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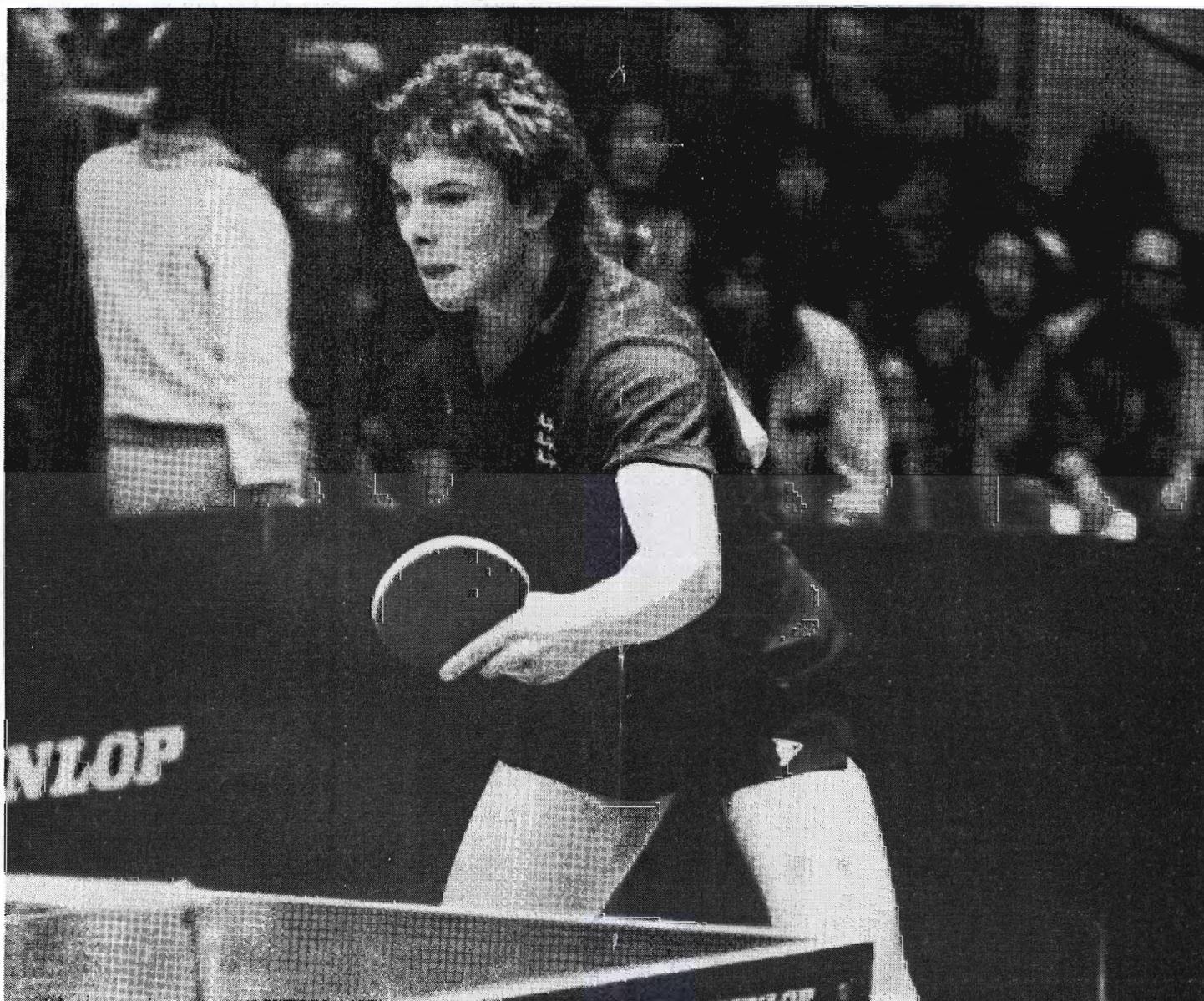


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CERTAIN DISQUIET

In much the same manner as with the Schweppes County Championships in cricket, which permits two imported players per county, so it is with Federal Germany's Bundesliga in table tennis.

A certain disquiet is being expressed in some German quarters as to the effect this growing importation is having on the ambitions of home produced players whose target recedes just that bit further with each foreign signing.

The wholesale influx of Sweden's top players, joining Desmond Douglas and John Hilton of England in the top strata of the Bundesliga, will surely have an adverse effect on their country's domestic programme as it has, in the case of Douglas, and will have in the case of Hilton — now a member of the ATSV Saarbrücken club — on tournaments in England.

But with the enormous amount of monies being offered by Bundesliga clubs, the likes of which has tempted former world champion Stellan Bengtsson to sign for TTC Simex Julich, who can blame the players for capitalising on their skills?

More's the pity that such incentives are not proffered elsewhere although one must admire the efforts of Sealink Milton Keynes in marketing their club so well in an endeavour to further the growing interest in England's National League albeit a very poor relation as yet!

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On the International Front by The Editor

DIZZY HEIGHTS FOR JOHN

England's first ever Euro champion, **John Hilton** of Lancashire, reaped further dividends from his exploits in Berne, with the issue of revised ranking lists by both the I.T.T.F. and the E.T.T.U. during the summer.

In the world rankings Hilton finds himself at No. 5 and at No. 1 in the European classifications — some distance away from his home county's ponderings on the respective merits of this former Cheshire star and Donald Parker of Preston, a native Lancastrian.

At world level Japan's Seiji Ono and Ge Xinal of China, the current men's and women's singles title holders, keep their No. 1 positions as do, the runners-up in Pyongyang, Guo Yuehua (China) and Li Song Suk (North Korea) at No. 2.

But, in the men's list, China's Shi Zhihao has been elevated from No. 15 to No. 3 and, from not being previously ranked, Wang Huiyuan, winner of last season's Stiga Welsh Open, comes in at No. 4 with Hilton heading the Europeans Stellan Bengtsson and Tibor Klampar.

England's **Desmond Douglas** moves up one place, from No. 12 to No. 11, but his Bundesliga team-mate Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia drops from No. 7 to No. 16. Top Federal German at world standing is Peter Stellwag, at No. 21, one place in front of his compatriot Engelbert Hucing who, it is reported, has announced his retirement



England's John Hilton, World No. 5, European No. 1.

Photo by Brian Webster, Arbroath.



giving as his reason "lack of motivation".

On the distaff side England's **Jill Hammersley**, despite having announced her retirement at the end of last season, still figures in the list, at No. 8, whilst **Carole Knight** comes back into the reckoning at No. 40.

Qi Boxiang of China — like Wang Huiyuan, a winner in Cardiff last season — finds herself at No. 4, not having previously been classified, as like her compatriots **Bu Qiyuan** (16), **Tian Ying** (21), **Liu Yang** (22) and **Shen Jianping** (27). The conveyor belt in China certainly churns them out and no mistake!

Top European in the world classifications for women is **Valentina Popova** of the Soviet Union, at No. 7 and, like Hilton, heads the European list. **Jill Hammersley** takes the No. 2 spot in Europe with her conqueror in Berne, **Gordana Perkucin** of Yugoslavia, at No. 3, from No. 7.

In Europe **Des Douglas** retains his No. 5 spot and **Carole Knight**, not previously listed, comes in at No. 21 but the biggest leap has been taken by the Dutch girl **Bettine Vriesekoop**, from No. 12 to No. 4.

Revised rankings (previous positions in brackets) are:—

WORLD RANKINGS

(Previous positions in brackets)

MEN:

1. Seiji Ono (JAP) (1)
2. Guo Yuehua (CHN) (2)
3. Shi Zhihao (CHN) (15)
4. Wang Huiyuan (—)
5. **John Hilton** (ENG) (—)
6. Stellan Bengtsson (SWE) (19)
Tibor Klampar (HUN) (3)
8. Li Zhenshi (CHN) (=4)
9. Xia Saiké (CHN) (—)
10. Jacques Secretin (FRA) (17)
11. **Desmond Douglas** (ENG) (12)
12. Norio Takashima (JAP) (=9)
13. Josef Dvoracek (CZE) (14)
14. Milan Orlovski (CZE) (8)
15. Liang Geliang (CHN) (6)
16. Dragutin Surbek (YUG) (7)
17. Gabor Gergely (HUN) (=4)
18. Lu Yaohua (CHN) (11)
Ulf Thorsell (SWE) (22)
20. Huang Liang (CHN) (13)
21. Peter Stellwag (GFR) (20)
22. Engelbert Hucing (GFR) (28)
23. Wilfried Lieck (GFR) (—)
24. Patrick Birocheau (FRA) (—)
Istvan Jonyer (HUN) (=9)
26. Cho Yong Ho (KPR) (18)
27. Andrzej Grubba (POL) (—)
28. Cai Zhenhua (CHN) (—)
29. Ulf Carlsson (SWE) (—)
30. Zoran Kalinic (YUG) (31)
31. Masahiro Maehara (JAP) (32)
32. Christian Martin (FRA) (—)
Jindrich Pansky (CZE) (—)
34. Hong Chol (KPR) (27)
35. Leszek Kucharski (POL) (—)
36. Tibor Kreisz (HUN) (24)
37. Jochen Leiss (GFR)
38. Janos Takacs (HUN) (25)
39. Lu Qiwei (CHN) (—)
40. Anton Stipancic (YUG) (29)



Valentina Popova of the Soviet Union, No. 1 in Europe, No. 7 in the World.

Photo by Brian Webster, Arbroath.

WOMEN:

1. *Valentina Popova (USS) (5)
2. Jill Hammersley (ENG) (1)
3. Gordana Perkucin (YUG) (7)
4. Bettine Vriesekoop (NET) (12)
5. Ilona Uhlíkova (CZS) (8)
6. Judit Magos (HUN) (4)
7. Ann-Christin Hellman (SWE) (2)
8. Gabriella Szabo (Hun) (3)
9. Ursula Kamizuru (GFR) (11)
10. Zsuzsa Olah (HUN) (6)
11. Maria Alexandru (RUM) (9)
12. Erzebet Palatinus (YUG) (10)
13. Blanka Silhanova (CZE) (13)
14. Ludmila Bakshutova (USS) (14)
15. Nadine Antonian (USS) (—)
16. Claude Bergeret (FRA) (15)
17. Marie Lindblad (SWE) (16)
18. Marie Hrachova (CZE) (17)
19. Eva Ferenczi (RUM) (22)
20. Beatrix Kishazi (HUN) (18)
21. Carole Knight (ENG) (—)
22. Wiebke Hendriksen (GFR) (21)
23. Eva Stromvall (SWE) (20)
24. Kirsten Kruger (GFR) (—)
25. Jolanda Szatko (POL) (23)

* European Champion.

Omitted from previous list:—

- Branka Batinic (YUG) (19)
- Dubravka Fabri (YUG) (24)
- Brigitte Thiriet (FRA) (25)

Omitted from previous list: Hideo Goto (JAP) (16), Valery Shevchenko (USS) (26) and Claus Pedersen (DEN) (30) the total number of ranked players having been increased from 32 to 40.

WOMEN:

1. Ge Xinai (CHN) (1)
2. Li Song Suk (KPR) (2)
3. Zhang Deying (CHN) (3)
4. Qi Baoxiang (CHN) (—)
5. Tong Ling (CHN) (4)
6. Pak Yung Sun (KPR) (5)
7. Valentina Popova (USS) (=10)
8. Jill Hammersley (ENG) (9)
9. Zhang Li (CHN) (6)
10. Kayoko Kawahigashi (JAP) (8)
11. Gordana Perkucin (YUG) (28)
12. Bettine Vriesekoop (NET) (25)
13. Shako Takahashi (JAP) (12)
14. Ilona Uhlíkova (CZE) (14)
15. Cao Yanhua (CHN) (16)
16. Bu Qiyuan (CHN) (—)
17. Judit Magos (HUN) (=10)
18. Gabriella Szabo (HUN) (7)
19. Ann-Christin Hellman (SWE) (13)
20. Yoshiko Shimauchi (JAP) (15)
21. Tian Ying (CHN) (—)
22. Liu Yang (CHN) (—)
23. Ursula Kamizuru (GFR) (24)
24. Zsuzsa Olah (HUN) (20)
25. Pak Yong Ok (KPR) (17)
26. Erzebet Palatinus (YUG) (22)
27. Shen Jianping (CHN) (—)
28. Maria Alexandru (RUM) (18)
29. Blanka Silhanova (CZE) (29)
30. Ludmila Bakshutova (USS) (19)
31. Yang Ying (CHN) (21)
32. Nadine Antonian (USS) (—)
33. Claude Bergeret (FRA) (30)
34. Marie Lindblad (SWE) (32)
35. Maria Hrachova (CZE) (27)
36. Kim Chang Ae (KPR) (26)
37. Huang Xiping (CHN) (31)
38. Eva Ferenczi (RUM) (—)
39. Beatrix Kishazi (HUN) (—)
40. Carole Knight (ENG) (—)

Omitted from previous list: In Sook Bushan (USA) (23).

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MEN:

1. *John Hilton (ENG) (—)
2. Stellan Bengtsson (SWE) (4)
3. Tibor Klampar (HUN) (1)
4. Jacques Secretin (FRA) (7)
5. Desmond Douglas (ENG) (5)
6. Josef Dvoracek (CZE) (9)

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19. Christian Martin (FRA) (=16)
20. Jindrich Pansky (CZE) (25)
21. Leszek Kucharski (POL) (23)
22. Tibor Kreis (HUN) (19)
23. Jochen Leiss (GFR) (15)
24. Janos Takacs (HUN) (14)
25. Anton Stipanovic (YUG) (=16)

* European Champion.

Omitted from previous list:—

- Bagrat Burnazian (USS) (22)
- Claus Pedersen (DEN) (24)

Obituary

RUTH AARONS

We regret to announce the death of Ruth Aarons on June 11. Leah Neuberger of the USTTA has provided the ITTF with the following notes:

Ruth Aarons still holds the record of being the youngest ever to win the World Women's Singles title (G. Geist Prize). She was 16 years, 9 months, old when she won in 1936. Her Corbillon Cup record was 21-1 losing only to Marie Kettnerova of Czechoslovakia.

In February 1937 she won the English Open Women's Singles, defeating Marie Kettnerova in the final and won the Mixed Doubles with Robert Blattner. Ruth Aarons won 9 US national titles. After losing in her first tournament she never lost thereafter.



Czechoslovakia's Ilona Uhlíkova and Milan Orlowski both still highly classified.

Photo by Brian Webster, Arbroath.

Obituary

ALLAN ERIKSSON

We are sad to report the death on July 17 of Allan Eriksson, honorary member of the Swedish Table Tennis Association, and a long established member of the World Championships Technical Committee.

As the organiser of the World Championships in Stockholm in 1967, Allan had a wide knowledge of the problems of a sport manifestation at this level, and his experience was invaluable in helping to overcome the difficulties always present.

He was forward looking too, and ever ready, to discuss the developments necessary to keep our sport abreast of the times.

Despite a serious illness he remained active as long as he could, even braving the rigours of the journey to Pyongyang for the 35th World Championships. Level headed and logical, he will be missed in ITTF counsels and will assuredly leave a big gap in the establishment of the Svenska Bordtennisforbundet.

H. Roy Evans.



JUPP SCHLAF

Mr. Jupp Schlaf, ITTF Vice-President for Europe, was honoured at a ceremony in Bonn by the award of the Cross of Merit (Bundesverdienstkreuz) of the Federal Republic of Germany, 1st Class. This is the only medal bestowed by the Federal Republic of Germany, and Mr. Schlaf received one of only two which were given this year for service to sport.

Apart from his ITTF connection, Jupp Schlaf is also the President of the European Table Tennis Union and the General Secretary of the Deutscher Tisch Tennis Bund operating from Frankfurt-on-Main.

FAIR PLAY DIPLOMA

Once again a table tennis player has been awarded a Fair Play Honours Diploma - Milan Orlovski of Czechoslovakia. For the sportsmanship he displayed in a European League match against Hungary at Miskolc, when he refused to accept a doubtful point awarded in his favour and lost the match. The diploma was due to be given at a ceremony at the Unesco Offices in Paris on Sept. 11.

EUROPEAN CLUB CUP OF CHAMPIONS

Sealink Milton Keynes, champions of the ETTA's National League (men) and Ellenborough TTC of London (women) have duly qualified to participate in this season's Europe Club Cup of Champions the first round of which was due for completion on Sept. 29 with Sealink at home to Sporting

Club, Lisbon, Portugal and Ellenborough away to TTC Uster Zurich, Switzerland.

Should both be successful they will then be called upon to play Kremlin Bicetre, Paris (away) and Tolnai v Lobogo Tolna, Hungary (home) respectively.

