

GEORGE YATES REPORTS FROM LYON

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Singles DRAGUTIN SURBEK (Yugoslavia)	Women's Singles ILONA VOSTOVA (Czechoslovakia)
Men's Doubles ANTON STIPANCIC EDVARD VECKO (Yugoslavia)	Women's Doubles JITKA KARLIKOVA MARTA LUZOVA (Czechoslovakia)
Mixed Doubles STANISLAV GOMOZKOV and ZOYA RUDNOVA (Soviet Union)	
Men's Team SWEDEN	Women's Team WEST GERMANY

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ILONA—CHAMPION AT 14!

IN conditions better suited to the cultivation of orchids, the Sixth European Championships held in the Palais des Sports, Lyon, France from April 17-24, really did produce a rare species in the form of a 14-year-old winner of the women's singles event.

Ilona Vostova by name, a Czech whose fourteenth birthday only occurred on April 9, was the young lady in question and none could have been more proud of her remarkable achievement than her captain Ivan Andreadis.

Half her six victims were from the Soviet Union and two, Svetlana Grinberg and Zoya Rudnova, each went the distance of five games before bowing the knee to the fair-haired heroine from Prague, joint-ranked, with East Germany's Doris Hovestadt, at No. 15 in the European classifications.

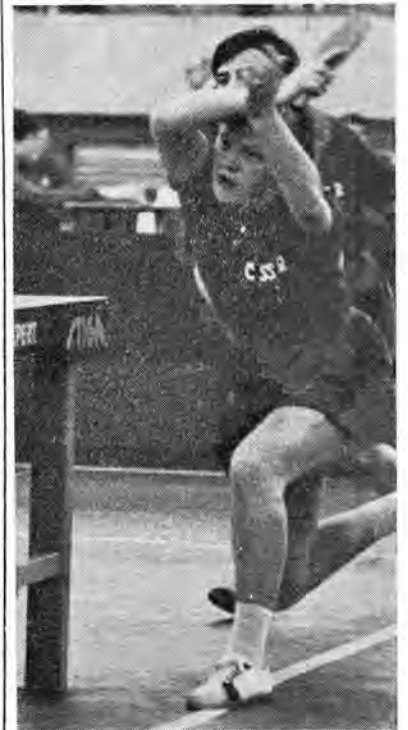
Rumanian holder, Maria Alexandru, lost her grip when sensationally beaten in the second round by Josiane Detaille-Cornelis of Belgium who subsequently lost to Mirjana Resler of Yugoslavia—another Vostova victim.

Also from the lower order of the classified heirarchy came the men's singles winner in the person of Dragutin Surbek whose feats included the ousting of West Germany's "Ebby" Scholer, joint top seed with the Soviet's Stanislav Gomozkov.

Equal ranked at No. 10 with Anatoliy Amelin of the USSR, the powerfully built Yugoslav hit his way to victories over such opposition as Hungary's Matyas Beleznai and Hans Alser of Sweden whose chances were rated high in the heavy atmosphere which prevailed throughout the tournament.

ACE "CHOPPER"

Finally, it was the ace "chopper" Janos Borzsei, another Hungarian, who earlier had worn out holder



Ilona Vostova (Czechoslovakia) who won the Women's Singles title.

Photo: Denis Offer

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALSER TREBLE DOES THE TRICK

FROM a trailing 2-3 position against the Soviet Union, in the final of the European men's team championship at Lyon, on April 20, Sweden launched a comeback to take the next three sets to retain their hold on the Hungary Cup, winning it for the third successive time.

On this occasion they were indebted to Hans Alser who, having previously disposed of Gomozkov in straight games, beat both Sarkhojan and Amelin in the final gallop.

Perhaps fortunate to reach the final, Sarkhojan had pulled his team through with last set wins against West Germany and Yugoslavia when the match score had stood at 4-all.

Gomolla and Stipancic then held the fate of Russia in their hands but, with scores of 14, -11, 20 against the former and 16, -15, 17 against the latter, Sarkis Sarkhojan proved his worth in full measure.

The USSR v West Germany match had an unusual feature in

that with the score standing at 21-all in the second game between Amelin and Scholer, a dispute arose over the introduction of the expedite rule.

It was peculiarly resolved by a jury vote of 7-2 in favour of voiding the existing score and restarting the game at love-all!

REPEAT FINAL

The men's final was a repeat of that at Wembley, excepting that the score then was 5-2 in Sweden's favour. It was also an encore for the Soviet women but, unlike Wembley when Hungary beat them 3-1, in France it was West Germany's Agnes Simon and Edit Buchholz who wielded the "brush" 3-0 over Zoya Rudnova and Svetlana Grinberg.

It was England who came closest to beating the West German duo and practically off her own bat Mary Wright would have been responsible.

As it was, she lost a tense third game to Buchholz, at 15, after

Maureen Heppell had been ingloriously swamped by Simon. This took the Germans into a 2-0 lead, but England came back when first Mary, partnered by Karenza Smith, won the doubles and the Surrey star then accounted for Simon.

Still unnerved after her experience against Simon, Maureen again took a hammering from Buchholz which surrendered our chances of improving on No. 5 position.

Prior to this, against Hungary, Karenza had suffered in like manner to Maureen at the hands

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Message from the Chairman-Elect of The English Table Tennis Association

I WOULD like to thank all those who have supported me in the recent elections, for the confidence which they have shown in me, and I will do my very best to try to live up to this.

If English table tennis is to progress fast enough to keep pace with the developments now taking place in other countries, and if it is to reach its full potential, it is necessary that all players and officials within the ETTA work together for the common aim of improving the status of table tennis 'vis-à-vis' other sports in this country.

Although great difficulties have beset the ETTA in recent years, and although there have been disagreements and divisions which have harmed the image of our sport, nevertheless considerable progress has been made in many aspects of English table tennis. Very much more can be done if everyone pulls in the same direction, and I appeal to all who have the well-being of English table tennis at heart to make a real effort to help us to make the 1968/69 season into one during which English table tennis can progress in all its aspects.

I myself will always be glad to hear from any player or official, at any level of the game, who has views or criticisms, and I will deal personally with every approach that is made to me. The top management of the ETTA has tended to become too remote from the club and league level, and it is necessary for us to establish a much closer contact with players and officials at the local level. This is something that cannot be achieved in a matter of weeks or even months, but we must work towards the ideal of a fully integrated Association, in which the national officials understand the problems of local clubs and leagues, and in which the local players and administrators understand the problems with which we have to deal at national and international level.

Now that the elections are over, I hope that we shall all work together towards this aim of understanding each other's problems, towards a higher status for English table tennis at home, and finally, but by no means least, towards creating the conditions that will enable our top players to achieve bigger and bigger successes for England in international competitions.

CONRAD JASCHKE

ETTA Officer elections resulted in the elevation of Conrad Jaschke from the position of Deputy Chairman to that of Chairman, in succession to Ivor Eyles, and the deputy position going to Walter Mitton of Yorkshire.

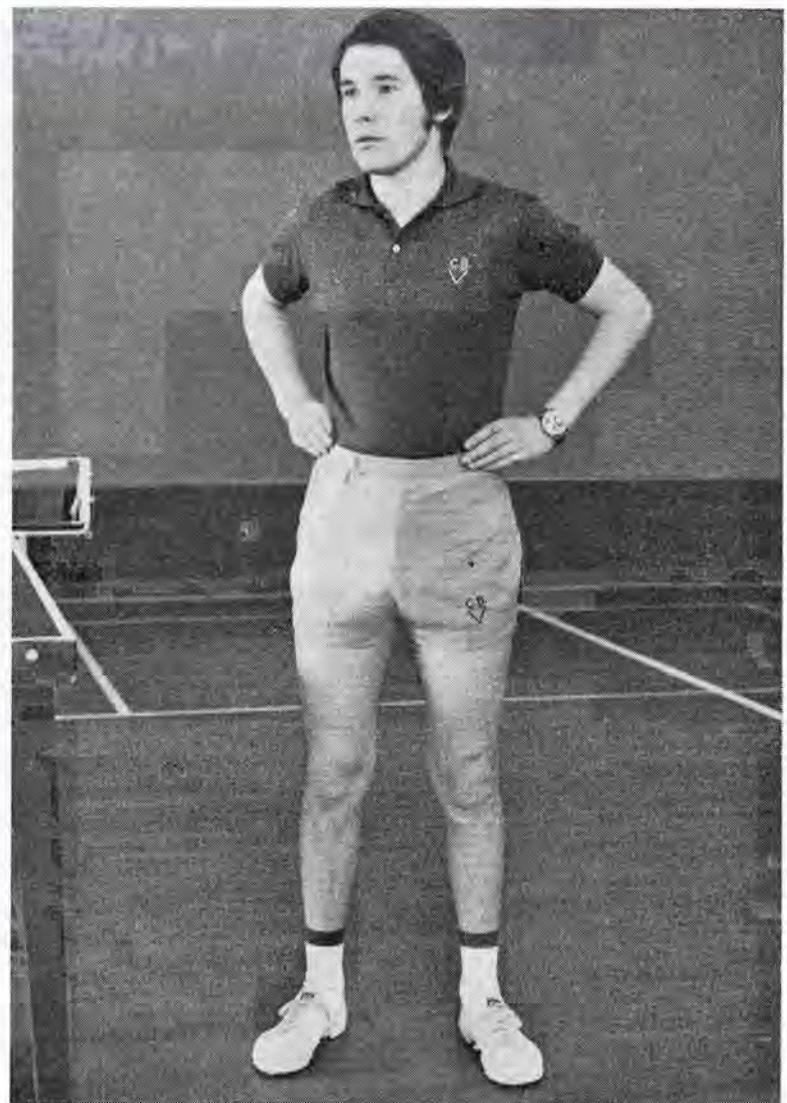
Tom Blunn was returned for yet another season as Hon. Treasurer in the new administration which will not become effective until after the A.G.M. to be held in London on July 6.

Subject to this meeting accepting the scrutineers' report, the voting figures, at this stage, cannot be published.

Both Walter Mitton and Tom Blunn thank all who supported them in the elections.

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"ALL PRESS"

AT a recent meeting of the E.T.T.A.'s newly formed Sponsorship and Publicity Sub-Committee, chaired by the National Councillor for Kent, Charles Wyles, much discussion took place on the subject of publicity. With the exception of the "Daily Telegraph" and, to a lesser degree, the "Daily Mail", the lack of it at national press level was deplored. But a ready appreciation of the space allowed Geoffrey Harrower in the "Telegraph" and Roy Moor in the "Mail" was unanimously acknowledged.

It was felt that the onus lay strictly with the membership itself who could well take it upon themselves, each and individually, to bemoan the lack of publicity by direct contact with the national Sports Editors.

In the meantime, however, it was further appreciated that provincial papers were doing an admirable job and that this medium could well be used to channel through matters of national consequence to the rank and file membership.

Accordingly it was resolved that all league secretaries be asked to furnish a copy of their own local paper carrying a table tennis column. The object of the exercise being to provide the local columnists with press handouts of a national character which could well be incorporated within the framework of local happenings.

If, in addition, the nationals, other than the aforementioned, could be persuaded to sit up and take notice by the far from fictitious membership of 170,000, then that not insubstantial number could be better catered for.

It is not so much the seamier side—though half a loaf is better than none—but hard news that is required and which has been so much lacking this season.

INTERNATIONAL ROUND-UP

By CONRAD JASCHKE

Deputy Chairman and Hon. International Secretary of the E.T.T.A.

JAPANESE TEAM INVITED TO VISIT ENGLAND

DURING the European Championships in Lyon, I had the opportunity for very cordial discussions with Mr. Minami Yoshida, who is the Manager of the International and Coaching Divisions of the Japan Table Tennis Association. We agreed in principle that a Japanese team should visit England immediately after the World Championships in Munich, in early May, 1969.

When the Japanese team visited here in 1965, the matches in which they played aroused great interest, and since then, the Japanese players have captured nearly all the world titles at Stockholm, and they can expect a great welcome from the British sporting public.

TIGERMAN ENGAGED FOR FOUR YEARS

The Netherlands T.T.A. are so satisfied with the efforts of their new trainer, Dusan Tigerman, that they have now offered him a four-year contract.

At the recent Netherlands Closed Championships, the singles finals resulted as follows:—

Van der Helm beat Frans Schoofs 11, 11, 9.

Mary van Ruiten beat Ria Bogmans 18, 19, 13.

RANKING LISTS

Japan—Men: 1 Itoh, 2, Hasegawa, 3 Kuona, 4 Kimura, 5 Nishii, 6 Maede, 7 Takahashi, 8 Kawahara, 9 Tasaka, 10 Kagimoto. Women: 1 Ozeki, 2 Morisawa, 3 Shimizu, 4 Fukuno, 5 Fujiwara, 6 Hamada, 7 Mashiyama, 8 Hirano, 9 Ineoue, 10 Ito.

U.S.A.—Men: 1 Klein, 2 Deschamps, 3 Tharaldson, 4 Hanna, 5 Radzeli, 6 Lee and Rushford, 8 Wilson, 9 Martinez and Ricevuto. Women: 1 Martinez, 2 Resek, 3 Neuberger, 4 Sweeris, 5 Kaminsky, 6 Williams, 7 Shahian, 8 Angelinetta, 9 Martin, 10 Evans.

Hungary—Men: 1 Beleznai, 2 Börzsei, 3 Harangi, 4 Rozsas, 5 Pigniczky, 6 Jonyer, 7 Fahazi, 8 T. Papp, 9 Kodsis, 10 Harcsar. Women: 1 Kishazi, 2 Furiu, 3 A. Papp, 4 Maklari, 5 Koczian, 6 Poor, 7 Lukacs, 8 Voros, 9 Izso, 10 Csöke.

NEW HUNGARIAN CHAMPION

In the recent Hungarian National Closed Championships, 17-year-old Istvan Jonyer became the new champion. Jonyer is a student at a technical school, and he is a product of the intensive work going on in Hungary to produce good new players. He employs a modern attacking style, and already has to his credit wins over Schöler and Giurgiuca.

In the same championships, 21-year-old Beatrix Kishazi became the new women's champion.

Editor's Postbag

Homework Not Done

IT is not my usual policy to defend team selections as these are always done with the best interests of the Association in mind and after very careful consideration. However, a point raised by your watchdog "Ombudsman", in last month's issue must be defended.

The "Ombudsman's" legal assistants have not done their homework. The question posed was, did the selectors take Ian Harrison's performance in the Middlesex Open into account in choosing the team for Rumania? The answer is of course, no, they did not, for the simple reason that the team for Rumania had been chosen before the Middlesex Open commenced.

Ian Harrison's performance in the English Closed was likewise ignored because it was a month after the team had been chosen.

Ian's performances have not been overlooked, however, and he was chosen for the premier event of the season, the European Championships and also for the European League match against U.S.S.R.

Incidentally, these selections have been criticised in certain quarters and no doubt "Ombudsman" will be kept very busy, but please waken up the legal minds, then this new venture in your columns will serve a useful purpose.

TOM BLUNN,
Chairman National
Selection Committee

Easy in Vreden

RE the setting up of an alleged endurance record by eight players in the German town of Vreden (*Table Tennis News*, February). As far as I know, the

attempt was completely unofficial and done to suit themselves. Let me illustrate.

(a) When I first came across the record, it was 36 hours set up by a three-man team playing one hour—A v B, A v C, B v C and so on.

Just before we made the attempt the record was pushed up to 40 hours, and so we did 42, using the scheme above.

(b) Since that time, the organisation has gone haywire, and the next attempt (48 hours) was played in half-hourly sessions with the same pattern as in (a).

I think this method a little easier because in the method outlined in a), the players play two hours without a break as against one hour in (b).

(c) Four-man teams were tried with first hour A v B, second C v D, third A v D, fourth B v C, fifth A v C, and sixth B v D, and so on. Then came the German eight-man team with each member only playing for 51 hours spread over 11 days. When we did it, each played 28 hours spread over 42 hours.

Obviously, the Germans had it very easy compared with the original idea. But, if anything is organised as per the challenge of Brian Worts, I would suggest, from personal experience, that a medical test before the event be a must. Endurance tests of this nature could have long term effects on the health.

During play there should be plenty of people about (talk breaks the monotony), a first-aid man (muscle fatigue, cramp, etc.), caterers, scorers and sleeping quarters.

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HASEGAWA MAGNIFICENT at SEAPATT writes Dennis Tucker

THE inaugural South-East Asia and Pacific Area Championships in Melbourne, from April 8-15, proved a resounding success.

Japan, headed by world men's singles and mixed doubles champion Nobuhiko Hasegawa, scooped the pool in the men's events—annexing the International teams title, men's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles.

In a repeat performance of the Asian Championships in Singapore last year, the young Korean girls' team lost the International Team's title to Japan, but made amends in the individual events.

The four Korean girls reached the semi-finals of the women's

singles, after the sensational elimination of the Japanese women in the quarters, and fought out the final of the women's doubles.

Undoubtedly the star of the Championships was Hasegawa, who did not concede a game in his quest for the men's singles title, defeating Shigeo Itoh, the Japanese titleholder, in the final.

