A. Rhodes (Mddx.) scr. D. Jones (Bucks.) bt A. Robinson (Mddx.) 9, 17, 19. C. J. Warren w.o. M. J. Billington (Warwicks.) scr.

M. Symonds (Lancs.) bt R. Morley (Glos.) 10, 13, 16. J. Ingber (Lancs.) bt S. Hahn (Oxford) 10, 15, 16. S. J. Jacobson (Mddx.) bt R. Chandler (Sussex) 19, 14, 8. L. Landry (Mddx.) w.o. G. Golding (Essex) scr.

L. Heppell (Northumberland) bt B. Hamilton (Oxford) 17, 17, 18. D. J. Gilbert (Herts.) bt R. Harper (Kent) 16, 13, 17. D. Schofield (Cheshire) bt J. T. Densham (Herts.) 14, 18, 16. B. D. Wright (Mddx.) bt L. Kerekes (Mddx.) 15, 17, 16.

E. R. Merrett (Glos.) bt G. Salter (Surrey) 6, 16, 9. A. B. Osborne (Surrey) w.o. J. Marton (Mddx.) scr. N. J. Brabrook (Surrey) bt M. R. Westoby

(Kent) 11, 19, —18, —17, 18. P. J. Shirley (Bucks.) bt M. A. Adenayo (Mddx.) 7, 17, 17.

D. N. Whittaker (Kent) bt S. E. Ogundipe (Sussex) —13, 11, 20, 17. G. L. Muranyi (Surrey) w.o. R. Howland (Yorks.) scr. A. R. Pidcock (Kent) bt R. J. Stevens (Essex) 15, 11, 20. D. Neale (Yorks.) bt P. M. Williams (Sussex) 16, 15, 14.

A. Lindsay (Mddx.) bt D. S. Basden (Kent) Lo., 14, 9. G. A. Cocklin (Mddx.) w.o. W. Anwar (Lancs.) scr. A. R. Miller (Surrey) w.o. G. A. C. Chapman (Surrey) scr. H. Collins (Mddx.) bt L. M. Cooper (Kent) 16, —18, —12, 15, 15.

A. G. Cornish (Kent) bt S. G. Hill (Kent) 14, 18, —12, 20. K. Baker (Essex) bt J. Somogyi (Surrey) 20, 15, 18. O. B. Haslam (Mddx.) bt B. D. Hill (Surrey) —19, —20, 17, 13, 11. I. O. Harrison (Glos.) bt M. J. Creamer (Middx.) 18, 14, 9.

Second Round: Barnes bt Wall 15, —11, 10, 9. McClaren bt Ellis 13, 23, 14. Sawyer bt Duncombe 10, 19, —16, 4. Warren bt Jones 12, 14, 15.

Ingber bt Symonds —19, 13, —13, 19, 23. Jacobson bt Landry 18, 19, 11. Gilbert bt Heppell 11, 13, 14. Wright bt Schofield 13, 17, 17.

Merrett bt Osborne 7, 6, 17. Brabrook

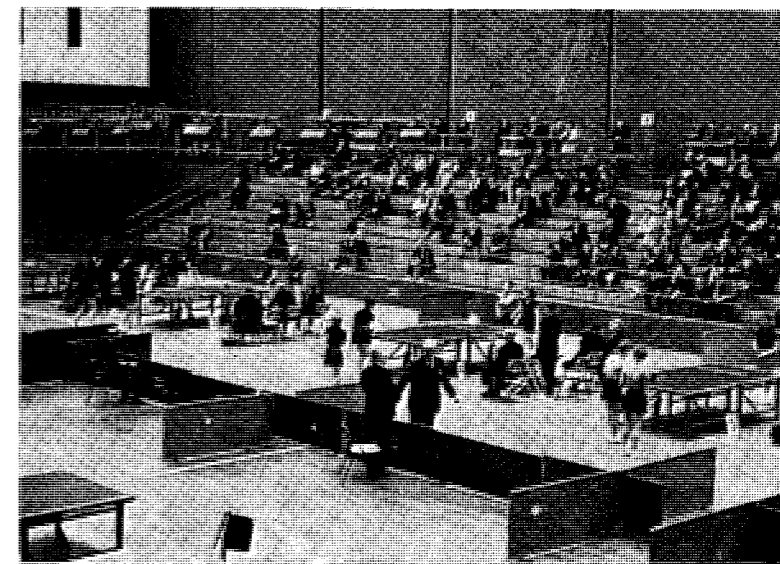


The Singles Champions: MARY SHANNON and CHESTER BARNES.



The Doubles Champions: MARY SHANNON and DIANE ROWE; IAN HARRISON and CHESTER BARNES with Ivor Eyles, E.T.T.A. Chairman, and Hon. Ivor Montagu, the President.

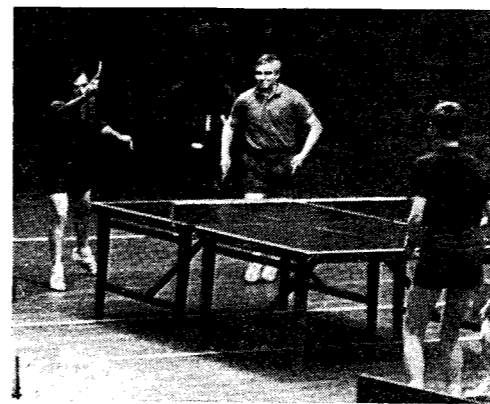
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The Playing Area at Crystal Palace.



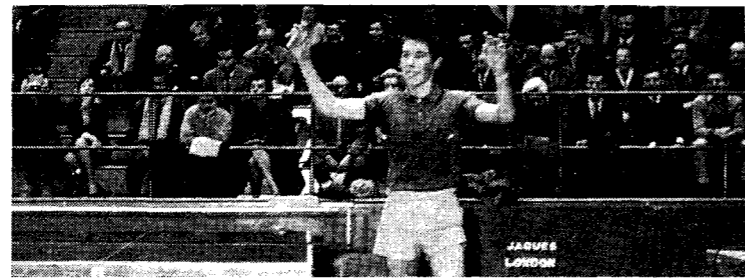
Left: Mary and Di receive their trophies; and right: Barnes and Miss Rowe, the mixed winners.



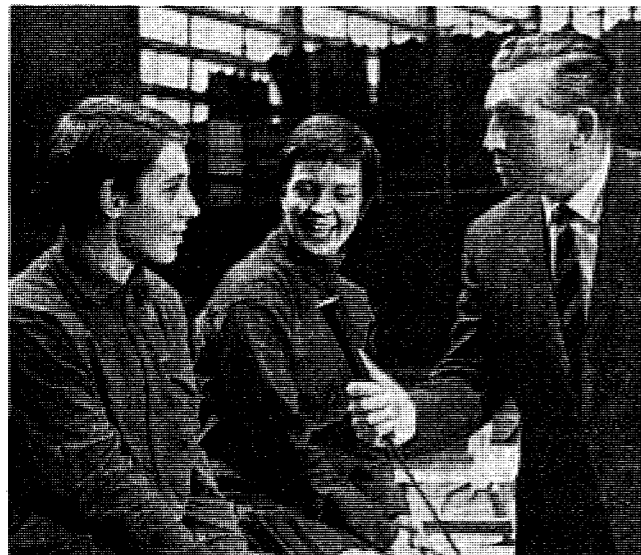
Left: STAN JACOBSON and ALAN LINDSAY, the doubles runners-up. Right: ROSALIND (ROWE) CORNETT with her husband and son, watches twin sister Diane.



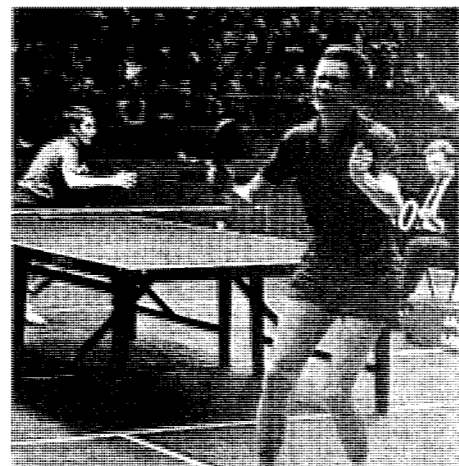
A trio of former World Champions. VICTOR BARNA, PEGGY (FRANKS) HOOK and JOHNNY LEACH come together again to see the new stars and talk over old times.



JOY and DESPAIR. A whoop of joy from Barnes (above), as he claimed the title for the third time; and the agony of Brian Wright (below), as he nets the final point of their semi-final.



Left: T.V. commentator Emyln Jones interviews Barnes and Miss Rowe, the mixed doubles champions.



Above: IAN HARRISON winning his semi-final against BRYAN MERRETT and left: an action study of MARY SHANNON.



bt Shirley —21, 11, 17, 14. Muranyi bt Whittaker 15, —16, 21, 16. Neale bt Piddock 13, 20, 8.

Lindsay bt Cooklin 18, 10, 14. Miller bt Collins 19, 11, 6. Cornish bt Baker 20, —5, 15, 16. Harrison bt Haslam 18, 19, 15.

Third Round: Barnes bt Maclaren 21, 15, 23. Warren bt Sawyer 15, 13, 16. Ingber bt Jacobson 17, 10, 17. Wright bt Gilbert 11, 9, 9.

Merrett bt Brabrook 11, 11, 16. Neale bt Muranyi 11, —19, 7, 12. Lindsay bt Miller 13, 18, —15, 19. Harrison bt Cornish 17, 16, 15.

Quarter-finals: Barnes bt Warren 15, 17, 15. Wright bt Ingber 20, 22, 13. Merrett bt Neale 21, 17, 14. Harrison bt Lindsay —22, 14, 17, 14.

Semi-finals: BARNES bt Wright 21, 11, —17, —17, 19. HARRISON bt Merrett 20, —19, 18, 4.

Final: BARNES bt Harrison 14, 11, —18, 20.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round: G. Sayer (Essex) bt E. Britton (Middx.) 8, 10, 14. J. Abraham (Middx.) bt S. Hession (Essex) 14, 21, 18. A. H. Cassell (Norfolk) bt J. Crafter (Lancs.) 12, 11, 12. P. Martin (Essex) bt P. Venus (Surrey) —15, 13, 12, 11. B. Sayer (Essex) bt C. J. Carter (Surrey) 17, 18, 14.

D. P. Crosby (Devon) bt H. M. Lambert (Surrey) 19, 18, 21. J. Canham bt M. A. C. Stevens (Kent) 9, 3, 6. P. Holes (Hants) bt K. Smith (Essex) 18, 16, —20, 12. A. Mills (Hants) bt J. I. Nixon (Surrey) 13, 14, 14. L. Gordon (Yorks.) bt Lauper (Surrey) 16, 12, 23.

Second Round: M. Shannon (Surrey) bt G. Sayer 14, 17, 12. J. Williams (Herts) bt P. Hemmings (Herts) —19, 8, 12, 7. L. Henwood (Essex) bt Abraham 11, 17, 15. L. S. Proudlock (Yorks.) bt Cassell 14, 21, 15.

Martin bt I. Ogus (Middx.) 21, 20, —16, 17. N. Gafney (Middx.) bt B. Andrews (Herts) —14, 21, 17, 13. M. Piper (Surrey) w.o. R. B. Snow (Middx.) scr. L. Bell (Essex) bt B. Sayer 12, 18, —19, 12.

Crosby w.o. R. McCree (Essex) scr. J. Head (Surrey) bt M. Heppell (Northumberland) —18, 13, 8, 11. J. H. Carrington (Essex) bt Know (Essex) 6, 13, 9. Canham bt J. Williams (Warwicks.) 12, 6, 10.