The full draw is:

EUROPE CLUB CUP OF CHAMPIONS SEASON 1980/81

1st Round

Men

BP Vasutas Budapest/H)
Tempo Team Amsterdam/NL).....)
Kaiku 80 Turku/SF)
Argi-Gom Parma/IT).....)
DT Remich/LUX)
Falckenbergs BTK/S)
SSTK Vjesnik Zagreb/YU)
Stockerau TTC/AU).....)
De Siete Nueve Barcelona/ES)
Akedemic Swichow Sofia/PO).....)
Olympiacos SFP Piraus/GR)
AZS Gdansk/PL)
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Palatte Ham (b Lutlich)/B).....)
Young Stars Zurich/CH)

Bronshoj TTC Kopenhagen/DK)
Banik Istrava/CS)
Kremlin Bicetre/FR)

Sealink Milton Keynes/EN).....)
Sporting Club Lissabon/PO)

SK Heros Bergen/NO).....)
Vikinger Club Reykjavik/IS)

BP Spartacus Budapest/H)

Statistika Budapest/H)
Atus Judenburg/AU).....)
Spojnia Warchau/PL)

OB Belenenses Lissabon/PO)
STK Mladost Zagreb/YU)

Start Prag/CS)
Scylla Leiden/NL)

Amicale Laique Bruz/FR).....)
Fiat Carrelli Bari/IT)

CS Arad/RU)
Varbergs BTK/S)

Capip Dommeldange/LUX).....)
Panelliniow GC Athen/GR)

Zero Kopenhagen/DK)
TSV Kronshagen-Kiel/D)

Palette Stave/B).....)
Barcino TTC Barcelona/ES)

SK Pochtenetz Sofia/BU)
TTC Uster Zurich/CH).....)
Ellenborough TTC London/EN)

Tolna v. Lobogo Tolna/H)

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Croydon, our star Class 4 lady and one of our main hopes for a medal, fell ill and was unable to travel with the team. This meant a reshuffle in the team events, and Janet Swann from Newcastle, who is a Class 3 player, played in the Class 4 event with Barbara Gibbs, from Coventry. They did not let Carol down, for after overcoming Ireland in the second round they put out a very strong Austrian team in the semi-final by 3-2. They lost to a very strong Dutch team in the final but a silver medal was a fine reward.

Our second ladies' team was also one of mixed classes, with Jane Blackburn (Class 1B) having to play with Gillian Matthews from Gillingham in Dorset in the Class 2 event. They also reached the final where they lost to Austria 3-0, but nevertheless a fine performance.

As mentioned earlier, Tommy Taylor and Steve Bradshaw took the Men's Class 1B title in grand style, conquering the U.S.A. in the Semis by 3-1, and Australia in the final 3-0. Our two other teams did not fare so well however. Steve Fussell from Bristol (Class 4) and Arnie Chan from Chingford (Class 3) partnered each other in the Class 4 event and after taking Denmark 3-1 in the first round lost to Germany in the quarters by 3-0. Billy Leake from Wakefield, and John Park from Carlisle formed the Men's Class 2 team but unfortunately went out 3-0 to Austria in the first round. Their only consolation being that Austria went on to win the event.

There were some notable performances in the individual events apart from those already mentioned. Steve Bradshaw reached the semi-final of the Class 1B as well as Tommy Taylor and I was hoping for an all Great Britain final, but Steve lost to Frank (Austria) and also lost for the Bronze medal to Hassler (Germany) whom Tommy had beaten in the other semi. Janet Swann did extremely well to reach the final of the Ladies' Class 3, but went down to a very steady Swiss girl named Chiari. Good steady performances were put up by Arnie Chan and Steve Fussell who were at their very first Olympics. Arnie beat Scarsella from Italy in the first round but then lost to Rangger from Austria very close in the third game who went on to reach the final.

Steve Fussell reached the quarter-final of the Class 4 event where he met Loek Van der Leur of Holland, who is the current European champion. Steve lost in two close games, but the experience that he and Arnie gained from these championships will stand them in good stead for the future. John Park was unfortunate to draw a seed in the first round, and lost to Lamm of Canada. Perhaps Billy Leake was the most unfortunate of all our players. He played Fritz Mandl of Austria in the team event and lost close in the third game. He then found he had drawn Fritz in the first round of the individual event where he also lost close in the third. Austria and Fritz went on to win Class 2 team and individual event and Billy was the only player to have taken a game from him.

Now it is back to the training sessions to prepare for next year's International games at Stoke Mandeville, and also to prepare for the European Games which will probably be staged in Stockholm in October 1981. World Championships for Paraplegic Table Tennis will also be staged at Stoke Mandeville in 1982, in addition to the International games. Germany has agreed to stage the 1983 European games, and, of course, the Olympic games for 1984 will be staged in Los Angeles. I, as coach, am preparing a series of training sessions in both the North and South of the country, which will be designed not only for the advanced player but also for the beginner. If any paraplegic reader playing table tennis from a wheelchair fancies his or herself as a budding international, I would be very pleased to hear from them. I can be contacted through the Stoke Mandeville Sports Stadium, Harvey Road, Aylesbury, Bucks.

THE INTERNATIONAL DISABLED OLYMPIAD, June, 1980

Three Gold, Three Silver, Medal Haul,
from Arnhem, Holland

by TED INGE

Great Britain's Paraplegic Table Tennis Team returned from the Disabled Olympics with a total of 6 medals, three gold and three silver, a very creditworthy performance in this strong international field.

Chief honours go to Tommy Taylor, from Polegate, Sussex, who claimed two golds, one in the Men's Class 1B individual event, and then partnering Steve Bradshaw, from London, to take the Men's Class 1B team event. Our third gold came from Jane Blackburn, from Crawley, Sussex, who claimed the Ladies' Class 1B individual title.

The team suffered a set-back on the eve of departure, when Carol Walton, from

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SEEDS DOMINATE
by George R. Yates

Apart from one particular quarter - the second - it was very much a case of domination by the seeded players in the men's singles event of the Rock U-21 English Championships held at Bury's Castle Leisure Centre over the weekend of Sept. 6/7.

And, indeed, by none more so than **Graham Sandley**, the top seed who, in taking over the title previously held by **Dougie Johnson**, and the £350 that went with it, was never extended to a deciding game by any of his six victims namely: **M. Browne (Wa)**, **W. Cratchley (Y)**, **Leon Smith**, **Skylet Andrew**, **Stuart Palmer** and, in the final, **David Wells** now a bona fide Middlesex player.

Much the same situation prevailed in the women's singles in which **Karen Witt** successfully defended her title - won at Crystal Palace - with a final win over her Berkshire colleague **Alison Gordon** having, in the quarters, warded off the threat posed by **Mandy Reeves** who went down -18 in the third.

Otherwise it was 2-straight against **Nina Tsakarisianos**, **Shirley Cain**, and **Mandy Smith**, the five sets involved also realising a like £350 - as in the men's singles - which, at a rate of £70 per set made entry an attractive proposition and certainly one



His Worship the Mayor of Bury Metropolitan Borough, Councillor **Vic Guthrie**, together with **ETTA President, Maurice Goldstein, O.B.E.**, look somewhat happier than **Graham Sandley**, the winner. **David Barr** occupies the No. 3 spot - **Stuart Palmer** having departed - and **David Wells**, with arms akimbo, was the runner-up.

deserving of more than the 36 who did! **Sandley** and **Andrew**, the top seeds in the men's doubles, advanced to the final but victory was deservedly denied them by **Wells**, playing much more positively than in the singles final, partnered by **Richard Jermyn**, himself no slouch.

But there was no denying top seeds **Miss Gordon** and **Miss Smith**, the top seeds in the counterpart women's event, in which **Miss Witt**, partnered by **Lesley Tyler**, went under in the semis to the defeated finalists **Janet Deakin** and **Jill Harris** who had themselves removed the second seeds **Angela Mitchell** and **Helen Williams**.

Miss Witt was more successful in the mixed sharing her second title of the championships with **Joey Kennedy** with a final win over **Colin Wilson** and **Miss Williams**. Winners of the two restricted events were **Sam Harmer** and **Julie Speight**, the latter coming back from a 13-17 third game deficit in the final against **Miss Cain**.

Back to the men's singles event and it was **Paul Rainford** who brought off the major shock in that second quarter with a very competent display which disposed of **Wilson**, 19 and 11, in Round 3.

The young Lancastrian went on to account for **Kennedy** but fell in the quarters to **Palmer**. And, in the women's singles, it was **Gina Pritchard** who upset the apple cart when she despatched **Miss Mitchell**, the No. 2 seed, in the quarters.

Was it too early in the season or did entry forms not penetrate into the counties of Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham and Northumberland? One is left to ponder as to the reason for the dismal entry from a quantity point of view at a venue which measured up to all the requirements, directions to which being more than adequately signed by the Automobile Association. And the Centre staff were quite magnificent.

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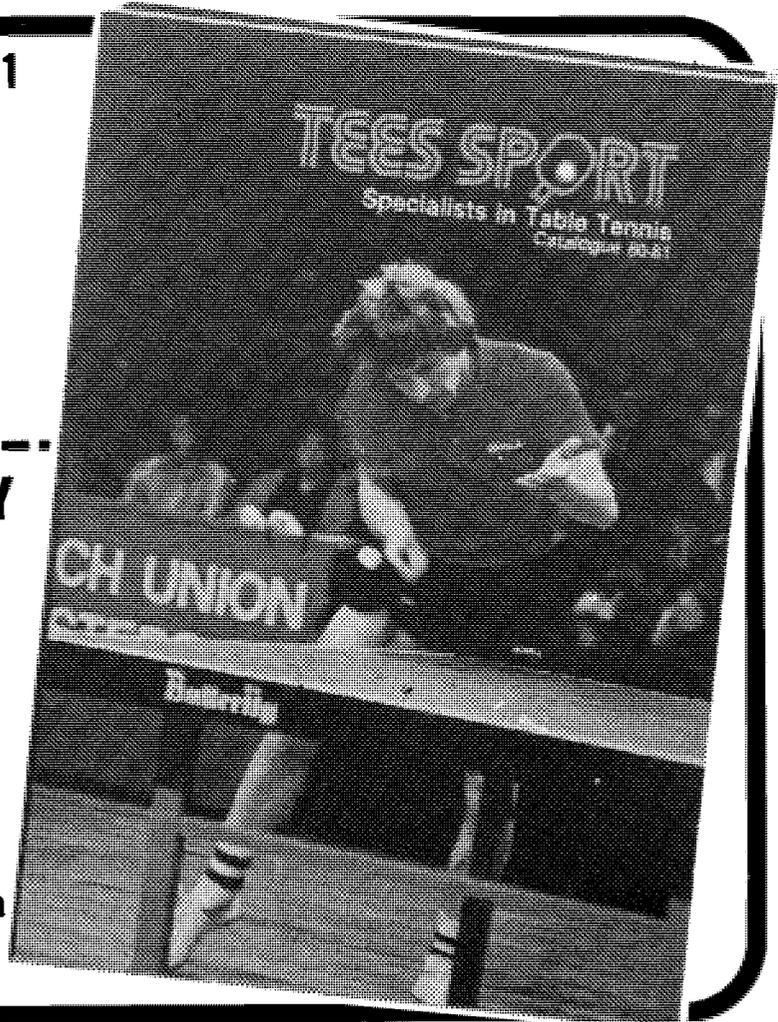
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ENTRY ANALYSIS

	M.S.	W.S.	Total
Warwickshire	17	3	20
Lancashire	12	6	18
Middlesex	6	6	12
Staffordshire	6	5	11
Cheshire	9	1	10
Berkshire	3	5	8
Yorkshire	6	2	8
Essex	7	—	7
Herefordshire	5	—	5
Devon	3	1	4
Kent	4	—	4
Cambridge	2	1	3
Leicestershire	2	1	3
Shropshire	2	1	3
Surrey	3	—	3
Suffolk	2	—	2
Wiltshire	1	1	2
Avon	1	—	1
Buckinghamshire	1	—	1
Gloucestershire	—	1	1
Hertfordshire	1	—	1
Lincolnshire	—	1	1
Nottinghamshire	—	1	1
Worcestershire	1	—	1
	94	36	130



The Mayoress of Bury, Mrs. Guthrie and ETTA Deputy Chairman, George Yates, join in laughs at the women's singles presentation with Mandy Smith (l) and Alison Gordon.

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RESULTS:

Men's Singles Round 4:
 G. Sandley (Mi) bt L. Smith (E) 20, 13;
 S. Andrew (E) bt M. Les (Mi) 13, 16;
 S. Palmer (Sk) bt D. Newman (E) 21, -19, 15;
 P. Rainford (La) bt J. Kennedy (K) 17, 19;
 D. Wells (Mi) bt M. Hankey (Ch) 14, 19;
 R. Jermyn (He) bt P. Whiting (Dv) -19, 18, 12;
 S. Holloway (Sy) bt D. Gannon (Le) 15, 12;
 D. Barr (Bk) bt I. Kenyon (K) 12, 15.
Quarter-finals:
 Sandley bt Andrew 15, 17;
 Palmer bt Rainford 18, 18;
 Wells bt Jermyn 16, -16, 21;
 Barr bt Holloway 8, 10.
Semi-finals:
 Sandley bt Palmer 17, 11;
 Wells bt Barr 20, 18.
Final:
 SANDLEY bt Wells 8, 19.

Womens Singles Quarter-finals:
 K. Witt (Bk) bt M. Reeves (Mi) 15, -18, 18;
 M. Smith (Bk) bt J. Grundy (La) -15, 19, 15;
 A. Gordon (Bk) bt S. Midgley (Y) 21, 25;
 G. Pritchard (Dv) bt A. Mitchell (Mi) 5, -20, 17.
Semi-finals:
 Witt bt Smith 16, 18;
 Gordon bt Pritchard 8, 15.
Final:
 WITT bt Gordon 21, 15.
Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:
 Andrew/Sandley bt P. Bradbury (Bu)/M. Smith (Av) -16, 20, 16;
 Newman/Smith bt S. Harmer/D. Reeves (Bk) 12, 13;
 Jermyn/Wells bt J. Okosieme/G. Spencer (K) 20, 17;
 Kennedy/I. Kenyon (K) bt M. Green (Sp)/Rainford -11, 20, 19.
Semi-finals:
 Andrew/Sandley bt Newman/Smith 19, 14;
 Jermyn/Wells bt Kennedy/Kenyon 19, 18.
Final:
 JERMYN/WELLS bt Andrew/Sandley 19, 14.
Womens Doubles Quarter-finals:
 Gordon/Smith bt V. Bellingham (St)/S. Peakman (Wa) 6, 13;
 Grundy/J. Parker (La) bt Midgley/Reeves 19, -17, 19;
 L. Tyler (Mi)/Witt bt S. Hunt (Li)/J. Revill (Le) 10, 10;
 J. Deakin (Ch)/J. Harris (St) bt Mitchell/H. Williams (Mi) 16, -20, 15.
Semi-finals:
 Gordon/Smith bt Grundy/Parker 17, 13;
 Deakin/Harris bt Tyler/Witt -19, 16, 20.
Final:
 GORDON/SMITH bt Deakin/Harris 12, 10.
Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:
 Sandley/Gordon bt Les/C. Maisey (Wi) 19, 12;
 C. Wilson (Mi)/Williams bt Newman/Smith 12, -14, 12;
 J. Souter (Mi)/Reeves bt L. Smith/Mitchell 14, 14;
 Kennedy/Witt bt F. McEwen/B. Hoyle (La) 13, 13.
Semi-finals:
 Wilson/Williams bt Sandley/Gordon 18, -17, 18;
 Kennedy/Witt bt Souter/Reeves 11, -17, 11.
Final:
 KENNEDY/WITT bt Wilson/Williams -16, 13, 17.
Res. Men's Singles Quarter-finals:
 A. Withers (Ca) bt M. Owen (Hr) 10, 13;
 Harmer bt D. Reeves (Bk) 13, -18, 15;
 P. Gunn (Wa) bt A. Hill (Y) 11, -14, 10;
 A. Rich (St) bt A. Penny (E) -13, 14, 17.
Semi-finals:
 Harmer bt Withers 16, 13;
 Rich bt Gunn 9, 5.
Final:
 HARMER bt Rich 12, 9.
Res. Women's Singles Quarter-finals:
 J. Speight (Y) bt A. Judd (Ca) 14, -12, 13;
 S. Collier (Bk) bt N. Tsakarisanos (Gs) 18, 18;
 L. Goldsmith (Mi) bt S. Sandley (Mi) -15, 18, 15;
 S. Cain (St) bt T. Vallis (Bk) 16, 17.
Semi-finals:
 Speight bt Collier -20, 18, 11;
 Cain bt Goldsmith 20, 18.
Final:
 SPEIGHT bt Cain 20, -14, 18.

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HUNGARIAN JUNIOR OPEN

SANDLEY, STAR OF SZOLNOK

As a run-up to the European Youth Championships, England, under the non-playing captaincy of Donald Parker, entered a team comprising Graham Sandley, Philip Bradbury, Gary Lambert, Mandy Reeves and Jean Parker in the Hungarian Junior Open played in Szolnok (June 13/15).

And, possibly playing some of his best ever table tennis, Sandley brought great credit to both himself and his country by winning the boys' singles title beating, in the final, Zoltan Kaposztas of the host nation.

Prior to, the Middlesex boy had left in his wake Manuel Quijano (Spain), Frank Heggenberger (Federal Germany), Peter Aranyosi (Hungary), Bojan Pavic (Yugoslavia) and, in the semis, Bola Amrein (Hungary) all in straight games with the exception of Aranyosi in the third round.

In the semi-finals of the boys' team event, after wins over Hungary "B" (5-3) and Yugoslavia (5-4), England were beaten 5-1 by Czechoslovakia with Sandley losing his only set in this event to Zbynek Stepanek 1-2.

Rumania were the eventual winners beating the Czechs 5-2, the counterpart girls' event title going to the Czech "A" team who beat Hungary "A" 3-1. England girls were beaten in the 1st round 3-0 by Hungary "B" with Erika Urban and Gyorgyi Fazekas wielding the axe.

In the boys' singles, apart from Sandley, Bradbury was taken out in the 2nd round by Harun Rizvanovic of Yugoslavia, Lambert surviving to the 3rd round and defeat at the hands of the Finn Mikc Pyykko.