Itoh, superbly fit, combined with Hasegawa to win the men's teams title and the men's open doubles, and with Mieko Fukono won the open doubles. However, he was no match for his brilliant countryman in the singles final.

Highlight of the final was the brilliant counter-hitting off powerful loop drives, with both players at times forced to the very extremes of the court.

Choi Jung Sook, No. 2 ranked in Asia 1967-68, displayed great talent to win the women's singles title from fellow Korean team member and Asian champion Yun Ki Sook in four games.

Miss Choi Jung Sook was the best of the Korean girls for the Championships and was the logical winner once the Japanese were eliminated. Her clever attacking style and lightning reflexes were too much for Miss Yun, whose game is based on an excellent shakehand grip defence with a surprise backhand kill shot.

17-year-old Miss Choi Hwan Hwan, conqueror of world champion Sachiko Morisawa at the 1967 Asian Championships, once again caused the upset of the titles by defeating Japanese champion Yukie Ozeki in a five-game quarter-final.

Miss Ozeki was hot favourite to take the women's title after her undefeated run in the teams events, where she beat Choi Jung Sook twice and Choi Hwan Hwan and Yun Ki Sook each once.

Choi Hwan Hwan impresses by her exuberance and great concentration which, when combined with speedy footwork and a crushing forehand attack, make her a formidable opponent.

The mixed doubles was the most exciting final with Itoh/Fukono (J.) picking up from an almost impossible deficit of 7-14 and 10-16 in the fifth to defeat the Korean pair Kim Chung Yong and Choi Jung Sook at 21-18.

Miss Fukono was the star of this encounter as they would have lost in four games had she not hit six consecutive forehand kill shots

from difficult returns, late in the fourth game.

Hasegawa and Itoh were untroubled to win the men's doubles final from Kim Chang Yong and Kim Eun Tae with a splendid display of mutual understanding and grim determination.

Yun Ki Sook and Kim In Ok surprised with a four-game win in the women's doubles final over the Choi sisters, who had twice beaten the top Japanese pair.

Summary of International Team Matches:

Men—

Japan were unbeaten in the series and did not lose a rubber. Korea was runner-up but although unbeaten by the other seven nations, was not in the same class as their world champion nation opponents.

The Philippines narrowly edged out Thailand for third place, on percentage, but Thailand were unlucky to finish fourth as they were easily the best nation against the Koreans and Japanese.

Australia put up a surprisingly good performance and finished in fifth place, after having an excellent chance of taking third place when they beat the Philippines 3-2.

Placings after the minor round: 1 Japan, 2 Korea, 3 The Philippines, 4 Thailand, 5 Australia, 6 Indonesia, 7 Singapore, 8 Malaysia, 9 New Zealand.

Semi-finals: Japan bt the Philippines 3-0; Korea bt Thailand 3-1.

FINAL: Japan bt Korea 3-0.

Women—

The Japanese women won all matches convincingly, with the loss of only one single and two doubles for the series. Both doubles were lost to the Korean girls Choi/Jung Sook and Choi Hwan Hwan, whilst the singles rubber was lost by their No. 3 girl Yasuko Konno to promising Australian girl Mary Cleaves.

Only six nations competed in the women's section and the final four comprised: 1 Japan, 2 Korea, 3 Malaysia, 4 Australia—with Singapore and New Zealand in fifth and sixth places.

Semi-finals: Japan bt Malaysia 3-0; Korea bt Australia 3-0.

FINAL: Japan bt Korea 3-1.

Results of individual events:—
Men's Singles—quarter-finals: Hasegawa (J.) bt H. Susauto (Indonesia) 14, 22, 15; Ju Chang Suk

(Korea) bt Lee Mun Chew (Malaysia) 11, 8, 15; Itoh (J.) bt P. Adjaya (Indo.) 10, 15, 12; Kim Chung Yong (K.) bt R. Domingo (Phil.) 14, 21, 13.

Semi-finals: HASEGAWA bt Ju Chang Suk 14, 12, 10; ITOH bt Kim Chung Yong 19, 18, -17, 19.

Finals: HASEGAWA bt Itoh 19, 16, 20.

Women's Singles—quarter-finals: Yun Ki Sook bt J. Brown (Aust.) 13, 12, 13; Kim In Ok (K.) bt M. Fukono (J.) 15, -14, 16, 17; Choi Jung Sook (K.) bt Y. Konno (J.) 16, 18, 15; Choi Hwan Hwan (K.) bt Y. Ozeki (J.) -18, 9, 17, -19, 11.

Semi-finals: YUN KI SOOK bt Kim In Ok 20, -16, 18, 15; CHOI JUNG SOOK bt Choi Hwan Hwan 18, -19, 18, 17.

Final: CHOI JUNG SOOK bt Yun Ki Sook 10, 18, -12, 16.

Men's Doubles—quarter-finals: Hasegawa/Itoh bt Susauto/Wuisan (Indo.) 11, 13, 16; P. Pradit/W. Chayanond (Thail.) bt P. Anderson/P. Powell (Aust.) 17, 7, 17; P. Adjaya/Ju Chang Suk bt Lee Mun Chew/Seong Poh Wah (Mal.) 14, -17, -21, 15, 17; Kim Chang/Kim Eun Tae bt M. Wilcox/M. Thomson 17, 16, 16.

Semi-finals: HASEGAWA/ITOH bt Pradit/Chayaron 14, 7, 7; KIM CHANG YONG/KIM EUN TAE bt Adjaya/Ju Chang Suk 19, 11, 16.

Final: HASEGAWA/ITOH bt Kim Chang Yong/Kim Eun Tae 16, 11, 13.

Women's Doubles—quarter-finals: Fukono/Konno bt Tan Kek Hiang/Peck Nooki Hway (Sing.) 12, 11, 15; Yun Ki Sook/Kim In Ok (K.) bt J. Brown/M. Ro'ston (N.Z.) 6, 16, 16; Tan Sok Hong/Cheung Suk Foong bt L. Gilbert/M. Cleaves (Aust.) 18, 17, -19, 15; Choi Jung Sook/Choi Hwan Hwan (K.) bt C. Tadema/D. Wade 13, 7, 3.

Semi-finals: YUN KI SOOK/KIM IN OK bt Fukono/Konno -9, 17, 19, 21; CHOI JUNG SOOK/CHOI HWAN HWAN bt Tan Sok Hong/Cheung Suk Foong 15, 20, 11.

Final: YUN KI SOOK/KIM IN OK bt Choi Jung Sook/Choi Hwan Hwan 16, 21, -20, 18.

Mixed Doubles—quarter-finals: Hasegawa/Y. Konno bt Kim Eun Tae/Kim In Ok (K.) -18, 13, 15, 14; Kim Chung Yong/Choi Jung Sook bt T. Quinn/J. Brown (N.Z.) 14, 14, 17; Ju Chang Suk/Choi Hwan Hwan bt Tan Khoon Hong/Tan Kek Hiang 10, -17, 16, 12; S. Ito/Fukono bt Adjaya/Yoon Ki Sook 17, 10, -16, 12.

Semi-finals: KIM CHUNG YONG/CHOI JUNG SOOK bt Hasegawa/Konno -20, -17, 13, 19, 17; ITO/FUKONO bt Ju Chang Suk/Choi Hwan Hwan 11, 20, 9.

Final: ITOH/FUKONO bt Kim Chung Yong/Choi Jung Sook 14, -18, -18, 14, 18.



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'Connie' & Mary Recover Form

SMARTING from their relegation defeat of the night before, Surrey players "Connie" Warren and Mary Wright took the main singles titles in the Stevenage Open. Harrison, who had earlier played very well, was outplayed by Warren. Karenza Smith reached the final and might easily have beaten Mary in the very close third game.

Trevor Taylor lost to Warren but won the Boys' event, his twelfth of the season.

Men's Singles—semi-finals: C. WARREN (Surrey) bt R. Stevens (Essex) -20, 12, 15; I. HARRISON (Gloucs) bt B. Wright (Middx) 15, 12.

Final: WARREN bt Harrison 13, -19, 16.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: M. WRIGHT (Surrey) bt J. Billington (Berks) 17, 20; K. SMITH (Middx) bt J. Williams (Sussex) 15, 12.

Final: WRIGHT bt Smith 19, -17, 21.

Men's Doubles—semi-finals: STEVENS/WRIGHT bt J. Bender/B. Petch (Middx) -19, 19, 12; D. BROWN/D. JOHNSON (Essex) bt M. Johns (Ches)/R. Penfold (Surrey) 13, -19, 19.

Final: STEVENS/WRIGHT bt Brown/Johnson 11, -16, 10.

Women's Doubles—semi-finals: SMITH/WRIGHT bt J. Shirley (Bucks)/M. Walker (Middx) -21, 16, 15; S. HESSION/WILLIAMS bt E. Carrington (Essex)/Billington -25, 17, 22.

Final: SMITH / WRIGHT bt Hesson/Williams 17, 18.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: WRIGHT/SHIRLEY bt Warren/Wright 13, -19, 19; HARRISON/A. TAFT (Middx) bt M. Johns (Ches)/Smith 16, -16, 16.

Final: WRIGHT/SHIRLEY bt Harrison/Taft -17, 8, 15.

SUSSEX JUNIOR OPEN

Susan & Robin—Three Each

YOUNG Susan Howard from Surrey showed that she should be in the reckoning for the England Junior team next year when she won the U-15 and U-17 girls' singles. Younger sister Linda made it three with the U.13 girls' singles and between them they got the U-15 doubles.

Robin Napper won his first Junior Open in a wonderful final with Barry Grimwade who was in his first Open final. These two gave a fine exhibition of table tennis. Robin went on to win the boys' doubles with Michael Wald and the Mixed with Paula Brenchley, who played better than ever before getting to the girls' singles final also.

U-17 B.S.—semi-finals: R. NAPPER (Bucks) bt I. Horsham (Essex) 19, 17; B. GRIMWADE (Kent) bt C. Shetler (Hants) 12, 17.

Final: NAPPER bt Grimwade -12, 19, 23.

G.S.—semi-finals: S. HOWARD (Surrey) bt P. Kemp (Sussex) 17, 14; P. BRENCHLEY (Kent) bt S. Goldsmith (Surrey) 19, -19, 18.

Final: HOWARD bt Brenchley 18, 24.

B.D.—final: NAPPER/M. WALD (Bucks) bt K. Summerfield/S. Tannahill (Hants) 15, 13.

G.D.—final: BRENCHLEY/L. CHESSON (Kent) bt Goldsmith/Howard -22, 12, 22.

X.D.—final: NAPPER / BRENCHLEY bt Grimwade / Chesson 16, -19, 17.

U-15: B.S.—semi-finals: HORSHAM bt J. Potheary (Hants) 16, 13; TANNAHILL bt P. Bishop (Surrey) 16, 13.

Final: HORSHAM bt Tannahill 16, 13.

G.S.—semi-finals: HOWARD bt B. McGrorty (Kent) 18, 19; BRENCHLEY bt S. Pacitto (Bucks) 13, 15.

Final: HOWARD bt Brenchley 15, 22.

B.D.—final: M. HARPER (Herts)/G. SWEENEY (Essex) bt G. Powell/P. Endersby (Kent) -21, 7, 15.

G.D.—final: HOWARD / L. HOWARD (Surrey) bt H. Wesley/S. Beckwith (Essex) 19, 19.

U.13: B.S.—semi-finals: HORSHAM bt J. Avery (Sussex) 15, 19; ENDERSBY bt Silverthorpe (Middx) 16, 9.

Final: HORSHAM bt Endersby 12, -18, 12.

G.S.—semi-finals: L. HOWARD bt C. Smith (Berks) 17, 16; P. CLEMETT (Hants) bt G. Macrae (Surrey) 17, 17.

Final: HOWARD bt Clemett 15, 12.

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: T. TAYLOR (Herts) bt P. Taylor (Herts) 4, 6; M. WALD (Bucks) bt A. Holdsworth (Leics) -19, 14, 7.

Final: TAYLOR bt Wald 13, 10.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: SHIRLEY bt C. Mann (Middx) 20, 15; C. DALE (Essex) bt A. Reidy (Bucks) 12, 13.

Final: SHIRLEY bt Dale 7, 15.

Veteran Singles—semi-finals: L. HOFFMAN (Middx) bt V. Tiplady (Cambs) 7, -16, 11; D. BLAGOJEVITCH (Essex) bt R. Gillard (Beds) 13, -19, 10.

Final: HOFFMAN bt Blagojevitch 18, 16.

SLOUGH JUNIOR OPEN

Top Seeds Win

BOTH Jill Shirley and Tony Clayton won the two main events in good style without the loss of a game. The big surprise was young Simon Heaps, 12-year-old, who beat Alan Fletcher, No. 6 Boy in England in both U-15 and U-17 events.

He added the U-15 title to his U-13 and reached the semi of the U-17. Young Peter Taylor beat No. 7 Tony Boasman in the U-15 to play Heaps in the final but Boasman gained his revenge in the U-17's but was then unable to hit through Hants No. 4 Jacobs who had given the same treatment to No. 10 Michael Wald.

Susan Howard impressed greatly in winning the U-15 Girls' and giving Jill Shirley a good game in the senior event.

Results:

Under-11: B.S.—semi-finals: J. AVERY (Sussex) bt B. Matthews (Bucks) 14, 10; K. JAMES (Devon) bt R. Prosser (Beds) 10, 17.

Final: AVERY bt James 20, 18.

G.S.—semi-finals: J. WALKER (Yorks) bt C. Randall (Derbys) 8, 16; L. CROSSWELL (Kent) bt P. Gouge (Kent) -15, 13, 13.

Final: WALKER bt Crosswell 13, -19, 19.

London Banks Championships
By Tony Catherall

FOURTH TITLE FOR ANN

STEVE HILL (National Provincial and Kent) beat Alec Watson (Lloyds and Bucks) in the final of the London Banks individual finals on April 17. After continuous defensive play by both players the expedite rule was brought in during the second game and Hill proved to be the better attacking player.

Miss Ann Fearnley won the ladies' singles title again (four times out of the last five finals). **Results:—**

Men's Singles: S. HILL bt A. Watson 21, 20, 12.

Women's Singles: A. FEARNLEY (Midland) bt S. Warn (Schroder Wagg) 14, -14, 18, 15.

Men's Doubles: J. BAXTER (Lloyds)/WATSON bt A. Fear (Nat. Prov.)/Hill 14, 11, 11.

Women's Doubles: FEARNLEY/P. WOOLLASTON (Midland) bt D. Barnett/J. Harrison (S.B.W.A.) 13, 15.

Mixed Doubles: R. WITHEY (Midland)/FEARNLEY bt M. Wilson/S. Page (Hoare & Co.) 16, 16.

Junior Boys' Singles: P. EARL (Westminster) bt D. Wood (Hill Samuel) 6, 9.

Junior Girls' Singles: S. WATSON (Westminster) bt M. Thompson (Midland) 20, 18.

Veteran Singles: J. GREEN (Schroder Wagg) bt M. Prentice (C.T.R.B.A.) 20, 22.

Restricted Singles: A. WHITE (C.T.R.B.A.) bt R. Moore (Nat. Prov.) 21, 10.

London Breweries Championships

MORE "COURAGE" NEEDED

Held at Whitbread's Clubrooms on April 18, the individual championships of the table tennis section of the London Breweries' Amateur Sports Association resulted in a clean sweep for the host club. **Results:—**

Men's Singles: A. Campbell (Whitbread) bt C. Collings (Whitbread) 19, 18.

Women's Singles: Miss D. Head (Whitbread) bt Miss J. Wilson (Whitbread) 21, 13.

Veterans' Singles: S. Bruce (Whitbread) bt A. Yates (Courage) 12, 10.

Men's Doubles: Campbell / F. Jackson (Whitbread) bt Collings/E. Williams (Whitbread) 11, -19, 16.

Mixed Doubles: Campbell/Miss Wilson bt Collings/Miss Head 11, 22.

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BUCKS OPEN

Rare Defeat for Mary

IAN Harrison once again won the Bucks Open men's singles with excellent win over Trevor Taylor, who was not allowed to reproduce

GWENT OPEN

Warren Again—Treble for Judy

ANOTHER successful tournament with a first-class entry. Judy Williams was in excellent form and captured the W.S., W.D. and X.D. titles. Several surprises were in store for in the women's singles, Mrs.

Meryl Massey (Bristol) beat Sheila Hession in the quarters whilst Mrs. E. Hall (Weston) beat Marjorie Walker in the third round.

In the women's doubles, Sandra Pickering and Margaret Phillips (Wales) brilliantly beat Diane Simpson and Judy Heaps in the semis whilst in the men's singles D. James (Plymouth), the winner of the boys' event, did well to beat E. Coster in Round 3. George Evans also caused a surprise by ousting Derek Schofield in the quarters.

Brian Wright and "Connie" Warren lost in the quarters of the men's doubles to E. Hall (Bristol) and R. Philpott (Weston). **Results:—**

Men's Singles—semi-finals: B. WRIGHT (Middx) bt A. Cornish (Kent) 11, 18; C. WARREN (Surrey) bt S. Ogundipe (Sussex) 16, -15, 14.