P. Holes bt P. Duncombe (Yorks.) 19, 12, —12, 18. C. Holes (Hants.) bt Mills 14, 16, 14. J. Heaps (Berks.) bt A. M. Taft (Middx.) —18, 15, 17, 24. D. Rowe (Middx.) bt Gordon 7, 6, 10.

Third Round: Shannon bt J. R. Williams 7, 9, 7. Henwood bt Proudlock 15, 14, 15. Martin bt Gafney 16, —5, 13, —17, 14. Bell bt Piper 10, 9, 7.

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Semi-Finals: SHANNON bt Bell 10, 19, 18. ROWE bt Head 9, 13, 12.

Final: SHANNON bt Rowe —19, 12, 10, 15.

MEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: J. Somogyi (Surrey)/D. Wall (Middx.) bt R. Harper/M. Hart (Middx.) 19, —9, 15, 17. S. Hill/M. Westoby (Kent) w.o. R. Howland/S. Sykes (Yorks.) scr. L. Cooper/M. Ellis (Kent) bt S. Hahn/D. Harse (Oxford) —13, 14, —19, 20, 19. L. Kerekes (Surrey)/G. Warwick (Staffs.) 10, 15, 13.

L. Cresswell/A. Robinson (Middx.) —19, —15, 18, 19. B. Merrett (Glouc.)/L. Sawyer (Essex) bt A. Piddock (Kent)/R. Stevens (Essex) —19, 7, 12 —15, 20. M. J. Creamer (Middx.)/J. Densham (Herts) bt G. Cooklin (Middx.)/G. Salter (Surrey) —12, 7, 4, 14.

S. Jacobson/A. Lindsay (Middx.) bt R. Chandler (Sussex)/A. Cornish (Kent) 9, 18, 9. K. Baker (Essex)/B. Meisel (Kent) w.o. M. Bax/M. Penfold (Surrey) scr. J. Healey/D. Jones (Fucks.) 16, —18, 14, —20, 12. S. Ogundipe/P. Williams (Kent) 16, 14, 5. L. Landry (Middx.)/R. Morley (Glouc.) 13, 11, 19.

Second Round: G. C. Barnes (Essex)/I. Harrison (Glouc.) bt Somogyi/Wall 28, 13, 11. M. MacLaren/B. Poyton (Surrey) w.o. W. Bonner (Surrey)/D. Drayton (Middx.) scr. G. Livesey (Lancs.)/D. Schofield (Ches.) bt Hill/Westoby —20 —19, 10, 15, 18. Cooper/Ellis bt J. Creamer (Middx.)/C. Foley (Surrey) 10, 16, 13.

Kerekes/Warwick bt D. Johnson/P. Radford (Essex) 16, 11, 18. J. Ingber (Lancs.)/A. Hydes (Yorks.) bt Gresswell/Robinson —17, 15, —10, 18, 18. Merrett/Sawyer bt R. Withey (Kent)/P. Smith (Essex) 4, 13, 12. P. Duncombe/D. Neale (Yorks.) bt Creamer/Densham —18, 18, 19, 17.

G. Muranyi (Surrey)/M. Symonds (Lancs.) bt D. Davies/C. Edwards (Hants.) —10, 9, 8, 13. D. Basden (Kent)/N. Brabrook (Surrey) 16, 19, 16. Jacobson/Lindsay w.o. S. Bakare (Surrey)/M. Adedavo (Middx.) scr. Baker/Meisel bt A. Harmsworth/G. Hayes (Kent) 9, 18, 20.

T. Feldman (Middx.)/H. Garland (Surrey) bt Healey/Jones 13, —12, —15, 18, 18. Ogundipe/Williams w.o. D. Bell/H. Collins (Middx.) scr. K. Kosovitz (Middx.)/P. Leckle (Bucks.) w.o. P. Banvard/J. Nelson (Middx.) scr. C. Warren (Surrey)/B. Wright (Middx.) bt Landry/Morley 15, 14, 16.

Third Round: Barnes/Harrison bt MacLaren/Poyton 17, 12, 7. Cooper/Ellis bt Livesey/Schofield 16, 18, 11. Ingber/Hydes bt Kerekes/Warwick —18, 16, —9, 18, 17. Duncombe/Neale bt Merrett/Sawyer 12, 18, 20.

Muranyi/Symonds bt Basden/Brabrook 12, 15, 9. Jacobson/Lindsay bt Baker/Meisel 11, 17, 13. Ogundipe/Williams bt Feldman/Garland 8, 17, 20. Warren/Wright bt Kosovitz/Leckle 11, —19, 12, 17.

Quarter-Finals: Barnes/Harrison bt Cooper/Ellis —19, 11, 14, 20. Duncombe/Neale bt Ingber/Hydes 8, 20, 16. Jacobson/Lindsay bt Muranyi/Symonds 14, —21, 17, 19. Warren/Wright bt Ogundipe/Williams 22, 15, 9.

Semi-Finals: BARNES/HARRISON bt Duncombe/Neale 15, —18, 20, 20. JACOBSON/LINDSAY bt Warren/Wright —14, —13, 19, 16, 21.

Final: BARNES/HARRISON bt Jacobson/Lindsay 14, 17, 21.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: H. M. Lambert (Surrey)/S. Hession (Essex) bt E. Britton/J. R. Williams (Herts) 11, 19, 20. C. Holes/P. Holes (Hants.) bt N. Gafney (Middx.)/J. Crafter (Lancs.) 11, 16, 15.

Second Round: D. Rowe (Middx.)/M. Shannon (Surrey) bt Lambert/Hession 11, 16, —20, 15. B. Sayer/G. Sayer (Essex) bt P. Hemmings (Herts)/M. Heppell (Northumberland) 11, 10, —17, 19. J. Canham (Herts) J. Carrington (Essex) bt L. Gordon (Yorks.)/P. Martin (Essex) 15, 7, 15. R. McCree (Essex) M. Piper (Surrey) bt D. Crosby (Devon)/A. Mills (Hants.) 15, 15, 16.

P. Duncombe/L. Proudlock (Yorks.) bt J. Heaps (Bucks.)/K. Smith (Essex) 12, 15, —11, 16. A. Taft (Middx.)/J. Williams (Warw.) w.o. J. Nixon/M. Peake (Surrey)

scr. J. Abraham (Middx.)/M. Know (Essex) bt A. Cassell (Norfolk)/L. Henwood 16, 17, 17. L. Bell (Essex)/I. Ogus (Middx.) bt Holes/Holes 19, 13, 17.

Quarter-Finals: Rowe/Shannon bt Sayer/Sayer 12, 13, 10. McCree/Piper bt Canham/Carrington —11, 14, 16, 17. Duncombe/Proudlock bt Taft/Williams 17, —15, 11, 20. Bell/Ogus bt Abraham/Know 9, 19, 18.

Semi-Finals: ROWE/SHANNON bt McCree/Piper 12, 10, 13. BELL/OGUS bt Duncombe/Proudlock 23, 17, 13.

Final: ROWE/SHANNON bt Bell/Ogus 17, —16, 14, 5.

MIXED DOUBLES

First Round: A. Robinson (Middx.)/Miss P. Martin (Essex) bt D. Harse (Oxford)/Miss A. Mills (Surrey) 10, 11, 12. R. Chandler (Sussex)/Miss A. Taft (Middx.) bt O. Haslam/Miss J. Abraham (Middx.) 19, 18, 13. A. Piddock (Kent)/Miss M. Piper (Surrey) bt K. Sneath (Surrey)/Mrs. Know (Essex) 18, 11, 14. D. Lowe (Surrey)/Miss J. Williams (Herts) bt C. J. Warren (Surrey)/Miss P. Hemmings (Herts) 14, —16, 13, 17.

Second Round: B. Wright (Middx.)/Miss M. Shannon (Surrey) bt Robinson/Martin 18, 17, 17. M. Billington (Warw.)/Miss J. Canham (Herts) bt D. Davies/Miss C. Holes (Herts) 19, 18, —19, 23. G. Warwick (Staffs.)/Miss J. Crafter (Lancs.) bt P. Leckle (Bucks.)/Miss J. Williams (Herts) 9, —19, 17, 20. G. Salter (Surrey)/Miss J. Heaps (Berks.) bt D. Whittaker (Kent)/Miss J. Nixon (Surrey) —18, 19, 18, 16.

P. Duncombe/Mrs. P. Duncombe (Yorks.) bt G. Muranyi (Surrey)/Miss L. Henwood (Essex) 18, 13, —13, 19. S. Hahn (Oxford)/Miss B. Sayer (Essex) bt F. Walker/Miss E. Britton (Middx.) 17, 11, 15. B. Hamilton (Oxford)/Mrs. D. Crosby (Devon) w.o. R. Snow/Mrs. R. Snow (Middx.) scr.

R. Stevens/Mrs. J. McCree (Essex) bt Chandler/Taft 19, 19, 13.

I. Harrison (Glouc.)/Miss L. Bell (Essex) bt Piddock/Piper —18, —18, 14, 14, 18. L. Landry (Middx.)/Mrs. A. Cassell (Norfolk) bt M. MacLaren/Miss H. Lambert (Surrey) —19, 21, 14, —20, 19. G. Livesey (Lancs.)/Miss G. Saver (Essex) w.o. G. Chapman/Miss P. Venus (Surrey) scr. A. Hydes (Yorks.)/Mrs. N. Gafney (Middx.) bt H. Collins (Middx.)/Miss L. Gordon (Yorks.) 16, 20, —16, 20.

L. Cresswell (Middx.)/Miss S. Hession (Essex) bt C. Edwards/Miss P. Holes (Hants.) —17, 16, —20, 16, 19. R. Morley (Glouc.)/Miss I. Ogus (Middx.) bt D. Neale (Yorks.)/Miss M. Heppell (Northumberland) 12, 8, —19, —19, 14. M. Symonds (Lancs.)/Miss L. Proudlock (Yorks.) bt N. Isabel/Miss J. Williamson (Middx.) 17, —18, 19, 16. G. C. Barnes (Essex)/Miss D. Rowe (Middx.) bt Lowe/Williams —12, 13, 7, 14.

Third Round: Wright/Shannon bt Billington/Canham 12, 18, 20. Warwick/Crafter bt Salter/Heaps 5, 15, 16. Duncombe/Duncombe bt Hahn/Saver 12, 14, 20, —18, 23. Stevens/McCree bt Hamilton/Crosby 8, 14, 15.

Harrison/Bell bt Landry/Cassell 7, 17, —11, 14. Livesey/Saver bt Hydes/Gafney 15, 22, 13. Morley/Ogus bt Cresswell/Hession —20, 14, 18, 19. Barnes/Rowe bt Symonds/Proudlock 15, —22, 15, —20, 15.

Quarter-Finals: Wright/Shannon bt Warwick/Crafter 12, 19, 17. Stevens/McCree bt Duncombe/Duncombe —22, 11, —19, 16, 17. Harrison/Bell bt Livesey/Saver 13, 16, 15. Barnes/Rowe bt Morley/Ogus 21, 13, 19.

Semi-Finals: WRIGHT/SHANNON bt Stevens/McCree 13, 10, 13. BARNES/ROWE bt Harrison/Bell 18, —14, 12, 18.

Final: BARNES/ROWE bt Wright/Shannon 16 11, —11, 18.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Malcolm Hartley

PAT DAINY FOR BRADFORD?

IS there a more consistent inter-league team both in composition and performance than Bradford women? They are challenging Barnsley for the title after finishing third last year and runners-up the three previous seasons.

