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On the International Front

by The Editor



JILL BACK AT No. 1 IN EUROPE

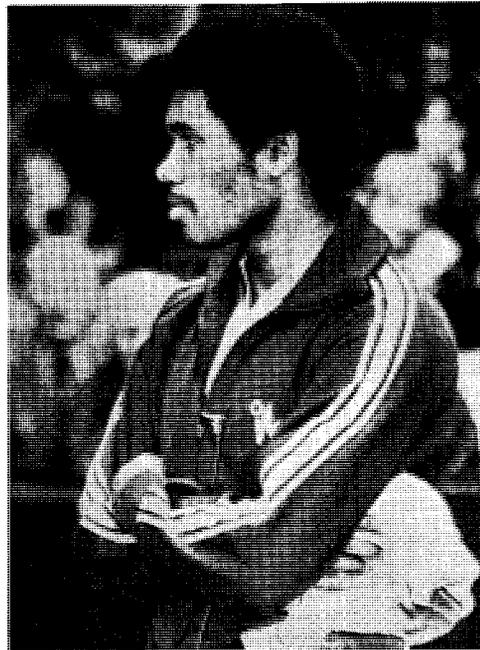
In revised ranking lists issued by the Classification Committee of the European Table Tennis Union in August, England's leading lady, **Jill Hammersley**, regains her No. 1 position having been previously placed at No. 3 behind Judit Magos of Hungary, the European champion, and Ann-Christin Hellman of Sweden.

Undoubtedly benefitting from her results in Pyongyang against her fellow Europeans Jill now heads Gabriella Szabo of Hungary and Miss Hellman with Judit Magos down to No. 4. And one must not overlook, admittedly at No. 25, the first time inclusion of another English girl, **Karen Witt**.

Desmond Douglas retains his No. 5 position in the men's list which is headed by Tibor Klampar of Hungary who has been elevated from No. 2 in front of Milan Orlovski of Czechoslovakia and the former No. 1 Gabor Gergely of Hungary.

Newcomers to the lists are Claus Pedersen of Denmark and Andrzej Grubba of Poland to the exclusion of Ralf Wosik (Federal Germany) and Josef Juhas of Yugoslavia in the men's list while, on the distaff side, Marie Hrachova (Czechoslovakia), Kirsten Kruger (Federal Germany) and Miss Witt replace Liana Mihut (Rumania), Dubravka Fabri (Yugoslavia) and Monica Kneip-Stumpe (Federal Germany).

Revised rankings (previous positions in brackets) are:-



A pensive Desmond Douglas unmoved at No. 5 in Europe.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, London.

SUNSHINE AND CLOUDS

A bright new season lies ahead and already, in the competitive field, England have got off to the best possible of starts by beating the old enemy, Federal Germany, in their opening European League Super Division fixture.

Matches have already got under way in the newly-formed English National League and certain players are to receive remuneration for both loyalty and service to the English Association.

Prize money continues to escalate not least via the medium of Barry Meisel whose Global organisation which, despite thunderous threats to out-Packer the Australian impressario, can still achieve harmony with the governing body to the benefit of all concerned.

Norwich Union maintain their sponsorship of the major English championships whilst continuing with their Grand Prix incorporating Top Table and Masters tournaments all again to be televised. Debenhams are to come in on the junior front while Rock Motor Parts have broken new ground in the Under-21 category.

The Sports Council are still very much our staunchest supporter, the major bleat being in respect of publicity and the lack of it, particularly in respect of the National League, in the national press. But, thankfully, this is not evident provincially.

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Men

- 1 Tibor Klampar (HUN) (2)
- 2 Milan Orlovski (CZE) (3)
- 3 Gabor Gergely (HUN) (1)
- 4 Dragutin Surbek (YUG) (7)
- 5 **Desmond Douglas (ENG) (5)**
- 6 Istvan Jonyer (HUN) (12)
- 7 Jacques Secretin (FRA) (6)
- 8 Josef Dvoracek (CZE) (15)
- 9 Stellan Bengtsson (SWE) (4)
- 10 Peter Stellweg (GFR) (9)
- 11 Jochen Leiss (GFR) (10)
- 12 Janos Takacs (HUN) (8)
- 13 Ulf Thorsell (SWE) (17)
- 14 Tibor Kreisz (HUN) (14)
- 15 Engelbert Hugig (GFR) (11)
- 16 Zoran Kalinic (YUG) (16)
- 17 Anton Stipanovic (YUG) (22)
- 18 Patrick Birocheau (FRA) (18)
- 19 Wilfried Lieck (GFR) (13)
- 20 Claus Pedersen (DEN) (—)
- 21 Valery Schevchenko (USS) (21)
- 22 Christian Martin (FRA) (19)
- 23 Andrzej Grubba (POL) (—)
- 24 Jindrich Pansky (CZE) (20)
- 25 Zoran Kosanovic (YUG) (22)

Women

- 1 **Jill Hammersley (ENG) (3)**
- 2 Gabriella Szabo (HUN) (5)
- 3 Ann-Christin Hellman (SWE) (2)
- 4 Judit Magos (HUN) (1)
- 5 Valentina Popova (USS) (8)
- 6 Maria Alexandru (RUM) (7)
- 7 Ilona Uhlíkova (CZE) (4)
- 8 Zsuzsa Olah (HUN) (6)
- 9 Ludmila Bakshutova (USS) (9)
- 10 Erzbet Palatinus (YUG) (10)
- 11 Ursula Kamizuri (Hirschmuller) (GFR) (16)
- 12 Bettine Vriesekoop (NED) (12)
- 13 Gordana Perkucin (YUG) (17)
- 14 Blanka Silhanova (CZE) (11)
- 15 Claude Bergeret (FRA) (14)
- 16 Dana Dubinova (CZE) (18)
- 17 Marie Lindblad (SWE) (24)
- 18 Marie Hrachova (CZE) (—)
- 19 Branka Batinic (YUG) (15)
- 20 Wiebke Hendriksen (GFR) (13)
- 21 Anneli Hernvall (SWE) (22)
- 22 Eva Stromvall (SWE) (19)
- 23 Eva Ferenczi (RUM) (20)
- 24 Kirsten Kruger (GFR) (—)
- 25 Karen Witt (ENG) (—)

WORLD RANKINGS

On the International Table Tennis Federation front their Classification Committee, following the World Championships in North Korea, have demoted England's **Desmond Douglas**, from No. 8 to No. 12, and **Jill Hammersley** from No. 6, equal with Judit Magos, to No. 9.

Top Europeans in the new classifications are Tibor Klampar at No. 3 in the men's list and Gabriella Szabo at No. 7 in the women's. Because of a retraction from 40 to 32 in each list there are, of course many fallers the European involved being Lieck, Birocheau, Martin, Pansky, Dana Dubinova (Cze), Batinic, Ferenczi, Stromvall and Mihut.

New world champions Seiji Ono of Japan and Ge Xinal of China head the respective lists the newcomers being Lu Yaohua

(China), Hideo Goto (Japan) and Claus Pedersen (Denmark) of the men and Shoko Takahashi (Japan), Yoshiko Shimauchi (Japan) and Marie Hrachova (Czechoslovakia) of the women.

Revised lists (previous positions in brackets) are:-

Men

- 1 Seiji Ono (JAP) (18)
- 2 Guo Yueha (CHN) (1)
- 3 Klampar (HUN) (=3)
- 4 Gergely (HUN) (=3)
- Li Zhenshi (CHN) (6)
- 6 Liang Geliang (CHN) (2)
- 7 Surbek (YUG) (13)
- 8 Orlowski (CZE) (7)
- 9 Jonyer (HUN) (12)
- Norio Takashima (JAP) (=9)
- 11 Lu Yaohua (CHN) (—)
- 12 Douglas (ENG) (8)
- 13 Huang Liang (CHN) (5)
- 14 Dvoracek (CZE) (27)
- 15 Shi Zhihao (CHN) (=9)
- 16 Hideo Goto (JAP) (—)
- 17 Secretin (FRA) (14)
- 18 Cho Yong Ho (KDR) (17)
- 19 Bengtsson (SWE) (11)
- 20 Stellwag (GFR) (16)
- 21 Leiss (GFR) (21)
- 22 Thorsell (SWE) (30)
- 23 Lu Qiwei (CHN) (15)
- 24 Kreisz (HUN) (24)
- 25 Takacs (HUN) (20)
- 26 Shevchenko (USS) (36)
- 27 Hong Chol (KDR) (22)
- 28 Hugging (GFR) (28)
- 29 Stipancic (YUG) (40)
- 30 Pedersen (DEN) (—)
- 31 Kalinic (YUG) (29)
- 32 Masahiro Maehara (JAP) (19)

- 16 Cao Yanhua (CHN) (=18)
- 17 Pak Yong Ok (KDR) (15)
- 18 Alexandru (RUM) (16)
- 19 Bakshutova (USS) (20)
- 20 Olah (HUN) (12)
- 21 Yang Ying (CHN) (8)
- 22 Palatinus YUG) (28)
- 23 In Sook Bushan (USA) (23)
- 24 Kamizuri (Hirschmuller) (GFR) (31)
- 25 Vriesekoop (NED) (24)
- 26 Kim Chang Ai (KDR) (22)
- 27 Hrachova (CZE) (—)
- 28 Perkucin (YUG) (30)
- 29 Silhanova (CZE) (26)
- 30 Bergeret (FRA) (29)
- 31 Huang Xiping (CHN) (25)
- 32 Lindblad (SWE) (40)

HUNGARIAN HONOURS

Upon their return from Pyongyang the victorious Hungarian team and officials were received by Mr. Istvan Buda, the Hungarian Minister of Sports on May 18.

The award of the Golden Sport Order was made to Gabor Gergely, Istvan Jonyer, Tibor Klampar, Judit Magos, Dr. Gyorgy Lakatos, President of the Hungarian Table Tennis Association, Zoltan Berczik, National Chief Coach, and Ferenc Sido, coach of Spartacus Budapest.

Silver Sports Order of the People's Republic of Hungary went to Tibor Horvath, General Secretary of the Hungarian T.T.A., Dr. Mihaly Martos, physician to the National team, Dr. Laszlo Ormai, coach of Sport Club Statisztika, Peter Rozsas, coach of Sports Club BVSC Budapest and federal coach Laszlo Volper. The Bronze Sport Order was received by Gabriella Szabo.

The appreciation of the Sport Minister was received by Tibor Kreisz, Zsuzsa Olah, Janos Takacs and Edit Urban.

In July, Gabriella Szabo, a member of the European champion team and winner of last season's "Top 12" married Sandor Harangi, player and manager of Sport Club BVSC Budapest and former Hungarian men's singles champion. Beatrix Kishazi has given birth to a second baby and is now beginning to play again.

SECRETIN YET AGAIN

Jacques Secretin (Kremlin Bicetre) was the winner of the Palmares des Champions de France (1978/79) men's singles title and for the 13th time! Nadine Daviaud (ASPTT Nantes) took the women's title and, in partnership with Patricia Germain took the women's doubles. Patrick Birocheau and Regis Canor were the winners of the men's doubles with Secretin and Bergeret the mixed. Jean-Christophe Aerout won the boy's singles and Corinne Germain the girls'.

Cadet boys' winner was Jacques Mommessin and the cadet girls' champion was Corinne Delhay.

BUNDESLIGA

England's Desmond Douglas has signed for another season with PSV Borussia Dusseldorf in the Federal German Bundesliga being ranked at No. 1 in front of Hans-Joachim Nolten, Ralf Wosik and Hans Deutz. The U.S.A. international, Danny Seemiller, is to turn out for TTC Simex Julich at No. 3 behind Engelbert Hugging and Joachim Leiss. Fellow American, Scott Boggan, figures at No. 8 for the Julich club.

Carole Knight plays at No. 2, behind Kirsten Kruger, for TSV Kronshagen, Jill Hammersley and Linda Howard having declined invitations of re-engagements as have Nicky Jarvis and Paul Day. Sweden's Ulf Thorsell is to play for SSV Heinzelmann Reutlingen at No. 2 behind Peter Stellwag. Dragutin Surbek continues with TTC Jagermeister Calw and the Dane, Claus Pedersen, with TTC Grun-Weiss Bad Hamm.

GREAT START FOR ENGLAND

England began their season in the Super Division of the European League with an excellent 4-3 win over Federal Germany in Burglengenfeld on Sept. 27. Two wins for Des Douglas and the doubles for the Warwickshire left-hander with John Hilton was decisively augmented when Jill Hammersley beat Ursula Kamizuru (nee Hirschmuller).

Individual scores:-

D. Douglas bt J. Leiss 20, 12;

.bt Stellwag 17, 18.

N. Jarvis lost to P. Stellwag -17, -16;

lost to Leiss -11, -19.

J. Hammersley bt U. Kamizuru 14, 17.

Douglas/J. Hilton bt Leiss/Stellwag

20, -19, 22.

Douglas/L. Jarvis lost to R. Wosik/

Kamizuru -15, -19.

Other results:-

Super Division

Hungary 5 Poland 2

Czechoslovakia 7 France 0

Yugoslavia 6 Sweden 1

Division 1

U.S.S.R. 7 Netherlands 0

Bulgaria 2 Turkey 5

Greece 4 Luxembourg 3

Italy 4 Austria 3

Division 2

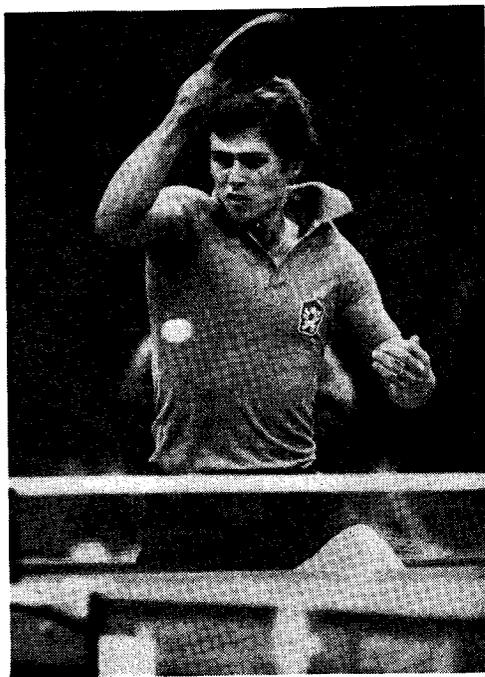
Wales 6 Spain 1

Belgium 1 Denmark 6

Ireland 2 Finland 5

Switzerland 3 Norway 4

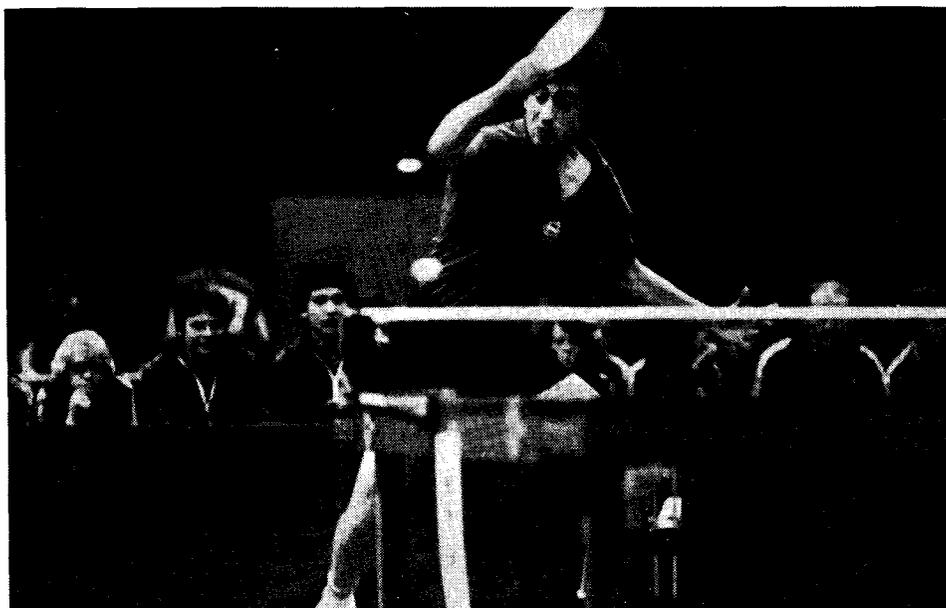
(Full details will appear in the November issue)



Milan Orlowski up from No. 3 to No. 2.
Photo by RZEPKA, Delmenhorst, Fed.
Germany.

Women

- 1 Ge Xinai (CHN) (3)
- 2 Li Song Suk (DKR) (11)
- 3 Zhang Deying (CHN) (4)
- 4 Tong Ling (CHN) (5)
- 5 Pak Yung Sun (KDR) (1)
- 6 Zhang Li (CHN) (2)
- 7 Szabo (HUN) (=13)
- 8 Kayoko Kawahigashi (JAP) (10)
- 9 Hammersley (ENG) (=6)
- 10 Magos (HUN) (=6)
- Popova (USS) (=18)
- 12 Shoko Takahashi (JAP) (—)
- 13 Hellman (SWE) (9)
- 14 Uhlikova (CZE) (=13)
- 15 Yoshiko Shimauchi (JAP) (—)



Tibor Klampar who takes over the No. 1 European spot from his compatriot Gergely.

Fixtures for Oct. 11

Super Division

Hungary v Yugoslavia (Budapest)
England v France (Southampton)
Sweden v Federal Germany (Eslöv)
Poland v Czechoslovakia (Lodz)

Fixtures for Nov. 15

Federal Germany v Hungary (Porta Westfalica)
France v Poland (Amiens)
Czechoslovakia v Sweden (Trebic)
England v Yugoslavia (Birmingham)

Division 2

Denmark v Ireland (Nyköbing)

Dec. 16

Wales v Norway (Rhyl)

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

November 14

European League — Super Division —
ENGLAND v YUGOSLAVIA (7.15 p.m.)
Central Hall, Corporation St., Birmingham.

November 15

International Match —
England v Yugoslavia (7.15 p.m.)
Stroud Leisure Centre, Stratford Rd.,
Stroud, Gloucs.

December 15/16

Debenhams English Junior Closed
Championships, Redefield Hall, Blackbird
Leys, Oxford.

Press Statement

Issued by the E.T.T.A. 17/9/79

The English Table Tennis Association notes with considerable concern the allegations made recently by Global Table Tennis Promotions Limited.

The policy of the Association has always been to develop and encourage the sport at all levels of play and to this end the Association has always co-operated and will continue to co-operate with any Body or individual who has a genuine desire to promote table tennis in this country.

We consider some of the statements issued

by Global Table Tennis Promotions Limited to be grossly misleading and view some of their plans as being detrimental to the interests of the sport.

As a member of the International Table Tennis Federation, along with another 121 member countries, and the European Table Tennis Union, the Association is bound by certain rules intended to safeguard the interests of the players and cannot commit its players to any organisation which may be in breach of such rules.

The Association is conscious of the increasing needs of the professional player and is actively pursuing a policy of enlarging the incentives available. One example of this is the recent decision to more than double the prize fund for the Norwich Union English Championships.

In the view of the Association any attempt by an outside body to obtain publicity by encouraging dissatisfaction amongst the players is not in the interests of English table tennis.

IRISH AFFAIRS

by Willie Walsh

NEW PRESIDENT

Former Czechoslovakian International and a past member of the Technical Committee of the I.T.T.F., Mr. Joe Veselsky was elected President of the Irish Table Tennis Association at the A.G.M. held in the Grand Hotel, Malahide last June. Mr. Veselsky who has been involved in Irish Table Tennis since his arrival here over 25 years ago, was elected unanimously.

Ronnie Grimison and Eddie Limberg of Ulster, Pat O'Brien of Leinster and Joe Flynn of Connacht are new selectors. Pat and John Byrne of Leinster are also new members of Management.

The position of International Secretary held by Joe Veselsky for a number of years was replaced by Assistant Secretary linked to P.R.O. Willie Walsh was elected to this position.

Ray O'Connell, Chairman; Norman Sloan, Secretary; and Alex Thackaberry, Treasurer; were all re-elected.

Vice-Presidents - Eric McDowall, J. W. E. Clarke (Ulster), W. Clayton, R. O'Connell (Leinster), Fr. H. Hanlon (Munster), Fr. S. Manning (Connacht).

Senior Management - Mary Kelly (Connacht), Billy Marshall, John Christie (Munster), Eddie Limberg, Jim Ellis (Ulster) John Bryant, Pat O'Brien, John Byrne (Leinster).

Senior Selectors - R. Grimeson, E. Limberg (Ulster), B. Marshall (Munster), J. Flynn (Connacht), P. O'Brien, W. Walsh (Leinster).

Junior Management — E. Limberg, H. Ross (Ulster), T. Rowsome, J. Byrne (Leinster), B. Marshall, T. Burke (Munster), F. Kennedy, T. Dolan (Connacht).

Junior Selectors - H. Ross, T. Rowsome, B. Marshall, F. Kennedy.

The Rhanbuoy and Doggart Cups were awarded to Colum Slevin and the Eleanor McKee Cup to Karen Senior.

The final ranking list for the season:-

Men

1. Colum Slevin (L)
2. Derek Weir (U)
3. Kevin Keane (L)
4. Tommy Caffrey (L)
5. Alistair Cairns (U)
6. Joe Hickey (L)
7. M. Kinsella (Eng.)
8. T. Heasley (U)
9. F. Brown (U)

Women

1. Ann Leonard (L)
2. Dolores Keller (L)
3. Mary Sheehan (M)
4. Elizabeth Cash (U)
5. Kathleen Murray (L)
6. M. McNeill (L)

NOT CONSIDERED — Did not play in 4 of 7 listed Tournaments: Karen Senior, Deirdre Kilpatrick, Brian Larrigan.

LAURIE MOVES TO KENT

The new address of Laurence and Judith Landry is "Jumbles", 3 Osney Way, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2NB. (Phone: Gravesend 4908).

Other changes of address include Robert Aldrich to 2 Eastbury Avenue, Enfield, Middx. (01-363 4801) and Ron Sharman to 45 Stroudwater Park, St. George's Avenue, Weybridge, Surrey.

Cover Picture

Congratulations to Nicky Jarvis and Linda Howard who were married at St. Edward's Church, Sutton Green, Nr. Guildford, Surrey on Saturday, June 2 the ceremony being timed for 12 noon conducted by Father Gordon Albion.

Best man was Nigel Brown (Nicky's cousin) and the bridesmaids were Jackie Howard (Linda's cousin) and Kathy Fleming (Nicky's cousin). Page boy was Scott Henderson, the son of Colin and Sue (Linda's sister) Henderson.

There were 160 guests and amongst them were:- Jill and Nick Hammersley, Jimmy Walker, Karen Senior, Desmond Douglas, Paul Day, Ken and Karenza Mathews, Ian and Julie Horsham, Ian Robertson, Alan Ransome and Jose Tomkins, Alan Griffiths, Carole Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hearn and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Foulser of Stiga AB.

The reception was held at the Farncombe Manor Inn at Farncombe, Nr. Godalming, Surrey. The happy couple spent a few days honeymoon in Kingsbridge, Devon, later taking a more prolonged holiday in Tenerife.

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Welsh Corner

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TRADITIONAL OPENING

The Welsh season opens with the now traditional Willis Faber Welsh Junior Open Tournament, but also with a difference in this event.

In the past we have had an enormous entry, and with the added complication of good cadets also being in the later rounds of the junior events, we have run acceptably late. In an endeavour to overcome this problem, we have scheduled the tournament over two days — Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 1/2, and although the tournament will be over by the time these notes appear it's as well to talk about our attempted solution.

We had thought at first about a team event, with the object of attracting foreign entries, but we eventually decided against this, feeling that, for the time being at any rate, we should retain the mostly British element. So we decided on a combined group

and knock-out tournament, and it now means that the weaker players, sometimes making long journeys for the doubtful pleasure of a first round knock-out, will get at least five matches.

This idea we believe meets the initial object in holding this event, and although there is a reduction in the number of entries, we believe the plan will provide an enjoyable tournament for all competitors.

The new season also sees a return of Wales to Division 2 of the European League. Our great performance at last season's Third Division matches in Cardiff means that we have a very full European League programme, both home and away.

Our away matches mean trips to Belgium, Switzerland, and Ireland, whilst our Home encounters will be against Spain — On Friday, September 28th, in Cardiff, with the Spanish team staying to play in the Glamorgan Open on Saturday/Sunday Sept. 29/30.

We then meet Norway, at Rhyl, on Friday, Nov. 16, and our North Wales County Association is already working hard to make this a success.

Denmark, who just pipped us for the Third Division Championship, come to Wales before the Stiga Welsh Open, and we shall meet them in Swansea on Wednesday Feb. 6. The Finns will also come to the Welsh Open, and our match with them will be immediately afterwards — at Bridgend on Feb. 11. Swansea and Bridgend Leagues are already hard at work.

Foreign entries for the Stiga Welsh Open on Feb. 7/9 are already assured from many Associations, and although we don't expect 27 countries as on the last occasion, we are still planning for another big entry. The event is again in the Norwich Union Grand Prix circuit. The European League Third

Division matches, which swelled our entry last time, are scheduled to take place in Guernsey immediately before our event, and it is expected that most of the participants will come on to Cardiff.

Our usual Welsh Inter-League programme starts early because of the big junior entry, whilst the usual round of open tournaments will take place at Aberdare, Swansea, Cardiff, Glamorgan and Gwent, with the new ones — the Clwyd Junior and the Wrexham Open now an established part of the calendar.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' T.T. ASSOCIATION

by David Lomas

The Association's new 1979/80 Official Handbook was published in early September. This 64-page edition includes complete records and principal dates in the E.S.T.T.A.'s organisation of the National School Team Championships, Stiga English Schools Individual Championships. It is well illustrated and also includes an updated version of the Laws of the Game.

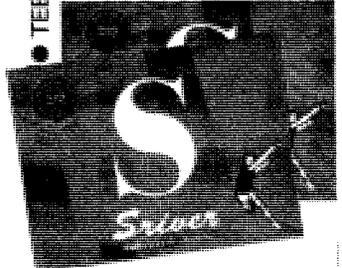
It can be obtained at a cost of 30p (post free) from the E.S.T.T.A.'s General Secretary, Mike Vickers, 9 Grange View, Coundon Gate, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 8QJ.

INCORPORATED

The English Championships Committee have agreed to incorporate the Under-14 Singles competition into the English Junior Closed to be held at Oxford over the weekend of Dec. 15/16, 1979. It follows, therefore, that there will not be the need for a Regional Competition this season, as sufficient time has been allocated for the completion of the whole event at Oxford.

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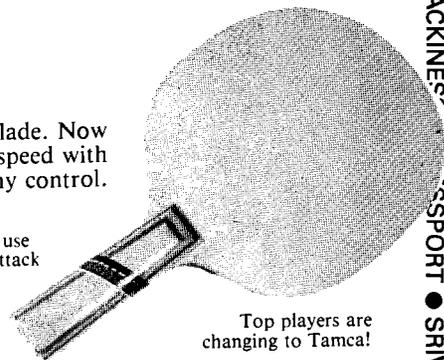
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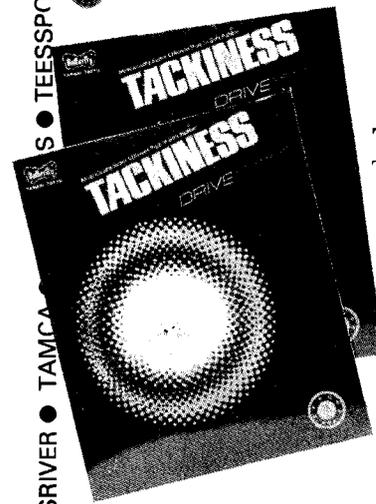
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RANKING POLICY 1979-80 SEASON

by Peter Charters

(Chairman, National Selection Committee)

The Selection Committee met recently to decide on the intended ranking policy for the coming season. It is very important for players and all those concerned about ranking to understand the basis on which the lists are prepared. Confusion can arise where there is ignorance of the way that the ranking lists are formulated and which results are used. Players should know before the season starts exactly what they must do to improve or obtain a ranking place. It is literally then in their hands to obtain the necessary results. For the guidance of tournament organisers, the Selection Committee intends to produce three seeding (ranking) lists during the season covering Seniors, Juniors and Cadets.

It is intended to continue the basic policy of last season but with one major addition. The National Club League with its guarantee of 3 Star playing conditions and involvement of most of England's top men players, has been added to the list of events, the results of which will be used for ranking.

Seniors

National Club League (Men)
3 Star Tournaments
Any Senior Ranking Tournament
Norwich Union English Championships
Norwich Union English International Championships
International Open Events
International Matches
European Top 12
European Championships

Juniors

Junior Select Tournaments
Junior Ranking Tournaments
English Junior Closed Championships
English Junior Open Championships
Junior International Open Events
Junior International Matches
European Youth Championships.

Cadets

Cadet Events in Select Tournaments
Cadet Ranking Tournaments
English Cadet Closed Championships
International Cadet Open Events
European Youth Championships —
Cadet Events

In all cases of equality after nominated results have been considered, 2 Star Tournament results and previous ranking position will be used to decide the final order of players considered equal on results.

Results for ranking will be considered strictly in separate categories, i.e. Senior, Junior and Cadet.

Each ranked player will be given a card on which wins, losses and position reached in a tournament will be recorded. Anyone beating a ranked player will then be given a card in the same way.

It must be appreciated that ranking is not the same thing as selection. Ranking, which is based on a comparatively small number of specified results, will be used only as a guide to selection. Selections are based on who, and what combination of players will, in the opinion of the selection committee, do the best job for England.

The Junior ranking tournament will run on similar lines to that of last season with Regional Ranking Lists being used for the extra invitations (ranked player, not "A" group being invited automatically) for the first Junior ranking tournament in November. The fate of the senior ranking tournament is now uncertain due to sponsorship difficulties. A fourth junior tournament has been granted "select" status for use in ranking this season.

Rankings will be issued at the following approximate times:-

Seniors

1. By the end of November '79.
2. By the end of January '80.
3. By the middle of May '80.

Juniors and Cadets

1. By the end of December '79.
2. At the end of March '80 (between J.R.T. and Yorkshire Select).
3. By the end of May '80.

For every player in England trying to raise his or her own standard, I wish a very successful season.