Final: WARREN bt Wright 16, 15.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: J. WILLIAMS (Sussex) bt D. Simpson (Essex) 15, 14; J. HEAPS (Ches) bt M. Massey (Gloucs) 9, 13.

Final: WILLIAMS bt Heaps -16, 17, 11.

Men's Doubles—semi-finals: G. EVANS (Wales)/G. GEAR (Somerset) bt E. Hall (Gloucs)/R. Philpott (Somerset) 12, 11; OGUNDIPE/D. SCHOFIELD (Ches) bt P. Beck/E. Coster (Herts) 16, 13.

Final: EVANS/GEAR bt Ogundipe/Schofield -10, 16, 19.

Women's Doubles—semi-finals: S. HESSION (Essex)/WILLIAMS bt E. Gray/G. Jones (Wales) 18, 12; M. PHILLIPS/S. PICKERING (Wales) bt Heaps/Simpson 16, 15.

Final: HESSION/WILLIAMS bt Phillips/Pickering 16, 15.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: OGUNDIPE/WILLIAMS bt Warren/Hession -20, 16, 12; WRIGHT/M. WALKER (Middx) bt Coster/Simpson 17, -18, 15.

Final: OGUNDIPE/WILLIAMS bt Wright/Walker 22, -16, 14.

Boys' Singles—semi-finals: D. JAMES (Devon) bt I. Chappell (Swansea) 14, 15; J. NEALE (Swansea) bt C. Evans (Tredegar) 4, -11, 15.

Final: JAMES bt Neale 9, 17.

Girls' Singles—final: L. JONES (Merthyr) bt R. Bryant 11, 12.

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Landslide in Luxembourg

Writes Ron Crayden

AFTER the rigours of a European or World Championship, very few teams look forward to playing again in a further tournament, for invariably it brings an unpredictable reaction and many topsy-turvy results.

Thus it was with England's team of Neale, Gibbs and Hydes who had fought so hard and well in the European. They travelled straight from Lyon to the delightful

town of Ettelbruch in Luxembourg and could finish no higher than fourth in a six-nation team championship.

Yugoslavia (Korpa, Vecko and Stipancic) simply overran all their opponents, beating Czechoslovakia 5-2 in the final.

England beat Luxembourg 5-0, lost to their old stumbling block Czechoslovakia 5-3, despite a sterling performance by Denis Neale and then calamity! calamity! crashed to a lowly ranked German team 5-4. Final placings:

- (1) YUGOSLAVIA, (2) Czechoslovakia, (3) West Germany, (4) England, (5) Belgium, (6) Luxembourg.

✓ Luxembourg (won 5-0)

Neale bt Welter 4, 11; bt Frisch 13, 14.

Hydes bt Welter 12, 9; bt Krecke 13, 11.

Gibbs bt Krecke 14, 10.

✓ Czechoslovakia (lost 3-5)

Neale bt Kollarovits 9, 20; bt Kunz 18, 14; bt Dvorak -18, 13, 15.

Gibbs lost to Kollarovits -15, -12; lost to Kunz -17, -17; lost to Dvorak -19, -11.

Hydes lost to Kollarovits -15, -12; lost to Kunz 20, -14, -19.

✓ West Germany (lost 4-5)

Neale bt Solka 13, 8; bt Scholl 15, 10; lost to Russy -18, -27.

Gibbs bt Solka 14, -6, 15; bt Scholl 17, 20; lost to Russy -21, -17.

Hydes lost to Solka -16, 18, -13; lost to Scholl -14, -18; lost to Russy -18, -15.

'VIVA THE SUMMER'

Says A. A. Wall

WHAT must surely be one of the largest, if not the largest Summer Leagues in the country is that wherein the WEST BROMWICH ASSOCIATION last year threw open its doors to any club in the Black Country, whose own Association was not operating a Summer League. So overwhelming was the response, that this year, with the co-operation and consent of the local leagues, an entry form was sent to all the major leagues, Wol-

Again the response was frightening. Twelve divisions of eight teams each, giving 14 continuous weeks of play before the holidays start to interfere. The Mayor of Warley's Charity (Handicap) Cup is also competed for, in which clubs pay whatever fee they wish if they want to enter. It is surprising how generous they really are.

Aftermath of Umpiring Incident

AT their meeting in February, the National Council discussed the umpiring incident which took place at the Sussex Open. Following the discussion it was stated that the National Council very much regretted the incident and asked that it be placed on record that they have every faith in Mrs. Pat Archdale as a National Umpire.

Furthermore, whilst appreciating that under I.T.T.F. Regulations the Referee has the power to replace an Umpire if he feels it necessary to do so, the NURC have been asked to prepare an amendment which will make it necessary for the Referee to make a statement to the Umpire and the public giving reasons for the replacement.

It is hoped that this statement will now clear the matter.

BROMLEY CLOSED

In the men's events, the eclipse of Ron Etheridge and Len Cooper (Sedgehill) arrived after many years of supremacy, Etheridge losing in the fifth round to Derek Corbett (Downham) 18-21, 20-22, and Len Cooper losing in the quarter-final to Club-mate Terry Farlie, 21-18, 18-21.

In one of the best men's finals for many years, it became a case of the player to take an early lead who won the game, and thus it was that Barry Hill beat Steve Hill 21-11, 13-21, 21-13, so adding the Bromley title to his recent win in the Beckenham Closed.

In the men's doubles, the pairing of Derek Corbett and Barry Meisel lashed their way past the long-reigning holders, Etheridge and Cooper, to earn a place in the final against Barry Hill and Clive Morris (United Services) only to lose after a fiery opening game, 21-18, 17-21, 11-21.

The women's singles title was regained by Christine Basden, beating her sister Janet Carter (both Blackheath Wanderers) 21-14, 21-19, and these two combined to take the women's doubles title with a win over Ann Mitchell and Barbara Owen (Bromley L.T.C.) 21-14, 21-11. The two sisters were again involved in the mixed doubles, Christine partnering Steve Hill, and by a win over Janet and Clive Morris (United Services) in the final 22-20, 21-19, Christine completed the treble for the third time in four years.

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IRISH CORNER by Kevin Drum

AMONG the visitors to Ireland over the Easter Holiday was the Swansea and District League team led by Stuart Davies. Their Senior team lost 6-9 to a Dublin Select side but their Juniors, with Welsh international Jim Grey starring, had a compensating 12-10 victory.

The team then travelled to Cork for the opening of the "Welsh Club" and played two further matches there, winning both.

The finals of the Co. Antrim Open were run off on a round robin basis and ended in a win for Scotland's Malcolm Sugden with Jim Langan filling the runner-up position in front of the two English entries "Les" Haslam and "Connie" Warren. Ireland's top two players, Joan Fitzsimons and Jim Langan won the singles titles in the Co. Kildare Open.

Jersey Championships

Men's Singles: J. TURNER (Pegasus) bt K. Eloury (Pegasus) 16, 19.

Women's Singles: Miss C. ABRAHAM (Priority) bt Miss J. Bush -21, 10, 17, 16.

Men's Doubles: ELOURY/TURNER bt E. Buckley (C.C.C.)/H. Carver (St. Helier) 11, 17, 19.

Women's Doubles: Miss E. BULMAN (St. Helier)/Mrs. M. SAMSON (Aquila) bt Miss Egan (Optimists)/Miss A. Paisnel (Priority) 18, 18, 10.

Mixed Doubles: B. WYKES (St. Helier)/Miss BULMAN bt Buckley/Miss P. Moody (C.C.C.) -19, 18, 16, 13.

Boys' Singles: C. HANSFORD (St. Helier) bt B. Gallichan (St. Helier) 12, 8, 13.

Girls' Singles: Miss J. CORFIELD (Pegasus) bt Miss Abrahams -14, 18, 13, 11.

Veteran Singles: R. Le SUEUR bt L. Simon (C.C.C.) -18, 19, 13, -16, 18.

-15: GALLICHAN bt M. Viney (St. Helier) 14, 13.

Far East Inter-Services Team Championships

THE second Inter-Services men's team championships and the first women's team championships were played at RAF Seletar, Singapore over three days.

Both the Army (5-2) and the RAF (6-3) took toll of the Navy and the deciding match proved a triumph for the RAF who, substituting FS John Lloyd for Sgt Dave James, ran out 5-1 winners.

The skill of Army champion Capt. F. Harlow gave her team the women's title with 5-4 victories over both the Far East Air Forces and the Far East Fleet.

Results:

Men's team—1 RAF, 2 Army, 3 Navy.

Women's team—1 Army, 2 Navy, 3 RAF.

CAMBS. & ISLE OF ELY OPEN

by Leslie Constable

Ovation for M.C.D. Final

Prior to the finals, there were quite a number of sets worth watching particularly in the men's singles event. To reach the semis, David Brown (holder) disposed of "Connie" Warren but was then well beaten by Trevor Taylor.

Up to meeting Bobby Stevens, No. 1 seed Denis Neale had it comfortable but was extended by the Essex player who seems to have taken on a new lease of life.

Neale had no trouble with Taylor in the final tucking the youngster "into bed" in nine minutes flat although the Herts star did better in his second game.

Jill Shirley had a good day being successful in the women's singles, girls' singles and mixed.

The final of the men's doubles was the finest set of the evening

and produced some fantastic acrobatic play

This set had the crowd in happy mood and this sort of table tennis will bring them back with a bang! Neale, Brian Wright, Alan Hydes and Stevens certainly got a great ovation.

Taylor had no trouble in beating Steve Smith in the junior boys' final but the Essex boy is going to be a "force."

Pat Dainty was prominent in the women's doubles and partnered by Betty Cassell only got "pipped" by Judy Williams and Shelagh Hession after a close third game.

Men's Singles—semi-finals: D. NEALE (Yorks) bt R. Stevens (Essex) 16, -16, 14; T. TAYLOR (Herts) bt D. Brown (Essex) -21, 18, 9.
Final: NEALE bt Taylor 6, 16.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: D. SIMPSON (Essex) bt P. Dainty (Yorks) 20, -21, 18; J. SHIRLEY (Bucks) bt J. Williams (Sussex) 19, 19.
Final: SHIRLEY bt Simpson 19, 18.

Men's Doubles—semi-finals: STEVENS/B. WRIGHT (Middx) bt J. Bender/B. Petch (Middx) 25, 7; A. HYDES (Yorks)/NEALE bt G. Golding (Kent)/S. Ogunidipe (Sussex) 15, 12.

Final: HYDES/NEALE bt Stevens/Wright 14, -27, 18.

Women's Doubles—semi-finals: S. HESSION (Essex)/WILLIAMS bt C. Mann (Middx)/Simpson 16, 12; DAINTY/B. CASSELL (Norfolk) bt Shirley/M. Walker (Middx) -18, 11, 21.

Final: HESSION/WILLIAMS bt Cassell/Dainty -18, 11, 21.

Mixed Doubles—semi-finals: NEALE/HESSION bt Hydes/Dainty -20, 20, 13; WRIGHT/SHIRLEY bt P. Williams (Sussex)/Walker -17, 16, 18.

Final: WRIGHT/SHIRLEY bt Neale/Hession 18, 19.

Junior Boys—semi-finals: S. SMITH (Essex) bt P. Taylor (Herts) 14, -13, 11; T. TAYLOR bt K. Muhr (Cambs) 15, 17.

Final: TAYLOR bt Smith 18, 6.

Junior Girls—semi-finals: SHIRLEY bt M. Maxfield (Hunts) 12, 5; MANN bt D. Maxfield (Hunts) 16, 13.

Final: SHIRLEY bt Mann 12, -17, 11.

NATIONAL COACHING & SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Major Developments

SOON to relinquish his Chairmanship of the National Coaching and Schools Committee, Conrad Jaschke can look back on his three-year stint in office with a degree of pride at the developments achieved.

Season 1965-66

This season coincided with the organisation of the European Championships which severely restricted the time available both of the Chairman and the Director of Coaching, Jack Carrington. However, an important new development at the end of the season was the appointment of Peter Simpson as E.T.T.A. Staff Coach (North).

Season 1966-67

This was a season of great activity. The following were the main developments:—

- In December 1966 progress was made towards regionalisation of the coaching scheme, by appointing Regional Coaching Liaison Officers.
- Also in December, the first E.T.T.A. School Centre was opened in Nuneaton.
- During the season the Best-Trained Youth Group competition was changed into the Best-Trained School Group competition.
- A National Schools Table Tennis Championship was inaugurated, overcoming considerable administrative difficulties. Sixty Education Authorities co-operated.
- In March 1967 the first issue of *The Coach* was published. Following production difficulties, the second issue did not come out until January 1968, but these difficulties have now been overcome.
- Further senior training centres on the Bradford/Harlow system were opened.

Season 1967-68

(a) A survey was produced and sent to all coaches and an excellent response of 230 replies out of 400 circulars resulted. The replies showed that we have 210 active coaches in the scheme, and the forms are now being analysed by the Director of Coaching.

- A system of itineraries has been introduced which enable the E.T.T.A. Officers to be kept informed of the movements and activities of the coaching staff.
- A total of five E.T.T.A. school centres are now operational.

As to the future, further possible changes in the scheme have been discussed between the E.T.T.A. Officers and the Director of Coaching, and will duly be placed before the National Council.

Perhaps the most valuable developments will be the grading of coaching into different categories. This is something that has been wanted for many years, but which presents great difficulties of an administrative nature.

A plan devised by Jack Carrington and Peter Simpson will provide a means of solving the long-standing problem of integrating current and recent top-class players into the scheme, while in no way disturbing the established balance of leaving the direction of the scheme in the hands of the experienced officials who have devised it and nurtured it for so many years.

After three years stewardship of this important committee, Conrad Jaschke is indebted to the whole of the National Coaching and Schools Committee for their valuable help and none more so than the Deputy Chairman, Malcolm Scott. Malcolm together with the National Director of Coaching, Jack Carrington, are truly dedicated.

EXMOUTH & DISTRICT

Treble for May Duckworth

THERE was a marked improvement in the standard of play at the Exmouth & District Table Tennis League Finals this year writes Brian T. Worts.

Seven of the ten sets required the third game to decide the issue. "Jammy" Perry again demonstrated his superiority by taking the Men's Singles title, which he first won more than a decade ago.

Seaton's May Duckworth, a penholder, took the Mixed with Harold Smith, the Ladies' Singles and Doubles. All three events were straight game affairs.

Devon Junior Champion Sue Germon was surprisingly beaten in

the Junior Girls final by her close friend Sue Ash 23-21, 21-17, this was the first major upset of the whole tournament.

Men's Singles: H. Perry

Women's Singles: M. Duckworth

2nd Div. Singles: Miss R. Pyne

Handicap Singles: A. Hill

Men's Doubles: P. Kelly & R. Smith

Women's Doubles: M. Duckworth & S. Purse

Mixed Doubles: M. Duckworth & H. Smith

Junior Boys: P. Stone

Junior Girls: S. Ash

Juniors Under 15: P. Sharkey

Junior Doubles: P. Stone & M. Bevan

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CHESHIRE CLOSED

by Jim Beckley

Dramatic Finish

THE well organised Cheshire Closed Championships came to a dramatic finish at Bredbury when the bearded Roger Hampson upset all form to beat English international Mike Johns to win the men's singles final.

Mike took the first game comfortably and led in the second before slipping disastrously and allowing Roger to push, prod and at times brilliantly out-hit him to win the final in three games.

The most successful performer of the championships was Miss Judy Heaps, resident of Reading but playing for Cheshire, who won all the titles open to her. In the mixed and ladies' doubles events, with partners Doreen Schofield and Roger Hampson, she was hardly pressurised but against the experienced Di Johnson she looked far from the free-flowing player she usually is. She beat Di to win the ladies' event.

The men's doubles went as expected to Mike Johns and Roger Hampson, who beat the very experienced Eric Johnson and Derek Schofield, a partnership that first appeared on the t.t. scene over 14 years ago.

The women's doubles final finished with a blaze of fierce hitting from Judy Heaps, taking full advantage of cunning services that her partner Doreen Schofield had set up for her.

The mixed doubles was won by Roger Hampson and Judy Heaps from Mike Johns and Di Johnson while Judy's father, Derek, won the veterans' title from the player he lost to last season, Cliff Murgatroyd.

The youths' title went to David Watson and the boys and girls winners were Simon Heaps and Miss M. Lloyd, respectively.

FIVE TITLES GO ABROAD AT ENGLISH JUNIOR OPEN

AFTER the wonderful performance of winning the Boys' team event and reaching the final of the Girls' team, our representatives began their attack on the individual events with more confidence than at the beginning of the championships. The result was a fine all-round showing but no titles. Two runners-up and also semi-finalists in all events was the complete picture.

In the Boys' Singles, Paul Judd got the furthest and reached the semis in beating Hans-Jurgen Hackenberg in an excellent set, avenging his team loss, and going on to beat Haydn Thomas.

Against Weber of France, in the same half, Tony Clayton failed to master his opponent's chop which also troubled George Turai, the winner. Judd played well against Turai but was matched hit for hit by the Czech who went on to win the title against Klaus Schmittinger of West Germany.

Trevor Taylor had a hard set with Schmittinger but failed to repeat his team triumph.