The Betty Clough - Jean Jones - Muriel Haley - Joyce Brooke line-up has been unchanged for two and a half seasons.

Jean is a former Essex second-teamer who moved to Bradford in 1961. The others have been together as cheerful representatives of the city for many years.

There is a chance they will be strengthened next season by the addition of Pat Dainty. The 17-year-old county player lives in Doncaster but represents Barnsley and has helped them to the women's championship two seasons running. But in September she is to enter Bingley Training College, near Bradford, and may change leagues.

In 1962 and 1963 it was touch and go for Hull men's Division 1 survival. Yet now there is a good prospect that next season Hull will have two sides in the top section.

The second team sit astride Division II after a 7-3 success at Bradford, Roy Hinchcliffe, Graham Birch and Geoff Wilkinson taking two singles each.

What's more the new third team lead Division IV and the youths' first team are unbeaten and hoping to reclaim the title from Barnsley.

Sheffield have a strong hand in the men's inter-club tourney, Albion (holders), Y.M.C.A. and Wadsley Bridge all reaching the quarter-finals.

Crossley Carpets reached the last eight with a 5-4 victory over Ace (Barnsley), who had previously knocked out Doncaster Y.M.C.A. Crossley's Halifax League title, however, was endangered by a narrow defeat against Nomads.

Nice to hear that Geoff Kidd is in good form again following the accident in which he lost part of a finger near the end of last season.

A tournament organised by the Leeds Schools League committee (consisting of Norman Rushton, Marjorie Lightfoot and three teachers) drew 160 entries from 14 schools. Main winner was Andrew Hinchcliffe (Roundhay) a junior Wimbledon tennis player.

Denis Neale's spectacular successes against the top players of Europe was a boost for the game in Yorkshire and the Premier Division clash with Essex drew the best attendance for several years. Neale was cheered off the table after his victory over Barnes.

It is astonishing that Yorkshire can supply four English closed seeds—no county had more—and still find themselves in such a poor position in the table.

BILL HEWITT

THE death has occurred in the Isle of Man of Bill Hewitt, pre-war Yorkshire international who represented England against Wales in 1925-6 and 1927-8. He was 78.

MIKE'S TREBLE

Mike Creamer and Irene Ogus were winners of the singles titles at the first Ealing "Closed" Championships at Hanwell Community Centre from December 8 to 11 with the finals at Ealing Town Hall on December 14.

Creamer went on to gain the triple crown while Miss Ogus gained a second title in the women's doubles.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: M. J. CREAMER bt D. Bell 21-14, 21-8. Women's Singles: I. OGUS bt J. Redfearn 16-21, 21-17, 21-16.

Men's Doubles: CREAMER/I. REDFEARN bt S. Wright/R. Cubbage 21-12, 21-16. Women's Doubles: OGUS/REDFEARN bt B. Blanch/D. Moors 21-7, 21-14. Mixed Doubles: CREAMER/Mrs. REDFEARN bt C. Warren/Miss Ogus 21-18, 21-16.

Under-21 Singles: Men: A. FELDMAN bt R. Wright 21-12, 21-15; Women: J. CREAMER bt M. Beer 21-13, 21-16.

Under-16 Singles: Men: M. ROBERTS bt C. Nelson 21-15, 21-16. Veterans' Singles: H. TAYLOR bt D. Smart 13-21, 21-11, 21-12.

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YORKSHIRE JUNIOR OPEN

by REA BALMFORD

SHOCKS FOR GIRL SEEDS but TRIPLE CROWN FOR GIBBS

THE Yorkshire Junior Open, held once again at Hull's Madeley Street Baths, attracted its usual large entry with 120 players, including a coach party from the London area and a somewhat smaller contingent from the Midlands, contesting the seven titles.



STUART GIBBS

R.A.F. TOO STRONG FOR NOTTS.

FIELDING their strongest side of the season, the R.A.F. achieved a fine 7-3 win over Nottinghamshire at Cottesmore on January 8. This followed earlier victories over Huntingdonshire and Salisbury City.

Notts took a 2-1 lead, but were unable to press home this good start. No doubt they missed their normal No. 3, Cpl. Brian Mayfield, who was included in the R.A.F. side. But it was at his expense that they gained two of their wins.

Mayfield lost to both Derek Bell and his county captain Alf Saunders. He had a measure of revenge over both when he partnered Jun. Tech. Dick Clode to beat them in the doubles.

R.A.F. 7, Nottinghamshire 3: (R.A.F. names first): Clode bt Saunders 21-11, 21-17; bt Bell 18-21, 21-19, 21-19. Mayfield lost to Bell 18-21, 7-21; lost to Saunders 19-21, 21-19, 13-21. Mawson lost to Cullen 11-21, 20-22; bt Barnett 18-21, 21-10, 21-18. McMurragh bt Barnett 21-14, 21-13; bt Cullen 25-23, 21-18.

Clode/Mayfield bt Saunders/Bell 21-13, 21-15. Mawson/Shorrick bt Cullen/Barnett 27-25, 21-17.

Stuart Gibbs emphasised his No. 1 ranking with a triple success, taking the Boys' singles title (undefended by Alan Hydes, playing for Yorkshire against Middlesex in London), the Boys' doubles with Colin Hughes, and the Mixed with Linda Henwood.

The only player to trouble Gibbs on his way to the Singles final was Joe McLeod, who took him to 18 in the third in round three. In the final Gibbs held off a late challenge from Mike Johns to take the title in three. Johns had beaten Geoff Salter in the semi-final.

Earlier upsets were the dismissal of the ranked Jack Frankland and Keith Lawrence in the third round by Jim Nevin and Robert Harper, both in straight sets; the shock defeat of Brian Burn by another player from the North East, Chris Neath, and the fall of ranked Reg Allen to local boy Paul Canham.

LOCAL COLOUR

Local colour was also lent to the Under-15 Boys' singles, where 12-year-old Alan Fletcher, surely one of the most promising young players in the country, won through to the final, only to give best to the older and vastly more experienced Keith Lawrence, who had earlier beaten Paul Harmer and Welsh hope Haydn Thomas.

In the Boys' doubles, the scratch partnership of Johns and Ted Purnell reached the final following a marathon 31-29, 21-19 win over the holders, Canham and John Kedge in the quarters, and a win over the formidable McLeod/Burn pairing in the semi.

Gibbs and Hughes, the eventual winners, were given their hardest match by the Lancastrians Jack Frankland and J. Clarke in the first round, scraping through at 19 in the third.

The seeded Allen and Salter fell to Birmingham's P. Astley and R. Judd, but it was the unknown London pair, J. W. Rouse and D. Corbett, who won through this quarter to lose to Gibbs and Hughes in the semi.

It was a thin day for the seeds in the girls events. Karenza Smith and Pauline Hemmings both lost to Ingrid Sykes, while Judith Heaps, a resident of Berkshire, but playing for her native Cheshire, beat both Maureen Heppell and Linda Henwood.

In what was probably the best final of the evening the little fancied but determined Miss Heaps took the title over three games.

RESULTS

UNDER-17s

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: S. GIBBS (Essex) bt P. C. Canham (Yorkshire) 21-11, 21-14; M. JOHNS (Cheshire) bt G. Salter (Surrey) 21-15, 16-21, 21-16. **Final:** GIBBS bt Johns 21-16, 18-21, 21-17.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: J. HEAPS (Cheshire) bt L. Henwood (Essex) 14-21, 21-14, 21-17; L. SYKES (Warwicks) bt P. Hemmings (Herts) 21-18, 22-20. **Final:** HEAPS bt Sykes 21-18, 17-21, 21-16.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals: GIBBS/G. HUGHES (Middx.), bt D. Corbett / J. W. Rouse (London) 21-9, 21-5; JOHNS/E. PURNELL (Essex) bt J. McLeod / B. Burn (Northumberland) 14-21, 21-13, 21-17. **Final:** GIBBS/HUGHES bt Johns/Purnell 21-10, 21-14.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals: HEMMINGS/E. CANHAM (Herts) bt Heppell/L. Forkes (Yorks.) 21-19, 17-21, 24-22. SYKES/HENWOOD bt D. Simpson (Essex) / Smith 21-14, 21-15. **Final:** HEMMINGS/CANHAM bt Sykes/Henwood 26-28, 22-20, 21-15.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: GIBBS/HENWOOD bt J. Frankland (Lancs.) / Hemmings 18-21, 21-17, 21-18; JOHNS/SYKES bt R. Allen (Middx.) / Heppell 16-21, 21-8, 21-16. **Final:** GIBBS/HENWOOD bt Johns/Sykes 21-15, 18-21, 21-8.

UNDER-15s

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: K. LAWRENCE (Essex) bt H. Thomas (Wales) 21-15, 21-14; A. FLETCHER (Yorks.) bt P. W. Judd (Birmingham) 21-13, 11-21, 21-12. **Final:** LAWRENCE bt Fletcher 21-14, 21-16.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: M. HEPELLE (Northumberland) bt J. Heaps (Cheshire) 21-15, 21-13; K. SMITH (Essex) bt L. Henwood (Essex) 21-19, 21-8. **Final:** HEPELLE bt Smith 21-11, 15-21, 21-19.

Maureen Heppell successfully defended the Under-15's title, but it was a close thing. She was taken to 19 in the third by Miss Smith, who beat top seeded Linda Henwood 21-19, 21-8 in the semi-final. Maureen's semi-final victim was Under-17's champion Judith Heaps.

Pauline Hemmings and Rusty Canham took the verdict in a marathon girls' doubles final against Ingrid Sykes and Linda Henwood.

Miss Henwood had her turn in the mixed, partnering Gibbs to a three games win over Johns and Miss Sykes, who finished champion runners-up. Each was on the losing side in three finals.

A QUARTET of finalists from the Yorkshire Junior Open; left to right: **INGRID SYKES, MAUREEN HEPPELL, JUDITH HEAPS and KAREN-ZA SMITH.**

Picture by Hull Daily Mail



LANCS. and CHESHIRE

by **GEORGE R. YATES**

ALL TOPSYTURVY

NOT for years has the first division of the Lancashire and Cheshire League produced such a spate of shocks resulting in promotees, Mid-Cheshire, surprisingly astride the top rung of the ladder—the only team to boast a 100 per cent record.

The fun and games started at Bolton on December 16 when Stockport, the champions, defeated a full strength home trio spear-headed by Mike Symonds 6-4. Roger Hampson had a night out, winning all his three singles aided and abetted in his plundering by Derek Schofield whose sole loss was to Bryn Farnworth. Together these two clinched the issue with a doubles win over Symonds and George Livesey.

Cock-a-hoop with their success, Stockport travelled to Manchester on January 12, but came unstuck 7-3 despite the concession of a set by Jeff Ingber through late arrival. A solo from Hampson against Peter Walmsley and the doubles was the sobering return otherwise Roy Crusham claiming a notable treble for the Mancunians.

Mid-Cheshire, with three successive wins over lesser lights then produced the major shock of the season by defeating Manchester 7-3 to put the fat wad truly in the fire.

Invincible against Stockport, Crusham crashed to three successive defeats at the hands of Mike Johns, A. Hough and Derek Whitlow.

Strangely represented in Div II (East) Manchester "A" had gone under twice, but the bigger names were in evidence for the visit of Bolton "A" on January 19.

Led by Ron Allcock, they turned out Irwin Caplan and Eric Ford in addition but were forced to a division of the points, Allcock going under to both Alan Heap and John Clarke for the Trotters to preserve their unbeaten record.

Against Stockport in the Wilmott Cup Jeff Ingber succumbed to Hampson as did Kevin Forshaw and Crusham.