CURRENT RANKINGS

(Previous positions in Brackets)

Men

- 1 Desmond Douglas (Wa) (1)
- 2 John Hilton (La) (6)
- 3 Nicky Jarvis (Cv) (2)
- 4 Jimmy Walker (Cv) (3)
- 5 Donald Parker (La) (4)
- 6 Mark Mitchell (Mi) (7)
- 7 Duggie Johnson (Wa) (5)
- 8 Alan Fletcher (Y) (9)
- 9 John Dabin (K) (10)
- 10 Graham Sandley (Mi) (16)
- 11 Colin Wilson (Mi) (12)
- 12 Max Crimmins (Sy) (14)
- 13 Kenny Jackson (E) (13)
- 14 Paul Day (Ca) (8)
- 15 Bob Potton (E) (17)
- 16 Nigel Eckersley (Ch) (11)
- 17 Keith Richardson (Ca) (—)
- 18 Richard Jermyn (He) (—)
- 19 Peter McQueen (Cv) (15)
- 20 David Barr (Bk) (—)
- 16A Tony Clayton (Y)

Women

- 1 Jill Hammersley (Bu) (1)
- 2 Karen Witt (Bk) (2)
- 3 Anita Stevenson (Le) (2)
- 4 Carole Knight (Cv) (5)
- 5 Linda Jarvis (nee Howard) (Sy) (3)
- 6 Melody Ludi (Y) (6)
- 7 Angela Mitchell (Mi) (10)
- 8 Mandy Smith (Bk) (7)
- 9 Helen Williams (Mi) (12)
- 10 Suzanne Hunt (Li) (9)
- 11 Alison Gordon (Bk) (11)
- 12 Karen Rogers (Le) (8)
- 13 Sally Midgley (Y) (13)
- 14 Lesley Radford (E) (1)

Boys

- 1 *Sandley (1)
- 2 *Wilson (2)
- 3 *John Souter (Mi) (5)
- 4 Andrew Bellingham (St) (7)
- 5 Barr (6)
- 6 Skylet Andrew (E) (3)
- 7 Graham Gillett (Sx) (8)
- 8 Des Charley (E) (4)
- 9 *Kevin Satchell (Wi) (10)
- 10 Martyn Smith (Av) (18)
- 11 *Mark Oakley (Sy) (15)
- 12 *Paul Whiting (Dv) (9)
- 13 Sam Harmer (Bu) (14)
- 14 *Stephen Moore (Sx) (16)
- 15 Diccon Gray (Cu) (20)
- 16 *Adrian Moore (Sx) (—)
- 17 *Peter Brownlow (He) (17)
- 18 *Peter Pudduck (Sx) (13)
- 19 *Gary Lambert (Dv) (—)
- 20 Costos Papantoniou (Mi) (11)

Girls

- 1 Smith (1)
- 2 *Mandy Reeves (Mi) (2)
- 3 *Gordon (6)
- 4 Midgley (4)
- 5 *Williams (3)
- 6 *Joy Grundy (La) (7)
- 7 *Elaine Bolton (K) (9)
- 8 *Lynne Fennah (Ch) (13)
- 9 *Lorraine Garbet (Sy) (5)
- 10 Julie Revill (Le) (10)
- 11 *Gina Pritchard (Dv) (8)
- 12 *Carol Butler (Dv) (11)
- 13 *Cheryl Creasey (Do) (—)
- 14 Claire Maisey (Wi) (14)
- 15 *Julie Todd (Y) (—)
- 16 *Jill Harris (St) (—)
- 17 *Julie Speight (Y) (—)
- 18 *Jackie Bellinger (Bd) (—)
- 19 *Shirley Cain (St) (12)
- 20 *Janet Deakin (Ch) (16)

* Means that these players will be Juniors in the 1979/80 season.

Boys Group A

- *Glen Baker (Sy)
- Lester Bertie (Wa)
- *Philip Bradbury (Bu)
- *Andrew Dixon (St)
- *Andrew Golding (Gs)
- *Julian Hall (Sk)
- Adrian Hill (Y)
- Stephen Holloway (Sy)
- Mark Illingsworth (Y)
- *Martin Les (Mi)
- *Stuart Palmer (Sk)
- *Paul Rainford (La)
- Ian Reed (Cu)
- *Paul Stratton (Mi)
- *Robert Swift (Ca)
- Paul Wilson (Dy)
- *Alan Withers (Ca)

Girls Group A

- *Helen Bardwell (He)
- *Lisa Bellinger (Bd)
- Pauline Cameron (Ng)
- Sarah Gilsin (Do)
- Beverley Hoyle (La)
- Eleanor Hughes (Ox)
- *Kim Mudge (E)
- *Jean Parker (La)
- Jill Purslow (Bk)
- Carolyn Scowcroft (La)
- *Gillian Sharpe (Li)

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Cadet Boys

- 1 A. Moore
- 2 Dixon
- 3 *Lambert
- 4 Eddy Gorniak (Mi)
- 5 *Carl Prean (Ha)
- 6 Jeremy Duffield (Wo)
- 7 Chris Bryan (Li)
- 8 David Sharpe (Bd)
- 9 Illingsworth
- 10 John Sparks (E)
- 11 Paul Sayer (K)
- 12 Jonathan Wright (Bu)
- 13 *Steven Dettmar (E)
- 14 Paul Jackson (Sp)
- 15 Graham Russell (Sy)
- 16 Stuart Russell (La)
- 17 Tim Pachul (Cu)
- 18 Stephen Dixon (Cu)
- 19 Lindsay Taylor (Cv)
- 20 *Paul Ashcroft (La)

Cadet Girls

- 1 *J. Bellinger
- 2 Creasey
- 3 L. Bellinger
- 4 Lesley Broomhead (Y)
- 5 Melanie Seaton (Y)
- 6 Bardwell
- 7 Yvonne Hall (Le)
- 8 *Parker
- 9 Nicky Hamilton (Bu)
- 10 *Josette Ryalls (Y)
- 11 Sarah Cresswell (Sy)
- 12 Amanda Judd (Ca)
- 13 Laura Goldsmith (Mi)
- 14 *Vicky Bellingham (St)
- 15 Julie Dimmock (Bd)
- 16 Tracy Lightfoot (Ch)
- 17 Michelle Williams (Mi)
- 18 *Stephanie Hadley (St)
- 19 Julie Woodcock (Cv)
- 20 Linda Crawford (E)

*Means that these players will be Cadets in the 1979/80 season.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SOUND A WARNING

Commercially sponsored tournaments for cash prizes are now becoming increasingly part of the table tennis scene within what are loosely known as "Western" countries, and it is easy to understand why these events are becoming more numerous and more financially attractive.

But in my capacity of President of the International Table Tennis Federation I must sound a warning. We are an organisation of over 120 Associations, fourth largest

in the sports world, and it is a fact possibly not known to many people in Britain that over ninety percent of our organisations are amateur within the IOC concept of that word.

We had been under pressure for many years from this huge element to seek recognition by the International Olympic Committee, because this recognition would mean that National Table Tennis Associations would be recognised by their own National Olympic Committees, and thus receive added financial and organisational support.

Following several years of contact, correspondence and visits to IOC Headquarters at Lausanne, I was able at the Biennial General Meeting in Birmingham in April 1977 to report that with certain amendments to our Constitution, the IOC was prepared to recognise us. Understandably there were objections from some Associations whose players had enjoyed the benefits of our earlier principles — that players were players, and that the words "amateur" and "professional" appeared nowhere in our Constitution. But, reflecting the views of that enormous element of our membership which was in fact amateur, the proposal to seek recognition was overwhelmingly carried, and the last dotting of the "i's" and crossing of the "t's" was successfully accomplished.

Already the effect has been tremendous, and many many Associations which had hitherto been "outside the pale" reported recognition by their NOC's with consequent increasing of their financial support, and very much greater prestige.

All this has been accomplished with very little change affecting the average player in the Western countries, but changes are now becoming apparent and it is for this reason that I find myself obliged to point the problems.

It was not part of our original plan to seek inclusion in the Olympic Games but there is already great pressure from all sides for us to do this. It is essentially a very long term project, simply because the Olympic Games programme is agreed many years before even the next but one Games take place. Thus, although Moscow is the host for 1980, the programme is already agreed for 1984, and we shall not be in it as a competitive sport. Similarly, we are not in the Commonwealth Games programme for Brisbane 1982, and can not hope for inclusion before 1986.

But, table tennis has already been included in the African Games, in the Asian Games, will be in the Mediterranean Games in Split this September, will be in the SEA Games in South East Asia next year, and has also been a demonstration sport in the Pan American Games in Puerto Rico. All this because we are now recognised by the IOC.

This may be all rather remote from the thoughts of the players here in Britain, but I must remind them that they are in fact vitally interested.

The I.T.T.F. Rule on Prize Money, accepted by the IOC as one of the rules under our control, specifically states that no player may receive more than 1250 Swiss Francs in prize money and remain an amateur. At the present rate of exchange that is about £340. Yet a tournament in England is offering prize money for the Open Singles of £1,000 and the runner-up is offered £350. Moreover, the E.T.T.A. has announced (February "Table Tennis News") that its players may accept these prizes.

It's true that participation in the Commonwealth Games and the Olympic Games may be a piece of pie in the sky at the moment, but either of these things could

happen within the playing career of some of your players, and it would surely be a tragedy if England found that the players they would pick in 1986 or 1988 had professionalised themselves in 1979!

I am all for the commercial involvement in our sport as witnessed by the fact that the Norwich Union Grand Prix was conceived in co-operation between the I.T.T.F. and the Norwich Union.

BUT, the implications of competing in these events MUST be made clear to those whose continued amateur status is of importance to them. No prize money exceeding 1250 Swiss Francs may be won for any event, and, equally important, no amateur can enter into any contract with a manufacturer for the use of his name. Any such arrangement must be between the manufacturer and the player's Association.

I am sure that very few players are aware of these conditions, and I hope that all will have the patience to read what is important for them to know.

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22nd EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

NO ROMAN HOLIDAY

by The Editor

Represented by Graham Sandley, Colin Wilson, John Souter, David Barr, Mandy Smith, Alison Gordon and Sally Midgley at Under-17 level, and by Adrian Moore, Andrew Dixon, Cheryl Creasey and Jackie Bellinger in the Cadet category, England had high expectations in the Palasport, Rome over the period July 21-29.

But, in the 22nd European Youth Championships, it was not to be, the squad, under non-playing captains, Donald Parker and Susan Lisle, returning to these shores with not a solitary medal between them.

Granted in the team events the boys improved on their final positions in Barcelona from No. 7 to No. 5 and the girls from No. 9 to No. 6. But in the Cadet field our players equated at No. 11 in the boys' and it was down from No. 6 to No. 10 in the girls' team event.

Sweden took over from the USSR in the boys' team the Russians retaining their No. 1 position in the girls'. Czechoslovakia superceded Sweden for the gold medals in the Cadet boys' and again it was the Soviet Union who retained the Cadet girls' title.

Jiri Ezz of Czechoslovakia won the boys' singles title with a final win over Jonas Berner of Sweden, the girls crown being captured by Bettine Vriesekoop of the Netherlands who swept to final victory over Kristina Nilsson of Sweden.

The Swedes had better luck in the boys' doubles won by Mikael Appelgren and Anders Thunstrom, the girls' title going to Marie Hrachova and Alice Pelikanova. The mixed title was won by Federal Germany's Jurgen Rebel and Susanne Wetzel.

Czechoslovakia had another winner in the Cadet boys' singles Vladislav Broda beating Jan Ove Waldner of Sweden in the final whilst in the cadet girls' Miss Danilavitchoute of the USSR had a final victory over Miss Guergueltcheva of Bulgaria to provide a copy taker's nightmare!

PERFORMANCE

There were good efforts put in by English players headed by Graham Sandley who, out of 17 singles outings won 11 and only played badly on two occasions. Unfortunately one of his bad outings was in the first round of the boys' singles when he lost to Andreas Zehetbauer of Austria, 19 in the third.

Foremost cadet, Adrian Moore proved his leading position in England by winning 9 out of 12 sets in the team event including two against Federal Germany, Denmark and a very strong Hungarian team. On two occasions he saved five match points to win showing he has the determination required for a good player.

WOT! NO MEDALS?

by B. J. Sandley

I was talking to Tom Blunn in Rome at the European Youth Championships and we were discussing team events. Tom said "Why is it we seem to finish just out of the medals year after year?" Good question!

I have been fortunate enough to attend the last four E.Y.Cs., where the team events have been dominated by Sweden, Russia and Czechoslovakia and the reason for this is undoubtedly that they prepare their teams carefully and methodically with the Championships in view — whereas our preparation is very much a "hit or miss" affair. Proper preparation for these events is vital. All the players need to be at their peak physically and mentally to have any chance of finishing in the medals.

Team events are played on the group system and all can be won or lost in the very first match played — this is how important it is. We pay insufficient attention to this and our teams always travel to the venue the day before the event, leaving themselves no time to practice and get acclimatised to strange tables and conditions. In fact, at Vichy three years ago, the players did not arrive and get to bed until after midnight yet some were playing at

8.30 that morning. This is not giving our players a fair chance. All our main competitors arrive as much as two clear days before the Tournament commences yet we risk everything by late travel — presumably to save money.

I believe we should also send out more players. With the present format there is not enough depth available to allow the Coach to permutate his team or rest players. In addition, more Coaches are necessary — two, to look after four teams, is insufficient. They, the Coaches, are drained mentally long before the end of the Championships. How often have I seen our Coaches trying to look after two tables each? These competitions are so finely balanced that the alert, mentally fresh Coach who knows his players, can be the difference between success or failure, for believe me, you have to find another gear as it were, to get into the medals in team events in these Championships and this includes players and Coaches.

I understand money is partially the problem but now that some is available spend it wisely England. Send your teams out to compete secure in the knowledge that you are allowing them to participate on equal terms; that you have prepared them properly; that they are fit both physically and mentally — then the medals will surely come.

We should emulate the top teams whose training camps before the championships have present their best senior players with the object of giving the juniors the type of practice required to give them the necessary edge.

So, what about it England? Enough of this just missing the medals. The lesson is — "you get out of it what you are prepared to put into it" and, in the past, for one reason or another, we have not been going into these Championships one hundred per cent prepared.

RESULTS:

Boys' Singles Round 4:

M. Appelgren (SWE) bt I. Podnossov (USS) 16, -17, 12;
N. Persson (SWE) bt L. Jenista (CZE) 18, 21;
J. Berner (SWE) bt N. Bjorkoob (DEN) 15, 21;
M. J. Pales (SPA) bt S. Kovak (YUG) 15, 13;
E. Lindh (SWE) bt Z. Stepanek (CZE) 12, 16;
J. Rebel (GFR) bt I. Caymel (SPA) 14, 10;
B. Banicek (YUG) bt E. Mariani (ITA) 9, 15;
J. Ezz (CZE) bt A. Bathory (HUN) 18, 15.

Quarter-finals:

Persson bt Appelgren 11, 15;
Berner bt Pales 20, -17, 18;
Rebel bt Lindh 17, 19;
Ezz bt Banicek 7, 15.

Semi-finals:

Berner bt Persson 13, 20;
Ezz bt Rebel 16, 16.

Final:

EZZ bt Berner -14, 7, 18.

Girls' Singles Round 4:

G. Perkucin (YUG) bt A. Pravdikova (CZE) 11, 13;
F. Boulatova (USS) bt S. Grefberg (FIN) 17, 14;
K. Nilsson (SWE) bt I. Bolvari (HUN) -12, 17, 17;
M. Hrachova (CZE) bt M. Smith (ENG) 18, 17;
B. Vriesekoop (NET) bt E. Urban (HUN) 15, 14;
A. Zakharian (USS) bt D. Hauth (DEN) 15, 16;
H. Lindvall (SWE) bt M. Grefberg (FIN) 11, 29;
A. Pelikanova (CZE) bt L. Bakshutova (USS) -13, 17, 15.

Quarter-finals:

Perkucin bt Boulatova -19, 12, 9;
Nilsson bt Hrachova 15, 15;
Vriesekoop bt Zakharian 19, -17, 16;
Pelikanova bt Lindvall -15, 13, 13.

Semi-finals:

Nilsson bt Perkucin 20, 14;
Vriesekoop bt Pelikanova 10, 17.

Final:

VRIESEKOOP bt Nilsson 17, 14.

Boys' Doubles Quarter-finals:

Jenista/Stepanek bt M. Dangard/M. Dolleris (DEN) 13, 20;
Berner/Lindh bt V. Dvoracek/Podnossov 13, 10;
Appelgren/A. Thunstrom (SWE) bt Bathory/M. Karpati (HUN) 8, 17;

J. Akesson/J. O. Waldner (SWE) bt Pales/Persson 14, 11.

Semi-finals:

Jenista/Stepanek bt Berner/Lindh 16, 11;
Appelgren/Thunstrom bt Akesson/Waldner 17, 11.

Final:

APPELGREN/THUNSTROM bt Jenista/Stepanek -14, 16, 18.

Girls' Doubles Quarter-finals:

Bolvari/Perkucin bt A. Gordon (ENG)/Smith -19, 15, 18;
V. Blankaert (NET)/Vriesekoop bt A. Olschewski/Sabine Wenzel (GFR) 18, 12;

Bakshutova/Zakharian bt Lindvall/Nilsson 14, -16, 17;
Hrachova/Pelikanova bt M. Cadez/A. Ojstersek (YUG) 17, 8.

Semi-finals:

Bolvari/Perkucin bt Blankaert/Vriesekoop 18, 19;
Hrachova/Pelikanova bt Bakshutova/Zakharian -13, 19, 20.

Final:

HRACHOVA/PELIKANOVA bt Bolvari/Perkucin 15, 11.

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Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:
 Appelgren/Lindvall bt Ezr/Pelikanova -15, 8, 16;
 Podnossov/Bakshutova bt C. Borsos/U. Haag (GFR) 8, -16, 14;
 Rebel/Susanne Wetzal (GFR) bt Stepanek/Hrachova -19, 17, 18;
 V. Dvorak/J. Danilivitchoute (USS) bt Pales/D. Guerguelcheva (BUL) 16, 17.

Semi-finals:
 Podnossov/Bakshutova bt Appelgren/Lindvall 12, 17;
 Rebel/Wetzal bt Dvorak/Danilivitchoute 17, 14.
Final:
 REBEL/WETZEL bt Podnossov/Bakshutova 19, 18.

Cadet Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
 V. Broda (CZE) bt Dvorak 19, -19, 19;
 J. Akesson (SWE) bt S. Soderberg (FIN) 15, 10;
 Waldner bt C. Slevin (IRE) 16, 16;
 P. Krosiak (CZE) bt S. Kunze (GFR) 20, 11.

Semi-finals:
 Broda bt Akesson 15, -19, 22;
 Waldner bt Krosiak 20, 18.
Final:
 BRODA bt Waldner 19, 19.

Cadet Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:
 Guerguelcheva bt K. Bolvari (HUN) 15, 18;
 E. Vetcherok (USS) bt E. Malmberg (FIN) 13, 13;
 Danilivitchoute bt V. Staleva (BUL) 10, 19;
 B. Lippens (BEL) bt H. Baltzer (GFR) 16, 18.

Semi-finals:
 Guerguelcheva bt Vetcherok 8, 20;
 Danilivitchoute bt Lippens 17, 12.
Final:
 DANILIVITCHOUTE bt Guerguelcheva 10, -16, 20.

ENGLISH INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:
Boys' Singles:
 Sandley lost to A. Zehetbauer (AUT) 11, -10, -19.
 Souter bt H. Schicht (AUT) 15, 15;
 lost to C. Borsos (GFR) 15, -12, -11.
 Wilson lost to E. Wiggers (NET) -15, 19, -17.
 Barr bt G. Mouratidis (GRE) 9, 15;
 lost to Z. Stepanek (CZE) -12, -12.

Cadet Boys' Singles:
 Moore lost to P. Eckel (AUT) 19, -15, -17.
 Dixon bt G. Nailis (BEL) 20, 15;
 lost to C. Jensen (DEN) -18, -18.

Boys' Doubles:
 Sandley/Souter lost to Howicki/Molenda (POL) -19, -19.
 Dixon/Moore lost to Kadak/Podnesmik (YUG) -16, -17.
 Barr/Wilson bt Garanov/Rusakievich (USS) 18, 17;
 lost to Broda/ Krosiak (CZE) -13, -16.

Mixed Doubles:
 Sandley/Gordon bt Thunstrom/Lundberg (SWE) -15, -, 12;
 bt Maas/Toussaint (LUX) 18, 19;
 lost to Ezr/Pelikanova (USS) -14, -9.

Wilson/Smith bt Minden/Kerschen (LUX) -16, 19, 19;
 bt Soumbo/Boudry (FRA) 16, -20, 12;
 lost to Stepanek/Hrachova (CZE) -10, -12.
 Souter/Midgley bt Miller/ Hirzel (SWD) 13, 13.

bt Leroy/Lippens (BEL) 19, 14;
 lost to Podnossov/Bakshutova -11, -7.
 Moore/Bellinger lost to Fischer/Olchewski (GFR) -14, -11.
 Dixon/Creasey bt Gustavensen/Erentsen (NOR) 9, 18;
 lost to Palmi/Leitgeb (AUT) -8, -18.

Girls' Singles:
 Midgley lost to E. Urban (HUN) -20, 15, -18.
 Gordon bt A. Leonard (IRE) 18, 18;
 lost to G. Perkuciu (YUG) -17, -16.
 Smith bt Mauriello (ITA) 12, 4;
 bt G. Leonard (IRE) 13, 9;
 lost to M. Hrachova (CZE) -18, -17.

Girls' Doubles:
 Gordon/Smith bt Dissauer/Zehetbauer (AUT) 16, -16, 12;
 bt Guerguelcheva/Staleva (BUL) 18, 18;
 lost to Bolvari (HUN)/Perkuciu (YUG) 19, -15, -18.
 Bellinger/Creasey lost to van Gennip/Snijders (NET) -18, -20.

Cadet Girls' Singles:
 Bellinger bt C. Jirgensen (DEN) 15, 12;
 lost to E. Vetcherok (USS) -14, -8.
 Creasey bt S. Dogan (TUR) 14, 18;
 lost to B. Lippens (BEL) -13, 18, -15.

BOYS

Positions

1/2	Sweden 5	Czechoslovakia 0
3/4	Federal Germany 5	U.S.S.R. 4
5/6	England 5	Yugoslavia 4
7/8	Austria 5	France 2
9/10	Hungary 5	Denmark 4
11/12	Spain 5	Luxembourg 4
13/14	Poland 5	Netherlands 4
15/16	Italy 5	Belgium 2
17/18	Finland 5	Turkey 2
19/20	Norway 5	Scotland 4
21/22	Wales 5	Greece 2

GIRLS

Positions

1/2	U.S.S.R. 3	Czechoslovakia 1
3/4	Yugoslavia 3	Sweden 0
5/6	Netherlands 3	England 0
7/8	Hungary 3	Federal Germany 0
9/10	Finland 3	France 1
11/12	Denmark 3	Switzerland 0
13/14	Norway 3	Italy 0
15/16	Poland 3	Ireland 2
17/18	Luxembourg 3	Austria 2
19/20	Belgium 3	Spain 0
21/22	Scotland 3	Wales 1
23/24	Portugal 3	Greece 1

FINAL POSITIONS
 (previous placings in brackets)

Boys	Girls
1. Sweden (2)	1. U.S.S.R. (1)
2. Czechoslovakia (3)	2. Czechoslovakia (5)
3. Federal Germany (5)	3. Yugoslavia (3)

4. U.S.S.R. (1)	4. Sweden (2)
5. England (7)	5. Netherlands (6)
6. Yugoslavia (9)	6. England (9)
7. Austria (6)	7. Hungary (7)
8. France (11)	8. Federal Germany (8)
9. Hungary (10)	9. Finland (20)
10. Denmark (12)	10. France (10)
11. Spain (15)	11. Denmark (14)
12. Luxembourg (18)	12. Switzerland (12)
13. Poland (8)	13. Norway (17)
14. Netherlands (13)	14. Italy (19)
15. Italy (14)	15. Poland (11)
16. Belgium (19)	16. Ireland (13)
17. Finland (23)	17. Luxembourg (21)
18. Turkey (—)	18. Austria (15)
19. Norway (22)	19. Belgium (18)
20. Scotland (17)	20. Spain (23)
21. Wales (20)	21. Scotland (—)
22. Greece (21)	22. Wales (22)
23. Switzerland (—)	23. Portugal (24)
24. Portugal (24)	24. Greece (16)
25. Malta (—)	25. Turkey (—)

CADET BOYS

Positions

1/2	Czechoslovakia 3	Sweden 1
3/4	Hungary 3	Netherlands 1
5/6	Finland 3	France 1
7/8	Yugoslavia 3	Spain 1
9/10	Austria 3	Italy 1
11/12	England 3	Denmark 1
13/14	Turkey 3	Poland 1
15/16	Ireland 3	Belgium 1

CADET GIRLS

Positions

1/2	U.S.S.R. 3	Hungary 1
3/4	Bulgaria 3	Sweden 0
5/6	Czechoslovakia 3	France 0
7/8	Yugoslavia 3	Poland 1
9/10	Belgium 3	England 1
11/12	Austria 3	Federal Germany 0
13/14	Finland 3	Italy 1
15/16	Greece 3	Spain 0

FINAL SCORES

Cadet Boys'
 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3 Sweden 1
 P. Krosiak lost to J. Akesson -12, -15;
 V. Broda bt J. O. Waldner 20, -9, 18;
 Broda/Krosiak bt Akesson/Waldner 15, 16;
 Broda bt Akesson 14, 21.

Cadet Girls'
 U.S.S.R. 3 Hungary 1
 J. Danilivitchoute bt I. Bolvari 19, 15;
 E. Vetcherok lost to G. Fazekas -14, -14;
 Danilivitchoute/Vetcherok bt Bolvari/Fazekas 14, 19;
 Danilivitchoute bt Fazekas 8, 25.

Boys' Team
 SWEDEN 5 Czechoslovakia 0

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E. Lindh bt J. Ezr 14, -15, 14;
M. Appelgren bt I. Rak 17, -18, 17;
N. Persson bt L. Jenista 14, -11, 14;
Appelgren bt Ezr 7, 17;
Lindh bt Jenista 15, 10.

Girls' Team
U.S.S.R. 3 Czechoslovakia 1
F. Boulatova bt A. Pelikanova -18, 9, 16;
L. Bakshutova bt M. Hrachova -18, 16, 10;
Bakshutova/Boulatova lost to Hrachova/Pelikanova
-22, 18, -11;
Boulatova bt Hrachova 20, 13.

FINAL POSITIONS
(previous placings in brackets)

Cadet Boys	Cadet Girls
1. Czechoslovakia (2)	1. U.S.S.R. (1)
2. Sweden (1)	2. Hungary (3)
3. Hungary (6)	3. Bulgaria (9)
4. Netherlands (9)	4. Sweden (7)
5. Finland (7)	5. Czechoslovakia (2)
6. France (14)	6. France (13)
7. Yugoslavia (—)	7. Yugoslavia (—)
8. Spain (4)	8. Poland (15)
9. Austria (8)	9. Belgium (10)
10. Italy (10)	10. England (6)
11. England (11)	11. Austria (11)
12. Denmark (17)	12. Federal Germany (5)
13. Turkey (—)	13. Finland (4)
14. Poland (16)	14. Italy (16)
15. Ireland (15)	15. Greece (—)
16. Belgium (12)	16. Spain (17)
17. Norway (19)	17. Netherlands (14)
18. Federal Germany (3)	18. Turkey (—)
19. Greece (—)	19. Denmark (12)

ENGLISH TEAM RESULTS:

Boys
v Finland (won 5-1)
C. Wilson lost to M. Kurvinen -9, -16;
G. Sandley bt J. Nuolioja 8, 13;
D. Barr bt M. Pyykkö -15, 8, 22;
Sandley bt Kurvinen 16, -21, 10;
Wilson bt Pyykkö 15, 14;
Barr bt Nuolioja 13, -19, 14

v Denmark (won 5-1)
Wilson bt M. Dolleris -18, 20, 21;
Sandley bt K. Kartholm 18, -19, 15;
J. Souter lost to M. Daugard 19, -19, -14;
Sandley bt Dolleris 9, 18;
Wilson bt Daugard 18, 20;
Souter bt Kartholm 10, 12

Winners of Group F — England

v France (won 5-4)
Wilson bt J. C. Aerout 17, 14;
Souter lost to F. Farout -16, -18;
Sandley bt P. Besnier 23, 11;
Wilson lost to Farout -12, -12;
Sandley bt Aerout 12, -17, 12;
Souter lost to Besnier -18, -19;
Sandley bt Farout 17, 17;
Wilson lost to Besnier -19, 11, -16;
Souter bt Aerout -12, 17, 14.

v Sweden (lost 0-5)
Sandley lost to E. Lindh -17, 18, -18;
Barr lost to M. Appelgren -10, 19, -10;
Souter lost to N. Persson -13, 18, -14;
Sandley lost to Appelgren -15, -19;
Souter lost to Lindh -20, -13.

v Czechoslovakia (lost 0-5)
Wilson lost to J. Ezr -15, -14;
Sandley lost to I. Rak -15, -11;
Barr lost to L. Jenista -16, -15;
Sandley lost to Ezr -14, 13, -16;
Wilson lost to Jenista 19, -12, -17.

Play-Offs for 5-8
v Austria (won 5-0)
Wilson bt A. Zehetbauer 16, 14;
Sandley bt T. Karner 11, -18, 12;
Souter bt W. Schober -19, 5, 11;
Sandley bt Zehetbauer 13, 15;
Wilson wo Schober (retired)

v Yugoslavia (won 5-4)
Wilson lost to H. Rizvanovic -15, 7, -21;
Sandley bt B. Veren 20, 14;
Souter lost to S. Kovac 13, -11, -18;
Sandley bt Rizvanovic 13, 16;
Wilson bt Kovac -12, 19, 12;
Souter bt Veren 15, 22;
Sandley lost to Kovac -18, -18;
Souter lost to Rizvanovic -19, -16;
Wilson bt Veren 9, 8.

Final Position - 5th

Girls
Group B
v Scotland (won 3-0)
S. Midgley bt C. Dalrymple 18, 12;
M. Smith bt K. Hammond 9, 13;
A. Gordon/Smith bt Dalrymple/Hammond 13, 9.

v Turkey (won 3-0)
Gordon bt V. Karakas 14, 6;
Smith bt S. Yigit 9, 15;
Gordon/Smith bt Karakas/Yigit 12, 2.

v France (won 3-1)
Gordon lost to C Germain 7, -16, -22;
Smith bt P. Bibaut -17, 17, 9;
Gordon/Smith bt Bibaut/Germain 19, 14;
Smith bt Germain 21, 16.

Group K
v Netherlands (won 3-2)
Smith bt S. van Gennip 17, 8;
Gordon lost to B. Vriesekoop -20, 22, -19;
Gordon/Smith bt V. Blankaert/Vriesekoop 18, -20, 13;
Smith lost to Vriesekoop -13, -17;
Gordon bt van Gennip -16, 20, 11.

v Czechoslovakia (lost 2-3)
Smith lost to M. Hrachova -16, -11;
Gordon bt A. Pelikanova 16, -19, 14;
Gordon/Smith lost to Hrachova/Pelikanova -10, -16;
Smith bt Pelikanova 11, -11, 22;
Gordon lost to Hrachova 21, -18, -14.

v U.S.S.R. (lost 0-3)
Gordon lost to L. Bakshutova 20, -7, -13;

Smith lost to F. Boulatova -14, -19;
Gordon/Smith lost to Bakshutova/A. Zakharian -15, 19, -19.

Play-Offs for 5-8
v Federal Germany (won 3-1)
Gordon bt A. Olschewski 19, -21, 13;
Midgley lost to S. Wenzel 16, -15, -8;
Gordon/Smith bt Olschewski/Wenzel 19, -18, 15;
Gordon bt Wenzel 12, 7.

v Netherlands (lost 0-3)
Gordon lost to Vriesekoop -15, -15;
Smith lost to Blankaert 14, -18, -17;
Gordon/Smith lost to Blankaert/Vriesekoop -16, -17.

Final Position - 6th

Cadet Boys
v Yugoslavia (lost 1-3)
A. Dixon lost to Z. Podlesnik -15, 21, -11;
A. Moore lost to R. Kadak -18, -11;
Dixon/Moore bt Kadak/Podlesnik 17, 17;
Dixon lost to Kadak -7, -12.

v Federal Germany (won 3-2)
Moore bt S. Kenze 19, 16;
Dixon lost to R. Hanel 17, -19, -16;
Dixon/Moore lost to A. Kramer/Kunze -19, -19;
Moore bt Hanel 10, 12;
Dixon bt Kunze 17, -18, 15.

v Hungary (lost 3-2)
Moore bt A. Paulik -18, 18, 18;
Dixon lost to Z. Kaposztas -13, -11;
Dixon/Moore lost to Kaposztas 14, -11, -12;
Moore bt Kaposztas 20, -14, 22;
Dixon lost to Paulik -13, -12.

v Ireland (won 3-2)
Dixon lost to C. Slevin -14, -8;
Moore bt B. Orr 14, 15;
Dixon/Moore bt Orr/Slevin 12, 21;
Moore lost to Slevin -12, -11;
Dixon bt Orr 17, 11.

v Italy (lost 2-3)
Moore bt G. Ottaviani 10, 11;
Dixon lost to S. Lama 17, -14, -14;
Dixon/Moore bt Lama/Ottaviani 13, -11, 20;
Moore lost to Lama -12, -17;
Dixon lost to Ottaviani -11, -16.

v Poland (won 3-0)
Dixon bt N. Mnich 13, -22, 12;
Moore bt W. Korycki 18, 17;
Dixon/Moore bt Korycki/Mnich 13, 17.

v Denmark (won 3-1)
Moore bt H. Elsborg 10, 21;
Dixon bt K. Andersen 17, 17;
Dixon/Moore lost to Elsborg/Jensen -19, 18, -19;
Moore bt Andersen -9, 21, 11.