In the Girls' singles, our chief hopes went before the final. Judy Heaps and Jill Shirley both lost in the quarters, to Carmen Crisan and

Alicia Grofova, respectively. Judy found Crisan that much too fast whilst Jill put up a brave fight before bowing out. Karenza Smith also lost to Crisan in the semis just failing in the first game but falling away in the second. Grofova went on to beat Crisan in a fast and furious final.

Two doubles events saw English pairs in the semis. Taylor and Judd were in fantastic form against the Rumanians, Dobosi and Nicolae, giving them no chance at all, as witness their scores. Mitchell and Clayton played well together and pulled up from 6-14 down in the first game against Hackenberg and Schmittinger to win at 15! They gradually lost control, however, and eventually lost. Taylor and Judd could not repeat their team effort in the final.

Karenza and Judy had a good win in the quarters against Grofova and Polackova to whom they lost in the team final but the Rumanians, Crisan and Corodi, were too good for both English pairs.

On to the mixed and Turai again got the title, as in the European Youth Meeting in Denmark, but this time with Grofova.

Throughout the tournament all players were sustained by the free supply of Robinson's Barley Water which was greatly appreciated in the heat of the battle.

With the Juniors BY LAURIE LANDRY

Boys' Singles—quarter-finals: G. Turai (Czecho) bt C. Weber (France) 18, 19. P. Judd (Warwicks) bt H. Thomas (Wales) -20, 20, 19. S. Dobosi (Rumania) bt B. Mitchell (Lancs) 14, 15. K. Schmittinger (West Germany) bt T. Taylor (Herts) -19, 16, 17.

Semi-finals: TURAI bt Judd 16, 9; SCHMITTINGER bt Dobosi 16, 13. **Final:** TURAI bt Schmittinger 17, 15.

Girls' Singles—quarter-finals: K. Smith (Middx) bt M. Polackova (Czecho) 11, -17, 18; C. Crisan (Rumania) bt J. Heaps (Cheshire) 15, 16. A. Grofova (Czecho) bt J. Shirley (Bucks) -17, 8, 13. M. Van Ruiten (Netherlands) bt H. Moers (West Germany) -11, 19, 20.

Semi-finals: CRISAN bt Smith 19, 14. GROFOVA bt Van Ruiten 9, 12. **Final:** GROFOVA bt Crisan -18, 9, 14.

Boys' Doubles—semi-finals: H. J. HACKENBERG (West Germany)/SCHMITTINGER bt A. Clayton (Yorks)/B. Mitchell -15, 13, 14. JUDD / TAYLOR bt Dobosi / S. Nicolae (Rumania) 3, 11.

Final: HACKENBERG/SCHMITTINGER bt Judd/Taylor 11, -22, 15.

Girls' Doubles—semi-finals: M. CORODI (Rumania)/CRISAN bt S. Goldsmith (Surrey)/Shirley 16, 17. HEAPS/SMITH bt Grofova/Polackova -15, 18, 18.

Final: CORODI / CRISAN bt Heaps/Smith 19, 16.

Mixed Doubles—quarter-final: Turai/Grofova bt Judd/Heaps 9, 13.

Semi-finals: TURAI/GROFOVA bt Dobosi/Crisan -16, 17, 12. NICOLAE/CORODI bt Taylor/Smith 17, 18.

Final: TURAI / GROFOVA bt Nicolae/Corodi 13, 16.

PROSPECTS STILL ROSY

THE Juniors have had a very successful season and at this time I always like to see who we have for next season. Amongst the Boys we have a crop of young players with more than just next year for apart from Tony Boasman and the Yorkshire trio of Peter Abell, Nick Jarvis and Alan Fletcher, we have Simon Heaps, with five more seasons and Peter Taylor with four. Trevor Taylor is with us also along with John Dabin, David James, Roger Clark, Michael Wald, Robin Napper and many others.

The Girls look good too as Jill Shirley is with us together with Jenny Cornock, Christine Mann and three Susans, Howard, Lisle and Pacitto. The Kent trio Paula Brenchley, Linda Chesson and Bernadette McGroarty all have three more seasons whilst Lesley Pacitto has four and Linda Howard five. The picture looks very rosy for quite a while yet.

One or two Boys who have done very well this season and would undoubtedly have been included in the ranking list had we had an end of season one are Stephen Kaufman of Lancashire who has helped Lincs considerably this season apart from some good wins otherwise.

Barry Grimwade of Kent, finalist in the Sussex Junior and the Hampshire trio Chris Shetler, Stuart Tannahill and C. Jacobs are others who have been noticed more in the latter half of the season.

WEST GERMAN TRIP

A very pleasant little trip over Easter gave the Boys a resounding 7-2 victory in the international and another 7-2 win over Hessen in the second match.

The Girls fought hard against the very strong combination of Hendriksen and Scharmacher and lost 1-4. Judy Heaps played excellently and patiently to beat Hendriksen. Hessen were beaten

5-0 with our girls playing well against weaker opposition.

Trevor Taylor was unbeaten and played magnificently throughout but Tony Clayton played well above himself saving a couple of impossible situations into narrow victories in the international.

ENGLAND v WEST GERMANY (BOYS) at Kleve, 11.4.68

T. Taylor (Herts) bt K. Schmittinger 16, 15; bt L. Koch 19, 11; bt H. Pfeufer 18, 17.

P. Judd (Warwks) lost to Schmittinger 15, -20, -12; lost to Koch -18, 18, -16; bt Pfeufer 16, 19.

A. Clayton (Yorks) bt Schmittinger 11, -10, 21; bt Koch -20, 16, 19; bt Pfeufer 19, 21.

Won 7-2

ENGLAND v WEST GERMANY (GIRLS) at Kleve, 1.4.68

J. Heaps (Ches) bt W. Hendriksen 18-13; lost to B. Scharmacher -17, -10.

J. Shirley (Bucks) lost to Hendriksen -14, -21; lost to Scharmacher 18, -15, -13.

Heaps/Shirley lost to Hendriksen/Scharmacher -12, -12.

Lost 1-4

ENGLAND v HESSEN (BOYS) at Grossen-Linden 13.4.68

Taylor bt H. Hackenberg 10, 15; bt W. Warnke -16, 11, 10; bt P. Buch 12, 11.

Judd lost to Hackenberg 29, -11, 18; bt Warnke 4, 20; bt Buch 6, 9. Clayton lost to Hackenberg -17, -18; bt Warnke 15, 23; bt Buch 14, 21.

Won 7-2

ENGLAND v HESSEN (GIRLS) at Grossen-Linden 13.4.68

Heaps bt D. Kalb 10, 8; bt B. Zips 8, 10.

Shirley bt Kalb 6, 6; bt Zips 16, 11.

Heaps/Shirley bt Kalb/Zips 20, 15.

Won 5-0

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS SENIOR LEAGUES

by Leslie Davies

WILLMOTT CUP: WILLESDEN 8, BIRMINGHAM 1
J. M. ROSE BOWL: SUTTON 7, BIRMINGHAM 2

SEMI-FINAL results in the senior team competitions were:—

WILMOTT CUP
Birmingham 7 Northumber-2 land
Willesden 6 London Civil 3 Service

ROSE BOWL
Birmingham 5 Doncaster 4
Sutton 9 Portsmouth 0
Smith's Industries, Cricklewood—the venue of the Willmott Cup final on May 11—was also the

venue of Willesden's only previous final in 1962 when Manchester beat them 5-4.

Brian Wright is the only remaining member of the 1962 side, his new team-mates being Willesden champion Malcolm Sugden and Mike Johns with Laurie Landry the reserve as he was six years ago.

The Birmingham League is the largest in the country, and it is also the second time that they have been finalists in recent years. They lost to East London 4-5 in the final of 1964.

JUNIOR LEAGUES

by Don Mitchell

CARTER CUP: BROMLEY 6, HULL 3
BROMFIELD TROPHY: SLOUGH 5, SITTINGBOURNE 4

ON the eve of the English Junior Open at Folkestone, Bromley's junior team of John Dabin, Ray Tilling and Colin Jones won Bromley's first-ever national table tennis title when they defeated Hull 6-3 in the final of the Carter Cup.

At 2-1 for Bromley the match was still wide open but Dabin, much encouraged by his win over Alan Fletcher, brought off one of the finest victories of his career in beating Tony Clayton.

As so often happens in a close match, it was the set between the opposing No. 3's which really decided the issue—and so it proved when Jones got the better of Neil Fulstow on which Tilling capitalised in beating Fletcher.

Scores: Dabin bt Clayton 14, -17, 15; bt Fletcher -17, 17, 16; bt Fulstow 14, 14. Tilling lost to Clayton -17, -13; bt Fletcher 16, 18; bt Fulstow 9, 20. Jones lost to Clayton -15, -12; lost to Fletcher 18, -6, -15; bt Fulstow -21, 25, 19.

Notwithstanding the treble obtained by Slough's Jill Shirley, it was Lesley Pacitto who finally got the Bucks team home when, in the ninth set, she beat Bernadette McGroarty for a 5-4 win over Sittingbourne.

Scores: Jill Shirley bt Bernadette McGroarty 16, 16; bt Lynda Chesson 8, 8; beat Paula Brenchley 10, 15. Susan Pacitto lost to Brenchley -18, -8; bt McGroarty 20, 12; lost to Chesson 19, -14, -17. Lesley Pacitto lost to Chesson -18, -15; lost to Brenchley -18, -15; bt McGroarty 12, 19.

Leslie Davies Reports on the NATIONAL CLUB COMPETITION

Results so far to hand in the National Club competition are:—
Birmingham 5 Huddersfield 2
YMCA YMCA

Walcott Park 2 Jukes Sports 5

Plymouth Elects (Devon) have claimed the game against Gloucestershire's entry (Gordon League) owing to their non-arrival. The Committee will adjudicate after a hearing from the Gloucestershire Secretary.

Because there were only two entries for the women's section (from Hampshire and Yorkshire), the Committee decided to defer augmenting the National Council's decision to enter a ladies' team in the European Competition until further discussion at the next meeting of the N.C. on May 11.

So far as the men's section is concerned, there will be four rounds to take place at pre-

arranged periods between March 21 and June 23. (The entry for the European Club Competition must be made by July 1.)

HAMPSHIRE INTER-TOWN LEAGUE

LEADING POSITIONS	
Division 1 (Kilner Cup)	
	P W D L F A Pts
Southampton 'A'	6 6 0 0 58 14 12
Basingstoke	6 4 0 2 44 28 8
Bournemouth	6 4 0 2 39 33 8
Division 2 (Cooper Cup)	
	P W D L F A Pts
Gosport	4 3 1 0 29 19 7
S.E. Hants 'B'	4 2 1 1 25 23 5
Junior Division (Gilbert Cup)	
	P W D L F A Pts
Southampton 'A'	12 12 0 0 105 15 24
Portsmouth 'A'	12 8 2 2 84 36 18
Bournemouth	12 6 2 4 66 54 14
Men's League	
	P W D L F A Pts
Southampton	7 7 0 0 64 6 14
Aldershot	7 6 0 1 54 16 12
Bournemouth	7 5 0 2 47 23 10
Women's League	
	P W D L F A Pts
Portsmouth	3 3 0 0 26 4 6
Bournemouth	3 2 0 1 17 13 4

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EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS—Report (Cont. from page 1) and Details

of Koczian and Jurik, and Mary had faltered in losing to Koczian for a result that went 3-2 to the Hungarians.

In playing Maureen against West Germany, no blame was therefore attaching to the decision of captain Ron Crayden whose young charges, each in turn, failed to measure up to the exacting demands made of them and the gulf that exists between them and our No. 1 player remains unbridged.

As it was Karenza was given the final chance to make amends and this she did against Doris

Hovestadt when, with Mary, England secured fifth position with a 3-0 win over East Germany. Possibly Maureen might have done the same, who can tell?

POSITION IMPROVED

What then of the men who improved their position from sixth to No. 5 team in Europe?

Initially grouped with Ireland, Malta and Poland, little trouble was experienced in gaining Group 1B for the second stage matches.

But here success deserted us

when the Soviet Union gained a 5-2 win in the opening match despite Ian Harrison repeating his European League success over Gomozkov. Denis Neale was not really with it in this encounter, his only win being at the expense of Sarkhojan.

Another disappointment followed when Yugoslavia slashed their way past us to the tune of 5-1, Neale merely halting the onslaught in beating young Stipancic. A feature of this match was that no set needed a decider and Surbek reversed the defeat

inflicted on him by Neale in the English Open.

Came the "crunch" match against West Germany and in this battle, for a battle it was, Stuart Gibbs came into his own by defeating Jansen in the opening set and then, when the chips were down, at 4-4, beat Micheiloff in the ninth and deciding set.

Neale, too, beat the same two opponents, Micheiloff losing a third time to Harrison, but Scholer was supreme winning all his three sets in straight games.

So it was for position 5 or 6

that we finally took on Rumania and humbled them with a 5-1 win in which both Neale and Gibbs took credit, especially the latter who got us off to a good start by beating Negulescu and subsequently, with England leading 3-1, taking Giurguica in his stride in a brilliant decider. Harrison administered the *coup de grâce* with a win over Kovacs.

The reverse suffered by Ireland's Jim Langan, at the hands of Neale, was his only one in 18 sets, truly a meritorious performance by any standards.

HUNGARY CUP (Men)

Group 1
SWEDEN bt Finland 5-0; bt Belgium 5-0. Belgium bt Finland 5-0.

Group 2
USSR bt Scotland 5-0; bt Luxembourg 5-0. Luxembourg bt Scotland 5-2.

Scottish Results: v USSR—Sugden lost to Eglitis -18, -10; lost to Sarkhojan 15, -14, 14. Barclay lost to Gomozkov -9, -16; lost to Eglitis -10, -9. Kean lost to Sarkhojan -12, -10.

v Luxembourg—Sugden bt Flammang 9, 12; bt Scheibel 10, 17; lost to Krecke -7, 16, -12. Barclay lost to Krecke -16, -18; lost to Flammang -14, -15. Kean lost to Scheibel -17, -19; lost to Krecke -14, -14.

Group 3
YUGOSLAVIA bt Portugal 5-0; bt Austria 5-0. Austria bt Portugal 5-3.

Group 4
RUMANIA bt Spain 5-0; bt Netherlands 5-0. Netherlands bt Spain 5-2.

Group 5
CZECHOSLOVAKIA bt Greece 5-0; bt Guernsey 5-0; bt France 5-1. France bt Guernsey 5-0; bt Greece 5-0. Greece bt Guernsey 5-0.

Group 6
ENGLAND bt Ireland 5-1; bt Malta 5-0; bt Poland 5-1. Poland bt Malta 5-0; bt Ireland 5-3. Ireland bt Malta 5-0.

English Results: v Ireland—Neale bt Thompson -12, 9, 8; bt Langan 13, 17. Harrison lost to Langan 18, -15, -16; bt Caffrey 19, 10. Hydes bt Caffrey 11, 14; bt Thompson 19, 11.

v Malta—Neale bt Cachia 16, 18. Gibbs bt P. Azzopardi 7, 10; bt Fero 5, 8. Hydes bt Fero 12, 11; bt Cachia 11, 9.

v Poland—Neale bt Woznica 14, -20, 5; bt Domicz 11, 9. Gibbs bt Domicz 24, 19; lost to Kusinski 18, -17, -14. Harrison bt Kusinski 15, 7; bt Woznica 16, 16.

Irish Results: v Poland—Langan bt Domicz -17, 12, 12; bt Woznica 17, -19, 11; bt Kusinski 13, -18, 19. Caffrey lost to Woznica -21, -15; lost to Kusinski -18, 15, -15; lost to Domicz -14, -18. Thompson lost to Kusinski -16, -13; lost to Domicz -14, 18, -12.

v Malta—Langan bt Cachia 16, 14; bt M. Azzopardi 14, 10. Caffrey bt Fero 16, 10; bt Cachia -8, 13, 20. Thompson bt M. Azzopardi 9, 13.

Group 7
WEST GERMANY bt Switzerland 5-1; bt Jersey 5-0; bt Denmark 5-0. Denmark bt Jersey 5-0; bt Switzerland 5-0. Switzerland bt Jersey 5-0.

Group 8
HUNGARY bt Italy 5-0; bt Wales 5-0; bt East Germany 5-2. East Germany bt Wales 5-0; bt Italy 5-0. Wales bt Italy 5-2.

Welsh Results: v East Germany—Thomas lost to Lemke -12, -17; lost to Stein -19, -19. Bishop lost to Vater -14, -8; lost to Lemke -20, -13. Davies lost to Stein -15, 11, -13.

v Hungary—Davies lost to Rozsas -10, -11; lost to Beleznai -18, -7. Spencer lost to Jonyer -18, 18, -14; lost to Rozsas -14, -10. Bishop lost to Beleznai -11, -19.

v Italy—Thomas bt Rastelli 14, 11; bt Galli 15, 12; bt Geroni 17, -19, 12. Davies bt Geroni 16, 11; bt Rastelli 7, 18. Bishop lost to Galli -19, -18; lost to Geroni -13, -12.

Group 1A
SWEDEN bt Czechoslovakia 5-1; bt Hungary 5-2; bt Rumania 5-1. Hungary bt Czechoslovakia 5-3; bt Rumania 5-4. Rumania bt Czechoslovakia 5-4.