In the Manchester League's closed championships however, Ingber turned the scales when the following results were returned:

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: J. INGBER bt K. Forshaw 24-22, 10-21, 21-15; **R. HAMPSON** bt D. Schofield 21-13, 26-24. **Final: INGBER** bt Hampson 21-13, 21-11. **Women's Singles: C. MOORE** bt D. Schofield 21-18, 21-13, 21-17.

Men's Doubles: HAMPSON/M. JOHNS bt R. Crusham/Forshaw 21-19, 21-23, 21-17. **Women's Doubles: MOORE/SCHOFIELD** bt J. Nield/B. Stern 21-14, 23-21. **Mixed Doubles: HAMPSON/MOORE** bt Schofield/Schofield 21-18, 21-18.

Junior Singles: JOHNS bt K. Jutrzenka 21-18, 21-12. **Veterans' Singles: B. CASOFSKY** bt D. Clare 21-11, 21-8.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE LEAGUE Division I

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Mid-Cheshire	4	4	0	0	32	8	8
Manchester	5	4	0	1	31	19	8
Bolton	4	3	0	1	30	10	6
Stockport	4	3	0	1	26	14	6
Blackpool	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Burnley	4	1	0	3	16	24	2
Preston	4	1	0	3	12	28	2
Liverpool	4	0	0	4	11	29	0
Wirral	3	0	0	3	2	28	0

NEWPORT GO AHEAD

THE late withdrawal of Aubrey Simons and Morley Mordecai, weakened Bristol for their key match with Newport and cost them their unbeaten record in the Western Counties League. Newport won 8-1 to take over the leadership.

Ken Bull, ex-Cardiff, made an impressive debut for Newport, winning all three of his matches. He will be a valuable replacement for Brian Everson, who is shortly leaving the district.

County commitments have put a heavy strain on Cardiff, winners of the league for the past two years, but are now sitting on the bottom, point-less.

Three wins for A. Heals helped Exeter to a 5-4 win over Plymouth, who in their turn had a fine win over Weston after trailing 2-4.

Plymouth marked up Weston's first defeat in the women's division with a score of 7-2, but this was avenged at 6-3 in the return match and Weston lead the division. Plymouth suffered a further blow when they lost 2-7 to Exeter, for whom Joan Crosby won all three matches.

Men's Section

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Newport	3	3	0	21	6	6
Bristol 2nds	3	3	0	16	11	6
Bristol	4	3	1	24	12	6
Weston	4	2	2	16	20	4
Exeter	3	1	2	13	14	2
Cheltenham	3	1	2	10	17	2
Bath	3	1	2	9	18	2
Plymouth	4	1	3	15	21	2
Cardiff	2	0	2	7	11	0

Ladies' Section

Weston	5	4	1	31	14	8
Newport	5	3	2	22	23	6
Plymouth	6	3	3	28	26	6
Exeter	3	2	1	15	12	4
Bristol	2	0	2	5	13	0
Swindon	3	0	3	7	20	0

LANCS OPEN

By George R. Yates

FORSHAW IS SHOCK WINNER

ADVANCING the time of start from 10 to 9 a.m. in order to cope with 221 entries in the men's singles event of the Lancashire Open championships, at Messrs. Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Lostock, Bolton, on January 16, allayed the fears of redundancy held by knockers-up in townships far removed from the venue.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: K. Forshaw (Lancs.) bt B. Burn (Northumb.) 21-8, 21-19; B. Hill (Lincs.) bt G. Livesey (Lancs.) 21-19, 21-12; R. Crusham (Lancs.) bt R. Allcock (Lancs.) 17-21, 21-17, 21-15; D. Schofield (Ches.) bt R. Hampson (Ches.) 21-15, 18-21, 21-13.

Semi-Finals: FORSHAW bt Hill 21-18, 21-11; SCHOFIELD bt Crusham 21-14, 21-10.

Final: FORSHAW bt Schofield 21-7, 21-8.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: D. JOHNSON (Ches.) bt L. S. Proudlock (Yorks.) 21-13, 21-18; C. MOORE (Lancs.) bt M. Heppell (Durham) 21-17, 14-21, 21-12.

Final: JOHNSON bt Moore 21-12, 21-13. Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: B. FARNWORTH (Lancs.)/LIVESEY bt A. Coby (Norfolk)/Hill 18-21, 21-16, 21-13; M. JOHNS (Ches.)/M. SYMONDS (Lancs.) bt Hampson/G. Warwick (Staffs.) 8-21, 21-14, 21-16.

Final: FARNWORTH/LIVESEY bt Johns/Symonds 21-23, 21-11, 21-19.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: JOHNSON/PROUDLOCK bt P. Dainty (Yorks.)/F. Rolling (Yorks.) 25-23, 20-22, 21-11; P. CLARK (Northumb.)/Heppell bt M. Sidwell/H. Rockliffe (Lancs.) 21-7, 23-21.

Final: JOHNSON/PROUDLOCK bt Clark/Heppell 21-19, 21-8.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: SCHOFIELD/B. BROAD (Staffs.) bt Warwick/Clark 21-8, 21-13; FORSHAW/W. SWIFT (Lancs.) bt Livesey/Johnson 15-21, 21-11, 21-16.

Final: FORSHAW/SWIFT bt Schofield/Broad 21-18, 21-19.

Boys' Singles: Quarter-Finals: Johns bt S. Williams (Lancs.) 22-20, 16-21, 22-20; J. Kedge (Yorks.) bt J. McLeod (Northumb.) 21-18, 21-18; R. Todd (Durham) bt A. T. Bickerdike (Lancs.) 21-10, 21-19; B. Burn (Northumb.) bt J. S. Nevin (Mid-Ches.) 21-18, 21-14.

Semi-Finals: KEDGE bt Johns 21-7, 21-19; BURN bt Todd 21-14, 13-21, 21-14.

Final: KEDGE bt Burn 18-21, 21-14, 21-19.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: HEPPELL bt L. Forkes (Yorks.) 21-11, 21-12; S. PEGG (Derbys.) bt M. Holder (Lancs.) 21-5, 21-10.

Final: HEPPELL bt Pegg 21-19, 21-9. DIGNAN (Northumb.) bt K. Mitchell

Veteran Singles: Semi-Finals: H. B. (Lancs.) 21-13, 21-12; N. LUSHER (Yorks.) bt A. Magnall (Lancs.) 21-17, 21-17.

Final: DIGNAN bt Lusher 14-21, 21-11, 21-15.

Drenching rain did its best to awaken the travellers, but for those with eyes still full of sleep an early exit was their scant reward for earlier success against the roosters.

Generally responding to the early calls few were the scratchings, the two of note, Jeff Ingber and Neville Brabrook, withdrew because of business commitments and illness.

Surprise winner of the men's title, some twelve hours on from the re-scheduled start, was **Kevin Forshaw**, of Manchester, whose humiliation of Derek Schofield did not make for an entertaining final.

Never have I seen the Cheshire man so utterly ill-at-ease as in this completely one-sided encounter and of his own admission it was not because of tiredness, Schofield could no more explain why than could he cope with the onslaught unleashed by a rejuvenated Forshaw.

Earlier in the day, Mike Symonds, the holder and No. 1 seed, had suffered a like indignity in losing to Ron Allcock, another Mancunian, after winning the first game.

How characteristic it is for the blood of a champion to be howled for, more especially when out of touch and in the trough of a form depression.

FAIR GAME

Seeded No. 2, Brian Hill made fair game of Lancashire's George Livesey but no poaching was allowed the Lincolnshire lad by gamekeeper Forshaw.

Ranked junior Mike Johns was an early faller to former home county junior Alan Heap in the prelims. A further scalp to be collected by the younger of Bolton's Heap brothers—who fell to Keogh—was that of Bryn Farnworth.

Allcock's gallop was reined in by Roy Crusham and the fancied Roger Hampson was stopped by a Schofield of substance whose later shadow role was all the more inexplicable. Forshaw's route to the final took in Glenn Warwick (Staffs.), Kedge and

Back in the swing of it **Diane Johnson** bounced her way through the women's singles to restore some semblance of order to the wheatsheaf emblem of Cheshire in the final ana-

lysis. Lesley Proudlock's hold of the title was easily broken as was the challenge of Connie Moore in another final that failed to impress.

Together in doubles, however, **Diane** and **Lesley** struck up a useful partnership which proved far too strong for the Northumbrian Heppells—Philomena and Maureen in the final.

PURPLE PATCH

By law of average not all finals could be devoid of colour, and so it proved with the purple patch provided by Huddersfield's John Kedge and Brian Burn of North Shields.

Here was excitement in abundance as the pendulum swayed with increasing rapidity in a spectacular half-volleying display which was rightly voted the set of the night and fully deserving of the prolonged applause it drew.

Doubly taking the "mike" in the men's pairs, **Livesey** and **Farnworth** just made it against Symonds and Johns, the latter's own cup of woe having already been filled when ousted from the boys' singles by Kedge.

Without hesitancy **Maureen Heppell** took the girls' title, but in the veteran's, holder Norman Lusher stumbled to defeat at the hands of **Harry Dignan**.

Winding up affairs at not too late an hour a hat-trick of successes came Lancashire's way when **Wigan's Winifred Swift** partnered **Forshaw** to the mixed title. Apart from the retention of a half-share in the women's doubles by Miss Proudlock all eight titles changed hands, seven completely.

All praise to the Bolton League officials and helpers who responded to the constant whiplash from control and to the players who survived the hectic day.

NORTH MIDDLESEX OPEN

LOUIS HOFFMAN wishes to apologise to the many disappointed readers who have written requesting entry forms for the North Middlesex Open at the Municipal Hall, Edmonton, on March 13.

The tournament is, however, restricted to an entry of 32 players and is not so much a tournament as an invitation!

It takes place on the Saturday afternoon with the finals acting as a spectator booster to the North Middlesex closed championships in the evening.

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LOUGHBOROUGH SET FOR DOUBLE

GR**EAT** enthusiasm is being shown in the **Hinckley Youth League**, where Barnwell Y.M.C.A. 1 top the First Division. Close on their heels are Broughton Astley, whose G. Johnson heads the divisional averages with only one defeat in 21 games.

Sharnford Y.C., with P. Davey and K. Johnson outstanding, are main rivals with Barnwell Y.M.C.A. 'B' for the Second Division.

Colin Truman, so far unbeaten, helped Leicester to wins over Walsall and Wolverhampton, putting them in a strong position in the **Midland League**. Leicester "seconds" spoil their championship prospects by losing to Chesterfield.

The Veterans, having lost to Walsall and Nottingham, are out of the running in their section, while the Juniors suffered defeat when, due to a mix-up, No. 1 junior B. Geary was asked to travel with the first team.

The Intermediates, however, are still in with a chance, having dropped only one point.

Loughborough look set for the senior and junior doubles in the Leicestershire Inter-Town Leagues.

Viaduct II, led by Barry Scarborough, could provide more shocks in the **Rose Johnson Bowl**, which has now reached the last eight.

John Bowness is Leicestershire's latest county umpire, while Colin Truman (Melton Mowbray) had been awarded his Coaching Diploma.

Although there are likely to be some close finishes in the **Leicester and District League**, one team that will not be involved is Blaby Boys' Club, currently operating at the bottom of Division 8A. Composed of four 12-year-olds, Derek Burley, David Wagstaff, Keith Noble and Stephen Shaw, they are still pointless after 12 matches. But they are as keen as ever.

Peter Main was unbeaten in singles and doubles for Leicestershire Juniors' 7-3 win over Nottinghamshire in the N.C.C.

Philip Reid

15 YEARS LATER

AF**T**ER some ten years in the shadow of Joyce (Ellis) Fielder, and Betty Bird, Ashford schoolteacher Joan Beadle is back again at the top of Kent rankings.