Final Position - 11th

Cadet Girls
v Poland (lost 1-3)
J. Bellinger lost to I. Brodowska 20, -22, -19;
C. Creasey lost to T. Majewska -11, -17;
Bellinger lost to Majewska -16, -18.

v Greece (won 3-0)
Creasey bt K. Spanou 12, 16;
Bellinger bt Doumeni 7, 8;
Bellinger/Creasey bt Doumeni/Spanou 12, 19.

v Denmark (won 3-0)
Creasey bt C. Frederiksen 15, 17;
Bellinger bt C. Jirgensen 8, 13;
Bellinger/Creasey bt Frederiksen/M. Oxfeldt 12, -19, 14.

v Hungary (lost 1-3)
Bellinger lost to I. Bolveri -15, -15;
Creasey lost to G. Fazekas -11, -18;
Bellinger/Creasey bt Bolveri/Fazekas -12, 12, 15;
Bellinger lost to Fazekas -7, -11.

Final Positions Group C

- Hungary
- Poland
- England
- Greece
- Denmark

Group H

v Austria (won 3-2)
Bellinger bt K. Zehetbauer 19, 9;
Creasey bt B. Wiltsche -21, 17, 16;
Bellinger/Creasey lost to Wiltsche/Zehetbauer -12, 15, -12;
Bellinger lost to Wiltsche -15, -16;
Creasey bt Zehetbauer 12, 16.

v Italy (won 3-1)
Bellinger bt M. Cergol 8, -21, 9;
Creasey lost to G. Musia -18, -19;
Bellinger/Creasey bt Cergol/Musia 15, 15;
Bellinger bt Musia 19, 15.

Place 9-10

v Belgium (lost 1-3)
Creasey lost to B. Lippens -10, 21, -14;
Bellinger bt N. Boeckx 13, 18;
Bellinger/Creasey lost to Boeckx/Lippens 18, -15, -13;
Bellinger lost to Lippens 13 (retired injured).

Final Position 10th

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

ENGLAND

Boys					F	A	Opponents
	Sandley	Wilson	Barr	Souter			
	2-0	1-1	2-0		5	1	Finland
	2-0	2-0		1-1	5	1	Denmark
	3-0	1-2		1-2	5	4	France
	0-2		0-1	0-2	0	5	Sweden
	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-2	0	5	Czechoslovakia
	2-0	1-0		1-0	5	0	Austria
	2-1	2-1		1-2	5	4	Yugoslavia
	11-5	7-6	2-2	4-7	1-0	25	20
Girls	Smith	Gordon	Midgley	Gordon/Smith			
	1-0		1-0	1-0	3	0	Scotland
	1-0	1-0		1-0	3	0	Turkey
	2-0	0-1		1-0	3	1	France
	1-1	1-1		1-0	3	2	Netherlands
	0-1	0-1		0-1	0	3	U.S.S.R.
	0-1	0-1		0-1	0	3	Czechoslovakia
		2-0	0-1	1-0	3	1	Fed. Germany
	0-1	0-1		0-1	0	3	Netherlands
	5-4	4-5	1-1	5-3	15	13	
Cadet Boys	Moore	Dixon	Dixon/Moore				
	0-1	0-2	1-0		1	3	Yugoslavia
	2-0	1-1	0-1		3	2	Fed. Germany
	2-0	0-2	0-1		2	3	Hungary
	1-1	1-1	1-0		3	2	Ireland
	1-0	1-0	1-0		3	0	Poland
	1-1	0-2	1-1		2	3	Italy
	2-0	1-0	0-1		3	1	Denmark
	9-3	4-8	4-3		17	14	
Cadet Girls	Bellinger	Creasey	Bellinger/Creasey				
	0-2	0-1	1-0		1	3	Poland
	1-0	1-0	1-0		3	0	Greece
	1-0	1-0	1-0		3	0	Denmark
	0-2	0-1	1-0		1	3	Hungary
	1-1	2-0	0-1		3	2	Austria
	2-0	0-1	1-0		3	1	Italy
	1-1	0-1	0-1		1	3	Belgium
	6-6	4-4	5-2		15	12	

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

October 1979
10 **European League (Super Division) England v France (Southampton).**
13/14 1st Kirklees 2-Star Open, Batley Sports Centre, Windmill Lane, Batley, West Yorkshire. (Finals Sunday 6 p.m.).
Sussex 2-Star Open (Hastings).
Grove Junior 1-Star Open (Market Drayton).
19/20 Leinster Open (Dublin).
20 North of Scotland Open (Aberdeen).
19/21 Greater London Closed Championships (Alexandra Palace) (Finals Sunday 6.30 p.m.).
19/20 North Middlesex 2-Star Open (Wood Green).
21 Aberdare Open (Aberdare).
27/28 **Humberside 3-Star Open, Y.P.I. Ferens Recreation Centre, Chantrelands Avenue North, Hull (Finals Sunday 6.30 p.m.).**

November 1979
3 Midlands Open 1-Star (Dundee).
3/4 Woodfield 1-Star Open (Wolverhampton).
Kent Junior 2-Star (Folkestone).
Swansea Open (Aberavon).
4 **E.T.T.A. International Invitation Tournament (Rothwell, Leeds).**
10 County Championships (2).
10/11 Middlesex Under-15 Junior 2-Star (South Ruislip).
11 West Yorkshire 1-Star (Bradford).
14 **European League (Super Division) England v Yugoslavia (Birmingham).**
15 **Friendly International England v Yugoslavia (Stroud).**
16 Nissen Invitation Tournament.
17 West of Scotland Open (Glasgow).
17/18 **Midland Counties 3-Star Open (Walsall).**
18 Hastings Tigers 1-Star Open (Bexhill).
24/25 Junior Ranking Tournament (Cleveland).

NORTH KOREA - A Player's View



by **GRAHAM DAVIES**
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On the long arduous journey home, one third of the way around the world, amidst the boredom, the cards, the drowsiness, the piped propaganda and inedible meals; one thought kept coming to mind like a recurring bad dream — how on earth do I answer people when they politely enquire "What was Korea like?"

Surely it was not possible to explain in a few brief words two of the most unusual weeks of my life. In fact, I was not sure whether I could even touch upon the experience by answering at length, and that at the risk of being the 'well-travelled bore'. But the worst fear of all, would I, in an irritable weary state, suffering from lack of sleep and the time change, mumble an abrupt answer that would not do justice to a trip to Barry Island. If I was to succumb to the latter reply, then I only hoped that my friends would put it down to 'jet-lag', as this excuse perfectly accepts the blame for all inadequacies following long journeys.

Well the questions have now mostly been answered, and my replies were as inadequate as I feared. The enquiries most easily satisfied were those interested in the table tennis. For on this subject I was only too willing to expound on the success of our team (we won all of our eight matches, and gained promotion to the second category), and also on the eclipse of the Chinese (who surprisingly failed to win any men's titles). This was relatively easy to discuss because I shared with these friends a common frame of reference, that being table tennis, but to those who wished to know of North Korea, I had no basis for explanation or comparison, and found this task as difficult as it had been to talk of Britain to the Koreans. This problem arises from the fact that so few Westerners are allowed to visit Korea, and even fewer Koreans are permitted to leave. In addition there is practically no interchange of news and ideas between our countries.

My own previous knowledge of Korea was confined to the medical exploits of Hawkeye, Radar, Clinger, Hotlips, etc., of the 4077th M.A.S.H. regiment — and I also knew that the late John Wayne had defeated the communist revolutionaries virtually single-handed during the 1950's. But I was unaware of the existing lack of communication until we were informed that there was no Korean Embassy in Britain, and the nearest place to obtain a visa was Switzerland. Hence, our initial flight was a brief hop to Geneva where we spent a relaxing day and night before setting off on the real thing early next morning.

At the airport we were confronted with the sight of a sorrowful South Korean team and officials who had failed to obtain visas, and were therefore barred from playing in the world championships. (How can we still call them that?). The incident moved me considerably. Every player with whom I spoke was sympathetic and appalled. The moment cried out for a great orator to persuade the players of the numerous countries to take immediate action. Solidarity then must have forced the North Koreans to rethink. Some officials ignorantly turned their backs on their South Korean counterparts, and refused to even discuss the situation. But who am I to criticise? I did nothing, and my presumptuous wisdom is considerably aided by hindsight.

Shameful visa holders moved through the usual security checks and screening, without too many hitches. This was followed by a further identification of baggage on leaving the departure lounge, and this is also becoming the norm these days. However, when about to board the plane everyone was presented with their luggage yet again, and the plane's captain, who wore a Biggles-type jacket, demanded we search it once more. He added "This was not a usual day" "Something has happened . . . Something has been found!" All very dramatic, and just the sort of reassurances the nervous fliers needed.

When eventually airborne, the flight passed uneventfully, that is, if one is entitled to describe an 8,000 mile journey which consumes almost a day of one's life, as being uneventful. Refuelling stops were made at Moscow, Novosibirsk (New Siberia) and Irkutsk (Eastern Siberia). The capital's airport offered free literature, in English, by a host of authors who happened to be either Lenin or Marx. Novosibirsk provided us with sub-zero temperatures and the most revolting, smelly toilets in the world; whilst Irkutsk completed a sequence where by each place was more bleak and delapidated than the last.

SHATTERED

On reaching Pyongyang we passed through the welcoming formalities in a numb, shattered state, but our rapidly closing eyes were soon opened wide. Wasn't this the capital city, but where was the traffic? There was not an item of litter to be seen anywhere! Were those people really collecting the dust from the street? The children wore identical uniforms. The men, too, wore exactly the same suits. The women's dresses varied only in the materials, the style was the same. Huge posters proclaimed "Welcome" and "Friendship" (To South Korea also?). The children waved and smiled infectiously, with well-rehearsed spontaneity.

Whilst our eyes were working overtime, our ears were doing likewise. One of our two guides Mr. Chu Jung pitied us because we did not know of the "wise guidance and lofty virtues of the great leader Kim Il Sung". He, the president of North Korea for the past thirty or so years, was attributed with everything that was good about their country. It was Kim Il Sung, the greatest man in the world who presented Mr. Chu with his shoes socks and tie. (All students and school children were provided with free clothing from the state, but it was considered a personal gift from the great man). It was the respected and beloved leader who was solely responsible for their 11 year compulsory education system and free medical service (When we casually mentioned that Britons were also able to enjoy such privileges, they smiled in disbelief and politely said that this was not quite true!).

It was the great president who had built their magnificent theatres, stadiums and palaces of culture, for the people to enjoy. It was the same Kim Il Sung who as a rebel leader in the hills, had fought the "Japanese imperialists" during their occupation of Korea, and it was that man again who revived the country after they had "suffered severe damages by the U.S. imperialist

aggressors cruel bombing raids during the Fatherland Liberation War". Kim Il Sung alone had devised their Juche communism (Any resemblance to the works of Lenin and Marx is purely coincidental).

But do not get the idea that the president is concerned only with the big time. All sorts of tear-jerking tales are attributed to his good nature, and his concern for the well being of his people, and particularly the children. His supreme knowledge encompasses all fields, and he travels the country to give "on the spot guidance" to rice planters and factory workers. He is even said to have spotted the young Pak Yung Sun, and predicted that she would become world table tennis champion, and therefore supplied her with equipment and all she needed to fulfil this aim.

A measure of the esteem in which the beloved leader is held may be gained from the fact that every man, woman and child in the country sports a badge embossed with his head, and every room in every building contains at least one photograph of him.

AMAZEMENT

Our first few days were spent in astonished amazement at the naive adulation of the comrade president. It seemed incredible that our guides could seriously expect us to accept all that we were told, as they obviously did. And the guides were mostly students — who are usually regarded as the most sceptical section of the community. So blind was the devotion that one could easily adopt a sarcastic tone when discussing him, and it was never spotted.

In defence of Mr. Kim Il Sung it must be said that he has achieved wonders in putting his country back on its feet, after it apparently stood in ruins a quarter of a century ago. There is no sign of poverty anywhere, in fact the people looked particularly healthy. The city of Pyongyang has almost entirely been rebuilt, and it is by far the cleanest city I have ever visited. The streets were broad and empty (practically no one owns a car and it was possible to hold a conversation in the middle of the busiest road in the 'rush hour'). The special buildings, museums, theatres etc., were magnificently designed and decorated, but the flats and shops were monotonously the same.

Obviously the only people we really got close to were our guides. Although they all tended to discuss the same topics and spout the same old political clichés this did not hide their individuality. For instance, the two associated with the Welsh team, Mr. Chu and Mr. Kim were very different. The former pushed ideals and beliefs in a most serious manner on every conceivable occasion whilst the latter said very little unless asked. Mr. Kim often saw the humorous side of things and was very good company. However Mr. Kim could never be described as a dissident or a non believer, for when I suggested that the hostilities during the Korea v U.S.A. match were far too extreme and had no place in sport, he gave me a twenty minute monologue without pausing for breath on the atrocities of the Americans during the war.

Incidentally, during the Korean game with the U.S.A., we found ourselves supporting the Americans as a small gesture to even things up a little, and one official tried to remove us from our seats.

The English of the guides was of a very high standard, especially when one considers that they have never left their country and have only been taught by Koreans. Sometimes they used incredible words and phrases, which although correct made one smile. On one occasion Mr. Kim arrived at the stadium soaking wet and exclaimed "It's raining cats and dogs outside!" Another time one of our number was suffering from an anti-social complaint after consuming an ample portion of curry the previous evening, and Mr. Kim enquired "Who made a fart?"

Despite the fact that they were students

of English the guides knowledge of Britain was limited and rather confused. Mr. Chu was under the impression that our respected and beloved leader was someone called Elizabeth. Another guide wished to know if it was true that 1 in 5 of all British men were homosexual. One of the Scottish players was quick to point out that this statistic only applied to Welshmen.

The weather whilst we were there was hot and humid by our standards, but considered to be spring-like by the locals. (We did have a few days of continuous rain). Because of the heat, training and practicing were very difficult at first but not too bad after a few days. Matches were always played in stifling heat mainly because of the vast number of spectators. There was often a capacity 21,000 and there never seemed to be less than 10,000. It should be added, however, that a great percentage of these were on a nationalistic ego trip, rather than genuinely interested in the table tennis. This was very evident when half the crowd left the stadium when the Koreans were defeated in the women's team final, although the blue ribbon event, the men's team final, was still in progress.

COMPARISON

I heard more than one player make a comparison between these championships and the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Another similarity to Hitler's pre-war Germany was the military-styled youth movement to which all the children apparently belonged. The youngsters always marched when mobile in groups and sang patriotic songs. All the children were taught to drive at school (although they are never likely to own a car), and even the youngest girls learned such things as semaphore and morse code.

During our stay we were invited, by the courtesy of Kim Il Sung, to attend numerous functions "for our enjoyment, free of charge". There were concerts galore, an opera, a circus, and various visits to such places as pleasure parks and war museums. The theatres were truly magnificent, and the standard of music and dance very high. The enjoyment of these items was greatly enhanced by the fact that we did not understand the lyrics. If one followed the translations, which were superimposed on a screen alongside the stage, then one became aware of the fact that every song was either honouring Kim Il Sung, glorifying the country, praising Juche communism or pressing for the reunification of Korea.

One three hour opera "Song of Paradise" was full of fine music and fantastic scene changes, but contained a plot which could have been condensed into a 20 second story, and it should qualify for the Guinness Book of Records as the writer managed to make some sort of political reference in every line.

May Day was a national holiday, and was also a rest day as far as table tennis was concerned. In the evening an estimated 100,000 people gathered in Kim Il Sung Square for national dancing. This was virtually the entire population of Pyongyang. Many of the visiting competitors, myself included, were enticed to 'join in', and I was more than grateful that my friends at home were unable to see me, as I may have had great difficulty convincing them of my masculinity after adopting some of the dance poses.

The visit to the Pyongyang national circus was interesting and enjoyable, and very different to the traditional British circus. There were no animals, but plenty of unusual acrobatic and trapeze-type acts. Some of the balancing seemed to defy the laws of gravity as we know them. I momentarily became a converted circus-hater.

An incident in the theatre which proceeded the circus was typical of the way in which we were treated during our visit. One coach full of competitors arrived, after all the seats had been taken. Without anything apparently being said, a whole block of Koreans stood up and silently left, so as to

vacate their seats. Personally I found this extreme courtesy a little embarrassing when entering a shop and finding everyone standing aside to allow me to be served first.

CELEBRATIONS

The farewell celebrations on the final night were a suitable finale. The banquet was followed by dancing in Kim Il Sung Square once again, but this time not so many participants — only about 60,000. As we arrived the entire assembly stood still in an eerie silence which lasted quite some time, until all of us were settled into position. We were again invited to join in, but this time I resisted the temptation although my feet were tapping to the songs which had catchy little titles like, "My country is tax free", "Let's send rice to the People's revolutionary army", "Infinite is the Raftsmen's Honour" and "A Happy Country with People as its Master".

After an hour we walked over to the banks of the river, to the applause and waves of the Koreans. This boost to the ego was diluted by a feeling of awkward self-consciousness. We felt as though we were on a royal walk about. On the banks of the river we joined the missing 40,000 Pyongyang inhabitants to watch a display of illuminated boats and barges, and another open air concert.

By the time these final celebrations were completed I doubt if there was a player in the championships who was not ready for home. Not that I regretted one moment of my stay, for the visit was worthy of the well worn cliché — "an experience of a lifetime".

If, as has been suggested, the table tennis was a bait to lure the world's press into Korea and hence gain some free publicity for a little publicised nation, then I'm not sure the strategy worked. That is unless one subscribes to the Hollywood notion that "all publicity is good publicity", for I personally heard far more cynical than complimentary comments. I don't think that we foreigners could claim any successes either, for I know of no Korean who was converted to decadent western ways. In fact, I think we may have inadvertently helped to consolidate many of our guides views. I recall one of Mr. Chu's remarks "Look at that road. I walk along the street and my mind is in the clouds, although my feet are on the ground. This place is so beautiful I could be in paradise".

PLAYERS' CONTRACTS

by GEORGE WHITE

Vice-Chairman, Administration

E.T.T.A. Rule 30.6.2 provides that no affiliated player may enter into a contract in return for capitalising his skill at table tennis without the sanction of the National Council.

The object of this Rule is to avoid a player getting committed to a contract which may infringe the International or E.T.T.A. regulations, or may make a player unavailable for important events without this being realised when the contract is signed. There have been one or two instances recently where players have not realised that this rule existed, so this reminder about it is being published. The E.T.T.A. has also written to a number of major suppliers seeking their co-operation in something which is believed to be in everyone's best interests. This is what the letter said:

It has for some time past been the practice for major sports goods companies like yourselves to take well-known players under contract, and nowadays this often extends to promising youngsters too. As I think you know, the English Table Tennis Association welcomes such arrangements by responsible companies, which can contribute to increased opportunities for main-

taining and raising the levels of playing skill.

However, there have been instances where such contracts have been entered into without the player first securing the approval required under our Rules. The purpose of this letter is to seek your co-operation in drawing the player's attention to the need to secure such approval before your company enters into any such contract with a player which it might in future contemplate.

We believe it to be in everybody's interests, and particularly those of the junior player who may lack any experience of business affairs, that we should check in advance the actual terms of any such contract related to table tennis which a player may contemplate, in order to ensure, for example, that it contains nothing which might bring the player into conflict with E.T.T.A. or International Table Tennis Federation regulations, or which might restrict the player's freedom to represent England when selected, or his ability to participate in important training, etc. activities.

May I ask if you will ensure in future that any English player you sign under contract first has E.T.T.A. sanction. Such sanction will always be in writing on official notepaper, and be signed by or on behalf of the General Secretary. In seeking permission, the player needs to supply a copy of the intended contract, which will be retained for reference.

We shall be very grateful for your help in this way. In a further effort to avoid future possibility of our players unwittingly breaking the rule about contracts, a copy of this letter will be published in the official magazine.

NORTHANTS NOTES

by Dennis Millman

DEDICATED OFFICIALS

Another season dawns, with the usual teething troubles rapidly being swept aside by the enthusiasm of dedicated officials, who keep the game alive in this, and every other county.

Regrettably, this dedication, for so long a byword in the affairs of the South East Midlands League, has disappeared with the resignation of that most able of administrators, Henry Fox, whose loyalty and expertise has kept the S.E.M.L. on an even keel since its inception in 1961.

With S.E.M. activities suspended for twelve months, the St. Neots League quickly filled the breach with a new Winter League, which should not only keep inter-league table tennis alive, but will also put the excellent facilities at the St. Neots Club to even greater use.

The Northants Committee also had its problems, but with Mrs. P. Kendall taking over as Hon. Sec., and the experienced Dave Marsh replacing the unavailable Rod Marchant as TSB Squad Coach, the season again starts on an optimistic note. Particularly pleasing is the presence on the E.C. of the youthful but enthusiastic Brian Wooding, Graham Oke and Tim Forster. Let us hope that the County teams benefit from such support, and with the opening fixture, a First Team game against Leicestershire, on Oct. 13 at Corby, it won't be long before we get a guide to this season's form.

As anticipated the trials for the TSB Junior Squad were sprinkled with surprise results, but in the end the composition of the squad was more or less as predicted, with one vacancy reserved for an early season addition to the ranks.

Selected Squad:

Boys: Keith Nicoll, Ken Nicholl, Neil Knatt, Terry Cardwell, Graeme McKim, Neil Ridge, Ian Hawes, Richard Malfait.
Girls: Jane Nicoll, Jane Wallis, Joanne Cutler.

U.S. OPEN

by MALCOLM ANDERSON,

Chairman, Photographic Committee,
U.S.T.T.A.

Milan Orlovski justified his No. 1 seeding in the 1979 U.S. Open, played at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Uniondale, New York over the period June 27 - July 1, 1979, beating his fellow Czech Josef Dvoracek in the final 7, -16, 16, -9, 9.

Orlovski's speed was too much for Dvoracek's spin and power. In the semis Orlovski beat Park Lee Hee (S. Korea) 8, 14, 13 and Dvoracek upset Desmond Douglas of England (yet again!) 18, -20, 15, 21.

Quarter-finals:

Orlovski bt Dan Seemiller (USA) 7, 8, 12;
Park bt Jindrich Pansky (Cze) 19, 19, 17;
Dvoracek bt Jacques Secretin (Fra)
18, -16, 13, -17, 15;
Douglas bt Jochen Leiss (GFR)
14, -15, 12, 13.

Interesting Eighthths:

Pansky bt Donald Parker (Eng) 11, 15, 10;
Dvoracek bt Kjell Johansson (Swe)
12, 9, -12, 12.

Lee Ki Won of South Korea was the winner of the women's singles beating Kayoko Kawahigashi of Japan (world-ranked at No. 8) 15, 9 and 8 in the final. Miss Lee has Phantom rubber on one side of her penhold racket, and she confuses her opponents by occasionally spinning her racket and hitting with the Phantom!

Semi-finals:

Lee bt Tamae Urushio (Japan)
16, 15, -12, 17;
Kawahigashi bt Claude Bergeret (Fra)
7, 11, 4.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Dvoracek/Pansky bt Leiss/P. Stellwag
(GFR) 13, 18, 9;
Orlovski/Secretin bt Douglas/Parker
-16, 18, 15, 13.

Final:

DVORACEK/PANSKY bt Orlovski/Secretin
17, 16, -13, 15.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Kawahigashi/Takahashi bt Bergeret/Thiriet
15, -22, -17, 12, 17;
Lee/Lee bt Harada/Urushio 14, 16, 16.

Final:

KAWAHIGASHI/TAKAHASHI bt Lee/Lee
17, 19, -16, 18.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Secretin/Bergeret bt Pansky/Kawahigashi;
Dvoracek/Takahashi bt Joe Eng/Gloria
Nesukaitis (Canada).

Final:

SECRETIN/BERGERET bt Dvoracek/
Takahashi 16, 14, 16.

TEAM EVENTS

Men's Final:

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3 England 1
Dvoracek bt Douglas 11, 14;
Orlovski bt Parker 15, 11;
Orlovski/Pansky lost to Douglas/Parker
-11, -13;

Orlovski bt Douglas 13, 14.

Semi-finals:

England 3 Federal Germany 1
Douglas bt Leiss 12, 10;
Parker lost to Stellwag -14, -19;
Douglas/Parker bt Leiss/Stellwag 18, -13, 16;
Douglas bt Stellwag -18, 17, 15.
Czechoslovakia 3 South Korea 2
Orlovski bt Cho Dong Won 16, 11;
Dvoracek lost to Park Lee Hee -12, -8;
Orlovski/Pansky bt Cho/Park 18, 13;
Orlovski lost to Park 19, -19, 17;
Dvoracek bt Cho 9, 16.

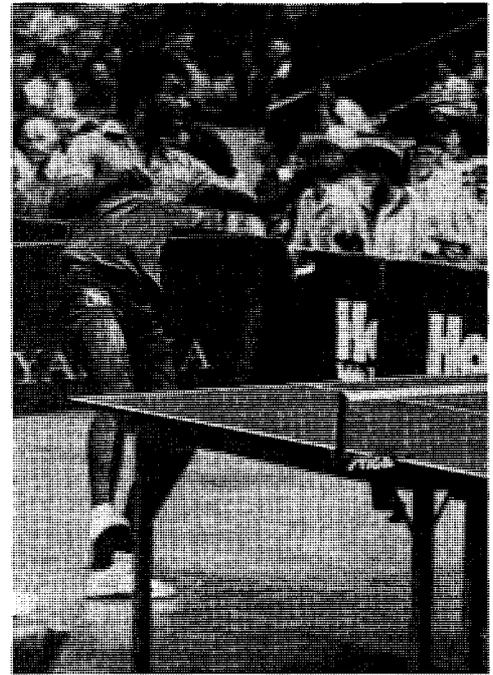
Women's Final:

JAPAN 3 South Korea 2
Kawahigashi bt Choi Tae Ok 8, 12;

Takahashi lost to Lee Ki Won -10, -13;
Kawahigashi/Takahashi bt Lee/Lee 9, 19;
Kawahigashi lost to Lee Ki Won -10, -8;
Takahashi bt Choi 16, -19, 16 (expedite in
2nd game).

Semi-finals:

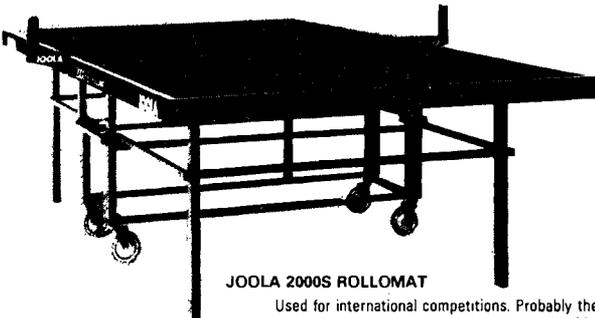
South Korea bt France 3-1;



Des Douglas beaten in the semi-final of the men's singles by Josef Dvoracek.

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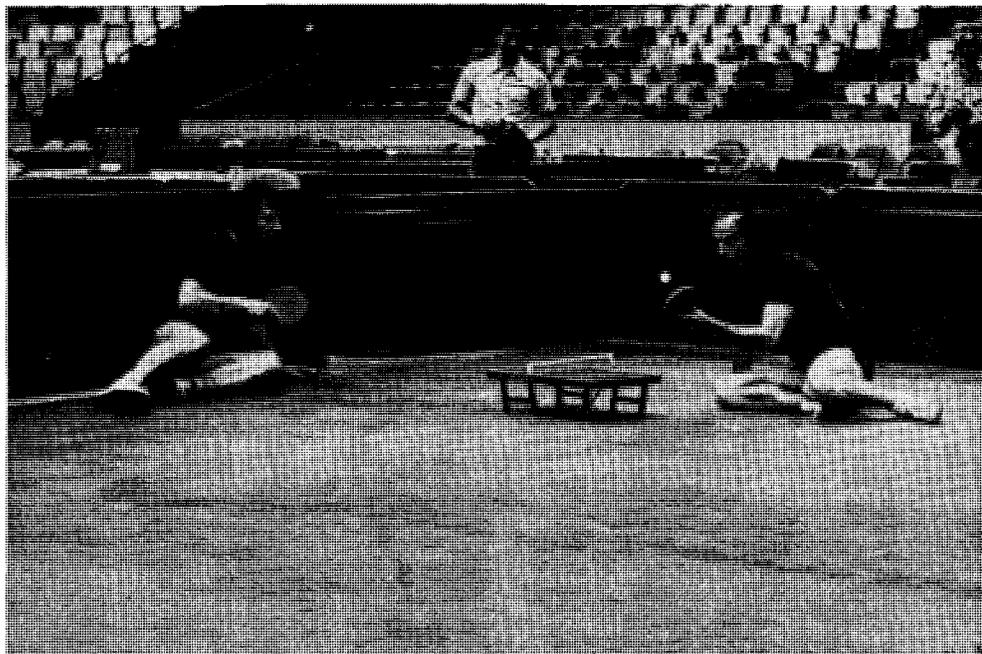
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Jacques Secretin (right) and Vincent Purkart of France getting down to it in preparation to their fantastic exhibition.

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Japan bt U.S.A. 3-0.

An outstanding event at this tournament was the exhibition match staged by Jacques Secretin and Vincent Purkart, with Claude Bergeret as umpire and Brigitte Thiriet as scorekeeper. The table tennis was superb, and the comedy fantastic. Try to picture a match scripted by Gilbert and Sullivan — better yet, see one of their exhibitions if you ever get the chance!

Other Events:

- MS (U-21): Pansky bt Jens Fehlke (Sweden) 20, 6, 17.
- BS (U-17): Eric Boggan (USA) bt Quang Bui (USA) 11, 20, 15.
- GS (U-17): Kasia Dawidowicz (USA) bt Lena Waller (Sweden) -12, 14, 12, -17, 9.
- BS (U-15): Eric Boggan bt Joe Eng (Canada) 11, 13, 7.

- GS (U-15): Cheryl Dadian (USA) bt Gunnell Borgstrom (Sweden) 13, -18, 10, 16.
- MVS (0-40): Vincent Purkart (Fra) bt G. Braithwaite (USA) 16, -19, 18, 12.
- WVS (0-40): Yvonne Kronlage (USA) bt Pat Hodgins (USA).
- MVS (0-50): Bernard Bukiet bt Henry Deutsch.
- MVS (0-60): Bill Hornyak bt Laszlo Bellak.
- MVS (0-70): John Kauderer bt C. M. McCallister.

The Angby club of Sweden sent about 40 people to our tournament — all of them nice — we hope they will send even more to the next U.S. Open, which will probably be held in Oklahoma City.

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APOLOGY AT THE A.G.M.

Mike Greatrex (Hon. Treasurer) opened his report at the E.T.T.A. A.G.M., held at the Bonnington Hotel, London on July 14/79, by apologising for the lack of properly audited accounts. He had failed to appreciate the considerable amount of work involved in producing these accounts, and had not started preparatory work early enough. An audited set of accounts would be circulated as soon as possible. He invited any questions on the basis of the interim financial statement he had provided. The Chairman (Tom Blunn) thanked the meeting for its indulgence and paid tribute to Mr. Greatrex.