Jean Parker was a first round faller in the girls' singles to Gal (Hungary), Mandy Reeves reaching the quarters and a -16, -10 defeat by Miss Fazekas.

Sandley and Bradbury reached the semi-final stage of the boys' doubles, losing to the Rumanian pairing of Eugen Florescu and Horatin Pintea -13, -16 whilst Parker/Reeves in the girls' doubles failed to survive the first round being exited by Fazekas/Urban 15 and 17.

Winner of the girls' singles was Ildiko Bolvari of Hungary who beat Eva Malmberg of Finland. Boys' doubles winners were Stepanek and Ladislav Horvath (Czech) and further credit came England's way when Sandley/Reeves reached the semis of the mixed losing to Budzisz/Mausolf of Federal Germany.

TYKES IN THE NEWS

Congratulations go to Tony and Gillian Clayton now the proud parents of a daughter, Amy Elizabeth, born on July 26/80. The Clayton's new address is 177 Haymoor Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset (0202 733577).

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To Paradise and Back

by DAVID RYDE

Dr. David Ryde, M.B., B.S., of Anerley Park, London SE20, is one of two Hon. Doctors of the E.T.T.A. and, at the last A.G.M. of the National Association, was elected a Vice-President.

Not because of his great fame (!) as a Penge G.P., Dr. Ryde has achieved some eminence, or notoriety, as a clinical hypnotist, and has in the past year or so made perhaps a dozen broadcasts on hypnosis and on "appropriate prescribing" i.e. "appropriate prescribing where his costs are about a quarter of national figures. He does a fair amount of writing and lecturing on both.

Sportwise he might be considered a "Scrubber" being almost 52 years of age. But he can, and does, run several times a week over the country and beat at Squash a number of conceited youths less than half his age!

Dr. Ryde is the Chairman of the I.T.T.F.'s Medical Commission and freely gave of his services to the English team engaged in the Pyongyang World Championships.

"All our working people lead the happiest life without worries about medical care".

My visit to the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (known as North Korea to Westerners, or Korea to the North Koreans) was in my capacity as chairman of the International Table Tennis Federation medical commission and as medical officer to the English team for the 35th World Table Tennis Championships played in Pyongyang between 25 April and 6 May, 1979.

Neither the British Council, World Health Organization nor Foreign Office were able to provide me with practical information on the country and its medical services, but the night before my departure I met Dr. William Skillend from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, who provided me with some basic information on the country. Thus, virtually unbriefed and having no idea of what to expect of the medical services, I went armed only with an open mind and a notebook.

The Korean Itinerary

In Korea my time was occupied with watching table tennis, charring medical meetings, visits to two hospitals, the theatre, two operas, museums, circus, zoo, colleges, private dwellings, official receptions, cultural palaces, parks, a commune, the fabulous Metro, the humble birth place of the country's great leader and general sightseeing as well as almost daily jogs along the beautiful tree-lined Taedong river.

I cannot find superlatives enough to describe the prodigious opera house and its vast, almost heroic marble toilet halls alone merited a conducted tour. The subjects of the operas and the theatre-show were revolutionary, the music and presentation a revelation.

Medical Practice in Korea

After several requests to my guide and a letter of accreditation, I was invited to visit both a large and a small hospital.

In traditional Korean medical practice, understanding of disease was based on Spirit beliefs. Spirits of people dying away

from home or from violent deaths were credited with the ability to cause serious disease. A Shaman could be called, ceremoniously, to appease the spirit and drive it away. Though such beliefs are officially disapproved, residual practices possibly continue in outlying areas.

Although modern medical practice was first introduced into Korea by Protestant missionaries at the turn of the present century, the government has sought to determine the usefulness of traditional practices including herbal remedies and acupuncture. Thus many hospitals have departments of traditional medicine, medical schools have such faculties and there are some hospitals exclusively for traditional practice. There is a pharmacopoeia of several thousand traditional remedies. Herb cultivation and drug extraction are a major industry to 'produce effective tonics and medicines for prevention and treatment of disease'. It is also reported that all modern drugs and basic instruments are produced in North Korea.

In the DPR of Korea the Ministry of Public Health is responsible for all national health services including disease prevention and control and sanitation programmes. All medical services are free, as my guide told me repeatedly, hospitals and medical education are nationalized and all medical personnel are employed by the Ministry. Pride in the nation and its free medical services should be viewed against a history of liberation from Japanese colonialism in 1945, the building up of the country, and the subsequent rebuilding after the Korean war.

Public Hygiene and Health

Hygiene propaganda offices send representatives throughout the country to inspect food production, schools and factories. In most parts of the country water supplies are now clean, this having been achieved by the introduction of simple water purification plants in outlying areas by 1973. Flush toilets are now nearly universal. Pest control is clearly evident, I saw no cat, dog or domestic pet, no roadside fouling and hardly a crawling or flying insect in Pyongyang. Pride is taken in cleanliness and neatness. I saw crews of women sweeping the road to the airport at 5 a.m.

Health statistics, it seems, are not made public, nor for that matter are those pertaining to road traffic or air accidents, if any. Mass vaccination and hygiene campaigns have eradicated smallpox, malaria and measles, and tuberculosis and rheumatic fever are rare. Enteric and parasitic diseases still occur, however. Attention is now being focussed upon the considerable increase in life expectancy with its assorted rise in cardiovascular and neoplastic diseases.

Trained staff inspect blocks of flats in order to seek out those whose vaccination forms are outdated, and tour outlying regions instructing in sanitation and personal hygiene. Child clinics are held routinely in the almost universal and top priority nursery schools. Sanatoria are scattered across the country, utilizing scenic spots, spas and coastal regions.

The keynotes of the nation's medical services are prevention and public health and herein lies a lesson for all health care systems.

Medical Facilities and Personnel

About 3,000 hospitals now exist in Korea, compared with 300 in 1953, coupled with a more than proportional increase in medical staffing. These hospitals, with an average of 40 beds each, cater for a population of 17 million living in an area the size of England.

I was informed that there was one doctor for each 600 population, and each province has its own medical college. Many hospitals are combined clinics with a sick-bay of perhaps 10 or more beds serving the few thousand people in a commune. Here

casualty, dentistry, obstetrics and other clinics are held as well as those in basic medicine and surgery.

On the nature of urban general practice I cannot comment for I did not have the opportunity to visit such clinics. I suspect that they are similar to commune clinics. Pyongyang, the capital where the games were held, is a large, new and unpolluted city of immense beauty. Its long wide boulevards are lined by magnificent buildings of neoclassic and heroic style interspersed with simple and identical blocks of workers' flats, from which may well evolve a pattern of urban living relevant to the Far East.

Setting aside possible misunderstandings in speech and concepts, I found the Koreans a patriotic, intelligent, dedicated, polite and sensitive people, though they still retain suspicions of the West.

My guide and hosts, always anxious to please and impress, constantly emphasized their recent history of liberation from Japanese occupation and the destructive Korean war and how they have built and rebuilt their country over the past 30 years. Their recent past, and scanty but 'permitted' information from the West, clearly influences their attitudes.

The emergence of the nation has taken place under the paternal care of their great and beloved leader Marshal Kim II Sung who, I was told, with his dedication, love and infallible and all-knowing ways has inspired the people of the nation. His name is mentioned only conjoined with epithets, such as great, respected or beloved. Religion, though not banned in Korea is not encouraged.

Hospital in Pyongyang

Within a few days of my request it became possible to visit a Korean hospital, in this case the vast complex of the Pyongyang Red Cross Hospital which has 1,400 beds, with my constant companion, guide and interpreter Mr. Kim Dok Su. Waiting at the entrance was the Director, Professor Li Zu Son who, in welcoming me, said that this was the first occasion on which an English doctor had visited a Korean Hospital.

In his suite at the top of the hospital Professor Li Zu Son put me at my ease in traditional style and through my interpreter explained repeatedly that the hospital was founded on 10 March 1948, after liberation from the Japanese, under the guidance of the great leader, who, in spite of the difficult economic situation and very cold weather, came here and picked out the site upon which the hospital is built. The new hospital was soon severely damaged in the Korean war but rapidly rebuilt. This hospital embodies the JUCHE ideas, the inspiration for the great surge forward of Kim II Sung, that it is to serve mankind and leave him free to be creative, "for man is the most precious of beings".

In 1952 universal free medical care was introduced to Korea. Prior to this it had been free for factory and office workers only, excluding their families and the peasants.

The three functions of this hospital were therapeutic, research and postgraduate education. Here doctors work an eight-hour day, six days a week, mainly the 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. shift, but two half-days are set aside for some form of (unspecified) studies or instruction for all. The library has 100,000 volumes and many of the books and journals are in English, for written, if not spoken English is understood by many doctors.

The country is divided into provinces, each with its constituent counties, themselves divided into ri, areas which may include several or many villages or communes. Large provinces have specialist hospitals and a medical school, counties have large clinics and hospitals, and villages, factories, 'enterprises' and communes have clinics

and small hospitals, usually served by qualified doctors, though paramedics play an important role in care in these regions.

Staffing

The 1,400-bed Red Cross Hospital had a staff ratio different from that which I expected, with 600 doctors (including 100 professors), 400 nurses, 300 technicians, and 200 chemists and pharmacists. Including cleaners and others, the staff totalled 1,900 people. In England there are 33,000 full-time medical staff and exactly 10 times that number of hospital nurses and midwifery staff. Clearly there must be difficulties in staff function between the two countries, for patients ultimately receive similar attention.

Medical students are selected by interview, examination and medical check-up, at the age of 17 years. Students undergo a one-year introductory course followed by three years of preclinical and three years of clinical studies. Two years' postgraduate work is required to obtain a practice licence and specialist examinations are taken after three more years of appropriate study and experience.

Incomes

In this Socialist country education, medical services and housing are free and there is no income tax. The income differential is narrow. Doctors, actors and teachers are included in the same income group, of 1,500 wan a year (£8 a week), a figure difficult to judge by English standards because essential goods are cheap (occasionally free) and luxuries rare and expensive. The incomes of unskilled workers and top professionals varied little to either side of this figure, though privileges were granted to those with certain attributes. There are no private cars, but taxis, fortunately, I found cheap to hire. Almost all families have only two children, rarely more, and following some confused conversation I now believe that their family planning methods are similar to our own.

Health Trends

The life expectancy has almost doubled in the past 30 years to 70 years for males and 76 years for females, and thus it is not surprising that cancer and arteriosclerosis are on the increase.

Smoking is popular throughout Korea, though some of our guides were not unaware of its dangers. Traditional hospitality seems to include the offer of a packet of local cigarettes, even on Korean Air Lines.

Ginseng — as Panacea

Because Insam (ginseng), known from early times as the 'elixir of life', was available everywhere as a tonic, in wine, in sweets, in hand creams, in toothpaste and so on. I asked Professor Li Zu Son for his expert opinion on Insam and he explained that when the substance was chemically extracted from root (and not used as a slice of root placed in a bottle of wine) "... it is a very good medicine for strengthening people and when analysed contains stimulants for metabolism, eases tiredness, increases ability in physical and mental labours and increases cardiac function, and it is taken on prescription". Professor Li continued that "... mixed with another particular medicine Insam speeds up convalescence and delays senescence".

Articles and advertisements illustrate its great range of clinical uses; certainly it should ease the strain on some of our new 'therapy' clinics if all these claims are true. Yet when the Professor conducted me around a pharmacological laboratory with its stereotactic electronic equipment where research into drugs, including Insam, was carried out, my incredulity was somewhat tempered. Since I have no reason to doubt the accuracy of my interpreter I await keenly the developments of Insam therapy — for those who need it of course! Chimeiryu (acupuncture) was used extensively as Professor Li said, "in pain clinics, for acute gastritis and luxation of joints".

Modern Facilities

The day of my hospital tour coincided with a half-day study session, yet clearly patients were 'spruced up' for the occasion of my visit and some staff must have remained on duty to show me the extensive range of modern equipment which they would normally be using. Those laboratories, amongst many others which we visited, were impressive, indeed remarkable in such a country, with modern and sophisticated equipment for nuclear scanning, ultramicrotomography and gas chromatography. Computers, facilities for lung function studies, liver studies, fibre-optic techniques, etc. were, it seems, in regular use, and it was a pity that when we visited these wards, theatres and laboratories in the evening I saw barely any activity at all.

Time permitted visiting only four of the 13 buildings of this great complex before dusk, but centres for paediatrics, endocrinology, orthopaedics, skin and intensive care, among others, were pointed out. We

returned to the Director's suite for the traditional sweet coffee, lemonade and, if desired, cigarettes.

Though this hospital may be a show-piece for Korea, it illustrates effectively the concern for and care of the community served by it. There cannot be many, if any, similar vast complexes in Britain, and though in Britain the overall medical services considerably outweigh those of Korea, they are, for historical reasons, more scattered.

Following another exchange of greetings, compliments, humour and a promise to let the people of England know how Korea and its great leader are concerned with every aspect of people's needs, my interpreter and I departed. The progress of medical and social care in the DPR of Korea merits both surprise and admiration.

The Chong San Li Co-operative Farm

On Friday I went with Kim Dok Su to the Chong San Li Co-operative Farm about 25 miles from Pyongyang. The country was

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carpeted with paddy fields, and hillsides were a patchwork of young orchards in blossom, with a commune here and there. When about to photograph workers knee-deep in a paddy field my guide, taking a cue from the taxi driver, suggested that I photograph the next (empty) field which would make a much more interesting photograph!

We were met by chairman Shim Zong Hun who, through the interpreter, greeted me and explained that the commune was founded in 1957 through the inspiration of the great leader Marshal Kim II Sung who had actually visited this commune on 80 occasions and who was now the guide and mentor to its 3,500 residents. In spite of the poor quality of its soil the farm was agriculturally successful and it was, continued Mr. Shim, a workers' paradise.

Having spent a sabbatical year as a kibbutz doctor I saw many similarities between the two medical and social systems. A kibbutz has only several hundred inhabitants and one doctor cares for a group of such settlements, whereas Korean communes have several thousand inhabitants and are each cared for by a resident medical team. Mr. Shim said that the main crop was rice, but that maize and corn were also grown and on the hillsides were apple, pear and peach orchards. Also there were specialized vegetable gardens, livestock and battery chickens.

The Revolution History Museum

The first building I visited, the Revolution History Museum, confirmed this farm as a show place. The shrine at the entrance was typical, with its large central painting of the great leader in his popular and patriotic 'suffer little children to come unto me' pose, within an ornate frame and set back between marble columns whose bases were adorned with flowers. Such hallowed entrances were placed in homes, buildings, factories, theatres and hotels, in fact everywhere, including every tube station. They were exquisitely executed demonstrating the highest quality of Korean artistry, workmanship and dedication to the great leader.

The five miniature halls of the museum were essentially a wall album of the great leader inspiring and teaching the workers. Important letters and speeches were enlarged and framed, and a spade, chair, table, microphone and cooking pot, used or touched by the great leader, were suitably and reverently exhibited.

The first room was occupied by a large central relief model around which one of the museum's guides pointed out the main features of the farm and its history, and every spot where the great leader had advised was indicated by a red five-pointed star.

A people liberated from a long oppressive occupation, who now have land and home, have reason to appreciate the leader, however great their adulation. His influence seems to permeate and inspire every sphere of activity and life in farm and factory, school and college, administration and politics.

The Commune

This commune had facilities for instruction and research in farm machinery, soil analysis, drainage, chemistry, fertilization, produce, weed and pest control. The planning and working of the region and farms was constantly under discussion. This commune alone had 260 engineers and assistants. A great red strip unfurled between tall pylons bore the motto of the farm "The tractors harrow the fields and the seeds we plant are helped by the anti-Japanese fighters".

Education is free. Until the age of four years all children go to nursery schools and from four to six years to kindergartens, enabling parents to work. Even on this farm these institutions excelled in education, gracious living and the arts. These very

young children were always smiling, polite and appreciative. Their talents for singing, dancing, and musical instruments were admirable, and here there were several toddler orchestras performing at standards barely credible elsewhere, and accompanying talented children's choirs. Whether one accepts such regimentation or not. Korea has an abundance of such talent which is well exploited.

These schools had standard classrooms, dining and rest rooms, clinic rooms and the shrine at the entrance. In the clinic room mothers would breast feed their children or clean them and change napkins. All children in Korea are breast fed until the age of six months, I was told, when mixed feeding starts. In class children would recite with conviction tracts about the great leader while pointing to appropriate standardized wall paintings.

Medical Facilities

The commune hospital and clinics were housed in a relatively old but functional building and here I met Dr. Kim Ri Chol. He showed me rooms for casualty, consultation, dentistry and obstetrics, a pharmacy stocked with drugs, herbs and Insam in plenty and rooms for simple x-rays and laboratory procedures. There were also 10 beds, and in one room a child was staying with its mother.

The area was served by 10 doctors, Dr. Kim told me through the interpreter, for the 3,500 residents. They worked on a shift system in the varied departments in the mornings and visited their own sections in the afternoons.

Their incomes were similar to those of hospital doctors, and likewise their duty hours. Income was higher with experience and specialization. My non-medically trained interpreter may possibly have had some difficulty in explaining the nature, extent and treatment of local diseases, but I learnt, as at the hospital, that through public health procedures and clinics many communicable diseases had been eliminated. Enteritis and some infestations still occurred in paddy-field workers. There were also some cases of rheumatic fever, common colds and influenza.