Group 1B
USSR bt West Germany 5-4; bt England 5-2; bt Yugoslavia 5-4. Yugoslavia bt England 5-1; bt West Germany 5-4. England bt West Germany 5-4.

English Results: v USSR—Neale lost to Amelin -19, -17; bt Sarkhojan 21, 15; lost to Gomozkov -20, -12. Harrison lost to Sarkhojan -19, 17, -19; bt Gomozkov -10, 21, 17. Hydes lost to Gomozkov -12, -17; lost to Amelin -14, -11.

v West Germany—Neale bt Micheiloff 12, 11; bt Jansen 16, 15; lost to Scholer -21, -9. Gibbs bt Jansen -16, 18, 18; lost to Scholer -11, -14; bt Micheiloff 18, 20. Harrison lost to Scholer -21, -19; bt Micheiloff 19, 19; lost to Jansen -20, 8, -12.

v Yugoslavia—Neale bt Stipancic 20, 17; lost to Surbek -21, -15. Gibbs lost to Surbek -17, -15; lost to Korpa -16, -10. Harrison lost to Korpa -15, -23; lost to Stipancic -12, -19.

Group 2A
EAST GERMANY bt Belgium 5-1; bt Netherlands 5-0; bt France 5-3. Belgium bt Holland. France bt Belgium 5-4. Netherlands bt France 5-3.

Group 2B
DENMARK bt Austria 5-0; bt Luxembourg 5-0; bt Poland 5-4. Poland bt Luxembourg 5-2; bt Austria 5-2. Austria bt Luxembourg 5-3.

Group 3A
FINLAND bt Greece 5-0; bt Wales 5-0; bt Spain 5-2. Spain bt Wales 5-1; bt Greece 5-1. Wales bt Greece 5-2.

Welsh Results: v Spain—Thomas bt Olivar -19, 13, 17; lost to Jorge Pales -9, -12. Bishop lost to Jorge Pales -12, -14; lost to Jose Pales -20, -14. Davies lost to Jose Pales 14, -19, -14; lost to Olivar 16, -12, -9.

v Finland—Davies lost to Langstedt -13, -20; lost to Hamalainen -20, -17. Thomas lost to Elsinen 18, -17, -15; lost to Langstedt 9, -18, -18. Spencer lost to Hamalainen -15, 19, -17.

v Greece—Bishop lost to Diakakis -17, -21; bt Christodoulatos 17, -16, 19. Thomas bt Zoidis 16, 15; bt Diakakis 10, 7; bt Christodoulatos 13, -14, 16. Davies lost to Christodoulatos -15, -17; bt Zoidis 7, -14, 16.

Group 3B
IRELAND bt Scotland 5-2; bt Portugal 5-1; bt Switzerland 5-2. Scotland bt Switzerland 5-3; bt Portugal 5-3. Portugal bt Switzerland 5-4.

Irish Results: v Scotland—Langan bt Barclay 13, 12; bt Kean 14, -18, 12; bt Sugden 15, -19, 14. Caffrey lost to Sugden -13, -11; bt Barclay 18, 14. Thompson bt Kean 16, 17; lost to Sugden -18, -11.

v Portugal—Langan bt Rui 8, 19; bt Choi 8, 22. Caffrey bt Campos 17, -17, 19; bt Rui 18, 19. Thompson lost to Choi -18, 22, -14; bt Campos 11, 11.

v Switzerland—Langan bt Pevny 8, 15; bt Grimm 20, 15; bt Schmid 18, 8. Caffrey bt Schmid 18, 16; bt Pevny -18, 19, 19. Thompson lost to Grimm -8, -7; lost to Schmid -17, 16, -18.

Scottish Results: v Switzerland—Sugden bt Chatton 14, 7; bt Schmid 19, 17; bt Grimm 10, 18. Barclay lost to Schmid -15, 21, -16; lost to Grimm -18, 17, -18. Kean lost to Grimm -10, -21; bt Chatton 13, 9; bt Schmid 22, 15.

v Portugal—Sugden bt Rui 8, 12; bt Campos 6, 9; bt Choi -13, 14, 19. Barclay lost to Campos -19, -20; lost to Choi -12, 19, -11. Kean lost to Choi -15, 15, -21; bt Rui 20, 18; bt Campos -14, 14, 16.

Group 4
ITALY bt Jersey 5-1; bt Guernsey 5-0; bt Malta 5-0. Jersey bt Malta 5-1; bt Guernsey 5-0. Malta bt Guernsey 5-3.

Play-offs for final positions

For Positions	Results
1 and 2	SWEDEN bt USSR 5-3 Persson lost to Amelin -19, 19, -19; lost to Gomozkov -16, -17 Johansson bt Sarkhojan 14, 10; lost to Amelin -17, -16; bt Gomozkov 13, 17 Alser bt Gomozkov 15, 11; bt Sarkhojan -15, 15, 17; bt Amelin 11, 14
3 and 4	YUGOSLAVIA bt Hungary 5-1
5 and 6	ENGLAND bt Rumania 5-1 Neale bt Kovacs 14, 17; bt Negulescu 16, -15, 12 Gibbs bt Negulescu 20, 19; bt Giurguica -18, 11, 14 Harrison lost to Giurguica 13, -13, -7; bt Kovacs 19, -10, 19
7 and 8	CZECHOSLOVAKIA bt West Germany 5-3
9 and 10	DENMARK bt East Germany 5-4
11 and 12	BELGIUM bt Poland 5-4
13 and 14	FRANCE bt Austria 5-2
15 and 16	NETHERLANDS bt Luxembourg 5-0
17 and 18	IRELAND bt Finland 5-2 Langan bt Elsinen 19, 15; bt Langstedt 11, 15; bt Penttila 7, 8 Caffrey bt Langstedt 14, 18; bt Penttila 19, -13, 16 Thompson lost to Penttila -8, -13; lost to Elsinen -8, -14
19 and 20	SCOTLAND bt Spain 5-3 Sugden bt Jose Pales 9, 6; bt Olivar 17, 7; bt Jorge Pales 18, 11 Sutherland lost to Olivar -18, 16, -10; lost to Jorge Pales -14, -12 Kean lost to Jorge Pales -14, -19; bt Jose Pales 12, 13; bt Olivar 14, 15
21 and 22	WALES bt Portugal 5-3 Thomas bt Campos 18, -19, 10; lost to Choi 18, -19, -10; bt Rui 9, 12 Spencer lost to Choi -13, -18; bt Rui 20, 18 Davies bt Rui 18, 11; bt Campos 18, 11; lost to Choi 14, -24, -12
23 and 24	SWITZERLAND bt Greece 5-3
25	ITALY
26	JERSEY
27	MALTA
28	GUERNSEY

Play-offs for final positions

1 and 2	WEST GERMANY bt USSR 3-0 Buchholz bt Rudnova 13, -19, 12 Simon bt Grinberg 15, 15 Buchholz/Simon bt Grinberg/Rudnova -14, 18, 18.
3 and 4	CZECHOSLOVAKIA bt Hungary 3-2
5 and 6	ENGLAND bt East Germany 3-0 Wright bt Geissler 13, 16 Smith bt Hovestadt 20, -20, 17 Smith/Wright bt Geissler/Hovestadt 20, 17
7 and 8	RUMANIA bt Poland 3-2
9 and 10	YUGOSLAVIA bt Sweden 3-2
11 and 12	DENMARK bt Switzerland 3-2
13 and 14	FRANCE bt Netherlands 3-1
15 and 16	AUSTRIA bt Scotland 3-0 Barrie lost to Bohm -18, 13, -17 Hawkins lost to Stummer -18, -21 Barrie/Hawkins lost to Bohm/Stummer -16, 16, -6
17 and 18	BELGIUM bt Finland 3-0
19 and 20	GREECE bt Luxembourg 3-2
21 and 22	SPAIN bt Jersey 3-1



West German team celebrate their victory in the Women's Team Championship: left to right, Agnes Simon, Edit Buchholz and non-playing captain, Mrs. J. Schlaf, wife of the E.T.T.U. President.

RUMANIA CUP (Women)

Group 1
HUNGARY bt Denmark 3-1; bt Greece 3-0. Denmark bt Greece 3-1.

Group 2
USSR bt Scotland 3-0; bt Finland 3-0. Scotland bt Finland 3-1.

Scottish Results: v USSR—Barrie lost to Rudnova -10, -7. Hawkins lost to Grinberg -3, -8. Barrie/Hawkins lost to Grinberg/Rudnova -11, -13.

v Finland—Barrie bt Jarvenpaa 13, 15; bt Nieminen 18, 9. Hawkins lost to Jarvenpaa -12, -15. Barrie/Hawkins bt Jarvenpaa/Nieminen 9, -12, 15.

Group 3
CZECHOSLOVAKIA bt Luxembourg 3-0; bt Switzerland 3-0. Switzerland bt Luxembourg 3-1.

Group 4
WEST GERMANY bt Spain 3-0; bt Austria 3-0. Austria bt Spain 3-0.

Group 5
ENGLAND bt France 3-0; bt Belgium 3-1. France bt Belgium 3-0.

English Results: v France—Wright bt Le Bras 18, 13. Heppell bt Lecler -12, 19, 9. Heppell/Wright bt Alber/Le Bras 18, 13.

v Belgium—Smith lost to Dettaille-Cornelis 15, -16, -8; bt Stas -16, 17, 13. Heppell bt Stas -19, 10, 15. Smith/Wright bt Dettaille-Cornelis/Stas 16, -19, 19.

Group 6
RUMANIA bt Netherlands 3-0. Turkey scratched.

Group 7
EAST GERMANY bt Jersey 3-0; bt Sweden 3-0. Sweden bt Jersey 3-0.

Group 8
POLAND bt Yugoslavia 3-2.

Group 1A
WEST GERMANY bt Poland 3-0; bt England 3-2; bt Hungary 3-1. Hungary bt England 3-2; bt Poland 3-0. England bt Poland 3-1.

English Results: v Hungary—Wright bt Jurik -13, 16, 15; lost to Koczian -19, 14, 16. Smith lost to Koczian -12, -14; lost to Juik -14, -13. Smith/Wright bt Kishazi/Papp 13, 10.

v West Germany—Wright lost to Buchholz -17, 19, -15; bt Simon 21, 19. Heppell lost to Simon -8, -9; lost to Buchholz -7, -8. Smith/Wright bt Buchholz/Simon 19, 20.

v Poland—Wright bt Noworyta -13, 11, 14; bt Szmít-Calinska 16, -19, 16. Smith lost to Szmít-Calinska 24, -19, -17. Smith/Wright bt Noworyta/Szmít-Calinska 14, 11.

Group 1B
USSR bt Rumania 3-1; bt East Germany 3-0; bt Czechoslovakia 3-0. Czechoslovakia bt East Germany 3-0; bt Rumania 3-1. East Germany bt Rumania 3-2.

Group 2A
YUGOSLAVIA bt Austria 3-0; bt Denmark 3-1; bt France 3-1. Denmark bt France 3-0; bt Austria 3-0. France bt Austria 3-0.

Group 2B
SWEDEN bt Switzerland 3-1; bt Scotland 3-1; bt Netherlands 3-0. Switzerland bt Netherlands 3-2; bt Scotland 3-1. Netherlands bt Scotland 3-0.

Scottish Results: v Netherlands—Barrie lost to Van Ruiten 12, -18, -18. Hawkins lost to Ten Broek -13, -21. Barrie/Hawkins lost to Van der Laan/Ruiten -17, 21, -17.

v Switzerland—Barrie lost to Lehmann -13, -19. Hawkins lost to Andre -12, -13; lost to Lehmann -14, -12. Barrie/Hawkins bt Jaquet/Lehmann 19, 21.

v Sweden—Barrie bt Johansson -15, 19, 16; lost to Neidert 17, -15, -9. Hawkins lost to Neidert -17, -19. Barrie/Hawkins lost to Johansson/Neidert 16, -13, -12.

Group 3A
BELGIUM bt Greece 3-1; bt Spain 3-0. Greece bt Spain 3-0.

Group 3B
FINLAND bt Jersey 3-1; bt Luxembourg 3-1. Luxembourg bt Jersey 3-0.

Individual Records—Men

ENGLAND	Neale	Gibbs	Harrison	Hydes	F	A	Opponents
	2-0		1-1	2-0	5	1	Ireland
	1-0	2-0		2-0	5	0	Malta
	2-0	1-1	2-0		5	1	Poland
	1-2		1-1	0-2	2	5	USSR
	2-1	2-1	2-1		5	4	W. Germany
	1-1	0-2	0-2		1	5	Yugoslavia
	2-0	2-0	1-1		5	1	Rumania
	11-4	7-4	6-7	4-2	28	17	

IRELAND

Langan	Caffrey	Thompson					
3-0	0-3	0-2		3	5		Poland
2-0	2-0	1-0		5	0		Malta
1-1	0-2	0-2		1	5		England
3-0	1-1	1-1		5	2		Scotland
2-0	2-0	1-1		5	1		Portugal
3-0	2-0	0-2		5	2		Switzerland
3-0	2-0	0-2		5	2		Finland
	17-1	9-6	3-10	29	17		

SCOTLAND

Sugden	Kean	Barclay	Sutherland				
0-2	0-1	0-2		0	5		USSR
2-1	0-2	0-2		2	5		Luxembourg
2-1	0-2	0-2		2	5		Ireland
3-0	2-1	0-2		5	3		Switzerland
3-0	2-1	0-2		5	3		Portugal
3-0	2-1		0-2	5	3		Spain
	13-4	6-8	0-10	0-2	19	24	

WALES

Thomas	Davies	Bishop	Spencer				
	0-2	0-1	0-2	0	5		E. Germany
	0-2	0-1	0-2	0	5		Hungary
	3-0	2-0	0-2		5	2	Italy
	1-1	0-2	0-2		1	5	Spain
	0-2	0-2		0-1	0	5	Finland
	3-0	1-1	1-1		5	2	Greece
	2-1	2-1		1-1	5	3	Portugal
	9-6	5-9	1-8	1-4	16	27	

Individual Records—Women

ENGLAND	Wright	Smith	Heppell	Sm/Wr	H/Wr	F	A	Opponents
	1-0		1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	France
		1-1	1-0	1-0		3	1	Belgium
	1-1	0-2		1-0		2	3	Hungary
	1-1		0-2	1-0		2	3	W. Germany
	2-0	0-1		1-0		3	1	Poland
	1-0	1-0		1-0		3	0	E. Germany
	6-2	2-4	2-2	5-0	1-0	16	8	

SCOTLAND

Barrie	Hawkins	Ba/Ha					
0-1	0-1	0-1		0	3		USSR
2-0	0-1	1-0		3	1		Finland
0-1	0-1	0-1		0	3		Netherlands
0-1	0-2	1-0		1	3		Switzerland
1-1	0-1	0-1		1	3		Sweden
0-1	0-1	0-1		0	3		Austria
	3-5	0-7	2-4	5	16		

Individual Records—Men

ENGLAND	Neale	Gibbs	Harrison	Hydes	F	A	Opponents
	2-0		1-1	2-0	5	1	Ireland
	1-0	2-0		2-0	5	0	Malta
	2-0	1-1	2-0		5	1	Poland
	1-2		1-1	0-2	2	5	USSR
	2-1	2-1	2-1		5	4	W. Germany
	1-1	0-2	0-2		1	5	Yugoslavia
	2-0	2-0	1-1		5	1	Rumania
	11-4	7-4	6-7	4-2	28	17	

IRELAND

Langan	Caffrey	Thompson					
3-0	0-3	0-2		3	5		Poland
2-0	2-0	1-0		5	0		Malta
1-1	0-2	0-2		1	5		England
3-0	1-1	1-1		5	2		Scotland
2-0	2-0	1-1		5	1		Portugal
3-0	2-0	0-2		5	2		Switzerland
3-0	2-0	0-2		5	2		Finland
	17-1	9-6	3-10	29	17		

SCOTLAND

Sugden	Kean	Barclay	Sutherland				
0-2	0-1	0-2		0	5		USSR
2-1	0-2						

European Individual Championships (cont. from page 1)

finally annexing the men's doubles title at the expense of the holders Alser and Johansson.

It was an impressive feat for the Yugoslav pair whose earlier victims included fourth seeds Scholer and Ernst Gomolla of West Germany, and Beleznai and Istvan Jonyer of Hungary who had knocked out second seeds Vlado Miko and Jaroslav Stanek of Czechoslovakia.

England's Mary Wright and Karenza Smith can count themselves extremely unfortunate not to have contested the women's doubles final won by the Czechs, Marta Luzova and Jitka Karlikova from Grinberg and Rudnova.

Against the Czech pair in the semis, Mary and Karenza held a commanding 19-12 lead in the fifth game yet unbelievably lost 24-26!

A beaten semi-finalist in the women's singles, Mary contested a third penultimate set in the mixed with Denis Neale but a 2-1 advantage counted for nought as Gomozkov/Rudnova took command as they did in the final against Rumania's Dorin Giurgiuca and Maria Alexandru.

In beating teams of such consequence as Poland, West Germany, and finally Rumania for fifth place in the team championships, one had the right to expect considerably more than what was achieved by our men in the individual events.

