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## Hope Eternal

More and more is it becoming a necessity to obtain sponsorship, either wholly or in part, to budget the finances appertaining to the staging of open tournaments.

Gone are the days when entry fees balanced out the cost of prizes and the hire of a venue and tables were minimal incidentals often non-chargeable.

Limits have been reached in respect of entry fees but tariffs otherwise spiral ever upwards, making it imperative to find sponsorship or perish in the attempt.

Fortunately most of the established domestic opens are still to be found in the calendar, even the Merseyside 2-Star which, but for the timely intervention of Dunlop Sports Company, would have fallen by the wayside because of the withdrawal of last season's sponsor.

Little wonder then that eyebrows shot up when, on Oct. 14, it was announced at a London Press Reception, that Pickwick International (the largest budget record and tape manufacturers in the world) are to sponsor an International Invitation event.

Furthermore the B.B.C. are to televise, live, part of the proceedings from Crystal Palace on Dec. 7, when prize money totalling £1,600 will be at stake! Hope really does spring eternal.

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# On the International Front

by The Editor

### ENGLAND BEATEN AT PLZEN

The first series of matches in the Premier Division of the European League took place on October 17, 1974, with the shock result being provided by newcomers Yugoslavia in beating Sweden.

England, away to Czechoslovakia in Plzen, were beaten 6-1, the visitors' only success coming in the fourth set when Desmond Douglas and Denis Neale had a men's doubles victory over Milan Orlowski and Pavel Ovcarik.

Orlowski, the reigning European men's singles champion, began the match with a handsome 2-straight victory over Neale, but matters looked like being evened up when Nicky Jarvis took the first game from Jaroslav Kunz and led 19-16 in the second only to lose his grip and the set.

Jill Hammersley had a similar lead in the third against Hana Riedlova but also failed to capitalise on her advantage though all credit must be afforded the young Czech fighter who, it will be recalled, accounted for the redoubtable Maria Alexandru in the European Championships.

In the mixed doubles Douglas and Linda Howard had an opening game win over third 17-16 only to go under without winning another point. Finally Neale, after winning the second game against Kunz, had no answer to the pressure exerted by the Czech No. 2 in the decider. Individual scores:—

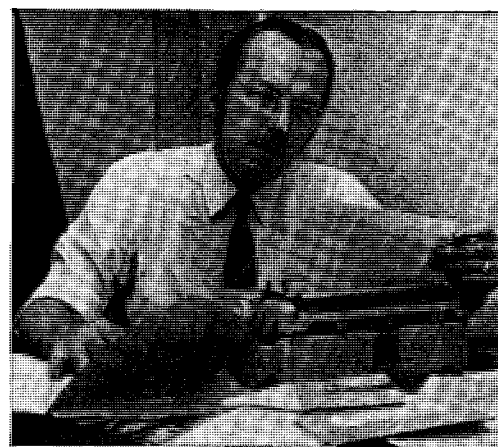
M. Orlowski bt D. Neale 13, 10; J. Kunz bt N. Jarvis -12, 21, 11.

Hana Riedlova bt Jill Hammersley -11, 15, 21. Orlowski/P. Ovcarik lost to D. Douglas/Neale 16, -11, -14.

Orlowski/Reidlova bt Douglas/Linda Howard -13, 17, 17.



Yugoslavia's Dragutin Surbek, conqueror of both Stellan Bengtsson and Kjell Johansson at Koping on Oct. 17.



Orlowski bt Jarvis 15, 15; Kunz bt Neale 14, -14, 8.

Hungary, the reigning champions, had a narrow 4-3 win over the U.S.S.R. in Miskolc with Gabor Gergely accounting for both Stanislav Gomzov and Sarkis Sarkhojan and further shared in a mixed success with Judit Magos over the European champions, Gomzov and Zoya Rudnova. Hungary's other win was obtained by their European women's singles title holder, Judit Magos over Miss Rudnova. Scores:—

G. Gergely bt S. Sarkhojan 18, 13; I. Jonyer lost to Gomzov -13, -15.

Judit Magos bt Zoya Rudnova -20, 20, 16. Gergely/Jonyer lost to Gomzov/Sarkhojan -19, -18.

Gergely/Magos bt Gomzov/Rudnova 9, 17. Gergely bt Gomzov 20, -13, 15; Jonyer lost to Sarkhojan -14, -14.

France had the misfortune to lose the services of their No. 2, Patrick Birocheau, in the week prior to their match away to Federal Germany, in Saarlouis, when the Frenchman injured his ankle and reluctantly had to cry off and be substituted by Christian Martin.

But the Germans had the match-winner in Jochen Leiss who, in the very first set, brought off the win of the night in beating Jacques Secretin in straight games. Young Peter Stellwag next accounted for Martin, to be followed by Wiebke Hendriksen, who had the easiest of wins over Claude Bergeret.

Despite having its feathers so badly ruffled, the French cockerel managed to crow in the two doubles sets that followed when, firstly, Secretin and Jean-Denis Constant accounted for Leiss and Stellwag and Secretin, partnered by Miss Bergeret, similarly disposed of Heinrich Lammers, of T.T.C. Mörfelden and Ursula Hirschmüller (Kaiserberg).

Leiss then returned to the table to win the match with devastating ease against the luckless Martin, leaving Secretin to finish off the proceedings against Stellwag, the up-and-coming player from S.S.V. Reutlingen. Scores:—

J. Leiss bt J. Secretin 21, 18; P. Stellwag bt C. Martin 15, 13; Wiebke Hendriksen bt Claude Bergeret 15, 6.

Leiss/Stellwag lost to Secretin/J.-D. Constant -12, -15; H. Lammers/Ursula Hirschmüller lost to Secretin/Bergeret -22, -10.

Leiss bt Martin 11, 11; Stellwag lost to Secretin 18, -14, -13.

It was in Karlberghallen, Koping, that Sweden's colours were lowered chiefly by Dragutin Surbek who, in straight games claimed the scalps of both Kjell Johansson and Stellan Bengtsson. Johansson began the match when predictably beating Anton Stipanec only for Surbek to equate the match score with a win over Bengtsson.

Ann-Christin Hellman put the Swedes in front for a second time when beating Erzebet Korpa only for Surbek and Stipanec to again level the scores with a men's doubles success over Johansson and Bengtsson. It was then



A dejected-looking Bengtsson, who went down to Surbek -19, -18 in the European League match between Sweden and Yugoslavia.

the turn of the Yugoslavs to turn on the heat when, in the mixed Stipancic and Miss Korpa beat Ingemar Vikström and Miss Hellman, and Surbek administered the coup-de-grace in beating Johansson. Scores:—

- K. Johansson bt A. Stipancic 18, 19; S. Bengtsson lost to D. Surbek -19, -18.
- Ann-Christin Hellman bt E. Korpa 15, 6.
- Johansson/Bengtsson lost to Surbek/Stipancic -18, -20.
- I. Vikström/Hellman lost to Stipancic/Korpa -16, -18.
- Johansson lost to Surbek -12, -15; Bengtsson bt Stipancic 16, -23, 15.

Ireland, at home to Poland in the **Second Division—Group 'A'**, were beaten 5-2 in Cork, the home wins being recorded by Jim Langan, who beat Witold Woznica in the opening set, and by Langan and Tommy Caffrey who, in the fourth set, squeezed a narrow win over Woznica and Marek Skibinski. Scores:—

- J. Langan bt W. Woznica 20, 20; T. Caffrey lost to S. Franczyk -12, -15.
- Karen Senior lost to Czeslawa Noworyta -8, -12.
- Langan/Caffrey bt Woznica/M. Skibinski 17, -15, 20.
- Langan/Senior lost to Woznica/Noworyta 19, -5, -16.
- Langan lost to Franczyk -14, -17; Caffrey lost to Woznica -18, 18, -14.

Austria, demoted last season from the Premier Division, began their programme in the **Second Division—Group 'B'** with a 6-1 win away to Luxembourg where their only loss was incurred in the women's singles when Margrit Wagner was beaten by Jeanny Dom. Scores:—

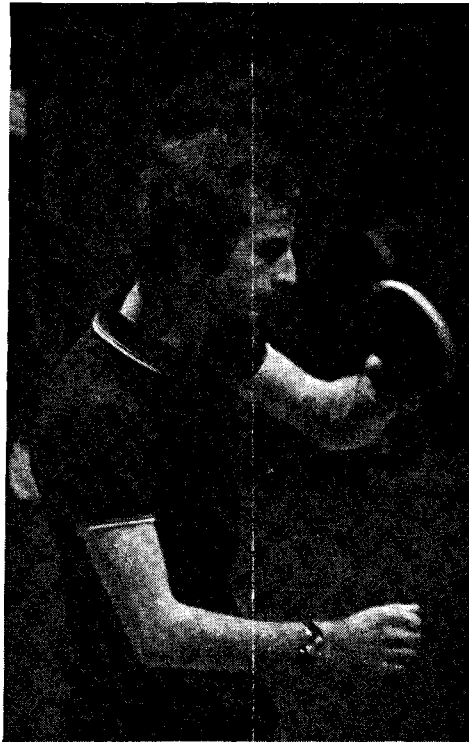
- J. Krier lost to F. Thalliner 13, -15, -17; G. Oth lost to R. Weinmann -10, -15.
- Jeanny Dom bt Margrit Wagner 19, 10.
- Oth/C. Putz lost to Weinmann/Thallinger -15, -8.
- Putz/Berthy Krier lost to G. Müller/Dolores Fetter 19, -14, -18.
- Krier lost to Weinmann -22, -10; Oth lost to Thallinger -15, -8.

In Suberg, Switzerland just managed to obtain a 4-3 win over Greece when, in the final set, Erwin Heri beat Dimitrios Zicos in the third. Scores:—

- L. Foldy bt D. Zicos 15, 13; E. Heri lost to K. Priftis 20, -9, -10.
- Theres Foldy bt Maria Louka 7, 18.
- Foldy/Heri lost to Priftis/Zicos -14, -15; Foldy/Foldy lost to Priftis/Louka -16, 18, -13.

Foldy bt Priftis 10, 17; Heri bt Zicos -17, 17, 19.

In the **West European Group** play-off, to be held in Cardiff on Mar. 5-6, 1975, as a curtain-raiser to the Stiga Welsh Open Championships on Mar. 7-9, the competing countries will be:—Finland, Guernsey, Jersey, Norway, Scotland and Wales.



French ace Jacques Secretin, who was surprisingly beaten 23-21, 21-18 by Jochen Leiss in the second set of the European League match between Federal Germany and France at Saarlouis.

#### ASIAN GAMES

The People's Republic of China won both team events in the Asian Games played at Tehran from Sept. 8-15, the final placings being:—

- Men**  
1, China; 2, Japan; 3, Korea DPR; 4, Hong Kong (Final 5-4).

- Women**  
1, China; 2, Korea Republic; 3, Japan; 4, Korea DPR (Final 3-1).

Other than the men's doubles, won by Nobuhiko Hasegawa and Mitsuri Kono, of Japan, Chinese players won all the other individual titles with Liang Ko-liang beating Kono 21, 6, -19, 7 in the final of the men's singles.

Chang-li had a 10, 13, -19, 16 win over Jung Hyun Sook (Korea R) in the women's final and, together with Chang Huai-ying, had a 3-1 win in the women's doubles over Yukie Ohzeki and Tomie Edano (Japan). Liang Ko-liang and Cheng Huai-ying beat Kang Moon Soo and Kim Soon Ok (Korea R) in the final of the mixed.

#### OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we record the **decease of Dr. Ede Harangozo, President of the Hungarian Table Tennis Association from 1967 to 1971.** In addition to his great work for the Hungarian Association, Dr. Harangozo was, from 1971, Deputy Secretary of State for Sports in Hungary, and his death at the early age of 41 is a great tragedy for Hungarian Sports.

#### NEW MEMBER

The Council of the I.T.T.F. has elected the **Asociacion Nacional de Tenis de Mesa de Costa**

Rica to "provisional good standing." Correspondence should be sent to the Secretary, Mr. Jorge Alan Sanchez, P.O. Box 1426, San Jose, Costa Rica.

#### EUROPE CLUB CUP

Spearheaded by England's No. 1, Denis Neale, Ormesby T.T.C., of Cleveland, the English Club Champions, brought off their expected win by 5-0, over Le Logis Boitsford, of Belgium, in a second round Europe Club Cup match played in Brussels on Oct. 22.

Both Neale and Jimmy Walker had two wins each with David Alderson, substituting for the injured Nicky Jarvis, claiming the other at the expense of Walter Dugardin. Scores:—  
J. Walker bt R. Schalley 16, -17, 15; bt W. Dugardin 20, 13.  
D. Neale bt F. Bakaert 17, 13; bt Schalley 9, 14.  
D. Alderson bt Dugardin 15, 12.

Ormesby are next likely to play hosts to Budapest Sparticus, of Hungary, who have won the championship on two previous occasions. It was Ormesby who took the title from them in a match on Teesside just over two years ago. Current title-holders (men's competition) are G.S.T.K. Vjesnik, of Zagreb, Yugoslavia. Other results:—

#### Men

- Rd. 1 — Olympiakos S.F.P., Piraeus, Greece, 3; Atus, Traismauer, Austria, 5.
- Rd. 2 — Tempo, Amsterdam, Holland, 1; P.S.V. Borussia, Dusseldorf, Federal Germany, 5.

#### Women

- Rd. 1 — Delta Lloyd, Holland, 5; 7 a 9, Barcelona, Spain, 0.

#### FRENCH OPEN

Twelve countries, including the hosts, will participate in the French Open Championships to be played from Nov. 22-24 in the Stade Pierre de Coubertin, Paris.

Hungary, with Gabor Gergely and Istvan Jonyer, are the top men's team seeds with Czechoslovakia (Milan Orlovski and Jaroslav Kunz) second. Third seeds are England (Trevor Taylor, Nicky Jarvis and Donald Parker) with France (Jacques Secretin and Patrick Birocheau) fourth.

France, with a European League score to settle, meet Federal Germany (Jochen Leiss and Peter Stellwag) in the first round. England have been drawn for an initial meeting with Italy II (Guido Bisi and Massimo Constantini), and should make it to a semi-final meeting with the Czechs.

Again the Hungarians are in the No. 1 position in the women's team event with Judit Magos, Beatrix Kishazi and Henriette Lotaller to call on, Czechoslovakia's Alica Grofova and Hana Riedlova being at the other end of the draw.

England, seeded No. 3 in the bottom half, meet Federal Germany II (Karin Sokler and Roswitha Schmitz) in Rd. 1. France (Claude Bergeret and Brigitte Thiriet) are seeded fourth.

European champions, Orlovski and Judit Magos are the top seeds in the main individual events.

#### HALEX HUMBERSIDE

Following his success in the North of England Open in Manchester, Nicky Jarvis, seeded fourth, retained his men's singles title in the Halex Humberside 3-Star Open played in Hull over the weekend of Oct. 26-27, when he recovered from an opening game deficit to beat Desmond Douglas in the final.

All the excitement occurred in the semis when Jarvis, again losing the first game, ousted top seed Denis Neale with a display that had the crowd willing him to win. Douglas disposed of Trevor Taylor at the same stage.

Jill Hammersley had a comfortable win over Linda Howard in the final of the women's singles. Paul Day and Julie McLean were the winners of the junior singles. A full report with detailed scores will appear in the December issue.

# ONE MAN'S VIEW

by MICHAEL J. LAWLESS

To the swirl of kilts and the skirl of bagpipes, the "Sunday Times" Super League began this season's journeyings in one of the several halls of Alexandra Palace, London, on Saturday, September 14.

In bygone days, pipes would lead soldiers into battle and those of us who finished lunch with food-stained clothing will never again doubt the effectiveness of this ploy. Only when the pipers left the inner sanctum could one appreciate such beautiful airs as "Hoffman the Brave."

Their departure was of immense benefit also to our speakers, Harold Evans, Editor of the "Sunday Times," Tom Blunn, the Association's Treasurer, Lou Hoffman (wearing many different "hats") and our guest of honour, Michael Parkinson, who kept everyone amused with his humorous anti-self anecdotes.

And so, led in by the pipers, the players entered the arena to do battle.

Throughout the table tennis was interesting; but inevitably being so early in the season, there were few occasions when John Ballantine of the "Sunday Times" felt obliged to search for superlatives. Nevertheless, there were moments of excitement, flashes of brilliance and a number of surprising results.

Donald Parker, early in the afternoon, beat Trevor Taylor 18 and 20 and, finishing the day undefeated, scored all the points for his side in their 6-3 defeat.

Jimmy Walker, although winning his three sets, could not prevent his side going down 5-4 to Desmond Douglas's team. In the set between the two captains, Jimmy drew first blood at 16 but collapsed in the second game which Desmond won 21-7. The final game was evenly balanced with the "good-to-watch" Walker winning the last two points to take it at 19.

Other matches went more or less as expected until Nicky Jarvis lined up opposite a slightly more rotund than usual Denis Neale. Jarvis, who did not have a particularly happy time last season, took the first game at 15, but when Neale won the second game 21-12, one sat back awaiting the inevitable outcome. But not this time. For once Nicky did not "stop playing" when leading and eventually won the final game at 17. Nicky won all his sets and his team were victors 6-3 over Neale's side.

Mike Johns was the only player on the day whose three sets went the distance, and in each he came back after losing the first game.

The most successful juniors were John Kitchener, with victories over Brian Burn and Paul Day, and Andrew Barden, who beat Ian Horsham and David Alderson.

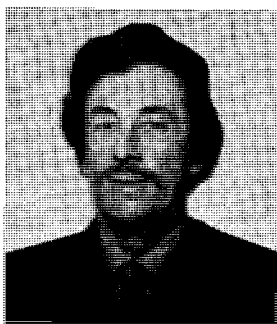
Alexandra Palace, with its pillars, its glimpsed-in-the-distance roof and its huge stage-mounted organ, is similar to Westminster Abbey without the tourists. Judging on crowd reaction we could have been in church! Perhaps we should have notices printed on the following lines:

"The public is respectfully reminded that silences between rallies have a detrimental effect on players and should be avoided."

Lou Hoffman and the North Middlesex committee (and the pipers) deserve praise for their unusual but successful staging of the event. Power to the elbow of all who bring variations to the theme!

The second round of matches in the "Sunday Times" Super League will be held at the Ferens Recreation Centre of the Hull Young People's Institute during the Humberside Three-Star Open. All spectators with entrance money will be welcomed. If you missed the first round, don't worry, you will soon pick up the story.

# CONTROVERSY



## FACILITIES AND FINANCE

by John Woodford

I wonder if the days of the smaller, private table tennis club are numbered? Although there are exceptions, it seems to me that more and more clubs entering local leagues originate from factories, offices and other similarly large organisations.

One hears of cases where private clubs are being forced to pay more and more to hire premises which they once got for a nominal sum each week. Of course, we all know that there are thousands of school halls, whose facilities are only being used for a few hours each day. Then it's usually a question of getting in favour with the caretaker who seems in some cases to have more power when it comes to hiring the facilities than the headmaster!

And then, of course, we have the indoor sports halls, often municipal undertakings springing up at an ever-increasing rate and often charging the earth for the use of their facilities. Sometimes it's a blessing to find a local league match being staged in a smaller room where a reasonable amount of hush allows the players to concentrate. Quite often, the reverse is the case—a match being played in a section of a large hall with badminton shuttlecocks flying everywhere and Top of the Pops blasting from a jukebox in the refreshment area.

But, of course, table tennis players who participate in tournaments are used to playing in a big hall where the general noise level is so high that they can swear at missed shots quite loudly and get away with it. Put them in a smaller hall where there is a general hush whilst play is in progress, that is where four-letter words can be heard by all. That is when disciplinary committees should use their powers to stop bad language. This problem seems to be on the increase once again.

As the 1977 World Championships at Birmingham gets nearer, I really cannot think where all the money is coming from. E.T.T.A. members have decided that they do not want a compulsory levy but they do want the championships. Can they have one without the other? Those of us lucky enough to have seen the event staged in other countries—my experience covers only Munich and Sarajevo—have seen how vast and therefore expensive the operation was and we realise how much extra due to world inflation, we can expect to pay for our privilege in 1977.

Perhaps there will be a miracle—a table tennis fanatic like Lou Hoffman will win the football pools or win top prize on the premium bonds. Tom Blunn is perhaps too experienced an administrator to lose any sleep over the problem. The point is you cannot expect sponsors to provide enormous piles of money whilst the table tennis players just sit back and buy a few raffle tickets. There is no way, in my view, that the event can be run without every player in the country digging deep in their pockets.

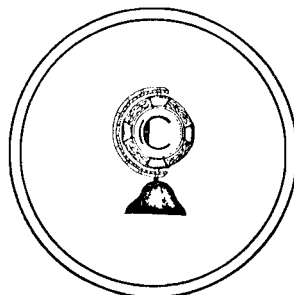
My apologies to the Sussex junior administrators for an error in this column last month. My memory let me down on the statement that Sussex juniors could not beat Essex thirds. In fact, the record shows that a below strength Sussex first team did beat Essex III, by 6-4. But, my general view is that to some extent I am opposed to junior table tennis, or at least expansion in that direction. Fine players, international class are produced by playing youngsters against the lions, that is senior players as opposed to junior tournaments; not by organising more and more matches for juniors against juniors.

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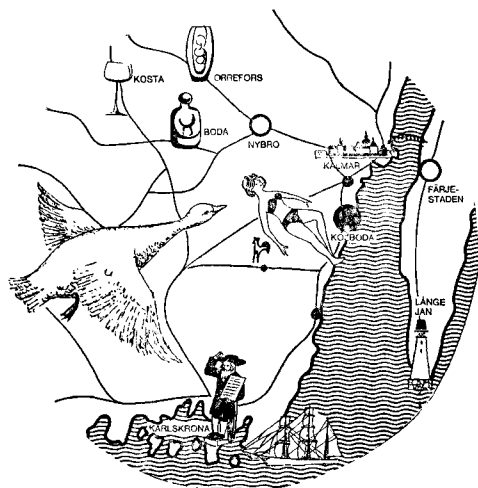
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by **DON RICHARDS**  
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(CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH)

#### THE PROGRAMME

Later we were told the basic programme for each day of the week which is reproduced as follows:—

- 07-30 Wake
- 08-00 Breakfast
- 09-15 Warm up (physical)
- 09-35 Table work
- 11-15 Circuit training (physical)
- 11-35 Rest
- 12-00 Lunch
- 14-00 Warm up (physical)
- 14-15 Table work
- 16-15 Condition training (physical)
- 17-00 Finish with sauna, shower, or bathe.
- 18-00 Dinner
- 22-30 Lights out (and they usually were)

As you can see, much emphasis was placed on physical training. The Swedish national team concentrate on this aspect for 50% of the first week on a training camp, and they build up the table work as the event for which they are preparing approaches. More important, however, is that physical work is not the preserve of top players and courses such as Kolboda; even ordinary club players do warm up exercises for 5-10 minutes before a league match. Often they supplement this with more rigorous training.

The table work was broken down into two types of training:—

#### (1) Strokes—

(a) Control training, which aimed at consistency and grooving of the forehand and backhand drives (Swedish style)

(b) Technical training, which involved stroke combinations and footwork.

#### (2) Tactical—

This was emphasized by T. Stenberg as the most important table work. Basically we practised various kinds of service and return, and completion of the rally with the server attempting to maintain advantage and win the point with a kill. Much more emphasis has been placed on tactical training in Sweden in recent years.

#### DAY TO DAY DIARY

##### Sunday Evening

We had not done any physical exercise for several days, and decided to go for a run. We were told that the wood behind the camp was marked out with different coloured markers for runs of 2.5, 3 and 5 km. We decided 2.5 km. was enough and set off, naturally getting lost and running much further than we expected. However, we felt we'd made a good start and went to bed with high expectations of what the week would bring.

##### Monday

Mats Wielbass knocked us all up at 07-30 sharp—and we had to open the chalet door to prove we had got out of bed! Bernard looked into the mirror, said "good morning, face," and promptly found his patched-up shaver cord wouldn't fit the Swedish sockets. The camp owner came to the rescue with a spare lead. Huge bowls of cornflakes and gallons of coffee were the order for breakfast every day.

And so to the first sessions. Two players we partnered that day are worth a mention. Wolfgang, a teacher from West Berlin, had good stroke production. He could pick off all but the lowest of pushed balls, and kill them down either wing with pinpoint accuracy!

By contrast, Peter, reputed to be the best 13-year-old in Denmark, needed practice on his stroke production and technique. However, he displayed tactical ability not seen in boys of this age group in England, and played the ball intelligently around the table before attempting to kill. Peter was one of six lads from Denmark who all showed this tactical ability, but had not yet acquired the technique to become good players.

The condition training, in the afternoon, took the form of a 5 km. run, after which we were all agreed that that was quite enough for one day. After dinner we switched on the television to find 'Man About the House' showing with Swedish sub-titles. Bernard muttered something about preferring the real thing, presumably referring to the rather weak "Svensköl" (beer) we were drinking.

##### Tuesday

Before the start of training, Johan Messa gave a sales talk about various items of table tennis equipment. One item he quoted as being a "new revolutionary" bat which would shortly be on the market at a cost of around £14. It will be called "Beluga," and comprises 8 mm. one-ply wood with 2 mm. Sriver rubber on either side. It is expected to produce more speed without sacrificing the control obtained with the Sriver rubber.

During the time on table we trained with three lads from the K.F.U.M. (Y.M.C.A.) club, Kristionstad. The club has ten tables and around 80 members, including a lot of local boys between the ages of six and ten! This seems to be fairly common in Sweden. T. Stenberg's club, I.F. Norcopensarna, boasts a membership of 200, including about 100 under twelve years of age. The club pays £3,000 a year for the hire of the premises, but seven tables are available from 3 to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

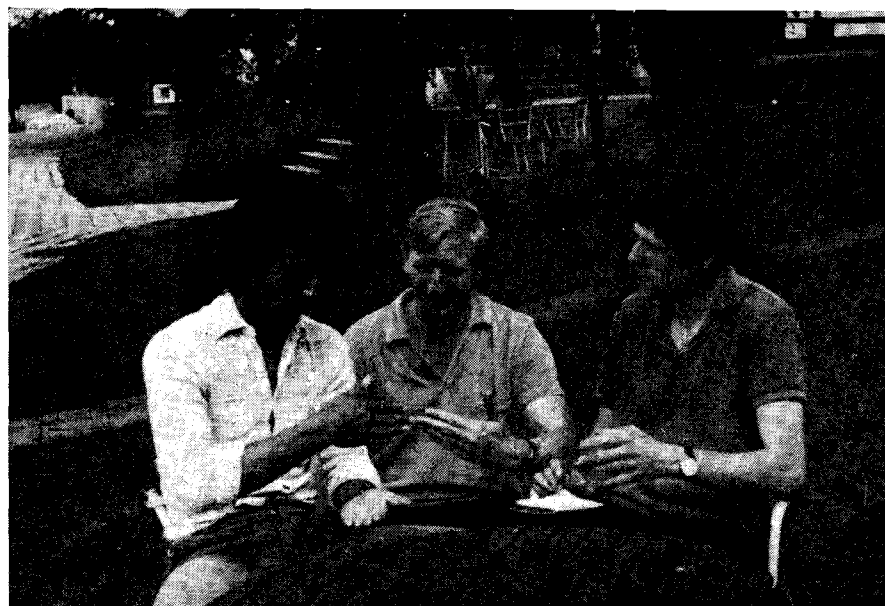
Like almost all the players on the course, the K.F.U.M. lads were sponsored by their club to attend Kolboda. Mats Malmström (16) can play against the best of the young fast players, but is suspect against a player with a mixed game. On the other hand, Hans Thalin (14) uses his range of backhand serves to great effect, and backs these with good forehand topspin and kill strokes. His tactical ability seems well in advance of his years (by English standards), and he obviously worked on this aspect as much as his stroke technique. His colleagues, Ola Forslund (13), could well make the national side in future years. A little weak on his backhand, his forehand drive is the soundest we have ever seen in a junior, and he has good basic tactical ability to match. We reckon young Kevin Beadsley may have met his match in Forslund, if he ever emigrated to England.