Doctors, I was told, have a choice of where they wish to practice. There is equality of sexes in student selection and on this commune five male and five female doctors were employed. When I asked if this number of doctors was not a luxury for a developing country like Korea, I was told that this was average, but in small outlying areas there might be one doctor only. However, some of the doctors' time was taken up by growing herbal remedies and extracting and dispensing them. Later I learnt from my guide that there were no sexual problems, only one position for love-making, no sexual variations, no need for abortions and I believe no venereal disease. My guide was certain of this and with curiosity questioned me closely on several occasions about sexual enigmas originating in the West.

Since man is the most precious of beings, so doctors are to be treasured because they care for man. Thus spake the great leader, saying that, before becoming doctors, students must know how to value people.

Postgraduate education and revision is for six-monthly periods at intervals (I believe) of three years, either at university or in central hospitals, to learn 'techniques'. There are also medical journals and hospital seminars and examinations. On Tuesday and Saturday afternoons doctors met for 'study and discussion'.

To assist their studies doctors learn a foreign language, usually English, Russian, Japanese or French but often at a reading level, in order to study textbooks and journals.

Conclusions

It was not possible to confirm everything I have reported because of limited time and

contacts and possible misinterpretations, but I have no reason to doubt that which I personally saw. Indeed, I was greatly impressed by this country newly emerging from occupation and war.

If the thought processes of the North Koreans are different from ours there should be no criticism but rather it should be taken into consideration as communication develops between nations. I greatly envy the beautiful lives of the Korean children, even if, as a Westerner, I am less envious of the uniformity of life, thought and expression.

STIGA SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

By DAVID LOMAS

TITLES SWAMP BY ENGLAND

England's top Juniors, Graham Sandley and Alison Gordon, clinched the Senior individual titles in the Sixth Stiga Schools International Championships which were staged at the Richard Dunn Centre, Bradford, on July 11, 12 and 13.

It was a good weekend for the English players for in the team events England 'A' won the trophy closely followed by England 'B' and all the individual titles were won by players from the host country.

Unfortunately, all efforts to secure continental opposition for these Championships were unsuccessful and as a result the added sparkle that such opposition would have brought to the event was noticeably missing. However I understand that already plans have been formulated both by the organisers (the English Schools' Table Tennis Association) and the sponsors (Stiga AB).

Although three Scottish players reached the semi-finals of the Individual events there was little doubt in most informed observers' minds that England would once again sweep the board and so it turned out. Sandley found little trouble in beating Hertfordshire Schools colleague Colin Wilson in a repeat of last year's Senior Boys' final and Alison Gordon showed signs of the progress she has made since winning the Junior Girls' title at the first International Schools Championships in Middlesbrough in 1975.

John Souter won his third title (Intermediate Boys') but for Joy Grundy (Intermediate Girls') it was a case of third time lucky for after two years' disappointing performances Joy became the first Lancashire lass to win such honours. In doing so Joy spoilt what would have been a family double. Lisa Bellinger of Dunstable held on to her Junior Girls' crown but sister Jackie was Joy's opponent in the Intermediate Girls' Final.

Carl Prean (Isle of Wight) also had little difficulty in retaining his Junior Boys' title in defeating local finalist Stephen Sharpe of West Yorkshire.

In the team events England's outstanding teams were the Intermediate Boys' and Junior Girls' squads which did not drop a single set as they swept to overwhelming victories.

Ireland and Scotland had quite a battle to decide third and fourth place with Ireland emerging the victors.

Matches consisted of ten best of three-game sets with four players being involved in the eight singles sets. On reflection there is little doubt that the event was another success. For many players the Championships provide the opportunity to gain representative honours. England's squad of over sixty players at Bradford involved 34

County Associations and if that isn't exactly the "grass roots" of School table tennis it isn't very far off.

In conclusion a brief mention of thanks to all the backroom "Boys and Girls". The squad of umpires did a magnificent job (International Umpires for all six individual finals) whilst all members of the ESTTA Executive Council made significant contributions especially on the Friday evening. Organiser Eddie Mitchell was unable to secure leave of absence from his teaching post and was unable to greet visitors in his inimitable style.

**OVERALL TEAM POSITIONS
(for the Stiga Team Trophy)**

1. ENGLAND A
2. ENGLAND B
3. IRELAND
4. SCOTLAND

SENIOR BOYS

- ENGLAND A 8, ENGLAND B 2
 SCOTLAND 3, ENGLAND B 7
 ENGLAND A 10, IRELAND 0
 IRELAND 4, SCOTLAND 6
 SCOTLAND 0, ENGLAND A 10
 ENGLAND B 7, IRELAND 3
 1. ENGLAND A 2. ENGLAND B
 3. SCOTLAND 4. IRELAND

(ENGLAND A: David Barr, Diccon Gray, Stephen Moore, Graham Sandley, Colin Wilson).

(ENGLAND B: Peter Brownlow, Keith Chamberlain, Paul Hindle, Mark Illingsworth, Stuart Palmer).

SENIOR GIRLS

- ENGLAND B 2, ENGLAND A 8
 ENGLAND A 10, SCOTLAND 0
 IRELAND 2, ENGLAND B 8
 SCOTLAND 1, IRELAND 9
 ENGLAND A 10, IRELAND 0
 SCOTLAND 0, ENGLAND B 10

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

- ENGLAND A 10, IRELAND 0
 ENGLAND B 8, SCOTLAND 2
 IRELAND 1, ENGLAND B 9
 SCOTLAND 0, ENGLAND A 10
 ENGLAND B 0, ENGLAND A 10
 SCOTLAND 7, IRELAND 3
 1. ENGLAND A 2. ENGLAND B
 3. ENGLAND A 4. IRELAND
 (ENGLAND A: Philip Bradbury, David Illingsworth, Adrian Moore, Mark Oakley, John Souter).
 (ENGLAND B: Andrew Dixon, Jeremy Duffield, Ian Fullerton, Sean Madden, Tony Sanderson).

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

- ENGLAND A 10, SCOTLAND 0
 IRELAND 0, ENGLAND B 10
 ENGLAND A 10, IRELAND 0
 SCOTLAND 0, ENGLAND B 10
 ENGLAND B 4, ENGLAND A 6
 SCOTLAND 5, IRELAND 5
 1. ENGLAND A 2. ENGLAND B
 3. SCOTLAND 4. IRELAND
 (ENGLAND A: Jackie Bellinger, Susan Blackburn, Carol Butler, Cherry Creasey, Joy Grundy)
 (ENGLAND B: Lesley Broomhead, Yvonne Hall, Gillian Sharpe, Nina Tsakarissanos, Tracey Watkins).



Senior Girls (1 to r): Julie Revill (2nd), Counc. Ernest Saville, Chairman, Leisure Services Committee, Bradford Met. District Council, Alison Gordon (1st), Gina Pritchard (3rd), Shirley Cain (3rd).
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H. ROY EVANS

CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT

Poland, the stage for unheard of strikes, proved also to be the stage for the best ever Welsh performance in the European Youth Championships.

We improved our overall ranking from 21st to 15th, and in so doing entered the second category of junior teams, a considerable achievement in itself. We should really have been even higher, a slip up against Poland costing us at least one place, maybe two. But the best performance of all was a 5-2 win over Hungary, an unheard of happening, and one which sent Hungarian Officials biting their nails in frustration.

The chief architect for our victories was Mark Thomas, who has improved enormously even since Bern. His training in London is certainly paying off, and in many matches, notably against the Hungarians, his three wins were the basic reason for our success.

He is altogether sharper now, and fights hard all the time, giving confidence to his team mates that he will still win at 16-19 down in the third, an attribute which has been sadly missing from the majority of Welsh players.

Brian Jeanes gave splendid support in most matches, but that fatal vagueness still creeps into his games, causing him to lose vital leads. Thus it was that against Poland, instead of our winning 5-3 we lost 4-5, Mark winning his three, and Andrew

Jones winning a bonus opening set. But Brian lost his three, and it was left to Andrew to try to win the ninth set. He made a tremendous effort, only lack of experience and inches causing him to go down -27, -24. This sudden reverse cost us a chance to be playing for a higher position in the second stage.

We opened our campaign with a fine win 5-2 against Luxembourg, that in itself showing we were a better side than hitherto. Mark won three, and Brian and Andrew one each. All three beat Maas the No. 1 who played in the senior side in Bern.

A 0-5 defeat by England was a disappointment, and although there was some good table tennis, one felt that we hadn't by that time done enough to make the English nervous.

But we came back with a bang — a 5-2 win over Ireland, the culmination of which was a crushing win by Mark over Colm Slevin. Again Mark won his three, and Brian and Andrew one each.

We were now in the second category in the re-grouping, and faced the mighty Hungarians in the first match. The scoreline was unbelievable. After Andrew had lost the opening match, Mark and Brian put us ahead with two fine wins. Mark put us further ahead, and although Andrew lost again Brian came up with another surprise, and we were 4-1 up! No-one could believe that we could even win at that stage, but Mark showed his mettle with a great performance in his third win, bringing red-hot sensation to the arena.

We suffered a reaction against the Finns, although it has to be admitted they are a strong team and their seniors have put paid to us very emphatically in recent years. Brian took the only set in this 1-5 defeat.

The Polish match came next, with that disappointing defeat. Meanwhile the Hungarians had won their other matches, and with Finland second in this group our loss to Poland gave us fourth place instead of third.

In the final play-off against Spain we went down 1-5, Pales, who leads their senior team, and Quijano did most of the damage to us.

So it was Turkey or Wales for fifteenth place, and our boys rose magnificently to the challenge. We won 5-2, again with

Mark winning three, and Brian and Andrew one each. In this match Mark fought back twice when seemingly beaten. His determination is reflected in young Andrew, who was playing in a class he doesn't know. But the young Swansea lad often did the No. 3's job — to win one set, and was often in with a chance to do even better. With more experience and a few more inches Andrew will be a formidable No. 2 to Mark for both are young enough to play again next year in Czechoslovakia.

Although Brian and Andrew made no progress in the singles, Mark beat a Spaniard, and then went to 18 and 15 against Erik Lindh, the Swedish No. 1 and 1st seed.

Non-playing captain Len Elias maintained his usual discipline and certainly kept a fine team spirit going through the Championships. He enjoyed captaining a team which at long last was good enough to attract respect.

WELCOME BACK

Photo - Story by Murray Corbin



EDDIE GORNIAC

Fifteen-years-old Eddie Gorniak of West Ealing is well and returns to the pressures of active table tennis.

You may remember that just as Eddie was making a name for himself, he contracted polynneuritis - an affliction which affects the whole nervous system and causes paralysis. During the time he was in hospital, many of us heard that his chances of recovery were one in ninety. Well, Eddie did it, and as a result will be playing in Division 2 of the National League for Gunnersbury Triangle this season.

Eddie points out that, beside his parents, Edward and Patricia, many thanks are owed to the doctors and nurses for the attention and care he received and to everyone who showed concern during his incapacity.

A special thank-you is sent to Cliff Carder, who had the idea of collecting contributions from players and well-wishers, mainly in the Middlesex area, for a gift as a memento of their concern. This resulted in Eddie being presented with the wrist watch he is seen showing off in the photo.

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JOHN HILTON

European Champion 1980

Analysis of the man



by JUDY WILLIAMS,
the former England and Sussex player
now living in Amsterdam

Reading about John Hilton's magnificent performance in winning the 1980 European Championships Men's Singles in Bern, I was dismayed that his achievement was attributed, somewhat disparagingly, almost solely to his bat. I should like to draw attention to some aspects of John's ability as a table-tennis player which, in my opinion, are of far more fundamental significance, not only in John's victory but also for table-tennis as a whole. My comments insofar as they relate specifically to John's play are based on a number of his matches which I watched during the 1978 European Championships in Duisberg when, as will be remembered, John gave Desmond Douglas very good support in the team event and England's men won the silver medal.

The rubber John uses — nothing more exotic, incidentally, than "one side Tackiness, one side anti-topspin" — is, in my view, one of a number of means by which he achieves his end — which is to win. Winning is his goal; where John is exceptional is that he does not deviate from this goal, and that he not only has the insight into both the game and himself as an exponent of it to see how he personally can reach his goal; he also has the courage (self-control and realistic confidence and hence ability to maintain concentration under pressure) to put what he knows into effect — at the highest level, and not once, but time after time. (I believe I'm right in saying that, on winning the European championship, John himself was surprised at how far his ability to put theory into practice had taken him!) He is not concerned with technical perfection (beyond the limits set by his goal, that is) or with imitation of the greatest table-tennis players of all time (or of anyone at all, for that matter!) or with anything else that can side-track a player. He understands the basic principles of competitive table tennis — what it is fundamentally all about — and can implement them.

John's strength of character has provided the basis for his development as a table-tennis match-player. He possesses:

Courage (guts!)

—He dares to win; to carry on playing his game whoever his opponent is, whatever his style, whatever his international ranking; to look reality in the face and to grapple with it. He is not afraid.

Self-confidence; conviction; concentration

—I gather John has a stable character, and is little bothered by doubts or other inconvenient mental obstacles (e.g. illusions, either rose-coloured or black), so his pitch of concentration remains high. A very important factor here is probably his supreme fitness — one is less likely to have problems with tiredness, which, apart from its obvious physical effect, also all too often provides a mental side-track and thus reduces concentration, if one's physical condition is optimal.

Insight; self-knowledge

—John does not just know how "one" should play against a certain opponent; he knows specifically how he personally must do so. This applies to both the strategy (basic system) he adopts and to the way he plays the individual points. Again — it's not only that he knows how; he can do it as well! John knows what he is basically trying to do during a table-tennis match. To win — of course, but what does this mean in concrete terms?

—Pressure. To keep on top of this. Either generate your own, so that your opponent is discouraged; alternatively, put up such resistance to the opponent's pressure that you counter-pressurize. John applies pressure in both ways, adapting himself to the player and the situation; I believe that, in his understanding of pressure and in the implementation of this understanding, John is streets ahead of most table-tennis players of today.

—Decision-taking. Many players do not give this a second thought; it is something that happens automatically. John, however, is a very conscious player. He exerts his will (gradually) by bringing the game into the rhythm he wants — he has a slow playing rhythm in relation to most of his opponents, who are then hauled out of their own rhythm — then plays each shot very deliberately, each time giving a shot which is as awkward as possible for his opponent to return. (This is where John uses his rubber to devastating effect. A fast topspin loop followed by an anti-topspin drop-shot from the same wing leaves the unsuspecting defensive player wringing his hands in despair! The point is, however, that John knows how to exploit the combination of rubbers to maximum advantage in his own game, and has trained himself to do so — it is this, and not the rubber alone, that has been the instrument of John's success.) I think that, in this way, John generates an enormous amount of pressure — particularly if his opponent does not realize what's going on (and may even feel terrorised!). Players of today are not used to having to react to every shot individually; they are so used to building up a rally systematically. Partly, perhaps, because defensive play has been out of fashion for 20 years, the emphasis is now so strongly on better and better versions of "building up your own attack" that the art of "being able to cope with everything your opponent can throw at you" and "being able to find a way out of every situation which arises in one's own game" has been forgotten, and someone like John, who knows these things well and can put them into practice, can more or less do as he pleases.

FACTOR

It is striking that John's results in England are less spectacular than his international results. He was, in Bern, ranked no. 3 in England, behind Paul Day, who has not (yet?) managed to produce anything like John's performances internationally; John even loses to club-mates who are used to his game and have learnt how to play him. I don't know what fac-

tor is the most important here: is John really powerless once players have got the hang of him? How significant is motivation or the lack of it? Does he have to have international competition in order to raise his game to that level? I think probably all these factors have something to do with it, and maybe some more besides. It would seem that players do learn how to play John in time, but "in time" for people other than current or past sparring partners of his must be reckoned in years, and internationally, with the larger number of top players and team changes from year to year, the number of years may well be greater. — In fact, however, it isn't particularly interesting to know why John Hilton is less good within England than internationally. The converse is far more significant: why is he so much stronger internationally than at home?

Motivation. Courage in a situation in which many players of equal actual standard shiver in their shoes; he remains capable of playing at his best while others fade away. Motivation works to inspire, increase concentration. His way of playing means that he can excel and have things all his own way in an initial encounter.

From what I have seen, John's superior problem-solving capabilities could be the key here. In learning table-tennis there are, I think, three main strategic approaches: exert pressure to such an extent that you are little troubled by pressure from your opponent; develop the ability to solve known problems (e.g. learn how to cope technically with known strokes — block a loop, topspin a chopped ball, etc.; learn how to play against specific players); and develop the ability to apply the principles of the game as such (be able to apply what you have experienced to the unknown — e.g. learn to take hitherto unknown services — within the course of one match; be able to play your own game whoever your opponent — whatever his level, whatever his style; whatever happens, not to panic). John has developed a very strong combination of the first and the third techniques, and the necessary amount of the second. But what is more: since internationally, today, the emphasis is on the first two approaches — the third, "fundamental" approach is almost forgotten — "the top" are used to encountering either no resistance or a predictable kind of resistance — to solving either no, or a series of known problems. The failure of "the top" in the face of the "new" problem (or combination of problems) with which John, with his "very own" brand of table-tennis, has presented them, is thus disproportionately dramatic. Incidentally, this might well explain why Bengtsson and Thorsell swept the board at the last European Top 12 (by services that were "indistinguishable from each other") and why the Chinese, with unusual rubber, won so ridiculously easily against the European top in the Yugoslavian Open Championships three years ago.