First on, in the singles, was Alan Hydes opposed to the Czech, Rotislav Stepanek, but after levelling at 1-1 the Yorkshire left-hander rarely looked to be in with a chance.

Next to the table was Ian Harrison who, capable of so much better, bitterly disappointed in going out, three straight, to Poland's Andrzej Domicz, a player who, in the team match, had lost in two straight to both Stuart Gibbs and Neale. This defeat was a real let down after the way Harrison had played to plaster Domicz's team-mates Janusz Kusinski and Witold Woznica.

BAD DRAW

Gibbs, too, fell at the first hurdle although one could hardly quarrel with the result which was 3-1 in favour of Borzsei, the beaten

finalist. It was a bad draw for the Essex player.

Neale, however, kept home interest alive with straight victories over Finland's Seppo Elsinen and Robert Bishop of Pays de Galles (Wales).

Opera singer Hans Micheiloff of West Germany then put up spirited resistance to the English champion, but after winning the first game had his "key" changed and the aria to a lament.

It was in the fourth round that the Yorkshireman really came into his own with a devastating display against Yugoslav's Istvan Korpa which carried him through to face Johansson in the quarters.

Well as Neale played in this latter encounter, the Swede played just that much better, and none could decry his efforts despite the loss.

Ireland's Jim Langan had a tremendous tussle with Miko in the first round losing only in the fifth, but having advanced to Round 3, Malcolm Sugden failed to carry Scotland's hopes any further losing to Gomozkov in straight games.

Both Karenza Smith and Maureen Heppell took an early departure from the counterpart women's event losing in the first round to Edit Buchholz and Resler, respectively.

Mary, however, was in splendid form in accounting for Jana Pauknerova, Christiane Andre and Eva Koczian, all in three straight.

Then came the quarters and a meeting with West Germany's Agnes Simon who got off to a 2-0 lead. Gritting her teeth, the Surrey ace then showed her mettle by carrying the fight to her opponent and seeing her off in the next three.

Alas, there was to be no repeat against Rudnova in the semis although having lost the first two games the possibility seemed when Mary held a 20-15 lead in the third. But, it was not to be as the Soviet penholder took the next seven points for the set!

COMMENDABLE EFFORT

Commendable was the effort of Scotland's Lesley Barrie in taking English Open winner Eleonora Mihalca of Rumania to five games and only losing the fifth at 19. But spare a thought for Danuta

Szmit-Calinska of Poland who, in the third round after beating Cirila Pirc, lost 21-0 to Luzova! Danuta was also 0-7 in the second game before she opened her account!

Poor, overall, as were England's results in the men's singles, worse was to follow in the doubles for again Harrison, partnered by Gibbs, ran foul of Polish representation losing to Domicz/Woznica.

Hydes/Neale did manage one more set after toying with a Spanish pair but then curled up their toes after taking the first game from Amelin/Gomozkov.

Up to their nightmare meeting with the Czechs in the women's doubles, Mary and Karenza basked in the lightheaded success against team championship winners Buchholz/Simon.

In the absence of a fourth English woman, Maureen Heppell was paired with Viorica Ivan of Rumania and they advanced to Round 2 with a comfortable win over Burgevin/Delaubert of France. Thereafter it was Koczian/Jurik who stopped them but only at 14 in the decider!

Apart from Neale/Wright in the mixed, whose wins included the defeat of Stanek/Luzova, the Hydes/Heppell partnership prospered with a good second round win over Vecko/Pirc, after an opening gambit which had ousted Borzsei/Jurik!

Curtains came in the very next round but it took Amelin/Grinberg five games to dispose of the challenge. Gibbs/Smith went out to Wolfgang Stein/Hovestadt in the first round and Harrison was a non-runner.

Not lacking support, ETA President T. Austin Harrison took the medal as being our most avid follower for rarely was he away from the ringside when play was in progress.

Capable of holding 10,000 spectators (6,000 seated), the Palais des Sports was only about one-tenth full for the finals and even less for the opening ceremony which, regrettably, was on a par with Wembley in respect of spectator interest.

This was indeed a pity for proceedings both on opening night and at the finale were colourful and very well presented.

NOTES FROM LYON

by THE EDITOR

MOSCOW will welcome competitors for the 1970 European Championships and thereafter, in 1972, Rotterdam. Options for future championships are held by Yugoslavia (1974), East Germany (1976) and Hungary (1978).

This year's Biennial Congress of the European Table Tennis Union, held in the Azure Foom of the Palais des Congres, was attended by 27 out of the 30 possible member countries.

Officers Jupp Schlaf (President), Vaclav Vebr (Vice-President) and Nancy Evans (Hon. Sec./Treasurer) were re-elected unopposed. Messrs. Makarov (USSR), Mercier (France), Popovic (Yugoslavia) and England's Conrad Jaschke have another two years to serve on the Management Committee.

Of the other committee members, three were seeking re-election. Allan Eriksson (Sweden) was not. Dr. Lakatos (Hungary), with 21 votes, and Sever Danet (Rumania) with 20 votes were re-elected but not Heinz Grelke (East Germany) with 12 votes.

New committee members are Mr. H. van Dilst (Netherlands) and Niels Hjulmann (Denmark) who received 18 and 16 votes, respectively. Ake Eldh (Sweden), with 15 votes, just failed.

The report on the Braunschweig tests were not ready, and the University has requested more time to check their findings which will now be presented at Munich next year.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Seven teams are likely to comprise the first division of the European League next season, one less than this. Austria and Netherlands will most likely be demoted to make way for newcomers Rumania and Sweden and to facilitate the introduction of a second division in between the first and regional divisions.

Regrettably, Yugoslavia remain out but the final composition of the League is likely to be:—

Division 1—Czechoslovakia, England, Germany (West), Hungary, Rumania, Sweden and USSR.

Division 2—Austria, Belgium, France, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland and possibly Denmark and Poland.

Regional Divisions

U.K.—Ireland, Jersey, Scotland, Wales and possibly Guernsey.

Mediterranean—Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain.

Next season's matches are to be played within pre-determined fixed periods (as per Wilmot Cup, etc.) thus ensuring that the League progresses in regular manner, with League tables published each month.

MEETING OF VETERANS

Such past masters as Amouretti, Andreadis, Barna, Bergmann, Carrington, Crayden, Cor du Buy, Dolinar, Flisberg, Haguenaer, Leach, Rolands, Sido, Tereba, Tokar, Urchetti and Vogrine are likely to find themselves the recipients of an invitation to contest a European meeting of Veterans. This is to be held in Germany, on the Rhine at Bad Honningen, from September 7-15. It should be a great get-together if the plans of Zarko Dolinar, Secretary of the Swathing Club, materialise.

UMPIRES

English umpires led by Pat Archdale and otherwise comprising Tony Little, Leslie Smith, Harry Spraggs, Jim Sykes and Charles Wyles officiated at the men's team final between Sweden and USSR.

INTERPRETER

Registered Bolton SSS League player, Alan Heap, teaching English in a school at Toulon, rendered yeoman service on behalf of the England party in France and came to Ron Crayden's assistance at the jury meeting which "scrubbed" the second game score between Scholer and Amelin in the team match, although neither were in favour.

FLASH

It was real lightning that flashed as Ilona Vostova swept to triumph against Rudnova and not Denis Offer taking yet another picture!

DETAILS OF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS—INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Men's Singles:
ENGLAND. **Round 1:** A. Hydes lost to R. Stepanek (Czech) -10, 20, -12, -14. I. Harrison lost to A. Domicz (Poland) -14, -16, -13. D. Neale bt S. Elsinen (Finland) 19, 18, 14. S. Gibbs lost to J. Borzsei (Hungary) 18, -6, -15, -10. **Round 2:** Neale bt R. Bishop (Wales) 16, 12, 11. **Round 3:** Neale bt H. Micheiloff (West Germany) -20, 20, 9, 13.

IRELAND. **Round 1:** T. Caffrey lost to H. Alser (Sweden) -13, -9, -10. C. Thompson lost to I. Jonyer (Hungary) -12, -18, -11. J. Langan lost to V. Miko (Czech) -16, -16, 16, 18, -13.

SCOTLAND. **Round 1:** I. Barclay lost to J. Creff (France) -13, -16, -8. D. Hogg lost to M. Olivar (Spain) -19, -12, -17. E. Sutherland lost to W. Woznica (Poland) -12, -18, -11. B. Kean bt P. Rastelli (Italy) 17, 18, 19. M. Sugden bt H. Schluter (Austria) 16, 12, -8, 15. J. Dow conceded a walkover to J. Secretin (France). **Round 2:** Kean lost to Micheiloff -18, -14, -8. Sugden bt V. Cachia (Malta) 16, 21, 16. **Round 3:** Sugden lost to S. Gomozkov (USSR) -19, -15, -13.

WALES. **Round 1:** J. Spencer lost to E. Scholer (West Germany) -5, -15, -5. G. Davies lost to F. Schoofs (Holland) -16, -14, 19, -10. H. Thomas lost to K. Johansson (Sweden) -10, -8, -13. B. Everson lost to G. Krecke (Luxembourg) -6, -13, -14. R. Bishop bt N. Pewney (Switzerland) 7, 19, 18. **Round 2:** Bishop lost to Neale. **Round 4:** D. Surbek (Yugo) bt Scholer 18, -16, 18, 18. M. Beleznai (Hungary) bt S. Sarkhojan (USSR) 17, 22, -15, 16. Alser bt R. Negulescu (Rumania) -17, 9, 17, 12. J. Stanek (Czech) bt A. Amelin (USSR) 10, -18, 10, 8. Johansson bt S. Kollarovits (Czech) 15, -14, 14, 17. Neale bt I. Korpa (Yugoslavia) 18, 16, 11. Borzsei bt Miko -18, 18, 18, 16. Gomozkov bt D. Giurgiuca (Rumania) 15, 11, -19, 8.

Quarter-finals: Surbek bt Beleznai 16, 19, -15, -19, 13. Alser bt Stanek 8, 17, 21. Johansson bt Neale 15, 14, -19, 16. Borzsei bt Gomozkov 17, 8, 11.

Semi-finals: SURBEK bt Alser 10, 18, 17. BORZSEI bt Johansson 20, -15, 19, -7, 18.

Final: SURBEK bt Borzsei -11, 13, 15, -20, 18.



On the winners' rostrum after the Men's Singles: left to right, J. Borzsei (Hungary), runner-up; D. Surbek (Yugoslavia), winner; H. Alser and K. Johansson (Sweden), semi-finalists and winners of the Men's Team Championship.

Photos: Denis Offer

Women's Singles:
ENGLAND. **Round 1:** M. Wright bt J. Pauknerova (Czech) 13, 11, 16. K. Smith lost to E. Buchholz (West Germany) -13, -17, -11. M. Heppell lost to M. Resler (Yugoslavia) -18, -24, -12. **Round 2:** Wright bt C. Andre (Switzerland) 15, 14, 19.

SCOTLAND. **Round 1:** L. Barrie lost to E. Mihalca (Rumania) 18, -20, -18, 12, -19. O. Hawkins conceded a walkover to C. Lemazurier (France). **Round 3:** Z. Rudnova (USSR) bt Mihalca 20, 19, 18. M. Luzova (Czech) bt D. Szmit-Calinska 0, 12, 16. A. Simon (West Germany) bt D. Hovestadt (East Germany) 13, 20, -23, 14. Wright bt E. Koczian (Hungary) 9, 9, 14. S. Grinberg (USSR) bt Buchholz 16, 15, 17. G. Geissler (East Germany) bt N. Neidert (Sweden) 16, -19, 15, 16. I. Vostova (Czech) bt R. Pogosova (USSR) 16, 15, 18. Resler bt J. Detaille-Cornelis (Belgium) 14, -10, 16, 8.

Quarter-finals: Rudnova bt Luzova -15, 10, 17, -14, 18. Wright bt Simon -19, -12, 18, 14, 14. Grinberg bt Geissler 11, 12, -10, -13, 18. Vostova bt Resler 11, -16, 14, 17.

Semi-finals: RUDNOVA bt Wright 11, 17, 20. VOSTOVA bt Grinberg -12, -12, 11, 18, 20.

Final: VOSTOVA bt Rudnova 20, 19, -16, -17, 17.

Men's Doubles:
ENGLAND. **Round 1:** Gibbs/Harrison lost to Domicz/Woznica -17, 18, -20, 19, -13. Hydes/Neale bt Abad/Pales (Spain) 13, 12, 14. **Round 2:** Hydes/Neale lost to Amelin/Gomozkov 19, -20, -15, -16.

IRELAND. **Round 1:** Caffrey/Langan lost to Korpa/Surbek -16, -17, -14. Thompson/Everson (Wales) lost to Creff/Mallard (France) -19, 17, -12, 18, -17.

SCOTLAND. **Round 1:** Kean/Sutherland lost to Lemke/Vater (East Germany) -16, -7, -16. Dow/Hogg lost to Van Der Helm/Schoofs (Holland) -11, -15, -12. Barclay/Sugden bt Flammang/Welter (Lux) 18, 15, 13. **Round 2:** Barclay/Sugden bt Dhondt/Streit (France) 18, 19, 14. **Round 3:** Barclay/Sugden lost to Giurgiuca/Reti (Rumania) -17, -11, -17.

WALES. **Round 1:** Davies/Thomas lost to Helaine/Purkart (France) -12, -13, -20. Bishop/Spencer lost to Klampar/Rozsas (Hungary) -13, -13, -16. **Quarter-finals:** Beleznai/Jonyer bt Miko/Stanek 15, -17, -14, 20, 15. Stipencic/Vecko bt Sarkhojan/Vardanjan -20, -15, 12, 23, 18. Amelin/Gomozkov bt Kollarovits/Kunz 11, 7, 18. Alser/Johansson bt Giurgiuca/Reti 9, 16, 13.

Semi-finals: STIPANCIC/VECKO bt Beleznai/Jonyer 19, 19, -17, 19. ALSER/JOHANSSON bt Amelin/Gomozkov 18, 17, 19.

Final: STIPANCIC/VECKO bt Alser/Johansson 17, -20, 20, 14.

Women's Doubles:
ENGLAND. **Round 1:** Smith/Wright bt Reinert/Thill (Luxembourg) 14, 12, 7. Heppell/Ivan bt Burgevin/Delaubert (France) 13, 14, 15. **Round 2:** Smith/Wright bt Alber/Le Bras (France) 12, 14, -16, 9. Heppell/Ivan lost to Jurik/Koczian (Hungary) 22, -14, -10, 19, -14.

SCOTLAND. **Qualifying:** Barrie/Hawkins bt Jarvenpaa/Nieminen (Finland) 22, -14, -18, 16. **Round 1:** Barrie/Hawkins lost to Pauknerova/Vostova 16, -16, 19, -14, -11.

Quarter-finals: Grinberg/Rudnova bt Jurik/Koczian 15, 15, 23. Alexandru/Mihalca bt Johansson/Neidert 24, -14, 13, -12, 14. Smith/Wright bt Buchholz/Simon -17, 19, 14, 18. Karlikova/Luzova bt Geissler/Hovestadt 11, 15, 11.

Semi-finals: GRINBERG/RUDNOVA bt Alexandru/Mihalca 14, -20, 16, 14. KARLIKOVA/LUZOVA bt Smith/Wright -17, 13, -13, 17, 24.

Final: KARLIKOVA/LUZOVA bt Grinberg/Rudnova 14, 12, -17, 15.



Marta Luzova (left) and Jitka Karlikova (Czechoslovakia), winners of the Women's Doubles.

Mixed Doubles:
ENGLAND. **Round 1:** Hydes/Heppell bt Borzsei/Jurik 18, -19, 15, 10. Gibbs/Smith lost to Stein/Hovestadt -15, -23, -19. Neale/Wright bt Malard/Lemazurier 14, 16, 16. **Round 2:** Neale/Wright w.o. Alser/Johansson (scratch). Hydes/Heppell bt Vecko/Pirc -16, 11, 18, 18. **Round 3:** Neale/Wright bt Vardanjan/Eremenko (USSR) 16, 15, -16, 9. Hydes/Heppell lost to Amelin/Grinberg -13, 12, -15, 19, -6.

SCOTLAND. **Qualifying:** Barclay/Hawkins lost to Chergui/Burgevin -18, -19, 14, -17. **Round 1:** Sugden/Barrie bt Thellingel/Stummer (Austria) 18, -19, 15, -18, 14. **Round 2:** Sugden/Barrie lost to Lemke/Geissler -6, -15, -17.

Quarter-finals: Amelin/Grinberg bt Miko/Luzova 17, 19, 20. Giurgiuca/Alexandru bt Sarkhojan/Pogosova 18, 18, 15. Gomozkov/Rudnova bt Lemke/Geissler -9, 19, 18, 15. Neale/Wright bt Stanek/Vostova 16, 14, -19, -14, 21.

Semi-finals: GIURGIUCA/ALEXANDRU bt Amelin/Grinberg 19, 18, 16. GOMOZKOV/RUDNOVA bt Neale/Wright 18, -20, -20, 14, 14.

Final: GOMOZKOV/RUDNOVA bt Giurgiuca/Alexandru 16, 21, 18.