Although she was the Kent first string 15 years ago Mrs. Beadle is still playing as well as ever and celebrated her promotion with a great single success over Mrs. M. Massey in Kent's 7-3 win over Staffordshire before the biggest county "gate" in Kent for years.

Mrs. Bird, at No. 2, and Mrs. Ellis, omitted from the list, have both recently had babies.

Tony Piddock keeps the top spot among the men, with Derek Basden charing on his heels.

Joyce Shepherd, the Sussex No. 1, has recently moved to Tonbridge, and may decide to qualify for Kent next season.

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 (R) are Restricted. Suitable entries are inserted in this diary without charge but all organisers should send information to the Editor at the earliest possible date.

Date	Title and Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
1965			
Feb. 12-14	South of England (R) Open I.C.T. Ltd., Aurealia Road, Croydon.	J.B.S. J.G.S. J.B.D. J.G.D. J.X.D.	Miss D. M. Plater, 3, Moorson Way, Coulson, Surrey.
	Closing date: Jan. 27, 1965		
13	Cheshire Junior Open Birkenhead.	J.B.S. J.G.S. J.B.D. J.G.D. J.X.D.	R. A. Bissell, 8, Nurse Road, Thingwall, Heswall, Cheshire.
	Closing date: Feb. 1, 1965.		
	(Under 15's B. & G.S.)		
20	Yorkshire Open York Railway Institute,	V.S. B.D. G.D. X.D.	B. Warley, 2, Thornfield Avenue, Muncaster, Yorkshire.
	Closing date: Feb. 10, 1965.		
	(Under 15's B.S.) (Under 15's G.S.) (Under 17's B.S.) (Under 17's G.S.)		
27-28	GERMAN (WEST) OPEN		
27-28	Middlesex Closed Fulham Town Hall		
Mar. 3-6	ENGLISH OPEN (Brighton) (The Dome and Corn Exchange) Closing date: Feb. 8, 1965.		E.T.T.A. Office.
6	Pontefract Open Town Hall, Pontefract. Closing date: Feb. 25, 1965.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	G. L. Johnson, 17, Rhodes Crescent, Pontefract.
13	North Middlesex Open Municipal Hall, Knights Lane, Edmonton.		Louis Hoffman, 33, Grove Avenue, London, N.10.
14	Sussex Junior Open Assembly Hall, Worthing, Sussex.		M. Oldham, 25, Offington Gardens, Worthing, Sussex.
	(Under 17's J.B.S.) (Under 15's J.B.S.) (Under 13's J.B.) (Under 17's J.G.S.) (Under 15's J.G.S.) (Under 13's J.G.S.) (Under 17's J.B.D.) (Under 15's J.B.D.) (Under 17's J.G.D.) (Under 15's J.G.D.) J.X.D.		
27-28	Bucks Open Slough Community Centre, Farnham Rd., Slough, Bucks. Closing date: Mar. 6, 1965.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	L. Thompson, "Auchmead," The Avenue, Sunnymeads, Wraysbury, Bucks.
April 4	Cambridgeshire Open Cambridge.		Mrs. M. Cornwell, 28, Harding Way, Cambridge.
10-11	Stevenage Open Youth Centre, New Town Centre, Stevenage.	J.B.S. J.B.S. V.S.	E. Dickenson, 6, Edwards House, Stevenage, Herts.
15-25	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Ljubljana, Yugoslavia)		
17-19	North East of England Open Closing date: April 7, 1965.	J.B.S. J.G.S. V.S. C.M. C.W. Y.S.	W. Mitton, 16, The Whins, Newby, Scarborough, Yorks.
May 1-2	FRENCH OPEN		

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND-UP

by JOHN WRIGHT

Middlesex are Fighting Back

MIDDLESEX gave their most convincing display of the season, moving back into the picture with a 7-2 win over Yorkshire. The most impressive performance was that of Brian Wright in beating Denis Neale in straight games.

Middlesex have a real find in the 20-year-old West Indian Orville ("Les") Haslam, who improves with every match. He scored a fine win over Peter Duncombe. But Irene Ogus made a disappointing début by losing to Mrs. Duncombe.

Middlesex must now fancy their chances of beating Essex, but probably view the long trip to Gloucester with more foreboding.

Gloucestershire made short work of a Symonds-less Lancashire at Blackpool, where George Livesey made a creditable home début in beating Roy Morley. But Ian Harrison and Bryan Merrett were in unbeatable form.

Glenn Warwick fully justified his new top ranking for Staffordshire by beating Tony Piddock and Derek

Basden but failed to stop Kent winning 7-2.

Hertfordshire's second win of the season at the expense of Kent in the Second Division South could not have been closer. Derek Grant snatched the points, beating Len Cooper 19 in the third in the last match. Eddie Hodson had mixed fortunes, thrashing Barry Meisel but won only 11 points from Ken Baker.

Buckinghamshire's Paul Shirley lost his hundred per cent record against Sussex, losing both singles. Bucks., after trailing 0-3, levelled at 3-all then lost the last four.

G. Stanley and J. Beaumont each beat Yorkshire's John Keys and also won the doubles, but Lincolnshire are not a strong side without Brian Hill.

HEAVY DEFEATS

Cumberland are experiencing some heavy defeats in their first season and although their players are improving they were unable to make much impression on Durham.

Graham Gear, newly promoted No. 1, scraped home at 19 in the third in both singles for Glamorgan against Notts. in the Second Mid'and, where Monmouthshire proved too strong for Worcestershire.

Another new No. 1, Adrian Wright excelled for Devon in their win over Cornwall. Devon never looked back after Wright had beaten Bill Northcott, the Cornish No. 1 —19, 21, 12 to establish a 4-3 lead. It was Cornwall's first defeat of the season.

A superb women's doubles, in which Adele Pettifer and Penelope Bonner beat Joyce Coop and Christine Reed 24-22 in the third, paved the way for Somerset to keep their hundred per cent record with a 6-4 win over Dorset.

This division now depends on the meeting of Somerset and Cornwall at Taunton on February 20. Victory for Cornwall would mean sets average having to decide the division.

Bucks are almost unassailable in the Southern Division following their latest win over Cambridgeshire.

Like their seniors, Cumberland Juniors are finding the going hard in their first season and have yet to win a set. Their latest thrashing came from Durham. However, a glimmer of hope is that some of the team will still be juniors next year.

COUNTY DIARY

PREMIER DIVISION

- February 18 Middlesex v Essex, Tottenham Municipal Hall, High Road, Tottenham, N.15 7.30 p.m.
- February 19 Surrey v Gloucester, C.E.R.L. Clubroom, Cleeve Road, Leatherhead 7 p.m.
- February 20 Kent v Gloucestershire, Prince of Wales Club, Northgate, Canterbury 7.30 p.m.
- February 20 Surrey v Yorkshire, Crusader Insurance Sports Club, Woodhatch, Reigate 7 p.m.
- February 27 Surrey v Kent, Brookwood Hospital, Knapp Hill 7 p.m.
- February 28 Staffordshire v Lancashire, The Community Centre, Featherstone, Nr. Wolverhampton 2.30 p.m.
- March 7 Essex v Staffordshire, G.U.S. Sports Club, Spring Hill, Upper Clapton Road, Clapton, E.5 2.30 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

- February 20 Bedfordshire v Kent II
- February 20 Buckinghamshire v Surrey II, Slough Community Centre, Farnham Road, Slough 7 p.m.
- February 20 Hampshire v Sussex, S.E.S.A. Club, Lower Drayton Lane, Cosham, Portsmouth 7 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

- February 20 Lancashire II v Cumberland, C.W.S. Cabinet Works, Morris Street, Radcliffe, Manchester 4.30 p.m.
- February 20 Lincolnshire v Cheshire, Grimsby 7.15 p.m.
- February 27 Yorkshire II v Northumberland, Dunlopillo Works, Pannal, near Harrogate 7 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

- February 20 Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
- February 20 Monmouthshire v Glamorgan

SECOND DIVISION WEST

- February 20 Wiltshire v Devon
- February 20 Somerset v Cornwall, Taunton Youth Centre, Flook House, Belvedere Road, Taunton

MIDLAND DIVISION

- February 20 Oxfordshire v Derbyshire, St. Margaret's Hall, Polstead Road, Oxford 7 p.m.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

- February 6 Hampshire v Buckinghamshire, St. James Institute, Stowfield Road, Pokesdown, Bournemouth 7 p.m.
- February 20 Huntingdonshire v Suffolk, Eaton Socon Institute, Eaton Socon 7.30 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

- February 12 Lancashire v Durham, Liverpool Y.M.C.A., Mount Pleasant 7.30 p.m.
- February 14 Cheshire v Durham, Co-op. Education Centre, Katherine Street, Birkenhead 10 a.m.
- February 20 Lancashire v Cumberland, C.W.S. Cabinet Works, Morris Street, Radcliffe, Manchester 3 p.m.
- February 27 Yorkshire v Northumberland, Dunlopillo Works, Pannal, near Harrogate 3 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND

- February 20 Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
- February 20 Leicestershire v Worcestershire

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

- February 20 Kent v Sussex, Prince of Wales Club, Northgate, Canterbury 3 p.m.
- February 20 Surrey v Hampshire, Higgs Hill Canteen, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1 4 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

- February 20 Buckinghamshire v Middlesex, Slough Community Centre, Farnham Road, Slough 3 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH WEST

- February 20 Wiltshire v Monmouthshire
- February 20 Glamorgan v Gloucestershire

Staffordshire, without Peter Eaton, overwhelmed Leicestershire in the Junior Midland, but Warwickshire look the likely champions.

Despite excellent form by Denis Samuel, Glamorgan failed to stop Wiltshire running out with the last three for a 6-4 win. Wilts then hammered Gloucestershire 10-0.

Glamorgan forfeited two winning sets for using an extra boy and lost 4-6 to Monmouthshire.

Kent and Surrey, each having dropped one point, are neck and neck in the Junior South which could well be another section requiring a games average decision at the finish.

DETAILED RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Middlesex 7, Yorkshire 2
 B. Wright bt D. Neale 13, 17; bt P. Duncombe 15, 19. A. Lindsay lost to Neale —21, 12, —13; bt A. Hydes 9, 12. L. Haslam bt Duncombe —10, 17, 16; bt Hydes 20, 10.
 Miss I. Ogus lost to Mrs. C. Duncombe 18, —20, —18.
 Lindsay/Haslam bt Neale/E. Hall 18, —16, 19.
 Wright/Miss Ogus bt Duncombe/Mrs. Duncombe —19, 17, 18.

Lancashire 3, Gloucestershire 6
 J. Ingber lost to I. Harrison —14, —15; lost to B. Merrett —20, 12, —14. R. Crusham lost to Harrison —11, —11; lost to R. Morley —19, 20, —7. G. Livesey lost to Merrett —9, —15; bt Morley —16, 18, 19.
 Miss C. Moore bt Miss P. Taylor 12, 12. Crusham/K. Forshaw lost to Harrison/Merrett —18, —11.
 Forshaw/Miss Moore bt Morley/Miss Taylor 15, 18.

Kent 7, Staffordshire 2
 A. Piddock lost to G. Warwick —12, —16; bt S. Ward 18, 19. D. Basden lost to Warwick —15, 12, —20; bt P. Eaton 13, 13. D. Whittaker bt Ward 11, 16; bt Eaton 16, 20.
 Mrs. J. Beadle bt Mrs. M. Massey 21, —13, 19.
 Piddock/H. Buist bt Ward/Eaton —22, 14, 10.
 Basden/Mrs. Beadle bt Warwick/Mrs. Messey 19, 14.

SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)
 Kent 4, Hertfordshire 6
 Buckinghamshire 3, Sussex 7
 SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)
 Lincolnshire 3, Yorkshire 7
 Durham 10, Cumberland 0
 SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)
 Monmouthshire 7, Worcestershire 3
 Glamorgan 9, Nottinghamshire 1
 SECOND DIVISION (WEST)
 Dorset 4, Somerset 6
 Devon 7, Cornwall 3

SOUTHERN DIVISION
 Buckinghamshire 8, Cambridgeshire 2
 MIDLAND DIVISION
 Oxfordshire 3, Warwickshire 7
 Staffordshire 10, Worcestershire 0
 JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)
 Durham 8, Cumberland 0
 JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)
 Sussex 4, Surrey 6
 Berkshire 2, Hampshire 8

JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)
 Staffordshire 8, Leicestershire 2
 JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH-WEST)
 Gloucestershire 0, Wiltshire 10
 Monmouthshire 6, Glamorgan 4
 Wiltshire 6, Glamorgan 4
 JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)
 Suffolk 2, Hertfordshire 8
 Essex 10, Buckinghamshire 0

DIVISIONAL TABLES

PREMIER

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Essex	4	4	0	0	26	10	8
Middlesex	5	4	0	1	30	15	8
Gloucestershire	4	3	0	1	23	13	6
Surrey	3	2	0	1	18	9	4
Kent	4	2	0	2	17	19	4
Lancashire	4	1	0	3	13	23	2
Yorkshire	4	0	0	4	13	23	0
Staffordshire	4	0	0	4	4	32	0

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Sussex	4	3	1	0	30	10	7
Surrey	4	3	1	0	29	11	7
Kent	4	1	2	1	20	20	4
Buckinghamshire	5	2	0	3	25	25	4
Hampshire	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Hertfordshire	5	2	0	3	20	30	4
Bedfordshire	4	0	0	4	7	33	0

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Yorkshire	4	3	0	1	28	12	6
Durham	5	3	0	2	29	21	6
Lancashire	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Cheshire	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Northumberland	3	1	1	1	18	12	3
Lincolnshire	4	0	1	3	12	28	1
Cumberland	3	0	0	3	0	30	0

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

Oxfordshire	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Warwickshire	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Glamorgan	3	2	0	1	22	8	4
Monmouthshire	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Worcestershire	4	0	1	3	11	29	1
Nottinghamshire	3	0	1	2	7	23	1

SECOND DIVISION WEST

Somerset	3	3	0	0	19	11	6
Cornwall	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Devon	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Wiltshire	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Dorset	4	1	0	3	16	24	2

MIDLAND DIVISION

Warwickshire	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Derbyshire	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Oxfordshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Staffordshire	4	1	0	3	18	22	2
Worcestershire	4	0	0	4	5	35	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Buckinghamshire	5	5	0	0	40	10	10
Norfolk	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Hampshire	3	2	0	1	21	19	4
Hertfordshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Cambridgeshire	5	1	0	4	19	31	2
Suffolk	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Huntingdonshire	4	0	0	4	6	34	0

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

Kent	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Surrey	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Hampshire	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Sussex	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Berkshire	4	1	0	0	4	10	30

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

Yorkshire	4	3	1	0	25	7	7
Northumberland	2	2	0	0	14	2	4
Cheshire	2	1	1	0	9	7	3
Durham	3	1	0	2	11	13	2
Lancashire	2	0	0	2	5	11	0
Cumberland	3	0	0	3	0	24	0

JUNIOR MIDLAND DIVISION

Warwickshire	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Staffordshire	4	3	0	1	29	11	6
Worcestershire	3	1	1	1	11	19	3
Oxfordshire	4	1	0	3	13	27	2
Leicestershire	3	1	0	2	9	21	2
Nottinghamshire	3	0	1	2	11	19	1

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

Essex	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Middlesex	3	2	0	1	12	18	4
Hertfordshire	4	2	0	2	22	18	4
Buckinghamshire	3	2	0	1	12	18	4
Norfolk	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Suffolk	4	0	0	4	9	31	0

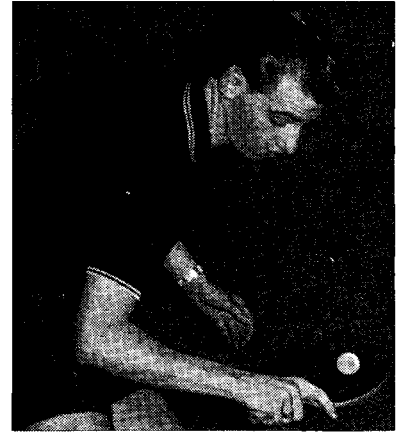
JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH-WEST

Wiltshire	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Glamorgan	4	2	0	2	25	15	4
Monmouthshire	4	2	0	2	18	22	4
Gloucestershire	4	0	0	4	6	34	0

WARWICKS DILEMMA

WARWICKSHIRE have to win their remaining two matches by wide margins if they are to challenge Cheshire for a Premier Division place. This has been brought about through the loss of a point against Oxfordshire.

The "seconds," for whom Lorna Brown and Graham Binney made their debut against Oxfordshire continue their 100 per cent record and need only to draw their last match with Derbyshire to win the Midland Division. Promotion, however, once again looks like being dependent on the first team achievements.



GRAHAM BINNEY

Binney, who is 20, won two of his three singles in the county match. He is also doing useful work on the coaching side.

Ingrid Sykes was most impressive when the Juniors crushed Oxfordshire 9-1.

It was Leamington's turn to beat Birmingham in the Wilmott Cup, Bill Gallacher and Maurice Billington each winning three games in their 6-3 victory. Gallacher has not dropped a game in Wilmott Cup or County matches this season.

Roger Morris

Century for Bryan

BRYAN MERRETT marks up his century of England appearances when he plays in the Quadrangular tournament against Ireland, Scotland and Wales at the Esso Recreation Club, Hakin, Milford Haven, on February 12-13.

Merrett made his first senior international appearance in 1952, but prior to that had played five times for England juniors.

He must have begun to despair of ever reaching his century when a wrist injury contributed to his disappearance from the ranking list last season, and younger players like Chester Barnes, Brian Wright, Denis Neale and Mike Symonds began to consolidate their positions in the England team.

Noted for his dour defensive play, Merrett has many times proved England's sheet anchor.

ESSEX OPEN

by **GEORGE WENHAM**

GIRLS SAVE ENGLAND

SINGLES SHOCKS FOR CZECHS

But They Win Doubles

BRIAN WRIGHT and Ian Harrison took advantage of the Essex Open at Harlow on January 17 to give an effective answer to the selectors who had dropped them from the international the previous day. They swept the Czechs out of the semi-finals, with Wright beating Vladimir Miko and Harrison dismissing Jaros'av Stanek. Wright went on to beat Harrison in a keen final where he trailed in both games. Wright made good use of the drop shot in both the semi-final and final.

The upset of the women's singles was the defeat of Mary Shannon, the English closed champion, by Lesley Bell at the semi-final stage. Miss Bell made a valiant attempt for a repeat performance in the final against Diane Rowe only to lose 21-23 in the third.

Miss Rowe beat Marta Luzova, the top Czech in the semi-final, while Miss Shannon accounted for the other visitor, I. Bosa.

The Czechs came into their own in European champions, winning the men's, and Miko and Luzova the mixed in an all Czech final.

the doubles with Stanek and Miko, the



BRIAN WRIGHT

Miss Rowe and Miss Shannon as expected took the women's doubles, where the surprise was the semi-final defeat of Luzova and Bosa by Elsie Carrington and Jackie Canham.

The junior titles won by Geoff Salter and Pauline Hemmings, provided quite a few upsets. Salter beat Stuart Gibbs, while 14 years old Diane Simpson left Linda Henwood, Rusty Canham and Karenza Smith trailing in her wake before falling to Miss Hemmings in the final.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: J. Stanek (Czech.) bt A. Fiddock 21-16, 21-10. I. Harrison bt A. Cornish 21-13, 21-10. B. Wright bt M. Creamer 21-15, 21-12. V. Miko (Czech.) bt D. Neale 21-14, 22-20.

Semi-Finals: HARRISON bt Stanek 21-18, 21-10. WRIGHT bt Miko 23-21, 14-21, 21-15.

Final: WRIGHT bt Harrison 21-18, 22-20.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: D. ROWE bt M. Luzova (Czech.) 21-6, 21-12. L. BELL bt M. Shannon 21-19, 21-17.

Final: ROWE bt Bell 21-10, 17-21, 23-21.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: MIKO/STANEK bt C. Warren/Wright 21-18, 21-19. S. JACOBSON/A.LINDSAY bt M. Millington/O. Haslam 21-18, 23-21.

Final: MIKO/STANEK bt Jacobson/Lindsay 21-18, 21-11.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: ROWE/SHANNON bt B. Sayer/G. Sayer 21-16, 21-12. J. CANHAM/E. CARRINGTON bt I. Bosa/M. Luzova (Czech.) 21-15, 6-21, 21-19.

Final: ROWE/SHANNON bt Canham/Carrington 19-21, 21-13, 21-19.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: MIKO/LUZOVA bt Harrison/Bell 17-21, 21-12, 21-13. STANEK/BOSA bt Wright/Shannon 22-20, 21-19.

Final: MIKO/LUZOVA bt Stanek/Bosa 21-9, 11-21, 21-12.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: G. SALTER bt K. Lawrence 19-21, 21-15, 21-15. S. GIBBS bt M. Lazarus 21-19, 18-21, 21-18.

Final: SALTER bt Gibbs 21-12, 17-21, 21-8.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: P. HEMMINGS bt J. Shirley 21-13, 21-13. D. SIMPSON bt K. Smith 8-21, 21-17, 22-20.

Final: HEMMINGS bt Simpson 22-20, 21-16.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

WOODING STRIKES BACK

LES WOODING of Bletchley, is proving something of an enigma in Bucks table tennis. Deposed as county No. 1 by Jim Healy, of Slough, in 1963, Wooding began to slip away, losing his county team place. Indifferent form against players of lesser reputation did not help, but now he is striking right back.

Evidence of this was his surprise but well deserved win over Paul Shirley, the reigning No. 1, to win the Bucks Closed, where Joy Dalton collected the senior and junior double, paving the way for Bletchley to dominate the meeting. She also partnered Joan Wooding to win the women's doubles.

There was quite a family atmosphere, particularly in the mixed doubles when Paul and Jill Shirley, the Slough brother and sister, beat Les and Joan Wooding. Then the boys' singles final brought together the Wald Boys (Michael taking the title) who were also winners of the junior doubles putting Slough boldly in the picture.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: L. WOODING bt P. Shirley 11-21, 21-16, 21-10. **Women's Singles:** J. DALTON bt J. Williams 12-21, 21-19, 23-21.

IT was once again left to the girls to save England's face in the international; against Czechs'ovakia at Tottenham on January 16. Diane Rowe, Lesley Bell and Mary Shannon scraped home narrowly by 3-2 in the women's match, but our men flopped badly and crashed 1-4.

Captain Ron Crayden experimented with Lesley Bell in the Singles, but the young Essex girls were not up to it and lost to both Luzova and Bosa, after winning the opening game in both matches.

Fortunately, Diane Rowe was able to deal effectively with both Czechs and partnered Mary Shannon for a convincing doubles win.

The men were a big disappointment, none more so than Denis Neale who lost all that brilliance of attack he had shown in beating Europe's best this season. He became defensive minded and faded away against both Stanek and Miko.