Sprinting was the order for condition training to finish the day—alternate 15-second sprints and rest periods (8 times) followed by a one-minute rest. Repeat doses twice more (phew!).

##### Wednesday

At lunch break we had a long talk with Thomas Stenberg. "Why were Sweden producing a succession of top class world players?" we asked. We had already got some clues in the emphasis placed on physical and tactical training, and the legions of young potential that was playing in clubs.

The development of stars such as Alser, Johansson and Bengtsson was due to the influence of former world champion Ichiro Oginura, who was coach to the Swedish



Thomas Stenberg being interviewed re coaching in Sweden.



Steffan Johansson (left) and Mats Wielbass.

national team in the 1960's. Christer Johansson, who took over from Ogimura, organised training on a regular basis and so emerged with a championship team.

"What part does the organisation of Swedish table tennis play in maintaining this succession?" The existence of large clubs assists the younger element in financing their travel to tournaments, and creates an active social background to encourage their continued interest in the sport.

Every player in Sweden is classed according to his ability. Every singles event in a tournament is similarly classed, and a player is only allowed to enter his particular class, and the ones above. This has the effect of encouraging developing players, who have a better chance of progressing in a tournament at their own level, and still gain experience by entering the higher classes.

We began the first matches of a tournament in the evening. Two groups of twelve were formed, representing approximate classes of ability, and all played all within each group. Don and Bernard played in the second group.

**Thursday**  
The tournament was continued in the afternoon after a morning's training. Bernard ate a tin of beans at lunchtime (the canteen were serving up a concoction of last night's sausage in strange-looking sauce), but this did not help him achieve better than sixth position in the group. Don went three better to take 3rd place, the group being won by young Hans Thalin. The first group winner was Jarmo Jokinen, who had to overcome some spirited Swedish and Finnish opposition to take the top prize.

Prizes were distributed at dinner. Don received rapturous applause as he went up for his prize—his off-beat humorous antics had been popular with the younger element all week. We spent the evening trying to get replays on the pinball machines.

**Friday**  
By now the pace was beginning to tell. Bernard called it a day half-way through the morning, and we both agreed over lunch to take the afternoon off and visit the Boda glassworks. We gave a lift into Kalmar to two other 'drop-outs' then proceeded the 25 miles to Boda.

We arrived in time to see glass being blown and shaped in the one workshop that was open during July. Boda is in the heart of the glass manufacturing district of Sweden, and specialises in ornamental glassware. This was our chance to buy presents for the folks back home.

During the day, an increasing number of people were complaining of a sore throat. Don

was no exception, and spent an uncomfortable evening on the bed.

**Saturday**

Bernard caught the bug, and played no part in the day's activities. Don felt better, trained in the morning, and took a rowing boat out into the bay after lunch to take some photos.

A football match was arranged for 4 p.m. T. Stenberg showed his skill at the front, scoring four of his side's approximate 10-0 victory (he used to play in goal), while the combination of youth and experience at the back (Hans and Don) never gave the other team much of a look at goal.

A name-signing session on the ceiling of the canteen completed the day. The walls and ceilings of the main building are covered with signatures of those on sports courses dating back to 1968.

**HOMEWARD BOUND**

An early start was essential on Sunday

to make the boat leaving Gothenburg at 15:00. Neither of us felt too good, and we shared the fast driving necessary to reach Gothenburg in time for lunch. The route to the harbour seemed easy enough to follow on the map, then Bernard found himself driving down the middle of the carriageway reserved for trams. A tram suddenly appeared from round a corner, bell clanging, and driver waving his arms frantically in the air. We waved our fingers in the air in frustration, managed to veer out of his way, and eventually, returned to tarmac by ascending a pavement. An English-registered Ford Cortina led us the last mile or so to the docks—the first English people we had seen since disembarking nine days earlier.

So a well-earned rest on the boat, and just a couple of hours of mental effort starting to put this article together.

**CONCLUSION**

In summing up, this holiday turned out to be well worth the expense. We had visited a picturesque country, and made some contacts for future exchange visits with our club in Coventry. We picked up some useful hints which we hope will improve our own personal performances, and developed a level of fitness neither of us had known for some years.

However, most of all, the course confirmed that the training methods we had been operating with our juniors were basically sound, and the experience gave us encouragement to expand our ideas still further.

**POSTSCRIPT**

If any coaches reading the article would like to know specific details of the physical or table exercises performed on the course, please contact Bernard Yarnold at 52 Mill Hill, Baginton, Coventry. (Phone: Cov. 301976).

## European League Team

England's team for the European League match against Sweden at Belper, was chosen:— D. Neale (Cle), N. Jarvis (Cle), Des Douglas (Warwks), Jill Hammersley (Bucks) and Linda Howard (Surrey). N.P.C.: Brian Burn.

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# BLUEPRINT FOR 1974-75



by **RON CRAYDEN**

**Chairman of the National Selection Committee**

To meet the challenge of a new season and no doubt with an eye to the World's of 1977, the National Council has appointed a Selection Committee that is six in number and includes two new faces. All the members of the Committee have had considerable experience and are directing their energies to the improvement of England's standing on the world scene.

In name, the selectors are:—Brian Burn, Laurie Landry, Bryan Merrett, Alan Ransome, Derek Schofield and myself. Secretarial duties are in the capable hands of Albert Shipley, and matters appertaining to the Squads will be handled by the re-appointed Squad Manager, Ken Mathews.

## NATIONAL TEAM TRAINER

The most significant change in the Committee has been the appointment of a new Team Trainer due to the resignation of Les Greswell. This prized position has been filled by Brian Burn, a qualified P.E. teacher and former senior International. Brian is aware of the enormity of his task and has already set the wheels in motion.

His forward planning will mean changing some established routines but they will be altered only when benefit is seen to be gained. In addition to his other duties, Brian will be England's Captain and is responsible for choosing players to attend Training Camps.

## JUNIOR POLICY

It is the intention of the Committee to give special attention to the development of young players, providing regular Training Camps and practise sessions. A watchful eye will be kept on Tournament results but most credit will be given to those with a high grade rating, such as the three Select Tournaments, the English Junior Closed and the English Junior Open. Elsewhere in this magazine a more detailed account of our policy, in this respect, is set out.

## JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

Last season, for the first time, a Junior International Squad was formed with the object of giving special training to hand-picked youngsters. As the venture was favourably received by players and officials, and affords obvious benefits, it has been decided to continue with the Squad. The membership of the Squad will be constantly under review.

## SENIOR INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

To become a member of this Squad should be the goal of the ambitious player as the nuclei of National Teams is chosen from it. High standards are expected from members of the Squad as their appearance, behaviour and attitude is the yardstick by which the game is measured. Squad Members serve the game by example.

Playing ability is, of course, essential, but ability alone is not the pass key into the Squad. Other dominant factors such as discipline, dedication and a desire to succeed will be taken into consideration. Co-operation with the National Team Trainer is of great importance and all Squad members will be expected to attend Training Camps. Unless medically unfit, it is obligatory for Squad players to participate in the 3-Star Tournaments.

## ASSESSMENT CAMPS

Each year the intake of Junior players seems to increase and with the tremendous help provided by the Staff Coaches and officials responsible for Junior coaching, assessment of youngsters is perhaps fairer than ever before. In our blueprint for this season we are planning to continue with the Assessment Camps but it is likely that the format will be altered slightly. A meeting to discuss the matter in detail is to be held shortly and notification of any changes will be sent out through the normal channels.

## TRAINING CAMPS

The importance of Training Camps cannot be denied, more and more they are becoming the factors in building up players to face the rigours of a crowded season. Between October and May, twelve Camps have been booked and the new Team Trainer, Brian Burn, will select those players whom he wishes to undergo intensive training. It must be borne in mind that both the Commonwealth and World Championships are to be played early in 1975, so much of the planning will be directed towards a build-up for these major events.

## RANKING LISTS

Once again for the guidance of Tournament Organisers, the Committee intend to publish three Ranking (or Seeding) Lists during the course of the season. In addition to the conventional Senior List and a Junior ranking which now includes a Group A section, we will be publishing an Under-14 list. The ranking of Juniors will not necessarily be made at the same time as those of the Seniors.

To ensure that no young players are overlooked and for up-to-date information on the fortunes of Juniors in all regions, the selectors would be pleased to receive ranking lists, when made, from each of the Panel Chairmen. These should be sent to Albert Shipley, who will photo-copy and forward to the selectors.

## IN CONCLUSION

Throughout the season we intend to keep abreast of the methods and developments to our rivals in the International field. It is vitally important that we stay in the Premier Division of the European League and remain in the top ten of the World's ranking list. If we fall below this level a black cloud will hang over our 1977 promotion of the World Championships.

To those who feel they are being overlooked or wish to communicate with the Selectors on issues which need clarification, then please do not hesitate to write to me or the Secretary of the Committee. You have my assurance that all letters received will be discussed by the Selectors at the first committee meeting held after the receipt of such correspondence.

Coverage of the majority of Tournaments held in this country will be made and we look forward to working closely with the Coaching Committee. I can only conclude by wishing you all a successful season.

## STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Jack Chalkley

### ELBOWED OUT

The County table tennis calendar for this season commenced with the County Trials at the Woodfield Club on Sept. 15. Notable amongst the absentees was John Pugh, who is suffering from tennis elbow and will not be available for selection for several months.

Tony Isaacs surprised everyone by losing his No. 1 position in the Men's ranking to Steve Rowe, from the Potteries. Tony lost all his matches in a performance which must have been a disappointment to the selectors, but he will have every opportunity to regain his form in the No. 2 spot.

The first fixture for the "A" team was a home match against Gloucestershire on Nov. 2 at the Woodfield Club, Penn.

Gail Round retained her place at No. 1 in the Women's ranking in the absence of Mrs. Dot Deeley, who has decided to retire from representative table tennis.

Vince Hankey, who has moved to Cyprus, and Ernie Coggins, will be missing from the Veterans' scene this year. I am told that Ernie has given up table tennis completely, but its difficult to believe that he'll be able to stay away from the table for very long. We'll be waiting for the comeback!

Top rankings are as follows:—

<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
Steve Rowe	Gail Round
Tony Isaacs	Janet Carr
Brian Keates	Heather Johnson
John Riley	Barbara Eardley
Keith Fellows	R. Hodgkiss

## Veterans

<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
Len Dawes	Mrs. J. Russell
Don Pritchard	Mrs. B. Hall
Dennis Preston	

## Juniors

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
Robert Legge	Gail Round
Nigel Lockley	Heather Johnson
Peter Machin	R. Hodgkiss
Neil Partridge	Stephanie Jones
Robin Pritchard	Shirley Hunt

In the opening matches of the County Championships on Oct. 12, Staffs. had mixed fortunes. The Veterans again lost to the strong Warwickshire team 7-2, but the Juniors were good value for their defeat of Shropshire by 7-3. Robin Pritchard and the girls, Stephanie Jones and Shirley Hunt, played well to remain unbeaten.

# QUIZ TIME

with Alan J. Cavell

- Name the balls approved by the E.T.T.A. for the 1974-75 season.
- Must balls be white in colour?
- What do the initials I.T.T.F. stand for?
- Who was the secretary of the E.T.T.A. National Umpires' and Referees' Committee and chairman of the I.T.T.F. Rules Committee in 1973-74?
- Where can the I.T.T.F. publication "Handbook for Referees and Competition Organisers" be obtained from?
- Must the playing surface of a table tennis table be green in colour?
- What is the length and width of a table tennis table in centimetres?
- Should the umpire call 'let' if a player collides with the umpire's table during a game of doubles?

Answers on Page 30.

# POSTAL CHANGES

We have been advised by the Post Office that in future, the County part of our address should be EAST SUSSEX, Post Code TN34 1HA. The S.T.D. system has finally come to Hastings and we can now be dialled from many parts of the country. The code for Hastings is 0424, and our number is 433121.

# Letters . . . to the Editor

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

I was very interested to read Tom Blunn's article in the March issue of Table Tennis News concerning the 1977 World Championships, to which I shall certainly be looking forward.

With regard to the last World Championships held in this country in 1954, he apparently did not observe me on television but I was definitely there! As a matter of fact I had been appointed to the very interesting but quite tremendous job of Programme Editor. In the previous year I had been given the job of Programme Editor for the English Open Championships and I like to think that I had done that job fairly well so that I was promoted to the World's. Incidentally, with two exceptions I continued as programme editor of the English Open until 1963. The two exceptions were 1955, when Bill Goldfinch took over the job, and 1956, when the Championships were held at Manchester and most of the organising was taken over by the Manchester officials.

I was also at the 1948 World Championships, which were held at Wembley. As I had not at that time had much experience on the National Executive Committee, I was not given an important job, but I certainly had a very busy time, mostly as umpire or table manager. The only surviving members of the N.E.C. who were on the Championship Committee were Bill Vint, Geoff James and myself.

The 1938 World Championships were held at the Royal Albert Hall, with the Finals only being staged at Wembley. Of course, I was there and I have a very vivid recollection of dropping in for the job of taking charge of the tables which were functioning on the top gallery (I think it was the top gallery—at any rate it was a long sprint up the stairs!). There was a telephone line down to the office on the ground floor and this had to be used every time the players for the next match were required. Also on a number of occasions we had to telephone for more balls. Some sort of net had been hung round over the railing but it was not too difficult for the strong hitters to send the ball beyond the net! Maurice Goldstein was amongst the players and in the first round of the Men's Singles he was drawn against Ivor Montagu. I cannot recollect which of the two won that match. The only familiar names on the Committee were Ivor Montagu and Bill Vint.

Another vivid memory was that I commenced umpiring a match somewhere about 8 p.m. on a table in the main arena and at midnight we had to move to another table as the cleaning staff wanted to commence operations. I think one of the players was Mauritz, of Germany, and the other could have been Gardos, of Hungary.

Of course, I was also at the Championships of 1935, held at London University, again with finals at Wembley. To remind me of this occasion I have an official badge which was given to all helpers, a small plaque and a wonderful panoramic photograph of all the officials and players standing on the steps outside the University, where I chose a prominent position alongside one of the lions! One recollection of this occasion was the fact that a chap named DZINDZILLAUSKIS seemed to turn up at the table at which I was umpiring on several occasions, especially on the occasion when he played HUNG MUN CHIU, a veritable umpire's nightmare.

These Championships, of course, were in that period when the net was 6½" high and the bat could be of any material, size, shape and weight! Also, according to a Jaques advertise-

ment in the programme, a Jaques Tournament Table, for use by "Every Club where serious Table Tennis is played" could be purchased for £9-7-6d. and Tema Championship Balls at 4/- a dozen!

I am sorry I cannot boast of having been at the Championships in 1926, which were held in London. I had then been playing for six years but we had not then got an affiliated association locally. However, I see in the programme of the English Open Championships of 1934, which were staged at Paddington Baths, my name appears amongst the competitors! In the first round of the Men's Singles I had to play A. G. Millar (Manchester) who was at that time one of England's Swaythling Cup team. I recollect that the umpire for this match was Corti Woodcock, who gave me a sympathetic but encouraging look, but despite this I was not interested in the next round! However, I think this can be understood because on that occasion I was only four years from being a "veteran."

However, if I am still around in 1977 I will do my best to be at the World Championships and maybe do a spot of umpiring!

By the way, if anyone is wondering what has happened to the Crescent Club, whose girls became so well-known throughout the country, the position is that our Clubroom, which we used for around twenty years, was demolished in a Town Improvement plan. We were not able to obtain another room and lost nearly all our members. Last season we had only ten members, who played in three divisions in the local League. However, these players kept up their usual good show. Four of them, as a team from a local school, won the under-15 National Schools' Team Championships, after having won the under-13 and under-11 in previous years. Several of them play in County teams, including one who has played in the Senior 1st team, which won their Division in the County Championships.

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## NOSTALGIA

I read with interest, the press notices on the 1977 World Table Tennis Championships to be held in Birmingham and references to those held in London at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, in 1926, where I was one of the very few spectators to whom the late Bill Pope referred in his foreword in the 1947-8 programme. I attended on that occasion mainly in a spirit of curiosity and even condescension to become fired with enthusiasm, however, upon seeing Percy Bromfield, Fred Perry, Charlie Bull and Adrian Haydon doing battle with those legendary players, Zoltan Mechlovitz, Sandor Glancz, Lazslo Bellak, of Hungary, to presage the Hungarian domination culminating in the era of Barna and Szabados.

For the next ten years, despite my other sporting and business activities, I managed to average some five to seven evenings each week at the table in company with those mentioned above and other giants of the time, R. D. Jones, Vana, Bergmann, Madjaroglou, etc., and also Ivor Montagu, Bill Pope, Maurice Rose and Bill Vint, the prime architects of the modern game and all its attendant organisation. Does Ivor Montagu still get in the centre of a large group of international T.T. players and talk to them all at the same time and to each in their own language?

I am indeed fortunate and proud to have been involved and associated with such illustrious administrators and players, and to have been one of those to receive one of the limited number of bronze medallions given by the E.T.T.A. in 1935, to the few of us in that very active era, for services rendered!

Where are they all now and what nostalgic memories would be recalled should we all meet again—even at the "pub" opposite the Law Courts where very many momentous

meetings were held in those early days and chaired by Bill Pope.

H. H. BRIDGE.

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## DISILLUSIONMENT

Referring to the article by Don Richards and Bernard Yarnold on their visit to Kolboda International Table Tennis School, Kalmar, Sweden—July, 1974. I am sorry to disillusion their suspicions but they were not the first Englishmen to visit this camp. John Moloney, former Northants County player and myself had this distinction back in August, 1973, when we flew from Heathrow on Friday, 18th August, via Copenhagen to Malmo, when we then continued our journey by train to Kalmar, finally arriving on Sunday, 20th August.

Having spent a fabulous week's training and coaching under a top Swedish National Coach, with new techniques learned, we left camp on Saturday lunchtime and returned by the same route, arriving at Heathrow on the Sunday evening.

With marvellous scenery and wonderful weather it was a visit to be remembered with a tremendous amount of knowledge gained from the top European table tennis country.

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## INTERESTING DISCOVERY

Those to whom table tennis is just a knock-about game of ping-pong, played annually at the holiday camp when it's raining, or weekly at the local youth centre, will feel the full impact of the sport when the Worlds visit England in 1977.

Harlow, an Essex league, have recently made an interesting discovery—outsiders are intrigued by the game but not necessarily interested in competition or indeed the players.

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feature—it is an outstanding attraction. 55,592 people visited the two-day spectacle, and most of them stopped in at the local league's show.

Yet there were no stars, no household names present other than in the photographs that lined the walls of the marquee. A Stiga robot was the lone crowd-puller.

Whether Harlow's own top players or people invited from the audience, who had first to be shown how to hold a bat, were performing against the "tin beast," the crowd stayed on. Once, when the robot broke down temporarily, a very attractive live game replaced it—and the crowd vanished!

Films, hired from Gerard Holdsworth Productions, showed the audience the finer techniques of the game.

We at Harlow are pleased with our success in introducing the game to non-participants; retaining this interest is another matter but publicity—local and national—can influence people and we should all do our best to stimulate publicity for our sport.

Throughout the months between now and the World Championships there will be many local, County and National Shows, which are not necessarily based on or aimed at sport (as the Harlow one is not). But, shows collect crowds, and crowds are made for publicity, publicity which will attract a spectator following, sponsorship and much-needed finance.

Can Harlow's idea spread to other leagues?

**JOHN D. FORDER.**

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### "ERRONEOUS STATEMENT"

Could you correct the misleading statement made in Northumberland Notes of your magazine for October, '74? i.e., "They have all benefited from Ray Neale's coaching sessions for schools, held regularly at Newcastle's Polytechnic."

Since the Polytechnic was built its excellent facilities have been used twice for table tennis coaching. First for a schools' assessment in November, 1963, and secondly for the interested schoolchildren in February, 1974.

The County Junior Squad are not attending regular coaching sessions and this type of erroneous statement tends to cover up the lack of this type of facility in Northumberland.

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## ROYAL AIR FORCE T.T. ASSOCIATION

The R.A.F.T.T.A., having secured a place in the South East Midlands League, opened the season with a Men's and Veterans' match away to Cambridge at the Corn Exchange.

Although the R.A.F. men's team were not at full strength, Flight-Lieutenants Dick Clode and Eric Bradshaw, the Nos. 1 and 4, led Squadron Leader Wally Ladmore and Corporal Ken Phillipson to a comfortable 7-3 victory. This result, the first of a 14-match series against town teams from the region, was an excellent start to the season and shows promise of the R.A.F. contending for the title.

The Veterans' match proved less rewarding, the R.A.F.T.T.A. going down 4-6 to last season's Champions. Flight-Lieutenant Alan Dovey was absent on leave, and despite two good wins from Flight-Sergeant John Lloyd and Squadron Leader Neville Shorrock, the Cambridge Veterans, led by John Thursten, managed to hold off the R.A.F. challenge. Once again the closeness of the match, without the R.A.F. No. 1 Veteran, indicates strong possibilities of a title at the end of the season.



### TWO TO ONE ON THE FIELD

This charming study taken by Allan Batchelor, of Cranleigh, Surrey, and submitted by John Diggins, shows (l to r) Sarah Cresswell, aged 9, Graham Russell (9) and Michele Bland (11).

All are members of the Pegasus "Q" side who operate in the tenth division of the Guildford League. And would you believe it, they are all in the Guildford Coaching Scheme which goes in for catching 'em young.

## Club lobs Ron a Shock!

by **TONY SIKKEMA**

—Beds. & Bucks. Observer, Oct. 15, 1974.

When the Inland Revenue table tennis team were promoted to the First Division of the Leighton League in 1934, who would have guessed that 40 years later one of its members would still be there and still winning!

To celebrate his 40th season in the First, Leighton's table tennis club, the 84 Club, decided to throw a party for the veteran, 56-year-old Ron Jinks, of Woburn Road, Heath-and-Reach, President of the Leighton League for the past ten years.

It was a party everyone knew about, bar the man himself.

All he was told was that he and his wife, Dorothy, had been asked to attend a party to celebrate the 34th anniversary of the engagement of Mr. Peter Harmer and his wife, Dolly, Chairman and Secretary of the 84 Club respectively.

"But when I arrived, everyone was dressed up smartly and there were a number of people sitting with their backs towards me," said Mr. Jinks.

As he walked in, Mr. Harmer, in true Eamonn Andrews style, said: "Ron Jinks, this is your table tennis life!"

Mr. Harmer then introduced old teammates,

mixed doubles partners and worthy opponents, nearly 40 in all.

Among the guests were Paul Reynolds, one of the original team, Archie Fossey, whose name figured on League trophies long ago, Albert Earl and Grenville Whitney, both strong pre-war players in the Leighton League

Mr. Jinks was then presented with a book with the signatures of everyone present and Mrs. Jinks received a silver bowl.

Miss Janet Kingman had baked a special "Congratulations" cake in the shape of a table tennis bat. Players who could not go to the party sent cards.

Mr. Jinks said last week: "I was absolutely surprised and touched by it.

"I didn't say a lot to start with but when I realised what was going on, I told everyone I appreciated it very much that they had all come."

### B.R. RAIL CONCESSION

May we remind all organisers of Open Tournaments, junior County matches, area Coaching Panels, etc., that the E.T.T.A. are able to provide Certificates of Identity which will allow members who are between 14 and 18 years of age to obtain fares at the Child (under 14) rate when travelling to events arranged under the auspices of the E.T.T.A. We need to know the name of the traveller, the departure and arrival station, and dates of travel. The certificate must then be signed by the traveller and handed to the booking clerk at time of purchase. All enquiries to the E.T.T.A. office, please.

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# Richest Ever Tournament

by MICHAEL LAWLESS

The Pickwick International Invitation Tournament will be held at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre on Saturday, December 7, starting at 10 a.m.

Eight men and two ladies will compete for £1,600 prize money. The prizes for men range from £500 for the winner, to £75 for sixth place. Players finishing in seventh and eighth places will each receive £50 expenses. The ladies will play a special challenge match with the winner taking £250, and the loser £150. The winner of the men's event will also be awarded the Pickwick Gold Trophy.

At the time of writing full details of participants are not available but acceptances so far show that a visit to Crystal Palace will be very worthwhile. Milan Orlovski will be there, as will world-ranked Wilfrid Lieck, of Federal Germany. It will be interesting to see how our No. 1 player, Denis Neale, and English Champion, Chester Barnes, react to the incentive of big money prizes. These will be joined by Dan Seemiller, of the United States of America, who this summer beat Japan's Hasegawa, Takashima and Tasaka.

The E.T.T.A. is naturally placing an emphasis on producing players for 1977 and undoubtedly the Indian Association has done the same for 1975, when they stage the World Championships. We will have an opportunity of seeing the results of their preparation in the Pickwick Tournament. The top players from Canada and possibly Denmark, will complete the high class field.

The Ladies' Challenge Match will be an intriguing battle, with the big-hitting Alica Grofova of Czechoslovakia, trying to overcome the defensive skills of Jill Hammersley.

It is apt that this record prize money tournament should be sponsored by Pickwick International, the world's largest budget price record and tape manufacturers, probably better known under their brand names of R.C.A. Camden, Hallmark and Marble Arch.

The final stages of the tournament will appear live on B.B.C.'s Grandstand but nevertheless, for a full day of top quality table tennis, with entertainment during the lunch interval from a "pop" group, there is only one place to be on December 7 — Crystal Palace.

Tickets, priced £1 (50p for accompanied children), are available from the E.T.T.A. Office, Miss Elaine Saffer, at Pickwick International, The Hyde Industrial Estate, The Hyde, London, N.W.9, and from the venue. There will be a lucky programme draw and the Jaques table used for the final will be given to the association (club, school, etc.) bringing the largest group, so why not organise coaches?

See you there.

## International Squads

Trevor Taylor who, since his inglorious exit from the World Championships in Sarajevo in 1973 has played only once for his country, was, on Sept. 26, named as one of the new England International Squad.

Although inclusion in the squad does not mean automatic selection, it is obvious that Taylor's form towards the end of last season has impressed the Selection Committee.

A newcomer to the squad is young Donald Parker, of Lancashire, whose performance in an England shirt last season and in the "Sunday Times" Super League at Alexandra

Palace, augurs well for the future of table tennis in this country.

The Women's squad also underlines the selectors' thoughts to the future with the inclusion of Carole Knight, of Cleveland, who has yet to play in her first major tournament as a senior. Late last season Miss Knight overcame strong foreign and domestic competition to win the Halex Junior International Championships at Worthing.

The full squads are:—

### MEN

Denis Neale (Cleveland)  
Trevor Taylor (Beds)  
Desmond Douglas (Warwks)  
Nicky Jarvis (Cleveland)  
Donald Parker (Lancs)

### WOMEN

Jill Hammersley (Bucks)  
Linda Howard (Surrey)  
Karenza Mathews (Middx)  
Carole Knight (Cleveland)

The National Selection Committee has also announced the new Junior International Squads and these are:—

### BOYS

Paul Day (Cams)  
Andrew Barden (Middx)  
Chris Sewell (Gloucs)  
Mark Mitchell (Middx)

### GIRLS

Melody Ludi (Yorks)  
Caroline Reeves (Berks)  
Angela Mitchell (Middx)

Mark and Angela Mitchell are brother and sister.



## SCOTTISH NEWS

by DENIS GEORGE

The Scottish tournament scene got under way with the **West of Scotland Junior and Youth Open** in Glasgow on Sept. 21. In the U-23 Singles Alan Mathew (Aberdeen) beat Dougie Mullen (Glasgow) 2-1 in a quarter-final and then narrowly lost to Chris Reed (Cumbria) 20-22 in the 3rd in the semi-finals. The other semi-final saw Ron Wilson (Cumbria) beat Glasgow's Jim Graham. In an all-Cumbria final Chris Reed straight-setted Ron Wilson 15 and 21. The U-17 Boys' Singles gave John Moir (Aberdeen) a good run to a semi-final defeat by Reed; in the other half Alan Mathew defeated Errol Black (Edinburgh) to reach the final. Having learnt from his defeat by Reed in the U-23 event, Alan Mathew played a very mature game against him in the final, keeping up the pressure without hitting wildly to maintain the initiative, he was a worthy winner 15 and 16.