Consolation Events

Men—
Quarter-finals: F. Hansen (Denmark) bt G. Vardanjan (USSR) -15, 25, 18. W. Stein (East Germany) bt J. Kunz (Czech) 20, 17. R. Stepanek (Czech) bt E. Gomolla (West Germany) 15, -14, 17. A. Dvorak (Czech) bt P. Rozsas (Hungary) 9, 18.

Semi-finals: STEIN bt Hansen 13, 15. DVORAK bt Stepanew 21, 25.

Final: DVORAK bt Stein 8, 18.

Women—
Semi-finals: E. JOHANSSON (Sweden) bt J. Pauknerova (Czech) 23, 19. S. PAISJARV (USSR) bt K. Smith (England) -15, 17, 13.

Final: PAISJARV bt Johansson 14, 17.

English Results:

Men—
Gibbs lost to Hansen -21, 15, -13. Hydes bt Zinke (Austria) 14, 18; bt H. Thomas (Wales) 19, 11; lost to P. Rozsas (Hungary) -16, -14.

Women—
Smith bt Jarvenpaa (Finland) 9, 16; bt Van der Lan (Holland) 19, 16; bt Karlikova -15, 17, 13. Heppell bt Burgevin 12, 11; lost to Hendriksen (Denmark) -15, -11 (France).

SURREY NOTES

by John Zenthon

Phoenix Like . . .

JUST in case there is someone who has not yet heard Surrey lost to Middlesex in their final match of the season and for the first time are relegated to the second division. Tremendous disappointment and I can't think it will do our two stars Mary and "Connie" much good but who knows it may prove a blessing in disguise allowing our younger players a season of consolidation.

Criticisms have been made in the past of the various inter-league competitions and all leagues have now been circulated with a resumé of these competitions as they now exist together with suggestions for alternative arrangements. Briefly these are as follows. The Percy Johnson with a four-man team comprising eight singles and two doubles could be played on a three-man basis with nine singles and one double. The Arthur Williams, three-women and nine singles could have a doubles added bringing the total to ten sets to allow for the possibility of a draw between teams of comparable strength. The Harding Cup, very much mixed with a team of two men and two women playing altogether four singles and four doubles could be rationalised (?) increasing the number of sets to ten omitting the mixed doubles and bringing the total of singles up from four to eight. Finally the Junior which at the moment is played with two boys and one girl playing three singles and three doubles could have an extra girl playing, say, four singles, one boys' and one girls' doubles.

These are of course only suggestions which have been made and by the time the County A.G.M. comes

round and the matter has been discussed in council other ideas may be considered better and whilst naturally not everyone will be pleased at least it will have had a good airing and you will have had your chance. Is it possible for you to persuade your league to give these competitions even more support and if you haven't done so in the past to make sure that they do? I see no reason at all why the medium and larger leagues should not enter at least two men's teams in, say, the Percy Johnson.

By all means press the elite for your first team but don't forget all those other first and second divisions players who would jump at the opportunity to play representative matches.

All matches have now been played in the Harding Cup, Thames Valley remaining unbeaten with ten points from five matches.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Thames Valley	5	5	0	0	30	10
Byfleet "A"	5	4	0	1	25	15
Leatherhead	5	2	1	2	22	18
Byfleet "B"	5	1	2	2	18	22
Sutton	5	1	1	3	18	22
Guildford	5	0	0	5	7	33

HUNTINGDON & PETERBOROUGH NOTES by David Obee

PETERBOROUGH PROVIDE CHAMPION

PETERBOROUGH provided the county closed men's singles winner for the third successive year when this season's finals were played in early April at Eaton Socon. David Obee retained the title after defeating No. 1 seed Len Saywell in the semi. In the final he beat Don Megginson, also

from Peterborough, who had played well to put out No. 2 seed Alan Albon in the other semi.

To provide the winner yet again was something of a consolation for Peterborough, who have been the weakest of the three teams from the county taking part in the S-E Midlands League for the past two seasons.

Other winners in the championships were—**Women's Singles:** Miss D. Maxfield; **Women's Doubles:** Misses D. and M. Maxfield; **Mixed Double:** B. O'Dell and M. Maxfield; **Men's Double:** E. Haslop and L. Saywell; **Veteran Single:** H. Fox; **Junior Boys' Single:** P. Edmondson; **Junior Girls' Singles:** D. Maxfield.

St. Neots and Hunts Central seem assured of high placings in the men's sections of the S.E.M. League, and St. Neots should also finish high up in the ladies' and junior divisions.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Bert Dainty

Cup From Bendigo

FORMER Leeds University TTC player and now a doctor in Bendigo, Victoria, Australia, "Bas" Bennett writes as follows to me in my capacity as Hon. Sec./Treasurer of the Leeds and District T.T. League:—

When I qualified in October 1957 I had to leave Leeds at short notice to fill a hospital post where

there was an urgent need. I have always felt a sense of loss at being unable to say farewell to any of the many people with whom table tennis in Leeds had brought me in contact.

I have never forgotten the enjoyment provided by the game in Leeds, the high standard of sportsmanship, and a smoothly-run League thanks to the selflessness of hard-working officials. As a non-Yorkshireman, I am proud to have represented the City as a player, and to have umpired international matches which the League staged.

I should like to express my appreciation by presenting a trophy, for annual award. I presume that the League can find a use for another trophy!

SUFFOLK NEWSREEL

by Arthur E. Durrant

[100% for Lowestoft

LOWERSTOFT won division 1 of the East Anglian League for the third successive season—the eleventh time in all—with a 100% record. Lowestoft fielded an unchanged team throughout viz Alan Coby, Colin Tucker, John Garnham, Jeanne and Dianne Youngs.

Alan Coby, who had the unusual distinction of captaining Norfolk and Lowestoft, is leaving the area to take-up a new appointment in London. It will be a sad loss to East Anglian Table Tennis but we wish him well in his new venture. Coby also left his mark on Suffolk's "Top Ten"—winning the

HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by Teddy Grant

Coaching Policy

THE County Committee at its Spring meeting endorsed the policy as outlined by its Coaching Officer, T. W. Grant, who gave a brief resumé of activities since September 1961 prior to which no

organised coaching had taken place in Hampshire.

The total qualified strength at that time was 2, while today this has risen rapidly to 26 with another 12 students under training. Five L.E.A. areas were covered, namely Southampton, Bournemouth, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight with the Hants County Education Administration divided yet again into six separate districts.

Chances of any potential junior missing the coaching network is remote indeed! Adult centres, youth wings and schools have certainly been covered in south Hampshire, the policy being:—(a) to build up a team of coaches throughout the county who can and will develop all stages of coaching providing particular assistance to school children and young people.

(b) To provide advanced coaching or by the means whereby juniors can develop into county juniors and progress further, and (c) To implement national coaching policy in and as far as is practical in co-operation with the National Coach or his representatives.

National Competitions

The County generally has improved its status in national competitions by retaining the Southern Division whilst the first team despite a poor start finished third in Div 2 (South). The Southampton junior team reached the semi of the Carter Cup and Portsmouth Ladies the semi-final of the Rose Bowl.

Southampton Boys' Brigade Championships

Trevor Thompson, aged 15, of the 26th Company became the new singles champion beating J. Dixon of the 16th Company.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by John Pike

Triple Crown for Dorothy

STAFFORDSHIRE brought their season to a close when they held their closed championships at Wellington in Shropshire.

The tournament was a personal triumph for Dorothy Deeley, who rounded off a fine season by winning the triple crown. The easiest of her three wins was in the women's singles where she beat her West Bromwich team mate, Ann Baker, 21-13, 21-16. This pair proved too good for Rita Beebe and Sue Warner in the women's doubles, while Dorothy and Stan Ward just got home 19 in the third against Derek Baddeley and Sue in the mixed. Derek had his revenge in the men's doubles, when with

Brian Keates they beat the county first team pair, Warwick and Ward.

As last season, the men's singles belonged to Glenn Warwick.

Staffordshire will hold their A.G.M. at Burton Manor, Stafford, on June 23.

COUNTY LEAGUE

DIVISION I

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
West Bromwich	7	7	0	49	14	14
Wolves "A"	7	6	1	46	17	12
Potteries "A"	7	4	3	36	27	8
Dudley "A"	7	4	3	33	30	8
Walsall "A"	7	4	3	33	30	8
Stafford "A"	7	2	5	23	40	4
Dudley "B"	7	1	6	17	46	2
Potteries "B"	7	0	7	15	48	0

DIVISION II

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall "B"	6	6	0	41	13	12
Wolves "B"	6	4	2	33	21	8
Potteries "C"	6	3	3	28	26	6
Wolves "C"	6	2	4	26	28	4
Shrewsbury	6	2	4	21	33	4
Potteries Vets.	6	2	4	19	35	4
Stone "A"	6	2	4	18	36	4

DIVISION III

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves "D"	6	6	0	49	11	12
Stafford "B"	6	5	1	49	11	10
Wellington	6	3	3	33	27	6
Dudley "C"	6	2	3	25	35	5
Stone Inter.	6	2	3	22	38	5
Stone "B"	6	1	4	16	44	3
Stafford "C"	6	0	5	16	44	1

NORTHANTS NEWS

by Gwyn Powell

Gwillim Springs Surprise

IN the County Closed, held at Wellingborough, the men's singles was won, for the first time, by Northampton's Doug Gwillim. Now 36, Doug is playing better than at any time in his career.

County juniors David Huddle and Nick Haycock caused Gwillim trouble in the early rounds, especially with their loop shots, but Doug's steadiness saw him through

after which he went on to beat seeded John Harrison (Kettering) and the Northampton champion Colin Hogg in the semi-final. The other finalist was Bryan Bond who had beaten John Reed and Roderick Marchant in the early rounds and in the semi outplayed Birmingham League player A. Rowson.

The final was very close with Bond taking the first at 10 but Gwillim fought back to take the second at 19. In the third, Gwillim's magnificent defensive play coupled with the occasional forehand smash took him to a 20-17 lead despite an attack of cramp. Bond recovered to level at 20-20 but Gwillim finally triumphed at 23-21.

The positions were reversed in the final of the men's doubles when Bond and Hogg beat Gwillim and Brian Crump -17, 15, 19. This was the seventh time that Hogg and Bond have won the title. It was the seventh time also for Dick Ingle who had no difficulty in beating Hubert Dickens of Wellingborough in the veterans' final 21-14, 21-8. He is still unbeaten in this event since 1962.

An unusual feature of the ladies' singles was that two Northampton players appeared in the final of an event which has been dominated in the past by Kettering ladies. The final was a repeat of the Northampton one with Mrs. Emily Twisleton beating Miss Ann Machin, this time by 21-8, 21-12. Margaret McInnes won the girls' title beating Susan Gordon 21-13, 22-20, who had earlier disposed of the new Northampton champion Jane Cherry.

Kettering players had ample revenge when Miss M. Coleman and Miss D. Doyle won the ladies' doubles and R. Cole and Miss Coleman won the mixed. Wellingborough's turn came as expected in the boys' events which were dominated by Roderick Marchant and David Huddle. Marchant just took the singles in a brilliant final by beating Huddle 21-16, 18-21, 21-15. Marchant and Huddle combined to beat N. Haycock and R. Kingston 21-18, 21-18 in the doubles. All four juniors had good runs in the senior events and should do well in the future.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

Cambridge City Undefeated

CAMBRIDGE City completed their programme in the men's division of the South-East Midlands League with a 10-0 win over Kettering to give them the championship for the first time. It was an unbeaten performance, too, despite sharing the points with Hunts Central and Ely and District.

The City juniors came a cropper against Dunstable and, so far this season, have only won one fixture. David Tiplady, David Silk, Nigel Phillips and Eddie Day have all played well and next season should see them a force to be reckoned with.

Still acute is the shortage of ladies but two victories in a specially arranged fixture against Wisbech confirms the hope that next season a team might well be entered in the S.E. Midlands League and the national Rose Bowl competition.

Barry Wilson, of Wisbech, was given a chance to prove himself when Cambs played the University at Fenner's. Both he and John Loker had no trouble in an easy win. The University appear to have their weakest team for several years despite having won promotion from the second division of the Cambs League.

In the Cambs League, New Chesterton Institute have proved

themselves by far the best team having gone through the season unbeaten. Their team of John Thurston, Stephen Andrews and John Baird have carried all before them.

Soham I, who came second, have also had a good season and John Ashman, Chris Everitt and Brian Jones can be well pleased with themselves.

In the National Schools Championships, Manor School of Cambridge won their Area Final and have gone on to the Southern Area Finals.

Cambs finished third in the County Championship by reason of an inferior sets average to that of Suffolk. Norfolk have done well to win the division and good luck to them in a higher sphere next season.

Umpires for representative events are still badly needed in the County and more people are urged to take the exam and so make the burden of "the few" a lot lighter.

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by "Expedite"

Premier—Here We Come

WARWICKSHIRE succeeded in regaining Premier Division status but after losing 5-4 to Northumberland in the opening match of the challenge week-end at Nottingham little hope was held out.

However, we beat Kent 5-4, winning five men's singles. Derek Munt and Paul Judd shared four proving that they are two of the finest young players in the country. We finished off the week-end with a fine 8-1 victory over Worcestershire.

Birmingham's men's and women's teams have reached the finals of the national cup competitions, having beaten Northumberland men 7-2 and Doncaster women 5-4.

Central YMCA representing Warwicks in the national club competition, men's section, started off with a fine 5-2 win over Huddersfield YMCA representing Yorkshire, and meet Worcestershire's representatives in the next round. Central YMCA must have

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LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

Shocks Galore

SHOCKS galore at the 'Leicestershire Closed' where powerful hitting by Steven White gave him the Men's Singles title for the first time. In the final he beat Rodney Pickering. Charlie Jacques had beaten Ernest McLeish in an earlier round but White disposed of him in the semi-final. Mick Beith beat Colin Truman before losing to Pickering.

The Men's Doubles was won by McLeish and Iliffe over holders White and Truman. Rita Beith, as usual, won the Ladies' Singles with a win over 16-year-old Susan Baxter in the final. Susan played exceptionally well to reach this stage and further added to her laurels by taking Rita to three. Junior Singles winner was Tony Branson who played a magnificent game against County No. 1 Andy Holdsworth to win in two-straights. Together the pair narrowly took the Junior Doubles against Nick and Susan Baxter and Holdsworth had a further success when he beat P. Randell in the Under-15 Singles final. Peter Thacker won the Intermediate Singles title with an exciting win over Bob Phillips. Dual title winner was John Rogers who beat team-mate John Ellis in the final of the Veteran Singles and partnered Pat Kilsby to win the Mixed against Pickering and Marjorie Purser. Ladies' Doubles winners were again Rita Beith and Jose Rogers beating surprise but deserved finalists Jane Stevenson and Rita Message.

In the Midland League, Leicester 'B' lost to Hinckley 2-8 with Mick Porter and Roger Maddocks taking Leicester's two sets. As expected, McLeish gained a maximum for Hinckley with John Bryant and John Iliffe each winning two. Branson was undefeated for Leicester Juniors against Hinckley and a much weaker team—denied any of the three who played against Hinckley—was too strong for Leamington, winning 7-3. Well played Alastair Binnie, Alan Philpott and Alan Chapman!

The Rose Johnson Bowl final was contested by Leicester YMCA first and second teams and with a start of 120 points, the second team never looked likely to lose and finally won by 61 points.

Barwell Constitutional completed a good season when they won the 'Leicester & District League' first division title and the Rose Johnson Cup. Civil Services deserved their 4A Championship title and winners of 6B were P.O. Telephones.

Holy Trinity had a disastrous 8-2 beating by 1st Loughborough B.B. in Division 3 of the 'Loughborough & District League' and this has virtually given Trinity Youth Club the Championship of the Division. Richard Hassall has had a great season for the Youth

Club, with only one defeat (to Derek Oakes, Holy Trinity). Shephed have retained the 1st Division Championship, though not with the ease which has often been the case.

ISLE OF ELY NOTES

by J. G. Ashman

SOHAM AGAIN

OUR league programme is in its final stages and the leaders in Division 1 and 2 are now in uncatchable positions. In Division 1, Soham I have won for the third consecutive year and with one match to play they are five points clear.

In their last match they beat their nearest rivals, Phones II, by 6-4. In this match John Ashman won all his three sets including a win over the Cambs County player Steve Andrews.

In Division 2, the battle was again between Soham and Phones; this time both third teams were in action, with Soham emerging victorious 7-3. Alan Jugg and Les Edwards both had 100 per cent records for Soham and together won the doubles.