Tom Blunn, vacating the chair in favour of Maurice Goldstein (President), proposed an increase in the fee structure. After putting the E.T.T.A.'s case a block vote was requested and taken resulting in 15,758 votes for to 1,678 against the Proposition which the President declared carried. The annual affiliation fees will thus become (in season 1980/81) 50p instead of 21p per team place, plus 50p for one reserve place, for each team (i.e. £1.50 for each team playing in a two-a-side division, £2.00 for each team playing in a three-a-side division and so on pro rata. 25p instead of 10p per team place, plus 25p for one reserve place, for each team in a Youth League, etc.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

The Chairman (Tom Blunn) proposed on behalf of the National Council that Maurice Goldstein O.B.E. be elected President for a further three year term. This was agreed with acclamation, Mr. Goldstein indicating his pleasure to be able to give continuing service to the Association.

It was further proposed by the Chairman the re-election, for a further three year term, of the following existing Vice-Presidents: Mrs. A. Jones, M.B.E., Mrs. N. Vint, Messrs. J. Carrington, W. Evans, C. Jaques, P. Marks, A. G. Steggall, D. N. Tyler and E. Worsley. Agreed.

The Chairman then proposed, also on behalf of the National Council the election, for a first term of three years, the following new Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Elsie Carrington, Messrs. L. Constable, I. Crickmer, P. Smith and M. Shaffner. Agreed.

The Ivor Montagu Award went to Tony Ross of Yorkshire and the Leslie Forrest Award to Alan Shepherd of Essex. The President then presented the Malcolm Scott Award to Mr. E. G. White paying tribute to his long service and particularly to the additional work he had undertaken over the last two years as Vice-Chairman Administration. The presentation was greeted with acclaim, and George White expressed his gratitude.

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NORWICH UNION MASTERS

SURBEK SUPREMO
AT MILTON KEYNES

by The Editor

Yugoslavia's Dragutin Surbek, at 33 the oldest player in the tournament, won the £5,250 Norwich Union Masters title after a surprisingly one-sided 21-12, 21-16 victory over Li Zhenzhi of the People's Republic of China at Milton Keynes on May 31.

In a class field of 16 international players, but lacking the new world champion Seiji Ono of Japan, England's sole representative, Desmond Douglas, was well below his best winning only two of his seven Group "B" matches — the 16 were initially split into two groups of 8 — and finishing no higher than No. 11 with a final victory over Jochen Leiss of Federal Germany.

Surbek, despite losing two matches in Group "A", to Tibor Klampar of Hungary and Shi Zhihao of China, succeeded in winning a place in the quarter-finals at which stage he disposed of Tibor Kreisz (Hungary) going on to account for Shi Zhihao, when the pair met for a second time in the semis and, in the final, Li Zhenzhi who had eliminated Klampar in the penultimate round.

RESULTS:

Group A (Final Placings)

- 1 Li Zhenzhi (CHN)
 - 2 Dragutin Surbek (YUG)
 - 3 Tibor Klampar (HUN)
 - 4 Shi Zhihao (CHN)
 - 5 Milan Orlovski (CZE)
 - 6 Jochen Leiss (GFR)
 - 7 Janos Takacs (HUN)
 - 8 Mikael Appelgren (SWE)
- Li Zhenzhi bt Takacs 13, -15, 15;
bt Leiss 13, 16;
bt Shi Zhihao -12, 13, 17;
bt Orlovski 17, 16;
bt Appelgren 15, -17, 11;
bt Klampar 14, -14, 17;
lost to Surbek 18, -9, -18.

- Surbek bt Li Zhenzhi -18, 9, 18;
bt Orlovski 19, 11;
bt Takacs 18, 11;
bt Appelgren 12, 17;
bt Leiss 17, 13;
lost to Klampar 17, -14, -17;
lost to Shi Zhihao -17, -17.

- Klampar bt Surbek -17, 14, 17;
bt Takacs 18, 19;
bt Appelgren 19, -11, 18;
bt Orlovski 18, 10;
bt Shi Zhihao 20, 12;
lost to Leiss 16, -16, -18;
lost to Li Zhenzhi -14, 14, -17.

- Zhihao bt Surbek 17, 17;
bt Takacs 14, 17;
bt Leiss 18, 12;
bt Appelgren -15, 18, 15;
lost to Li Zhenzhi 12, -13, -17;
lost to Orlovski -12, 18, -20;
lost to Klampar -20, -12.

- Orlovski bt Shi Zhihao 12, -18, 20;
bt Takacs -18, 9, 18;
bt Appelgren 19, 16;
lost to Klampar -18, -10;
lost to Surbek -19, -11;
lost to Leiss -17, -18;
lost to Li Zhenzhi -17, -16.

- Leiss bt Orlovski 17, 18;
lost to Shi Zhihao -18, -12;
bt Klampar -16, 16, 18;
lost to Appelgren -22, 18, -17;

- lost to Li Zhenzhi -13, -16;
lost to Takacs 20, -15, -20;
lost to Surbek -17, -13.
- Takacs bt Leiss -20, 15, 20;
lost to Klampar -18, -19;
lost to Orlovski 18, -9, -18;
lost to Surbek -18, -11;
lost to Shi Zhihao -14, -17;
lost to Li Zhenzhi -13, 15, -15;
bt Appelgren 15, -20, 16.
- Appelgren bt Leiss 22, -18, 17;
lost to Shi Zhihao -15, 18, -15;
lost to Li Zhenzhi -15, 17, -11;
lost to Surbek -12, -17;
lost to Orlovski -19, -16;
lost to Klampar -19, 11, -18;
lost to Takacs -15, 20, -16.

Group B (Final Placings)

- 1 Huang Liang (CHN)
 - 2 Ulf Thorsell (SWE)
 - 3 Tibor Kreisz (HUN)
 - 4 Istvan Jonyer (HUN)
 - 5 Josef Dvoracek (CZE)
 - 6 Desmond Douglas (ENG)
 - 7 Peter Stellwag (GFR)
 - 8 Gabor Gergely (HUN)
- Huang Liang bt Thorsell -17, 12, 17;
bt Douglas -15, 14, 16;
bt Dvoracek 8, 12;
bt Stellwag 15, 6;
bt Kreisz -16, 13, 14;
bt Gergely 19, 13;
lost to Jonyer -14, -19.
- Thorsell bt Douglas -11, 13, 19;
bt Jonyer 19, 21;
bt Stellwag -18, 16, 8;
bt Dvoracek 16, -11, 10;
bt Gergely 19, -14, 17;
lost to Huang Liang 17, -12, -17;
lost to Kreisz 19, -21, -11.
- Kreisz bt Thorsell -19, 21, 11;
bt Dvoracek 13, 11;
bt Jonyer -19, 13, 17;
lost to Gergely 11, -19, -13;
lost to Huang Liang 16, -13, -14;
bt Douglas 18, 15;
lost to Stellwag -19, -18.
- Jonyer bt Stellwag 15, -10, 17;
bt Douglas 8, 16;
bt Gergely 18, 16;
lost to Huang Liang -14, -19;
lost to Dvoracek -17, -19;
lost to Kreisz 19, -13, -17;
lost to Thorsell -19, -21.

- Dvoracek bt Stellwag 14, -18, 18;
bt Douglas -8, 13, 15;
bt Gergely 19, 10;
lost to Thorsell -16, 11, -10;
lost to Kreisz -13, -11;
lost to Huang Liang -8, -12;
bt Jonyer 17, 19.

- Douglas bt Gergely 12, 16;
bt Stellwag 15, 15;
lost to Thorsell 11, -13, -19;
lost to Huang Liang 15, -14, -16;
lost to Dvoracek 8, -13, -15;
lost to Kreisz -18, -15;
lost to Jonyer -8, -16.

- Stellwag bt Gergely 16, 14;
bt Kreisz 19, 18;
lost to Dvoracek -14, 18, -18;
lost to Jonyer -15, 10, -17;
lost to Thorsell 18, -16, -8;
lost to Huang Liang -15, -6;
lost to Douglas -15, -15;

- Gergely bt Kreisz -11, 19, 13;
lost to Stellwag -16, -14;
lost to Dvoracek -19, -10;
lost to Douglas -12, -16;
lost to Huang Liang -19, -13;
lost to Jonyer -18, -16;
lost to Thorsell 19, -14, -17.

- Match to decide places 15 and 16
Appelgren bt Gergely 18, -13, 15.

- Match to decide places 13 and 14
Takacs bt Stellwag 19, -19, 14.

- Match to decide places 11 and 12
Douglas bt Leiss 18, 13.

- Match to decide places 9 and 10
Orlovski bt Dvoracek 17, 12.

- Matches to decide places 1 to 8

Quarter-finals:

- Li Zhenzhi bt Jonyer 7, 17;
Klampar bt Thorsell 14, -13, 12;
Surbek bt Kreisz 14, 18;
Shi Zhihao bt Huang Liang 12, 14.

Play-Offs between losing quarter-finalists

- Thorsell bt Jonyer -11, 15, 14;
Huang Liang bt Kreisz 14, 11.

- Match to decide places 7 and 8
Jonyer bt Kreisz 12, 12.

- Match to decide places 5 and 6
Huang Liang bt Thorsell 13, 20.

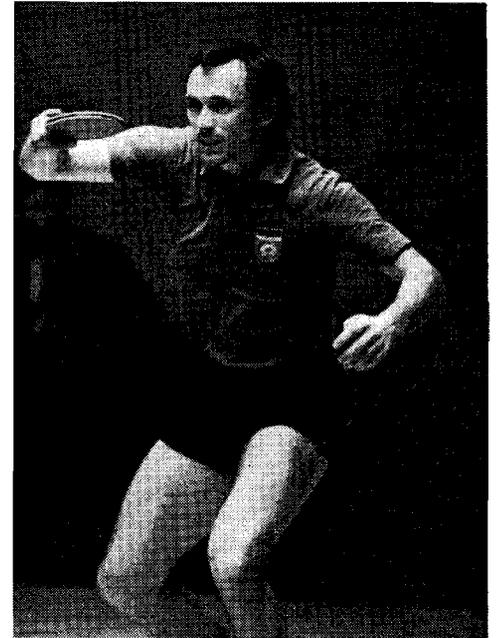
Semi-finals:

- Li Shenshi bt Klampar -15, 15, 10;
Surbek bt Shi Zhihao 19, 15.

- Match to decide places 3 and 4
Shi Zhihao bt Klampar -17, 9, 11.

Final:

- SURBEK bt Li Zhenzhi 12, 16.



Norwich Union Master Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia.

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UNIVERSITY TRIBUTE

A nice tribute that came our way recently followed one of the Stiga Club Training weekends, held at the University of Aston in Birmingham last July. Almost a hundred ranked juniors and 30 senior players of county standard upwards took part. Writing to dispose of some minor accounting items, the Manager of the University premises used said:

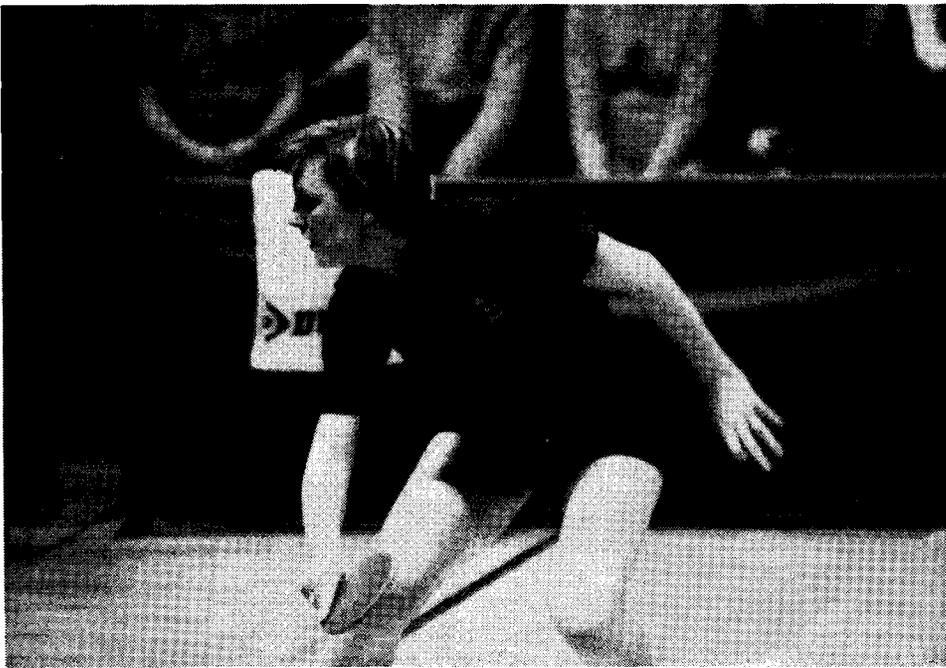
"I should like to take this opportunity to compliment you and your coaching staff on the superbly organised and controlled event held at the University last weekend.

"After some of the experiences we have had with large weekend bookings it was a pleasure to play host to such a well behaved and orderly group of youngsters".

Of course, the organiser, Jack Carrington, and the Coaches deserve the credit they are given. But so, too, we suggest, do the young players themselves.

SENIOR RANKING TOURNAMENT

Due to the lack of sponsorship and a clash of dates with the Invitation Tournament the National Selection Committee regrettably have cancelled the Senior Ranking Tournament proposed for the 3rd/4th November, 1979. Should a sponsor subsequently be found it is hoped that an alternative date can be arranged for this season.



M.B.E. FOR JILL HAMMERSLEY

England's top table tennis player, Jill Hammersley was awarded the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in June. The accolade was given in recognition of her contribution to sport both at home and abroad. Jill has devoted 17 years to table tennis and brought great prestige to her country.

As Miss Shirley, Jill's first major tournament success was the English Junior Open, but by far her greatest triumph was in winning the 1976 European women's singles crown when, in Prague, she beat Maria Alexandru of Rumania in a memorable final.

Jill has won countless singles and doubles titles, including the Norwich Union English and International championships and other major European titles and the Commonwealth crown on three successive occasions.

Seventeen years is a long time and a great deal of hard work and dedication have been required to gain these achievements, but Jill says she would not have done anything different. She has travelled widely and comments that meeting so many nice people has been a great part of playing table tennis. Jill started playing at the Slough British Legion and was coached by the late Alf Robinson.

This could well be her last season as she plans to retire and have a family. Meanwhile she enjoys looking after her goats, lambs and calves and has now become involved on the commercial side with a sports shop in Dorking.

Jill is currently ranked No. 1 woman player both in England and in Europe and No. 9 in the world rankings recently published by the International Table Tennis Federation.

Photo by Geoff Newman, Maldon, Essex.

there are airports and seaports in the top half of the country, but there is no doubt at all that air and sea services are better and more frequent and indeed less expensive in the South.

So, geographically and economically, everything is weighted heavily against the North, despite the tremendous efforts put in by Alan Ransome and his army of helpers in the Cleveland area when an event is held there.

Last, but not least there is the question of hotels. The bulk of the hotels in England big enough to take large parties and geared to take bookings for odd days are south of a line from Birmingham to The Wash.

Few of us realise the amount of negotiation that has to go into arranging block hotel bookings at reduced prices even in the South.

"All roads lead to London" is a well-worn catch-phrase. I can see little hope of Tony Ross realising his ambition of an equal share of tournaments between North and South, whilst London remains in the South! I doubt if Tony can even attempt to explode the case I have outlined but I shall look with interest at his attempt to enlarge constructively on proposals to shift some of the action into cooler northern parts — meanwhile, I shall not be thinking of buying warmer winter clothing this coming season, or even the season after!

WELSH JUNIOR OPEN

CLEAN SWEEP FOR ENGLAND

English players swept the cupboard bare at Cardiff over the weekend of Sept. 1/2 in the Welsh Junior Open the major titles going to **Kevin Satchell** and **Mandy Reeves** who, together with Mark Oakley and Joy Grundy made up the official E.T.T.A. entry under n.p.c. Mike Kercher with the new E.T.T.A. National Coach David Fairholme.

Mandy and Joy won the girls' doubles but, surprisingly, Kevin and Mark were beaten in the final of the boys' doubles by Robert Swift (Cams) and Eddy Gorniak (Middx.). But, in the final of the mixed doubles Mark and Joy beat Kevin and Mandy to round off a memorable performance by the English representatives.

In the two Cadet events Gary Lambert of Devon beat David Griffiths (Glamorgan) for the boys' title and Lisa Bellinger (Beds) accounted for Alison Hillard (Hunts) in the final of the Cadet girls' event.

RESULTS:

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

K. Satchell (ENG) bt R. Swift (Ca)
19. -21, 12;

M. Thomas (WAL) bt M. Oakley (ENG) 18, 9.

Final:
SATCHELL bt Thomas -13, 15, 16.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

M. Reeves (ENG) bt C. Dalrymple (SCO)
19, 14;

Final:
REEVES bt C. Creasey (Do) 15, 14.

Boys' Doubles Final:

E. GORNIK (Mi)/R. SWIFT (Ca) bt
Oakley/Satchell 16, 16.

Girls' Doubles Final:

J. GRUNDY (ENG)/REEVES bt A. Burke
(Bk)/C. Butler (Dv) -11, 10, 10.

Mixed Doubles Final:

OAKLEY/GRUNDY bt Satchell/Reeves
17, 19.

Consolation Boys' Singles Final:

G. LAMBERT (Dv) bt D. Griffiths (Gn) 7, 13.

Consolation Girls' Singles Final:

L. BELLINGER (Bd) bt A. Hillard (Hu)
13, 12.

of sending me from one end of the country to the other escalates daily and as we all know national daily newspapers, indeed all newspapers, have to watch their expenses like a cat watches a mouse.

THE PORTS

So it is all a question of expense and in particular the cost to the E.T.T.A. and the sponsors of transporting foreign teams from both the channel seaports and the two London airports.

We now have three major events, the Norwich Union International Championships, the Norwich Union English Championships Under-21 championships, all of which revolve around a vital factor — getting the foreign parties to and from the venue to the sea or airports, quickly and without too much expense.

I have watched the E.T.T.A. tournament officials working for many frustrating hours at the venues, struggling with the transport problems and the whims of the foreign team captains. In fact, some officials spend almost all their time on the important task of keeping the visitors happy.

Professional and amateur officials alike have to work day and night on and off the telephone making sympathetic noises to hotel managers, mini-bus drivers, players, coaches, etc. All this when the arrival and departure points are relatively close. I am well aware of the counter argument, that

PING COMMENTARY

IT'S NOT JUST A QUESTION OF GEOGRAPHY

by John Woodford

Deputy Table Tennis Correspondent
"THE DAILY TELEGRAPH"

My former enemy now close (table tennis) friend Tony Ross threw up the old chestnut at the E.T.T.A. A.G.M. concerning the choice of mainly southern venues for the major tournaments.

This is a question that interests me greatly for several reasons, not the least of which is that when I submit a list of major forthcoming events to "The Daily Telegraph" at the start of a season most of them are approved except those in the North.

When an event comes up in the Lancashire or Yorkshire areas I am usually told that the happening will be covered from the Manchester office of the "Telegraph". The results are that coverage, usually restricted, is given by a journalist outside table tennis. There is also the important factor that as I live in the South the cost

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YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross



GEOFF SCRUTON

NEW CHAIRMAN

Hull's Harry Flinton retired as Chairman of the Association at the A.G.M., held at the Queens Hotel, Leeds, on June 27, after holding the office for a record 23 seasons. In recognition of his long service to the county, E.T.T.A. Chairman Tom Blunn, a Yorkshire Vice-President, made a presentation of a portable TV set and a carriage clock to Harry, from contributions made by leagues and his many colleagues in the sport, both past and present.

The new Chairman is Harrogate's Geoff Scruton, who is also continuing, for the moment at least, as County Umpires Secretary. An International Umpire and Tournament Referee, Geoff is a native Yorkshireman, born in Harrogate. He is a local government officer with Harrogate District Council and is married with two daughters and two sons. Geoff plays for Knarborough Social Club in the Harrogate League and his elder son Philip plays in the same team. Younger son David has also taken up the sport, one of his daughters is married to a table tennis player and nephew Richard, currently working for Teessport, is an International Umpire and National Referee, so table tennis features strongly in the Scruton family circle.

Geoff is a former Chairman of the Harrogate League and a qualified youth leader, having held posts at Wetherby Crypt and Starbeck Youth Clubs. He is a N.A.L.G.O. member and a past Secretary, Conference

Delegate and President of the local branch. His other interests are swimming, chess, jazz and classical music and learning to play the guitar. He is a non-smoker and teetotaler. Geoff hopes to visit as many other leagues within Yorkshire as possible, to increase the number of qualified umpires and referees in the county and to promote the sport generally.

A new venture in the Yorkshire League this season will be a Cadet Division, for under-14 teams consisting of 3 boys and 1 girl, the format used for the existing popular Junior Divisions.

Bradford League champions Unity are the only Yorkshire club playing in the new National League, in Division 2. The team squad is a Bradford/Halifax/Sheffield/Leicester amalgamation comprising Kevin Beadsley, Tony Bottomley, Clem Lo, Steve Mills and Chris Rogers. We wish them good fortune in their endeavours.

County trials are currently in progress with the main interest being the composition of the senior first team and the question mark over the future availability of Alan Fletcher, who has signed to play in the German Bundesliga but has been refused E.T.T.A. permission to do so.

BERKSHIRE NOTES

by Brian Halliday

NEW DIMENSION

The "Clifton Styles" Invitation Tournament takes on a new dimension and gets the new Berkshire season off to a memorable start. The organising committee from the Kidmore End T.T.C. and their sponsors, Clifton Styles, Estate Agents, have managed to attract many top line British stars to play and the event takes on a real international flavour for the first time. The recent development of putting the skills of our top ranked women against top class men will be demonstrated at the highest level as there is an excellent chance that both Jill Hammersley and Des Douglas will be in action. It is very seldom that Berkshire supporters can witness a tournament of this magnitude and a big crowd is expected at Reading Old Town Hall on Saturday, 22nd September.

The relegation of the County first team at the end of the last campaign caused only temporary dismay. The committee is confident that we have the players to bring us success this season. The squad of senior players will be almost the same as last season with the exception of Karen Witt whose talents are to be in action elsewhere. The new National League will claim Andy Wellman, Dave Barr, Dave Gloster and Dave Reeves, who have all signed for local team Macleans of Maidenhead. County ranked No. 3 Simon Heaps has registered for Ormesby, the Middlesbrough-based club, but all these top liners have indicated a willingness to play for the County whenever possible.

Berkshire has produced some very fine female players over the last five years and with England-ranked Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith both available, County wins are a certainty in this department. There are several girls who have made rapid improvement during the summer months namely Jenny Collins and Susan Collier. Susan is still a cadet and if recent form is maintained a national ranking for this likeable teenager is a possibility.

There is no doubt there is a new spirit abroad in local table tennis circles. The traditional stronghold is Reading and their league continues to go from strength to strength. However, the progressive Maidenhead committee have brought fresh ideas and a dedicated approach to the County Association recently. Both the Didcot and Newbury leagues are back taking a positive interest in County affairs and with Brack-

nell showing their usual active interest the future would seem to be very bright.

There are many coaches and helpers doing a splendid job in fostering and encouraging new talent in this area. The Maidenhead junior success story over the past few years has been mainly due to the efforts of one man, Hugh Bartholomew who has given all his spare time in coaching youngsters. Hugh is taking a well deserved rest this season and his unstinting efforts on behalf of the County and the Maidenhead league will be much missed.

The County held a full day of trials at the Bulmershe Sports Centre recently. Approximately 70 players took part in this event which was held to provide our Selection and Ranking Committee with as much information of current form as possible.

Following the completion of the trials the top cadets were invited to Southampton for the Regional U-14 rankings tournament. Our representatives had a splendid day and Paul Halliday, Jim Stokes, Michael Childs (all Reading) and Martyn Metcalfe (Maidenhead) fulfilled places 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively. Susan Collier gained the runners-up spot in the girls' event to complete a very well worthwhile day for the Berkshire contingent.

The first set of Berkshire Rankings for the new season are:

Men

1. A. Wellman (R), 2. D. Barr (N), 3. S. Heaps (R), 4. D. Reeves (N), 5. J. Stokes (R), 6. D. Wise (N), 7. D. Gloster (M), 8. R. Koslowski (N), 9. G. Outtrim (B), 10. M. Dean (M), 11. R. Mason (B).

Women

1. M. Smith (N), 2. A. Gordon (R), 3. C. Reeves (N), 4. J. Purslow (R), 5. S. Blackburn (M), 6. A. Burke (R), 7. T. Vallis (R), 8. C. Basden (R), 9. J. Collins (R), 10. S. Haddrell (D), 11. R. Purseglove (R).

Boys U-17

1. B. Johnson (N), 2. I. Fullerton (M), 3. M. Barr (N), 4. S. Coulson (M), 5. T. Simmons (N), 6. S. Kirton (B), 7. G. Bolton (B), 8. P. Halliday (R), 9. S. Rowland (R), 10. M. Childs (R), 11. A. Nash (B), 12. S. Miller (M), 13. S. Benslev (B), 14. A. Grant (M), 15. K. Liguorish (D).

Girls U-17

1. Gordon, 2. Blackburn, 3. Burke, 4. Vallis, 5. Collins, 6. S. Collier (M), 7. L. Green (R), 8. J. Andrews (R), 9. K. McKenzie (N), 10. R. Champion (B), 11. G. Abraham (M), 12. P. Duncan (M), 13. D. Cooper (M), 14. S. Holmes (M), 15. J. Watling (M), 16. T. Lillington (M).

Cadet Boys

1. Halliday, 2. Childs, 3. J. Stokes Jnr. (R), 4. M. Metcalfe (M), 5. G. Lovell (M), 6. P. Lewis (M), 7. R. Taylor (D), 8. P. Andrews (Woodley) (R), 9. D. Langley (N), 10. S. Liguorish (D), 11. I. McKenzie (N), 12. H. Da Silva (M).

Cadet Girls

1. Collier, 2. Green, 3. Andrews, 4. Cooper, 5. Holmes, 6. Lillington, 7. H. Vallis (R), 8. J. Abraham (M).

Veterans

1. A. Foster (R), 2. D. Jones (Rabson) (R), 3. G. Roberts (R), 4. C. Dyke (R), 5. E. Cripps (R), 6. T. Howie (M), 7. W. Allanson (R), 8. R. Mehew (B), 9. H. Bartholomew (M), 10. R. Holiday (R), 11. J. Venables (M), 12. B. Halliday (B).

N-Newbury, M-Maidenhead, R-Reading, D-Didcot, B-Bracknell.

SHROPSHIRE NOTES

by Gerald Green

STALWARTS WILL BE MISSED

For various reasons some of the old faces will be missing from the Shropshire scene this season.

Alan Cavell retired from his positions as President and National Councillor at the last A.G.M., and is replaced as President by

former Chairman Bill Harris and as National Councillor by Telford representative Trevor Felton.

Alan's association with various aspects of the County's administration goes back many years and he has quite a few 'firsts' to his name. First National Councillor (1970-79), first Coaching Secretary to appear as Shropshire's representative at Regional level (1972), first Umpire's Secretary (1973), and first person to write these notes (1970-78). In addition (except for one year) he was President of the Shropshire Table Tennis Association from 1971 until his retirement in May.

The only word to summarise these efforts is 'dedication' — especially as he is the leading figure in every facet of Telford and Albrighton (his own club) table tennis.

On behalf of the Association I take the opportunity of saying this public 'thank you' to Alan, who I understand still proposes to carry on at Albrighton.

County Coach Paddy Jackson (and his family) have moved to Bristol as a result of work 'promotion'. Congratulations to Paddy on that, but his efforts to get Shropshire on the map so far as table tennis is concerned will always be appreciated and remembered. As an organiser he took some beating and he will be difficult to follow as a coach, and is working very hard at both the although Graham Cheetham has taken over practical and administrative aspects.

Again I would like to take this opportunity of saying a public personal thank you to Paddy for his efforts on behalf of my son Malcolm.

Dora, Paddy's wife, also leaves an administrative gap because as treasurer she kept the County's accounts in good order — not an easy task these days — and she also helped out in many other ways with various jobs which crop up during the season. Mike Powell from Telford takes over.

The third Jackson to be missed will be Paul, who as our top Cadet was one of the brightest prospects for the future. Our loss will be Avon's gain, and congratulations to Paul for getting in to the England Cadet Rankings — No. 14 at the end of last season. A well deserved reward for some hard work.

County No. 2 Senior Nigel Thomas has also left Shropshire — to live in Middlesex (again on his father's work promotion) and obviously he will be missed from our team point of view. However no doubt his own play will benefit from the extra competition in that area — best wishes to him and his family.

Les and Ian Baker have asked to return to the Shropshire scene after opting to be ranked by Clwyd for the past few seasons. As former prominent Juniors we hope they will make up in some respects for Nigel's departure, especially as I understand they recently did well on a Tees Sport Course.

Mentioning that course leads me to the visit to Shrewsbury of Nicky Jarvis who, as guest of Shrewsbury Association Chairman Derek Ruddock, ran a week end coaching course for our Juniors at Condover Hall in the summer. I understand he is to come again soon, once more at Derek's invitation, this time to run a short course at Pontesbury.

Pontesbury Club, under John Morris, is sure to again figure prominently in the coming season's events, as is the Grove Club, Market Drayton, under Bob Bayliss and Ian Marshall. The latter club have made Shropshire history by organising our first 'Open' tournament — The Grove Junior 1 Star — to be held on 13/14 October, 1979.

Going back to officials leaving, Neville Birch the Shrewsbury Secretary tendered his resignation at the recent Shrewsbury A.G.M. and is replaced by Barry Taylor former League Match Secretary. Neville has worked hard for Shrewsbury T.T. over the past few years but has recently been unable to devote enough time to his position and

it is for this reason alone that he steps down. I am sure Barry will do a good job.

At that meeting President Bill Harris said: "The organisation of the league went smoothly last season and the new handbook was a great success. From the playing point of view Malcolm Green had another outstanding season, fulfilling his promise as a Junior. A number of the younger players had shone throughout the season. In the recent No. 4 Region trials Shropshire representatives had done well with Cadet boys Ivan Smith and Martin Tuft having been ranked 4 and 6 respectively, and Cadets Alison Barker and Kate Harris 5th and 7th in the girls".

Treasurer Roger Whitfield reported a loss on the season as against a profit the previous year this being entirely due to an increase in the cost of trophies. To counteract this he proposed increases in the league and registration fees for the coming season. These were carried.

Problems have arisen in finding an Inter League Secretary to take over from me since I resigned in order to act as County Secretary. Consequently there were initial fears that Shrewsbury would be unable to fulfil Midland and County League fixtures because no one was prepared to do the administrative work involved. This would have been disastrous from the playing point of view, giving no incentive to players and leaving a big gap between league and County play. However a proposed extraordinary meeting will hopefully solve the problem.

The Shrewsbury League will also be reduced in team numbers this year after last season's record 111, and administrative 'apathy' by club secretaries is another problem we have to face.

Despite the gloomy administrative picture I have painted in the last few paragraphs I feel there is still a great deal of enthusiasm amongst players, enough in fact for me to finish this article on an optimistic note for the new season — and I hope most sincerely that my optimism will be justified.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

by Ronald Hedley

PLEASING CONGRATULATIONS

How pleasing to be able to commence my first "Bucks Notes" by congratulating Jill Hammersley on her M.B.E. in the recent honours list. Bucks send their congratulations and wish you well in your new business venture.

The county management committee saw little change at this year's A.G.M. We welcome Bill Clark (M.K.) as treasurer and Dave Lee (Slough) as Inter-League secretary and wish them well. How nice to have posts filled without having to press-gang anybody. At the A.G.M., Bill Clark undertook the task of distributing T.T. News. I have undertaken to produce "Bucks Notes" and will be grateful for information from the local leagues. My address is 11 Oln Kiln Road, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks (Phone: Penn 2645).

Let's hope that Bucks can have a successful period with the small band of willing workers. How much is due to our excellent chairman Brian Webb and secretary Tony Wickens, arguably the best county sec.!!?