U-17 Girls' Singles — Grace McKay (Edinburgh) bt Elaine Craig (Glasgow) 9, 16.

U-23 Girls' Singles — Grace McKay bt Patrice Fleming (Glasgow) 18, 13.

U-17 Doubles — Russell Brown (Glasgow)/Alan Mathew bt Ian Donnelly (Glasgow)/Errol Black (Edinburgh) 14, 18.

U-23 Doubles — Jim Graham/Archie McCulloch (Glasgow) bt Graham Keys/F. O'Neil (Glasgow) 18, 15.

A quick dash back from Manchester enabled Scotland's best to be in Edinburgh to meet the challenge from England in the **Meadowbank Open** on Sept. 29. In the Men's Singles quarter-finals Richard Yule beat P. D'Arcy (Cheshire) 2-0, J. Hilton (Cheshire) beat David Fraser (Glasgow) 2-0, Bert Kerr (Edinburgh) beat Jim Graham 2-0 and Nigel Eckersley (Cheshire) beat Anglo-Scot John McNee (Cheshire) 2-0. Yule continued in good form to dispose of Hilton 18, 19 in one semi,

whilst Eckersley overcame the defence of Kerr 19, 19 in the other. Richard got home narrowly in the first game of the final against Eckersley but then seemed to become unduly disturbed by his opponent's lofted service and lost the next two for Nigel to retain the title he won last year -19, 12, 15. Elaine Smith, coming back to her best form defeated Patrice Fleming, Grace McKay and S. Jenkins (Durham) to win the Women's Singles.

J.B.S.—A. Mathew bt Brown 18, 12.

J.G.S.—McKay bt Craig 12, 12.

Men's Doubles—Yule/Fraser bt D'Arcy/Hilton 17, -13, 15.

Mixed Doubles—Yule/Smith bt Eckersley/C. Walker 12, 13.

Women's Doubles—Smith/Fleming bt McKay/Craig (Durham) -19, 14, 22.

The National Squad as part of their training programme under Manager John Braithwaite, have been competing with success South of the Border. At the **Cleveland Junior Select** on Sept. 14-15, Grace McKay hit top form in the Girls' Team Event to beat Melody Ludi 2-1, and Julie McLean 2-0 and with team-mate Elaine Craig, reach the final of the Girls' Doubles where they lost a tense game 1-2 to J. Skipp and J. Williams. In the Girls' Singles Grace won her group and went on to beat Norma Carne 9, 10 and to lose her quarter-final against Angela Tierney -19, -19. Best performance by the boys was Russell Brown's defeat of Lancashire's I. Smith.

The **North of England Open** on Sept. 28 enabled Richard Yule to produce one of those fine performances which make him a force to be reckoned with in British table tennis circles; in the quarter-finals he defeated Denis Neale 2-0 and David Alderson in the semi-finals. Nicky Jarvis in the final was one hurdle too many and Richard lost 1-2. In the U-17 Girls' Singles, Grace McKay reached the final by virtue of a semi-final defeat of Julie McLean to meet Melody Ludi. This time Melody was too consistent and Grace lost 0-2.

The **Cumbria Open** at Carlisle on Oct. 5, again brought Yule and Grace McKay to the fore. Richard reached his third final in 8 days with a quarter-final win over Stephen Souter 2-0 and a hard-fought win 2-1 over Ireland's Cliff Thompson in the semis. In the final Yule met Neale again and although vociferously supported by the Scottish contingent, he was unable to repeat his previous Saturday's feat and he lost 1-2. Grace McKay hit her way to another Girls' Singles final meeting with Bradford's Melody Ludi but was unable to overcome the consistent English girl and lost 0-2.

The Scottish team had a highly successful time of things in the **Spanish Open** played at Alicante on Oct. 12-13. They won the team event, beating both Spain and Belgium by 4-3 margins with Russell Brown winning the seventh and deciding set in each match. Richard Yule captured the Men's Singles title and the Mixed with Grace McKay. Grace shared with a Belgian partner, the Women's Doubles title.

## SOMERSET NOTES

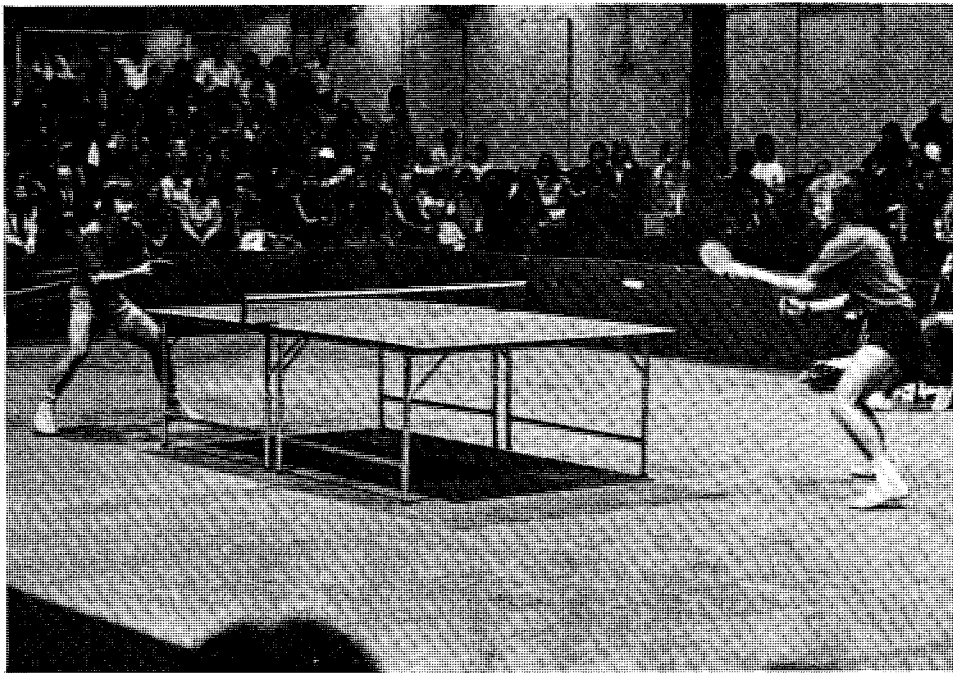
by Mike Hawkins

### DEBUT FOR ALMA

Shock news on the eve of the new season in Somerset was that two former County senior players, Roger Morris and Tony Kinsey, would not be available. Roger, with a fine record of having won 33 sets out of the 42 he contested in the County's colours, together with Tony, a most experienced player, will be sadly missed.

On a more happy note it is pleasing to report that the County will have the assistance of Mrs. Alma Heath (nee Taft), the former Middlesex star.

Alma made her debut in the Division 2 West match, away to Dorset at Easton, Portland, which Somerset won 9-1. Best set of the evening was that between Jimmy Andrews and Dorset's Mike Doyle, the former playing extremely well to merit his deserved victory in the 9th set.



Danny Seemiller (left) on his way to beating Errol Caetano in the men's singles final.

# 1974 CANADIAN and INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

by MALCOLM R. ANDERSON

(Vice-President, United States T.T. Assoc.)

The 1974 Canadian and International Open Championships played in Toronto from Aug. 29—Sept 1, saw two hat-tricks, as **Danny Seemiller**, of Pittsburgh, Pa., defended his M.S. and M.D. titles, and added the X.D. crown. Miss **In-Sook Na**, formerly of South Korea, and now living in New York, dominated the women's events.

The U.S.A. teams won three of the four international matches. In the men's match, **Dell Sweeris** easily beat **Errol Caetano**, and **Seemiller** just edged **Caetano** at "deuce" in the third, to lead the U.S. to a 5-2 win.

Canada again won the women's match, with **Violetta Nesukaitis** and **Mariann Dononkos** shutting out the U.S. 3-0. Last year Canada won both junior events, but this year it was reversed—the U.S. boys (**Rick Seemiller**, **Bruce Plotnick** and **Mike Baber**) beat Canada (**Eddie Lo**, **Peter Joe** and **Pierre Normandin**) 5-0! The U.S. girls (**Beverlyn Hess** and **Debra Wong**) edged Canada (**Birute Plucas** and **Christine Forgo**) 3-2, with **Beverlyn** winning the vital singles match against **Birute** at "deuce" in the 3rd.

The Junior International Team event was won by **Pennsylvania**—we've won it all four years they've held it! Our team of **Rick Seemiller**, **Bruce Plotnick** and **Debbie Wong**. Familiar names? They were all on our Jr. International teams!

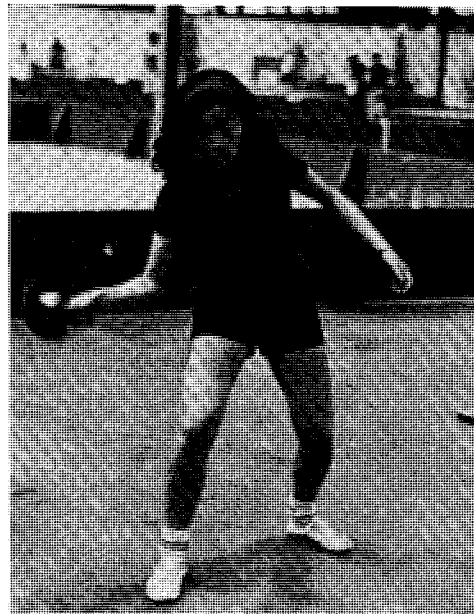
In the men's singles semis, **Errol Caetano** reversed the International Team result by easily beating **Dell Sweeris** 3-0. **Errol** never let **Dell** get close! In the other semi—**Dan Seemiller** easily beat **Errol Resek** 3-0, setting up what promised to be another great match in the finals. But **Danny** had other ideas—he beat **Caetano** 13, 18, 16! At mach point, **Errol** (left-handed) switched the bat to his right hand to make a good save, but **Seemiller** (who is right-handed but plays T.T. with his left hand!) immediately killed it to win the match. **Zlatko Cordas** was watching but unable to play—some trouble with the Yugoslav T.T.A.—we all would have liked to see him play **Danny**! After all, **Danny** beat him in a practice match in Sarajevo.

In the women's singles **In-Sook Na** easily handled **Vi Nesukaitis** in one semi, with **Rupa**

**Banerjee** (from India, now living in Toronto) beating **Irena Cordas** in the other. In the final, **In-Sook** easily dominated **Rupa** 9, 15, 10. I thought that **Rupa** showed excellent sportsmanship when she called an edge ball against herself that the umpire (an International Umpire yet!) missed.

The men's doubles was won by **Dan Seemiller** and **Dell Sweeris** over **Errol Caetano** and **Peter Gonda** and the W.D. by **In-Sook Na** and **Vi Nesukaitis** (who will train in Japan for 4½ months before the Worlds) over **Rupa Banerjee** and **Irena Cordas**. Both teams played each other in the W.S. semi!

In the mixed doubles, the New York team of **Alice Green** and **Jim Dixon** beat the defending champions, **Caetano** and **Nesukaitis**! It went 5 games, but **Vi** and **Errol** weren't ever in the 5th game. **Alice** and **Jim** then lost to the blockers, **Tom Boggan** and **Judy Bochenski**,



**In-Sook Na**, winner of the women's singles.

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in a 4-game semi. **Tim** and **Judy** had no chance again **Danny Seemiller** and **In-Sook Na** in the finals.

**Mr.** and **Mrs. Ray Seemiller** and their younger children, **Randy**, **Timmy** and **Cindy** (watch out, world—we have an endless supply of **Seemillers**) provided a cheering section for **Danny** and **Ricky** as they won 3 individual and 3 team titles between them! **Ricky** lost the Junior finals to **Paul Klevinas**. The Junior Women's title was won by **Mariann Dononkos** over **Birute Plucas**, and the girls' (under-15) was won by **Debbie Wong** over **Christine Forgo**.

## NETHERLANDS INVITATION TEAM EVENT

### Double Dutch for England in the Hague

In a seven countries Invitation Team Event in The Hague over the weekend of Oct. 19-20, England won both the men's and women's titles with final victories over Yugoslavia.

**Desmond Douglas**, England's No. 3, had the distinction of winning all his sets in straight games, as indeed did **Jill Hammersley**. The successes came as a form of recompense for England's defeat by Czechoslovakia in Prague where the 6-1 defeat hardly did credit to the fight put up by the travellers in their first European League match.

Results in Holland were:—

#### Men

England 5, Netherlands 'B' 0.  
D. Neale bt B. Schoofs 11, -22, 15; bt C. Deken 16, 17.

Douglas bt R. Hijne 16, 11; bt Schoofs 19, 12.  
N. Jarvis bt Deken 13, -17, 15.

England 5, Belgium 0.  
Neale bt R. Schalley 16, 14.

Douglas bt D. Nassaux 8, 9; bt Schalley 16, 17.  
Jarvis bt N. v.d. Walle 9, -20, 14; bt Nassaux 7, 11.

England 5, Austria 0.  
Neale bt Wermer 13, 17; bt G. Müller 14, 13.

Douglas bt Müller 9, 17; bt F. Thallinger 14, 14.  
Jarvis bt Thallinger -20, 13, 16.

#### Semi-final

England 5, Netherlands I 1.  
Neale bt H. Hopman 13, 16; bt B. v.d. Helm 15, -9, 22.

Douglas bt v.d. Helm 18, 17; bt N. v. Slobbe 20, 16.

Jarvis lost to v. Slobbe 10, -13, -17; bt Hopman -13, 19, 16.

#### Final

England 5, Yugoslavia 2.  
Neale bt U. Rak 13, 16; lost to M. Savnik 13, -10, -14; bt D. Klinger 17, 10.

Douglas bt Klinger 9, 16; bt Rak 13, 16.  
Jarvis lost to Savnik -18, -19; bt Klinger 11, 15.

#### Women

England 3, Belgium 0.  
J. Hammersley bt L. v. Heybeeck 11, 11.  
L. Howard bt M. F. Germinat 10, 11.

Hammersley/Howard bt Germinat/Heybeeck 12, 13.

England 3, Netherlands 0.  
Hammersley bt M. v.d. Vliet 14, 11.  
Howard bt S. Heltzel 14, 20.

Hammersley/Howard bt Heltzel/v.d. Vliet 15, 19.

England 3, Luxembourg 0.  
Hammersley bt A. Reinert 11, 11.  
Howard bt J. Dom 15, -19, 17.

Hammersley/Howard bt Dom/Reinert 14, -19, 8.

England 3, Federal Germany 0.  
Hammersley bt J. Eberle 13, 10.  
Howard bt M. Kneip 18, 19.

Hammersley/Howard bt Eberle/Kneip 14, 20.

#### Final

England 3, Yugoslavia 0.  
Hammersley bt S. Verstovsek 17, 15.  
Howard bt E. Jeler 12, -14, 15.

Hammersley/Howard bt Jeler/Verstovsek -18, 16, 12.

by Ian R. Crickmer

DECISIVE START

Hereford's junior team made a good start to its Midland League Division Three programme with a 7-3 away victory over Nuneaton. Mark Owen scored three singles wins, with Michael Owens contributing two victories and Jeremy Bower one, Mark and Michael gaining their usual doubles success.

Jeremy retained his place against Redditch, but the Hereford selectors may decide before the end of the season to give a representative trial to young Stephen Halford. The City party travelled as usual to the Newbury Junior Open, but Halford had the unfortunate experience of meeting his clubmate Mark, a player he encounters at every practice session, in Round 1. One wonders whether tournament organisers cannot use their discretion in avoiding clashes of this nature between two players who had travelled over a hundred miles to compete. Mark went on to a third round elimination by Keith Edwards, of Wiltshire, whilst Michael Owens reached the same stage of the Under-13 event, before going out to Colin Wilson. It is pleasant to note that Sharon Owen is playing again, though she met a formidable opponent at Newbury in Mandy Reeves. More and more youngsters are making their way to Village Farm at Allensmore for practice, where the installation by Richard Owens of a Stiga Robot machine has proved a most popular move.

The ranking lists for the County senior team reads:—

Men—1, Mike Prosser; 2, Russell Preece; 3, Richard Owens; 4, Nim Hodges; 5, John Oldman; 6, Neville Meredith; 7, Graham Payne; 8, Mike Richards; 9, Mark Owen; 10, Neville Sandford.

Ladies—1, Margaret Newcombe; 2, Audrey Lawrence; 3, Noreen Price; 4, Nancy Preece; 5, Betty Greening; 6, Linda Owen; 7, Jill Owens; 8, Pauline Hart; 9, Margaret Summerfield; 10, Elizabeth Talbot.

It takes a brave man to predict the outcome of the season's programme before a ball is struck, but my Hereford correspondent, Geoff Davies, has done just that. He writes: "Ledbury look set to take the Division One title again, and the Second Division is so wide open that almost anything can happen. Favourites here are Village Farm Vikings closely followed by Outcasts and City Sports 'A'."

Newcomers Pembridge (also members of Leominster League) are the dark horses for the Third Division, while Bulmers Woodpecker should do well in the Fourth Division upon their promotion from Division Five. This latter section should now provide a possible struggle between two youth club teams, College Hill and Hinton, with a likely challenge from Civil Service Kites.

Village Farm Lads, Commercial Road Ladies and Hampton Bishop are the most experienced sides in the Sixth Division and this could prove to be a decisive point in the title chase."

It is sad to record the passing at the age of 41 of Ted Wenderlish, of Ross-on-Wye. A player for numerous years, he was a staunch supporter of all the League activities and a good team enthusiast. The League Committee is associating itself with a memorial appeal, launched by the various Ross sporting organisations. If I may be permitted, I should like in closing, to pay tribute to my former Worcestershire colleague, Cliff Ricketts, who died after a long illness on October 8th. Cliff was identified with many facets of the Worcester League's administration, and was one of the stalwart umpires who officiated at all the Worcestershire County fixtures in the earlier halcyon days. Latterly, he was particularly associated with the League's financial affairs, and he will be sorely missed by many colleagues in those numerous Worcester organisations of which he was a valuable member.

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## This isn't the game my bird played . . .

*. . . Michael Parkinson's expert view of table tennis*

Led out like the regimental goat to open the Table Tennis Super League sponsored by this newspaper, I was interested to observe how much the game had changed since I was a lad. At Alexandra Palace, with Britain's best players on view, I was able to reflect that an abandonment at an early age of my ambition to be a table tennis champion only goes to prove that I am not as daft as I look. Mind you, the reason I gave up was not because I had an inspired vision of the future; rather it was a matter of sex—but I will tell you about that later.

What struck me most forcibly about the modern game was its silence. The bats, thickly padded with sponge, make no noise as they strike the ball, and even the most entertaining rally loses at least 50 per cent of its appeal because the eye operates without the benefit of sound. It is exactly like watching a silent film wherein the action, no matter how much a tribute to the athlete's skill, takes on a dreamy, unreal quality.

The bat of my youth had sandpaper one side, and a slice of cork on the other, and when it connected with the ball it made a sound like a rifle shot.

What is more, the modern player is given too much room to work in. I learned my table tennis in a lean-to at the back of the Y.M.C.A. which was so small it wouldn't have offered a work-out to a brace of pygmies. By the time we had fitted the table in, we had about six inches to spare all the way round, which accounted for the fact that we had a series of exceedingly thin champions.

The best of these was Waggy, a po-faced youth with the physique of one raised on a diet of bread and water, but blessed with the most remarkable eye and wrists. He simply stood centre-table flicking the ball hither and thither, never shifting his stance while his opponents careered about colliding with the walls of that claustrophobic room.

Visiting teams came to dread playing on our premises, particularly if they had learned their game on a table with adequate space around it. Those who favoured a defensive game from a deep position simply ended up with a backside full of splinters. And those

who energetically flew round the table attacking with fierce forehand smashes were confined and helpless, like rats in a barrel.

One youth from a visiting team, making a diving attacking shot before he had time to take his bearings, went through the window and fell on the pitch-and-toss school which met outside our shed. But the most spectacular disaster occurred when Waggy so incensed an opponent that he punched the rear wall in frustration, only to bring the entire structure crashing down.

From then on, we played at the youth club, and I met a girl with grey eyes and for the first time fell in love. We were paired in the mixed doubles and, because of her, we won it. She was a marvellous player, much better than me, and she knew it, treating me with utter disdain.

I remember that when we won the mixed doubles she received a tin of toffees, and never asked me if I wanted one, whereas my prize was a pair of black socks which I treasured for years because they reminded me of her.

To say my love was unrequited is putting it mildly, but she did wonders for my game. Every time we played, I wanted to prove that I was at least her equal, and for a while we were an unbeatable pair.

Then, one year, just about the time I started shaving, we lost in the semi-finals to a newcomer and his bird. The stranger was a plumber from another village who smelled of violets, and his partner was called, believe it or not, Freda Bucket. Needless to say, I ended up with Miss Bucket, and could only watch as my partner and the violet-smelling plumber went on from success to success and eventually got married.

Last time I heard, he had left her for a bus conductress, and she was like a house-end through too many children and too much port and lemon. Serves her right. She ruined my appetite for table tennis. I never played again.

I thought of her when I went to Alexandra Palace. In common with the other spectators, I sat in rapt attention as the athletes flickered to and fro. But I was in another time and another place, when table tennis rallies sounded like bursts of small arms fire and I

was gaga about a girl with grey eyes. Bathed in those memories of athletic ambition and sexual stirrings, I declared the competition well and truly open, but could not begin to account for the smile on my lips or the twinkle in my eyes as I said it.

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## GLUCESTERSHIRE GEN

by John Cooper

Gloucestershire now boast an international in the person of Chris Sewell, England No. 3 Junior, who recently played well against the Netherlands, and is, of course, now in the England Junior squad.

### Rankings

**Men:** C. Sewell, R. Morley, L. Stewart, G. Mildred, W. Dawe.

**Women:** J. Golding, J. Mortimer (now in W.R.A.F.), S. Giles.

**Boys:** Sewell, Dawe, M. Hodgetts, P. Lewis, P. Webb, D. Hodgetts.

**Girls:** V. Cruwys, J. Dovey, D. Vowles, L. Wilshire, W. Simmons.

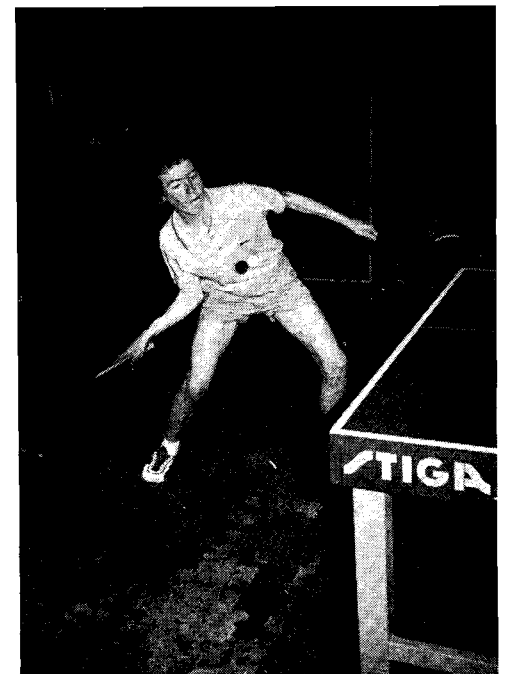
Gloucester beat the W.R.A.F. in their annual match 15-3, and the Gloucester boys started well with a 9-1 win over Oxford. Congratulations to M. Lane on making the team following trials when he was equal with clubmate D. Morgan. Gloucester Vets also started well in the Midland League with a 6-4 win over Derby with yours truly aspiring to Vet. status. Thanks to a gift from the City Council, 7 tables are now available for coaching at Longlevens and 5 at Churchdown.

Cheltenham held its annual event with Bath with Juniors (won 8-2), Women (won 9-1), Vets (5-5) and Seniors (lost 1-9), making a win for Cheltenham by 23-17 and tipping the balance in favour of Cheltenham for a whole range of sporting events for which Cheltenham now recover the cup from Bath.

Stroud have also started well in the Midland League with a 6-4 win over Loughborough.

3 Bristol juniors were pleased to be received by the Welsh at a Cardiff training course. Congratulations to Peter Stevens and David Brown on becoming club coaches and to the Bristol Executive in advertising for young girls to be trained and getting some.

All our Leagues, at the beginning of the season, were soundly beaten by Kirchzarten, Germany, on their flying visit (Stroud 0-10; Cheltenham 0-14; Bristol 2-10; Gloucester 1-9).



Chris Sewell

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**COUNTY NOTES**  
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**HUNTINGDONSHIRE NOTES**

by David Deller

**VOTE OF THANKS**

To start this column I would, on behalf of the County Association, like to give thanks to David Obee, who has kept Hunts' news to the fore through this column over the past few seasons.

The new season has started on a high note with 14-years-old Belinda Chamberlain, our leading junior and triple County senior champion, gaining an England "A" ranking and with three seasons left, this dedicated young player looks set to be pushing for an even higher place very shortly.

Congratulations also go to Len Saywell on his appointment as the panel chairman for the Eastern Region No. 3. Len, resident coach of the St. Neots E.T.T.A. Regional Centre, is well known over a large area for his work in this field. Ken Chamberlain has been appointed as Administrative Secretary for the Panel.

St. Ives T.T. Club staged their annual exhibition evening within 18 months when, on Sept. 13, England's international squad visited the new £1m Recreation Centre during the opening week. Six of the leading players gave a fine evening's table tennis with great appeal to the connoisseur and novice alike.

Throughout the summer months coaching sessions have been held in all areas of the County. This has led to a formation of Junior "A" and "B" squads who will meet at monthly intervals during the season. The "A" squad contains the leading 5 boys and 4 girls from the County ranking lists, whilst the "B" squad contains a much larger selection of youngsters numbering 22 in all.

Hunts will again be represented by senior, junior and veteran teams in the County Championships. All three teams were in action for friendly "warm-up" matches against North Wales in early October. The senior team of Alan Lamprell, Stephen Andrews, Tim Speller, Barbara Pace and Diane Bushby, won their match 8-2. This encounter was undoubtedly closer than the score suggests with Hunts no fewer than four sets by 2 points in the deciding game!

Newcomer Lamprell (ex Herts) was unbeaten in his singles with Andrews also now resident in the County, having played in Cambs representative teams for numerous seasons, taking one as did Speller and Barbara Pace. All three doubles also went to Hunts.

The Junior team against N. Wales was Alan Smith, Steven Fisher, Leno Coppolaro, Belinda Chamberlain and Jean Allinson. All three boys were on County debut, each winning one singles. Smith, partnered by Jean, took the mixed in a 6-4 win for the visitors. Hunts won the veteran match 5-4 with Gordon Cockram and Stan Roberts winning their two singles with Evelyn Allinson winning her solo.

Initial rankings:—

**Men**—1, A. Lamprell (St. N); 2, S. Andrews (HC); 3, A. Albon (St. N); 4, T. Speller (HC); 5, L. Saywell; 6, G. Cockram (St. N); 7, J. Sizer; 8, S. Burgess (HC); 9, R. Stubbs and 10, P. Berna (Pe).

**Women**—1, E. Chamberlain; 2, B. Pace (St. N); 3, J. Allinson; 4, E. Allinson; 5, P. Baker (Pe); 6, D. Bushby (St. N); 7, E. Green (HC) and 8, P. Bingham (St. N).

**Boys**—1, A. Smith; 2, S. Fisher (HC); 3, G. Baker (Pe); 4, L. Coppolaro; 5, M. Fisher; 6, P. Barnard; 7, D. Stephens; 8, T. Reed; 9, M. Ringrose (HC) and 10, M. Gatward (St. N).