PONDER

Finally, I think it is worth stopping for a moment to ponder the following. When John won the championship, everyone seemed to regard it as a surprise. Why was it, in fact, such a surprise, considering John's international results prior to this event? As already mentioned, John produced a string of good results during the team event in Duisburg, 1978 European Championships, winning 8/9 singles to put England into the top four (2/3 against Sweden, 2/2 against USSR, and twice more 2/2 against strong countries). Had everyone forgotten this? And what about his results in the team event at Bern? Rumania 1/1, USSR 2/2, Sweden 3/3 (Bengtsson, Thorsell, Carlsson), West Germany 0/3 (he had a gash match in Duisburg, too, against France — on that occasion it apparently cost him his place in the final; in both

cases it looks as though he needed mental recovery time), Czechoslovakia 2/3 (Dvoracek, Orlovsky), Bulgaria 2/2 and Hungary 3/3 (Klampar, Jonyer, Gergely, although in this match, the play-off for third and fourth place, it was questionable whether the Hungarians were playing flat out). Rather spectacular, to say the least, I should have thought — particularly for a player unranked internationally. But as far as I am aware these results attracted no attention at all. Perhaps they just weren't taken seriously.

1980 SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FRIENDSHIP INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

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Seven Men's and Women's Teams from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France, Hong Kong, Japan, Sweden and China took part in the Tournament, which was held at the Shanghai Sport Arena — the best-equipped one in Shanghai, from April 27 to May 2, 1980.

As the sponsor country, China entered two teams for both the Men's and Women's Team Events which were first played on a single round robin basis: then, the winners of the first two placings competed for the champion and runner-up. The knockout system was applied to all the five individual events.

The Tournament, in all respects, was a great success and China dominated all the seven titles.

The French team with its best three players, Jacques Secretin, Christian Martin and Patrick Birocheau, beat Japan 5-3, but lost to Sweden 1-5. Nevertheless, the unfortunate Japanese overcame Sweden by 5-2. Since a complicated situation appeared, the placings for the Men's Team Event would be determined by the last match between Sweden and DPRK.

Technically speaking, Sweden should have won overwhelmingly, to runner-up. But, as it happened, Sweden took the lead 4-2, yet went down 4-5, to motivated Korea. As a result, the tide turned in France's favour. Sweden dropped down to No. 5 and France went upward to runner-up.

Among all the individual events, the most exciting and attractive set was the match in Round 2 of Women's singles between China's most promising player Qi Boxiang, a penholder with an inward pimpled rubber bat, and the ace player in the world Pak Yung Sun, "the Queen of Korea".

Being a close-table fast attacker with loop drive, Qi had twice won the Let National Women's Singles' title while Pak Yung Sun, depending on her most outstanding attack after service and pivot smash, had won the world Women's Singles' title twice.

Qi had fallen to Pak 0-2 in the Team Event. Undoubtedly, Qi was a bit nervous at the beginning, and lost the first 2 games. But after changing her tactics, Qi did her best to catch up with Pak confidently. The small silver ball, shuttling to and fro, made the audience crazy. One game after another, Qi turned the tables and at last ousted the first seeded player Pak Yung Sun, the toughest antagonist in the Tournament.

RESULTS:

Placings for Men's Team Event:

- No. 1. CHINA "A"
- No. 2. France
- No. 3. Japan
- No. 4. Democratic People's Republic of Korea

- No. 5. Sweden
- No. 6. Hong Kong

Placings for Women's Team Event:

- No. 1. CHINA "B"
- No. 2. Japan
- No. 3. Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- No. 4. Sweden
- No. 5. Hong Kong
- No. 6. France.

Final placings for Individual Events:

Men's Singles:

- No. 1. WANG HUIYUAN (CH)
- No. 2. Xie Saike (CH)
- No. 3. Guo Yuehua (CH)
- Huang Liang (CH).

Men's Doubles:

- No. 1. LI ZHENSHI/WANG HUIYUAN (CH)
- No. 2. Guo Yuehua/Xie Saike (CH)

- No. 3. M. Maehara/H. Abe (JA)
- N. Takashima/K. Yochida (JA)

Women's Singles:

- No. 1. CAO YANHUA (CH)
- No. 2. Zhang Deying (CH)
- No. 3. Qi Baoxiang (CH)
- Li Song Suk (DPRK)

Women's Doubles:

- No. 1. QI BAOXIANG/GENG LIJUAN (CH)
- No. 2. K. Kawahigashi/R. Wada (JA)
- No. 3. M. Lindblad/K. Nilsson (SW)
- Zhang Deying/Liu Yang (CH).

Mixed Doubles:

- No. 1. WANG HUIYUAN/CAO YANHUA (CH)
- No. 2. J. Secretin/C. Bergeret (FR)
- No. 3. Shi Zhihao/Liu Yang (CH)
- Xie Saike/Zhang Deying (CH).



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THE WORLD CUP

Important Achievements



by **H. ROY EVANS, O.B.E.,**
President, I.T.T.F.

The First World Table Tennis Cup was held in Hong Kong from 29th to 31st Aug., 1980. That simple fact I believe will one day be as widely known and remembered in our sport as the place and date of our first World Championships.

It has been a huge success. Of course, there were some shortcomings - who knows of a major sporting event that was perfect in every way? But none of these in any way spoiled the staging of the event itself, and none was due to any failure in effort or intent on the part of those involved in setting up the event. I must speak with gratitude and in the highest terms of the co-operation we have received from the promoters, the International Management Group, of the efficiency and generosity with which Mr. Chung Wing Kwong and his colleagues in the Hong Kong Table Tennis Association organised the tournament, and of the vital backing we had from all the sponsors.

I think it is important now to record some of the achievements of our first World Cup:

A major ITTF event, involving players from every continent, has been seen on television all over the world, projecting the highest level of our sport.

Top Asian and European players have had an opportunity of playing together.

Some players who might have been expected to play to a slightly lower standard have acquitted themselves outstandingly well; they have benefitted enormously from the experience, and their Associations and Continents have benefitted from the prestige associated with their participation.

Once again the ITTF has had the opportunity of holding the very first event in a magnificent new stadium. Table tennis in Hong Kong has received a tremendous boost.

Prize money of US \$36,500 has been shared among twelve Associations or their players, and the ITTF has also gained financially. Table tennis has been kept in the forefront of world sport in the period between World Championships.

From all this it is quite clear that the draft outline of the tournament which was proposed to the ITTF Council in Cardiff in June was the correct one, and that the Council was fully justified in authorising the Executive Committee to proceed along the lines suggested. On this basis, and in the light of our experience in Hong Kong, it is now the task of the Executive Committee to prepare for the Council Meeting in Novi Sad a formal statement of our plans for the future; all delegates at the BGM will then have the opportunity of commenting on the first World Cup, and of laying the foundations for future events in this series.

I cannot end this report without expressing my own personal pleasure at the way in which the first World Cup so obviously delighted the players, the spectators and the Press. The thanks of the ITTF are due to everyone involved in the creation of the event, and those of us who watched will long remember the three days of superb table tennis given to us by the sixteen players of the First World Table Tennis Cup, Hong Kong, 1980.

England's John Hilton journeyed to Hong Kong for the 1st World Cup and an invitation was also sent to Desmond Dougias which was initially declined but subsequent acceptance came too late for his inclusion in the elite 16.

Hilton, the European champion, as a result of beating his predecessor Gabor Gergely of Hungary, and Australian champion Paul Pinkewich advanced, along with Li Zhenshi - his only conqueror in the first groupings - to the quarter-final stage.

But the Lancastrian failed to repeat his Berne success when Josef Dvoracek of Czechoslovakia avenged his final defeat in Switzerland with scores of 18 and 18.

Hilton recovered his composure to subsequently account for Eric Boggan of the USA and finished fifth overall to pick up close on £1,000 when Sweden's former world champion, Stellan Bengtsson, pulled out of the clash for fifth and sixth place with a damaged shoulder.

The final was contested by two Chinese, Guo Yuehua - twice a beaten world men's singles finalist - and Li Zhenshi with the former winning 13, 18, 15 to pick up £5,600.

RESULTS:

Group A

Chiu Man-kuen (HKG) bt S. Ono (JAP) 13, 19;
J. Dvoracek (CZE) bt S. Boggan (USA) 12, -21, 20;
One bt Boggan 11, -17, 15;
Dvoracek bt Chiu Man-kuen 9, -17, 21;
Dvoracek bt Ono 16, -19, 16;
Boggan bt Chiu Man-kuen 16, 13.

Group B

J. Hilton (ENG) bt G. Gergely (HUN) 17, 19;
Li Zhenshi (CHN) bt P. Pinkewich (AUL) 6, 13;
Li Zhenshi bt Hilton 14, -14, 11;
Gergely bt Pinkewich 14, 15;
Hilton bt Pinkewich 16, 14;
Li Zhenshi bt Gergely 13, -11, 10.

Group C

T. Klampar (HUN) bt S. Bengtsson (SWE) -19, 10, 7;
K. Lasisi (NIG) bt D. Surbek (YUG) -18, 17, 17;
Bengtsson bt Lasisi 9, 12;
Klampar bt Surbek 21, -11, 13;
Bengtsson bt Surbek 19, 13;
Klampar bt Lasisi 13, 17.

Group D

Guo Yuehua (CHN) bt R. Fermin (DOM) 8, 11;
M. Orlovski (CZE) bt N. Takashima (JAP) -15, 19, 17;
Orlovski bt Guo Yuehua 18, -21, 18;
Takashima bt Fermin 13, -19, 7;
Guo Yuehua bt Takashima 20, 8;
Orlovski bt Fermin 7, -18, 14.

FINALS

1. **GUO YUEHUA (China)**
2. Li Zhenshi (China)
3. Josef Dvoracek (Czechoslovakia)
4. Milan Orlovski (Czechoslovakia)
5. **John Hilton (England) - European Champion**
6. Stellan Bengtsson (Sweden)
7. Tibor Klampar (Hungary)
8. Eric Boggan (USA) - North American Champion
9. Norio Takashima (Japan)
10. Gabor Gergely (Hungary)
11. Chiu Man-kuen (Hong Kong) - Host Champion

12. Kasali Lasisi (Nigeria) - African Champion
13. Dragutin Surbek (Yugoslavia)
14. Seiji Ono (Japan) - World Champion
15. Paul Pinkewich (Australia) - Oceania Champion
16. Raymundo Fermin (Dominican Republic) - Latin American Champion

Final:

GUO bt Li Zhenshi 13, 18, 15.

Semi-finals:

Li Zhenshi bt Dvoracek 15, 20, 7;
Guo Yuehua bt Orlovski 14, 12, 13.

Quarter-finals:

Dvoracek bt Hilton 18, 18;
Li Zhenshi bt Boggan 14, -20, 13;
Guo Yuehua bt Klampar 19, 19;
Orlovski bt Bengtsson 11, 18.

3 and 4:

Dvoracek bt Orlovski 18, -17, 19.

5 to 8:

Klampar bt Boggan 8, 15;
Hilton w.o. Bengtsson;
Hilton bt Boggan -20, 12, 15;
Bengtsson bt Klampar 18, -9, 21.

9 to 12:

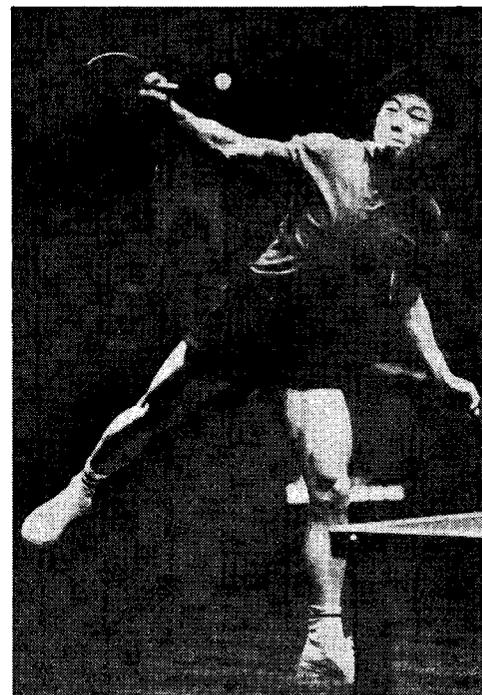
Chiu Man-kuen bt Lasisi 2, -22, 18;
Takashima bt Gergely 13, 19;
Gergely bt Chiu Man-kuen 16, 17;
Takashima bt Lasisi 14, 17.

13 to 16:

Ono bt Pinkewich 9, 12;
Surbek bt Fermin 17, 11;
Pinkewich bt Fermin 12, 14;
Surbek bt Ono 19, 10.

Total prize money was US \$36,500 allocated as follows:

1st	\$12,500
2nd	5,000
3rd	3,200
4th	2,800
5th	2,300
6th	2,100
7th	1,900
8th	1,700
9th	1,000
10th	900
11th	800
12th	700
13th	550
14th	450
15th	350
16th	250



At last a winner **GUO YUEHUA** of China, with memories of Birmingham and Pyongyang behind him, successful in the first **WORLD CUP** in Hong Kong's Queen Elizabeth Stadium.

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COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

ISLE OF WIGHT NOTES

by John Preat

MOMENTOUS AND HISTORIC

Last season proved a momentous and historic one with the Isle of Wight being granted County status by the E.T.A. It is not too widely known that we have always been a county in the political and economic senses and our boundaries could not be clearer. Our population in winter, when most table tennis is played, is around 120,000, but trebles during the summer. We have one league with seven divisions and at the latest count 80 teams. We have played in the Hampshire Inter-Town Leagues and in one dizzy spell a few years ago won the Men's League three times in succession. We have entered the County League with two teams, one senior, one veterans. The fear has been expressed that we may take the place occupied by Jersey and Guernsey in world table tennis on the domestic scene. We hope not, but somebody has to come bottom and participation will give our top players a new slant on life, new horizons and targets. It will be a bumpy but interesting ride.

The player making the main news, remains Carl Preat, table tennis age 12, 'capped' for England in the recent European Youth Championships, where he reached the quarter-finals of the Cadet Boys and won 11 out of 14 in the team events, including victory over the eventual champion Joergen Persson (Sweden). He concluded the last English season by winning the Essex Junior 2-Star Select, both Under-17 and Under-14 sections at a table tennis age of 11. He will head our challenge in the senior team.

Carl is by no means the only player who has played on the Island and made national news. Derek Grant of Ventnor was an England junior more than two decades ago and after he left the Island became a Gloucester County player. A few years ago another former England Junior, Peter Smith, moved to the Island. Though then nearing the veteran stage he was unbeaten for two years in our league. He was Island champion for 3 years. Then followed 5 years of Jim Daly, who will spearhead our veterans' challenge. He is a former Hampshire county player and was discarded far too soon. His 5 year reign was followed by two years of Carl Preat, winner by 18 in the third in a memorable Island final last year. These two are our best players but we have others who will win matches if they grasp the opportunity that County Status has brought them.

Various clubs on the Island have staged club tournaments that have attracted 'mainland' entries and a contingent from Guildford used to come quite regularly. One year quite a large crowd came from Surrey. I would guess all of ten years ago. This was an eye-opener, because among the visitors were what seemed some very fierce loops and it was easy to see how the cream of English table tennis felt when confronted by the legendary Stan Jacobson. Only one of our players mastered the new stroke, and he was by no means the best player in our fourth division, but by fly swatting the ball early he hit quite a few loops for winners. When congratulated on his excellent loop returns, he replied: "Thank you very much . . . but what is the loop? . . . did you say he was ranked in Surrey . . . he did seem to put the ball very high . . ." Our better players, however, were despatched to the canteen unusually early, finding no answer to the loops and complaining bitterly about

the Surrey robots. There was a tolerably happy ending for opponents of the 'Modern Game' as it was then called. The loopers who seemed so unbeatable were chopped off by an altogether friendlier, old-fashioned player called Mike Kercher, who reached heroic proportions that day. Whether his meteoric rise in the Table Tennis corridors of power and the ultimate supreme accolade of a Murray Corbin interview had anything to do with what he may regard as his finest hour we shall never know. Missing his train from Portsmouth that night and having to hire a taxi back to Guildford was a small price to pay for so great a triumph.

Mainly as a result of that historic tournament many of our own players began to loop, the sale of hard bats began to drop to the joy of the equipment specialists. We wish all of our visitors a happy few hours on the Island and look forward to our meetings with immense pleasure.

OXFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Arthur Chilvers

RESOURCES STRETCHED

The new season begins with four changes on the Oxon committee. The new officers are:

Chairman: A. Chilvers
National Rep.: J. Denbow
Regional Rep.: A. Waines
Coaching Sec.: W. Ladmore.

I would like to say a particularly big thank you to 'Dave' Hawkins who stepped down from the chair. He was, to me, the man responsible for keeping the Oxon torch alight during a very bad spell for the County some years ago. His contribution to the Association has been incalculable.

Oxon have accepted the two extra places offered to them as a result of promotion for their teams last season in the County Championships. This decision will stretch their resources to the limit, both financially and in player strength. Some players have already indicated that they may not be available because of other commitments.

The County junior assessments were held on Aug. 31. Neither R. Denbow or P. Mabbutt were asked to attend as they are undoubtedly the top county juniors, hence two extra boys were given a chance to show their paces.

Richard Argyle finished a disappointing fifth. The outstanding player of the day was Martin Higgins who came from nowhere to finish top boy. Martin seems to have worked very hard to improve his play over the summer and has gained immediate benefit from it.