County trials were due to be held at Hazlemere Community Centre on Sunday, the 9th (Juniors) and Sunday, the 26th (Seniors) of September. The junior scene looks to be our biggest problem with the breaking up of last season's successful first team. Most of them move into the senior ranks and Nikki Hamilton has decided not to play for the county this season, which will be a loss of a very talented player.

On the senior front Sam Harmer is a doubtful starter due to other commitments and Alec Watson threatens to retire. Hope-

fully some of last season's juniors can make the move to senior level successfully.

MILTON KEYNES

County Arms T.T.C. held their annual 'Masters Tournament' in May at New Bradwell and this year it was sponsored by Milton Keynes Auto Electric. Qualification for the tournament is from the averages of the Milton Keynes League. The eight top players in the Premier Division all accepted the invitation.

The first round was played on a group basis with Sam Harmer (A.H.W.) and Ian Haines (A.H.W.) winning the groups with Romano Gallo (Cock Hotel) and Les Wooding (A.H.W.) runners-up. In the semis Sam overcame Romano and Les defeated Ian. The final was a closely fought contest with Sam running out victor 19, -19, 16 to collect the £10 first prize and the Milton Keynes Auto Electric Trophy.

HIGH WYCOMBE

At the A.G.M. the only item which created 'heated' discussion was a proposal by Hazlemere T.T.C. to move the doubles from the tenth to the fourth set, the reason put forward being that at present 2 pts. are awarded for a win and one for a draw so that quite often the result has been decided before the doubles is played.

Often, therefore, it becomes a fun game, not taken seriously as it should be. But after long discussion the motion was defeated but I feel sure it will appear again on the order paper. What are the views of other leagues? Is the best system a point for every set the idea?

On a closing note may I wish all players in the County a most successful season and suggest they start it in the best possible way and contact Bill Clark (Phone: Milton Keynes 73801) to order their regular copy of this magazine.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

NEW LEADERS

Not a great deal to report during the summer. The major changes have been in County team captains where there are new leaders in both the first team and the veterans.

Colin Truman became captain of the County first team after giving good service as a player. The climax of his playing career was winning the County Closed men's singles in 1967 a year after he had won the men's doubles (co-incidentally with his successor as County captain Steven White). Since taking over as non-playing captain Colin has hardly known what defeat is.

Taking over in 1972 is soon became clear the team in the making would bring success unknown to Leicestershire. Since 1974 they have won every match they have played in the 2nd Div. (Midland) and whilst the team have only once reached the Premier Division (1976-77) they have had several near misses. Fortunately Colin's expertise will not be completely lost since he has accepted an offer to serve on the selection committee.

Colin has already been made a life member of the County Association for his tremendous work. Colin's successor "Chalky" White fairly bubbles with enthusiasm. Chalky is also a former county champion and his summer training sessions have proved very popular. After a break of a few seasons Chalky is now keener than ever.

John Illiffe keen as ever will lead the second team whilst Harry Ward continues as captain of the Juniors, with players of the calibre of Trevor Kerslake, Simon Griew, Martin Pickles and Yvonne Hall. The veterans will be captained by Brian Mayfield who had such a magnificent season last term. Bryan Hall who has given such wonderful service to the County will still be available if required.

The Leicestershire Closed will again be staged at Hinckley Leisure Centre in early February thanks to Ernie McLeish who has virtually guaranteed against making a loss. The Leicestershire Towns League — in Junior, Cadets and Senior sections — will be again held with Loughborough staging the Junior event and Melton holding the Cadets and possibly Seniors.

A '100' Club has been launched by the County Assn. with a committee of Ian McKelvey, Barry Randell and Colin Truman showing exactly the right attitude to ensure its success. Well — that then is the position at the moment. All we can now hope for is a good season!

NORFOLK NOTES

by Neville Graver

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Welcome to the new season to all readers of these notes. Welcome hardly seems appropriate, as it only seems five minutes since the end of last season. Certainly, here in Norfolk, there does not seem to have been a close season, with the growth in popularity of the summer league in Norwich, tournaments being held in arrears of the official season, and parties to and from various parts of Europe.

However, before catching up with the close season playing news, it is worth recording here a number of administrative changes within the county which may be of interest. The first of these, apparent from the heading of these notes, is the retirement as Press Secretary of Jack Penny after 18 years dedicated service to the County and the game. Jack will continue as a Vice-President of the Association and is wished well by all associated with him. At the A.G.M., Jack was presented with a Silver Tray as a token of gratitude by Gerry Rix, who himself was retiring as President. Mr. Rix, who has been associated with the County since its inception in 1947 was appointed a Life Member. His place as President has been taken by Mr. David Felton, Area Education Officer for Norwich. Also announcing his retirement at the A.G.M. was David Skedge after five years as Treasurer, to be replaced by Mrs. Joyce Nicholls of Dereham. Mr. Skedge was able to bow out gracefully, however, reporting a healthy surplus on the season's activities.

On the playing front for the new season, there will be at least one change in the Norfolk ranks, with the surprise retirement from the sport of Chris Bensley, one of the more colourful members of the fraternity. Chris has played regularly for Norfolk over the past few years, and was Norfolk Closed champion in 1977/78. There is also speculation about ex-captain Mick Musson, and it may well be that the county will be relying on relatively inexperienced players, led by the improving Doug Bennett, who is now producing regularly top class performances.

This season could well be a transitional one, although the rapid improvement of the current crop of youngsters, particularly the Stevenson twins and 12-years-old Philip Logsdon gives cause for hope for the future.

Catching up on the close season, it should be recorded that Richard Stevenson won the U-15 singles in the East Anglian Closed, Martin reaching the final of the U-17 singles. In the doubles they beat the highly-rated Julian Hall and Stuart Palmer (Suffolk), before losing to David Unwin and Andy Buckingham in their last year as juniors. In the same tournament, Zoe Nicholls reached the final of the girls' singles and Philip Logsdon the quarter-final of the U-15 singles.

Also held during the close season were the North Norfolk League Championships, in which Carol Plume beat P. Browne in the singles, and C. Gay/P. Pegg beat T. Copeland/M. Tustin in the doubles. The Rosenstand trophy was won by C. Gay.

Last news of this issue concerns a trip by 13 stalwarts from Kings Lynn to Emmerich in W. Germany to play the T.V. Jahn Vrasselt Club. Apparently, the opposition was too strong on this occasion, winning by 10 games to 2, to take the Dr. Ebben Cup. A return trip by the Germans has already been provisionally booked for next year.

SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

RIVALS EDGE CLOSER

Still perched high at the top of the Sussex senior men's tree is Roger Chandler. As his young rivals edge closer and closer in the race for his county crown it is the Brighton man who is still likely to be seeded No. 1 in the county tournaments this season.

There are now five youngsters who have reached a point where they could burst through to the top — Graham Gillett (Bexhill), Malcolm Francis (Uckfield) who are now senior players, and the three juniors playing this time for Sussex in the junior premier division Stephen Moore, Adrian Moore (both of Bexhill) and Littlehampton's Peter Puddock.

Sussex supporters were extremely gratified to see that Adrian Moore's performances in Rome for England warranted a special mention as the most outstanding player.

Carol Hewett is now firmly established as the Sussex women's champion and is hitting harder than ever. She has now moved to Lewes from Uckfield and has elected to play with her sister Christine Randall for Brighton in the Sussex inter-league events and the Rose Bowl.

Julie Reading and Linda Budd are to remain with Sussex for one more campaign, forming a strong challenge to Mrs. Hewett who will have to contend with the former champion Diane Griggs as the No. 2 seed in several tournaments.

In the Sussex administration there are two important changes: Bill Bradley the Brighton veterans' champion is the new county secretary, assisted by his wife Hazel whilst Roger Gillett takes over the post of coaching secretary.

NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

CONTINUATION

The close season activities this summer read almost like a continuation of the previous winter season. These started with the County Association's Annual Supper Dance and Presentation of League and Cup Trophies, held on Friday, May 11th at the "Highlight Suite" of J. T. Parrish Ltd., Newcastle upon Tyne. This function was again well attended, and League and Cup Trophies were presented to the following winners:-

Premier Division and Men's K.O. Cup — Briarside 'A'

- Div. 1 — Byker C.C. 'B'
- Div. 2A — Eldon Square
- Div. 2B — Byker C.C. 'D'
- Div. 3A — Simmondside 'A'
- Div. 3B — Delaval C.C. 'C'
- Div. 3C — Gladstone Terrace 'B'
- Div. 4A — Delaval C.C. 'D'
- Div. 4B — 6th Newcastle B.B. 'A'
- Div. 4C — Delaval C.C. 'F'
- Div. 4D — Gladstone Terrace 'C'

Women's K.O. Cup — D.H.S.S.

Our thanks once again go to Bill and Lily McMaster for taking the trouble to organise this popular event.

The Tyneside Summer League was again keenly contested, with the number of Divisions being increased to 15 to include 12 Senior and 3 Cadet Divisions. Matches were played on a home and away basis

during the period May to August, with one point for each set won, and a K.O. Cup competition, run on a handicap basis, was also organised. Division winners and runners-up were as follows:-

- Premier Division** — New Collingwood
- Runners-up: Delaval C.C. 'A'
- Div. 1A** — Washington 'B'
- Runners-up: Reyrolles 'A'
- Div. 1B** — Sunderland West C.A. 'A'
- Runners-up: East Cramlington
- Div. 2A** — Sunderland West C.A. 'B'
- Runners-up: Procter and Gamble 'A'
- Div. 2B** — Reyrolles 'B'
- Runners-up: Northumberland Fire Brigade
- Div. 3A** — Brandling Hall
- Runners-up: Delaval C.C. 'D'
- Div. 3B** — 6th Newcastle B.B.
- Runners-up: Ashington Leisure 'A'
- Div. 3C** — R.G.S. 'A'
- Runners-up: Ouston C.C. 'A'
- Div. 4A** — Whitehouse Lane 'A'
- Runners-up: Mullins 'A'
- Div. 4B** — Whitehouse Lane 'B'
- Runners-up: Ashington Leisure 'B'
- Div. 4C** — Whitley Bay B.C.
- Runners-up: Briarside
- Div. 4D** — Schwalbe 'B'
- Runners-up: Sevcon 'B'
- K.O. Cup** — Washington 'E'
- Runners-up: 6th Newcastle B.B.

The Cadet Division winners were:-
Div. A — Washington, **Div. B** — Byker C.C. or John Boste Y.C., and **Div. C** — Blaydon Y.C.

A large entry was again received for the North Tyneside Festival Tournament, held on July 22nd at Wallsend Sports Centre. Competitors this year included Durham senior County players Dave and Ian Svenson, and Tony and Shirley Gelder, and in fact the Svenson brothers and Shirley won all the senior events between them, although Kit Cheung did share in the women's doubles victory. Partial revenge, however, was gained in the junior boys' final, when Durham's Nigel Jobling narrowly lost to Northumberland's John Burke.

RESULTS:

- Men's Singles Semi-finals:**
 D. Svenson bt A. Gelder -14, 19, 14;
 A. Clark bt I. Svenson 14, 19.
Final:
 SVENSON bt Clark 13, 18.
- Women's Singles Semi-finals:**
 S. Gelder bt P. Jackson -20, 18, 19;
 N. Kirsop bt K. Cheung 18, -13, 16.
Final:
 GELDER bt Kirsop 11, -16, 16.
- Men's Doubles Semi-finals:**
 Svenson/Svenson bt R. Dodds/J. Scope
 19, 16;
 M. McMaster/C. Shepherd bt Clark/
 S. Robinson 16, 18.
Final:
 SVENSON/SVENSON bt McMaster/
 Shepherd 16, 25.
- Women's Doubles Semi-finals:**
 Cheung/Gelder bt J. Hobson/M. Hobson
 14, 18;
 Jackson/Kirsop bt C. Burke/S. Yeung 19, 14.
Final:
 CHEUNG/GELDER bt Jackson/Kirsop
 10, -15, 19.
- Junior Boys' (U-17) Semi-finals:**
 J. Burke bt H. Yeung 19, 17;
 N. Jobling bt D. Godbold 16, 14.
Final:
 BURKE bt Jobling -15, 18, 20.
- Junior Girls' (U-17) Semi-finals:**
 C. Burke bt C. Mouzon 12, 19;
 C. Buglass bt S. Yeung 14, 18.
Final:
 BURKE bt Buglass 14, -18, 17.
- Cadet Boys' (U-14) Semi-finals:**
 M. Schapira bt A. T. Drapkin 6, 17;
 G. Watson bt D. Oxley 19, -18, 14.
Final:
 SCHAPIRA bt Watson -16, 16, 12.
- Cadet Girls (U-14) Semi-finals:**
 Burke bt Mouzon 17, 14;
 Yeung bt L. Jackman 9, 5.
Final:
 BURKE bt Yeung 14, -19, 14.

U-11 Singles Final:
MOUZON bt P. Curry -14, 14, 11.
Premier, 1 and 2 Restricted Final:
M. WATSON bt M. Young 17, -17, 20.
Div. 3 and 4 Restricted Final:
G. STEPHENSON bt Schapira 17, 19.

The summer season ended with another very successful social evening on September 21st at the new venue of the "Junction Cafeteria" in Newcastle city centre, with plaques being presented to all the Summer League and Cup winners and runners-up. Our thanks go to the Secretary, Aubrey Drapkin, and also the Committee for all the hard work they have put in during the past summer. Incidentally, Aubrey — somehow — also found the time to sit the National Umpires' examination in York recently, and the County is pleased to be able to congratulate him on his success.

The Northumberland League season commenced on Sept. 17, but the first County fixtures are not due to take place until November. The first team fixture at home to Yorkshire II in Div. 2 (North) has been postponed from Oct. 6th to Nov. 3 because of the Cumbria Open being held on the same day, and a week later, on Nov. 10, they will travel to meet Lancashire. The second team also open their account on Nov. 10 when they travel to meet Lancashire II in a Div. 3 (North) match. The juniors, however, do not make their first County appearance until Dec. 1st, when they are due to play away to Cleveland. It is hoped that this late start will give No. 2 junior Neil McMaster time to recover from a broken leg unfortunately sustained in a skate-boarding accident just before the Festival tournament in July. His experience in the junior team will certainly be needed, as Henderson Yeung, Philip Kolvin and Susan Norris from last season's team are all over age, although both John and Christine Burke will still be available. I am sure everyone would like to send their best wishes to Neil for a full and complete recovery.

Briarside Table Tennis Club, who yet again took the Northumberland League Premier Division title last season, have been entered in Div. 2 of the new National Club League, which commenced its fixtures on Sept. 16. The team will play all their home fixtures at Sunderland Y.M.C.A., and players involved are Andrew Clark, Dave Svenson, Tony Gelder, Ian Svenson, Frank Mitchinson, Chris Reed, Bryan 'Pop' Robson and Steve Robinson. This should certainly provide keen and interesting competition against, even in Div. 2, many leading players from other Counties, and this can only be of great benefit to our own players.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

BID FAILS

Cambridgeshire failed in their bid to gain promotion to the Premier Division of the County Championships, winning two matches and finishing fourth at the promotion play-offs at Lutterworth. Cambs. had a bad start, losing their opening match to Cleveland 3-6. Keith Richardson and Geoff Davies both beat Tony Martin and Richardson in partnership with Mick Harper, also won the Men's Doubles against Martin and David Alderson. Richardson lost his other singles to Keith Paxton 17, -21, -21 after leading 20-17 in the third.

The second match was against Leicestershire who had previously beaten Wiltshire 9-0 and Cambs. suffered the same fate but the result was flattering. Richardson was again beaten 21 in the third, this time by Paul Randall after leading 20-16! An out-of-touch Harper also beaten from behind by Dave Gannon, losing -19 in the third after leading 15-10. With two defeats the chances of promotion had gone, but team retrieved something from the wreckage by beating Wiltshire 7-2, Richardson, Davies and

Harper, more in form than the previous day, had a clean sweep in this match.

In the final match Cambs. showed what might have been had they produced the same form at the start by beating Kent 5-4, the only defeat suffered by the Southern county. Richardson and Harper were again scintillating, both beating Joe Kennedy, while Richardson also beat Clive Morris and Harper beat Andy Mitchell. The same pair also combined to beat Morris and Mitchell in the Men's Doubles.

In the Cambs. League, Soham again emerged as Champions and there is little likelihood of them being deposed this season unless there is a team who can produce players of very high quality. This was Soham's eighth successive title and as they also reached the final of the K.O. Handicap Trophy before being beaten by their sixth team. The Swavesey club had a very successful season as their first team won the Div. 2 title while their second team were champions of Div. IV. In addition their third team finished runners-up in Div. VB and so gained promotion. Other promotion and relegations were as follows:-

Div. 1 —
University I and Telephones I relegated
Div. II —
Swavesey I and Impington II promoted
Herbert Robinson and Y.M.C.A. II relegated
Div. IIIA —
Fisons II and University III promoted
Impington IV relegated
Div. IIIB —
Police I and University II promoted
Cambs. Fire Service and Telephones III relegated
Div. IVA —
Swavesey II and Saffrons I promoted
Telephones V relegated
Div. IVB —
Haverhill III and General Accident promoted

110 teams have entered the Cambs. League this season which is an increase of 14 from last. There are several new clubs and they are:- Simplex (3 teams), Ministry of A.F.F., Pye Unicam, Caravans International, Lynton Way (Sawston), and Manor Youth Club. Soham and Telephones have entered 8 teams and Wesley are still fielding 7. There are 10 Divisions in all. Three of the four unbeaten players in the League come from the Soham Club. County champion Keith Richardson was unbeaten for Soham I in Div. I while John Ashman and Chris Everitt had 100% records in Div. 5A. Cambridgeshire cadet Cameron Alexander of Saffron VI in Div. 5C was the fourth player to keep a clean sheet. Leading averages in Div. 1 were:-

K. Richardson — 100%
B. Richardson — 91%
Stuart Palmer — 91%
Chris Brewer — 90%

At the A.G.M. of the Cambs. T.T.A., Barbara Fisher of Chatteris was again elected Hon. Sec. and Roy Fox of March the Hon. Treas. Leslie Constable of Cambridge was again nominated as President with Geoff Waters as Match Sec. Keith Rutland who has been Chairman for the past seven years resigned but agreed to stay on until a substitute was found. At the A.G.M. of the Cambridge T.T. League the officers elected were as follows:- President - Fred Larter, Hon. Gen. Sec. - Leslie Constable, Hon. League Sec./Treas. - Tony Brochie, Chairman - Geoff Waters, Vice-Chairman - Brian Judd, Hon. Match Sec. - John Thurston, Hon. Coaching Sec. - Alan Burgess. A new rule was passed which will entail getting points for the number of sets won in a match e.g. A 6-4 victory will gain 6 points. Ruth Puddick a former Secretary of the Cambs. Association was invited to be a vice-president — a post which she accepted.

Haverhill champion Yvonne Driver has won two European medals and qualified to represent Great Britain in the Olympics for the deaf to be held in Germany in two years time. Yvonne (22), competed in the European Deaf Games in Belgium where she

collected a silver medal in the women's team event and a bronze in the women's doubles with partner Jennifer Callaghan from Stoke-on-Trent. She was knocked out in the quarter-final of the Mixed and earlier in the women's singles, but still managed to help the six-strong team to fourth place out of eleven countries.

Yvonne who has been deaf and dumb all her life, is an accountant's assistant at the firm of Bates, Ellison and Morris and plays in both the Cambridge and Haverhill leagues. She began playing table tennis at school and took it up seriously after winning a coaching championship while on holiday at Butlins. She qualified for the team which went to Belgium by winning the British Women's Deaf Championships for three years.

In the Wesley Club Tournament Julian Wheel retained his singles title by beating Neil Burgess in the final. Both finalists were 13-years-old with Julian being the most experienced. Burgess combined with Leom Mohan to gain the doubles title while Pete Bewley won the Plate when he beat Reg Goddard.

RESULTS:

Singles Semi-finals:

J. Wheel bt W. Wheel 17, 18;
N. Burgess bt L. Moham 17, -19, 16.

Final:

WHEEL bt Burgess 15, 15.

Doubles Semi-finals:

Moham/Burgess bt J. Wheel/A.

Chavsohinejad 16, 17;

R. Goddard/Miss Ling bt P. Blackwell/
D. Leader -18, 19, 16.

Final:

MOHAM/BURGESS bt Goddard/Ling
16, -19, 10.

Plate Semi-finals:

P. Bewley bt Miss Ling 10, -16, 14;
Goddard bt Leader 17, 18.

Final:

BEWLEY bt Goddard -17, 17, 19.

The Merit Award went to David Leader who reached two semi-finals with consistent play. All the Trophies were presented to the various winners and finalists at the Annual Dinner which was held on August 3 at the Graduate Centre, Mill Lane, Cambridge.

Owing to the cessation of the South Midlands League, Cambridge have entered 3 teams in the St. Neots Invitation League, namely:- Men, Juniors and Veterans. The Cambridge League are entering the Wilmott Rose Bowl and Carter Cup but owing to the dearth of young girls the Bromfield Trophy is being given a miss this season.

In the Final of the Cambs. Summer League "play-off" between Wesley I and Haverhill I the former were successful 5-1. The Wesley team of Paul Jolley, Leom Mohan and Keith Lloyd were too much for the Haverhill team of "Chalky" White, Colin Cushen and Rachel Norris and only White was successful when he beat Keith Lloyd. This was Wesley's first major trophy since they re-organised four years ago.

At a recent Executive Committee Meeting of the Cambs. Association Pete Bewley was elected Chairman in place of Keith Rudland who retired after 6 years invaluable service.

Soham and March have entered the National Club League, the former team in the Premier Division and March in the second division. I am sure that everybody wishes them every success in their new venture.

SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE

by Leslie Constable

POOR RESPONSE

It is with sadness that I report on the last season of the S.E.M. League which "folded up" at the A.G.M. at St. Neots on May 30 owing to the inability to appoint a new Secretary in the place of Henry Fox who had held that position for 18 years with

great success. A further emergency meeting was held on July 11 at St. Neots with the hope that a secretary could be forthcoming but again the result was negative. It is pathetic to report that at the A.G.M. only 5 Leagues were represented and at the Emergency Meeting only 7 Leagues were represented and this out of a total of 18 Leagues! However, Henry Fox will be calling a meeting in May, 1980 when it is sincerely hoped that, as Mr. Micawber would say, "something will turn up!"

At the 18th A.G.M. on May 30, the following were present:- President - M. H. Webb, Chairman - R. Harper, Hon. Sec./Treas. - H. Fox, Hon. Scorecard Sec. - D. Rawlinson, Hon. Press Officer and L. R. J. Constable together with representatives of the following leagues:- Bedford, Cambridge, Ely, North Herts and Wellingborough. The Chairman commented on a successful season and thanked the officers for the hard work they had put in. In also thanking St. Neots T.T.C. for the use of their premises he expressed disappointment that so few members were present.

Mr. Fox reported 18 Leagues fielding 76 teams took part during the last season. As this was his last report, he had special thanks for Mappin Webb and Les Constable, who were there from the beginning in 1961, Cliff Olver for auditing the accounts, Len Saywell for helping with the tables and tournaments for all these years; Dave Rawlinson for the efficient way he had carried out his duties as Scorecard Secretary and the North Herts trio of Roy Harper, John Jeffs and John Jermyn for their enthusiasm and help. Mr. Rawlinson reported a smoothly run season with fewer postponed matches. The Tournament Secretary sent a very comprehensive report which was read. Election of Officers resulted:-

President - M. H. Webb.
Vice-President - H. Fox.
Chairman - R. Harper.
Vice-Chairman - J. Lloyd.
Hon. Scorecard Secretary - M. Jackson.
Hon. Press Officer - L. R. J. Constable.

There were no nominations for the office of Secretary/Treasurer although leagues had received 12 months notice that this office would have to be filled at this meeting. After much discussion it was decided to abandon the meeting at this stage and to call a further one in July when, if a Sec./Treasurer was not forthcoming, the S.E.M.L. would be wound up. It was agreed to advise all leagues of the situation. The emergency meeting was duly held when in addition to Mr. M. H. Webb, Mr. R. Harper, and Mr. H. Fox, the following leagues were represented:- Cambridge, Ely, Northampton, North Herts, R.A.F. T.T.A., St. Neots and Wellingborough with apologies from Kettering. Again there were no nominations for the office and the meeting decided that the League would be suspended for one year with Mr. Fox calling a meeting of the S.E.M. League in May, 1980. The Trophies to remain in the care of the leagues.

I hope that this report will go to the hearts of all those players, fans and administrators who have been concerned with the League and who have derived pleasure for many years in playing, watching or officiating. To me this "death knell" has a hollow but not final ring and may we at the beginning of next season see the League rise again in all its glory — long live the South East Midlands League!

SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS T.T. LEAGUE

Winners and Runners-up 1978-79

	P	W	D	L	P
Men One					
Elv	6	6	0	0	46
Milton Keynes ...	6	5	0	1	40
Men Two					
Wellingborough .	6	5	0	1	44
Bedford	6	5	0	1	39
Men Three					
Kettering	5	4	1	0	41
Northampton ...	5	3	1	1	32

Veteran One					
Cambridge	8	7	1	0	56
Peterborough ...	7	5	1	1	45
Veteran Two					
Milton Keynes ...	6	6	0	0	55
Wellingborough .	6	5	0	1	39
Women					
Wellingborough .	8	8	0	0	72
Northampton ...	8	7	0	1	63
Junior One					
Milton Keynes ...	7	6	0	1	55
Kettering	6	4	1	1	39
Junior Two					
Peterborough ...	6	4	1	1	48
Cambridge	6	4	0	2	35
Junior Three					
Dunstable	6	6	0	0	47
Leighton-Linsdale	5	4	0	1	39
Junior Girls					
St. Neots	4	3	1	0	29
March	4	3	0	1	25
Reserves					
Peterborough ...	3	2	1	0	18
Daventry	3	2	0	1	18

SUFFOLK SCENE

by Steve Richards

LAKENHEATH YET AGAIN!

The season finished late in East Anglia due to the worst winter in years. In the Bury St. Edmunds League the champions were:- Div. 1 - Lakenheath 'A', Div. 2 - Mildenhall, Div. 3 - Green King, Div. 4 - Aitkens 'D', Div. 5 - Astros.

Lakenheath won the title yet again, in fact they have been successful every season since 1975. The team last season being Mick Palmer, Stuart Palmer, Clive Woolard and Steve Palmer.

The East Anglian League Div. 1 winners were Norwich 'A' closely followed by Bury 'A'. Div. 2 was won by Norwich 'B' while the runners-up were Kings Lynn. The Junior League champions were Bury while Dereham won the 2nd Division.

The last closed Junior championships of the East Anglia leagues was held at the Bury Sports Centre which is one of my favourites. In the seven events there were no less than six different winners which kept the interest high to the end. Winners were:-

BS: Stuart Palmer by Julian Hall.
GS: Jane Hunter bt Debbie Hubble.
BD: Andrew Buckingham/Derek Unwin bt the Stevenson brothers.
GD: Jane and Ruth Hunter bt Jane Richards/Janet Matthews.
XD: Julian/Debbie Hubble bt Anthony Booth/Jane Richards.
U-15 BS: Richard Stevenson bt Tom Margretson.
U-15 GS: Jane Richards bt Zoe Nicolls.

I hear that the Lowestoft League will have 59 teams this season in five divisions. A Cadet league has been formed and coaching has been taking place at Benjamin Britten School under Paul Wilkinson. Sounds good!

In July 14 Suffolk youngsters received a day's coaching at St. Benedict's School, Bury from Mick Palmer Suffolk's Senior Coach. It was the first to be organised during a school day and my thanks go to the Headmaster who approved it. I should like to see more of these organised by schools!!

I also made a brief visit to the Summer School at Durham organised by Alan Ransome and his team from Tees Sport. I was most impressed with the organisation, food and location. Well done, Alan. We now look forward to the new season for some good results, but also fun as well! Finally, any school wishing to combine in a weekend course please contact me at Newmarket Upper School, Exning Road, Newmarket, Suffolk. (Phone: Newmarket 4412/3).

CUMBRIA COMMENT

by John Taylor

MILLOM WITHDRAW

Officers appointed for the new season are:- Chairman - Bob Gale, Vice-Chairman - Miss Pat Staton, Hon. Sec. - Miss Clarice Rose, Hon. Treas. - Ron Rigg, Hon. Match Sec. - John Taylor, Hon. Asst. Match Sec. - Colin Taylor, Hon. Umpires Sec. - Colin Taylor, Hon. Tournaments Sec. - Ron Rigg, Hon. Press Sec. - John Taylor.

The team selection committee is Richard Johnstone (Chairman), John Reed and Clarice Rose. Richard Johnstone will again run the inter-league competition and disappointing news on that front is that the Millom League have decided to withdraw from the competition after finding their



On course at St. Benedict's — (l to r): Karl Reed, Michael Lister, Julian Wheel, Mick Palmer (Coach) Andrew Bentinck and Raymond Thorpe.

Photo by courtesy of Bury Free Press.

strength cut down to just one division of seven teams with just four different clubs in the town. Whitehaven are also doubtful starters in the competition and although Carlisle are keen to enter two teams, their proposal for the formation of two divisions does not seem to have much chance of realisation.

John Reed continues as chairman of our coaching committee and also as our Region 5 representative. John has been as busy as ever during the summer and with the help of Dave Holden from Ormesby he completed another successful week-long training course. About 30 people attended and they included England-ranked players Kenny Jackson, Colin Wilson and John Souter, a contingent from Ormesby as well as local players from Millom, Kendal and Barrow. The number of people who can attend the course is dependant on the number of tables in use at Millom School, where the course is held, and then has it planned so that each player is always occupied, either against another player or against the Stiga Robot.

This season sees the county making its debut into the Veteran age group in the County Championships and the new team has a fairly busy programme ahead with six matches in the Veteran Midland division. Past county regulars Eddie O'Hara and Bill Robinson (both Barrow) should form the basis of the team and should put up a good show. The first match is away to Clwyd on Oct. 27.

Looking farther ahead, the County Closed tournament will now be held at Workington on Sunday, Feb. 3/80 and not at Whitehaven as had been previously stated.

Cumbria's first ranking lists followed the trials held at Millom School:-

Men
1. I. Reed (M), 2. D. Gray (M), 3. S. Halesworth (B), 4. S. Dixon (K), 5. D. Archer (K), 6. A. Pachul (M), 7. S. Stamper (M), 8. E. O'Hara (B), 9. W. Robinson (B), 10. I. Brown (C), 11. J. Cummings (W).

Women
1. B. Gray (M), 2. M. McPortland (B), 3. L. Brockbank (M), 4. C. Tyson (M), 5. L. Rushton (M), 6. P. Bickerdike (M), 7. J. Willis (C).

Boys
1. Dixon, 2. Archer, 3. T. Pachul (M), 4. A. Dawson (K), 5. T. Huddleston (M), 6. N. Yardley (B), 7. S. Davidson (M), 8. K. Wilson (M), 9. D. Millbeck (K), 10. K. Brindle (K), 11. P. Simpson (M), 12. A. Johnson (M), 13. M. Friar (M).

Girls
1. Gray, 2. Brockbank, 3. Rushton, 4. Bickerdike.

Veteran Men
1. O'Hara, 2. P. Buxton (B), 3. Robinson, 4. R. Gale (K), 5. C. Usher (K).

Veteran Women
1. C. Rose (K), 2. A. Pettifer (B).

Key
B—Barrow, C—Carlisle, K—Kendal, M—Millom, W—Whitehaven.

The rankings for Jimmy Cummings and Jennifer Willis are both provisional as both players were unable to attend the trials.

WESTERN LEAGUES NOTES

by Grove Motlow

NEW PRESIDENT

At their Western Counties T.T. League A.G.M., held in Bristol, the appointment of a new President was made in succession to the late John Ford in whose memory a minute's silence was observed. The new incumbent is Mr. Percy Crocker a former Vice-President who has given yeoman service to the league since 1935 and a very popular figure.