**Girls**—1, B. Chamberlain; 2, B. Pace; 3, M.

Ringrose (HC); 4, R. Lamprell; 5, S. Smith; 6, J. Harris (HC); 7, J. Petterson; 8, J. Charity (Pe); 9, S. Saunders (St. N); 10, S. Bryan (HC) and S. Megginson (Pe).  
 St. N—St. Neots; HC—Hunts Central; Pe—Peterborough.

All three member leagues, Peterborough, St. Neots and Hunts Central, will be in action at inter-league level in the S.E. M. League. Peterborough run a reserve team to complete a quintet of teams in the men's, women's, junior and veteran sections as well as the reserves. St. Neots are also represented in all five sections but Hunts Central are unable to form a women's team at present, having teams in the other four.

Fifty-five clubs having 146 representative teams between them will be in action within the local domestic league programme. Peterborough remain the largest league with 69 teams; Hunts Central with 52 teams in 6 divisions; whilst St. Neots run 25 teams.

**SURREY NOTES**

by Ted Simpkin

**NEW ORDER**

Surrey trials resulted in a startling new order in the men's ranking and the new names which have emerged at the top could indicate the prospect of better days ahead. Rankings are:—

**Men**—1, Richard Yule; 2, Steve Lyons; 3, Gerry Walsh; 4, Barry Hill; 5, David Welsman; 6, Chris Strathearn; 7, Gordon Chapman; 8, Martin Shuttle; 9, Ian Girdler; 10, Max Crimmins; 11, Derek Holman and 12, David Bangerter.

**Women**—1, Linda Howard; 2, Susan Henderson; 3, Susan Tame; 4, Kay Greenough; 5, Jennie Vass; 6, Jayne Mitchell; 7, Sue Roebuck; 8, Joan Warren; 9, Gail McCullough; 10, J. Ingerfield; 11, Elaine Starr and 12, Diane Elliott.

**Boys**—1, Shuttle; 2, Girdler; 3, Crimmins; 4, S. Boxall; 5, K. Seager; 6, S. Vine; 7, R. Aplin; 8, G. Stewart; 9, J. Burleton; 10, P. Smith; 11, S. Critchley and 12, K. Marrable.

**Girls**—1, Greenough; 2, Mitchell; 3, Roebuck; 4, Starr; 5, Elliott; 6, S. Walker; 7, S. Head; 8, J. Webster; 9, K. Vincent; 10, J. Redford; 11, S. S. Cudden and 12, A. Temple.

Making particular impact upon the junior scene is the Guildford League's Junior Coaching Scheme which has now entered its fifth year. Led by John Diggins, Ted Woodgate and Dennis Baggott, all now Diploma coaches, and all dedicated and amazingly hard workers, the Scheme is one of which this go-ahead Association is justifiably proud. Their biggest success so far is Jayne Mitchell, who is included in the England "A" group and appears a certainty to reach the top ten in her next, and last, year as a junior.

A hard summer's training has led to some star billing in the County rankings, particularly in the younger levels. In the Under-14 lists, out of 24 rankings Guildford hold 14 of them, and pride of place must go to 9-years-old Sarah Cresswell, placed at No. 7 in the U-14 girls, and No. 12 in the U-15's. Mark Oakley, at the age of 10, is No. 4 in the U-14 boys. Guildford's placing in the County are:—

**Boys**

U-17: 6, Simon Vine.  
 U-16: 4, S. Vine; 10, Peter Tuffs and 11, Nick Crossley.

U-15: 6, N. Crossley; 8, Terry Haley and 11, Steven Woodgate.

U-14: S. Woodgate; 4, Mark Oakley; 5, David Oakley; 7, Russell Taylor; 8, Steven Baggott; 10, Mark Seymour; 11, Richard Seymour and 12, Colin Willmott.

**Girls**

U-17: 1, Jayne Mitchell; 3, Sue Roebuck; 5, Diane Elliott; 6, Sue Cudden.

U-16: 1, J. Mitchell; 2, S. Roebuck; 9, S. Cudden; 12, Julie Rust.

U-15: 1, S. Roebuck; 6, S. Cudden; 7, J. Rust; 8, Kim Merrett; 12, Sarah Cresswell.

U-14: 4, J. Rust; 7, S. Cresswell; 8, Michelle Bland; 9, Karen Gosling; 10, Angela Mitchell and 11, Kerry Merritt.

At all major tournaments in the South of England there is a contingent from the ranks of the scheme, and to those of us with a sense of colour the boys can be seen in black top and sky-blue shorts, and the girls recognised in navy blue tops and sky-blue skirts.

In subsequent issues I hope to be able to feature other Surrey Leagues, with special reference to junior activities and to Inter-League matches and I look forward eagerly to the necessary contributions from league secretaries.

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NOTES**

by Colin Hammond

**SPONSORED COACHING**

Sunday, Sept. 1, saw the beginning of sponsored table tennis in Nottinghamshire, with the start of a coaching course at the Meden Sports Centre, Warsop. This course, run originally for junior players but now incorporating seniors, is being sponsored by the Notts C.C. Leisure Services Committee in accordance with their policy of furthering all sport, and will run for seven monthly sessions.

Each session will have a different theme, e.g.: Services — The Attacking Game, and specialist coaches will be attending to give expert tuition. Each session will consist of exercises, formal coaching, blackboard instruction and matchplay. The original intentions were to have 40 juniors at each meeting, but this number may be reduced later in the season.

Officials at the first get-together included Jack Bostock, the County coach and senior team manager, and Bob Bartlett, the junior team manager, along with a bevy of assistants. 45 juniors attended, but only three of them were girls, showing the present weakness of Notts in this department. This situation can only be rectified at school level, and with Notts Schools' Table Tennis thriving, there could well be a pronounced improvement in the near future. There were also no representatives from Retford or Eastwood, which is beneficial to neither the Association nor the leagues themselves as potentially good juniors will lose out.

The first session incorporated the County Trials for the junior team. The players were split into groups of four who played on a league basis. This resulted in a provisional ranking list of 1, Chris Stockdale; 2, Dave Bilton; 3, Glen Stredder; 4, Colin Bostock; 5, Roy Stewart; 6, Dave Gibson.

The following Sunday the senior trials were held at Warsop, and 25 attended. There were few surprises, but the "retirement" of Alf Saunders from County play left a vacant place to fight for. As expected, Alan Croome and Brian Mayfield came out on top after a gruelling day. Phil Spencer and Bob Nelson from Worksop showed up well as did Rod Corbett, of Nottingham. The women made team selection difficult as the top trio of Pat Hopkin, Sue Osborn and Dianne Maxfield all ended up evenly placed. With two senior teams entered this year there is much more competition for places. We look forward to an interesting and, we hope, rewarding season.

**RANKING LISTS**

<b>Men's Senior</b>	3. S. Osborn
1. A. Croome	4. K. Mayfield
2. B. Mayfield	5. D. Chapman
3. P. Spencer	<b>Junior Boys</b>
4. M. Kinsella	1. C. Stockdale
5. R. Nelson	2. D. Bilton
6. R. Corbett	3. G. Stredder
7. A. Rusinowski	4. C. Bostock
8. C. Hammond	5. R. Stewart
9. N. Kirkland	<b>Girls</b>
10. B. Newton	1. K. Mayfield
<b>Ladies</b>	2. M. Tennyson
1. P. Hopkin	3. E. Handford
2. D. Maxfield	4. J. Wright

## ESSEX NOTES

by Geoff Newman

### HORSHAM FOR JAMAICA

Our teams have made an excellent start to this season's County Championships programme with four wins. Our senior team travelled to Lancashire and won well 6-3. New Skipper, David Brown, and Ian Horsham, played exceptionally well, both winning their singles including the double defeat of Donald Parker. Shelagh Hession, as steadfast as ever, had a convincing win in the women's singles.

Juniors Robert Potton and David Iszatt, making their bow in this sphere, didn't bring off a win but did enough to show what prospects they are.

The Junior Premier team defeated Cambs with an exciting 6-4 win. Both Andrew Bawden and Sandra Sutton were unbeaten while Devinder Sehmbi and Peter Hunt notched a win apiece. A very strong Junior second team won comfortably at Hampshire, while our Veterans' second team, a new addition this year, defeated Herts 7-2, a particularly good performance.

Everyone is now looking forward to the second match programme and in particular to the Senior Premier match at home to Cheshire at Chelmsford, where we have had crowds of 400-plus in the past.

Congratulations are in order to Ian Horsham on being selected for the England party to play in an International Tournament in Kingston, Jamaica, also to our juniors, David Iszatt, Les Eadie, Robert Potton, Kevan Caldon, David Newman, Andrew Bawden, Devinder Sehmbi and Sandra Sutton, all of whom are on the first National Junior Ranking List.

The Executive Committee have received the necessary 50% support to call a Special General Meeting to discuss a proposition that Essex clubs pay a compulsory levy of 25p per team place to the E.T.T.A. to be kept in reserve as a contingency fund for the World Championships.

The Basildon League turned out winners in a recent Festival of Sport Tournament at Harlow and with one of their players, Richie Melling, in the Essex rankings, Basildon hopes are high for the Inter-League Championships. Basildon's Premier Division has a "Springfield" look this year, that Club's "A", "B" and "C" teams all having opened with a brace of 10-nil successes.

Barking report a slight drop in their clubs this season, mainly due to people leaving the area and a sad lack of venues. They were very pleased, however, to have sold a winning ticket—third prize—in the E.T.T.A. "Worlds" Lottery.

Chelmsford's inter-league sides will show a number of new faces this season, with old stalwarts Tony Condon, Mark Sweeting, Mibel Dvorak and Julien Levett all having intimated that they will be unavailable this season. Officials are not despondent, however, for Steve Whiteley is turning in good performances while the increasing experience of Dave Newman and a lot of other juniors will form the backbone of this season's teams.

Harlow turned the recent Harlow Show to good advantage with a table tennis exhibition in a marquee over the 2-day period. With some 56,000 people attending the show the non-stop T.T. stand with photos of Harlow and Essex players and films, plus a Stiga Robot in operation, did much to sell the sport to the populace. A very good effort indeed from the Harlow League.

Over at Southend no less than 125 teams contest the men's ten divisions with some 25 women's teams in two sections. Many leagues must be envious of Southend's ladies' legion, their strength in many an inter-league battle. Mike Rowe is the new Southend chief fundraiser and he is kicking off with a large-scale raffle and three dances.

Current Essex Ranking Lists, after trials and the North Middlesex Open, have been

announced as follows:—

Men—	Women—
1. I. Horsham	1. S. Hession
2. D. Brown	2. J. Hellaby
3. R. Potton	3. E. Tarten
3. D. Iszatt	4. S. Sutton
5. D. Johnson	5. L. Barrow
6. D. Sehmbi	6. S. Beckwith
7. G. Blomfield	7. J. Livesay
8. D. Bowles	8. M. Nash
9. K. Beamish	9. M. Know
10. D. Randall	10. L. Budd
11. B. Mailey	11. S. Smith
12. P. Hunt	12. J. Boulter
13. K. Caldon	13. P. Abbott
14. D. Newman	
15. A. Bawden	
16. R. Melling	
17. S. Smith	
18. D. Boulter	

Boys—	Girls—
1. Iszatt	1. Sutton
2. Potton	2. Smith
3. Sehmbi	3. Boulter
4. Hunt	4. Abbott
5. Caldon	5. A. May
6. Newman	6. C. Taylor
7. Bawden	7. H. Gore
8. A. Abbott	8. L. Chamberlain
9. T. Heeney	9. J. Dell
10. T. Marsh	10. E. Sayer
11. J. Taylor	11. M. Abbott
12. M. Allen	12. J. Reynolds

## NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

### VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION

The Northumberland first team made the short journey to Durham for their first County match this season in 2nd North, and came away 8-2 winners. Ian Robertson, on his return to the side, made a valuable contribution by winning both his singles and also the doubles with Peter Hoyles. Barbara Kearney and Phil Clark were also undefeated, and with Maureen Robson expected to be available in the near future, should provide, for a change, a strong women's squad.

This, coupled with the undoubtedly strengthened men's team of Robertson, Hoyles and Alan Jones, should see some good matches from the side this season.

The Juniors were less fortunate when they played Durham earlier in the day and were beaten 9-1, Glenn McCardle winning the only set against Geoff Inch. However, the juniors have definitely improved from last season, and there is every hope that this will continue. At least there seems to be more enthusiasm in this camp than where some of the senior players are concerned, as a County practice for seniors and juniors was held at the new Killingworth Sports Centre on the Sunday before the matches, and while most of the juniors attended, it was noticeable that only two senior players were present. While some perfectly good reasons for non-attendance were given by one or two other players, there were some who did not show up on the day.

This cannot be any great incentive for the younger players, who are naturally keen to see how they perform against the seniors, and it should be remembered that these are the players who are likely to form the senior team of tomorrow.

The Northumberland League season commenced on Sept. 23, and is at the time of writing, into its fourth week. One team with a change in fortune is North Shields Y.M.C.A. "A", relegated from Div. 1 last season, and now trying to fight their way back from Div. 2B. This club was the dominant team in Div. 1 during the mid-sixties, with players such as Brian Burn, Stuart Lennie, Joe McLeod, Harry Dignan, and later, Ian Robertson.

Another club of interest is a new entry to the Northumberland League this season, Spittal T.T.C. from Berwick, who have entered

one team in Div. 3B and a second in Div. 4B. The main item of controversy has been the distance teams have had to travel for matches there, as in general, it means a round trip of about 130 miles there and back. Some teams have, regrettably, already declined to make the one journey necessary to fulfil the fixture, but in my opinion the main point that has been overlooked is the fact that their team are prepared to make the round trip every other week to fulfil their away fixtures.

They have taken the trouble to send a map giving directions to their venue and a letter giving their reasons for joining the League to every team in the two Divisions concerned; and last season, of course, also staged the Northumberland v Durham first team and Junior matches. I, for one, wish the club every success in its new venture.

## SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS CHATTER

by Leslie Constable

A full list of entrants forming the South East Midlands League this season is:— Aylesbury, Bedford, Bletchley, Cambridge, Daventry, Dunstable, Ely, Hunts Central, Kettering, Northampton, North Herts, Peterborough, R.A.F.T.T.A., St. Neots, Wellingborough and Wisbech.

All will have representative teams in the Men's Divisions and all but Bletchley and the R.A.F. will field distaff sides. Bletchley, Cambridge, Daventry and the R.A.F. are non-runners in the Junior Division.

The only result I have to hand is the defeat of the Cambridge men's team by the Services side. Dick Clode played well for the R.A.F. against his old team and Tom Gawthrop, Mick Byrd and Bob Pettitt performed well for Cambridge who were always struggling against better opposition.

## SUSSEX NOTES

by Robin Pierce

### TUMBLED OAKS

Two giants of Sussex table tennis, Brighton's Roger Chandler and John Clarke, fell before the final stages in the Charles Seaman Cup for the top eight men in the County.

Chandler, who has rejoined his old county from Surrey, was in trouble in his very first match. Much-improved Crawley junior, Gerald Pugh, made full use of his faster reflexes when extending the Sussex champion to five games in round one.

In the semi-final Chandler's opponent was his boyhood friend, Shoreham's flame-haired Robin Stace. Some rather careless play by Roger let Robin off the hook in the fourth game. The favourite never got another chance as Stace's blockbuster forehand swept him off the table 21-14 in the fifth.

Meanwhile, in the other half, Crawley's Janky Keith Horton was creating havoc. Horton shocked the 1973 Sussex "Closed" holder, John Clarke, into a three-straight defeat. The Crawley beanpole then hit the unfortunate Emile Emez all over the Hailsham hall in another one-sided straight win.

Horton, despite being two games to the good in the final, had to fight like mad before picking up his first major Sussex crown. Stace, slowing the pace to his own liking, made it two-all.

Robin recovered from 1-8 to lead 15-12 in the fifth but rushed his fences with the winning post in sight. A grateful Horton gobbled up the remaining points more or less at will.

The home club's Diane Gard had little opposition in the Arthur Nicholls Trophy. Linda Wales and Sue Kavallierou were unable to compete.

Hastings junior, Anita Gedge, did very well to upend Christine Randall and reach the

final. But Diane held all the aces when it mattered and cantered home 21-15, 21-19.

The Sussex A.G.M. decided that the Inter-League Competition should revert to its old home and away form. A number of senior officials have their doubts but even they will have to concede that the response has been good.

There are two men's divisions of seven teams, a seven-team women's section, and two junior divisions of five leagues.

Crawley are the favourites in the top men's section but all the other divisions appear quite open.

There is little doubt that Sussex will miss the services of Judy Williams this season. Judy is now in Holland and I understand she has been causing havoc amongst the top women. With a little luck we might be seeing Judy in Brighton for the Norwich Union International.

## CUMBRIA NOTES

by Peter C. Bennetts

### STRENGTHENED SIDES

The management of the newly-formed Cumbria T.T.A. would very much like to welcome the Barrow and Westmorland leagues into Cumbria, following the reorganisation of the County boundaries. There is no doubt that these two leagues will prove to be a great reinforcement to what was the old association of Cumberland, now Cumbria.

Officers and officials elected were:—Chairman—A. Hambleton; Vice-Chairman—Miss P. Staton; Secretary—Miss C. Rose; Treasurer—R. Rigg; Match Sec.—J. Willis; Umpires' Sec.—D. Gallagher; Tournament Sec.—R. Rigg; Inter-League Sec.—R. Johnson; Chairman Coaching Panel—J. Reed.

The County Trials were held at Millom on Oct. 19 and proved very successful. The presence of players from Barrow and Westmorland will certainly strengthen the County sides for the new season. Preliminary rankings are:—

Men—1, J. Willis (Carlisle); 2, P. Polczynski (Barrow); 3, A. Fay (Barrow); 4, D. Kirkpatrick (Carlisle); 5, R. Willson (Kendal); 6, C. Reed (Barrow); 7, S. O'Neil (Carlisle) and 8, G. Lapping (Carlisle).

Women—1, J. Pachul (Barrow); 2, S. Studholme (Kendal); 3, L. Lewthwaite (Kendal); 4, I. Schwarzer (Whitehaven); 5, K. Willis (Carlisle) and 6, M. Grey (Millom).

Boys—1, Polczynski; 2, Reed; 3, N. Smith (Barrow); 4, J. Adams (Millom); 5, M. Barry (Millom); 6, P. Brugge (Carlisle); 7, I. Harrison (Millom).

Girls—1, Studholme; 2, Lewthwaite; 3, Willis; 4, Grey; 5, C. Tyson (Millom); 6, G. Smith (Millom).

Financially the first Cumbria Open, as distinct from the 9 previous Cumberland Opens, was successful and thanks must duly be accorded the two sponsors, Carlisle United Football Supporters' Club and Sporthaus.

## CLWYD NOTES

by Roy Williams

### BRIGHTER START

Hoping for better things than from our last venture in the County Championships, Clwyd Juniors have started the season well with a 6-4 victory away to Hunts in a friendly match and a valuable point won at home to Derbyshire in the first Championships encounter.

Our seniors to date have yet to play but, although they were beaten 8-2 by Hunts four sets went to clear points in the third to our opponents. The veterans lost 4-5 to Hunts in their warm-up match, but at Nottingham in their first-ever County match, they were well

beaten 7-2. In this match Don Hobbs twice lost in expedite sets.

Len Elias and Dave Murray have two junior squads training four times a week and former Rhyl footballer, Eddie Thomas, spends one night a week circuit training. The cadet squad with the new Welsh policy of starting them young, are improving each week and any county interested in arranging a cadet match should contact me at Robroy, 24 The Mall, Prestatyn, Clwyd, N. Wales.

Forty-one players have entered the Aberdare Open and it is hoped that this number will be entering every available tournament within reasonable distance. The Welsh League (North) commences in November under the secretaryship of Mr. M. J. Hook, White Horse Cafe, Kinmel Bay. Composition of divisions:—Div. 1: Anglesey, East Flint, Rhyl, Wrexham "A" and "B".

Div. 2: Anglesey "B", East Flint "B", Llandudno "A" and "B" and Rhyl "B".

Women: East Flint "A" and "B", Rhyl and Wrexham.

Juniors: Anglesey "A" and "B", East Flint, Llandudno, Rhyl "A" and "B" and Wrexham.

Veterans: Anglesey, East Flint "A" and "B", Rhyl "A" and "B" and Wrexham.

## WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

### NEWCOMERS WELCOMED

The League's A.G.M. was held at the National Dock Labour Board offices in Bristol where the chairman, Reg Salway, of Bristol, stated how pleased he was to report that two new teams had joined the League, namely Exmouth and Poole. In the women's section, Salisbury had entered for the first time and, wisely, in my opinion, Newbury had decided to enter a second team, being fortunate to have a surfeit of female players.

Both the League's chairman and president, Mr. John Ford, stated how pleased they were to see the strength of the League maintained, the same being financially sound and having an excellent social atmosphere prevailing.

Election of officers resulted:—President—Mr. John Ford; Vice-Presidents—Messrs. P. Crocker, L. Gosling, R. Salway, T. Anson, L. Davis, I. Eyles, D. Pope and R. Philpott, together with Mrs. Valerie Addicott, of Exeter, Mrs. Pat Rowe, of Bristol and Mrs. Heather Masters of Newbury, all three ladies being newly elected having rendered yeoman service. Mr. Grove Motlow, of Newport, Mon., was re-elected Gen. Sec./Treasurer and Mr. Ray Groucott as Auditor.

Before closing the meeting Mr. Ford presented the representative of Salisbury with the Burton Cup and personal plaques in respect of the men's championship and to the Newbury representative as winners of the women's section. Mrs. Pat Rowe, who was responsible for the buffet team that had been laid on for all members present, was sincerely thanked for her efforts.

First of the new season's results to be received was that from Salisbury, whose women's team were beaten 6-3 by Newbury "B", whose Mandy Smith achieved a maximum. Backing up Mandy were Miss S. Heath and Miss C. Rogers, all in the 12-14 age bracket, the former winning two and the latter one. Salisbury's best performance came from Myra Johnston who won two with Miss K. Waters claiming the other home win.

Composition of the men's section for the current season is:—Bournemouth, Bristol, Exeter, Exmouth, Newbury, Newport, Plymouth, Poole, Salisbury and Weston. The women's section is made up of:—Bournemouth, Devizes, Exeter, Newbury "A" and "B", Newport, Plymouth and Salisbury.

Grove Motlow has, since May 14, been unable to write or read, having been the victim of thrombosis in both eyes together with glaucoma. This resulted in the removal of his right eye whilst a channel was cut

before its replacement. Grove has been told that partial sight may only be restored and even this may take a year or more. The surgeons are now engaged on saving the left eye from going the same way but meantime Grove, with assistance from his wife, is to carry on. Well done, Grove; we all have our fingers crossed for you.—Ed.

## LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by Alan G. Birks

### JUDSON RETURNS

The County season got under way with a most successful "get-together" session at the City Sports Centre, Lincoln, on Sept. 22. All of the invited seniors took part and one of the results was the reappearance on the scene of Cleve Judson (Lincoln) for the opening match in Cleveland—his first match since February, 1973.

Unfortunately he was not able to produce his best form at Ormesby, where he only succeeded in taking a game out of David Alderson in the tenth set. Lincolnshire can, however, feel proud of their performance against the most powerful team in the division—it was interesting to note that Malcolm Corring, who last season won both his singles for Durham against Lincs, was third reserve!

There were several agonising moments for the home team before the 7-3 victory was achieved. Brian Hill (Wyberton) beat Alderson 24-22, 21-18, whilst M. East (Wyberton) went down 23-25, 24-22, 21-18 against Tony Martin after leading 20-19 and having the advantage three times. The men's doubles produced some excellent play, an exciting finish and a fine result for the visitors.

Hill and East lost the first game to Walker and Alderson 16-21 and were 18-20 down in the second but fought back to take it at 22-20 and went on to win the third by the same score. Lincs' other success came in the women's doubles with Mrs. B. Voss (Mablethorpe) and Miss J. White (Spalding) proving too good for the youthful J. Skipp and J. Williams.

It is great to have the present interest and enthusiasm in the camp. But for the emergence of Cleveland this would surely have been Lincolnshire's "challenge" season.

Plans for the Junior team suffered a setback when S. Crabtree (Scunthorpe), who was expected to be this season's No. 1, announced his retirement—at 16! This meant that for the County's first-ever match in the Junior East Division, K. Eldred (Grantham) and C. Burlinson (Scunthorpe) came in for their first representative matches. The former did well to beat I. Goswell 14, -20, 15 and so notch up a confidence-boosting victory early in his career. Lincs also won the girls' singles, girls' doubles and the mixed.

On the home front, the newly-formed Wyberton Association has been accepted into the Haigh and Butcher Cup competitions. Louth, with domestic problems, have not entered any teams but it is good to note that their local league is to continue, and Spalding have dropped out of the Haigh so there will be 9 teams in the Haigh, 10 in the Butcher and 5 in the Butlin.

At a recent meeting of the Management Committee the Chairman, Mr. J. J. Robertson (Louth) congratulated the County's No. 1 girl, Suzanne Hunt, of Grantham, who did extremely well to be placed fifth at the end of a recent 5-day assessment camp at Crystal Palace and subsequently to be ranked eighth in the country.

Also, at the same meeting, an offer of a new trophy came all the way from Australia. The donor is Basil Bennett, who played in the Grimsby League for several seasons before emigrating. The cup was gladly accepted and is to go to the winner of the Girls' Singles at the Lincolnshire Closed to be held at the North Kesteven Sports Centre on Nov. 24. The East of England will take place at Scunthorpe on Mar. 16 and it is hoped to organise a Lincs. Closed Junior event at Louth early in 1975.



## CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

### STILL A FORCE

This season Cambridge have representative teams in the East Anglian League, South East Midlands League and National Team Competitions. Having won the East Anglian League for two consecutive seasons they again will have John Thurston leading the side. He has represented Cambridge for more than 20 years and is still a force to be reckoned with, even at inter-league level. John will also have the support of Sally Hirst who, in this competition, has the proud record of never having been beaten in women's singles.

Men's, Women's and Veteran teams have been entered in the S.E.M. League but, due to lack of talent, no Junior team has been entered.

The slump in juniors started with the demolition of Cambridge Y.M.C.A., the former mecca. It is hoped that there will be a steady improvement in this section of the game now that a new Y.M.C.A. has been built. However, despite this acquisition, I feel that the local coaches must work hard to produce the required standard.

In the opening matches of the Cambs. League, Division 1 champions, Soham, were held to a draw by Guildhall, although Soham were without the services of Paul Day. The Soham players had no answer to Alan Lamprell, who won all his sets for Guildhall, whilst Keith Richardson and Mick Palmer won two each and John Ashman (1) for Soham. Albert Jackson won a singles for Guildhall, who also won the final doubles to earn a point. Lamprell, with his anti-loop bat, may well pose a few problems this season and this may be the first of many shock results inflicted by the Guildhall team. In Division 2, promoted Haverhill did well to draw with Impington and if they can keep up this form they should have no relegation problems. No player was unbeaten in this evenly-fought match. Tim Fox, from St. Neots, making his debut for Impington, won two sets, along with Trevor McGhee, while "Chalkie" White and Colin Cushen did the same for Haverhill.

Paul Day, Soham's star, has retained the No. 1 spot in the new England Junior rankings, even though he missed the final trials at Crystal Palace early last month due to an appendix operation. The selectors obviously took into account Day's fine performance at the European Championships in August in deciding he should remain No. 1. Keith Richardson, another Soham youngster, got into the "A" Group. He recently beat two ranked players, Chris Rogers, of Leics. and Dave Newman, of Essex.

Ruth Newman, a Cambridge Manor school-girl, won her second Open Girls' Doubles title when partnered by Janet New, of Dorset, in the Newbury Junior Open, defeating K. Witt and M. Smith 17, 19 in the final. They won all their sets without dropping a game. Ruth also won three rounds of singles before losing to K. Witt in the quarters. Keith Richardson, partnered by M. Sangster, reached the final of the U-17 Mixed before losing to K. Seager and S. Roebuck -15, -15.