The issue in this division is decided, however, as the team to gain promotion along with Soham III are Mildenhall who have played well considering that this is their first season in the league. The

MIDLAND LEAGUE

MEN (Div. 1)	
	P W L D F A Pts
Gloucester	7 7 0 0 51 19 14
Birmingham 'A'	7 5 1 1 52 18 11
West Bromwich	7 4 3 0 35 35 8
MEN (Div. 2)	
Worcester	7 7 0 0 52 18 14
Birmingham 'B'	7 6 1 0 53 17 12
MEN (Div. 3)	
Potteries	7 7 0 0 60 10 14
Hinckley	7 6 1 0 51 19 12
Leicester 'B'	7 5 2 0 46 24 10
LADIES (Div.)	
Birmingham	6 6 0 0 51 9 12
West Bromwich	6 5 1 0 47 13 10
Chesterfield	6 4 2 0 32 28 8
INTERMEDIATE (Div. 1)	
Birmingham	8 8 0 0 67 13 16
Coventry	8 3 4 1 35 45 7
Leamington	7 3 4 0 28 42 6
Leicester	7 3 4 0 28 42 6
INTERMEDIATE (Div. 2)	
Oxford	7 4 0 3 46 24 11
Nottingham	8 4 2 2 45 35 10
JUNIOR (Div. 1)	
Birmingham 'A'	5 4 0 1 44 6 9
Birmingham 'B'	5 4 0 1 42 8 9
JUNIOR (Div. 2)	
Loughborough	6 5 1 0 45 15 10
Nottingham	5 4 1 0 41 9 8
Leicester	5 4 1 0 36 14 8
VETERANS (Div. 1)	
Birmingham 'A'	7 7 0 0 58 12 14
Nottingham 'A'	7 4 2 1 39 31 9
Birmingham 'B'	7 2 2 3 30 40 7
Walsall 'A'	6 3 2 1 29 31 7
VETERANS (Div. 2)	
Worcester 'A'	8 7 1 0 54 26 14
West Bromwich	8 6 1 1 53 27 13
Coventry	8 5 2 1 53 27 11
Walsall 'B'	8 5 3 0 43 37 10

LANCASHIRE NOTES

by Geo. R. Yates

Farnworth Fulfils "Seven-Year Itch"

THERE were great goings-on at the Bolton SSS League's closed championships where, in the men's singles, three of the four seed's failed to reach the semi-finals.

Holder and top seed John Clarke was beaten by Clive Heap, No. 2 seed George Livesey lost to Bob Kelly and junior international Brian Mitchell was ousted by Colin Lang who was later in the evening voted the "most improved player of the season."

Winner was Bryn Farnworth who recaptured the title after a lapse of seven years. Set of the evening, however, was the boys' singles final which was won by Stephen Kaufman who beat holder Brian Mitchell only after a tremendous tussle.

Men's Singles: **B. FARNWORTH** bt C. E. Lang -17, 20, 16.

Women's Singles: **MRS. SYBIL WILLIAMS** bt Mrs. L. Whittle 15, 17.

Junior Boys' Singles: **S. KAUFMAN** bt B. Mitchell 18, -21, 19.

Mixed Doubles: **J. K. CLARKE/MITCHELL** bt Farnworth/G. Livesey 15, -18, 13.

Junior Boys' Doubles: **J. KELLY/MITCHELL** bt Kaufman/C. A. Taylor 11, -26, 21.

Veteran Singles: **R. LILLEY** bt R. E. de Riggs 16, 14.

Another good crowd assembled for the Bury League championships in which Alan Wright pulled off the major award in beating Bob Hamilton 3-1. Results:—

Men's Singles: **A. WRIGHT** bt R. Hamilton 22, 18, -22, 19.

Women's Singles: **MRS. EILEEN JACKSON** bt Miss B. Nabb 19, 18.

Junior Boys' Singles: **T. HAVENS** bt G. Dearden 13, 22.

Men's Doubles: **M. O'REGAN/WRIGHT** bt D. Hulmes/E. Foster 18, 18.

Mixed Doubles: **P. THOMPSTONE/S. WYLD** bt T. Thewlis/Nabb 17, -18, 15.

Women's Doubles: **JACKSON/NABB** bt J. Farrell/Wyld 14, 13.

Over at Horwich, J. Howard Parr beat holder David Parr, his brother, to capture the men's singles title. Results:—

Men's Singles: **J. H. PARR** bt D. S. Parr 13, 18.

Men's Doubles: **PARR/PARR** bt S. Baugh/E. Taylor 17, 17.

This year's Annual General Meeting of the County Association will be held at the Saddle Hotel, Bradshawgate, Bolton, on Friday, May 24 at 7.30 p.m.

AROUND the COUNTIES

by J. G. Ashman

SOHAM AGAIN

runners-up position in Division 1 will be decided when Soham I play Wilburton. If Wilburton win they will be second; if not, Phones II will be runners-up.

CHESHIRE NOTES

by Jim Beckley

Senior Titles for Stockport

STOCKPORT Y.O.C. team completed their season's Lancashire and Cheshire fixtures with a

great win over the youths of Ellesmere Port by no less than 10 sets to nil! John Clayton, Stuart Yates and Tom Shove all won their sets.

WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN

by Grove Motlow

Bristol Double

CONGRATULATIONS to Bristol on winning both the Men's and Ladies' Section. To celebrate their title the men's team beat their second string 8-1

Bristol's Ladies' last two matches brought them good wins over Newport (a) 6-3 and Plymouth (a) 8-1.

Final tables (leading positions):—

MEN	
	P W L F A Pts
Bristol	7 7 0 41 22 14
Cheltenham	7 5 2 38 25 10
Plymouth	5 3 2 25 20 6
Weston	7 3 4 34 29 6
LADIES	
Bristol	10 10 0 71 19 20
Plymouth	7 4 3 32 31 8
Newport	8 4 4 38 34 8

Cheshire gave a strong and fighting display to beat Sussex at the C.C.P.R.O. headquarters and therefore stay in top t.t. for another season. Good support from the home crowd who warmly applauded every winning shot, I'm convinced helped the Cheshire team to win.

Great is the only word I can describe Doreen Schofield, Margaret Bradshaw and Myra Lypnyckyj who came away from a tough encounter with Liverpool Ladies with the L. & C. title well and truly retained. Stockport took a useful 3-1 lead with victories from Margaret and Doreen, only to see Liverpool draw level. But our girls continued to play brilliant, stirring table tennis and four sets in a row brought them victory by 7 sets to 3.

Together with the successful men's team, it is the first time that the town have won both the senior titles in the same season.

17, 19. In the men's doubles D. Leech and I. Vincent (Hippus) beat T. Dawson and P. Buck (Foulsham) -17, 14, 23. The women's title was taken by Mrs. Betts, who beat Mrs. Nicholls 21-15, 21-16. Their league winners are Saints. Both the Committee and Craske Cups were won by R.A.F. Watton.

At Fakenham. Wilf Mathews, a 47-year-old Warrant Officer at R.A.F. Sculthorpe, and ex-Norfolk veterans champion, beat 27-year-old Barry King 21-19, 24-22. In the under-19 singles, P. Vertigan (Rudham "A") beat J. Moore (British Legion) 21-10, 21-11. Men's doubles: B. Ashmore and B. King beat D. Everett and W. Mathews 21-17, 21-14. Mixed doubles: K. Burlingham and Miss B. Wright beat D. Everett and Miss M. Layton -14, 15, 12. Fakenham League champions are British Legion (Div. 1) and R.A.F. West Raynham (Div. 2). The Powell Knock-out Cup was won by Foulsham "A".

At Wymondham. Les Rayment (Old Buckenham "A") beat Roger Meadows (Nomads "A") 21-14, 21-17, 21-10. Men's doubles: P. and R. Meadows beat J. Barrett and L. Rayment 14, 14, -19, 11. Junior singles: for the third successive season this title went to Stephen Bassett, who again beat Martin Jackson of Thetford Y.M.C.A., this time by 16 and 15. Nomads "A" (Brian Mondin and P. and R. Meadows are league champions and Thetford Y.M.C.A. "A" headed Div. 2. Old Buckenham "A" retained the President's Cup by beating R.A.F. Watton 7-3.

Norwich League winners are C.E.Y.M.S. (Premier), Bullards (Div. 1), C.E.Y.M.S. "D" (2), Norwich Union "B" (3), May & Baker (4), Gothic "D" (5), Taverham (6) and St. Andrew's Hospital (7). Readwin Cup: C.E.Y.M.S. Miller Team Handicap Cup: Y.M.C.A. "C".



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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND-UP

By JOHN WRIGHT

KENT BACK—WITH WARWICKSHIRE

DESPITE losing to Warwickshire in the Promotion Challenge Matches at Nottingham, Kent secured promotion back to the Premier Division along with their victors.

Twice winners, Northumberland failed by reason of an inferior sets average.

Surprise winners over Yorkshire in the Junior North division, Lancashire just failed to bring off the overall title which was retained by Warwickshire

England No. 2 Paul Judd was the Midland County's big gun, winning all his 10 sets and a further five mixed doubles sets in partnership with Jenny Cornock.

PROMOTION CHALLENGE MATCHES

Nth'land 5 Warwicks 4 Although they trailed 1-3, Northumberland made an excellent recovery, taking the next four sets for a winning lead. Brian Burns's win by -17, 15, 15 over Ralph Gunnion was the deciding factor.

Kent 9 Worcs 0 Very easy for Kent except in WS where Joyce Ellis beat Joyce Lloyd 22, 19 on Expedite.

Warwicks 5 Kent 4 For the second time, Warwicks saw a lead (3-0) turned into a deficit but this time their young stars, Derek Munt and Paul Judd, pulled them through. The opening set here, Judd and Tony Pidcock, contained some great play with the Warwicks junior winning -14, 21, 18.

Worcs 3 Nth'land 6 A better result for Worcs than expected, with John Bell taking both singles and Mick Hawkins and Ray Lush pipping Burn and Stuart Lennie -11, 12, 23.

Warwicks 8 Worcs 1 A second good win for Hawkins and Lush, the former also taking both Gunnion and Judd to a third game.

Kent 8 Nth'land 1 The margin a real surprise, and a great tactical victory for Pidcock, who dropped Derek Basden from singles, moved Ken Baker up to No. 2 and brought in Henry Buist. Baker, opening the proceedings, tamed Burn -17, 16, 19 in the most exciting set of the week-end. Kent never looked back and went 8-0 up before Lennie brought Baker back to earth.

Kent ... 3 2 1 21 6 4 Warwickshire ... 3 2 1 17 10 4 N'umberland ... 3 2 1 12 15 4 Worcestershire ... 3 0 3 4 23 0 Derek Munt (Wa) (6-6), Joyce Ellis (K) (3-3) and Henry Buist (K) (2-2) were unbeaten. Tony Pidcock (K) (6-5) lost only to Paul Judd, and Phil Clark (Nd) (3-2) lost to Joyce Ellis. Brian Burn (Nd), Ralph Gunnion (Wa) and Paul Judd (Wa) all won 4 out of 6. Kent were unbeaten in either doubles and the other counties each won two. In conclusion, a few words of praise for Messrs. Taylor and Ellis of the Notts Association and their helpers.

2nd North Lancs II 6 Yorks II 4 Yorkshire slumped after taking a 2-0 lead, their failure to take any of the doubles being a big factor. An impressive debut by Malcolm Corring (ex-Durham) and Yorks also blooded young Nicky Jarvis, who showed potential but recorded no wins. Good win for Pat Gleeson over Linda Forkes.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows for Nth'land, Lancs II, Yorks II, Durham, Lincs, Ches II, Cumberland.

Junior North Lancs 6 Yorks 4 Tony Clayton and Alan Fletcher got Yorks off to a flying start with wins over Tony Boasman and Brian Mitchell but Lancs recovered well to lead 3-2. Linda Forkes and Clayton restored the White Rose lead, but the capture of the third doubles levelled matters. Then Stephen Kaufman, with a superb exhibition of control, crashed through England No. 6 Fletcher and left Boasman to seal victory in the match and division.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows for Lancs, Yorks, Ches, Durham, Nth'land, Cumberland.

LEADING AVERAGES 1967/68

Qualification: 2 matches and average of 50 per cent (Premier) or 60 per cent (all other divisions)

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for Premier division players like I. Harrison, R. Stevens, C. Barnes, etc.

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for 2nd SOUTH division players like A. Pidcock, H. Buist, G. French, etc.

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for 2nd NORTH division players like B. Burn, P. Hirst, W. Barker, etc.

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for 2nd MIDLAND division players like R. Gunnion, D. Munt, D. Baddeley, etc.

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for 2nd WEST division players like A. Kinsey, G. Gear, D. James, etc.

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for SOUTHERN division players like J. Kedge, G. French, D. Gilbert, etc.

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for MIDLAND division players like D. Backhouse, G. Binney, P. Glynn, etc.

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for EASTERN division players like A. Coby, J. Thurston, B. Copperwheat, etc.

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for JUNIOR SOUTH division players like J. Dabin, R. Tilling, D. Glover, etc.

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for JUNIOR NORTH division players like A. Clayton, A. Grimshaw, S. Kaufman, etc.

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for JUNIOR MIDLAND division players like R. Berry, F. Gunning, M. Jobson, etc.

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for JUNIOR WEST division players like C. Tucker, Mrs. B. Cassell, Miss D. Youngs, etc.

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for JUNIOR EAST division players like M. Taylor, M. Corrie, S. Smith, etc.

Table with 4 columns: P, W, % for JUNIOR WEST division players like C. Evans, M. Nocivelli, R. Tear, etc.

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JUNIOR CHALLENGE

The Hartshill High School, near Nuneaton, saw some high-class play on the 27/28 April when this season's Junior Challenge Matches were played. Excellent conditions helped the players to give of their best and Warwickshire did well to retain the overall title they won last year.

Essex 3 Warwicks 6 Steve Smith gave Paul Judd a fright, going down by -15, 17, -19. Although Smith put five services off in the final game, it would be unfair to say he wasted them; the need to serve tight gave him little margin of error.

Monmouth 2 Kent 7 The first two sets a real surprise, with Chris Evans beating John Dabin, and Hady Thomas (in a disappointing display) going down to Ray Tilling. Thomas in better form against Dabin to record Monmouth's other success.

Kent 6 Essex 3 Two narrow victories for Smith at 18 in third over Tilling and 19 in third over Dabin. Kent the all-round better team, though.

Warwicks 5 Lancs 4 A big disappointment for Lancs in their first match and the hero for Warwicks was Michael Jobson with his -16, 7, 19 defeat of Stephen Kaufman. Comfortable singles win for Jenny Cornock over Susan Lisle, two singles for Judd and these two Warwicks stars added the Mixed Doubles for the win.

Warwicks 6 Monmouth 3 The only highlight here was a fine recovery by Evans against Jobson. Trailing 16-20 in third he captured the next six points.

Lancs 5 Essex 4 With Essex having two defeats at this stage this looked comfort-

able on paper for Lancs. Smith had other ideas, beating Tony Boasman 7, 21 and Brian Mitchell 12, 13 (the second result putting Essex 4-3 up). Both doubles to Essex, a real surprise as it was their strength in these events that won Lancs their division.

Lancs 7 Kent 2 A more determined Lancs this time, who led 6-0 before Dabin shaded home against Mitchell 18, -14, 19.

Essex 4 Monmouth 5 Monmouth's first win in Challenge Matches, and much owed to Thomas with two singles successes and Boys' Doubles with Evans.

Monmouth 2 Lancs 7 Two more Boys' Singles for Thomas who (with Royston Tear) was unfortunate to go down in Boys' Doubles to Boasman and Mitchell 11, -16, 23.

Kent 3 Warwicks 6 Kent gambled with Dabin, using him in Mixed Doubles instead of Boys' Doubles, but without success. Excellent win for Lynda Chesson by 15, -12, 20 over Jenny Cornock

Final Table

Table with 6 columns: P, W, L, F, A, Pts. Rows for Warwicks, Lancs, Kent, Monmouth, Essex.

Leading Individual Records: Paul Judd (Warwicks) .. 8 8 Stephen Kaufman (Lancs) .. 8 6 Stephen Smith (Essex) .. 8 6 Hayden Thomas .. 8 6 Tony Boasman (Lancs) .. 8 5 Michael Jobson (Warwicks) 8 5

Susan Lisle (Lancs) .. 4 3 Jenny Cornock (Warwicks) .. 3 2

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE Annual General Meeting of the County Table Tennis Championships, to be held on June 8 at the end of the twenty-first season, promises to be interesting. Three items in particular should provoke discussion.

The first of these is the Kent suggestion that the CTC should discuss with the ETTA the possibility of disbanding itself and of the ETTA setting up a competition on "basically the same lines as the present competition." It is, perhaps, a little-known fact that the ETTA and the CTC are separate bodies and the idea of a merger is believed to be strongly opposed by some counties, including Worcestershire, who are concerned as to the position of the three Welsh Counties.

Then there is the Yorkshire wish to make the composition of teams the same in all divisions. At present the minimum team for Premier is three men, one woman but three men two women in all other senior divisions; two Junior Divisions play three boys, two girls, the other three play three and one. Yorkshire wish to make a minimum team three and two in all divisions (and have a compromise proposal for three and two in all senior divisions leaving Junior as at present). Worcestershire on the other hand wish to change the Junior divisions to three and two and leave the Senior as at present.

Quite different is the Surrey suggestion to award points in a Premier match (if still nine sets) as three for a 6-3 (or better) win; two for 5-4; one for 4-5. Condensed tables for the last four seasons are given below, the first column showing points as at present, the second showing points on the 3-2-1 system.

Table with 4 columns: 1964-5, 1965-6, 1966-7, 1967-8. Rows for Essex, Gloucs, Middx, Kent, Surrey, Lancs, Yorks, Staffs.

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