A new Vice-President was appointed in the person of Mr. Percy Strickland, Chairman of the Newport League and a

member of it for over 40 years. League Chairman, Mr. Reg Salway of Bristol, but now living in Fareham, Hants, was re-elected as was yours truly as Hon. Sec./Treasurer with Dennis Pope as Assistant.

It is to be regretted that after one season's return, after a previous absence of nearly two decades, Bath — they finished bottom last term — have again withdrawn with the object of rebuilding a side capable of holding their own. Surprisingly Exmouth, who did so well under the guidance of Paul Stone, have also withdrawn. Paul, of course, has now married and is not playing representative matches.

On the credit side however South Torbay and Yeovil have redressed the balance joining Bristol, Newport, Plymouth, Poole and Weston who are still with us. Good luck to you all both from a playing standpoint and a social aspect.

Finally a plea for a short report of matches on the scoresheet and please block letters for players' names including christian names for the benefit of subsequent reports in this publication.

BEDFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Dimmock

PROMOTION ACHIEVED

Before we look towards the new season let us just "re-cap" on some of the events of the events of the last one. Our Junior team of Stephen Barby, David Cartwright, David Sharpe, Jackie and Lisa Bellinger won the Div. III (S.E.) title in convincing style — well done! Stephen and David Cartwright move up into the senior ranks this season, but early indications are that our team will be a force to be reckoned with in Div. II (Midland).

To celebrate the junior success an informal evening was spent at a local golf club where a meal, disco and presentation of trophies proved to be an ideal way of showing the County's appreciation to the players concerned. County badges were presented to the three boys.

Jackie Bellinger, who achieved so much last season, represented her country on three occasions the most recent being in the European Youth Championships in Rome where, in the Cadet girls' singles she reached the last 16. We wish her every success this season in the higher age group.

The Dunstable League girls, Julie Dimmock, Jackie and Lisa Bellinger made history for the league by becoming the first team to reach the final of a national competition — the Bromfield Trophy. They were beaten by a very strong North Middlesex team of Mandy Reeves, Helen Williams and Lesley Tyler 7-2. But the result was very much closer than the score suggests. Both Julie and Jackie beat Miss Tyler.

In the E.S.T.T.A.'s individual finals at Gloucester the Beds. contingent gave a good account of themselves and in many cases went out to eventual winners. Lisa Bellinger won the U-13 title by beating Jean Parker (Lancs) whilst sister Jackie reached the final of the U-16's, but after raising her game to beat more fancied opponents lost to Cheryl Creasey (Dorset).

Throughout the day the sisters were introduced to the art of TV film making as they were pursued by cameras and interviewers continuously the outcome of which was a 10-minute film shown on "Stopwatch". Stephen Barby clashed with David Barr, an extremely good defensive player, in his particular group. Though losing over three games Stephen showed he has the ability to live with the best.

Now for the future. The County has decided to expand their participation in the County Championships at both ends of the scale by introducing an additional Junior team and a Vets so we can truly say that table tennis is a good advert for "Sport for

All". This will make a total of 5 teams entered in the following divisions:- 1st Men - 2 (East), 2nd Men - 3 (East), 1st Junior - 2 (Midland), 2nd Junior - 3 (East), Vets - East.

First matches are:-
Sat., Oct. 7 — Vets Beds v Herts III at Eastern Gas, Dallows Rd., Luton (2.30 p.m.).
Sat., Nov. 10 — Juniors I v Glamorgan, Seniors I v Northants at 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. at A.C. Delco, Dunstable.

Competition for selection into these teams is already proving to be fierce shown by the interest and standard of play at the ranking trials. Our hard working Match Sec. Tony Barratt has been collating all the results and it is planned to publish the lists in the next issue. To all players may you have a successful and very enjoyable season.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE NOTES

by David Deller

MAPPIN STANDS DOWN

At the County A.G.M. held at St. Ivo Rec. Centre in mid-summer Mappin Webb who had held the office of Chairman since 1951 resigned his post. In the last 28 years Mappin, now 71, has played a great part in making this County rightly proud of its administrative side.

Mappin started playing at the age of 17, back in the roaring twenties, playing his early competitive matches in the London Business Houses League, before moving to Hunts in 1941. He first became chairman of the St. Neots League in the late forties, serving that league as first chairman, then as committee member until 1974. The St. Neots and Hunts Central Leagues joined forces to form the County Association in 1948, Mappin taking over as chairman in 1951. If a 28-year record as chairman is not enough he also became County non-playing captain no less than 12 times and County tournament secretary 15 times.

He served on the management committee of the Fenland League during the 1950's and in 1961, with Henry Fox, inaugurated the South East Midland League. He served this league with great enthusiasm from 1961 to 1978 as chairman, whilst Henry served throughout this period as secretary. His many other activities included serving on the Hunts Council of Sport, Huntingdon Town Council of Sport, coached at no less than 51 Youth Clubs within the old Hunts boundaries. Mappin obtained a Diploma 1-Star coaching award.

Mappin still plays regularly in the Hunts Central and St. Neots leagues and can often be seen giving players up to sixty years his junior a good deal of trouble. At the A.G.M. Mappin, who will shortly be leaving for a holiday in Australia, was made President of the County Association. On behalf of the County may I thank Mappin for his tireless efforts to this association.

Another county stalwart, Cliff Oliver, takes over the Chairman's position. Many thanks are also due to Pip Baker who resigned as Secretary of the Assn. after two years' hard work. This position will now be filled by Dave Morley.

At the other end of the age scale the County's leading cadets Philip Cole and Alison Hillard of St. Neots started their season in fine form at Cardiff in the Welsh Junior Open. Alison reached the final of the Cadet girls' singles where she was defeated by Lisa Bellinger of Luton. One round earlier the St. Neots girl had ousted the No. 2 seed Laura Goldsmith of Middlesex. Alison then teamed up with Shirley Cain of Staffs to reach the semi-final of the girls' doubles.

Philip put up a great performance to reach the semi-final of the Cadet boys' where he was beaten by David Griffiths of Glamorgan in the third after winning the first and holding a 19-16 lead in the second. The continued improvement by both these

young players means they should be to the fore of a number of tournaments this season.

In mid-summer 21 juniors from St. Ives T.T.C. travelled to Market Drayton in Shropshire to play in matches against the Grove School. Each player had a total of 16 hours play over two days. The Club's thanks to Ian Marshall for arranging the trip in which all the youngsters had an enjoyable weekend. Gary Jordan, Philip Cole, Ian Coupland and Giles Watts completed the matches unbeaten whilst Richard Wells, Sandra Randall, James Watts and Alistair McIlhagga were defeated only once. The St. Ives club is now looking forward to hosting 50 youngsters from the Dutch club A.T.C. Nymegan next Easter in their return visit that St. Ives made two years ago.

The St. Ivo Rec. Centre Festival of Sport always attracts a large entry in the table tennis section and this year proved as popular as ever. 33½ hours' play over six days with a total individual entry of 168 gave organisers and Centre officials plenty of table problems. Besides the room set aside for T.T. matches were played on squash courts, badminton courts, in meeting rooms and even in corridors in an effort to finish play each evening at a reasonable hour.

Soham retained the team trophy with their young side of Andy Withers, Anthony Booth, Joanne Palmer and Amana Judd. In the final they defeated March 3-2. St. Ives and St. Neots finished equal 3rd. The two County representatives Melanie Ringrose (St. Ives) and Alison Hillard (St. Neots) were undefeated.

Gary Jordan won the men's singles defeating Tim Speller in the final. Speller had earlier defeated Hunts Central men's captain Sid Burgess whilst Jordan ended Alan Smith's hopes. The women's singles saw Melanie Ringrose stamp her authority with a final win over Sandra Randall having earlier defeated St. Ives No. 2 Kath Hubbard. Team Event — 1. Soham, 2. March, 3. St. Ives I/St. Neots, 5. Peterborough, 6. Letchworth, 7. St. Ives II.

The following week once more saw St. Ivo Central full of players as the St. Ives club held its annual tournament over 4 days. Unfortunately the finals were marred by the absence of Melanie Ringrose who had reached five finals before being taken ill on finals night. Jordan once more took the men's singles although he had match point against him in his semi-final encounter against Burgess. In the final he overhauled Mark Fisher in straight games. Philip Cole defeated Jordan in a superb junior final whilst Sandra Randall won the women's singles.

On the domestic league front Peterborough once more remain the largest with 8 divisions containing 89 teams. Hunts Central and St. Neots both show increases over last season.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Jack Chalkley

NEW PRESIDENT

This year's A.G.M. of the County Association saw a number of changes in the composition of the executive committee. Following the resignation of Tom Finney, Don Pritchard was elected President and yours truly takes over as Chairman. Geoff Williamson of Lichfield has taken on the important job of Secretary, much to the pleasure of other members of the committee who know well his skills and thoroughness in administrative work. Newcomers to the committee include Mrs. Renee Dilger as Assistant Secretary, David Evans and Gordon Barnett as Chairman and Secretary of the selection committee and Peter Knight as junior "B" team captain. With Bob Carr, Ron Harvey, Jim Hayward, John Brittle, Wilf Hadley, Alan Deeley and Norman Stanton retaining their existing positions,

it represents virtually a full complement of officers, and a strong one at that. Tony Isaac, as senior "A" team captain, is hopeful that someone will come forward to relieve him of this job, and for my part I would add that if there are any budding journalists, the job of press secretary might benefit from a change.

From the attendance at the first two committee meetings and the enthusiasm shown by the new officers, it would certainly seem that Staffordshire's fortunes are rising. A closer relationship with the leagues within the County is vital, and greater emphasis is being placed on communication at all levels. We are hopeful that all our home senior team County Championship matches will be staged and promoted by individual leagues, and this should give tremendous encouragement to our top players.

The completion of the fixtures in the County League last year ended with Stone "A" and Potteries "B" at the bottom of Division 1, and this year they will be replaced by Stafford "A" and Darlaston "A". Walsall "A" have withdrawn from the top division and are replaced by Wolverhampton "B" and the composition of the divisions is expected to be as follows:-

Div. 1 - Wolverhampton A & B, Potteries A & B, West Bromwich A, Stafford A, Darlaston A.

Div. 2 - Wolverhampton C & D, Walsall A & B, Stone A & B, Cannock A.

Div. 3 - Stafford B, Leek A & B, West Bromwich B, Cannock B, Darlaston B, Cheadle A.

Div. 4 - Stafford C & Vets, Wolverhampton E, West Bromwich C, Lichfield A, Cannock C, Darlaston C.

Div. 5 - Lichfield B & C, Stone C & D, Bridgnorth A, Cannock D, Cheadle B.

Entries are down by two from last year, but nevertheless demonstrate the continuing interest to the competition. County League dates are as follows:- Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 15, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 8 and 29. Other dates for your diary:- Woodfield Tournament Nov. 3/4, County Closed Tournament March 9 and home senior County matches v Warwicks II Jan. 19, v Gwent Feb. 2, and v Worcestershire Mar. 1. Hopefully, these will be staged at the Potteries, Stafford and Wolverhampton respectively, but this needs to be confirmed.

We are pleased to see a team from Staffordshire in the new National League. We wish the Norton club from the Potteries every success in their venture, and it is hoped that support will be forthcoming from all parts of the County. Their home matches are on Sept. 30, Dec. 2, Jan. 13, Mar. 16 and 30 and May 4. The team is expected to be selected from Malcolm Green, Eddie Wilkes, Mark Evans, Stan and Jo Deakin.

In the Regional ranking list, the following Staffs. juniors have been ranked:-

Junior Boys: A. Dixon 4, W. Bridgeman 6, Paul Barnett 8, Paul Dilger 11.

Junior Girls: Shirley Cain 2, Jill Harris 3.

Cadet Boys: A. Devitt 2, R. Bridgeman 7.

Cadet Girls: V. Bellinger 3, F. Elliott 4, S. Hadley 5.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Smith

DISAPPOINTING DROP

All is set for the new season, but it is disappointing to report a drop of membership in all three leagues affiliated to Gloucestershire with both Cheltenham and Gloucester dropping a division. There are various reasons given for the drop, with Cheltenham reporting that a number of senior players have given up because they are no longer enjoying the game, due to the win at all cost attitude of some of the junior players, while both Gloucester and Stroud are suffering from lack of venues and support with the transporting of junior players.

It's all change in the officers of the Cheltenham League, with John Robb becoming Chairman in succession to Ron Dawkins who was honoured with Life-membership after 23 years service to the Cheltenham League. John Boyd gave up the secretaryship to Terry Gill but remains on the committee as Vice-chairman. Both Gloucester and Stroud report no change in their officers, but the Stroud League honoured Dave Lewis and Leslie Smith with Life-membership after a combined total of over 40 years service. They were each presented with an inscribed tankard by League President, Mr. Sid Hammond in appreciation of their service.

Congratulations to County No. 1, Dave Harvey on his marriage to Karen Payne in Cheltenham on July 28. Dave who missed the last few county matches of last season hopes to be available for this coming season.

I have to report the death of County Vice-President, Stroud League life-member and founder member of both the Cheltenham & Stroud Leagues, Mr. T. V. Pratt, our sympathy goes to Mrs. Pratt.

Both Ian Harrison and Bryan Merrett have accepted invitations to become County Vice-Presidents and it is hoped to have a reunion of old players at the County Closed Championships which again takes place at the Stroud Leisure Centre, this year on Sunday, December 9. Entries to Mr. Ray Westbury, the Tournament Secretary by November 17.

The Stroud Leisure Centre is the venue for an International match against Yugoslavia on Thursday, November 15, tickets will be shortly available from the Stroud Leisure Centre, Stratford Road, Stroud or the Stroud League Secretary, Mr. L. J. Smith, Endfield, Cowle Road, Stroud.

LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by P. Taylor

FIRST EVER SEASON

Lincolnshire Veterans open this season's county challenge when they play Cheshire at Grimsby on Oct. 4. It is fortunate for Lincs that last year's county No. 2, Brian Allison, is now a veteran for with both Nottinghamshire and Cheshire in the same division as us, the Veteran Midland League is going to be very strong. The Seniors have their first match on Nov. 10, when they play Durham at Grimsby, the Junior 2nd team being away to Cambridgeshire on that day. The Junior 1st team have their first match on Dec. 1 when they play Cheshire at Lincoln. This will be Lincolnshire's first-ever season in the Junior 2nd Division and we wish Dennis Worrell and his team all the best.

The first opportunity that the juniors will have to impress the selectors will be at the coaching rally at North Kesteven on Sunday, Oct. 14. The following Sunday will be the Lincs Junior Closed also at North Kesteven, and entry forms are available from your local league secretary. These two events will largely determine the first junior ranking list this season so it is important that you attend if you wish to be considered. Forms for the Lincs Closed should also be available from your local league secretary, the Closed being held at North Kesteven on Sunday, Nov. 18.

Coaching wise, congratulations to Jane Wingad and Cathy Bryan who have been accepted into the East Midlands Training Squad. This brings our total in this squad to six, the others being Chris Bryan, Gillian Sharpe, Simon Pullen and Stuart Worrell.

The inter-town competitions start on the Oct. 29 with Wyberton again favourites to win the Haigh Cup. Four towns have entered the newly formed Veteran's Cup, Grimsby, Lincoln, Louth and Grantham and I feel that this competition will steadily grow in size over the coming years and prove to be a big success. In the Butlin Cup, Louth have

replaced Boston who have dropped out this season as have Stamford in the Butcher, their place being taken by Scunthorpe.

ESSEX NOTES

by Geoff Newman

CHANGES GALORE

The new season sees us with quite a number of changes on our executive committee. Alan Shepherd takes over the chairmanship from the retiring Pat Dukes while Val Roffe is our new secretary with husband Dick switching to the Senior match secretary's job. Pat Brown becomes competitions secretary while Gordon Smith is the umpires secretary.

With Mike Watts now entrenched at the E.T.T.A. at Hastings as the new Deputy General Secretary, Peter Roden becomes our National Councillor with Mike as our vice-chairman. Gill Squiers as our assistant secretary becomes a full officer and we now have four members of the fair sex on the executive.

At our A.G.M. presentations were made to Pat Dukes and Ian Whiteside and Ian was also awarded life membership of the Association. Pat is already a life member. Both have served Essex well and the presentations were well deserved. The recipient of the Corti Woodcock Award this year was Dick Roffe a very well deserved honour and for once Dick was speechless. At the E.T.T.A. A.G.M. Essex were also well represented with awards. Elsie Carrington was given a well earned vice-presidency while our new chairman Alan Shepherd was awarded the Leslie Forrest Award for services to the County Championships. Our congratulations go to you all who work so hard for our sport.

For Mike Watts this will be his last season on our executive after 14 years of very loyal service and our loss will be to the national association's gain.

Our senior teams recently entertained the Ovo State teams from Nigeria and frantic work from Dick Roffe and Gill Squiers, with the assistance of the Southend police ensured a very successful match. Our first team of Dave Newman, Les Eadie, Ian Horsham and Linda Barrow won a tremendous match 5-4 while the 2nd team of Tony Penny, Des Charlery, Stuart Gibbs and Linda Thacker were pipped by a similar margin in another very exciting encounter.

The Dagenham League staged this season's tournament of Essex League champions and excellent work by Pete Grinstead and his happy band ensured a very successful day and tournament. The men's singles was won by 3rd seeded Skylet Andrew (Barking) who defeated unseeded John Payne (East London) 18, 17 in the final. John had reached the final with three fine wins over top seed Kevin Alden (Dagenham), Bobby Stevens (Walthamstow) and Tony Penny (Romford). None of these experienced players could come to grips with John's "funny" rubber, but Skylet was a different kettle of fish and won the final much easier than the score line suggests.

The women's singles went to Linda Barrow (Dagenham) who defeated No. 2 seed Elaine Sayer (Becontree) 17, 17 in the final. The veterans' singles went to No. 4 seed Ray Murray (Thurrock) with a fine 15, -18, 14 win over No. 2 seed Mike Watts (Basildon). Ray had earlier topped No. 1 seed Laurie Fountain (Becontree) 18, 19 in the semis.

The boys' singles was won by No. 2 seed Des Charlery (Dagenham) in a first class final victory over No. 1 seed Andrew -17, 14, 16. Top seed Julia Dowsett (Chelmsford) was the winner of the girls' singles beating Kim Mudge (Silvertown) -19, 6, 15 in the final. The men's doubles title was won by the No. 1 seeds Andrew and Charlery who just scraped through 14, -17, 22 in the final against Clinton Heath and Tony Penny (Romford).

Top-seeded Linda Barrow and Elaine Sayer won the women's doubles just getting the better of No. 2 seeds Jane Glasscock and Linda Thacker (Romford) 23, 18 in the final. The mixed title was won by the No. 1 seeds Dave Randall and Elaine Foulds (Dagenham) who defeated No. 3 seeds Dennis Johnson and Elaine Sayer (Ilford) 18, 17 in the final.

This new season promises to be quite exciting and it will be interesting to see how the new National League develops. Our county has one club involved Newham Fellows Cranleigh. The County Championships matches will soon be upon us and our organisation looks very well advanced and the players who will have the honour to represent our county can thank our main officials Dick Roffe (senior) Alan Shepherd (junior) and Phyl Lauder (vets) who have already worked hard to ensure a smooth running season.

EAST MIDLANDS CADETS

by Philip Reid

NEW ENTRANTS

At the A.G.M. of the East Midlands Cadets League, two new towns were accepted for membership — Grantham and Lincoln. This brings the number of towns represented in the league to ten with two leagues (Leicester and Chesterfield) fielding two teams. The other teams are:- Coventry, Derby, Loughborough, Nuneaton, Hinckley and Nottingham.

Stan Parr (Nuneaton), Ian McKelvey (Leicester) and Ron Forster (Loughborough) were re-elected as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

This season there will be four sessions (instead of three as last season) the first one being at Derby on Oct. 7 followed by Loughborough on Dec. 9. The dates for the remaining sessions are Jan. 13 and Apr. 13.

Chesterfield with Alan Cooke and Andrew Henry of last season's team eligible will surely start favourites but Lincoln's Worrall is a good enough player to trouble anyone in the competition. Two of Leicester's last-season 2nd team will be in the first team — David Aldwinckle and Shayne Murray with the rapidly-improving Tim Smith completing the side. Competitive play at this level is sure to bring benefits to those competing and even further more leagues entering next season seems a distinct possibility.

STOCKPORT'S GOLDEN YEAR

by Eric Johnson, Chairman

It was in 1930 that a number of clubs who had been playing table tennis on a friendly basis decided to form the Stockport and District Table Tennis League. Secretary Frank Walker remembers the teams as Stockport Sunday School, St. Thomas's, St. Augustine's, Gatley Y.M.C.A., Our Lady's, Alexandra and St. Andrew's. The last three clubs are still members of the league.

The years before the war were years of growth and consolidation and perhaps the most memorable events being the two exhibitions given by the Barna circus in 1934 and 1939. Herbert Airey, the local champion, played the great Victor Barna to lose -19, -21 before a full house at the Centenary Hall. This event raised the magnificent sum of £100 and must surely have ensured the financial future of the league.

POST WAR

The war interrupted play with so many young people away from home but friendly matches continued. However it was left to

Mr. Reg Stabbs to reform the league when, as General Secretary, he picked up the threads left by some 6 years of war. Under the chairmanship of John Bradshaw table tennis was again on the move in Stockport.

By this time the league had grown to 4 divisions but it was still the pre-war players who won the individual honours with Mrs. Stella Bown taking the women's singles in that first year (only a few months after the birth of her son Louis) and Herbert Airey taking the men's singles.

1948 saw the first breakthrough of the younger players when Derek Schofield won his first singles title beat G. Harry Jones who had won the title in 1938 and was keen to regain it. But this was not to be for the old order was changing with names like Schofield, Paul Stannard, Peter Heath, Lou Moran, Eric Johnson, Geoff Lomas and, later, George Temperton, Colin King, Alan Crossley and Bill Orme. A new era had been born in Stockport — a vital new era where crowds of up to 140 filled the Fairley Aviation Social Club on Saturday evenings to watch and enjoy inter-league matches (Yes, this was before TV had its lethal effect on attendances).

In 1952 Stockport won the second division of the Lancashire and Cheshire League to gain promotion to Division 1 but it was not until 1964 that they first won the first division title with a team of Derek Schofield, Roger Hampson and Alan Crossley. Currently we have again won the second division title under the captaincy of Roger Hampson and look forward to the first division battles.

THE LADIES

The ladies too have played their part, Lorna Antrobus (née Bown) being awarded her junior international badge to be followed by Diana Johnson (née Wright). Diana now leads our women's team who have just won the Lancs & Cheshire first division title for the third consecutive year along with captain Doreen Schofield and Debbie Coulthard, this last season, and with Janet Carr prior to.

Truly a remarkable feat considering the strength of the neighbouring Manchester side.

TODAY

Currently the league boasts nine divisions each of twelve teams involving some 600 players. If you have played table tennis in Stockport at any time this article is intended to remind you of the past and in the hope that you would like to join us for one of the events to celebrate our 50th year.

Friday, November 2 — Celebration Dinner at the Deanwater Hotel, Woodley.

Sunday, January 6 — Closed Championships at Bramhall Sports Centre.

Friday, April 26th — Presentation Dance, Our Lady's Social Club.

THIS GOLDEN AGE

Table tennis in the minds of the general public has been a minor sport by comparison with football, rugby and cricket. The world championship coverage on TV and the recent English Open finals have helped to lift our public image.

In Stockport we have gone one better. Derek Schofield was voted "Sports Personality of the Year" an honour well deserved and particularly appropriate that he should hold his award in our 50th year, indicating as it does the coming of age of this sport that gives us so much pleasure.

On behalf of the President and Officers of the Stockport and District T.T.A. may I thank all who have helped our development over the years and those who continue this work today. Enquiries are welcome to Social Secretary G. Stafford (061-427 1066), League Sec. P. Jordan (061-439 7496) or myself 0625-828818.

Whitbread National Tournament

Douglas the money - Souter the glory

by John Woodford

Most of the glory went to John Souter, 15, from Neasden and to the England-ranked women, whilst the money, or most of it went to Desmond Douglas when Global Table Tennis Promotions put on their opening

tournament of the season at the Whitbread Brewery, City of London on September 1st and 2nd.

Douglas, looking even sharper than ever following his victory in Germany over the Norwich Union Masters champion Dragutin Surbek, ran untroubled through his



Barry Meisel of Global Table Tennis Promotions (centre) presents cheques for £100 to Double Winners (left) Jimmy Walker and (right) Desmond Douglas.

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John Souter (left) receiving his trophy from David Bradshaw, marketing manager for Whitbread & Co. John lost to Jill Hammersley in the final of the A Event, receiving a consolation cheque for £75.00.

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opponents, although Max Crimmins took him to 20-all in the second game in the third round.

Jimmy Walker made no impression in the semi-final on Douglas and Paul Day made even less in the final, but to give Day his due he now seems to be well on the way back to a place in the top seven in the England rankings, because no one believes he is really No. 14.

Anyway, Douglas collected no less than £1,100 for half a day's work. He is now entering his third season unbeaten against English players.

But it was really Souter's day. The England No. 3 junior beat Jill Hammersley and then had a magnificent victory over Nicky Jarvis, finally losing to Colin Wilson in the open singles.

In the A singles final, Mrs. Hammersley gained her revenge over the Neasden boy 15 in the fifth. There were also fine wins for Linda Jarvis (née Howard) that included the No. 2 seed Mike Johns, whilst Angela Mitchell snatched a magnificent double, taking out of the A singles both Martin Shuttle and Steve Lyons.

The tournament was played on six tables in the splendid Porter Tun Room in Chiswell Street. The schedule ran smoothly throughout, although the length of the Hammersley-Souter final lost several Fleet-Street deadlines.

RESULTS:

Open Singles Semi-finals:

D. Douglas bt J. Walker 10, 9.

P. Day bt R. Potton 18, 18.

Final:

DOUGLAS bt Day 12, 11, 16.

A Singles Final:

Mrs. J. HAMMERSLEY bt J. Souter

-15, 21, 17, -12, 15.

Open Doubles Final:

DOUGLAS/WALKER bt D. Wells/

M. Crimmins 10, 17, 11.

1st EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR PARAPLEGICS

by Ted Inge

Team Captain and Coach of the Great Britain Team

Last year the International Stoke Mandeville Games Federation gave their blessing for European championships for Table Tennis to be staged on a bi-annual basis, and at the same time the British Paraplegic Sports Society made a successful bid to stage the very first championships, which will be held at the Stoke Mandeville Sports Stadium on the week-end of 6th and 7th October, 1979.

This will be the first time that the Championships have been staged outside the International games, which embrace all the games that are played from a wheelchair, and they will include team events (on the Saturday) as well as individual events for all the different classes, plus an 'open' event for both men and women. There are six classes, which will mean 12 team event competitions, and with the two open events, 14 individual competitions, which will make for a very busy week-end indeed.

Invitations to the 16 European member nations of the Federation were extended way back in March, of which 13 will be sending teams, with a total of over 100 wheelchair competitors. All the strong member nations of Europe, including Holland, West Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Belgium and France, with, of course, ourselves, competing as Great Britain, will be looking for the medals, and some exciting play is promised.

Play will be on 14 Butterfly tables and will start at 9.00 a.m. each day. Len Pilditch and "Stew" Dane are Hon. Referees for the Tournament and a group of E.T.T.A. umpires, organised by Doreen Stannard, will be staying the week-end to see that things run smoothly.

It is hoped that a film unit from the B.B.C. will be there on the Sunday to film some of the play for inclusion in Sportswide in the Nationwide programme on the following Friday, Oct. 12. Look in and see some of the top players in Europe performing.

Gwent Closed Championships

EVANS TAKES HIS CHANCE

by Stephen Gibbs

With both Brian Jeanes and Gary Wilkins taking part in the Halexsport/News of the World tournament at Minehead, the Gwent Closed at Fairwater Leisure Centre, Cwmbran, on Sept. 16 was fought out amongst the more established of Gwent's players. John Bloomer started as favourite but it was former Welsh International Andrew Evans who won the Men's Singles title without conceding a game.

All eight seeds won their preliminary groups without trouble although No. 7 Haydn Davies did have to fight off a spirited challenge from Tony Watkins the former County player.

As a result of the quarter-finals the top four seeds won through, Bloomer, Evans, Boalch and Phillips all of Eastern Valley. At this stage we saw the first upset when Boalch dismissed Bloomer who won the first game at 18 but Kevin stormed away with the second to win 13. The third produced a chain of unforced errors until "deuce" was reached. Bloomer took an advantage point and those watching thought that the young Boalch would crack but he fought back to win 24-22.

Meanwhile No. 2 seed Evans summarily dismissed Phillips, No. 4, 14, 14.

In the final, the diminutive Evans, was always on the attack, and in both games his offensive play came to good advantage when he opened up a 4-point lead after 15-all. He took the first at 16 but Boalch fought back in the second to 19-all before Evans took the last two points to win his title.

Brenda Annand retained her Women's title. She won through her preliminary group, but not without a scare from Pat Perrett, the former County player. Mrs. Perrett won the first game and held match point before Brenda fought back to take the second 23-21. The decider was again hard fought but Brenda triumphed at 19. Brenda's opponent in the final was Janet Helps who had won her group easily but found the final a different proposition. Brenda won the first at 13 but Janet gave her more trouble in the second before conceding it and the title at 22-20.

Earlier Brenda retained her Girls' title when she easily beat all entrants in a small field. She disposed of both Gillian Bevans and Julie Helps in short time. Gillian was declared runner-up but not until the Junior County player had struggled through the third game to beat Julie at 19.

Evans took a second title when he and Bloomer won the doubles event. They faced Boalch and Phillips in the final, the No. 2 seeds, who had difficulty in reaching the final. In the semis they swamped Oliver and Sell (Newport) 21-8 in the first game, but lost the second -16. But Phillips and Boalch took the third at 16. In the final Evans and Bloomer were convincing winners, 9 and 18. Bloomer failed in his attempt to take two titles when he and Brenda Annand lost in the final of the Mixed to Kevin Phillips and Janet Helps who won their first title. Janet coped better with the faster men's play than Brenda and that was the difference as they won 11, -19, 13.

Jeremy Hobbs won the Boys' event. The Tredegar Junior, under the guidance of Gerald Watkins, did not face the expected opposition when Kevin O'Neill failed to

arrive in time. O'Neill the No. 2 seed had beaten Hobbs in a mid-week Welsh League match. Hobbs won his group without trouble as did No. 4 seed Gary Avis of Newport. Group 2, in the absence of O'Neill was won by Abergavenny's Dale Cross while the only seed all day not to reach his appointed place in the later stages, Michael Turner (Tredegar), was surprisingly beaten by Paul Deacon of Abertillery. Deacon then went one better and dismissed Cross in the semis while Hobbs easily beat Avis.

However, Deacon was not a sound enough opponent for the relatively experienced Hobbs who won the final and the title 10, 16.

NATIONAL LEAGUES FINALS

by Keith Ponting

At the National Leagues Championships finals held in Bristol on Sunday, June 24, the North Middlesex league created one record as being the first league to have reached all four finals in the same season but their hopes of taking the titles eluded them when Bradford scored a brilliant win in the Rose Bowl. The Yorkshire girls were not overawed by the reputation of their opponents and stormed to a 5-1 win. However, the Londoners need not feel too disappointed as to reach all four finals was a magnificent performance for any league and they fully deserved to win three out of four, thereby equalling the record of the Ormesby league who achieved the same in season 1975-76. If I were a betting man I think I would have a bob or two on North Middlesex completing the 'Grand-Slam' in the not too distant future as they have such an abundance of talent available to them.

The finals were well staged by Mike Lewis and his colleagues from the Bristol league with Mrs. Pat Archdale as the Referee, and the awards were presented by Mr. Maurice Goldstein, O.B.E., President of the E.T.T.A. and Chairman of the National Team Competitions Committee. Once again there was an excellent crowd, emphasising the popularity of these championships.