In the Essex Junior Open, held at Harlow, Richardson reached the quarter-final of the singles before losing to the vastly improved Kevin Edwards, of Wiltshire. He also reached the quarter-final of the doubles, when partnered by Martin Shuttle, of Surrey. Ruth Newman played well to reach the quarter-final of the U-15 Girls' Singles, and also reached the semi-final of the Girls' U-15 Doubles with Janet New.

In their opening fixtures in the County Championships, Cambs. Juniors narrowly lost to Essex 4-6 after taking a 4-3 lead. Day won both his singles and, partnered by Richardson, won the doubles. Ruth Newman and Susan Ellis won the Girls' Doubles which was a good performance but lack of singles victories cost Cambs. the match for had Richardson beaten Andy Bawden instead of losing in three

games, the result might have been reversed! Still, it was a splendid performance and congratulations must be handed all round.

Ian Marshal, of Wisbech, the Cambs. County Coaching Secretary, will be grateful for an influx of players for his coaching squad which at present is very limited—coaches please note!

Cambs II made a splendid start to their County Championships programme by beating Suffolk 7-3 at Lowestoft. The team of Tony Holmes, Derrick Kiddle, Geoffrey Davies, Pat Tingey and Vi Rowell, all amazingly from Wisbech, must be highly praised for such a performance and I know they will now be on their toes for another victory!

## WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Doug Moss

### GREAT IMPROVEMENT

The County Team trials held in September showed that the leading juniors, Simon Claxton and Andrew Oakley, had improved a great deal and gained in experience. During the previous season they had been unable to make any impression on players such as Bryan Belcher and Mervyn Wood, both highly experienced defensive players using "anti-loop" bats. However, Claxton beat Belcher and Oakley beat Wood in the trials.

There was disappointment for the Selectors as Derek Baddeley declared himself unavailable for the County team, at least for the first half of the season, and Bob Brown was unable to attend the trials because of work commitments.

The results of the trials led to Simon Claxton being selected to make his debut for the County 1st team against Cornwall (at Penzance!) and Andrew Oakley being included in the 2nd team. Joyce Lloyd showed herself supreme and will again play the women's singles role for the 1st team.

The County 2nd team started its programme on Oct. 12 with a home fixture against Gwent, who were the only team to beat them last season and thereby robbed Worcs. of the Championship. However, the result was reversed on this occasion with a 6-4 win for Worcs. Wood was in great form to win his 2 singles. Nick Bottomley and Oakley each contributed one singles. Mike Sykes partnered Bottomley to win the Men's Doubles, at 24-22 in the third, and continued his partnership with Diana Moss in the Mixed, just failing to scrape home at 19-21 in the third, after being 4-15 down at one stage. This was the 50th appearance of Diana Moss for the County who, with Sheila Foley, won the women's doubles.

The Worcs. Veterans' team met Oxfords. and lost 1-8. Bernard Gilbert and Barry White were successful in the Men's Doubles. Mervyn Wood has reached the veteran stage this season and it is hoped that he will be available on occasions to strengthen the team.

The County Junior team had a busy weekend on Oct. 19-20. They visited Penzance to play Cornwall on the Saturday and after an overnight stay travelled on to Exmouth to meet Devon the next day. Claxton and Oakley remain in the team but John Lancaster has surprisingly given up the game! His place has been taken by Keith Hackett (Halesowen). Pat Woodward and Jill Watte are now outside the junior age limit and Mandy Mytton (Evesham) and Lesley Duffield (Kidderminster) replace them.

It is interesting to note that after all the controversy concerning the Nittaku ball not being provided this season, the T.S.P. Astoll ball, which is being used for all C.C. matches, seems to be of identical design and quality and should prove equally popular.

The Worcs. County League fixtures have started but it seems likely, because of few entries, there will not be a Mixed Division this season. Halesowen, who include Belcher and Wood, have moved up to the 1st Division

and should put up a strong challenge for the Championship. This will be particularly unfortunate for Evesham, who were keen to enter two teams in this Division.

Entry forms have been circulated for the County Team Knock-out Team Competitions (scratch and handicap) and Peter Bird (Halesowen) is hoping for a much bigger entry this season.

It is very sad to record the recent death of Mr. Cliff Ricketts, an Hon. Life Member of the Worcester League. He had given most valuable service to the League in the past as its Treasurer and was currently the Auditor. In his role as Welfare Officer to the M.E.B., he was instrumental in arranging for the traditional Worcester League Finals Night to be held at the M.E.B. Club.

## HERTFORDSHIRE NOTES

by R. Bridges

### MORE DIFFICULT

With the introduction of a sixth Junior Regional Division, Herts Junior I find themselves in the new Junior South East Division and new opposition, with the going seemingly more difficult than last year's Junior East.

First match found Surrey II at Braughing, near Ware, at the Sports and Social Centre. Fair conditions and a disappointing but fortunate 5-all draw. Surrey played well and were 4-2 up before a home team revival.

Herts Junior II, in the Junior South, travelled to Aylesbury in their opening match, and they also gained a point, this time against Bucks.

Team selection for the first two matches was based purely on ranking order, except that first team boys' doubles includes Adam Proffitt in partnership with Richard Jermyn. The junior rankings were compiled after the selection committee, guided by Cecile Booth, held trials at Hawker Siddeley Aviation, Hatfield, on Sept. 21-22. This is how they went:—

BOYS:		11 Alan Clegg	
1	Richard Jermyn	12	Stephen Ives
2	Jonathan Proffitt	GIRLS:	
3	Colin Williams	1	Sheila Harper
4	Adam Proffitt	2	Lindsey Booth
5	Gary Harding	3	Christine Noel
6	Paul Mason	4	Linda Ives
7	Gavin Booth	5	Janice Harding
8	Keith Heaseman	6	Anne Westland
9	Steven Kolodinzski	7	Marion Tomsett
10	Terry Pleaseance	8	Barbara Smithson

What a pity Keith Heaseman lost a couple of vital matches during the Sunday afternoon's play, the result was that he lost a few places in the Boys' list. This is an obvious disadvantage of going strictly by the results of one day's play when an off day can affect the whole of a season's prospects. While other results might justify Richard Jermyn No. 1 over Jonathan Proffitt, the Proffitt win over Jermyn and its consequences are puzzling.

Senior rankings have been published on the form at the end of last season with Barry White back at No. 1 followed by Chris Pickard, Jack Bender, Simon Proffitt and Colin Jackson. The top two boys find themselves at 7 and 8. Again, it seems as if insufficient thought was given to ranking order and one hopes that players not recognised this time will soon find themselves in the running for a County place.

Players who have served Hertfordshire well in recent years and have requested releases are Alan Lamprell (to Hunts) and Valerie Scripps (to Cambs.). Best of luck to you in your new county except, of course, when you play Herts.

Having already had a go at my own County's selectors, etc., I will turn now to the National selectors and ask what justification they had for the low position given to Adam Proffitt in the Cadet list. I know I'm biased, but the order does look a little out of context when one notices the success during the early part of the summer of this young Barnet lad.

# OPEN TOURNAMENT SURVEY

contributed by Alan Shepherd, Alan Ransome, David Cosway,  
Laurie Landry, George Yates and C.G. Fugatt.



**O.B. "Les" Haslam (Middlesex) winner of the Four T's at Southampton, and victor over Donald Parker in the North Middlesex.**

A wonderful weekend of play at Harlow on Sept. 7-8 proved once more that there cannot be a better Junior tournament in the south of England than the Essex Junior 2-Star. There was a record entry of nearly 350 and a proportion of those had to be ballotted out in order to complete the schedule by the regulation 10 p.m.

Mark Mitchell predictably won the U-17 Boys' Singles but he had to work hard to beat David Reeves and Brian Baxter in early rounds. Martin Shuttle, a player for the future if ever there was one, made Mark go all the way in the final.

Robert Wiley made his usual exit in his first match to Kevin Edwards, who went on to reach the semi-final. How long is it since a player from Wiltshire did that in an Open Tournament? Incidentally, Shuttle's loss to Mitchell was his only singles defeat of the weekend! One other new name at the semi-final stage was Devinder Sehmbi, who beat his Essex County colleagues David Iszatt, Peter Hunt and Alex Abbott plus Kent No. 1, Ian Kenyon.

Although Mark Mitchell won the major prize, top money-winner of the weekend was Essex No. 1 girl, Sandra Sutton. When No. 1 seed, Angela Mitchell, departed in her first set to Julie Reading, Sandra's way was clear, and she made no mistake in taking the U-17 singles final against Angela Tierney. Partnered by Iszatt and Angela Mitchell, she then proceeded to annex the Mixed and Girls' Doubles titles.

Essex broke new ground by introducing a new Under-14 singles event to tie in with the European Cadet category. First winner of the boys' event was the genial top weight from Norfolk, Doug Bennett, a comfortable winner over one of the Middlesex starlets, Bryn Tyler. Angela Mitchell had consolation for her senior defeat by an U-14 win over Karen Witt.

Making the brightest of starts to the new

season Lancashire's Nigel Hallows underlined his potential at Thornaby Pavilion over the weekend of Sept. 14-15 in the Cleveland Select 2-Star Junior.

In a hard-fought final encounter Hallows got the better of Ian Girdler after the Surrey junior had ousted top seed Stephen "Sooty" Souter in the semi-final at which stage Hallows defeated Robert "The Tongue" Wiley, yet another Cleveland, seeded No. 2, in the Boys' Singles event.

In partnership with Red Rose teammate, Ian Smith, Hallows was also successful in the Boys' Doubles with final victory over David Reeves and Gary Roberts, but a hat-trick of successes was denied the Boltonian when, paired with Julie McLean, of Hull, the Lancs/Yorks combine were beaten in the Mixed final by Paul Trott and Caroline Reeves.

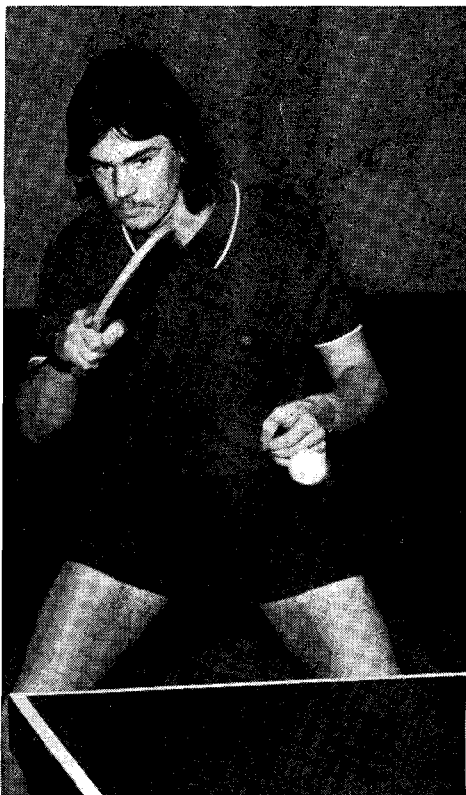
Bradford's Melody Ludi took the U-17 Girls' Singles title with final victory over Caroline Reeves who, nationally, is ranked just beneath her, but Angela Tierney and Helen Robinson took the honours in the Girls' Doubles.

The absence of top-ranking juniors from the metropolitan area was the one adverse feature and one to be deplored as this was, after all, a "Select" affair.

Running counter to the Teesside event was the North Middlesex 2-Star Senior tournament tied in with the first of the "Sunday Times" Super League matches at Alexandra Palace, Wood Green.

Here all the stars were assembled excepting Alan Hydes and Chester Barnes in the national men's rankings and Judy Williams (now living in Holland) and Carole Knight on the women's list.

Denis Neale, winner of the Men's Singles

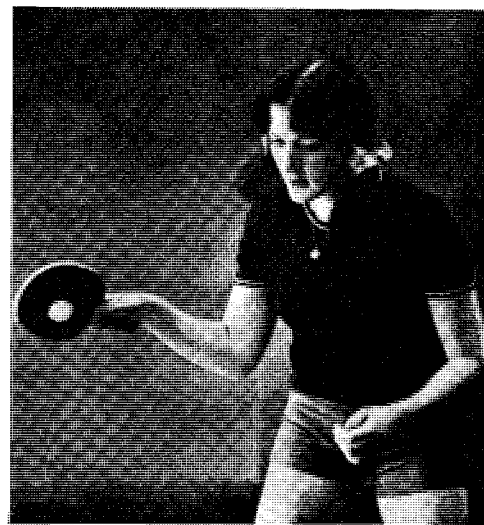


**David Alderson (Cleveland) who beat Trevor Taylor at Alexandra Palace.**

title, was at pains to dispose of Desmond Douglas in the final, although he accounted for his Ormesby colleague Nicky Jarvis easily enough in the semis.

Trevor Taylor, seeded No. 2, was beaten by David Alderson who, in the quarters fell to Jimmy Walker, a Douglas victim in the semis. Sixth seed, Donald Parker, fell to 'Les' Haslam who made the quarters and put up stiff resistance before losing to Neale -18, -20.

Other deeds of note were accomplished by Gloucestershire's Chris Sewell, who ousted David Fraser, of Scotland, and Tony Clayton, and by Suffolk's John Kitchener, who, in reaching the last eight, beat Mike Johns before falling to Douglas.



**Caroline Reeves (Berks), the beaten finalist at Thornaby Pavilion, and the No. 2 ranked England girl.**

Photo by Dave Hartley, Didcot.

Jill Hammersley was out on her own in the counterpart women's event, accounting for Linda Howard more than comfortably in the final. Lesley Radford put down the threat of Karen Rogers and Anita Stevenson.

In the Boys' U-19 event Douglas stole the show although taken to three by Alderson in the semis. Similarly, in this same age category, Linda Howard was extended by Kay Greenough but was an easy winner over Anita Stevenson in the final. Douglas and Miss Howard were good value for their Mixed Doubles success over Neale and Karenza Mathews.

Trevor Taylor came more into his own with Neale in the Men's Doubles, beating Kitchener and David Tan in the final. Karenza and Linda accounted for Jill and Sue Henderson in the Women's Doubles final.

The Four T's had it all to themselves on Sept. 22 at Southampton where, after a slight setback last season, it was back to record figures with over 170 players participating.

Even before it was known that the tournament would have the pleasure of "Les" Haslam participating in the Men's Singles, the overall entry was considered strong. "Les," however, was really in a class of his own and really cruised through to the final beating Steve Lyons, Steve Wilson (quarters) and Tony Isaacs in the semis.

Wilson, the Hants No. 2, had done well earlier in beating the County champion, Terry Bruce. Isaacs had beaten David Welsman at the same quarter-final stage. In the other half the early surprise was the exit of last year's champion, Chris Pickard, who was beaten by Chris Shetler who had had such a disastrous County trials the previous day.

Bob Brown, who always plays above himself at this tournament, accounted for Dorset's John Robinson before knocking out K. Muhr in the quarters. The final, between Haslam and Brown, although producing a few good rallies, was really a little bit one-sided.

The Women's Singles had a lot more local interest and stresses the point that Hampshire appear to produce more top female players than male. Joyce Coop had little difficulty in reaching the final with 2-straight wins over Mrs. Dove in the quarters and daughter Sue in the semi. Miss Dove had earlier taken a very close third game win over No. 2 seed, Christine Davies.

In the other half, Pauline Soper (nee Holes) accounted for Lesley King in the quarters and No. 1 seed, Linda Wales, in the semis. The final showed that although Pauline has retained her fine natural attacking game, she has still not learnt how to cope with her "bogey" player Joyce Coop.

Shocks abounded in the Men's Singles event of the North of England 2-Star played at Manchester on Sept. 27-28 and none came bigger than the defeat of Denis Neale, the top seed and reigning title holder who, bidding for his fifth consecutive success in this event, was beaten in the quarters by Scotland's No. 1, Richard Yule. The feat of Cheshire's John Hilton in ousting third seed, Alan Hydes, at the same stage also caused a few eyebrows to be raised.

Yule, a native of Aberdeen, now living in South London, sprang a major surprise last season when, in the Norwich Union International Championships at Brighton, he beat Chester Barnes in Rd. 2 from being 13-17 down in the fifth and deciding game.

At Manchester, Neale paid the penalty of underestimating his slimline opponent, who took the first game at 13 and although held to 17-all in the second, put in a final flourish to take the next 4 points for the match.

The Aberdonian, currently representing Surrey in the County Championships, triumphed anew in the penultimate round when he beat David Alderson after the former England No. 1 junior had eliminated his county teammate, Jimmy Walker, in a reversal of the proceedings at Alexandra Palace. But up against a third Cleveland representative in Nicky Jarvis, the runaway Scot was finally halted when the 21-year-old Redcar player, the No. 2 seed, sprang back from an opening game deficit to win the title for the first time.

Nothing untoward occurred in the Women's Singles with top-seeded Susan Lisle having a comfortable passage to the final in which she was similarly at ease in disposing of Carole Knight, seeded No. 2. Again in the girls' singles, the favourite, Melody Ludi, had matters all her own way, finally accounting for Scotland's junior champion, Grace McKay.

Unseeded Ian Smith was the surprise winner of the Boys' Singles title, beating the diminutive Chris Rogers in the final after previously ousting his fellow Lancastrian, Nigel Hallows. Top seed, Stephen Souter, fell in the quarters to Andrew Clark, the No. 2 seed, Bob Wiley falling to Smith.

Neale returned to winning ways at Carlisle on the following Saturday when, in the Cumbria 2-Star, he won the Men's Singles title, undefeated by Alan Hydes, with final victory over Richard Yule, thus avenging his defeat at Manchester.

After Neale had comfortably won the first game, the Scot showed his fighting qualities by equating the match score, but in the decider it was the Englishman who truly conquered, going on to take the triple crown with successes in both the Men's and Mixed Doubles titles when partnered by Mike Johns and Carole Knight.

The only real shock in the men's singles was the defeat of Jimmy Walker, the No. 2 seed, by Ireland's former international, Cliff Thompson, of Newtownards who, in this same tournament 12 months previously, announced his retirement from competitive play! Thompson beat the former England junior 16, -20, 16 and went on to take Yule to a third game decider in the semis.

In a repeat of the North of England women's singles final, Susan Lisle again accounted for



Mr. K. J. Oliver, a Director of Fairview Estates Limited, of Enfield, Middlesex, who sponsored the North Middlesex Open Table Tennis Tournament at the Alexandra Palace, presented the prize money to the winners on behalf of the Company. He is seen here with Linda Howard (right), who won the Intermediate Girls' event, and the runner-up, Anita Stevenson. Linda, who lives at Guildford, Surrey, beat Anita, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, 21-15, 21-14.

Carole Knight and again in the Junior Girls' Singles, Melody Ludi beat Grace McKay. Stephen Souter took the boys' title with final victory over Ian Smith after the Preston junior had beaten Bob Wiley in the semis and Souter had edged out Nigel Hallows, the No. 1 seed.

On Oct. 13, the Merton 1-Star, at Bourne-mouth, again attracted a good entry and many fine matches were witnessed, none causing more pleasure than the four finals, in which players of the Organising Committee were involved.

## Results

### ESSEX JUNIOR 2-STAR

#### UNDER-17 EVENTS

##### Boys' Singles—Quarter-finals:

D. Sehmbi (Essex) bt A. Abbott (Essex) 14, 13.  
M. Shuttle (Surrey) bt S. Souter (Cleve) 19, 19.  
M. Mitchell (Midxx) bt K. Caldon (Essex) 18, 18.  
K. Edwards (Wilts) bt K. Richardson (Cambs) 9, 15.

##### Semi-finals:

Shuttle bt Sehmbi 12, 8; Mitchell bt Edwards 7, 16.

##### Final:

MITCHELL bt Shuttle 16, 17.

##### Girls' Singles—Quarter-finals:

K. Witt (Berks) bt J. Reading (Hants) 14, -18, 12.  
S. Sutton (Essex) bt J. Mitchell (Surrey) 11, 14.  
J. New (Dorset) bt K. Greenough (Surrey) 7, -10, 17.  
A. Tierney (Cleve) bt S. Dove (Midxx) 10, 21.

##### Semi-finals:

Sutton bt Witt -21, 12, 15; Tierney bt New 20, 10.

##### Final:

SUTTON bt Tierney 10, 19.

##### Boys' Doubles—Semi-finals:

A. Bawden/S. Newman (Essex) bt D. Reeves/G. Roberts (Berks) -13, 14, 18.  
S. Boxall/K. Seager (Surrey) bt A. Proffitt/J. Proffitt (Herts) 12, 14.

##### Final:

BOXALL/SEAGER bt Bawden/Newman 16, -20, 14.

##### Girls' Doubles—Semi-finals:

A. Mitchell (Midxx)/Sutton bt J. Skipp/J. Williams (Cleve) -12, 16, 18.  
J. Smith/K. Witt (Berks) bt J. Purslow/J. Thorpe (Berks) 12, -17, 18.

##### Final:

MITCHELL/SUTTON bt Smith/Witt 15, 21.

##### Mixed Doubles—Semi-finals:

Souter/Tierney bt M. Grimmins (Surrey)/J. Mitchell -16, 16, 19.  
D. Iszatt (Essex)/Sutton bt I. Plummer/H. Robinson (Cleve) 15, 15.

##### Final:

ISZATT/SUTTON bt Souter/Tierney 12, 15.

#### UNDER-15 EVENTS

##### Boys' Singles—Quarter-finals:

Edwards bt Boxall 16, 19.  
M. Harrison (Yorks) bt G. Sandley (Midxx) 12, 14.

Shuttle bt A. Proffitt 19, 19.

I. Kenyon (Kent) bt P. O'Connor (Kent) 11, 17.

##### Semi-finals:

Harrison bt Edwards 11, -22, 16; Shuttle bt Kenyon 12, 10.

##### Final:

SHUTTLE bt Harrison 17, -18, 16.

##### Girls' Singles—Semi-finals:

Tierney bt Witt 19, 17; Skipp bt H. O'Brien (Sussex) 11, 14.

##### Final:

SKIPP bt Tierney 16, 19.

##### Boys' Doubles—Semi-finals:

D. Cammiade (Sussex)/Kenyon bt D. Bennett (Nfk)/A. Stonell (Essex) -14, 18, 22.  
Newman/Shuttle bt G. Alden (Isthts)/S. Yallop (Dbys) 15, -18, 15.

##### Final:

NEWMAN/SHUTTLE bt Cammiade/Kenyon 19, -17, 19.

##### Girls' Doubles—Semi-finals:

J. Boulter (Essex)/B. Chamberlain (Hunts) bt Purslow/Thorpe 15, -20, 11.

##### Final:

SKIPP/Williams bt New/R. Newman (Cambs) 12, 15.

##### Final:

BOULTER/CHAMBERLAIN bt Skipp/Williams 22, 18.

#### UNDER-14 EVENTS

##### Boys' Singles—Quarter-finals:

B. Tyler (Midxx) bt Sandley 20, 10.  
J. James (Midxx) bt T. Cook (Kent) 11, 15.  
Yallop bt B. Johnson (Berks) 17, 8.

##### Semi-finals:

Tyler bt James 20, 16; Bennett bt Yallop 19, 10.

##### Final:

BENNETT bt Tyler 11, 17.

##### Girls' Singles—Semi-finals:

Tierney bt Robinson 13, 17; Witt bt J. Douglas (Berks) 14, 17.

##### Final:

TIERNEY bt Witt 11, 20.

#### UNDER-12 EVENTS

##### Boys' Singles—Final:

SANDLEY bt M. Heppenstall (Yorks) 4, 5.

##### Girls' Singles—Final:

ROBINSON bt H. Williams (Midxx) 18, 16.

#### CLEVELAND JUNIOR SELECT

#### UNDER-17 EVENTS

##### Boys' Singles—Quarter-finals:

I. Girdler (Surrey) bt S. Souter (Cleve) 17, 16.  
B. Baxter (Yorks) bt D. Reeves (Berks) 14, 18.  
N. Hallows (Lancs) bt M. Harrison (Yorks) 15, -14, 11.  
R. Wiley (Cleve) bt G. Roberts (Berks) 11, -10, 5.

##### Semi-finals:

Girdler bt Baxter -13, 15, 15; Hallows bt Wiley -18, 14, 25.

##### Final:

HALLOWES bt Girdler 17, -14, 16.

##### Girls' Singles—Quarter-finals:

M. Ludi (Yorks) bt K. Witt (Berks) -18, 21, 19.  
A. Tierney (Cleve) bt G. McKay (Scott) 14, -19, 19.  
J. McLean (Yorks) bt J. Williams (Cleve) 6, 18.  
C. Reeves (Berks) bt J. Skipp (Cleve) -19, 9, 14.

##### Semi-finals:

Ludi bt Tierney 15, 14; Reeves bt McLean 13, -6, 18.

##### Final:

LUDI bt Reeves 14, 17.

**Boys' Doubles—Final:**  
Hallows/I. Smith (Lancs) bt D. Reeves (Berks)/Roberts -16, 17, 17.

**Girls' Doubles—Final:**  
Skipp/Williams bt E. Craig (Scot)/McKay -21, 14, 18.

**Mixed Doubles—Final:**  
P. Trott (Berks)/Reeves bt Hallows/McLean -16, 15, 12.

#### UNDER-14 EVENTS

**Boys' Singles—Semi-finals:**  
K. Beadsley (Yorks) bt T. Bottomley (Cle) -20, 17, 20.  
J. Naser (Yorks) bt J. James (Middx) 19, 19.

**Final:**  
BEADSLEY bt Naser 22, 12.

**Girls' Singles—Semi-finals:**  
Tierney bt M. Smith (Berks) 14, 19.  
Witt bt L. Hryszko (Yorks) 13, 15.

**Final:**  
TIERNEY bt Witt 13, 14.

**Boys' Doubles—Final:**  
Beadsley/Naser bt James/G. Sandley (Middx) 14, -17, 5.

**Girls' Doubles—Final:**  
Tierney/H. Robinson (Cle) bt Smith/Witt 17, 16.

#### UNDER-11 EVENT

**Boys' Singles—Final:**  
B. Johnson (Berks) bt N. Heppenstall (Yorks) 8, 14.

**UNDER-17 Boys' Team**  
Roberts/Reeves bt Baxter/Harrison 3-0.

**UNDER-17 Girls' Team**  
Ludi/McLean bt Skipp/Williams 3-0.

**UNDER-14 Boys' Team**  
Beadsley/Naser bt M. Laird/I. Plummer (Cle) 3-0.

**UNDER-14 Girls' Team**  
Robinson/Tierney bt Smith/Witt 3-0.

#### NORTH MIDDLESEX 2-STAR

**Men's Singles—Quarter-finals:**

D. Neale (Cle) bt O. Haslam (Middx) 18, 20.  
N. Jarvis (Cle) bt C. Sewell (Gloucs) 7, 14.  
D. Douglas (Warwks) bt J. Kitchener (Sfk) 15, 11.  
J. Walker (Cle) bt D. Alderson (Cle) 11, 16.

**Semi-finals:**  
Neale bt Jarvis 18, 10; Douglas bt Walker 16, 16.

**Final:**  
NEALE bt Douglas -17, 18, 19.

**Women's Singles—Quarter-finals:**

J. Hammersley (Bucks) bt D. Court (Middx) 10, 12.  
L. Radford (Essex) bt A. Stevenson (Leics) 14, 18.  
K. Mathews (Middx) bt S. Hession (Essex) 10, 9.  
L. Howard (Surrey) bt S. Henderson (Surrey) 12, -8, 7.

**Semi-finals:**  
Hammersley bt Radford 10, 19; Howard bt Mathews 16, 18.

**Final:**  
HAMMERSLEY bt Howard 5, 15.

**Men's Doubles—Semi-finals:**

Neale/T. Taylor (Beds) bt Douglas/D. Parker (Lancs) -16, 19, 14.  
Kitchener/D. Tan (Middx) bt A. Clayton (Yks)/L. Landry (Middx) 16, 19.

**Final:**  
NEALE/TAYLOR bt Kitchener/Tan 16, 16.

**Women's Doubles—Semi-finals:**

Howard/Mathews bt S. Lisle (Ches)/Stevenson 17, -13, 16.  
Hammersley/Henderson bt Court/Hession -18, 11, 15.