Alison Hine won all her sets easily to emphasise a problem the county have in the girls' section. After the first four there is a huge gap in standard and as Alison is not available for Saturday matches the problem is acute. 11-years-old Amanda Shufflebottom looks to be the top local prospect. She has natural ability and lots of enthusiasm for the game so providing she is handled properly hers is a name people will have to get used to.

Unfortunately it was not possible to assemble a realistic number of seniors to hold meaningful trials. The ranking list was therefore based mainly on last season's results. Initial rankings for Oxon are:

Men:

N. Abbott, A. Chilvers, C. Alcock,
A. Hamnett, C. Jackson and B. Hamilton.

Women:

C. Filmer, W. Parker, M. Denbow, E. Hughes,
C. Belcher and J. Windle.

Boys:

R. Denbow, P. Mabbutt, M. Higgins,
P. Crabb, M. Ball, A. Hughes and R. Argyle.

Girls:

M. Denbow, J. Windle, J. Woodward,
A. Hine, L. Harvey and A. Shufflebottom.

Obituaries

DENIS ROWLEY

The death has occurred on Wednesday, Aug. 6, of Denis Rowley, the former secretary, chairman and vice-president of the Worcester Table Tennis League of which he was also a founder-member in 1932.

Mr. Rowley, who was 72, lived in Sebright Avenue, Worcester and was a member of the Worcestershire County Cricket Club and a life-long supporter of Worcester City F.C.

He was a former employee of the Metal Box Co. Ltd. and was also a member of the old National Executive Committee as a Midland Region elected representative from 1950 to 1952.

The E.T.A. was represented at the funeral at New Saint Martin's Church, Worcester, on Thursday, Aug. 12, by Ian Crickmer, who was National Councillor for Worcestershire from 1965 to 1973.

IVOR C. EYLES

Briefly reported as the May/June issue of this magazine went to press was the death, in hospital on May 24, of Ivor Eyles. Well known in Bristol sporting circles, Ivor was very sports-minded from his early schooldays.

He played for Bristol Boys soccer team, in national competitions, and was later on the books, as an amateur, for Bristol City and Trowbridge Town.

He started league table tennis, as a mid-teenager, for the Bristol Tramways (now Bristol Omnibus) Sports Club, and later became team secretary. He was elected Secretary of the Bristol and District T.T.A. in 1930, and held the post until 1943. During this period he administered all league matters, inter-town matches, and local tournaments with great efficiency.

On full resumption of the Bristol League in 1946 he was elected tournament secretary, and later, Vice-Chairman. He relinquished office, but continued for many years as a committed member of the Bristol Association in 1948 on becoming chief instigator and founder Secretary of the Gloucestershire County T.T.A. He was also their first National Councillor.

During his county office he handled all match affairs, and with the late Frank Newall of the Cheltenham League, organised many highly successful international matches in the county.

Ivor Eyles was elected a Life Member of the Bristol Association in 1958. During his last 20 years in business he was full time Secretary of the huge Bristol Omnibus Sports Club, until his retirement in 1976. He was also Life Member of the E.T.T.A.

Ivor was the first Deputy Chairman of the E.T.T.A., to A. K. "Bill" Vint who he followed, as Chairman, from 1962 to 1968, a period that included the European Championships at Wembley. He occupied the Chairmanship of the National Selection and Coaching Committees having formerly been a regular critic of the E.T.T.A. at A.G.M.s for over thirty years.

On his retirement as Chairman of the E.T.T.A. he continued his interest in local table tennis affairs, and on the active sports side took up bowls. In typical manner he served as bowls secretary for Bristol Omnibus and represented them in league and tournaments up to the time of his death, at the age of 72. He leaves a widow, Kathleen, a daughter, son-in-law and grandson.

Dennis Andrews.

Obituary

EDWARD "BILL" WORSLEY

Former table tennis "champion", in all aspects, Edward "Bill" Worsley, often called "the man who put Blackpool table tennis on the map" died suddenly at his home on August 22.

"Bill" Worsley, aged 78, of Cornwall Avenue, Blackpool, died only a few weeks after being married, for a second time, at North Shore Methodist Church. He and his wife, Kathleen, were long-standing members of the church, where "Bill" was treasurer and property steward.

A retired bank manager, he was also the circuit steward of the Blackpool North Methodist Circuit — the highest local office a layman can hold in the Church.

But it was his great interest in table tennis which made "Bill" Worsley one of Blackpool's most popular figures. He came to Blackpool in 1929, when there were only two table tennis tables in the Fylde.

"Bill" began inter-club matches the following year, and helped form the Blackpool and District Table Tennis League in 1931, with nine clubs. Largely thanks to his enthusiasm, the game became a craze in Blackpool in the 1930's and by 1938, there were 92 clubs.

He organised international matches, helped found the Lancashire Table Tennis Association, being the original Hon. Secretary/Treasurer and, whilst living in Whitefield and working at the King St. branch of the District Bank (now the National Westminster), he served for many years on the committee of the Manchester and District Table Tennis League.

"Bill" also served for many years on the National Executive Committee of the E.T.T.A. and was an England selector. On retiring to Blackpool he became the treasurer of the League in which capacity he also served Accrington Stanley A.F.C. when transferred as a branch manager to the East Lancs. township. He became the recipient of the E.T.T.A.'s Vice-President badge at the World Championships in Birmingham.

"Bill" was also a keen stamp collector and a past president of the Blackpool and Fylde Philatelic Society. The funeral service was at North Shore Methodist Church, followed by cremation at Lytham.

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

BEARING THE BRUNT

At the time of writing Cambridgeshire have not selected their teams for the first set of matches but you may be sure a number of the "old guard" will again be in action. Keith Richardson, Mick Harper, Geoff Davies, Garry Jordan and Robert Swift will almost certainly bear the brunt of the Senior matches assisted, along with Andy Withers who has played so well for the County. The ladies to be involved will be led by Mandy Judd, Joanne Palmer, Jane Hunter and Valerie Parkes and the Juniors will see the names of Mandy Judd (what a hectic season she is going to have!) Tracy Fisher, Ruth Hunter, Alison Edge, Paul Stacey, Julian Wheel, Jamie Frost, Martin Livermore, Peter Melton and Tim Ashman on the result sheets. I think we shall see another successful season for the Cambs. teams (four in all) and maybe we shall see some new names emerging especially in the Junior ranks!

Paul Day has opened a Sports Shop in Ely although he still plans to carry on with table tennis with his eyes on European and World rankings. His Soham club who play in the National League have now signed on David Wells of Middlesex, so that Soham mean to do even better than last season.

Four players went through the 1979/80 season unbeaten in the Cambridge & District League, they being John Ashman of Soham (Div. IIA), Bob Parkins of General Accident (Div. IIIB), Terry Pletts of Titleist (Div. 5A) and Ray Thorpe of Caravans International (Div. 5C). Congratulations to all these players who must have had some anxious moments to keep their records intact. Final leading averages were:

Division I		
	Stuart Palmer	97%
	Keith Richardson	90%
	Mick Palmer	90%

Division II		
	P. Pyburn	98%
	M. Walmsley	94%
	B. Harlow	92%

Division IIIA		
	J. Ashman	100%
	J. Loker	90%
	D. Appleby	86%

Division IIIB		
	R. Parkins	100%
	S. Lee	84%
	S. George	80%

Division IVA		
	B. Odell	92%
	M. Livermore	87%
	P. Melton	83%

Division IVB		
	C. Everitt	92%
	J. Sykes	89%
	A. Spackman	84%

Division VA		
	A. Pletts	100%
	D. Taylor	93%
	H. Moore	91%

Division VB		
	P. Kerslake	96%
	R. Adams	94%
	M. Wooding	92%

Division VC		
	R. Thorpe	100%
	A. Bentinck	93%
	P. Diver	90%

Division VD		
	R. Thorp	92%
	J. Viney	92%
	M. Smith	87%

This season the League has nine divisions with 12 teams in each making a total of 108 teams with an approximate total of 415 players. This season, for the first time, there will be no Y.M.C.A. team in the first division but there will be four Soham teams, two University and two New Chesterton Institute teams. The favourites, of course, will be Soham, but I understand that the University teams will be stronger this year so no doubt we shall see some exciting matches.

At the AGM of the Cambs Association, Barbara Fisher resigned from the Secretaryship after giving faithful service during the past few seasons. Roy Fox of March took over on a temporary basis besides fulfilling the role of Treasurer Leslie Constable was again elected President and Pete Bewley as Chairman. Geoff Waters was again elected Match Secretary, a position he has held for many years with such great success and what an asset he has been to the Association — a rare breed, so hard to find. He gave a very comprehensive report of the Cambs teams in the County Championships, which emphasised the great success of the Junior team who had carried all before them. Unfortunately the team would be broken up this season and new blood would have a very hard task in following in their footsteps.

At the AGM of the Cambridge & District

League the election of officers resulted as follows:

President: Mr. F. C. Larter
 Chairman: Mr. G. Waters
 Hon. Gen. Secretary: L. R. J. Constable
 Hon. League & Competitions Secretary/Treasurer: A. A. Brotchie
 Hon. Match Secretary: J. A. Thurston
 Hon. Coaching Secretary: A. Burgess
 Hon. Auditor: Mr. B. Bean

The meeting discussed alterations to Competition Rules and a number of these were adjusted to conform with the present position of increased fees to the Cambs Association. In the Cambs Summer League, Wesley were again successful when they beat Guildhall 6-3 in the final. The team of Paul Jolley, Keith Lloyd and Tony Rayner did a great job against Mandy Judd (England ranked Junior), Brian Judd and Albert Jackson. This was Wesley's second successive success in this competition and augers well for the coming season in the Winter League.

At the AGM of the Wesley TT Club the election of officers resulted as follows:

President: Mr. Tony Fry
 Chairman: Mr. L. R. J. Constable
 Hon. Gen. Sec.: Mrs Kay Knights
 Hon. Fixtures Sec.: Mr. P. Jolley
 Hon. Treasurer: Mr. L. Mohan

The Chairman remarked on the success of the Annual Dinner and the successes of the various teams in the Cambs League especially the fourth team of Frank Baker, Martin Livermore and Peter Melton who had gained promotion from the fourth division. Livermore had won the Singles event in the Annual Tournament, beating Tony Ashdjian, and David Leader and Neil Burgess won the doubles beating Melton and Constable. Congratulations too were extended to Livermore and Melton who were now in contention for places in the Junior County team.

The South East Midlands League which has re-started after a lapse of one season will see a Cambridge team in the Men's, Junior and Veterans' divisions. The Men will be operating in the 1st Division and the Juniors in the second although they were runners-up in the second when the league folded up. The Veterans who gained the Championship two seasons ago will, of course, be operating in the 1st Division and will stand a very good chance of repeating their success this season.

Ely and Wisbech have also entered the league and the former will be all out to retain their title in the Men's Division.

Soham, St. Neots and March will be operating in the National League this season. Soham, who finished second in the Premier Division last season, will again compete in that division. March will be competing in the Southern section of Div. 2 as will St. Neots. This will be St. Neots' baptism in the league and as they have the services of Peter Taylor and Mick Harper they will be hoping to do well. Soham have two additions to their team with the signing of Wells from Kelly Girl Internationals and John Souter from Denmark Hill. Both had good averages for their respective teams last season and should strengthen the Soham team at the rear. Day and Kenny Jackson will again be the spearhead and Keith Richardson will be challenging the newcomers for a place. March will be hoping to improve upon their form of last season and will rely mainly on local talent.

LATE NEWS

I can now reveal that Peter Diver of Soham has taken over the Secretaryship of the Cambs Association so that Roy Fox will be relieved of this task bearing in mind his many commitments in other aspects of the game. I am sure we will wish Peter every success and that he will see his way clear to remain in this capacity for some years to come.

Eric Day (Paul's father) was elected as National Councillor for Cambs at a recent

meeting and I am sure will be a great asset to the Association with his great interest in the sport. Ken Muhr must be congratulated on doing a fine job as councillor for the past few years and I know that should he return to Cambridge a job will be waiting for him in administration.

SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE

by Leslie Constable

I am very pleased once again to report that the League has been re-formed and that congratulations must be extended to Romano Gallo for taking up the arduous task of Secretary so enabling the League to function. The League will consist of two Men's, two Junior, two Veterans' and one Women's Division. There is the possibility of a Girls' Division being run if there are enough entries.

All Junior matches will be played at St. Neots probably on the basis of three matches on one day. In the Women's Division all matches will be played on a home and away basis but in the Men's and Veterans' Divisions both systems may be in operation according to the wishes of the individual league. The Girls' Division would be on the same system as the Men's. Teams operating in the league will include Ely (present Men's Champions), Cambridge, Milton Keynes, Northampton, North Herts, Wisbech, Bedford, R.A.F. Letchworth, Hunts Central, St. Neots, Wellingborough, Peterborough, Kettering and Dunstable.

I am sure that in my next report we shall see the league flourishing and back to its old competitive spirit.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

by Ronald Hedley

TWO-FOLD CHALLENGE

Bucks look forward to the coming season with two new challenges. The Junior 1st team take their place in the Junior Premier Division and will be looking to hold their place during their first season back. Philip Bradbury, Stuart Lines and Johnathan Wright will be leading the boys and the girls battle will be between Dawn Robbins and Linda Phelps, who played in the Junior Challenge, and Nikki Hamilton, who is expected to return to the county scene, and new addition Deborah Simmonds.

For the first time Bucks have entered the Veterans' competition and all eyes will be following their progress. Unfortunately not as many players were nominated by the local leagues as was anticipated, which backs up a decision of the County Management Council to vote against the proposal to enter two teams. Only one woman was entered for trials although a few phone calls found three more who were interested.

The response from the local leagues to trials notices was mixed to say the least. Some leagues, Slough for instance, sent in every detail as requested and plenty of players for most events. Slough's details were so good I am expecting to find out what they like for breakfast, next time, David! Other leagues appeared to show little interest, one saying they had nobody interested and on the same day nominated 13 players, and another who did not even nominate the person who first had the idea of a veterans' team, and who is on his league's committee!

The County hope to put more effort into coaching this season. They have received a verbal offer for a Sealink (Milton Keynes) player to do a coaching session with the county squad which it is hoped to arrange in the near future. Also it is hoped to arrange for ETTA Staff Coach David Fairholm to visit the County to the benefit of both players and coaches.

To end on a sad note, it is most unfortunate that Bucks have been reduced to six member leagues due to the failure of Buckingham TTL to pay ETTA fees. Let's hope Buckingham can sort out their problems and bring the County back to full strength.

NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

UNFORTUNATE CANCELLATION

New Collingwood emulated Briarside by adding the men's Knock-out Cup to the Premier Division title when they beat Newton 5-2 in the final on May 15th. Dave Armstrong and Ian Svenson won two each and Peter Gorman one, while for the losers, Watkins and Laing took one each.

Unfortunately, the end of season dance and presentation of League trophies had to be cancelled through lack of support, which was especially disappointing in view of the County Association's 50th Anniversary this year.

Congratulations are due to Martin Schapira, who was selected for the Cadet Boys' "B" team in the Stiga Schools International Championships at Bradford during the weekend of July 11/13. And also to Aubrey Drapkin, who was recently elected Hon. Treasurer of the E.T.T.A.

A coaching award course was to be held at Ashington Leisure Centre on Sept 20, 27 and 28 for four hours each day. This was an ETTA course, and the tutor was to be Donald Parker, the English international and National Coach for the North.

The County fixtures for October and November have been duly circulated and we wish all our teams every success, especially the juniors, who were this season promoted to Junior Division 2 (North). Fixtures:—

October 4—
Northumberland I v Durham (a)
Juniors v Lancashire (h)

November 8
Northumberland I v Yorkshire II (a)
Northumberland II v Derbyshire II (h)
Juniors v Lincolnshire (h)

November 29
Northumberland II v Cumbria (h)
Juniors v Derbyshire (a)

In the National League, the City of Newcastle team (formerly Briarside) will this season play their home matches at Eldon Square, and will have a strengthened Div. 2 (North) squad of Chu Van Que, the Vietnamese international, Keith Paxton, Ian Robertson, Andrew Clark, Dave and Ian Svenson and Steve Robinson. This should give them a very good chance of taking their Division title this season.

SHROPSHIRE NOTES

by Gerald Green

CASH NEEDED AS TSB SPONSORSHIP ENDS

Table tennis in Shropshire is flourishing from a playing point of view but struggling financially. These facts were emphasised by President Bill Harris at the A.G.M. of Shropshire TTA.

Although results in County Matches had been very disappointing — with the Senior team finishing bottom of their Division in spite of Malcolm Green (Shrewsbury) being unbeaten and the Junior teams just about holding their own — there is considerable potential in the County.

For the first time Shropshire had more than one person in the National Rankings with Ivan Smith (Pontesbury) No. 11 in the Cadet Boys List and Alison Barker No. 11 and Denise Boughy (both Grove, Market Drayton) 17 in the Cadet Girls List.

While the meeting agreed to continue with one Senior and two Junior County teams it was stated that they needed financial backing as a matter of urgency, preferably through sponsorship, if they were to continue their present programme let alone extending it as they would have liked to do. The Trustee Savings Bank has sponsored the Junior first team for some years, but have pulled out this year as part of a policy of supporting other organisations who have not been assisted previously. Two years ago the Junior seconds were sponsored by Wrekin Construction Company, but only for a one year period. The Seniors had never received assistance.

Falling sponsorship, fund raising projects would have to be instituted and although affiliation fees are to remain unchanged for the current year, there will have to be increases in future. Mike Powell (Telford) reported that at the moment the Association is just about solvent.