RESULTS:

Wilmott Cup

North Middlesex 5 Birmingham 3
Graham Sandley bt Derek Munt 12, 16;
Mark Mitchell lost to Dougie Johnson
16, -13, -11;

Bob Potton bt Alan Fletcher 12, 18;
Sandley bt Johnson -20, 17, 15;
Potton bt Munt 17, -18, 15;
Mitchell lost to Fletcher -13, -19;
Potton lost to Johnson -21, -18;
Sandley bt Fletcher 17, 20.

Rose Bowl

North Middlesex 1 Bradford 5
Mandy Reeves lost to Sally Midgley
-14, -16;

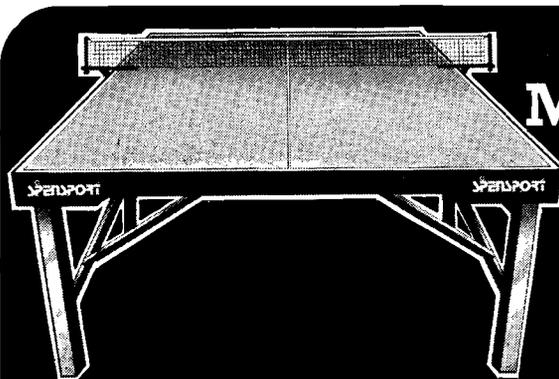
Angela Mitchell lost to Helen Shields
-12, -18;
Helen Williams bt Melody Ludi 19, 20;
Mitchell lost to Midgley -15, -16;
Reeves lost to Ludi -16, -15;
Williams lost to Shields 20, -17, -13.

Carter Cup

North Middlesex 5 Barrow 0
Colin Wilson bt Diccon Gray -11, 20, 13;
John Souter bt Ian Reed -15, 11, 19;
Graham Sandley bt Andrew Pachul 12, 15;
Wilson bt Reed 17, 11;
Sandley bt Gray 23, 16.

Bromfield Trophy

North Middlesex 5, Dunstable 1
Lesley Tyler bt Lisa Bellinger -10, 19, 9;
Mandy Reeves bt Julie Dimmock 14, 14;
Helen Williams bt Jackie Bellinger
18, -14, 13;
Reeves bt Lisa Bellinger 15, -10, 20;
Tyler lost to Jackie Bellinger 13, -11, -26;
Williams bt Dimmock 13, -19, 16.



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THIS AND THAT IN SURREY

by Murray Corbin

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The Surrey A.G.M., held at Fetcham in June, kicked off on time by Chairman Ron Crayden who accepted the apologies of absentees and regretted that some of the names of those who were present at the last meeting were not recorded in the minutes. The few changes made were — John Cartwright from Byfleet to replace Barry Vine, as Treasurer; Syd Morton, after twenty years as Umpires' Secretary, retired. This gap is filled by Phil Goacher; Mike Kercher to captain the seniors first team instead of "Connie" Warren, who like Barry, needs more time to champion their personal affairs. It is possible that in Connie's case, counting the money in the till is a full time job!

I was appointed press officer on account of Ted Simpkin stepping down. As a result, this is my first communication. Perhaps you are already saying that it can only get better. I am sure it will. Norman Hooper and Alan Grant were asked to organise the Surrey Closed Juniors and Seniors, respectively. The Senior Closed will take place at Elmbridge Leisure Centre, Walton, on Sunday, Nov. 11. The entry forms will be circulated by Secretaries of local leagues very soon, but if you experience any difficulty in getting one, only then should you write to or contact Alan at the Leisure Centre. The Junior Closed is scheduled for Feb. 23/24 next year.

The Chairman, a wise and prominent stalwart of the E.T.T.A., before closing the meeting presented the Percy Johnson Trophy to Jack Teal of the Croydon Business League and thanked us for attending. He also expressed great delight for Jill Hammersley being bestowed with the M.B.E. for her services to table-tennis, which all of us thought was an honour well deserved.

This meeting was marred only by the fact that many of the leagues under the jurisdiction of the Surrey T.T.A. did not think it important enough to send a representative to air their views to an audience that really mattered. In contrast, the Wandsworth

A.G.M. was well attended. It was nice to see so many young ones taking an interest to be present. I nearly rushed out to buy some jelly-tots!

Well done Harry Smith and members of the Committee. While in that area, the usual summer competition which was played at St. Michael's on Monday nights, was exciting and friendly — not to the point of giving away games; the serving was rather poor which I drew to their attention only to receive the usual sneers. Shaun Rochelle defeated John Ayshford in the singles play-off and then partnered Harry Rowley in the doubles to stop the advances of Dave Davies and Roy Holmes.

I will take this opportunity to point out that maybe ninety-five per cent of the players in any area serve badly, this is due to lenient umpiring and the inability of coaches to recognize the importance of the Service Law.

During this season, it would be nice to think that Steve Holloway, Lorraine Garbet, Mark Oakley and Nicholas Hoare can establish themselves more. David Dewesbury, Andrew Sexton and Michael Hammond are pushing hard but too few girls are approaching county standard. Max Crimmins still has a glow but we may have expected greater things from David Hannah and Glen Baker too quickly. Is Martin Shuttle emerging again; will Terry Haley and Steve Boxall work harder as time is slipping by; well done Eddie McCarthy with your Sunday fitness sessions at Graham Spicers in the summer; expect Graham Vigor and little Richard Jones to be big in five years.

Richard may have a fan in Nicky Jarvis who was impressed with him at Durham recently. Belated congratulations to Nicky and Linda on their marriage. Could it be true that John Hammond of Chessington has replaced his 1947 model shorts with a fashionable pair; did Danny Rosenburg really spend five consecutive weeks at the Durham training camp recently; is Mary Wright making a return; has Peter Corner been successful in spotting new young players; could it be that quiet in Guildford. It is about time the coaches got together for a good natter, before it is too late — Regards

to Bryan Metters, the Denmans, Bill Heywood and Colin Parkinson of the Leatherhead league. Hope you had a nice holiday John Garland.

My special thanks to Neville Miller, Michele Baker and Gary Hall for helping me coach the juniors at Wimbledon Y.M.C.A.. We had a very good performance from Jill at the Global. May you be lucky and successful in your new venture at Dorking. It will be a struggle for you since Playrite is so well established but I hope that healthy competition will lead to cut prices because we surely need them. Thank goodness none of the Surrey players at the Global were involved in the heckling of Desmond through sheer jealousy. He was very sharp and Max played well for that "deuced" game. It is staggering to think that there is no one here capable even of threatening to take his crown before he retires.

The Surrey Seniors may note that from this season, the old ranking trials at Tweedale are put aside. Players will be expected to play in at least four out of eight tournaments which will be made known by Mike Kercher before this publication. The results from these will be used in conjunction with the performances in their local premier or first divisions. This should be fairer to all and give a truer picture. Good luck fellas.

In conclusion, I wish everyone a pleasant, enjoyable and successful season; this may not be easily achieved by the league secretaries and competition organisers, to them I wish lots of luck and the ability to keep sane. Perhaps they could let me have the results of any outstanding league matches for inclusion in my articles.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

I was a little surprised at the letter by Harry Walker criticising Donald Parker's articles on Periodisation. It is always difficult to find competently written technical information applicable to table tennis.

The E.T.T.A. is indeed fortunate to have someone with Donald's background to whom one can pose questions relevant to the scientific aspects of the sport.

Roy Shepherd, Professor of Applied Physiology at the University of Toronto wrote in a recent publication "The Fit Athlete": "Unfortunately, very few coaches in the Western World have professional training. Some have made serious personal attempts to master the elements of nutrition, physiology and psychology, but others rely exclusively on their childhood experience of a given sport, attempting to cloak ignorance with a blustering authoritarianism".

There are some people who look a little deeper into coaching than "easily understood language together with action photographs". Books on which abound by Carrington, Leach, Myers, Sklorz and Tamasu Co.

Table tennis is starting to emerge from the hit and hope era, Donald is trying to dispell the rationale that "coaching is an art" an inaccurate attempt to conceal ignorance in the scientific aspects of sport. Keep up the good work!

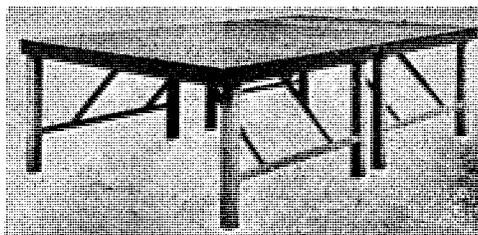
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Tees Sport Summer School 1979

FIVE POINTS UP AT DURHAM

by Jose Tomkins

A great time, happy memories to take home and five points on their game . . . this was the general view of players who attended the 1979 Tees Sport Summer School courses at Durham Castle. Even the blustery winds and often heavy rain showers failed to dampen the spirits and enthusiasm of the 250 plus visitors to the historic North East.

With 28 tables in use at Maiden Castle Sports Centre, all players were able to work at the same time, and work hard they did! One father commented that if he had not been there to observe the programme, he would not have believed that his son had not had time to buy souvenir presents for the family.

The atmosphere of the magnificent Norman Castle which was founded by William the Conqueror in 1072, where reception, meals and social events of the Tees Sport Summer School courses are held, adds greatly to the holiday. And many people comment on the friendliness and helpfulness of the coaches, anticipating perhaps a more formal approach.

The established coaching staff were responsible for various aspects of the courses: NICKY JARVIS for his bat advice and make up service (sniff, sniff!); CAROLE KNIGHT for the final night discos; DONALD PARKER and BOB WILEY for the fitness programme.

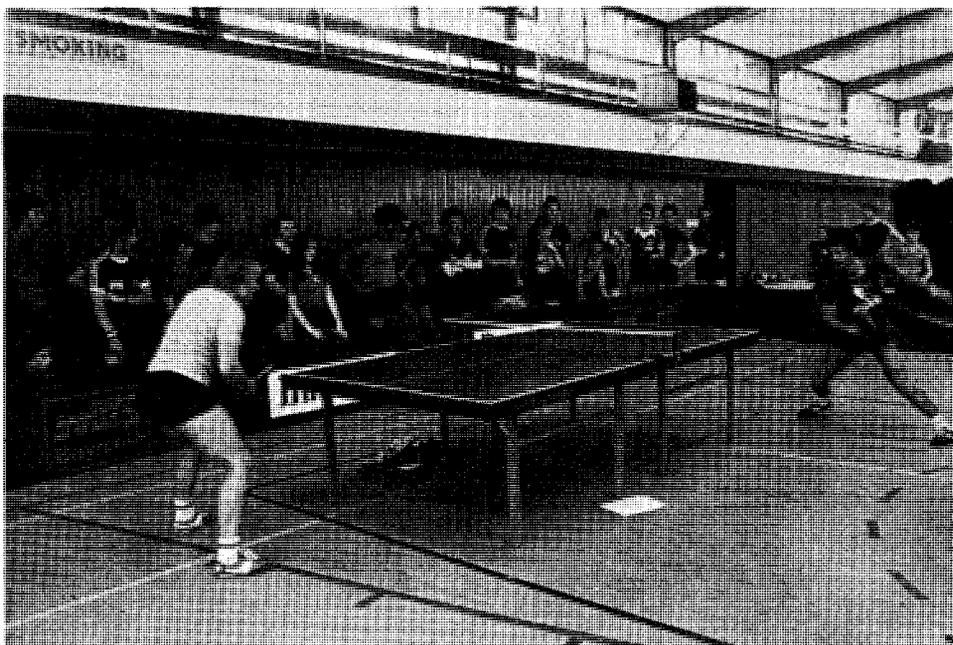
We were also pleased to have with us again this year on Course 1 experienced coach and ex-English International ALAN HYDES, who is often appointed by the I.T.T.F. to carry out coaching courses for developing countries.

Alan Ransome's invitation to coaches with top playing ability to join the coaching staff — DOUGGIE JOHNSON, MARK MITCHELL and LINDA HOWARD JARVIS — proved to be a very popular move, as did the invites to Two Star coaches, JOHN CLARKE and PHILOMENA CLARK. John was one of the best players produced by Lancashire and is now resident and working in Sussex, whilst Northumberland's PHILOMENA was an English Junior International and senior ranked player. An additional coach this year was PHIL WARD from the Ormesby Club, a One Star coach who is also a qualified P.E. instructor and who is tipped by Alan to become one of the top coaches in the future.

A report on the staff would not be complete without mention of KEVIN GREEN, a promising young player from Hartlepool whose ambition is to work for Tees Sport when he leaves school. Kevin helped out and played on Courses 2 - 5.

And all coaches played a new, lighter role this year, leading the singing of "Happy Birthday" in the three birthday celebrations.

DANNY ROSENBERG from Kingston Upon Thames got to know everyone who attended this year for he stayed for all five courses. Danny was closely followed in length of stay by the Texas Junior Champion, BOB RUSSELL from Dallas, whose sunny personality and hard work on the table made him popular with all, plus the lucky winner of several valuable equipment prizes since he appeared in the individual tournament final on three of the four courses, winning on Course 2 and 3. Fare-



The coaching demo.

ham's KEIR DONALDSON stayed for three weeks. Was it Keir's fine disc jockey work or the presence of the girls from the Grove School that made the disco on the third course really hum? Two other players stayed for three courses, EMMANUEL ADEKOYA from Preston and GRAHAM DAVIES from the Isle of Man.

STEVE BARNES of Scunthorpe won the first course tournament, Littlehampton's junior Peter Pudduck won a JOOLA track-suit on the fourth course, while Yorkshire's ace chopper, STUART MILNES from Batley was the fifth course champion.

There were numerous players back for the second and third years running, players from all parts of the British Isles and some overseas visitors. Interestingly enough, the Shropshire area was again outstanding in its representation and based on the quantity and particularly the quality of the young players, this region of England could well produce several future internationals. The Grove School players from Market Drayton coached by their teacher Ian Marshall, were a delightful group on Course 3; on Course 4 we had Ian and Leslie Baker and four other members of the Belle Vue Club, on Course 5 four youngsters from the

Pontesbury Club who are coached by John Morris, plus several additional Shrewsbury players.

Where do people from seaside resorts spend their holidays? At Tees Sports Summer School, of course! The lists this year included groups from Blackpool, Great Yarmouth and several resorts along the South coast. Although the area is small in size, we had eight very enthusiastic players from the Isle of Man. Graham Davies's progress must surely be a good advertisement!

The nine-day course allowed the extra time necessary in the programme to look at tactics and styles in greater depth. The series of interesting evening seminars with talks by Mark Mitchell (blocker/counter-hitter), Douggle Johnson (chopper), Nicky Jarvis and Donald Parker (loopers), with all styles rounded out by the experienced team captains Bryan Merrett and Alan Ransome were followed the next day by practical sessions.

The team and individual tournaments were organized by National Referee, Richard Scruton, with Bryan Merrett, Phil Clark and

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In Seminar.

NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE

NEW INNOVATION BUT NO SPONSOR
by The Editor

The E.T.T.A. took pleasure in announcing on July 18 the introduction of the National Club League. This competition is intended to be the most prestigious and entertaining competition that has ever taken place in English table tennis.

Although the Association have still not found an overall sponsor for this event, it has nonetheless got off the ground which is seen both as a tremendous step forward in the expansion of English table tennis and also as a major part of the Association's plan to ensure that English players do not need to go abroad to earn their living from the sport.

Two divisions, each of eight clubs, have started the ball rolling and they are (venues in brackets):-

- Premier Division**
Denmark (Black Lion Sports Centre, Gillingham, Kent).
Ellenborough (Ellenborough T.T.C., Kimberley Gardens, Enfield, Middx.).
Kelly Girl Internationals (Tolworth Rec. Centre, Fullers Lane, Tolworth, Surrey).
Macleans Maidenhead (Altwood School, Main Hall, Altwood Road, Maidenhead, Berks.).
Newham (Ranelagh School, Ranelagh Road, London E13).
Ormesby I (Middlesbrough Town Hall, Cleveland).
Sealink Milton Keynes (Bletchley Leisure Centre, Princes Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, Bucks).
Soham (Soham Church Hall, High St., Ely, Soham, Cambs.).

- Division 2**
Briarside (Sunderland Y.M.C.A., Toward Rd., Sunderland, Tyne & Wear).
March (Cavalry Barn School, Cavalry Estate, Upwell Rd., March, Cambs.).
Norton (Norton C.C. & M.W.I., Community Drive, Small Thorne, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.).
Ormesby II (Ormesby T.T.C., Meadow Close, off Church Lane, Ormesby, Cleveland).
Salford (Charlestown Recreation Centre, Langley Road South, Salford, Manchester).
Seagulls (Yet to be approved).
Sun Life Second City (West Warwickshire Club, Grange Road, Olten, Solihull, Birmingham).
Unity (Green Lane First School, Manningham, Bradford, Yorks.).

The National League Committee has announced the following prize fund for the 1979/80 season:-

Premier Division	Division 2
1st Place £800	1st Place £300
2nd Place £400	2nd Place £100
3rd Place £200	

Opening matches took place on Sept. 16 since when another set of fixtures were played on Sept. 30.

- RESULTS:**
Premier Division
Sealink Milton Keynes 4 Ellenborough 5
Soham 8 Denmark 1
Newham 4 Ormesby I 5
Kelly Girl Internationals 9 Macleans Maidenhead 0
Macleans Maidenhead 5 Newham 4
Ormesby I 3 Soham 6
Denmark 2 Sealink Milton Keynes 7
Ellenborough 6 Kelly Girl Internationals 3
Division 2
Unity 7 Briarside 2
Ormesby II 6 Norton 3
March 1 Sun Life 2nd City 8

- Salford 6 March 3
Sun Life 2nd City 7 Ormesby II 2
Briarside 5 Seagulls 4
Unity 7 Norton 2

Soham, with wins of 8-1 over Denmark and 6-3 over Ormesby I are the pacesetters in the Premier Division their team in both matches comprising Paul Day, Kenny Jackson, Keith Richardson and David Tan. In the match against Ormesby I, Tan had wins over Denis Neale and Keith Paxton, Jackson defeated Donald Parker and Day accounted for Nicky Jarvis. Richardson weighed in with a victory over Paxton and, in the doubles, Day and Richardson beat Parker and Neale.

A match comprises eight singles and a doubles the format being 1v2, 2v1, 3v4, 4v3, doubles: 1v1, 2v2, 3v3 and 4v4. Additional players may be introduced for the doubles set. Also unbeaten in two matches are Ellenborough who began with a tight 5-4 success over Sealink Milton Keynes in which Graham Sandley emerged as the 'man-of-the-match' with wins over John Hilton (7 and 9) and Richard Yule (19 in the 3rd). Colin Wilson beat Dougie Johnson and Nigel Eckersley, with John Kitchener also successful over Johnson.

Sandley was again in form against Kelly Girl Internationals (Larkhall) beating Max Crimmins and Peter McQueen. Other wins of note were registered by Bob Potton (Newham) who beat Parker (15 and 14) and by John Souter (Denmark) who beat Hilton -3, 16 and 15 and by David Barr (Macleans Maidenhead) who beat Potton and Ian Horsham (Newham).

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Soham	2	2	0	14	4	4
Ellenborough ...	2	2	0	11	7	4
Kelly Girls Intls .	2	1	1	12	6	2
Sealink M.K.	2	1	1	11	7	2
Ormesby I	2	1	1	8	10	2
Macleans M'hd ...	2	1	1	5	13	2
Newham	2	0	2	8	10	0
Denmark	2	0	2	3	15	0

DIVISION TWO

Sun Life 2nd C. .	2	2	0	15	3	4
Unity	2	2	0	14	4	4
Salford	1	1	0	6	3	2
Ormesby II	2	1	1	8	10	2
Briarside	2	1	1	7	11	2
Seagulls	1	0	1	4	5	0
Norton	2	0	2	5	13	0
March	2	0	2	4	14	0

The third series of matches were due to be played on Oct. 7 when, in the Premier Division, the fixture list read:-

- Sealink Milton Keynes v Ormesby I
Soham v Macleans Maidenhead
Newham v Kelly Girl Internationals
Ellenborough v Denmark

On Oct. 21 the Premier Division fixture list is:-

- Newham v Ellenborough
Kelly Girl Internationals v Soham
Macleans Maidenhead v Sealink Milton K.
Ormesby I v Denmark

RANKING LISTS

- Premier Division**
Denmark
J. Dabin, D. Constance, J. Souter, J. Kennedy, J. Burleton, M. Smith, S. Lyons.
Ellenborough
M. Mitchell, G. Sandley, C. Wilson, P. Guttormsen, J. Kitchener, L. Smith.
Kelly Girl Internationals
M. Crimmins, P. McQueen, D. Welsman, M. Johns, D. Wells.
Macleans Maidenhead
R. Jermyn, D. Barr, A. Wellman, D. Reeves, S. Harmer, D. Gloster.
Newham
R. Potton, I. Horsham, M. Hafen, D. Newman, L. Eadie, D. Brown, T. Penny, D. Charlery.
Ormesby I
N. Jarvis, D. Parker, D. Neale, S. Heaps.
Sealink Milton Keynes
J. Hilton, R. Yule, D. Johnson, N. Eckersley, S. Andrew, G. Lambert, J. Wright.

- Soham**
P. Day, K. Jackson, K. Richardson, D. Tan, A. Barden, S. Palmer.
2nd Division
Briarside
A. Clark, D. Svenson, A. Gelder, I. Svenson, F. Mitchinson, C. Reed, B. Robson, S. Robinson.
March
M. Palmer, C. Brewer, R. Swift, A. Withers, G. Jordan, P. Stacey.
Norton
M. Green, E. Wilkes, M. Evans, S. Deakin, J. Deakin.
Ormesby II
K. Paxton, T. Martin, M. Corking, P. Ward, R. Wiley, K. Green, S. Brunskill.
Salford
D. Schofield, R. Hampson, R. Weatherby, J. Weatherby, B. Clements.
Seagulls
R. Chandler, G. Gillett, M. Francis, S. Moore, A. Moore, P. Pudduck, J. Clarke.
Sun Life Second City
D. Munt, P. Glynn, B. Hayward, B. Johnson, L. Bertie, R. Gunnion.
Unity
K. Beadsley, S. Mills, C. Rogers, C. Lo, T. Bottomley, S. Worsman.

SPOTLIGHT ON . . . SEALINK MILTON KEYNES

Seemingly from nowhere the Milton Keynes club has suddenly emerged as one of the leading clubs in England and the secret of its success lies quite simply in sponsorship.

Knowing that the newly-formed National League was a distinct possibility, club manager Brian Ashton went all out to secure the necessary sponsorship and was successful in obtaining three such contracts.

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NEWS FROM THE TRADE

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England and European number one-ranked player, Jill Hammersley, M.B.E., has signed an exclusive contract with TSP Sports Europe Limited, manufacturers of famous table tennis equipment to use and endorse the TSP range of bats, rubbers and clothing. She joins her counterpart in the men's game, world star, Desmond Douglas, in spearheading the Company's intensive promotional campaign to establish TSP as the leading brand of Table Tennis equipment throughout England and Europe.

ULF THORSELL JOINS THE TSP TABLE TENNIS TEAM

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RICHARD YULE

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PRESTIGE

Milton Keynes Development Corporation were impressed with the professional attitude of the club's management in the promotion of the sport and looked on the venture as one of prestige for the new city.

They have given a very generous launch grant of £2,500 which is being used to set up the club's administration side. Joola, Federal Germany's top manufacturer of table tennis equipment then started talks with Sealink Milton Keynes which has resulted in the German firm gaining its first major sponsorship contract in Britain.

It is providing the Milton Keynes-based club with all playing equipment and clothing plus a very substantial cash bonus should the club finish in the top three in the new league.

The club's first signing was England's No. 7, Duggie Johnson of Birmingham who, last season landed the biggest ever E.T.T.A. competition prize when he won the Rock England Under-21 championship held at Crystal Palace. England No. 2 John Hilton and England's No. 16 Nigel Eckersley were next to sign for the club followed by the Scottish No. 1 Richard Yule of Aberdeen.

Other signings made include Skylet Andrew of Essex, one of the country's most promising juniors, Gary Lambert of Devon and Jonathan Wright, two bright cadets.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP COVER

Sealink Milton Keynes produced a commemorative stamp cover to celebrate its first ever game in the E.T.T.A.'s newly formed National Club League on Sept. 23rd. The cover includes the club's own special logo, a team photograph and a commemorative description. It was cancelled locally and facilities were available on the day to add autographs of participating international-ranked players. Applications for stamp covers can be obtained by phoning 0908-74502.

HELD OVER

Amongst several features held over to next month's magazine (due to pressure of space) are the "Colgate North of England Open" in which Nicky Jarvis continued his winning ways, and the "North Yorks. Junior T.T. Championships".



LEADING INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS MAKING UP THE TSP TABLE TENNIS TEAM. Left to right: Desmond Douglas, England's No. 1; Jill Hammersley, England's No. 1; Ulf Thorsell, Sweden.



FROM DUNLOP

England players in the special Dunlop promotional tracksuits issued to the squad with holdalls and clothing as part of the agreement that exists between the Company and the English Table Tennis Association covering international matches and competitions. From left to right: Nick Jarvis, Linda Jarvis, John Hilton, Desmond Douglas, Paul Day (not now a squad member), Jill Hammersley, and Peter Simpson - The E.T.T.A. National Coach.

John Clark providing valuable assistance.

Our thanks are extended to the English Table Tennis Association, Sports Council, Northern Region, Northumbria Tourist Board, and particularly the Management and Staff at Durham Castle, Maiden Castle Sports Centre and Van Mildert College, for their co-operation in making Tees Sport Summer School such a success.

From the administrative viewpoint, the Summer School requires long hours and attention to small details, but at the end of each course the fact that everyone says they've had such a good holiday makes it all worthwhile! Tired but fitter, the enthusiastic players return home after their course waiting to unleash their new found skills and knowledge on their local league colleagues.

The dates for next year's courses are:-

- Course 1 — July 21st to 26th
- Course 2 — July 27th to August 1st
- Course 3 — August 2nd to 10th (long course)
- Course 4 — August 11th to 16th
- Course 5 — August 17th to 22nd
- Course 6 — August 23rd to 31st (long course)

Full details and booking forms will be available shortly. As a result of provisional bookings made at the conclusion of this year's courses, it would appear that potential participants should apply and book early. Call or write for a brochure.

3rd World Student Championships

by DEREK OLDMAN

Student table tennis in Great Britain received a great boost during the summer when it was heard that the British Students Sports Federation's bid to stage the 3rd World Student Championships had been accepted.

Teesside Polytechnic has put in a very attractive bid for the Championships which has been gladly accepted, and its Committee will be responsible for the local arrangements. The venue will be Thornaby Pavilion using 10-12 tables, the competitors will be accommodated in Teesside Polytechnic Halls of Residence and the duration of the tournament will be from 7th to 13th September 1980. The E.T.T.A. together with the Cleveland Table Tennis Association will provide the necessary technical expertise whilst all the pre event administration will be conducted from the B.S.S.F. office in London.

The British team will be selected from full time Students at University, Polytechnic or College in Great Britain and Northern Ireland during the academic year 1979-80. Any players meeting this requirement and wishing to be considered should make their intention known to me c/o B.S.S.F. 28 Woburn Square, London WC1H 0AH as soon as possible in order that their progress can be watched prior to the ultimate selection of the team.



NEW DEPUTY APPOINTED

Yet another left-hander in Mike Watts turned professional on Sept. 1/79 when he joined the English Table Tennis Association as Deputy General Secretary to link up with Albert Shipley, the General Secretary, Roy Stevens, the Administrative Secretary and Dick Tammadge, the Development Officer at 21 Claremont, Hastings, East Sussex.

As a player, Mike has had 25 years experience having represented Birmingham, Chelmsford, Southend and the Central League in London. He played for the Royal Air Force team (1955/58), Essex II (1966/69) and Essex Veterans (1978/79). He obtained a coaching diploma in 1964 having been County Coaching Officer for Warwickshire.

Administratively Mike was the West Birmingham Divisional Secretary (1962/64), Southend League Secretary (1965/74) and that league's chairman (1974/77). He was County Match Sec. for Essex (1965/67), County Tournaments Sec. (1966/67) and Essex County Sec. (1965/79) and National Councillor for Essex (1979/80).

Many will remember him as Office Manager at the 34th World Championships in Birmingham as well as being Organiser and Referee of the Southend Open since 1967 — 11 tournaments. Mike is a National Referee as well as being an International Umpire. In 1971 he was awarded the Corti-Woodcock Memorial Award for services to Table Tennis in Essex and in 1977 became the recipient of the Ivor Montagu Award for administrative services to Table Tennis in England.

Mike has given up his position as Senior Personnel Officer with the British Steel Corporation in London to take over a role he seems well suited for in the E.T.T.A. office in Hastings.

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THE ROCK UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

LION'S SHARE FOR KENNY AND MELODY

by George R. Yates

True equality of the sexes was achieved at the Black Lion Sports Centre, Gillingham, Kent over the weekend of Sept. 8/9 when the overall prize fund of £1,800 was split down the middle between the men and the women in the four individual events.

These, together with team events involving players from 9 countries, made up the Rock U-21 International Championships sponsored by Rock Motor Parts Limited whose Managing Director, Julius Darham, took more than a passing interest in how affairs were run.

John Wright, that most admirable of Referees, came up with a novel format for the team events — given prominence elsewhere — and this met with a unanimous vote of approval from all concerned.

Denmark, represented by Johnny Hansen and Palle Rud, won the men's team event, with England II beating England I into second place for the women's title the honours going to Angela Mitchell and Suzanne Hunt and the blushes to Karen Witt and Melody Ludi.

England men's first team of Paul Day and Duggie Johnson could finish no higher than third, behind Denmark and Poland, with England II (Kenny Jackson and Andrew Bellingham) coming in fourth.

Both Jackson, later to win the men's singles, and Johnson had returns of 9 wins against 1 loss, the former to Hansen and the latter to Leszek Kucharski of Poland. But Angela Mitchell was the revelation with 8 wins in a row including the scalp of Karen Witt, the England No. 2 whose only loss this was in the team event.

But who would have plumped for Melody Ludi winning the women's singles, and the £350 that went with the title, after losing to Suzanne Hunt, Jolanta Szatko (Poland), Brigitte Ringhofer (Austria) and the defensive Barbara Lippens (Belgium) in the team event?

Angela Mitchell came out top in the individual placings for Group "A" with Karen Witt runner-up. Suzanne Hunt and Melody finished third and fourth in Group "B" behind Miss Lippens and Miss Szatko, the Belgian losing to the Pole, who lost to Miss Hunt.

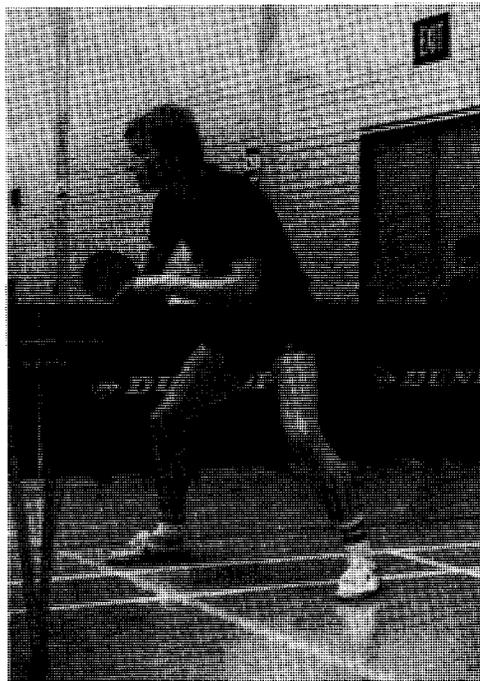
Hansen and Jackson shared top place in the men's "A" Group, the former beating Jackson but losing to Poland's Andrzej Grubba. Three players shared top place in Group "B", each with 9 wins and 1 loss, Johnson to Kucharski, Kucharski to Rud, and Rud to Johnson.