**Final:**  
HOWARD/MATHEWS bt Hammersley/Henderson -12, 14, 12.

**Mixed Doubles—Semi-finals:**

Douglas/Howard bt Jarvis/Hammersley 15, -15, 12.  
Neale/Mathews bt M. Johns (Ches)/Court 15, 19.

**Final:**  
DOUGLAS/HOWARD bt Neale/Mathews 15, -21, 14.

**U-19 Boys' Singles—Quarter-finals:**

Douglas bt M. Mitchell (Middx) 12, 18.  
Alderson bt A. Barden (Middx) 14, 10.  
P. Day (Cumb) bt Tan -21, 8, 23.  
Kitchener bt Parker 18, 14.

**Semi-finals:**  
Douglas bt Alderson -17, 13, 18; Day bt Kitchener 18, -12, 18.

**Final:**  
DOUGLAS bt Day 16, 15.

**U-19 Girls' Singles—Semi-finals:**

Howard bt K. Greenough (Surrey) 13, -18, 9.  
Stevenson bt S. Tame (Surrey) 19, 14.

**Final:**  
HOWARD bt Stevenson 15, 14.

**Veteran Singles—Semi-finals:**

G. Chapman (Surrey) bt S. Summers (Essex) 8, 12.  
P. D'Arcy (Ches) bt D. Harris (Herts) 6, 15.

**Final:**  
D'ARCY bt Chapman 19, 21.

#### FOUR T'S 1-STAR

**Men's Singles—Semi-finals:**

O. Haslam (Middx) bt A. Isaacs (Staffs) 18, 11.  
R. Brown (Worcs) bt M. Waldman (Middx) 15, 19.

**Final:**  
HASLAM bt Brown 9, 14.

**Women's Singles—Semi-finals:**

J. Coop (Hants) bt S. Dove (Middx) 16, 13.  
P. Soper (Hants) bt L. Wales (Hants) 17, 12.

**Final:**  
COOP bt Soper 14, 17.

**Men's Doubles—Final:**  
D. HOLMAN/S. LYONS (Surrey) bt Brown/Isaacs 17, 16.

**Women's Doubles—Final:**

C. DAVIES (Hants)/SOPER bt Coop/J. Reading (Hants) 19, -13, 15.

**Mixed Doubles—Final:**

T. SMITH (Hants)/COOP bt C. Shetler (Hants)/Dove 8, 10.

**Boys' Singles—Final:**

J. ROBINSON (Dorset) bt R. Taylor (Kent) 16, 14.

**Girls' Singles—Final:**

DOVE bt Wales -14, 15, 19.



**Sue Dove (Middlesex) winner of the Girls' Singles title at Southampton.**

#### NORTH OF ENGLAND 2-STAR

**Men's Singles—Quarter-finals:**

R. Yule (Scot) bt D. Neale (Cle) 13, 17.  
D. Alderson (Cleve) bt D. Parker (Lancs) 19, 14.  
J. Hilton (Ches) bt A. Hydes (Yorks) 15, 19.  
N. Jarvis (Cleve) M. Johns (Ches) 9, -18, 19.

**Semi-finals:**  
Yule bt Alderson -15, 18, 14; Jarvis bt Hilton 9, 15.

**Final:**  
JARVIS bt Yule -16, 16, 17.

**Women's Singles—Quarter-finals:**

S. Lisle (Ches) bt J. McLean (Yorks) 13, 9.  
K. Rogers (Leics) bt M. Ludi (Yorks) 15, 11.  
C. Knight (Cleve) bt M. Mellor (Derbys) 10, 14.  
A. Stevenson (Leics) bt B. Kearney (Nthld) 18, 14.

**Semi-finals:**  
Lisle bt Rogers 15, 11; Knight bt Stevenson -16, 14, 16.

**Final:**  
LISLE bt Knight 15, 17.

**Boys' Singles—Quarter-finals:**

A. Clark (Nthld) bt S. Souter (Cleve) 18, 20.  
C. Rogers (Leics) bt R. Brown (Scot) 10, -22, 15.  
N. Hallows (Lancs) bt P. Crawford (Cleve) 16, 12.  
I. Smith (Lancs) bt K. Paxton (Durham) -20, 15, 13.

**Semi-finals:**  
Rogers bt Clark 16, 15; Smith bt Hallows -16, 16, 12.

**Final:**  
SMITH bt Rogers -14, 19, 10.

**Girls' Singles—Quarter-finals:**

M. Ludi bt S. Hunt (Lincs) 15, 15.  
J. Black (Lancs) bt J. Dwyne (Ches) 7, 9.  
McLean bt A. Hepple (Ches) 17, 12.  
G. McKay (Scot) bt B. Green (Wrwks) 10, 14.

**Semi-finals:**  
Ludi bt Black 6, 12; McKay bt McLean 10, 14.

**Final:**  
LUDI bt McKay 14, 18.

**Veteran Singles—Quarter-finals:**

G. Brook (Yorks) bt M. Tew (Ches) -14, 16, 15.  
A. Hartshorn (Lancs) bt A. Summerfield (Ches) 8, 10.  
D. Schofield (Ches) bt D. Marples (Derbys) 14, 12.  
P. D'Arcy (Ches) bt G. Smith (Lancs) 6, 11.

**Semi-finals:**  
Brook bt Hartshorn 13, -16, 13; Schofield bt D'Arcy 17, 18.

**Final:**  
SCHOFIELD bt Brook 9, 15.

**Men's Doubles—Semi-finals:**

Hydes/Neale bt A. Clayton (Yorks)/L. Landry (Middx) -14, 11, 18.

Jarvis/J. Walker (Cleve) bt A. Fletcher (Yorks)/D. Munt (Warwks) -20, 18, 7.

**Final:**  
JARVIS/WALKER bt Hydes/Neale 15, -16, 20.

**Women's Doubles—Semi-finals:**

Lisle/Stevenson bt E. Craig (Scot)/McKay 16, 14.

Kearney/Knight bt Mellor/Rogers 12, -14, 22.

**Final:**  
LISLE/STEVENSON bt Kearney/Knight 16, -17, 14.

#### CUMBRIA 2-STAR

**Men's Singles—Quarter-finals:**

D. Neale (Cle) bt J. Hilton (Ches) 11, 15.  
M. Johns (Ches) bt D. Alderson (Cle) 14, 16.  
R. Yule (Scot) bt S. Souter (Cle) 11, 14.  
C. Thompson (Ire) bt J. Walker (Cle) 16, -20, 16.

**Semi-finals:**  
Neale bt Johns 6, 12; Yule bt Thompson -17, 15, 18.

**Final:**  
NEALE bt Yule 16, -20, 14.

**Women's Singles—Quarter-finals:**

S. Lisle (Ches) bt B. Kirkman (Lancs) 14, 9.  
J. Walker (Yorks) bt E. Smith (Scot) 13, 19.  
K. Senior (Ire) bt B. Kearney (Nthld) 20, 9.  
C. Knight (Cle) bt P. Clark (Nthld) 20, 16.

**Semi-finals:**  
Lisle bt Walker 13, 16; Knight bt Senior 19, 10.

**Final:**  
LISLE bt Knight 10, 12.

**Men's Doubles—Semi-finals:**

Johns/Neale bt D. Fraser (Scot)/Yule 13, 15.  
N. Eckersley/P. Mayman (Ches) bt Alderson/Walker 16, -17, 17.

**Final:**  
JOHNS/NEALE bt Eckersley/Mayman 14, 7.

**Women's Doubles—Semi-finals:**

Senior/B. Thompson (Ire) bt Lisle/M. Ludi (Yorks) 17, 11.  
Clark/Kirkman bt Kearney/Knight -13, 17, 16.

**Final:**  
SENIOR/THOMPSON bt Clark/Kirkman 16, 10.

**Mixed Doubles—Semi-finals:**

Neale/Knight bt Johns/Walker -13, 19, 14.  
Thompson/Senior bt Yule/Smith -17, 11, 15.

**Final:**  
NEALE/KNIGHT bt Thompson/Senior 13, 18.

**Boys' Singles—Quarter-finals:**

N. Hallows (Lancs) bt A. Mathew (Scot) 10, -18, 12.  
Souter bt I. Donnelly (Scot) 22, 11.

I. Smith (Lancs) bt G. McCardle (Nthld) 15, 17.  
R. Wiley (Cle) bt M. Barry (Cumb) 19, -7, 15.

**Semi-finals:**  
Souter bt Hallows 14, -20, 18; Smith bt Wiley 17, 11.

**Final:**  
SOUTER bt Smith 13, 12.

**Girls' Singles—Quarter-finals:**

Ludi bt A. Hepple (Ches) 16, 13.  
K. Cropper (Lancs) bt V. Smith (Nthld) 8, 16.

J. Black (Lancs) bt J. Fielding (Ches) 16, 19.  
G. McKay (Scot) bt J. Inch (Durham) 6, 18.

**Semi-finals:**  
Ludi bt Cropper 6, 18; McKay bt Black 11, 11.

**Final:**  
LUDI bt McKay 21, 19.

**Veteran Singles—Semi-finals:**

P. D'Arcy (Ches) bt T. Donlon (Ches) 15, 17.  
G. Smith (Lancs) bt P. Jenkins (Cumb) 15, 19.

**Final:**  
D'ARCY bt Smith 8, 19.

#### MERTON 1-STAR

**Men's Singles—Semi-finals:**

T. Smith (Hants) bt W. Moulding (Wilts) 18, -13, 15.  
S. Lyons (Surrey) bt S. Wilson (Hants) -19, 16, 12.

**Final:**  
LYONS bt Smith 16, -13, 15.

**Women's Singles—Semi-finals:**

J. Coop (Hants) bt J. Reading (Hants) 14, 23.  
S. Henderson (Surrey) bt L. Wales (Hants) 17, -20, 7.

**Final:**  
HENDERSON bt Coop -14, 19, 13.

**Men's Doubles—Final:**  
HOLMAN/LYONS bt T. Bruce/Moulding 15, 15.

**Women's Doubles—Final:**  
COOP/READING bt P. Wales/L. Wales 19, 17.

**Mixed Doubles—Final:**  
SMITH/COOP bt K. Summerfield/L. Wales 19, 11.

## WELSH MAGAZINE

Under the Editorship of H. Roy Evans, the Table Tennis Association of Wales has launched its own magazine "TABLE TENNIS."

It is intended to publish monthly with either six or seven issues during the Season. It will sell at 5p per copy, BUT it will be sent FREE OF CHARGE to EVERY CLUB in Wales. It will try to set out the programme and policies of the T.T.A. of Wales, and keep ALL their players from Gwent to Anglesey and from Pembroke to East Flint in touch with what is going on. It will try to report matches and Tournaments as fairly as it can, and it will try to build up a section of news from the Leagues.

The first issue, published in October, contains items of information about the structure of table tennis in Wales, notes on coaching and the Ascot Proficiency Award Scheme. Welsh League—Southern section and County Match reports. Fourteen neatly duplicated pages, exclusive of cover, makes good value for 5p.

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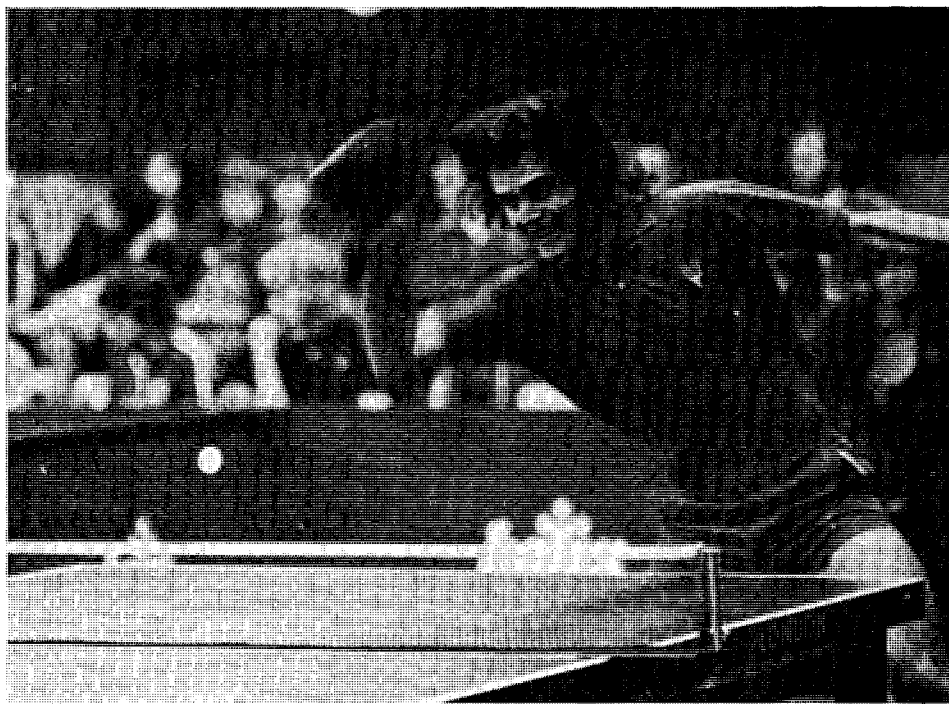
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## NEW TRAINER-COACH

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## Polish Open Championships Another Triumph for Jill

England's Jill Hammersley won her second women's singles title on the European circuit when, in the Polish Open, played in Krakow from Oct. 11-13, she had a 29-27, 21-19, 21-13 win over Alica Grofova, of Czechoslovakia, in the final.

It was in November of last year that Jill had her first major success on the Continent when, in Budapest, she won the women's singles title in the Hungarian Open.

Successive 3-0 wins for the English champion saw her to this title in Poland, her victims on the way being Zachara (Poland), Szendy (Hungary), Calinska (Poland) and, in the semis, Hana Riedlova, of Czechoslovakia.

England had yet another success in the women's doubles event when Jill, partnered by Linda Howard, had a final 19-21, 21-13, 21-19, 21-16 win over Erzebet Palatinus and Dubravka Fabri, of Yugoslavia, having beaten the Polish pairing of Calinska and Noworyta in the semis.

Both Desmond Douglas and Nicky Jarvis reached the last sixteen, the Warwickshire star putting up a tremendous fight before going down to the Czech, Jaroslav Kunz, -19, 12, -17, 17, -18. No less a "pushover" Jarvis went down to Sweden's Per Sandström 21, 17, -16, -18, -14. Yugoslavia's Dragutin Surbek had a memorable final win over the European champion, Milan Orlowski.

Results:—

### M.S.—Quarter-finals:

D. Surbek (Yu) bt A. Johansson (Sw) 18, 15, 11.

J. Kunz (Cz) bt Bo Persson (Sw) -20, 17, 16, 15.  
A. Stipancic (Yu) bt Rave (GDR) 14, 16, 18.  
M. Orlowski (Cz) bt M. Karakasevic (Yu) 14, 11, 14.

### Semi-finals:

Surbek bt Kunz 13, 12, 22.  
Orlowski bt Stipancic 14, 8, 13.

### Final:

**SURBEK** bt Orlowski 14, -22, -22, 16, 19.

### W.S.—Quarter finals:

A. Grofova (Cz) bt E. Neikova (Bu) 8, 9, 10.

L. Howard (Eng) bt Csik (Hu) -11, 12, 14, 19.  
H. Riedlova (Cz) bt C. Noworyta (Po) 18, -18, 12.

J. Hammersley (Eng) bt D. Calinska (Po) 13, 15, 20.

### Semi-finals:

Grofova bt Howard 21, 10, 16.  
Hammersley bt Riedlova 11, 18, 18.

### Final:

**HAMMERSLEY** bt Grofova 27, 19, 13.

### M.D.—Semi-finals:

Surbek/Stipancic bt Johansson/U. Thorsell (Sw) 8, 19, 8.

Orlowski/Kunz bt Persson/Sandström 15, 13, 8.

### Final:

**SURBEK/STIPANCIC** bt Orlowski/Kunz -14, 12, 14, 11.

### W.D.—Final:

**HAMMERSLEY/HOWARD** bt Fabri/Palatinus -19, 13, 19, 16.

### X.D.—Final:

**STIPANCIC/PALATINUS** bt Surbek/Fabri 3-2.

### Men's Team—Final:

**YUGOSLAVIA** bt Czechoslovakia 3-1.

### Women's Team—Final:

**POLAND** bt Yugoslavia 3-2.

# World Championships 1977

by **MIKE LAWLESS**  
(E.T.T.A. Development Officer)

The National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham is the venue, Mar. 26 to Apr. 5, 1977 are the dates; and the countdown has begun. Detailed discussions are already being held between representatives of the English Table Tennis Association, the City of Birmingham and the National Exhibition Centre, and the search is on for a major sponsor.

It is fitting that the 34th World Table Tennis Championships will be held in England in the same year as our Association celebrates

its 50th Anniversary, for it was in England that what is thought to be the first ever World Championships were staged.

This was in 1926 when seven countries participated and the financing of the event—some £300—was by the Hon. Ivor Montagu, the first President of the International Table Tennis Federation and our Life Vice-President.

In 1954 England was host nation to 33 teams taking part in the 21st World Championships. Of the £15,000 staging costs, an estimated £10,000 was recovered from some 30,000 spectators. It is interesting to note that a number of Leagues throughout the country voluntarily committed themselves to financially support the event and at the end of the day the E.T.T.A. gratefully took up their offer to the tune of ten shillings in the pound (for those with short memories, £1 contained 20 shillings).

In the 1973 Championships, held in Yugoslavia, 473 competitors from 66 countries took part. In 1977 we could see entries from 100 countries and there is every possibility that it will be the largest Championships so far staged.

What then faces the E.T.T.A.? Certainly the reception, housing and general welfare of some 1,000 people from all over the world will be no easy task; nor indeed is the logistical problem of moving competitors from hotel to venue at precise times one to be tackled with anything but the most meticulous planning. Many difficulties—large and small—which could prevent the smooth running of the proceedings will be met and overcome between now and the time.

However, the overriding priority at this stage must be the search for £250,000—the estimated cost of staging the event. Obviously we look towards sponsorship to underwrite a large percentage of this figure, but sponsors, like deity, are more inclined to support those who help themselves and we, as an Association, must find ways and means of raising £20,000 at least before the day.

Many schemes will be devised, discussed and, in some cases, discarded. But whichever are adopted, their successful operation will depend on the support received from our own members. We all know that ultimately individuals will be asked to produce money from their pockets; there is nothing wrong in this providing they are given the opportunity of benefitting from their action.

If you have ideas for fund-raising, why not drop me a line. I will ensure that they are given due consideration by the appropriate people.

The feelings of optimism and even excitement already running through the "aficianados" will grow and spread as we approach 1977. We have the capability to ensure that the World Championships in England will be remembered by everyone as the best ever. Let us all do a little to ensure that we have the means.

## CHANGE OF VENUE

The Reading Junior 2-Star (Select) tournament, to be played on Nov. 30th—Dec. 1st, will now be held at the Meadway Sports Centre instead of the Bulmersh Sports Centre as in previous years. The full postal address of the centre is:—

**Meadway Sports Centre,  
The Meadway, Tilehurst,  
Reading, Berkshire.**

Directions to the centre from the M4 motorway are as follows:—From junction 12 at Theale, proceed on the A4 towards Reading for 2½ miles. After traffic lights, turn left down Honey End Lane (on west side of Prospect Park). Turn left at "T" junction with the Meadway. Meadway Sports Centre is ½ mile on left behind school.

# WELSH NOTES



by H. ROY EVANS

It proved not a bad day for Wales on the first Saturday of the County Championships. Glamorgan celebrated their return to the Premier Division by beating Warwickshire 6-3 at Cardiff.

The English county will surely regret the absence of Desmond Douglas, but for us it's one "in the bag." Both Graham Davies and Alan Griffiths played well, and Johnny Mansfield proved his worth as the new boy.

Glamorgan Seconds beat Shropshire 8-2 in a not very good Western Division match, but Gwent, playing under their new County title, made a very inauspicious start by going down 4-6 to Worcestershire Seconds.

Glamorgan Juniors did well at Devon with a 6-4 win, and the newly-christened North Wales County—Clywd—had a good draw with Derbyshire. Clywd's veterans got rather short of breath at Notts and lost 2-7.

The first big Welsh tournament of the season—the Aberdare Open—was due to take place on Oct 27 at the Michael Sobell Sports Centre. As usual, the Aberdare officials went out of their way to cater for the youngsters, and with a full cadet event as well as the usual full junior programme, they had a formidable entry.

Our Ascot Sports Proficiency Award Scheme is really going with a bang. Already 71 boys and girls have qualified for the bronze award, and we expect a considerable number of these to present themselves for the silver grade at the National Sports Centre on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 23, 1974.

On the International Front, we have now had second thoughts about the World Championships in Calcutta, and it is likely that we shall send a men's team. We would have liked to go to Australia also, but that cost is about twice that for the India trip, and we just cannot afford it. Nevertheless, our Secretary, Mrs. Nancy Roy Evans, will be making the journey to represent the Principality, and this is surely the least we can do as the Hosts last time.

The demands for coaches continues to grow and we are now hard put to provide all we are being asked for, despite having nearly 60 coaches certificated.

## KENT NOTES

by Eileen Koutikoff

### STAGGERING MARATHON

15-year-old Kent Junior, Ian Collins (Bromley) and 16-year-old Kevin Marrable (Surrey) have broken the World Record for non-stop Table Tennis by playing for a staggering 80 hours 10 minutes.

Ian and Kevin decided to attempt this for charity. They were under the impression that the record was 74½ hours, but found out later that an American held it with 80 hours 1 minute, so instead of breaking it by 5 hours 40 minutes, they actually only did it by 9 minutes.

With this World Record they managed to raise £63.50, which they presented to the Chairman of the Bexleyheath Cancer Research Fund.

They abided by the Guinness Book of Records rules, which allowed them a 5-minute break every hour.

The boys started mid-day Monday and played for six hours before having a half-hour break. "The first few hours were the worst," so Ian told me. After the first 12 hours they began to feel tired and very dizzy but gallons of coffee and glucose kept them going and the tiredness wore off. After 50 hours of listening to the radio and swapping jokes, to help their concentration, the boys still had enough stamina to loop a few balls back but Kevin, not surprisingly, misjudged the bounce and broke his bat on the edge of the table.

When they reached Thursday evening 8-10 p.m. they decided they had done enough, although they assure me they could have gone on! Ian Collins had not only worn all the rubber off his bat by this time but more important, was pretty worn out himself and lost 5 lbs. in weight and deserved his 30 hours of undisturbed sleep. The boys have every intention of having another go next year!

## NORTHANTS NOTES

by Dennis Millman

### INCONSISTENT ATTITUDES

The new season's ranking lists, although predictable in content, illustrate the changing fortunes and inconsistent attitudes of last season's top players, particularly with regard to the men.

Only three of last year's ranked men remain—Rod Marchant, Steve Lyon and John Palmer, yet despite the premature, if not tragic loss of such talented performers as John Maloney and Kevin Alden, the lists have a healthy look about them, with so many fine young players beginning to make their presence felt.

Another pleasing feature is the emergence of the more recently-formed leagues—Daventry and Towcester, where great enthusiasm and regular coaching sessions are now beginning to pay dividends. On the debit side, Northampton could well view the Junior list with more than a little concern, for with Gary Hamilton, an import from neighbouring Bucks., no Northampton-produced player is represented. Kettering, too, cannot be satisfied with their share of representatives, although the Nicoll twins, Keith and Kenneth, promise well for the future.

Ranking Lists:—

#### Men

1. Rod Marchant (We)
2. Gary Hamilton (No)
3. Steve Lyon (No)
4. Gary Alden (We)
5. John Palmer (Ke)
6. Phil Snelling (No)
7. Ray Kingston (No)
8. John Bishop (Da)
9. Paul Birch (No)
10. Brian Dangerfield (We)

#### Women

1. Connie Bane (No)

2. Anne Wallis (We)
3. Sue Edwards (Da)
4. Christine Dilley (We)
5. Mandy Wallis (We)
6. Valerie Feakin (Ke)
7. Glennis Hooper (We)
8. Doris Rivett (No)

#### Boys

1. Hamilton (No)
2. Alden (We)
3. Kevin McPartlan (Da)
4. Nicky Chaplin (Da)
5. Alan Hawes (We)
6. Michael Hawes (We)
7. Nicky Wells (We)
8. Michael Douglas (To)
9. Mark Raven (We)
10. Keith Nicoll (Ke)

#### Girls

1. Mandy Wallis (We)
2. Valerie Feakin (Ke)
3. Frances Tsow (Da)
4. Pauline Ratledge (To)

Key: Da—Daventry; Ke—Kettering; No.—Northampton; To—Towcester; We—Wellingborough.

South East Midlands League matches are now under way, but despite our increased representation, with Daventry having entered for the first time, there appears little prospect of major honours with Wellingborough women the only one of the fourteen Northants sides capable of challenging for a title.

At League level it is Wellingborough's First Division, that provides the most intriguing situation, with four strong teams challenging Kettering Town for the title they won so convincingly last year. Finedon Allen Road still depend on their 1972-73 championship-winning side of Brian Dangerfield, Peter Bliss and Cliff Brown and are unlikely to again encounter such a disastrous spell which prevented a repeat performance last season. But for Kevin Alden's premature, if not permanent retirement, Rothborough "A" would have been near certainties, but now they depend on Kevin's younger brother, Gary, to restore hopes of emulating their 1971-72 success.

## GATLEY OUTCLASSED

It was only after the Postas Sports team, from Budapest, had taken a decisive 5-0 lead over Gatley Y.M.C.A. in a first-round European Fairs Cup match at Stockport, on Sept. 10, that the local league champions tasted success over their talented visitors. The final score was 8-1.

The match-winning onslaught began with Gyorgy Kollar beating Brian Kean in straight games, the pattern being repeated in the second set when Istvan Chikan accounted for Nigel Eckersley. Hungary's world-ranked Tibor Klampar then showed his class with an exhibition of explosive hitting against Derek Schofield.

Wins by Kollar over Eckersley and by Klampar over Kean saw Postas Sports through to the next round, the later sets being more light-hearted contests, with Schofield winning Gatley's only set with a 2-1 victory over Chikan.



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# 4th WEST YORKS. CLOSED

by STEVE NUNN (Organiser)



Lynda Hryszko (aged 13) of Bradford.

Once again at Parkside Sports Centre, Bradford, on Sept. 29, a most successful tournament was staged with a change of main title holders adding that extra ingredient.

John Kedge, of Huddersfield, was prevented by illness from defending his men's singles title, the Bulmer and Lumb Cup going to N. Davies, of Leeds, who had a good final win over Yorkshire's No. 7 ranked player, David Hirst, of Huddersfield.

The women's singles title also changed hands when Bradford's Melody Ludi beat Sylvia Broadbent most convincingly in the final. It was good to see Mrs. Pat Bassano, of Halifax, back on the tournament trail and doing well by reaching the semis after a 2-year lay-off. Davies and Jim Yeats retained their men's doubles title after a very shaky start against B. Dawson and D. Lamb, of Halifax.

Geoff Brook, of Huddersfield, also held on to his veteran singles title with a good final win over Eddie Payne, of Bradford. Kevin Beadsley, of Halifax, proved much too good in the boys' singles and carried off the West Bowling C. & M.C. Shield.

But the highlight of the day, for me, was the girls' singles final in which the fast-improving Lynda Hryszko, of Bradford, came up against England's new top girl, Melody Ludi. Lynda, after having taken Melody to three in the women's singles earlier in the day, came very near to repeating the performance in the junior final, going down -20, -15—a very creditable performance from a 13-years-old who, on the same day, was selected to play for Yorkshire Juniors at Huddersfield on Oct. 12.

You must excuse me if I seem a little biased, for Lynda is a product of the Parkside Centre where she has been coached by Jim Yeats and myself. The day after the tournament Lynda was ranked No. 3 Girl Cadet in England. This is a remarkable performance considering she has had only one season in the Bradford League with Sedbergh Boys' Club! Well done, Lynda.