Chester Barnes scored our only win at the expense of Stanek, but lost in straight games to Miko.

The doubles was a foregone conclusion for Miko and Stanek who are the European champions.

MEN: England 1, Czechoslovakia 4: D. Neale lost to J. Stanek —18, —17; lost to V. Miko —12, —12. G. C. Barnes lost to Miko —13, —19; bt Stanek 12, 17.

Barnes/Neale lost to Miko/Stanek 14, —19, —12.

WOMEN: England 3, Czechoslovakia 2: D. Rowe bt I. Bosa 23, 13; bt M. Luzova 17, 20. L. Bell lost to Luzova 9, —23, —17; lost to Bosa 18, —16, —18. M. Shannon/Rowe bt Bosa/Luzova 25, 11.

Men's Doubles: F. EARIS/A. WATSON bt P. Morecroft/J. Shirley 21-12, 21-6. **Women's Doubles:** DALTON/J. WOODING bt M. Belcher/M. Jenkins 21-18, 21-12.

Mixed Doubles: SHIRLEY/SHIRLEY bt Wooding/Wooding 16-21, 21-19, 23-21. **Boys' Singles:** M. WALD bt T. Wald 21-18, 21-16. **Girls' Singles:** DALTON bt L. Williams 21-18, 21-10. **Junior Doubles:** WALD/WALD bt J. Shirley/Williams 21-19, 21-17.

Restricted Singles: G. HUNT bt M. Wright 21-18, 21-14.

A WORLD CHAMPION

TEAMS in the Acton League have no doubt been puzzled by the skill of Mrs. Banhegyi when playing against Gunnersbury Triangle. They can be excused. For this is the married name of Livia Mosoczy, winner of the 1957 world doubles championship for Hungary with Agnes Simon.

Livia's husband, ex-basketball international Lazio Banhegyi, is based in London with the Hungarian Airlines.

Now mother of two children, Livia was anxious to start playing again and was introduced to Gunnersbury by E.T.T.A. secretary Peter Lowen.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB'S FIRST DEFEATS

by Geoff Harrower

AFTER the great success of the match against Hungary, The International Club had an exciting match against the full Middlesex team, before another capacity crowd, this time at the Gunnersbury Triangle Club.

The Club fielded one of their top players, Mary Shannon—who was beaten by a most determined Diane Rowe. Three other generations of players were included, Victor Barna, Johnny Leach, and the current No. 1 junior, Stuart Gibbs. Not surprisingly, Middlesex won 4-2, but it was a very near thing, with Victor and Johnny having a match point in the men's doubles against the two Alans, Rhodes and Lindsay.

Once again the result was unimportant. Many people came to see Victor and Johnny in action again, and they were not disappointed. Contrary to expectations, both teams played to win—perhaps Middlesex did not want to lose to a team containing a junior and two retired players. Thus although the match wasn't of the exhibition character of the Hungarian one, it was still fine and interesting table tennis.

Details (Middlesex first): A. Rhodes lost to S. Gibbs 21-12, 19-21, 20-22; A. Lindsay bt J. Leach 21-15, 18-21, 21-15; B. Wright bt Gibbs 21-17, 19-21, 21-16; Miss D. Rowe bt Miss M. Shannon 21-14, 21-23, 21-17; Wright/Miss Rowe lost to G. V. Barna/Miss Shannon 10-21, 21-14, 21-23; Lindsay/Rhodes bt Barna/Leach 11-21, 23-21, 21-7.

On January 19 The Club had another plum match, against the full Czechoslovakian team, at Leighton Buzzard, an area which had never before had a big match. For the third successive time there was a full house, a situation which must be the envy of many other organisations!

Unfortunately the play did not match



The Czech team: V. VERB, non-playing captain, MARTHA LUZOVA, IRENA BOSA, VLADIMIR MIKO, JAROSLAV STANEK.

the standard of the Hungarian game. This may have been because the Czechs, who had assured The Club that they understood this was an "Exhibition match," played throughout to win at all costs. Certainly they were disappointed the preceding day at not getting one of their players to a singles final of the Essex Open at Harlow. One or two of the Club side were below form, not surprisingly as they were stale from continuous play. Only in the first match between Ian Harrison and Jaroslav Stanek were their rallies which broke down the barriers. Denis Neale and Vladimir Miko was another good match, but the Czech was always winning, which lessened the tension.

However, to many of the audience this

was great stuff, they had never seen anything like it before. Certainly The Club's choice of taking this match to a new area was a great success, and tribute is well merited to the Leighton Buzzard officials, who worked with a will both before and during the match to make the evening a success. For the record, the Czechs won 5-1, The International Club's only consolation victory was scored when they were 0-5 down, by Diane Rowe and Jean McCree.

Details (Czechoslovakia first): J. Stanek bt I. Harrison 21-18, 17-21, 21-15; V. Miko bt D. Neale 21-16, 21-16; Miko/Stanek bt Neale/Harrison 21-12, 21-15; Miss I. Bosa bt Mrs. J. McCree 21-12, 21-10; Miss M. Luzova bt Miss D. Rowe 21-13, 21-13; Bosa/Luzova lost to Rowe/McCree 19-21, 15-21.

NEW CHALLENGERS

BRIGHTON'S supremacy in men's team events in Sussex is now being challenged by a young Eastbourne side, Peter Williams, John Beasley and John Dobell, who eliminated the powerful Crawley team from the Wilmott Cup 5-4 before losing 3-5 to Brighton in the zone final.

Eastbourne held big leads in two matches which they lost, so the score could easily have been reversed.

Star of the Eastbourne side is Williams who is now pressing for a county No. 2 ranking following wins over Gunn, Whalley and Ogundipe.

Williams is the only Sussex player this season to challenge the superiority of Roger Chandler, whom he led 17-13 third set before Chandler's desperate and successful victory bid in the Zone final.

In the Rose Bowl field the Hastings trio of Joyce Sheppard, Margaret Beaney and Susan Franklin, has won the Sussex zone, beating Eastbourne 5-4.

Terry Riley remains the outstanding Sussex junior. His list of scalps in inter-league and Crawley league matches recently included a trio of former county players—Len Gun, Robin Pierce and Bert Fretwell—quite a bag for a 15-year-old!

MARY SHANNON

EXHIBITIONS

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NATIONAL CUPS

WITH only 17 teams left in the Wilmott Cup and 16 in the Rose Bowl, the picture in the National Cup Competitions is beginning to take shape.

The upset of the Wilmott Cup was the defeat of Acton, last year's runners-up, by Wembley, whose home meeting with Gloucester, the current holders, now takes on extra significance.

Gloucester, who crushed Bristol 5-1, have the same formidable side that won last year, and some very capable reserves.

Not to be overlooked, however, are East London, Manchester, and Bolton, who should secure places in the last eight.

Sutton, providing they continue to play Mary Shannon, should retain the Rose Bowl. Comfortable 5-2 winners over North Middlesex in the Zone final they visit Staines for the next round, where a key tie is that between Liverpool and Birmingham.

East London, away to Plymouth, and Manchester, away to Gt. Yarmouth, are possible semi-finalists.

WILMOTT CUP

Fourth Round

Cambridge v Chesterfield, Leamington v Sunderland or Harrogate, Bolton S.S. v Oxford, Bedford v Manchester, Southampton v Willesden, Brighton v East London, Wembley v Gloucester, Staines v Woolwich.

RESULTS

SECOND ROUND: Manchester bt Nelson 5-0.

ZONE 1, SEMI-FINALS: Sunderland bt Northumberland 6-3, Harrogate bt Huddersfield 7-2.

ZONE FINALS: Chesterfield bt Doncaster 6-3, Bolton S.S. bt Blackburn 7-2, Manchester bt Stockport 5-4, Leamington bt Birmingham 6-3.

Cambridge bt Norwich 6-3, Bedford bt Luton 5-2, Southampton bt Portsmouth 5-4, Oxford bt St. Albans 5-3.

Willesden bt Middlesex 5-4, Wembley bt Acton 5-3, Woolwich bt Croydon 8-1, Brighton bt Eastbourne 5-3.

Staines bt Slough 5-4, Gloucester bt Bristol 5-1, East London bt London Civil Service 5-4.

ROSE BOWL

Fourth Round

Gt. Yarmouth v Manchester, N. Herts v Barnsley, Bletchley v Sunderland, Liverpool v Birmingham, Southampton v Wembley, Staines v Sutton, Plymouth v East London, Romford v Hastings.

RESULTS

SECOND ROUND: Sutton bt Middlesex 5-2.

ZONE FINALS: Sunderland bt Northumberland 5-4, Barnsley bt Chesterfield 9-0, Birmingham bt West Bromwich 7-2, Gt. Yarmouth bt Cambridge 5-4.

N. Herts bt Hertford 9-0, Bletchley bt Oxford 6-3, Liverpool bt Burnley 9-0, Sutton bt N.W. Kent 9-0, Romford bt Woolwich 5-2.

Hastings bt Eastbourne 5-4, Southampton bt Portsmouth 5-4, Staines bt Slough 5-2, East London bt Willesden 8-1.

NEW VENUE FOR STEVENAGE OPEN

THE new £137,000 Stevenage Youth Centre, due to open next month, will be the venue for this season's Stevenage Open on April 10-11. It will be the first major function at the new centre.

Entry forms can be obtained from Eric Dickenson at 6, Edwards House, Stevenage.

NORTH WALES

INTENSIVE training sessions every Sunday is the latest move for improving the standard of table tennis in North Wales. Behind the scheme is chairman S. Shone.

The four top players from each league will attend these meetings and each group will be graded. After each session players will be promoted or relegated in each zone. It is hoped this will give extra edge to everyone's game.

North Wales visit Chester on February 7 for their third fixture of the season. Two matches have been arranged with Worcestershire at Worcester for February 27, with return matches in April. Plans are also going ahead for matches with the second teams of the two South Wales counties.

I.E.P. Sandycroft continue to head the **East Flintshire** First Division from Hawards "A" and Courtauld's Greenfield. I.E.P. are also top of the second Division, while Flint Tennis are pace-makers in the Third Division.

Penmwrwaur are top of the **Llanudno** First Division, with Lansdowne "D" and Lansdowne "E" respective leaders of the Second and Third

Divisions.

A 6-4 win over Labour "A" takes Towyn to the top of the **Rhyl** First Division. R. Harrison recorded his best win in beating E. Kane, the Rhyl League player. The Second Division finds a tussle between Fire Service and Rhyl Church.

The County Umpires scheme introduced this season has been accepted and forty players from four leagues are currently taking the course, giving promise of a bright future in this field.

More than a hundred youngsters are expected at the Rhyl Youth Centre Coaching rally, and the association plans to hold a similar rally for each league before the season ends.

Would the holders of the North Wales Open Championships men's and women's singles cups please contact the Association secretary, G. Radcliffe at 11, Meliden Road, Prestatyn.

North Wales are having their own magazine in manual form in March. Would Leagues place their orders early. Copies of Table Tennis are available each month and will be posted on request.

E.T.T.A. NATIONAL COACHING SCHEME

COACHES' THEORY/TEACHING STUDY:

Feb. 9, 22;	London	Shell-Mex House, W.C.2.
Mar. 10.		
Feb. 10, 17, 24;	Harlow	Sportcentre
Mar. 4.		
Feb. 12;	Somerset	Bath or Bridgwater (prov.)
Mar. 25, 26.		