Disappointment was expressed that the County League did not operate last season, but the members hoped it would be revived. Ian Baker (Belle Vue Youth Club) then agreed to act as Inter League Secretary and organise the competition.

The meeting formally approved the formation of Pontesbury Table Tennis Association — to be affiliated to the County Association and the ETTA. Pontesbury League intend to run two Divisions with eight teams in the first and sixteen in the second.

The resignations of John Burke as County Match Secretary and Graham Cheetham as County Coach were received with regret. Liz Wilson (Market Drayton) takes over from Burke and Ian Marshall (Market Drayton) — who has done so much towards the success story of the Grove Table Tennis Club — becomes County Coach. This means that most of the County Coaching will now take place at Market Drayton instead of Shrewsbury.

Officers re-elected were: President: Bill Harris; Chairman: Cyril Stannett; Vice-Chairman and National Councillor: Trevor Felton; Treasurer: Mike Powell; Secretary: Gerald Green. Taking charge of the County teams will be Gerald Green (Seniors); Richard Tufft (Junior 2); and Mike Powell (Junior 1).

THANKS

One of Shropshire's top table tennis officials has been honoured by both his league and county association. Alan Cavell of Albrighton was rewarded for his contribution to the sport at a presentation evening at Madeley Court. He was presented with a cut glass rose bowl by the President of the Telford Association, John Reid, in recognition of his nine years service as chairman. Bill Harris of Shrewsbury, President of the Shropshire Association, handed over a portable radio in appreciation of Alan's work for the County both as President and Shropshire representative on the ETTA. Frank Manley, newly elected Chairman of the Telford Association, announced that Alan had been made the first Life Member of the league. Alan and his wife Esme will not be disappearing from the Table Tennis scene however, as they will continue to manage the successful Albrighton Club.

BEDFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Dimmock

DUNSTABLE LEAGUE TRIUMPH

As we look forward to the start of a new season it is gratifying to know that the County with their dwindling monetary resources have decided to run five teams again, two senior, two junior and a veterans'. We wish them all success and in particular the Junior 1st who will be competing in the Premier Division this season.

At the County AGM, the Match Secretary, Tony Barratt and Vice-Chairman Alan Elliott resigned and I am sure you will all join me in thanking them for all the hard work they have put in over the years. Sheila, Alan's wife, will be greatly missed by both the county players and the many visiting teams that have enjoyed her excellent refreshments. Thank you Sheila you will be welcome back any time.

A new member of the committee is that well known enthusiast, from Dunstable, Keith Thompson who was elected to the position of Coaching Secretary. Already he has organised weekly coaching sessions for the younger players from the Leighton League and I understand he has plans to take in all areas of the county. He will be calling upon the services of ex-England international Trevor Taylor who has returned from Holland and is planning to settle back into Bedfordshire.

A decision has been made by the County committee not to hold any ranking tournaments this year. Players and officials alike have mixed feelings about the merit of this type of early season monitor on ability! Maybe a change of name to "Pre-season get-together" might be more acceptable to all and would certainly go a long way towards promoting friendship between the players of all leagues. The up-and-coming youngsters would obviously benefit.

LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Congratulations to the small Dunstable and Dist. TTL who have achieved a feat no other Bedfordshire League have been able to match. They won one of the four major English Inter-League competitions, the Bromfield Trophy. After reaching the final last season but one, they went one better this last time by beating the same very strong North Middlesex side 5-3.

The girls Julie Dimmock, Jackie and Lisa Bellinger, who all live in Dunstable, must be congratulated on this excellent team performance. No one person should be singled out but please excuse me for mentioning that Lisa went through the complete competition without losing a set. Dunstable will be running three divisions again this season, many of the top county players are registered most notable being the Taylor brothers Trevor and Peter. Hardworking and efficient Fixture Secretary, Dave Bradshaw, is planning the fixture lists and advises that the league programme will commence the first week in October.

The Leighton League are showing plenty of enthusiasm and are promoting pre-season TT demonstrations given by well-known county players. Support for the league has increased making it possible to extend the league to five divisions including one for juniors. At the AGM the resignation of the Hon. Sec., Peter Harmer, was received.

Peter has contributed much of his time to both the league and county over the last three decades and we wish him well in his retirement. Geoff Giles has taken over the position of Secretary.

The Bedford League will comprise nine divisions made up of 113 teams in what is the largest league Bedford has enjoyed since the formation in 1932. It then comprised one division of 8 teams! There are 11 teams entered from St. Neots and Biggleswade who are within the 15-mile catchment area. This season sees the welcome return to the management team of Ron Cox who has given many years of service to table tennis in Bedford. He has been appointed Administration Secretary with Frank James as General and Fixture Sec.

The Luton League, formed in 1921, this year celebrates its 50th playing season. From a modest beginning the league has gradually expanded and this year it has reached an all time high with 42 member clubs. There will be 9 divisions with, in most cases, 12 teams competing in each.

The 1st Division has been strengthened by the inclusion of Harpenden and Eastern Gas who include county players from outside Bedfordshire within their ranks.

With table tennis going from strength to strength in the county at league level it is hoped that better support is given to County functions. This season, why don't you, the players make sure it happens and support the following events:—

County Junior Tournament Oct 26 at Vauxhall's, Dunstable.

County Senior Tournament Dec 14 at Vauxhall's, Dunstable.

Home County matches:—

Oct. 4—1st Seniors v Kent (venue to be finalised).

Nov. 8—2nd Juniors v Oxford (Eastern Gas 2-30 p.m.).

Nov. 8—Veterans v. Hunts. (venue to be finalised).

If you ring G. Hammond at Hitchin 812026 he will advise venue and time of start.

COUNTY RANKINGS

Men:—

1 P. Taylor; 2 S. Barby; 3 G. Booth; 4 D. Cartwright; 5 D. Sharpe; 6 D. Beddall; 7 D. Rawlinson; 8 J. Wooliscroft; 9 P. Birch; 10 I. Doughty; 11 C. Luscombe; 12 R. Chambers; 13 A. Conquest; 14 M. Verdon; 15 D. Foster.

Women:—

1 J. Bellinger; 2 L. Bellinger; 3 B. Hammond; 4 J. Dimmock; 5 A. Robinson; 6 D. Campbell; 7 J. Roberts; 8 J. Miles; 9 M. Jarrett; 10 J. Doughty; 11 T. Jackson; 12 L. Robins.

Veterans:—

1 J. Wooliscroft; 2 R. Chambers; 3 D. Holden; 4 P. Cutting; 5 C. Gill; 6 G. Sharpe; 7 R. Gillard; 8 A. Elliott; 9 F. Morris; 10 B. Cohen; 11 D. Frost.

Boys:—

1 D. Sharpe; 2 I. Doughty; 3 C. Luscombe; 4 A. Conquest; 5 R. Beard; 6 A. Fordham; 7 M. Andrews; 8 L. Scarbrow; 9 S. Cartwright; 10 L. Holmes; 11 M. Hussey; 12 P. Edwards; 13 D. Murgatroyd; 14 L. Alvis; 15 S. Clark.

Girls:—

1 J. Bellinger; 2 L. Bellinger; 3 J. Dimmock; 4 J. Miles; 5 M. Jarrett; 6 J. Doughty; 7 T. Jackson; 8 L. Robins; 9 A. Lyons; 10 J. Montague.

Cadet Boys:—

1 L. Holmes; 2 P. Edwards; 3 D. Murgatroyd; 4 W. Spurr; 5 M. Sharpe; 6 S. Bailey; 7 J. Robinson.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Iris Moss

IMPORTANT TASK

The Middlesex Executive Committee remains practically unchanged for the 1980/81 season with the exception of a new "importee" David Miller of Central League. David has agreed to take on the job of Editor of the Association's Bulletin and is full of good ideas for improving the appearance as well as the content of our Bulletin. This is an important task as it is our main means of communication with Clubs in our area, and we await the first issue with interest. Michael Close has taken over as Deputy Chairman but we have, I am pleased to say, retained our invaluable "elder statesman" Harry Edwards on the Committee.

The Committee decided to enter a second Veterans team in the County Championships as there seems to be so much enthusiasm amongst the older players. It is nice to see that some players value representing the County in a second team; there does not seem to be quite so much enthusiasm amongst the Junior and Senior second teams, but perhaps it will be better this season. Len Pilditch has taken back the

captaincy of the Senior Premier team with David Jemmett running the second. Michael Close and David Howes continue looking after the Juniors and Don Smith will be responsible for the Veterans 1st team and is looking for a volunteer to run the 2nd team. Ranking lists are in course of preparation and I hope to include them in the next report.

Our Closed Championships were held very late last season and in consequence we had a very small entry. We felt that it was the date and not the venue, Aylestone School, which had this marked effect, so we have decided to hold it earlier. In fact we have chosen January 31st and February 1st, but it has been pointed out to me that this clashes with the Kirklees 2-Star (it MUST clash with something) so we might have to accept the absence of our higher-ranked players or think again over dates. Although rather late to be "news" someone reading this might be interested to know that our Champions were:—

M.S. & B.S.: John Souter.
W.S. & G.S.: Mandy Reeves.
M.D.: John Souter and Bill Brookman.
W.D.: Eve Britton and Sue Dove.
X.D.: John Souter and Mandy Reeves.
M.V.S.: Don Smith.
W.V.S.: Eve Britton.

Still on last season's events, I must apologise for not having put in a report on the National Junior Ranking Tournament we organised. I was assured that a member of the ETTA Selection Committee would be writing a report but unless it was so short that I missed it, the report failed to materialise. Next time I will make my own report — with the probable result that the Editor will be inundated with reports from all sides. I cannot even make a late report intelligently as although I have the group sheets, the knock-out section results were not returned to me.

On this season's tournaments, complications have arisen. The gap left by Arena Promotional Facilities has not yet been completely filled. Tables are available at prices to compare with Arena, but not necessarily the make of table required. When there is a question of sponsorship from a manufacturer, obviously they want some say in what equipment is used, and at the time of writing this report it is not easily available. I sincerely hope that by the time this article is published, the difficulties will have been resolved.

In the meantime, the Committee decided to go ahead with arrangements for the Middlesex 3-Star Open, although at the time of taking the decision we knew we had lost one sponsor and were uncertain of the position over the other. It was also felt that the Prize Fund, which had been kept at the same level for 5 years, must be increased if we were to attract the quality of entry we wanted, so rather than let this prestigious event "die a death" we accepted that we might be faced with a substantial financial loss on the 1980 event in the hope that the general financial climate would improve and we would be able to get the level of sponsorship we needed for the 1981 event. Subsequently we were assured of limited sponsorship from Halexsport which should reduce, although not eliminate, our losses — for which we are very grateful. So if anyone reading this article is interested in sponsoring one of the few 3-Star Tournaments in the 1981-82 season, we are open to offers! For those of you who are interested in entering, the dates are Saturday and Sunday, Dec 6/7, 1980; the venue is Picketts Lock and the entry forms (available from me) should be out about the middle of October. But do not bother to apply if you have entered in the last three years (unless you have changed your address) as they will be sent to you automatically.

The Middlesex Under-15 and Under-13 Open ran into even greater difficulties as I could not get a venue for the dates we

had opted for. Unfortunately, too, the cost of venues has increased so much that we have had to increase the entry fees substantially although we have tried to soften the blow a little by increasing the prize fund — and giving cash — which is being sponsored by the MTTA 100 Club. Some parents have assured us that the cost of travelling and overnight accommodation in taking youngsters to Tournaments makes the level of entry fees previously charged a minor matter. So we have decided to take a chance, give the youngsters a good venue with good conditions and hope that the Tournament is still popular enough to minimise any financial loss. Here again if we could get sponsorship we could reduce fees or increase prizes but with the difficulty we have over getting sponsorship for the 3-Star, I cannot see much help for this event other than making the players pay an economic entry fee. The new dates are Saturday and Sunday, Jan 3/4, 1981 and the venue has been changed to Picketts Lock. So if you have written asking me for entry forms for the earlier date, do not worry if you do not receive them until about the middle of November.

The National Junior Ranking Tournament is, of course, the responsibility of the ETTA although we run the one at a southern venue for them. However, as those of you who were at the ETTA AGM will know, the ETTA is having cash flow problems, so the staging of this event will depend on what sponsorship they can get. So keep reading Table Tennis News and we will keep you informed.

BERKSHIRE NOTES

by Brian Halliday

LIVE IN HARMONY

The unfortunate series of events that resulted in the postponement of the first County play-off matches, and the disappointment of our failure to qualify for the Premier Division is now behind us. There is a mood of quiet confidence in local table tennis circles that this season results could achieve an all time Berkshire high.

The County first team look set to win Division 2 West for the second year running, always providing our top stars are available for selection. The tremendous overall success of the National League means that players with our local side Macleans Maidenhead, must honour their contracts and rules of their club but with a policy of give and take on both sides the 'County' and 'League' can live in harmony to their mutual benefit.

The senior second team may find the going tough especially having to face the reserve line-ups of Surrey and Kent. Two sides have been entered in the veterans divisions and the competition to gain a place in either of these teams is sure to be as fierce as it was last season.

The junior ranks have been deleted, and there are excellent opportunities for any youngster with the necessary talent to force his way up the ranking list and into one of the teams. The first junior team will compete in Div. 2 East and appear to have several particularly tough matches especially those scheduled against Essex and Kent.

Congratulations are due to Andy Wellman, who achieved his first major ambition with a well deserved England Ranking. His selection for the national squad in the World Student Games in Cleveland is a reward for several seasons of dedicated play. He joins four other Berkshire players now right at the top of the game. While on the subject of honours, mention must be made of Peter Charters whose coaching talent and administrative expertise has brought him high acclaim and has been recognised by the ETTA in this season's

award of the Ivor Montagu trophy for services to the sport.

The local league scene is now under way, and bearing in mind this summer's weather not before time. Perhaps more time than usual was spent during those 'balmy' days of summer in practice and more practice for the county's aspiring stars of tomorrow. Let us hope that those countless hours spent in honest endeavour will bear fruit this coming season. Simon Heaps, who represented the county with flair and distinction on many occasions, took time out to get married. Everyone connected with the sport wishes Simon and Anita all happiness in their new life together in Bournemouth. Simon now qualifies as a Dorset player and recent reports of his play suggest that he will make a considerable impact for his new county this season.

The county invited a very large gathering of local talent to a weekend of trials matches in Reading. The ex-Bucks No. 1 and now star Omega player from Reading, Sam Harmer, proved to be in very sharp form and came out on top. Several of the established county stars were otherwise engaged, nevertheless this was a worthwhile and enjoyable exercise. Whether it has made our selection and ranking committee's task any easier remains to be seen.

At the AGM the officers of the county were re-elected and the administrative line-up is very much the same as last season. Mr. Harold Larcombe, now happily recovered from a serious operation, remains as our President and the inexhaustible Robin Lockwood retains the Chairmanship, a job he also performs with flair for the Reading League.

The County Committee meet on the first Thursday of every month and in order that all Berkshire's players interests are represented, each town should send representatives along. Several member leagues have been conspicuous by their absence over the past year.

For the majority of TT addicts, the summer has been a time for experimenting with funny bat coverings and listening to endless explanations as to why Mr. Dvorcek was made to look so incompetent by the incomparable John Hilton.

Perhaps worthy of record was an all-star TT players cricket match which was played on the one dry day and resulted in a win by an enormous margin for Woodland TTC Reading over Brian Latham's all star Armchair XI. Highlights of this annual extravaganza was a hard hitting knock by our Senior Match Secretary Brian Latham who clobbered the bowling for one run in 45 minutes. Bob Davis who has excelled himself in all sorts of sports in this area got the unofficial man of the match award with a breezy 81.

DURHAM NOTES

by Ray Simpson

EXCITING PROMISE

The 1980-81 season in County Durham promises to be very exciting indeed, especially in the South-west of the County.

This area boasts the newly-formed South-West Durham Club, which contains a large number of much improved juniors and seniors thanks to many hours of intensive coaching. The club has also entered a team in the National League, and together with Briarside from Sunderland will provide a twin challenge for honours.

Sunderland kept their stranglehold on the County's senior, junior and Women's leagues last season and it is difficult to see how they can be surpassed in the coming season, despite the southern challenge.

Durham players will once again be attending many tournaments this season, and it is hoped that this experience will stand

them in good stead in the years to come, especially in the County Championships.

An interesting enterprise beginning in September will be a table tennis magazine concerning the Bishop Auckland, Aycliffe and Darlington Leagues. It is hoped that if the scheme proves a success, it will be extended to the whole of the county in the 1981-82 season.

Coaching sessions, run this season by Sam Ralstrick, will once again be held regularly at Easington District Sports Centre, Peterlee.

The County's search for a sponsor of its Open Tournament to be held in March next year continues, and approaches have been made to several firms in the region, hopefully towards a successful conclusion.

Officials elected for the 1980-81 season at the County's AGM in June were:

Chairman: Ken Taylor
Secretary: Don Charlton
Treasurer: Bob Alcock
Registrar: Paul Smith
Press Officer: Ray Simpson

County Executive meetings will be held this season on the first Monday in each month.

SUFFOLK SCENE

by Steve Richards

NO LONGER JUNIORS

The last main event of the 1979/80 season was the Suffolk Junior tournament held in the Dome at Ipswich.

Results:—

U-13 BS:
Kevin Scott bt Neil Hayes -18, 18, 10.

U-17 BS:
Julian Hall bt Stuart Palmer 13, -20, 16.