Prizes were presented by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Bradford, Councillor Hedley Wright, and the wife of Bradfords President, Mrs. R. Martin. Thanks are due to Frank Briggs, the Referee, and to Maurice Shaffner, who M.C.'s the finals, together with all the Bradford

officials who worked so hard. The Merit Award went to a junior boy for his assistance with umpiring. Throughout the day he volunteered for 34 sets, an achievement well worth the reward. Results:—

## M.S. Semi-Finals

N. Davies bt R. Priestley (Bradford) -13, 15, 17.  
D. Hirst bt R. Shutt (Bradford) 18, -18, 10.

## Final

Davies bt Hirst 20, 20.

## W.S. Semi-Finals

S. Broadbent bt J. Nield (Leeds) 10, 10.  
M. Ludi bt P. Bassano 15, 13.

## Final

Ludi bt Broadbent -19, 10, 10.

## Boys' Singles

K. Beadsley bt S. Hazelwood (Leeds) 6, 10.

## Girls' Singles

Melody Ludi bt L. Hryszko 20, 15.

## Veteran Singles

G. Brook bt E. Payne 15, 18.

## Cover Picture

### Thoroughly Modern Melody

by MALCOLM HARTLEY  
(Telegraph and Argus, Bradford)

Melody Ludi is giving the lie to rumours in the South that up in darkest Bradford we are still playing with sandpaper bats and it's good form for visitors to bring gifts of salt and beads for the natives. (Actually we'd prefer a bag of sugar).

Thoroughly modern Melody has just been ranked England's top girl and a league that has produced only two internationals, both before the last war, is openly delighted.

Her parents are Yorkshire folk but the surname is Swiss, brought to this country by her grandfather.

Table tennis began for Melody as a summer game. At home she played with her elder sisters on a threequarter-sized table which they took into the garden; and on holiday visits to the family caravan in the Lake District, there were two tables in the clubhouse. It was hard at first for a young girl to get a game but once Melody started in earnest they were queuing up to play her.

She was the youngest girl seen in the Bradford League at the age of 11 and won all her singles first time out. Her coach, Hans Soova, says she's always had "a built-in timing mechanism" which enabled her to hit the ball with power and accuracy from her early days.

She has already assembled a large range of silverware. She won 11 tournament titles last season, for instance and six more in September. She was an ever-present in Yorkshire's Junior Division North championship teams of the last two seasons and has twice earned the Yorkshire League girls' merit award.

Melody is not overawed by the big occasion. As a non-sporting illustration, when Prince Philip opened the country's first Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Centre in Bradford during the summer, she made a spontaneous presentation to him from her group.

She has represented her school at table tennis, swimming, badminton, netball and hockey. She likes biology and German, Pink Floyd and David Bowie, prawn cocktail and scampi. She's bright, lively, lovable and level-headed.

Has this young paragon no weaknesses, then? Well, her Yorkshire accent is broad enough to make the chairman of England selectors wince; but so far I've not noticed anything worse.

And above all she is blessed with that instantly-memorable Christian name which has special appeal to media men. Melody is in tune with the times and top of the pops.

## Junior Progression

by R. J. CRAYDEN

(Chairman, National Selection Committee)

As you may have seen in the Tournament Calendar for this season, three junior tournaments, Cleveland, Reading and West Midlands, have been given the title "Select" and I would like to explain the significance of this description.

It was the aim of the National Selection Committee to have created a number of 3-star junior tournaments but difficulties arose that necessitated a change in the title. The word "select" was chosen, but in status these tournaments, in the eyes of the selectors, will bear a 3-star rating.

Because of the wide choice of tournaments throughout the country it was found that many of the leading juniors did not take part in junior tournaments and this made it very difficult for the selectors to judge accurately the varying form of junior players during the playing season.

IT IS NOW THE POLICY OF THE NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE WHEN COMPILING JUNIOR RANKING LISTS, TO GIVE MOST CREDIT TO RESULTS GAINED IN THE THREE SELECT TOURNAMENTS PLUS THE NATIONAL JUNIOR CLOSED AND JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Assessment Camps give an excellent guide to form up to September, but from then on accurate ranking becomes increasingly difficult, hence the introduction of 'select' tournaments.

At least one member of the Selection Committee will be in attendance at these selected tournaments and you are advised to enter them should you wish to further your progress upwards in the junior ranking.

## DURHAM NOTES

by Fred J. Inch

With the season now well under way all is going smoothly on the administrative side with successful trials for County places having been conducted at Peterlee Sports Centre and the commencement of the ever-popular County Coaching Scheme at the same venue.

Durham Co. Juniors got off to a flying start beating Northumberland 9-1 with Keith Paxton (Sunderland), Peter Masters (Philadelphia), Shirley Jenkins (Murton) and Julie Inch (Murton) all scoring maximums, Geoffrey Inch (Philadelphia) being the only player to drop a set to Glenn McCardle.

Non-playing captain Alan Jenkins was very pleased with this result, especially the wins by Paxton and Masters against the experienced Northumbrian No. 1, Andrew Clark. Unfortunately the seniors were beaten 8-2 at the same Shiney Row Community Centre venue.

In this senior engagement Jim Armstrong (Philadelphia) won two singles and Peter McQueen lost to "Benny" Robertson -26 in the third.

V.G. Foodstores (Joshua Wilson Bros. Ltd.) continue to sponsor the Coaching Scheme, the Durham County Open, Club Championship and the Award Scheme. All officials and management council wish to place on record their sincere thanks to V.G. for their continued interest in our welfare.

Closing date for the Durham Co. Open is Nov. 16, 1974, forms to Mr. D. Charlton, 17 North Road, Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne and Wear. The tournament is to be staged at the new Sunderland A.F.C. Gymnasium on Saturday, Nov. 30.

In the Middlesex Junior Open, Chris Reed (Cumbria) beat Geoff Inch (Durham No. 3) in the 4th round and then accounted for Paxton (Durham No. 1) in the next before losing to Paul Ellison (Durham No. 8) in the quarters! But alas, Paul lost in the semis to Martin Shuttle (Surrey). Well done, Paul.



#### WHERE DO THE TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONS GO IN THE SUMMER ?

In Eastbourne they swarm up to the town's three golf courses! Picture shows the entire Hailsham "A" team, nine times champions of the Eastbourne and District League, about to tackle the 70 par on the Eastbourne Downs course. Left to right: Colin Monson, the Eastbourne men's champion, Alan Rowden, Norman Beaney and arch-veteran coach, Jim West.

## Swaythling Club International

by W. "BILL" EVANS  
(Hon. Secretary)

Sometime during the World Championships in Calcutta (Feb. 6-16) the Swaythling Club International will hold its Biennial General Meeting. The exact date and time will be advised in due course.

Present holders of the offices are:—

President—J. Veselsky (Ireland).  
Vice-Presidents—Dr. Z. Dolinar (Switzerland) and I. Ogimura (Japan).  
Treasurer—H. Urchetti (Switzerland).  
Secretary—W. Evans (England).  
Press Officer—J. Leach (England).  
Committee—I. Andreadis (Czechoslovakia), S. Boros (England), K. Bowler (Australia), V. Harangozo (Yugoslavia), R. Harrison (U.S.A.), Dr. D. Mauritz (Fed. Germany), R. Ramanujan (India), J. A. Periera (Brazil) and F. Sido (Hungary).

In a letter received from our representative in India, Gautam Divan, we learn that the Swaythling Club in India have donated to the World Championship Committee, supplies of the I.T.T.F. handbook, "Handbook for Umpires," endorsed with the name of the Swaythling Club. This is a fine gesture and the kind of activity very suited to the Swaythling Club—we congratulate Gautam Divan and his colleagues.

We take this opportunity of welcoming into the Swaythling Club International the following new members and hope they will be proud to join us, be happy in the association and contribute to the well-being of the Club to the best of their ability; Augustin Otremba (Fed. Germany), Ratish Ramakant Chachad (India), Mrs. Mildred Shahian (U.S.A.), Mrs. M. McLean Folke (U.S.A.), Johann Justad (Norway), C. Walker (Ireland), T. A. Seacy (Ireland), E. Allen (Ireland) and Hans Pfenninger (Switzerland).

It is gratifying to report that our correspondence with members is growing in volume

and interest. It is a pleasure to acknowledge most friendly communications from Stephen Kelen, of Australia; Margaret Walden, of Canada; Mrs. Sally Green Prouty, of the U.S.A. and from Hans Herskovitch, also of the U.S.A. We have an invitation extended to all Swaythling Club members who may visit America to accept his hospitality at his home 2512 Edwards Avenue, El Cerrito, Richmond, California. And it is always a pleasure to get a letter as we do frequently from that great character and Club enthusiast, Leah "Ping" Neuberger.

As a truly International Club we are inevitably spread all around the world so that apart from World Championships, social contacts between members is not easy. This is why such friendly meetings are so memorable, and though the occasions may be rare and the number few, that have a common ground in the memories of the great game we love, Table Tennis.

One such gathering was made memorable for some of us at the European Championships this year in Novi Sad. At the kind and generous invitation of Steve Boros about ten or twelve members of the Club sat down to a dinner at a Hungarian restaurant in Novi Sad and enjoyed a splendid meal enlivened by real Hungarian music and song in which several of those present were able to revive nostalgic memories of their youth. How nice it would be if more of such parties as provided then by Steve Boros were possible. Let us know if anything of the same kind occurs in your country affecting members of the Swaythling Club.

The 1977 World Championships in England coincides with the 50th Anniversary of the first Championships, in London, and the formation of the I.T.T.F. The International Federation wishes to commemorate this notable anniversary and has invited the Swaythling Club International to collaborate in a worthy special occasion. Members are cordially invited to offer suggestions as to how best this anniversary might be celebrated.

Any ideas and suggestions will be carefully considered and we would like to think that it could be something notable in which the Swaythling Club would take an active part. Do think about this and send your notions to

me in the first place, at 25 Albury Ride, Cheshunt, Herts., and they will be passed on to the I.T.T.F. Secretary, Bill Vint, for consideration. With the wealth of talent, experience and invention at our disposal we are confident that the Club can come up with something outstanding and irresistible..

### SHROPSHIRE NOTES

by Alan Cavell  
GOLDEN GATES

As a result of the courses run by the Sports Council to give people of all ages a chance to enjoy active sports, Lilleshall Hall, once the Shropshire home of the Duke of Sutherland, is possibly the place in Shropshire best known to sportsmen from all over the country.

On Aug. 24 twelve strangers passed through the Golden Gates, replicas of those adorning Buckingham Palace, to attend a course, run by Peter Hirst, on modern coaching techniques. At the end of a memorable week those twelve, Dave Adams, Peter Avery, Keith Baker, Bob Bentley, Carol Bowen, Keith Griffiths, Derek Harris, Phil Smith, Bill Spain, Peter Stephens, Jean Swaffield and myself were great friends. I hope that those from other parts of the country enjoyed their fleeting glimpse of the splendour of the Shropshire countryside.

The officers and officials of the Telford T.T.A. for the current season are: President—J. H. Reid; Chairman—A. J. Cavell; Secretary—G. S. Finch; Treasurer—R. Blud; Inter-League Secretaries—T. Felton and G. Bullock; Divisional Secretaries—B. Edwards, Mrs. S. A. Johnson, M. Ward and P. J. Cooper. Norman Ross has volunteered to take over the post of Press Officer, left vacant by the sudden death of Peter Dovey.

In the absence of the County champion, M. A. Smith, who was away captaining the Shropshire Golf team, the County trials produced the following ranking lists:—

**Men:** 1, C. Neal (Shrews); 2, K. Walton (Shrews); 3, G. Samuel (Telford); 4, R. Smith (Telford); 5, M. C. F. Jones (Telford); 6, C. Roberts (Oswestry).

**Women:** 1, S. Rogers (Telford); 2, S. Evans (Shrews); 3, J. Jones (Whitchurch); 4, M. Robinson (Telford).

### FULL-TIME COACH

The Irish Table Tennis Association (Ulster Branch) invites applications for the post of Full-Time Coach/Development Officer for Northern Ireland.

Salary scale—approximately £2,500 to £3,500—Point of entry will depend on qualifications, experience, etc.

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from J. E. Ellis, c/o Technical College, Downpatrick, Co. Down.

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### ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Dunlop Barna Super, 3-crown and 2-crown, Halex, 3-star and 2-star, T.S.P. Astoll, 3-star and 2-star.
2. No. both white and yellow balls may be used.
3. International Table Tennis Federation.
4. Colin Clemett.
5. E.T.T.A. Sales Office, "Kimberley," 107 Dairy Lane, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne and Wear, DH4 5BW. Price 25p plus 5p postage and packing.
6. No. It must be dark coloured, and matt.
7. 274 cm and 152.5 cm.
8. No: play should proceed.



# An Open Letter to Mr. Harold Evans Editor of the Sunday Times

Dear Mr. Evans,

## THE "SUNDAY TIMES" SUPER LEAGUE

Although I am a member of the Executive Committee of a County, I am writing to you in my personal capacity as a party very interested in the advance of Table Tennis as a sport in this country. The fact that you are responsible for the Super League and that your newspaper has so generously sponsored the competition, makes it obvious that you are similarly minded. In these circumstances I am sure not only that you will not mind my writing to you setting out my views about the Super League but also that you will give what I have to say very earnest consideration.



**HAROLD EVANS**

Having been present at three of the Super League series of matches of last year and this year, I have come to the conclusion, and my view is shared by many others in the game, that unless the Super League takes a different form it will rapidly cease to have any appeal. The problem as I see it is that the audience is mainly comprised of Table Tennis players and of these the majority are tournament players themselves. Accordingly it is no novelty for them to see the various Super League players in action, since they only have to be present at the various tournaments to see them playing each other. Everybody agrees that it will be wonderful if the public at large could see these players in action but regrettably, they rarely do so and not many members of the public come in to see the Super League at the present time.

The major flaw in the set-up is that there is absolutely no magic whatsoever in a team called "Neale's Team" playing "Taylor's Team." You will probably have noticed that Team Tennis in America is between teams named after the different towns and obviously a great deal of the support for the same comes from people anxious to see their own town succeed. In the same way the success of County Cricket and Association Football comes from large bodies of people going to support particular towns, even though the players taking part in the matches have nothing to do with those towns except in so far as they are employed by the teams representing those towns.

For the above reasons I would like to suggest to you that the "Sunday Times" Super League should cease to operate in its present form but that you should approach the County Championships Organisation and ask

them whether you might transfer your present sponsorship to the County Championship Premier Division. At the moment this comprises of eight Counties and (subject to Cleveland winning promotion this season) involves all but two of the present Super League players. Human ingenuity should find a way even for utilising the services of these two non-involved players if it was thought essential. If this came to pass then I can imagine very partisan crowds watching matches between say Lancashire and Yorkshire or Middlesex and Essex, with a great deal more enthusiasm than they do under the present set-up. What is more, one argument against the Super League—that it does not involve our girl players—would be overcome since girl players do take part in the County Championships.

On the mechanics of the matter I would mention that there are eight Counties and twenty-eight matches to be played. I see no reason why the "Sunday Times" County Championship matches could not be played at eight different venues with four matches being played at four of them and three matches (as at present) being played at another four of them. This would mean that three more tournaments would have to come into the operation but the idea of Middlesex playing one of their matches in their own County before a large audience and every other County doing likewise, is something that is very attractive.

On the financial side I can see that you might be expected to introduce more money since you would have three more tournaments to look after and also the eight Counties involved would probably expect to get something out of it as well as the players! However, I am sure that if you were interested in this idea you would think of some suitable arrangement.

One other thing that occurs to me is that players like Les Haslam and Chester Barnes, who are at present not involved very widely in Table Tennis in England, but who are undoubted characters and crowd pleasers, might well be induced to come back into the game if the County Championships was sponsored by you in the fashion I have suggested.

I have not hesitated to write to you in this fashion because I know of your great enthus-

iasm for the game and I am quite sure that you will weigh up what I have said very carefully. I would be only too willing to meet with you and any other interested parties if you wished to go further into these suggested ideas. I need hardly add that I consider that the "Super League" idea was a great one in inception but that is no reason why it cannot be improved upon where it is seen that the original concept may not be achieving everything that was desired.

I am sending copies of this letter to the English Table Tennis Association, Table Tennis News, and the Secretary of the County Championships.

Yours sincerely,

**ALAN SHEPHERD.**

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Chingford,  
London, E4 6BB.

## International T.T. Club

### CELEBRATION MATCHES

by Laurie Landry

Two matches which will be played in the current season both celebrate the 25th Anniversary of a club. Maldon Wanderers, who also played the club when they were 21, will be celebrating their Silver and Tennyson T.T. Club, in the Willesden League, will also become 25 years old.

On Jan. 12, 1975, the day after the Norwich Union International Championships, the 4th Hard Rubber Bat Open will take place at the Barnet Centre.

It is hoped that the usual strong entry will be received and if some of you older players would like to turn the clock back and younger players would like to see how the game used to be played, you are all in for an enjoyable time. Forms can be had from me at 53 Hillfield Road, London, NW6 1OD. Phone: 01-794 6753 (h); 01-588 6280 (b). Please note this office number is different to that shown in the Tournament Diary.

Finally, any International player (past or present) who would like to join, you need only contact me for details.



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Members of the Bishops High T.T.C. outside their "Clubhouse" with the newly reconditioned club minibus.

## GRASS ROOTS

by PETER A. WEBB  
(Hon. Sec., Bishops High T.T. Club)

It was interesting to read in the last edition of Table Tennis News, of Roy Taylor's interest in the "Grass Roots" of the sport and in particular table tennis in schools. Sportsmasters have always been reluctant to accept table tennis as a major sport, often on the grounds that so few children can be involved at any one time. More often than not the sport is run as an extra curricular activity by school staff who are not members of the Sports Dept. In common with the set-up at Millom School, the school table tennis club at Bishops Stortford Boys' High School is in such a position. It runs as an extra curricular activity at lunch-time and two evenings a week, administered by an engineering teacher.

With so much time being required during games periods for such sports as football, rugby, cricket and basketball, as well as inter-school fixtures, no time can be given over to coaching table tennis, if in fact a coach can be found. Bishops High T.T.C. are in the fortunate position of having the services of Alan Lampe, former Herts. Champion, to coach the senior boys on "Clubnights" while the juniors are coached by Peter Webb. Alan Lampe's coaching ability has begun to show in the results that the club's teams are having in the Bishops Stortford League. At the time of writing these notes, all three divisions are headed by Bishops High teams and of the eight teams playing in the league, four are in with a good chance of promotion.

Not being able to coach during school time is a disadvantage, but having a member of staff from the Craft and Technical Studies Dept. in charge of the club has its advantages. It often means that the playing facilities are better than the standard of play achieved. In the five years that the club has been running a number of projects have been undertaken by the club in conjunction with the craft department.

Of the eight tables being used by the club, five were made by the school and two new Barna tables were purchased with money raised by the boys in a 48-hour marathon. Recently the club members have been involved in two major projects, which are shown in the photograph. A 12-seater minibus has been reconditioned, overhauled and painted in the club colours of blue and red, making trans-

porting players to away fixtures less of a problem. Also a double garage at the school has been fitted out as a clubroom and meeting place for the club members during clubnights and matchnights. The room has been equipped with teabar, storage lockers, football table, snooker table, darts, television, record player, etc., where visiting teams can be entertained before and after fixtures.

Table tennis has a lot to offer the school and the children. As a schoolmaster the social side is often as important as the playing side, when youngsters meet adults away from the school situation, playing a sport on an equal level. It is also the case within the school set-up when 11-year-olds meet seniors, and are often on the winning side. It would be interesting to hear from other schools who have thriving clubs how they operate and to what extent the sports departments in the schools help with the running of the clubs. Maybe there are some interesting projects under way connected with the sport, which Table Tennis News readers would like to hear about, or some advice on running the sport in schools.

## Where have all the Entertainers gone?

... asks Brian Kean

After an early exit at last season's South Yorkshire Open, I was quietly digesting the sports page of my daily paper when I was surprisingly disturbed by thunderous applause and wild cheers of excitement. Assuming local boy David Rayner had just crashed an isolated forehand past master defender Derek Schofield, I politely continued reading of yet another experimental team change of my beloved Manchester United. However, after three or four similar outbursts my curiosity forced me to leave Tommy Docherty and United and enquire into these "now" unusual blood-chilling cheers.

I was pleasantly surprised to find this gathering of Table Tennis enthusiasts were casting their eyes of attention to table No. 1 and not, as I thought, on the Rayner-Schofield encounter in the adjacent court. Within a couple of points I understood the crowd's reaction to this battle between Leicester's Paul Randell and the magical "semi-retired" Maurice Billington. My! this was entertaining stuff I thought. It quickly erased the fact my only remaining active interest was in the doubles events. Long rallies consisting of spectacular defensive strokes, chop, float and high lobs, finished off with a touch of Billington brilliance, when moving from barrier to table like a "shot from a gun" to kill an impossible drop shot with his famous flashing backhand.

Following this match which he narrowly lost, Maurice and I had a long conversation and came to the conclusion that as a spectacle table tennis was sadly dying. Why? Could it be that modern stereotype coaching methods are stifling flair and individualism? With the emphasis on winning, and third ball attacks, there doesn't appear to be much in the game unless you are a player.

True, the junior out to reach the top will say he is there to win not entertain. But, if we take a realistic look at our present standing we can't boast anything we didn't have ten years ago. Come out of hiding behind Denis Neale, and what have we got?—NOWT! With the greatest respect to my fellow players and friends there is no one who will send "tremors" through foreign camps as has Denis done, and we've had him for ten years and more!

The equipment isn't helping either; Mark V (I thought it was a car at first) Srivier, S & L, "Tempest," "Plous," "Cobra," "Dunlop," "Hikari," "Super Srivier" and, of course, "Anti Spin." All these rubbers having different effects, whether it be speed, spin, extra spin or control. Oh dear!—can you imagine a youngster trying to choose the correct bat!—I doubt if 50% of our coaches know the difference. When I ask young players why they use Mark V they answer: "Because it's fast." Have they stopped to think?—it goes off fast as well!!

So no doubt many of you who have taken time to read this article will be asking: "What's this bloke churning on about? I love this game, Mark V and all." However, table tennis without familiar tournament stars such as "Connie" Warren, Maurice Billington, Alan Lindsay, Roy Morley, Ralph Gunnion, Jack Clayton and many more is fast becoming a "Players Only" game. Each of the aforementioned had "Star Quality" and spectator appeal, not necessarily in their style of play but in their comical volatile outbursts which would, on occasions, stop tournament play and command the attention of all in the arena. In the table tennis world a "Connie" Warren or Roy Morley match with Denis Neale or Chester Barnes would attract as much comparable attention as Muhammad Ali enjoys when fighting for the coveted World Crown.

Outside of the tournament halls we have enjoyed a fair amount of publicity from that colourful character, Chester Barnes, for in his own controversial manner Chester has attracted public limelight. True, it may have been as a young "Big 'Ead" but I don't believe there is such a thing as bad publicity, so we have a lot to thank Chester for.

I am sure players and officials who have been around over the last decade will look at the present tournament scene and pose the question I am asking—WHERE HAVE ALL THE ENTERTAINERS GONE?!!!

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# GERARD HOLDSWORTH FILMS ON TABLE TENNIS

by JOHN O'SULLIVAN

It must be very difficult to decide just how much to include and how technical to be when making an instructional film about a sport. Should it be instructional at all or just an introduction to the uninitiated. Gerard Holdsworth Productions Ltd. have made such films to be used as Audio Visual aids for many sports, one of which is table tennis.

The series is made up of four films each progressing to a more advanced part of the game. Part 1, as the title of "Basic Shots" suggests, covers the very beginning of a player's career with such fundamentals as the grip, stance, push strokes and elementary footwork.

Part 2, entitled "Topspin and Backspin Strokes" deals with the normal backhand and forehand drive and chop, and reference is made to balance, recovery and co-ordination.

Part 3, "Advanced Strokes," assumes that the player has mastered the simple strokes demonstrated in the earlier films, and spends some time on the production of the loop drive and, just as important, how to return the same by means of the half-volley. It then moves on to the smash, counter-hitting and, finally, fitness training.

Many of us could do with Part 4—"Perfecting Your Game"—if it did what its title suggests. It does, in fact, cover service, side spin, the drop shot and the balloon defence. Mention is also made of the "jump kill" which is used to smash the ball from an opponent using the balloon defence technique.

Having now seen all the films, I must immediately state how impressed I was with the standard of the photography, especially the colour. Seeing table tennis portrayed by professional operators makes reviewing not only easy but enjoyable.

I found that during the first film the sound was rather loud and made the ball sound more like the cannon variety. This was not so evident in the other three. I am of the opinion that these films can only do good wherever they are used but I think it would be an advantage to have a coach present to give explanations and comments to help the audience to obtain full benefit. For, as the makers state, they are an aid to coaching, and should not be used as a substitute.

Further information on these 16mm. films, such as hiring charges, can be obtained from the E.T.T.A. Offices or from the makers, Gerard Holdsworth Productions Limited, 31 Palace Road, London, SW1E 5HW.

## NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

### BOYS UNDEFEATED

Norfolk Juniors gave the County a good start when they beat Huntingdonshire 8-2 at Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. on Oct. 12. Our boys, Doug Bennett, Paul Durrant and Mike Archer, were undefeated, but 14-years-old Wendy Hogg lost to an opponent two years older, Belinda Chamberlain. Hunts also took the girls' doubles.

Vic Bennett, Doug's father, and County Junior Coach, has sent me the following County Junior ranking list:—

1, Douglas Bennett; 2, Paul Durrant; 3, Michael Archer; 4, Christopher Cobb; 5, Martin Ecclestone; 6, David Marrison; 7, Nigel Houseago, and 8, Roger Rudling.

For the girls only four rankings are given,

viz.: 1, Wendy Hogg; 2, Paula Ribbens; 3, Ruth Harrowven, and 4, Karen Brown.

Congratulations to Douglas Bennett on winning the Essex U-14 Open on Sept. 7. In the final he ousted Brin Tyler, of Middlesex.

In the senior field, Chris Bensley won the American straight singles tournament at Erie Electronics, Yarmouth, beating Mick Broughton -17, 19, 17. In the semis he had made a remarkable recovery against John Turner, the York champion, winning 24-22 in the third after being 12-19 down. In Norwich, Bensley plays for C.E.Y.M.S., who must have an excellent chance of taking the Premier Division championship. His team-mates are Mick Musson and Neville Graver.

I have to thank Len Miller, Norwich League's enthusiastic secretary, for once again sending me their handbook. I notice two new Hon. Life Members. Those who read my notes

last month will not find it hard to guess that they are Gerry Rix and Eric Fairhead. One facet of Eric's career I did not mention was his enormous service as County Press Officer. For many years he contributed to the "Eastern Evening News," the "Eastern Football News" (the Pink 'Un) and finally to the "Eastern Daily Press," his notes setting the individual league notes in their County perspective. His successor is Derek Aldous.

## Team for France

The team to represent England in the French Open Championships (Nov. 22-24) is:— T. Taylor (Beds), N. Jarvis (Cleve), D. Parker (Lancs), Karenza Mathews (Middx) and Carole Knight (Cleve). N.P.C.: Brian Burn.

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## HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

### SHETLER UNSETTLED

The trials for the County teams certainly had their upsets! Chris Shetler, last year's No. 1, had a bad day, winning only one set and was not ranked. I now understand he may wish to play for Wiltshire, as he has moved to Salisbury. This would be a great loss for Chris has turned in some fine performances for the County. One is left with the thought that should a player be so demoted after a single day out of form, when so much past evidence is available as to his ability.

On the day, Keith Summerfield was unbeaten with wins over his closest rivals, although taken to three by Jim Daly and Steve Kitcher. Both Steve Wilson and Trevor Smith lost twice, but Steve's two-straight win over Trevor put him in No. 2 spot.