PRACTICAL RALLIES:

Sat. Feb. 13;	Dorset (T.T.A.)	Weymouth Activities Centre
Sun. Feb. 14.		Bovington Camp
Sun. Feb. 21.	Sussex (T.T.A.) selected players	Bexhill Athletic Club
Sat/Sun. Feb. 27/28.	Manchester (L.E.A.) Schools/Youth	Sharston Cty. Sec. Sch.
Sat. Mar. 13;	Nottingham Schools	Padstow School, Hucknall Rd.
Sun. Mar. 14.		T.T. H.Q. Beech Ave.
Sat. Mar. 20.	Shrewsbury (L.E.A.) Essex Schools	Shrewsbury Youth Centre
Sun. Mar. 21.	(Finals of 300 teams!)	Writtle Agric. Coll.

E.T.T.A. TRAINING CENTRES:

Sun. April 4.	Special events for	Harlow Sportcentre
Sun. May 9.	nominated players	Bradford Sports Centre
<i>(Fuller information on this scheme next month)</i>		

GENERAL TRAINING COURSES:

Early September.	"Skegness" Training Week (also for Coaches) (strong)	Butlin's Camp
July 17-24.	C.C.P.R. Holiday Week Club players and Coaches	Lilleshall N.R.C.
June 5-8.	C.C.P.R. Holiday Course (club players)	Pinehurst Sports Hall Swindon
April 19-24.	* C.C.P.R. Holiday Course (moderate standard)	Carlyon Bay, Cornwall

* Director of Coaching NOT in attendance.

I shall be glad to supply further details to any potential pupils, trainees, coaches or organisers who feel that they might be interested in any aspect of these events. It is essential to verify the dates and venues with me first, as last-minute changes are often made.

J. Carrington,
24, Worcester Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

Best-Trained Youth Group Competition: With a few days to go to closing date, it seems probable that a Southern Zone will be Wilts. or North Hants; another at Harlow; Northern at Bradford, in early May, with final in June (all Sunday dates).

Editor's Postbag . . .

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL

IT seems regrettable that the article by B. C. Buckle, of Suffolk, in the January issue gives, quite unwittingly, an impression that the alteration in the playing order of N.C.C. matches was an arbitrary decision made, in his own words, by "national officialdom." In fact, the decision was made at the N.C.C. Annual General Meeting in London on June 13 last where all N.C.C. member counties have equal right of speech and equal voting power.

If Mr. Buckle has found a strong consensus of opinion for reverting to the previous system, the democratic course would be for Suffolk to give notice by March 31 that they will move a proposition at the 1965 annual meeting.

Worcestershire, too, is an unfashionable county table tennis wise, but that did not prevent us putting forward the 1964 proposition regarding promotion, to which reference is also made in the January issue.

This was similarly the subject of magazine comment at this stage of last season, but it is only by free discussion at the annual general meeting that the wishes of the majority can be accurately obtained.

I. R. CRICKMER.
(N.C.C. Representative
Division II Midland.)

RULES ARE IGNORED

THE Hon. County Umpires Secretary, John Wright, seems to think that Mr. Kayes is guilty of some gross exaggeration when he stated that most of the present-day players seem to ignore some of the rules, especially in serving. But I wonder.

I do not know how long Mr. Kayes has been a county umpire, nor the amount of functions he has attended, but I feel he may be right.

A certain amount of spin can be imparted through the cupped hand, even though infinitesimal.

I suppose I can be called a veteran table tennis enthusiast, having played, been tournament secretary to Surrey, a member of the Essex County Executive and a county umpire. From my experience some of the most elementary rules are ignored by top class players.

Let us have a few more umpires like Mr. Kayes who are prepared to see that the rules are obeyed.

DOUG ROBERTSON.
(Hockley, Essex.)

CHALLENGING AGAIN

A HOLIDAY spree of wins over Surrey, Kent and Yorkshire has put Middlesex back in the running for the County championship. The vital match will be that against Essex on February 18.

The Middlesex closed championships are being held at Fulham Town Hall on February 27-28. Entries close on February 12. Spectators and umpires will be welcome.

WRONG CALL

RON CRAYDEN, in his article "Memo to the Young and Venturesome," says "Rudnova lost deuce in the fifth." There is, of course, no such score.

When the score reaches 20-20 it is twenty-all, not deuce, and the following point is either twenty-twenty-one or twenty-one-twenty, not love one or one love.

EDWARD J. OWEN,
(Sunbury-on-Thames).

Where's the Expert

HAVING read in the January issue of TABLE TENNIS, the article on the pen-holder grip, I feel disposed to make a few comments.

There are, undoubtedly, many better players than myself, who, if they had the chance, would go all out to learn this new style of play. The difficulty arises when we look around for somebody to advise us, for it is well-nigh impossible for a person who is used to the orthodox grip to change his whole style in the game without correct tuition. As in most sports, when a young player begins to play competitive table tennis, he, or she, must consciously or not, tend to base their style of play on that of the top players in their country.

Where in England, or in Great Britain for that matter, is the top class pen-holder player whom they can emulate?

As in all things, leadership must come initially from the top, before the project in question can be widely accepted. It is no use for our leading coaches and officials to simply write countless articles stressing the need for a change. That need is, unfortunately, painfully obvious from our results in Internationals, and in important tournaments, the ladies excluded. What is really needed is someone who is prepared to show the way, and then young players like myself will feel that there is a glimmer of hope left.

If I am writing this in ignorance of the fact there is a place somewhere in the country where aspiring young enthusiasts can learn the pen-holder style of play, then I apologise to the people who run it, coupling with my apology a request that they advise TABLE TENNIS of their activities.

E. J. WALSBY, (Ilford).

NATIONAL SPORT HELPS

I was interested to read Ron Crayden's leading article in this month's TABLE TENNIS, on the pen-holder grip.

I am afraid, however, that he has omitted an important point in analysing the success of the pen-holder; that it has developed in countries where table tennis is a major sport, which, alas, it is not yet in Britain, nor in the majority of Continental countries. Most ball games demand similar qualities, balance, anticipation, quick reflexes, etc.; if as high a percentage of youngsters in this country as in the Asiatic countries put their energy into table tennis rather than

other sports, I feel sure that our resulting performance would be more equal.

Another point—the "modern power-game." How long is it going to be able to hold sway? The modern power game in lawn tennis developed shortly after the war, and has by now had time to spread everywhere. Yet the two top current world players, Rosewall and Laver, both depend on versatility rather than power for their success, as did Sedgeman or Gonzalez before them. Will table tennis tend the same way? If so, the Continental grip holds the edge.

R. D. GWYNN,
(Cambridge)

WORM'S EYE VIEW

AT the recent English Closed championships I noted that at least two visits were scheduled for television transmission in the afternoon of Saturday, January 9. To say the least I was greatly disappointed perhaps like many more at the poor coverage that such an important event received, but apart from that, whenever a table tennis match is televised by either the B.B.C. or ITV we always seem to have the cameras positioned behind a player's back or in other words "end on" from one end of the table only.

This to my view should not be allowed and I think it is high time that the Association realised that the medium of television will not sell the game to the public like it should, but doing just the opposite whilst such productions of the Crystal Palace take place. Anyone who plays the game with any degree of understanding will agree, I'm sure, that to see top line players on television in the present circumstances playing a match, appears to be what the layman still thinks the game to be, "a parlour game of ping pong," who can blame him? We know different, but they will never know unless it is altered.

There is only one position for a match to be screened and that is from the side of the table where the whole playing area can be brought in, and then and only then shall we see excellent all-round play not only from the attacker but from the defender, who under the present circumstances is rarely seen during a rally.

C. CRAVEN,
(Walsall).

OFFICIAL NEWS

English Open Championships. The E.T.T.A. is proud to announce that His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk, K.G., G.C.V.O., has consented to present the trophies at the 39th English Open Championships, to be played at Brighton from March 4-6, 1965.

The draw for the Championships will take place on Monday, February 15, at Shell-Mex House. Many leading European players will compete, and at present negotiations with 10 countries are nearing completion. Further details to be published in the national Press. The Championships will again be televised.

Admission will be 2s. 6d. per person on Thursday, 4th March (morning and afternoon) both at the Corn Exchange and the Dome, 5s. in the evening. The same scale applies on Friday, 5th March. On the Saturday, 6th March, it will be 2s. 6d. for the morning session, 5s. for the afternoon session, and for the Finals in the evening price of tickets will be 15s., 12s. 6d., 9s., 6s. 6d. and 5s.

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Important notice to all County Associations. According to "compulsory rules" of the E.T.T.A., i.e., rule 32(ii) on page 30 of current E.T.T.A. handbook, and amended on page 34 of current E.T.T.A. handbook, all County Associations are obliged to charge their county fees to leagues on the basis of **team places** in season 1965/66. The definition of team places will be found on page 34 of the E.T.T.A. handbook.

All County Associations are advised to take immediate steps to put forward an alteration to county rules for their next A.G.M. to amend their own county fees accordingly, thus ensuring that county fees are based on team places in season 1965/66.

The E.T.T.A. is not concerned with the amount collected by counties, which remains entirely at the discretion of each County Association, but merely with the method of assessment which, on the recommendation of the Development Commission, is to be uniform throughout England.

Counties are also advised to consider if they would like to collect E.T.T.A. fees on behalf of the E.T.T.A. from leagues, in season 1965/66. Kent County have been collecting E.T.T.A. fees in their County area this season, as an experiment, and this appears to have been well received by leagues concerned, as it has saved leagues a certain amount of administrative work. Any County Association may offer to collect E.T.T.A. fees next season, subject only to the formal approval of the National Council.

Counties intending to offer to provide this service, should advise the E.T.T.A. office as soon as such decision is taken.

Team Selections:

v **Czechoslovakia (Women)** at Tottenham Municipal Hall January 16, 1965. M. Shannon (Surrey), D. Rowe (Middx.), L. Bell (Essex). Non-playing Captain, R. J. Crayden (Surrey).

v **Czechoslovakia (Men)**, Totten-

ham Municipal Hall January 16, 1965. G. C. Barnes (Essex), D. Neale (Yorks.) Non-playing Captain, J. A. Leach (Essex).

U.S.S.R. Championships, Moscow January 22-29, 1965: G. C. Barnes (Essex), D. Neale (Yorks.), M. Symonds (Lancs.), Miss M. Shannon (Surrey), Miss D. Rowe (Middx.). Non-playing Captain L. Adams (Middx.).

Czechoslovakia Open, Prague, February 1-3, 1965. G. C. Barnes (Essex), D. Neale (Yorks.), M. Symonds (Lancs.), Miss M. Shannon (Surrey), Miss D. Rowe (Middx.). Non-playing captain, L. Adams (Middx.).

World Championships: The following players have been selected to form an international squad from which the final team of four men and three women will be chosen for the World Championships at Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, April 15-25, 1965: G. C. Barnes (Essex), D. Neale (Yorks.), B. D. Wright (Middx.), I. O. Harrison (Glouc.), B. R. Merrett (Glouc.), M. Symonds (Lancs.), S. Gibbs (Essex), C. Warren (Surrey), Miss M. Shannon (Surrey), Miss D. Rowe (Middx.), Miss L. Bell (Essex), Miss I. Ogus (Middx.), Mrs. J. McCree (Essex). Non-playing captains: R. J. Crayden (Surrey) and J. A. Leach (Essex).

Quadrangular Tournament v Ireland, Scotland and Wales, Milford Haven, February 12-13, G. C. Barnes (Essex), D. Neale (Yorks.), B. R. Merrett (Glouc.), Miss D. Rowe (Middx.), Mrs. R. J. McCree (Essex). Non-playing Captain, R. J. McCree (Surrey).

West German Open, Frankfurt February 27-28: G. C. Barnes (Essex), D. Neale (Yorks.) Miss M. Shannon (Surrey), Miss D. Rowe (Middx.). Non-playing captain: R. J. Crayden (Surrey).

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