AUTHORITY

Having thus established their authority in the round robins it came as no real surprise when Jackson and Hansen resumed battle in the final of the men's singles with the Essex player reversing the team event result against the Dane, much to his credit after losing the middle game of three.

But the murmurs of the spectators rose a notch or two, when Berkshire's David Barr, in Rd. 2, ousted the top seed. Grubba, and went on to account for Leon Smith (Essex) and Wolfgang Schober of Austria to reach the quarters where he fell to Jackson.

Warwickshire's Johnson, winner of the Rock U-21 English title, took out the No. 3 seed, Rud, but fell, at 19 in the third, to Jackson in the semis.



Kenny Jackson, winner of the men's singles, typically set to receive service at Gillingham.

In the lower half of the draw three English players had seeded positions the foremost being Day, at No. 5, but the Cams international after a sparkling 13, 8

destruction of Graham Sandley, seeded No. 9, fell to Hansen in a tense 3-gamer. Colin Wilson, the other seeded Englishman, had a disappointing first round loss to Scotland's Keith Rodger who also beat Joey Kennedy of Kent before falling to Jjberd Meijer of the Netherlands.

Meantime Hansen, the defeated finalist, was crashing his way through at the expense of A. W. Dodd (Kent), M. Brown (Warwicks) and Ron Spanje (Netherlands) prior to his meeting with Day. Kucharski took out Belling, 12 and 11, and David Wells (Middlesex) in the quarters before losing to Hansen in the sems.

In the counterpart women's event the demise of the top seed occurred in the quarters when Karen Witt fell, 19 in the 3rd, to Barbara Lippens. Miss Lippens' compatriot, Marie-France Germiot, seeded No. 2, was a non-starter her place being taken by Carine Verachtert who was dismissed by Scotland's Carole Dalrymple.

The middle order seeds, Jolanta Szatko and Brigitte Gropper, the latter from Austria, were taken out, respectively, by Angela Mitchell and Suzanne Hunt who, in turn, fell to Melody Ludi and Miss Lippens in the semis. It was thought that patience in abundance would be needed by Miss Ludi in the final but no such tactics were forthcoming by the Bradford girl who started off with a bang to destroy the Belgian girl 9 in the first and, more relenting, 18 in the second.

Miss Ludi, partnered by Miss Witt, never had it easy in the final of the women's doubles being at pains to dispose of Mandy Reeves and Sally Midsley. Not so the Poles. Grubba and Kucharski in the final of the men's doubles against Hansen and Rud.

Little doubt that the Black Lion Centre fulfilled all expectations as a venue although suffering from an inadequate public address system, a common fault with modern sports centres. Publicity, from a national aspect, also called for a black mark but tournaments finishing on a Sunday evening stand no chance of being covered by the nationals but there is a stronger case in the sponsor's favour in respect of pre-tournament coverage the lack of which justified the complaints of Mr. Darham. Perhaps this coverage may help to placate.

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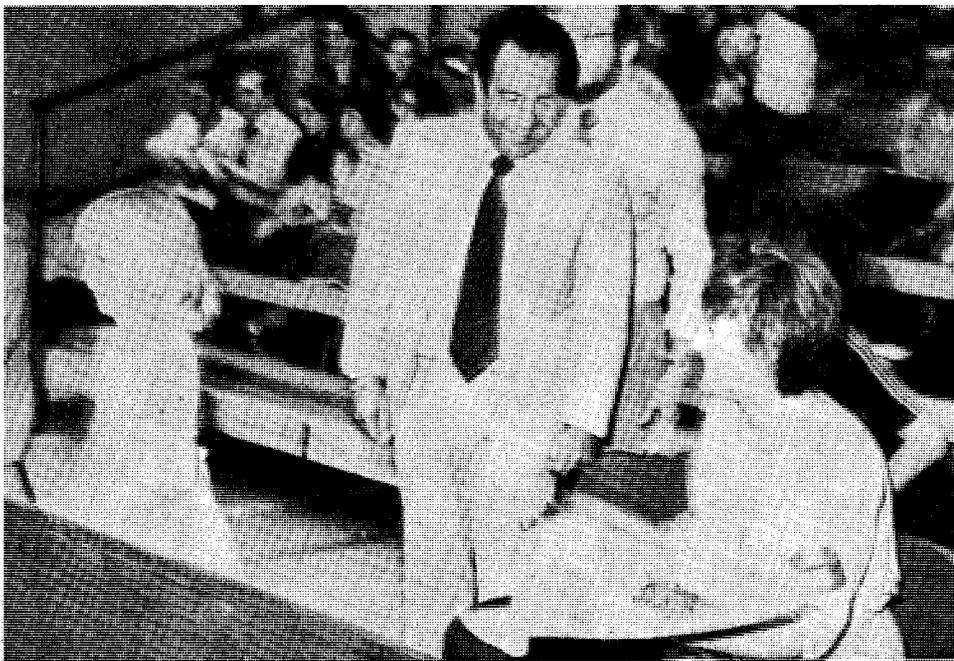
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THE ROCK UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TEAM EVENTS

MEN'S TEAM — FINAL POSITIONS

	"A" Group Points	"B" Group Points	"A" Bonus Points	"B" Bonus Points	Total Points
1 DENMARK	27	18	6	3½	54
2 Poland	24	18	4	3½	49½
3 England I	21	18	2½	3½	44 5/6
4 England II	27	10	6	—	43
5 Netherlands I	21	12	2½	½	36
6 Scotland	15	12	1	½	28½
7 Netherlands II	6	8	—	—	14
8 Ireland	12	2	—	—	14
9 Wales	3	8	—	—	11
10 Austria	9	2	—	—	11
11 Belgium	0	2	—	—	2

FINAL INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

GROUP "A"	W	L	Position
J. Hansen (Den)	9	1	1=
K. Jackson (Eng II)	9	1	1=
A. Grubba (Pol)	8	2	3
P. Day (Eng I)	7	3	4=
R. Spanje (Net)	7	3	4=
K. Rodger (Sco)	5	5	6
K. Keane (Ire)	4	6	7
A. Zehetbauer (Aut)	3	7	8
E. Wiggers (Net)	2	8	9
J. Morgan (Wal)	1	9	10
A. Scheffaut (Bel)	0	10	11

GROUP "B"	W	L	Position
D. Johnson (Eng I)	9	1	1=
L. Kucharski (Pol)	9	1	1=
P. Rud (Den)	9	1	1=
D. McIlroy (Sco)	6	4	4=
P. Swier (Net)	6	4	4=
A. Bellingham (Eng II)	5	5	6
S. Meijer (Net)	4	6	7=
N. Thomas (Wal)	4	6	7=
T. Dolan (Ire)	1	9	9=
L. Giergen (Bel)	1	9	9=
W. Schober (Aut)	1	9	9=

SERVICE JUDGE

Passed at the Congress of the 1979 World Championships, it was decided that there would be a Service Judge operating opposite the Umpire. The following procedure will be adopted:-

1. A service judge (who may also be the edge ball judge or net cord judge) will sit facing the umpire, at the opposite side of the table.
2. When the service judge can see the player's service action and he considers it to be illegal he will signal to the umpire by raising his right hand to the height of his shoulder. (In making the signal, the service judge should be careful not to disturb unduly the concentration of the players).
3. If the service judge makes such a signal and the umpire is unable to see the service action, or if the umpire is able to see the service action and he considers it to be illegal, the umpire will call "Fault" and award a point against the server.
4. If the service judge makes such a signal but the umpire is able to see that the service is legal, the umpire will disregard the signal.
5. If the service judge is unable to see the service action, he will make no signal.

- A. Bellingham bt Schober 14, 15;
- lost to Johnson -16, -16;
- lost to Kucharski -17, -10;
- bt Giergen 12, 10;
- lost to Rud -10, -6;
- lost to Swier 13, -14, -19;
- bt Meijer 13, 17;
- bt Thomas 18, 11;
- lost to McIlroy 11, -18, -16;
- bt Dolan 9, 14.

WOMEN'S TEAM — FINAL POSITIONS

	"A" Group Points	"B" Group Points	"A" Bonus Points	"B" Bonus Points	Total Points
1 ENGLAND II	24	12	7	2	45
2 England I	21	8	5	½	34½
3 Poland	12	14	2½	4	32½
4 Austria	18	5	4	½	30½
5 Belgium	6	14	—	4	24
6 Ireland	12	8	2½	½	22 5/6
7 Denmark	9	6	1	—	16
8 Scotland	6	0	—	—	6
9 Wales	0	2	—	—	2

FINAL INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

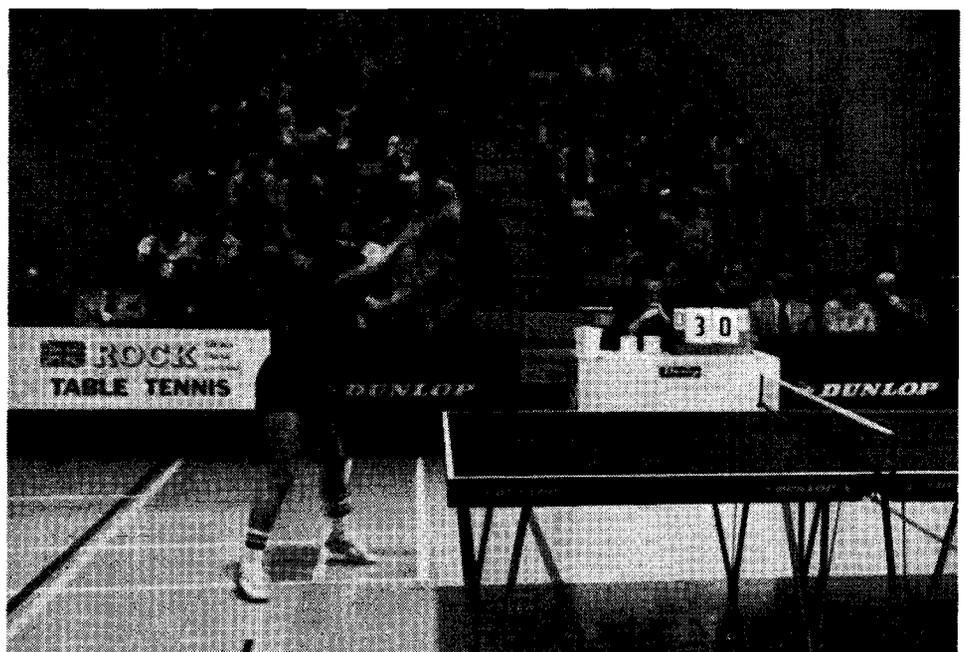
GROUP "A"	W	L	Position
A. Mitchell (Eng II)	8	0	1
K. Witt (Eng I)	7	1	2
B. Gropper (Aut)	6	2	3
A. Leonard (Ire)	4	4	4=
W. Sikora (Pol)	4	4	4=
L. Jakobsen (Den)	3	5	6
C. Dalrymple (Sco)	2	6	7=
C. Verachtert (Bel)	2	6	7=
S. Jones (Wal)	0	8	9=

GROUP "B"	W	L	Position
B. Lippens (Bel)	7	1	1=
J. Szatko (Pol)	7	1	1=
S. Hunt (Eng I)	6	2	3
M. Ludi (Eng I)	4	4	4=
D. Kilpatrick (Ire)	4	4	4=
R. Ringhofer (Aut)	4	4	4=
L. Hartelius (Den)	3	5	6
D. Coulthard (Wal)	1	7	8
K. Hammond (Sco)	0	8	9

TEAM EVENT REGULATIONS

1. There will be separate Competitions for Men's and Women's Teams.
2. A Team consists of 2 Players, 'A' and 'B', the 'A' Player being the better.
3. All the 'A' Players are placed in a Group each playing a best of three singles against each of the other Players in the Group. 3 points will be awarded for each match won.
4. All the 'B' Players are placed in a second Group, each playing a best of three singles against each of the other Players in the Group. 2 points will be awarded for each match won.
5. Positions in a Group shall be decided by the number of matches won; if 2 or more Players have won the same number of matches they will be placed equal and share the aggregate points.
6. In addition to the points scored by Players for matches won, they will also score points for their final Group position. The first placed Player in Group 'A' shall score 7 points for the Team, the second 5, third 4, fourth 3, fifth 2 and sixth 1 point. In Group 'B' the first placed Player shall score 5 points, the second 3, third 2, and fourth 1 point.
7. Team positions will be decided by the greatest number of aggregate points. If 2 or more Teams are level on aggregate points then their positions will be determined by the number of matches won and if this does not resolve the position then games difference and, if necessary, points difference shall be used.

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Melody Ludi, winner of the women's singles, off to a 3-0 lead against Barbara Lippens in the final.

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
WOMEN**

Group "A"
K. Witt bt Leonard 18, 15;
 lost to Mitchell 13, -18, -14;
 bt Jones 18, 10;
 bt Dalrymple 9, 8;
 bt Jakobsen 15, 13;
 bt Sikora 12, -16, 10;
 bt Gropper 18, 17;
 bt Verachtert 13, 17.

A. Mitchell bt Dalrymple 13, 17;
 bt Witt -13, 18, 14;
 bt Verachtert 10, 20;
 bt Sikora 12, 17;
 bt Gropper 11, 17;
 bt Jakobsen 13, 19;
 bt Leonard 17, -19, 9;
 bt Jones 4, 16.

Group "B"
M. Ludi bt Kilpatrick 17, 12;
 lost to Hunt 16, -18, -15;
 bt Coulthard 5, 10;
 bt Hammond 6, 4;
 bt Hartelius 16, 14;
 lost to Szatko 7, -20, -19;
 lost to Ringhofer -19, 11, -24;
 lost to Lippens -18, -6.

S. Hunt bt Hammond 8, 4;
 bt Ludi -16, 18, 15;
 lost to Lippens -15, -14;
 bt Szatko 17, 12;
 lost to Ringhofer -14, -21;
 bt Hartelius 11, 19;
 bt Kilpatrick -14, 14, 13;
 bt Coulthard 18, 12.

**THE ROCK UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

Men's Singles Round 4:
 D. Barr (Bk) bt W. Schober (Aut) 16, 15;
 K. Jackson (ENG) bt E. Wiggers (NET) 11, 3;
 D. Johnson (ENG) bt N. Thomas (WAL) 12, 15;
 P. Rud (DEN) bt S. Holloway (Sy) 12, 11;
 L. Kucharski (POL) bt S. Meijer (NET) 10, -19, 18;
 D. Wells (Mi) bt A. Zehetbauer (AUT) 17, 16;
 P. Day (ENG) bt G. Sandley (Mi) 13, 8;
 J. Hansen (DEN) bt R. Spanje (NET) 14, 14.

Quarter-finals:
 Jackson bt Barr 22, -18, 16;
 Johnson bt Rud -10, 17, 20;
 Kucharski bt Wells 12, 19;
 Hansen bt Day -25, 15, 18.

Semi-finals:
 Jackson bt Johnson -14, 12, 19;
 Hansen bt Kucharski 15, 13.

Final:
 JACKSON bt Hansen 16, -18, 14.

Women's Singles Round 3:
 K. Witt (ENG) bt S. Jones (WAL) 14, 15;
 B. Lippens (BEL) bt A. Leonard (IRE) -14, 16, 18;
 M. Reeves (Mi) bt S. Midgley (Y) -14, 17, 7;
 S. Hunt (ENG) bt B. Gropper (AUT) 17, 19;
 J. Szatko (POL) bt L. Bellinger (Bd) 18, -18, 7;
 A. Mitchell (ENG) bt L. Jacobsen (DEN) 21, 19;
 M. Ludi (ENG) bt D. Kilpatrick (IRE) 13, 8;
 C. Dalrymple (SCO) bt L. Garbet (Sy) 21, 11.

Quarter-finals:
 Lippens bt Witt 11, -13, 19;
 Hunt bt Reeves 16, -16, 5;
 Mitchell bt Szatko 22, 15;
 Ludi bt Dalrymple 13, -16, 21.

Semi-finals:
 Lippens bt Hunt 19, 11;
 Ludi bt Mitchell -11, 17, 14.

Final:
 LUDI bt Lippens 9, 18.

Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:
 A. Grubba (POL)/Kucharski bt Sandley/M. Shuttle (Sy) 12, -16, 13;
 A. Bellingham (ENG)/Jackson bt Schober/Zehetbauer 20, 17;
 Day/Johnson bt E. Gorniak/M. Les (Mi) 14, 14;
 Hansen/Rud bt D. Newman/L. Smith (E) 19, 20.

Semi-finals:
 Grubba/Kucharski bt Bellingham/Jackson 13, 20;
 Hansen/Rud bt Day/Johnson 9, -19, 17.

Final:
 GRUBBA/KUCHARSKI bt Hansen/Rud 19, 13.

Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:
 Ludi/Witt bt D. Coulthard (WAL)/Jones 16, 16;
 Garbet/H. Williams (Mi) bt Gropper/B. Ringhofer (AUT) -21, 15, 17;
 Midgley/Reeves bt L. Hryszko/J. McLean (Y) 11, -18, 15;
 W. Sikora (POL)/Szatko bt G. Sharpe (Li)/T. Vallis (Bk) 8, 14.

Semi-finals:
 Ludi/Witt bt Garbet/Williams 16, 24;
 Midgley/Reeves bt Sikora/Szatko 15, 12.

Final:
 LUDI/WITT bt Midgley/Reeves 20, -18, 18.

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STIGA SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by David Lomas

Players from Federal Germany and Norway were involved for the first time in the 5th Stiga Schools International Championships which took place at the Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Bradford, on July 13th, 14th and 15th.

The Championships — organised by the English Schools' Table Tennis Association also involved teams from England, Ireland and Scotland.

The new format of teams involving four players with each player playing two singles and one doubles set was well received and the Individual Championships section of the Championships also worked well with a "Consolation" event replacing the previous system of group matches.

England's 'A' team once again won the Stiga International Team Trophy. Although England 'B' were runners-up they were ousted in some of the events — notably in the Senior Boys in which Scotland were second, the Junior Boys where Ireland finished second and Norway third.

TEAM RESULTS:

Senior Boys

1. ENGLAND A (Skylet Andrew, David Barr, Diccon Gray, Graham Sandley, Colin Wilson)
2. SCOTLAND
3. ENGLAND B (Adrian Hill, Paul Hindle, Ian Reed, Kevin Satchell, Eddie Wilkes)
4. FEDERAL GERMANY
5. IRELAND

Senior Girls

1. ENGLAND A (Shirley Cain, Rachel Mackriell, Sally Midgley, Gina Pritchard, Cathy Robb)
2. ENGLAND B (Sarah Cresswell, Mandy Mytton, Julie Revill, Gail Smith, Lesley Tyler)
3. SCOTLAND
4. IRELAND

Intermediate Boys

1. ENGLAND A (Stephen Moore, Mark Oakley, John Souter, Robert Swift, Paul Whiting)
2. ENGLAND B (Ian Attridge, Philip Bradbury, Peter Brownlow, Andrew Golding, Sean Madden)
3. SCOTLAND
4. IRELAND

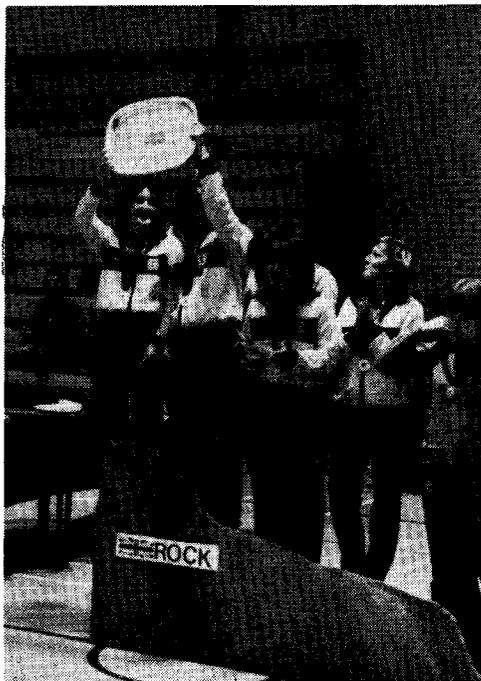
Intermediate Girls

1. ENGLAND A (Jackie Bellinger, Elaine Bolton, Carol Butler, Cherry Creasey, Lorraine Garbet)
2. ENGLAND B (Julie Dowsett, Lynne Fennah, Joy Grundy, Amanda Judd, Jackie Myers)
3. IRELAND

Cadet Boys

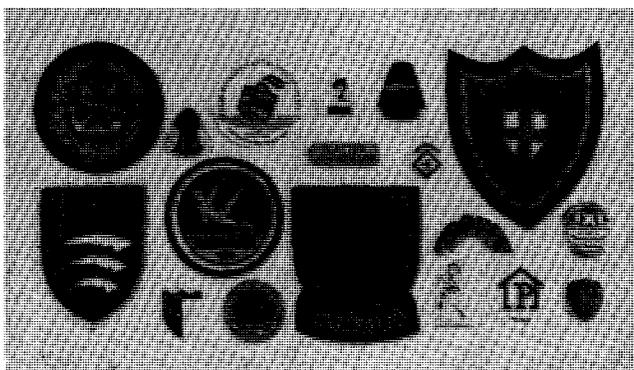
1. ENGLAND A (Jeremy Duffield, Gary Lambert, Adrian Moore, Carl Prean, Graham Russell)

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England II (Suzanne Hunt and Angela Mitchell) hold aloft their women's team trophy with applause from England I (Karen Witt and Melody Ludi) with n.p.c. Jill Hammersley in the background.

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All smiles as E.S.T.T.A. Officials (1 to r) Eddie Mitchell, Tom Matthews and John Arnold receive pennants from Norway Team Manager Otto Hatlebakk.
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2. IRELAND
3. NORWAY
4. ENGLAND B (Darren Griffin, Andrew Henry, Murray Jukes, Ian McLoughlin, Stuart Worrell)
5. FEDERAL GERMANY A
6. SCOTLAND
7. FEDERAL GERMANY B

Cadet Girls

1. ENGLAND A (Lisa Bellinger, Lesley Broomhead, Michele Hams, Jean Parker, Josette Ryalls)
2. ENGLAND B (Helen Bardwell, Alison Boxall, Nikki Hamilton, Lisa Hayden, Tracy Lightfoot)
3. FEDERAL GERMANY A
4. IRELAND

5. NORWAY
6. FEDERAL GERMANY B
7. SCOTLAND

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

There were some interesting performances in the Individual events with new names on the six trophies.

The Senior Boys event went very much as expected with **Graham Sandley** defeating Hertfordshire colleague Colin Wilson in the final after Sandley had put out David Barr in one semi-final with Wilson having a stiffer task against Skylet Andrew.

Local player, Sally Midgley was a worthy winner of the Senior Girls category defeating Rachel Mackriell of Bournemouth in

straight games in the final. There were two surprise winners in the Intermediate events. **Philip Bradbury** eliminating Paul Whiting, and Mark Oakley on his way to an exciting win over No. 1 seed, John Souter. And **Julie Dowsett** (Essex County) lowered the hopes of the Scottish contingent in defeating the highly rated Carol Dalrymple.

Carl Prean (Isle of Wight) produced his best form to beat Jeremy Duffield, Adrian Moore and, in the final, Erik Rasmussen (Norway) in the Cadet Boys' section whilst **Lisa Bellinger** improved on her runners-up spot in last year's Championships by defeating Jean Parker in the Cadet Girls' final.

Worthing Junior International Championships

ENGLAND GIRLS DOMINATE

by John Woodford

Here is another tournament moving from strength to strength. A record-equalling eleven nations, 200 players and some really special performances by young England players set the seal on a busy week-end for all concerned.

The main boys' singles event did not however, come England's way. The winner was a studious, chunky youth from Yugoslavia, one Stephan Kovac. By no means a spectacular player, just solid attacking at the right moments was too much for Colin Wilson, beaten 21-18, 21-15, in the final.

England girls dominated in the Under-17 singles, three of them reaching the semi-finals. The "outsider" in the semis was the Yugoslav Miraj Cadez. Mandy Reeves removed her from the reckoning and qualified to meet Mandy Smith in what proved to be a superb final duel. The Reading girl trod thin ice in the first game when she was 18-20 in arrears but snapped back to win 22-20. She just lost the second 20-22, but finished strongly to win 21-14.

England scored again in the mixed doubles as Sandley and Alison Gordon cut through all the foreign pairs. In the final they overcame the Federal Germans Borsos and Haag.

As an international event, this tournament should be on top of the list of national events that should be moved inside the season (ends April 30th).

LANCASHIRE 2-STAR OPEN

This season's Lancashire 2-Star Open, to be played on Saturday, Feb. 2, will be the 25th to take place at British Aerospace Dynamics, Lostock near Bolton.

Switched from its original date in the draft calendar because of a clash with the Stiga Welsh Open, it is hoped that because of this special occasion, notwithstanding it being a County Championships date, an entry will be commensurate with the money to be expended.

A plea is therefore made that counties with matches scheduled for that date will make endeavours to seek an alternative date thus freeing their players to participate in this anniversary tournament.

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County Championships Round-up

by PHILIP REID

The County Championships Conference held as usual in June and admirably chaired by Ian Whiteside brought up the annual debate on whether the Premier Division matches would be played over two week-ends. Two of the counties competing in this division — Essex and Glamorgan — opted to play their matches throughout the season so although the remaining six will play over two week-ends this will not apply to the two forementioned counties.

Dorset and Worcestershire were unhappy at their respective placings in the second divisions but after considerable discussion it was decided that geographical considerations should be the main criteria and that these counties should remain in the divisions proposed. The Veterans section continues to expand with Cumbria, newcomers, with the most amount of travelling to do.

The new administrator is Aubrey Drapkin, 6 Northfield Road, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne NE3 3UL. Bob Bridges will continue to supervise the play-offs and other special events. I for my part will be responsible for publicity. Any outstanding feats or points of interest — please make notes on the back of the second copy of the result sheet and I promise to do whatever I can to get a mention!

COUNTY TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMATION OF DIVISIONS 1979-80

Premier	2nd South
Cheshire	Essex II
Cleveland	Hertfordshire
Essex	Kent II
Glamorgan	Middlesex II
Kent	Surrey
Middlesex	Sussex
Warwickshire	
Yorkshire	
2nd North	2nd Midland
Cheshire II	Glamorgan II
Derbyshire	Gloucestershire
Durham	Gwent
Lancashire	Staffordshire
Lincolnshire	Warwickshire II
Northumberland	Worcestershire
Yorkshire II	
2nd West	2nd East
Avon	Bedfordshire
Berkshire	Buckinghamshire
Devon	Cambridgeshire
Dorset	Leicestershire
Hampshire	Northamptonshire
Somerset	Norfolk
Wiltshire	Suffolk
3rd North	3rd North Midlands
Cheshire III	Clwyd
Cleveland II	Derbyshire II
Cumbria	Leicestershire II
Lancashire	Nottighamshire
Northumberland	Shropshire
3rd East	3rd South Midlands
Bedfordshire II	Berkshire II
Cambridgeshire II	Herefordshire
Hertfordshire III	Northamptonshire II
Huntingdonshire	Oxfordshire
Norfolk II	Worcestershire II
Suffolk II	
3rd South	3rd West
Buckinghamshire II	Avon II
Essex II	Cornwall
Hertfordshire II	Dorset II
Surrey II	Hampshire II
Sussex II	Somerset II
Junior Premier	Junior 2nd South
Berkshire	Buckinghamshire
Devon	Essex II
Essex	Hampshire
Middlesex	Hertfordshire
Staffordshire	Kent
Surrey	Middlesex II
Sussex	Surrey II
Yorkshire	Wiltshire

Junior 2nd Midland
Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Glamorgan
Leicestershire
Nottinghamshire
Warwickshire
Gloucestershire
Worcestershire

Junior 3rd North
Cheshire II
Cleveland II
Cumbria II
Durham
Northumberland

Junior 3rd East Midland
Cambridgeshire II
Huntingdonshire
Lincolnshire II
Northamptonshire
Norfolk

Junior 3rd South
Berkshire II
Buckinghamshire II
Kent II
Oxfordshire
Sussex II

Junior 3rd West
Cornwall
Devon II
Dorset
Hampshire II
Somerset

Veteran East
Bedfordshire
Berkshire
Essex I
Hertfordshire I
Hertfordshire III
Huntingdonshire
Oxfordshire

Veteran West
Avon I
Avon II
Dorset I
Dorset II
Hampshire I
Worcestershire
Wiltshire

Junior 2nd North
Cheshire
Cleveland
Clwyd
Cumbria
Lancashire
Lincolnshire
Yorkshire II

Junior 3rd North Midland
Clwyd
Derbyshire
Shropshire
Staffordshire II
Warwickshire II

Junior 3rd East
Bedfordshire II
Essex III
Hertfordshire III
Norfolk II
Suffolk

Junior 3rd South Midland
Avon
Devon III
Gwent
Herefordshire
Shropshire II

Veteran Midland
Cheshire I
Cheshire II
Clwyd
Cumbria
Leicestershire
Lincolnshire
Nottinghamshire

Veteran South
Essex II
Hampshire II
Hertfordshire II
Kent I
Kent II
Middlesex
Sussex

4 and are replaced by two strong teams - Wolverhampton "B" and Chesterfield "B", who were winners and runners-up respectively of the bottom division.

The Veterans Div. 1 was dominated by Notts "A" and Oxford "A". Gloucs and Cheltenham were promoted to Div. 2 with Notts "B" and Oxford "B" replacing them in Div. 1. It will be interesting to see if the 2 Notts and 2 Oxford sides finish in the first four places at the end of this season. Let's hope they have some challengers.

The Women's Division was dominated by Leics, as expected, with Derby coming a close second. Market Drayton, the newcomers, have not become too despondent with the fact that they could not pick up a point in their first season in the league, because they are showing tenacity and having another bash this season. I hope they do well.

Coventry 'A' took the title in Div. 1 of the Juniors without losing a match, with Birmingham "A" as runners-up. It's a pity that Wolverhampton "A", the previous season's winners, could not call on the Andrews (Bellinger and Dixon) due to their senior commitments. Indeed without them the team could only struggle to avoid relegation. In the end Shrewsbury and Leics went down to Div. 2 and they were replaced by Notts "A" and Birmingham "B", both of whom ended up with 12 points each. A superior games average gave Notts the 2nd Div. title. A strong Oxford took the Div. 3 title with West Bromwich runners-up. They swap places with Leics and Nuneaton, the relegated leagues from Div. 2. Despite promotion the previous season Mansfield suffered the loss of their best players through being too old, and have been relegated back to Div. 4 along with Derby "B". A very young Lichfield side won Div. 4 and have been promoted with Birmingham "C".

To end — a brief note welcoming Telford, Kidderminster and Rugby to the league this season, all have entered a team in Div. 4 of the Junior Section. Bromsgrove, although already established with the League also have a new team in this division. Finally a plea to all leagues for a suitable venue for the Midland Closed Championships. Any help that can be offered would be welcomed by the Management Committee. Please contact Maurice Goldstein, the Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND LEAGUE NOTES

by Tony Darbyshire

UNREAL PICTURE

Although the bad weather in January and February of last season hindered the league programme it is still disappointing to report that 8 matches were either conceded or not played. Some of the top players could not turn out for their leagues, which had the effect of giving an unreal picture of the strength of certain leagues.

Despite this Birmingham "B" won the Men's First Division without a loss, having played virtually a different team for every match. "Hinckley "A" were runners-up. Wolverhampton "A" were promoted from Div.2 along with Gloucs. They replace the "A" teams of Derby and Notts, who fared badly with only 1 win and 2 draws between them all season. Such was the poor performance of Walsall in Div. 2 that their committee decided not to enter a team for the coming season, because they had difficulty fielding a suitable team. It is hoped that the situation will be resolved for next season. Oxford were relegated to Div. 3. Potteries "B" and Leics. "C" go up to Div. 2 in their place. A short stay for Bromsgrove in Div. 3 who were promoted last season. They go down with Shrewsbury "B" to Div.



T.T. IS TOPS

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