The women's trial was notable for the absence of Christine Davies, who has said she is not available for selection this season—a sad loss to the County. This left Joyce Coop a clear No. 1 and on the day only Mrs. Grimaldi took a game off her. Equally clear as No. 2 was Linda Wales, who won each of her sets in straight games, but lost to Mrs. Coop 12 and 14. The following rankings were issued by the selection committee:—

#### Men

1. K. Summerfield (So)
2. S. Wilson (Bo)
3. T. Smith (Bo)
4. S. Kitcher (Po)
5. M. Gilbert (Po)
6. C. Jacobs (Po)
7. D. Nicholson (Ba)
8. S. Harris

#### Women

1. Mrs. J. Coop (Bo)
2. Miss L. Wales (Po)
3. Miss J. Reading (Bo)
4. Miss J. Hudson (Bo)
5. Mrs. Grimaldi (I. of W.)
6. Miss S. Harding (So)
7. Mrs. A. Waters (Ba)

#### Boys

1. Stephen Harris (I. of W.)
2. Clive Payne (Ba)
3. Colin Wilson (Bo)
4. Kevin Batt (Go)
5. Timothy Boyle (Ba)
6. Neil Scott (So)
7. Phillip Boyle (Ba)
8. Bruce Tarran (So)
9. Peter Parsons (So)
10. Stephen White (So)
11. Robert Booth (Bo)
12. Robert King (Bo)
13. Gary Waterman (Bo)
14. Alan Palaczy (Ba)

#### Girls

1. Linda Wales (Po)
2. Julie Reading (Bo)
3. Lynda Wright (Ba)
4. Marilyn Daly (I. of W.)
5. Jennifer Ward (Po)
6. Jane Whitcher (So)
7. Susan Rigby (Bo)
8. Jacqueline Cane (Bo)

Key: Ba—Basingstoke; Bo—Bournemouth; Go—Gosport; I. of W.—Isle of Wight; Po—Portsmouth; So—Southampton.

The inter-town matches in Hampshire take on a new format as far as the Mixed and Junior first divisions are concerned. As an experiment, to be extended to other divisions if successful, all matches are to be played on two days rather than spread over the season. The matches will be played at a central venue. In the senior mixed division, the first sessions will be held at Bournemouth on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, Nov. 9, and the second sessions on the morning, afternoon and evening of Sunday, Mar. 3, at Portsmouth. In the Junior first division the first session will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Southampton, and the second on Mar. 3, again at Portsmouth. It is felt by making these

leagues more compact, added interest and stronger teams will be generated.

I suppose this complaint is common to many leagues, but Hampshire are at present suffering from a lack of officials. No one has been forthcoming in taking over the county secretary's job from Joyce Stannard, although Mike Greatrex has taken over until a replacement is found. Similarly a treasurer to replace Bob Duffie was not obtained at the A.G.M., although Bournemouth's Miss M. East has stepped into the breach to fill this post.

How do players expect table tennis to continue if they are not prepared to put back into the game some work on administration, and yet still expect to take everything from the game. The people in administration at both town and county level are already the ones who put a lot into the game at all levels, yet they are expected to take on extra burdens.

Having said that I must add my congratulations to Mike Greatrex for his Leslie Forrest award. No one could deserve this award more! His work at club, city, county and national level over the past years must deserve the highest praise and must take all his spare time. Thanks Mike for all you have done for table tennis.

## Middlesex Junior 2-Star Open and Junior Authorised Championships

by Laurie F. Landry

A most excellent tournament was staged at the Walford School Sports Hall and Gymnasium on Oct. 20, and this was the Middlesex Authorised Junior Invitation with possibly the best 48 boys and girls accepting, including two of each sex from Scotland. Otherwise it could well have been another English Junior Closed.

Paul Day, whose 16th birthday it was, was beaten in his group by Peter Hunt, but Paul went on to win the group with Peter losing two of his other four matches. What a lot of play—at least five singles and two doubles sets for each player. All the group seeds, with the exception of Chris Rogers, got through in this one, although he lost to the Scottish No. 1, Alan Mathew.

In the quarters, the seeding upset was Potton's win over Chris Sewell, who had only got through his group on a 3-way tie on points average. The semi between Andrew Barden and Potton was first class and it was only when Barden somehow got the initiative late in the third, that he got a big enough lead to take him home.

Day took the Middlesex duo of Mark Mitchell and Barden in the semi and final, both in straight games. But the girls did not go quite to plan.

The top four all won their groups but the next four all fell. Grace McKay (Scotland) to Jayne Mitchell (Surrey), Linda Wales to Suzanne Hunt, Angela Tierney to Janet New and Julie McLean to Sue Dove. Sue was the only one to progress further, however, when she had an excellent all-round win over Caroline Reeves to reach the semi. It was the overall consistency of Melody Ludi that won through in the end.

Barden and Day won the Boys' Doubles as expected, whilst Caroline Reeves and Linda Wales won the Girls' Doubles beating favourites Angela Mitchell and Sandra Sutton in the semi and surprise finalists, Jayne Mitchell and Suzanne Roebuck.

In the Junior Open, played on the Saturday, Angela Tierney and Martin Shuttle won the U-15 singles respectively. Shuttle upset the seeding with his final win over Rogers. Together in the doubles Rogers and Shuttle

lost fairly convincingly to the brilliant scratch pairing of Kevin Edwards and Richard Jermyn. Results:—

### MIDDLESEX JUNIOR OPEN

#### U-15 EVENTS

**B.S.—Semi-finals:**  
C. Rogers (Leics) bt R. Jermyn (Herts) 14, 9.  
M. Shuttle (Surrey) bt P. Ellison (Durham) 12, 13.

#### Final:

SHUTTLE bt Rogers 13, -20, 14.

#### B.D.—Semi-finals:

K. Edwards (Wilts)/Jermyn bt S. Boxall (Surrey)/D. Reeves (Berks) -19, 19, 18.

Rogers/Shuttle bt G. Alden (Nthts)/M. Harrison (Yorks) 15, 17.

#### Final:

EDWARDS/JERMYN bt Rogers/Shuttle 12, 13.

#### G.S.—Semi-finals:

A. Tierney (Cleve) bt B. Chamberlain (Hunts) 11, 20.

J. New (Dorset) bt J. Skipp (Cleve) -12, 14, 14.

#### Final:

TIERNEY bt New 16, 17.

#### G.D.—Semi-finals:

A. Gordon/J. Purslow (Berks) bt K. Gare (Essex)/Skipp 12, 12.

H. Robinson (Cleve)/Tierney bt M. Smith/K. Witt (Berks) 14, 12.

#### Final:

GORDON/PURSLOW bt Robinson/Witt -19, 19, 21.

#### U-13 EVENTS

**B.S.—Semi-finals:**

A. Proffitt (Herts) bt S. Woodgate (Surrey) 10, 12.

S. Harmer (Bucks) bt C. Wilson (Hants) 18, 22.

#### Final:

PROFFITT bt Harmer -17, 19, 18.

#### B.D.—Semi-finals:

Proffitt/G. Sandley (Middx) bt W. Dines (Berks)/Harmer 14, 18.

R. Albutt (Derbys)/Wilson bt K. Boulter (Essex)/C. Papantonion (Middx) 18, 10.

#### Final:

PROFFITT/SANDLEY bt Albutt/Wilson 18, 15.

#### G.S.—Semi-finals:

Gordon bt Purslow -21, 13, 18.

Smith bt Robinson -20, 8, 11.

#### Final:

GORDON bt Smith 11, -14, 17.

#### G.D.—Semi-finals:

Gordon/Purslow bt J. Dowsett (Essex)/H. Williams (Middx) 17, 13.

M. Reeves (Middx)/Robinson bt L. Gatley (Berks)/S. Hemmings (Warwks) 12, 11.

#### Final:

GORDON/PURSLOW bt Reeves/Robinson 17, 11.

### MIDDLESEX AUTHORISED

#### Groups of Six

Group 1—P. Day (Cams) 4-1 (9-2); M. Shuttle 4-1 (8-3).

Group 2—N. Hallows (Lancs) 5-0.

Group 3—D. Iszatt (Essex) 4-1 (9-2); M. Crimmins (Surrey) 4-1 (8-5); C. Crimmins bt Iszatt, K. Hall (Leics) bt Crimmins.

Group 4—M. Mitchell (Middx) 5-0.

Group 5—C. Sewell (Gloucs) 4-1 (9-3); S. Souter (Cleve) 4-1 (9-3); J. Proffitt (Herts) 4-1 (8-4); Sewell bt Proffitt; Proffitt bt Souter; Souter bt Sewell. Sewell won on points.

Group 6—R. Potton (Essex) 4-1 (9-3); A. Mathew (Scot) 4-1 (8-4); (Mathew bt Potton; P. Trott (Berks) bt Mathew).

Group 7—D. Johnson (Warwks) 5-0.

Group 8—A. Barden (Middx) 5-0.

#### Quarter-finals:

Day bt Hallows 11, 9; Mitchell bt Iszatt 16, 15;

Potton bt Sewell 19, 15; Barden bt Johnson 16, 16.

#### Semi-finals:

Day bt Mitchell 18, 13; Barden bt Potton -19, 19, 18.

#### Final:

DAY bt Barden 17, 15.

#### B.D.—Semi-Finals:

Barden/Day bt A. Bawden (Essex)/Mitchell 18, 17.

Rogers/Shuttle bt Sewell/Souter 17, -21, 12.

#### Final:

BARDEN/DAY bt Rogers/Shuttle 16, 14.

#### Girls (Groups of 6)

Group 1—M. Ludi (Yorks) 5-0 (bt Skipp 15, -20, 20).

Group 2—J. Mitchell (Surrey) 5-0.

Group 3—S. Hunt (Lincs) 5-0.

Group 4—A. Mitchell (Middx) 5-0.

Group 5—S. Sutton (Essex) 5-0.

Group 6—J. New (Dorset) 4-1 (9-2); B. Green (Warwks) 4-1 (8-2); (A. Tierney bt J. New; New bt Green).

Group 7—S. Dove (Middx) 5-0.

Group 8—C. Reeves (Berks) 5-0.

#### Quarter-finals:

Ludi bt J. Mitchell 17, 16; A. Mitchell bt Hunt 21, 19.

Sutton bt New 13, -20, 7; Dove bt Reeves 13, 18.

#### Semi-finals:

Ludi bt A. Mitchell 19, 19; Sutton bt Dove 16, -17, 11.

#### Final:

LUDI bt Sutton -23, 11, 18.

#### G.D.—Semi-finals:

J. Mitchell/S. Roebuck (Surrey) bt Ludi/J. McLean (Yorks) 19, -18, 16.

Reeves/L. Wales (Hants) bt A. Mitchell/Sutton 19, -18, 18.

#### Final:

REEVES/WALES bt J. Mitchell/Roebuck 12, 18.

### TABLE HIRE SCHEME

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## LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George Yates

### LITTLE RESISTANCE

Philip Bowen met with little resistance in winning the Lancashire Closed men's singles titles at Preston Polytechnic on Oct. 19, and with it the Guild Trophy undefended by the County's No. 1, Donald Parker, who recently commenced a teachers' training course at Loughborough.

Not once in the seven sets needed to win the event was the Mancunian extended to a third game, his final victim being Ian Smith, who in the penultimate round had disposed of the No. 2 seed, Nigel Hallows, a victory which the Prestonian repeated in the final of the boys' singles.

Harmony between these two young antagonists was restored in the final of the men's doubles when they beat the seaside pairing of Gordon Beardsworth and Roy Frankland. On the distaff side Barbara Kirkman, seeded No. 1, beat her Merseyside colleague, Julie Black, to win the women's singles, the pair combining to beat Jennifer Dixon and Sarah Jackson in the final of the women's doubles.

The only real shock came in the final of the girls' singles when Kathleen Cropper had an unexpected win over Miss Black: Results:—

#### M.S.—Quarter-finals

P. Bowen (Manchester) bt A. Hartshorn (Burnley) 14, 21.

J. Marshall (Liverpool) bt A. Rigby (Preston) 15, 13.

I. Smith (Preston) bt W. Allanson (Liverpool) 14, 18.

N. Hallows (Bolton) bt G. Beardsworth (Blackpool) -12, 18, 15.

#### Semi-finals

Bowen bt Marshall 14, 16.

Smith bt Hallows -12, 18, 15.

#### Final

**BOWEN** bt Smith 19, 14.

#### W.S.—Semi-finals

B. Kirkman (Liverpool) bt J. Dixon (Bolton) 12, 12.

J. Black (Liverpool) bt K. Cropper (Blackpool) 23, -22, 19.

#### Final

**KIRKMAN** bt Black 15, -16, 14.

#### M.D.—Final

**HALLOWS/SMITH** bt Beardsworth/R. Frankland (Blackpool) 16, -17, 17.

#### W.D.—Final

**BLACK/KIRKMAN** bt Dixon/S. Jackson (Preston) 9, 20.

#### B.S.—Quarter-finals

Hallows bt S. Cowley (Bolton) 7, 12.

Graham Hoy (Bury) bt G. Black (Liverpool) 8, 12.

C. Strettle (Wigan) bt J. Cropper (Blackpool) 10, 13.

Smith bt J. Read (Liverpool) 8, 14.

#### Semi-finals

Hallows bt Hoy -12, 18, 19.

Smith bt. Strettle -16, 11, 13.

#### Final

**SMITH** bt Hallows -20, 18, 16.

#### G.S.—Semi-finals

Black bt J. Evans (Warrington) 12, 11.

Cropper bt Dixon 19, 17.

#### Final

**CROPPER** bt Black 16, 5.

#### V.S.—Semi-finals

G. Smith (Liverpool) bt J. O'Sullivan (Liverpool) 10, 12.

H. Nixon (Blackpool) wo F. Davies (Bolton) (scr).

#### Final

**SMITH** bt Nixon 15, 15.

#### U-13 X.S.—Semi-finals

A. O'Connor (Liverpool) bt. Black 13, 16.

P. Rainford (Preston) bt Philip Hoy (Bury) 15, -11, 15.

#### Final

**O'CONNOR** bt Rainford 11, 19.

Lancashire made an inauspicious beginning to their County Championships programme with the senior and two junior teams all beaten in a disappointing day.

Briarcroft Youth Centre staged the Premier Division match against Essex and the photograph, by courtesy of the "Bolton Evening News," shows Lancashire's non-playing captain Jim Clegg (right) shaking hands with the Essex captain David Brown. Also pictured (from l to r) are: Philip Bowen, Donald Parker, Nigel Hallows, David Iszatt, Robert Potton, Barbara Kirkman and Shelagh Hession.

Stockport, last season's first division champions in the Lancashire and Cheshire League, commenced the defence of their title by beating Preston 9-1 at Cheadle. Nigel Eckersley and Brian Kean both recorded maximums and shared a doubles success. Roger Hampson—he lost to Ian Smith—claimed the other two.

Promotees, Burnley and Chester, met with far differing fortunes, the East Lancs. side being seen off 10-0 by the Deesiders, who were represented by the Johns brothers, Mike, Brian and Ian! Liverpool accounted for Farnworth 8-2 with trebles recorded by John McNee and veteran Pete D'Arcy, while Manchester had a similar result away to Blackburn with Phil Bowen keeping a clean sheet.

Ian Walmsley and Derek Cartwright each suffered one loss.

Sunday, Nov. 3, sees the start of Lancashire's Junior Squad training sessions at Leigh C. of E. Sec. School Sports Hall, Leigh Road, from 2 to 5 p.m. when the "B" Squad will be under the microscope. The "A" Squad, on alternate Sundays, will be due to come under the whip on Nov. 10.

## "SUNDAY TIMES" SUPER LEAGUE

In the second series of matches, played in conjunction with the Halex Humberside 3-Star Open, results were:—  
Hydes bt Douglas 5-4; Neale bt Walker 5-4; Jarvis bt Taylor 5-4.

Maximums were recorded by Des Douglas, Jimmy Walker (including a 14, 15 win over Denis Neale) and by Nicky Jarvis, who had a -10, 13, 16 victory over Trevor Taylor.

### League Table

	P	W	L	Pts
Jarvis	18	11	7	11
Taylor	18	10	8	10
Douglas	18	9	9	9
Walker	18	8	10	8
Hydes	18	8	10	8
Neale	18	8	10	8

A full report will appear in the December issue.

## OPEN TOURNAMENTS

Mr. B. White, the Organiser of the Winton 1-Star Open, has a new address which is: 119 Sandy Lane, Upton, Poole, Dorset. Phone: Lytchett Minster 3545 (home).

The Merton Junior Open, scheduled to be played on Sunday, Apl. 11, 1975, has a new Organiser in Miss J. Hudson, of 130 Gore Road, New Milton, Hants. Phone: New Milton 614825 (home).

## TOURNAMENT DIARIES

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## County Championships Round-up

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### VETERAN SOUTH

Essex II 7, Hertfordshire 2

Essex showing their strength in depth. D. Tomsett the best for the visitors, taking a singles and MD with Jack Baxter. Roy Coussens impressive.

Hampshire 5, Kent 4

The visitors 3 times in the lead but the 21, 23 win by Ray Lush over Ron Etheridge was just sufficient to tip the scales. Daphne Gray continues where she left off.

Wiltshire 8, Huntingdonshire 1

### VETERAN MIDLAND

Leicestershire 2, Cheshire 7

Nottinghamshire 7, Clwyd 2

Staffordshire 2, Warwickshire 7

Staffs below full strength and a good Warwickshire team took advantage.

Worcestershire 1, Oxfordshire 8

## COUNTY DIARY

### 2nd SOUTH

Dec. 14—Hampshire v Surrey, Tanners Brook School, Elmes Drive, Millbrook, Southampton (7 p.m.).

### 2nd EAST

Nov. 30—Norfolk v Suffolk.

### JUNIOR WEST

Nov. 16—Somerset v Devon, Failand Lower Hall, Failand, Bristol (3 p.m.).

### VETERAN SOUTH

Nov. 16—Hertfordshire v Hampshire, Cheshunt Boys' and Youth Club, High Street, Waltham Cross (6-30 p.m.).

# County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

## SACKED EN BLOC!

A generally quiet start to the season, although Exmouth, a scene of much activity after the production of a "controversial" Junior Ranking List. Not very often that a Selection Committee gets sacked en bloc!

A useful meeting of the C.T.T.C. officers with the E.T.T.A. which could well pave the way to integration.

## PREMIER DIVISION

### Cheshire 5, Middlesex 4

M. Johns lost to A. Barden -13, -13; bt Mitchell 16, 17.

N. Eckersley lost to Barden 18, -14, -16; lost to D. Tan 18, -19, -17.

J. Hilton bt Mitchell 11, 18, bt. Tan 21, 15. Eckersley/Hilton bt Mitchell/ Tan 18, -18, 16.

Susan Lisle bt Karenza Mathews -13, 15, 11. Johns/Lisle lost to Barden/Mathews -18, -17.

After looking well beaten in the first, Susan Lisle fought back magnificently to a crucial win which tipped the scales. Andy Barden and John Hilton each recorded a maximum.

### Glamorgan 6, Warwickshire 3

A. Griffiths bt P. Judd -17, 18, 18; bt D. Munt 14, 19.

G. Davies bt Judd -14, 11, 12; bt P. Glynn -9, 13, 17.

J. Mansfield lost to Munt 19, -17, -19; bt Glynn 17, 18.

Davies/Griffiths bt Glynn/Judd 6, 18.

Betty Gray lost to Beverley Green -6, 14, -9.

Mansfield/Gray lost to Munt/Green -23, -11.

A triumphant return to the Premier for Glamorgan, with Alan Griffiths and Graham Davies unbeaten. Highlight the expedite encounter between John Mansfield and Derek Munt, the rule coming in at 8-6 in first and the set taking 45 minutes. Good win for Bev Green, on senior debut, against the tricky Betty Gray.

### Lancashire 3, Essex 6

D. Parker lost to I Horsham -6, 17, -16; lost to D. Brown 17, -17, -16.

P. Bowen lost to Horsham -19, 15, -11; bt R. Potton 11, 20.

N. Hallows lost to Brown -17, -17; bt Potton 15, 19.

Bowen/Parker lost to Brown/Horsham -18, 13, -10.

Barbara Kirkman lost to Shelagh Hession -17, -13.

Hallows/Kirkman bt D. Iszatt/Hession 13, 14.

Ian Horsham and David Brown both in form, and both overcoming Donald Parker. Nigel Hallows and Barbara Kirkman, both on Premier debut, confidently won XD to level the score after Hallows had opened Lancs. account v Eob Potton.

### Bedfordshire 5, Yorkshire 4

T. Taylor bt A. Clayton 13, 17; bt A. Fletcher -18, 12, 14.

P. Taylor lost to Clayton -12, 22, -21; bt D. Rayner 18, 20.

F. Nilam bt Fletcher -15, 24, 19; lost to Rayner 16, -18, -16.

Taylor/Taylor bt Clayton/Fletcher 13, 19.

Barbara Hammond lost to Sylvia Broadbent -15, -12.

Nilam/Hammond lost to Rayner/Broadbent -19, -12.

Two seasons ago this result would have been impossible. But fortunes change and Bedfordshire's fight back from 2-4 earned them a well-deserved victory and a great start to Premier play.

## SECOND NORTH

### Cleveland 7, Lincolnshire 3

### Durham 2, Northumberland 8

Nice to see Ian Robertson back in Northumberland, and his set v Peter McQueen (some-what marred by Robertson's over-enthusiastic

language) the evening's best. Both home wins to J. Armstrong.

## SECOND WEST

### Berkshire 8, Wiltshire 2

All four 3-game sets went to the hosts including a -20, 22, 20 win for Caroline Reeves (ill all week) over Alison Boyce. Trevor Bruce scored a good win v Simon Heaps but went down to Bob Thornton, consistent as ever, for Berkshire. Good start in the new division.

### Dorset 1, Somerset 9

After an absence of 4 seasons from the County scene, Alma Taft, ex-Middlesex and now married, scored a convincing WS win over Beverley Davis.

### Cornwall 4, Worcestershire 6

## WESTERN DIVISION

### Glamorgan II 8, Shropshire 2

The visitors led 2-0 but got no more despite taking 6 of the other 8 the full distance.

### Worcestershire 11 6, Gwent 4

## JUNIOR PREMIER

### Berkshire 7, Leicestershire 3

G. Roberts lost to C. Rogers -15, 18, -17; bt G. Hall 16, -14, 17.

P. Trott bt Rogers 19, 16; bt K. Hall 17, 14.

D. Reeves bt G. Hall 22, -10, 12; bt K. Hall 17, 14.

Reeves/Roberts lost to G. Hall/Rogers -23, -21. Caroline Reeves bt Gillian Sinkinson 12, 16.

Trott/Karen Witt bt K. Hall/Julie Revill 12, 13.

C. Reeves/Witt bt Revill/Sinkinson 12, 5.

Paul Trott 'man of the match' and gave Berks a great Premier start with his victory over Chris Rogers. He was backed by an all-round team effort. Leics will sadly miss their two star girls, both now over age.

### Cambridgeshire 4, Essex 6

P. Day bt D. Sehmbi 16, -18, 8; bt P. Hunt 19, 16.

K. Richardson lost to Sehmbi -18, -13; lost to A. Bawden -15, 12, -15.

B. Richardson lost to Hunt -13, -13; lost to Bawden -11, -10.

Day/K. Richardson bt Hunt/Sehmbi 17, 13.

Ruth Newman lost to Sandra Sutton -12, 17 -11.

B. Richardson/Susan Ellis lost to Bawden/Sutton -18, -16.

Ellis/Newman bt Janet Boulter/Sheila Smith 17, 19.

Never more than a set in this until the very end. Paul Day got his expected maximum with Andy Bawden unbeaten for Essex. Excellent GD win kept Cambs in with a chance.

### Lancashire 3, Yorkshire 7

N. Hallows lost to B. Baxter 10, -12, -18; bt M. Harrison 14, 15.

I. Smith lost to Baxter -14, -10; bt K. Beadsley -17, 13, 20.

K. Williams lost to Harrison -18, -18; lost to Beadsley -20, -10.

Hallows/Smith bt Baxter/Harrison 12, 13.

Julie Black lost to Melody Ludi -11, -10.

Williams/Kathleen Cropper lost to Beadsley/Julie McLean 15, -10, -16.

Black/Cropper lost to Ludi/McLean -14, -11.

As anticipated, the Yorkshire girls were too good, but the visiting boys indicated that the White Rose grip on the Championship will take a deal of shifting despite loss of Ormesby. Brian Baxter inspired and Kevin Beadsley came so close to a memorable win v Ian Smith.

### Surrey 4, Middlesex 6

M. Shuttle lost to A. Barden -18, -13; lost to M. Mitchell -11, -17.

I. Girdler lost to Barden -20, -17; bt. B. Tyler 21, -18, 17.

M. Crimmins lost to Mitchell -12, -15; bt Tyler 13, 17.

Crimmins/Girdler bt Mitchell/Tyler -16, 21, 17.

Kay Greenough lost to Angela Mitchell 11, -13, -15.

Shuttle/Jayne Mitchell bt Barden/Susan Dove 17, 15.

Greenough/Mitchell lost to Dove/A. Mitchell -11, -18.

Ian Girdler trailed Andy Barden 11-17 then led 20-19 after great recovery; then in final set showed his other side with inconsistent display v Bryn Tyler. Mark Mitchell sharp; his set with Max Crimmins the best of the day with the Surrey boy deserving closer scores than he got after some fine rallies. Kay Greenough scored points consistently in 1st v Angela Mitchell with angled forehands but Angela got away well after 'ends' in the 3rd. Fine match.

## JUNIOR SOUTH

### Buckingham 5, Hertfordshire II 5

### Oxfordshire 0, Sussex 10

## JUNIOR NORTH

### Cleveland 7, Lancashire II 3

### Durham 9, Northumberland 1

Durham mainly in charge after good opening win by Peter Masters over Andrew Clark 17, -11, 13. Clark the best of the visitors, but he went home (unusually) empty handed. This Durham team could improve on last season's record.

### Yorkshire II 6, Cheshire 4

Only Jeanette Richardson of this Yorkshire side had any County experience but the whole team put up good display. Lynda Hryzsko, at 13, a definite find.

## JUNIOR SOUTH-EAST

### Hampshire II 1, Essex II 9

The task too great for a completely new Hants team over experienced and capable opponents. Nice 19, 14 win for Lynda Wright over Penny Abbott.

### Sussex II 1, Kent 9

### Hertfordshire 5, Surrey II 5

Surrey never behind but had to settle for a draw despite brave effort by Simon Vine v Jonathan Proffitt in final set. Keith Seager the only boy to win both BS, but he and Stephen Boxall went down in BD 20, -18, -14 to Richard Jermyn and Adam Proffitt.

## JUNIOR MIDLAND

### Clywd 5, Derbyshire 5

### Shropshire 3, Staffordshire 7

### Warwickshire 10, Leicestershire II 0

Doug Johnson and Karen Groves a cut above the other players in a rather one-sided match.

## JUNIOR EAST

### Lincolnshire 4, Bedfordshire 6

### Norfolk 8, Huntingdonshire 2

### Suffolk 3, Cambridgeshire II 7

## JUNIOR WEST

### Devon 4 Glamorgan 6

### Gloucestershire 5, Wiltshire 5

### Somerset 1, Dorset 9

### Cornwall 2, Worcestershire 8

### Devon 5, Worcestershire 5

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

### ... AND A WAY OF LIFE

Peter Charters, the Coaching and Press Secretary of the Royal County of Berkshire T.T.A., has changed his address to 57 Burghfield Road, Reading, Berks. (Phone: Reading 54826). Peter's wife, Judi, gave birth to their first child on October 9; a boy to be named Matthew.

As a regular Junior Open tournament "watcher", Judi's last tournament was the Cleveland Select Junior Open on Teesside. I'm sure young Matthew won't mind if, after a reasonable lapse of time, Judi rejoins at least part of the "Open" circuit. He might enjoy listening to the quite varied assortment of sounds produced by a junior tournament in full cry!