BD:
Hall/Ray Thorpe bt Scott/David Webster 15, 16.

U-15 GS:
Jane Richards bt Jane Leonard 16, -19, 12.

U-17 GS:
Richards bt Leonard 13, -12, 19.

GD:
Janet Matthews/Richards bt Leonard/Alison Rowbotham 19, -19, 19.

XD:
Palmer/Richards bt Hall/Rowbotham 22, 14.

Julian Hall and Anthony Booth enter the Seniors and we wish them well. Everyone was pleased to see Janet Matthews win a title for she has been a most popular Junior player.

The East Anglian League completed their fixtures and honours went to:—

Div. 1 Norwich "A" R-Up: Lowestoft "A"
Div. 2 Dereham "B" R-Up: Kings Lynn "A"
Jnr A: Bury "A" R-Up: Lowestoft "A"
Jnr B: Bury "B" R-Up: Dereham "B".

Jack Fuller who has completed 21 loyal years of administration was deservedly made a Life President. The AGM was held at Norwich YMCA and it was nice to see several wives there!

Another well attended meeting was that of the Bury League which was held at the British Sugar Sports Centre in Bury St. Edmunds. Fifty teams have entered for this season including 7 new ones.

I thought the highlight of the close season was a sponsored tournament in aid of the Red Cross Holiday Scheme for Handicapped Children which raised £186 — Well done Roy Hayes who organised the event.

Congratulations to Joyce Love who recently heard she had become an International Umpire. Watch out you players Joyce misses nothing! Everyone in Suffolk wishes Paul Day and Mick Palmer every success in their new Sports Shop in Ely. It was opened by Dave 'Boy' Green and I must congratulate Paul on the excellent fare supplied afterwards! Ely seemed to be full of girls wearing T-shirts advertising Paul's latest venture.

Three juniors, Raymond Thorpe, Kevin Scott and Jane Richards attended Durham for coaching organised by Alan Ransome and Suffolk County Council must be thanked for assisting these players with grants. As the holiday makers stream home, and many must have played at the various holiday camps, a new season begins and all in Suffolk wish all players a happy and successful season.

NORFOLK NOTES

by Neville Graver

BROADSIDE TITLE FOR GOTHIC

The final of the Broadside Norfolk Club Knock-Out Competition was held at Fakenham British Legion during the close season, and featured a close struggle between Gothic (Norwich) and Electricity (Kings Lynn). The match was well worth its final status, with some exciting and entertaining table tennis from all players. Gothic were pre-match favourites, including in their line-up current county second teamer Terry Darby and ex-county player Stan Honor. However, Electricity were determined to show that they were not there just to make up the numbers, and made the Norwich team fight all the way before relenting at 4-5. Star for Electricity was Steve Barber, who defeated both Derek Wortley and Darby in straight games. In the set that ultimately turned the match, however, he could not get to grips with Honor's awkward and persistent blocking and side-spin game. Indeed, on the night, Honor was the star, taking his three sets comfortably, proving that you can't keep a good oldie down. This was the first year of the revamped competition, and it will be repeated during 1980/1981.

The players of the Gothic club were, however, involved in a far less pleasant activity in August, attending the funeral of ex-clubmate Dick Morley who, at the age of 70, was still playing and coaching tennis and table tennis. Dick latterly played for Belmont in the Norwich League, and was still a very active member of the Norwich Committee, being divisional secretary for the Premier Division and tournament organiser of the local Closed Championships. He was also closely involved with county activities, being a member of the selection committee for 1979/1980. His last wish was for everybody to carry on playing sport, and I am sure that that wish will be carried out in Norfolk.

On the admin. front, the County Association has seen no changes in personnel. At its A.G.M. a small profit only on the year was reported and it was necessary to raise affiliation fees to ensure continuance of its programme for the coming year. At league level, however, a major change has taken place in the Norwich League, where Len Miller, league Secretary for many years, resigned, his place for the time being taken by a fellow stalwart of the league in Ken Edwards. Len will be sorely missed from the local scene for the undoubted contribution he has made to the game in the area for so long, both as a player and an administrator. Thanks for everything, Len. With also the unfortunate demise of Dick Morley, coupled with a number of resignations within the committee, the Norwich League faces a difficult year, but I feel sure that it will continue to operate as one of the best organised leagues in the country.

Finally, the closed season was marred in some respects by the need for the county to take action for disciplinary reasons against two of its younger members, Paul Smith and Kenny Andrews, for bringing the game into disrepute. As a result, the two boys have been banned from play in the county between September 1st and November 9th and the matter has been referred to the E.T.T.A. It is to be hoped that this is only an isolated instance.

Junior ranking lists have been issued by the selectors for October, the most significant movements being the position of Roger Margetson at No. 2 in the boys' above Martyn Stevenson, with Sarah Bignell taking the top spot in the girls' above Zoe Nichols.

Boys:

1. R. Stevenson
2. R. Margetson
3. M. Stevenson
4. P. Logsdon
5. C. Rayment
6. D. Loveday
7. C. Anema
8. I. Ecclestone
9. C. Moffett
10. P. Rich

Girls:

1. S. Bignell
2. Z. Nichols
3. S. Jenkinson
4. S. Croucher
5. K. Burkett
6. F. Chipperfield
7. L. Crisp
8. A. Smith
9. C. Chamberlain
10. S. Jenkins

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

IAN CASTS THE LOT

Not a great deal of activity in the close season although there are a few changes in officials. On the County side Ian McKelvey, who has worked so hard has found it impossible to continue his host of jobs and has relinquished them all.

An able replacement as County Chairman was found in Geoff Aldwinckle. Still as keen as when he was a junior, Geoff is currently No. 2 in the County veterans' ranks. Unfortunately nobody was willing to accept the post of County Umpires' Secretary or the fund-raising "100 Club" organiser — two positions Ian served with distinction.

Steve White declined to continue as non-playing captain after one season despite bringing the team to the brink of the Premier Division after one of the most exciting promotion challenges for years.

It is not all bad news however. The exuberance of Keith Bramhall and the expert knowledge of Keith Fellows together with Harry Ward non-playing captain will form a "new-look" selection committee. The previous 7-man selection committee was considered too big to be really effective.

Mike Holt will be on the Senior selection committee. Mike is not usually known for his reticence on any committee on which he serves and his contribution is expected to be a valuable one.

On the Leicester League front Les Corral felt his increasing cricket commitments meant he could not really do justice to the league in his position as President. Les has never refused any offer to help but he has assured me he will still attend whatever functions he is able. His successor is a man who is already a legend in local table circles. When competitive table tennis was first played in Leicester in 1931-32 season Phil Smith was a participant so the 1980-81 season will be his 50th in table tennis! Phil tells me he has no intention of hanging up his bat or for that matter his cricket bat — he still opens the batting for his club!

Phil is still auditor of the Leicester League and delighted at his elevation to the Presidency. "It's all happening," he told me. "A Vice-President of the E.T.T.A. — now this — and all in two years".

Bob Kenney has found it necessary to stand down from the post of Treasurer of the Leicester League but the enthusiastic and efficient Kevin Wells has accepted the post. Grahame Hall looks like being busy

in representative play this season — not only is he men's team captain in the Midland League and Inter-Towns League — he has also agreed to be non-playing captain of the Cadets first team in the Inter-Town League — the Cadets 2nd team captain is Sandra Coulson — could be interesting this.

Finally — Geoff Aldwinckle told me his son would only beat him when he was good enough "I shall never let him beat me" he said. Well young David has done that and he still has another season as a Cadet — wait until he's really good!

MIDLAND NOTES

by Ian E. McKelvey

NOTABLE LANDMARK

The Midland League begins the new season with 101 teams competing in four men's, one women's, four junior and two veterans' divisions — something of a landmark as it is the first time that the 100 team mark has been reached. The Pontesbury and Stratford-on-Avon Leagues were accepted into membership for the new season, each entering a junior team and the latter also entering a veterans' team, but the main growth has been from additional teams entered by existing member Leagues.

Particularly good to report is the growth of the women's division to eight teams, providing a fuller programme for those entered. New entries from Wolverhampton and Kidderminster, as well as a second team from Market Drayton, have more than offset the withdrawal of Leicester and Walsall. Guessing that the absence of the Walsall team means that Jill Harris is going to join Janet Dunning (nee Carr) at Wolverhampton, then this team will be a big threat to Derby's hopes of retaining the championship.

The men's first division was very closely contested last season, only three points separating the runners-up from the seventh (relegated) team. This probably reflected more on the availability of players than the respective merits of the teams, and is likely to continue, especially with the new rule that prevents postponements on the grounds on non-availability of players. Not that this is a bad thing, for the disruption of the League by postponements last season was quite excessive. But it does make predicting a winner in the men's first division too difficult for me to attempt. Most teams have a chance. Hinckley, however, look set to struggle, having lost their entire first team from last season (Paul Randell, Maurice Newman and Steve Kennedy).

The men's second division, on the other hand, may well be dominated by the two Birmingham teams relegated from Division 1 at the end of last season. Nottingham, with Alan Croome, and Coventry, with Kevin Pilgrim, both have good players, but the strongest challenge to a Birmingham monopoly could come from Leicester "B". The acquisition of Maurice Newman from Hinckley will displace Phil Smith from Leicester "A" and correspondingly strengthen a "B" team already containing Brian Mayfield and Keith Fellows.

Oxford, third in Division 3 last season, will be looking for promotion this time round, and with only one team relegated from Division 2, could well be successful. The fourth division contains five new teams, so that predictions are not really on. Likewise in the junior divisions, where wild fluctuations in strength can occur from season to season.

It will, however, take something of a miracle to prevent Nottingham retaining the Veterans Division 1 title that they have made their own over the last few years. I would not be surprised if they made it a double by taking Division 2 with their "B" team, relegated last year. Nottingham "B" never stay down long. Closest challengers

could possibly be the other relegated team, Oxford "B", who are capable of fielding stronger players than those generally available last season.

A new venue at Market Drayton was found for the closed championships at the end of last May. The entry was adversely affected by other competing events, notably the rearranged County Senior Promotion Challenge matches which took away the Leicestershire and Staffordshire players. Evergreen Ralph Gunnion took the men's singles, and the winners of the other events were:

WS: Miss M. Rose (Birmingham)
 MD: B. Hayward/B. Johnson (Birmingham)
 WD: A. Lloyd/D. Griffiths (Birmingham)
 XD: P. Glynn/Miss V. Bellingham
 (Birmingham/Wolverhampton)
 VS: R. Dixon (Wolverhampton)
 IS: J. Duffield (Kidderminster)
 BS: P. Gunn (Birmingham)
 GS: Miss L. Bryson (Leamington)
 BD: P. Dawes/M. Harvey
 GD: Misses A. Barker/C. Soan (Market Drayton)

Market Drayton have offered to stage the championships again this season, and a suitable date is being investigated.

CLWYD NOTES

by Roy Williams

NO COMMITTEE!

The AGM of the North Wales Counties TTA was held at the RAFA Club, Rhyl where no committee could be formed due to the failure of members to take office. A further meeting will no doubt be called in an endeavour to rescue the Association which earlier on the AGM agenda decided to withdraw Clwyd from the County Championships. A sad day indeed for North Wales table tennis.

The East Flint Summer League, founded in 1966 and organised by the Wrexham-Victoria Club, proved again to be successful and the person most concerned, Charlie Bayliss, must be congratulated for his enthusiasm and hard work. The Premier competition was won by Queens Park who included North Wales champion Trevor Manning supported by Haydn Young and Peter Williams.

Another successful season (1979-80) was completed by the Anglesey League with WYLFA "A" retaining the first division championship. Division 2 (West) champions, WYLFA "B", beat Bangor GPO, winners of Div. 2 (East) to win the overall 2nd Division title. In the Handicap team final Llangejni "A" beat Parys "A".

The senior singles title was predictably won by veteran Don Hobbs (WYLFA) beating Robin Jones (Llangejni) in the final. Don partnered by son Gary took the men's doubles whilst Michelle Entwistle (Rhos-neigr) won the women's singles beating Benlach's Anne Coates.

The Llandudno League hope to stage their first international match if the Wales versus Ireland Junior clash is sanctioned by the T.T.A.W.

Results in the East Denbighshire Summer Individual Tournament (July 13) were:—

MS: Neil James (Caergwre BB) bt Phil Jones (Wrexham OB) -18, 11, 16.
 WS: Sheila Rogers (D/C) bt Christine Watkins (Marshalls) 18, 18.
 JS: Simon Roberts (Caergwryle) bt Tony Harden (Ceebee) 10, 14.
 VS: G. Mount (Llay RBL) bt Jim Bishton (Llay RBL) 17, -15, 11.

It would be appreciated if league secretaries would send details of their various competitions to me at "Robroy", 24 the Mall, Prestatyn, Clwyd.

SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

FEARS CAST ASIDE

Fears that Lombard North Central would drop their sponsorship of the Sussex Championships, the annual 16-table marathon at the Brighton Corn Exchange have been cast aside and all is well, providing that arrangements can be made to obtain the tables which normally are held over from the Norwich Union International Championships.

As this event will not take place in England next season, the Brighton league, the organisers face the task and the heavier expense of a special delivery of tables.

At the annual meeting of the Sussex T.T.A. at Hove there was an air of stability with all the principal officers including chairman Bert Fretwell re-elected. Two new appointments were made in the important junior administration — Keith Horton the Crawley stalwart is the new junior match secretary and newcomer coach David Berryman (Horsham) is the new coaching secretary in the mystery absence of John Clarke.

CHALLENGER CHANDLER

Roger Chandler, 12 times the Sussex champion is still coming back for more! Having lost his county title to Graham Gillett in January, he will find renewed vigour in attempting to win it again from the unusual position of challenger.

Sussex are set to field six teams in the County Championships, an increase of one — a second veterans' side.

Delegates at the Hove annual meeting, almost breathless after hearing of the huge ETTA annual loss, were relieved to hear that honorary treasurer Colin Hyland is a man on whom no fly settles — a profit on the year of £247, taking a balance forward of about £1,200.

Chelsea College of Human Movement, the establishment that regularly provides Sussex with some fine female county players has done it again. With the departure of Linda Budd back to Essex and Julie Reading back to Hampshire, a new first year student for the new season is Shirley Cain, the Staffordshire No. 1, reputed to be a strong player, at least in the same class as Linda and Julie who both played for Sussex for over three seasons and with considerable success.

Salford Festival Tournament

ECKERSLEY THE HERO,
 BUT BEADSLEY THE CHAMP

By Brian Kean

Cheshire's Nigel Eckersley proved once again to be a bogey man to European Champion John Hilton but it was Yorkshire's Kevin Beadsley who collected the first prize of £200 in this unique Salford Charter Festival Invitation Handicap Tournament sponsored by Brian Lowden Car Sales and played on Saturday, Aug 23 at Broughton Recreation Centre, Salford.

Twenty-four players played in six groups of four from which the top two progressed to a last sixteen situation which produced four byes to the quarter-final stage. Being a handicap event there were no seeds and the openly made draw after the groups created great excitement as the big guns like Hilton, Graham Sandley, Eckersley and Alan Fletcher all came out in the same half.

The strength of the other half lay in

two Welsh internationals, Alan Griffiths and Mark Thomas, with Beadsley and local star Mark Hankey comprising the notables.

Handicapping was:—

England Ranked 1-3	Scratch
4-10	+2
11-20	+3
All unranked	+6
England Ranked women	+5
Home Counties 1-5	+2

In his quarter-final tussle European champion Hilton never recovered from the deficit of 3 pts over Eckersley who pressed home his early advantage and gave Hilton no time to settle. Short lived though was the Cheshire man's joy as he was promptly disposed of in the semis by former England No. 1 junior Sandley who, in his quarter accounted for former England international Fletcher.

Meanwhile marching quietly on Beadsley, a recent recruit to the West Yorkshire constabulary, sentenced the Welshmen, Griffiths and Thomas, to deportment from whence they came. A similar fate lay in store for Hankey in the semis, his only consolation being the journey home was somewhat shorter than the aforementioned Welshmen.

The final, like the semis, was played over the best of five games but no more than three was needed for Beadsley to account for Ellenbrough clubman Sandley, the 4 pts start received proved to be the crucial difference between winning and losing for the Yorkshireman.

Results:—

Quarter-finals:

N. Eckersley (Ch) (+3) bt J. Hilton (La) (scr) 18, 11;
 G. Sandley (Mi) (+2) bt A. Fletcher (Y) (+6) 19, 15;
 K. Beadsley (Y) (+6) bt M. Thomas (Wal) (+2) 14, 17;
 M. Hankey (Ch) (+6) bt P. Rainford (La) (+6) -13, 21, 15.

Semi-finals:

SANDLEY bt Eckersley 16, 21, -20, 16;
 BEADSLEY bt Hankey 15, 16, 16.

Final:

BEADSLEY bt Sandley 15, 20, 21.

LUTON CELEBRATION

By M. J. Miles, Hon. Gen. Sec.

The Luton and District Table Tennis League is this year celebrating its 50th playing season.

Our town has a long history of participating and organising the game, and indeed, a Mr. J. J. Payne of Luton is mentioned in the Handbook of the English Table Tennis Association as being an organiser of its predecessor the Ping Pong Association which was founded in 1904.

1921 saw the formation of the League and for the present Deputy President, Mr. Dennis W. Ironmonger, a distinguished involvement in playing and administration that was to span more than fifty years. It was also the first season for a young lad named John Camp who played that year for St. Mary's and has played for the same club in every season since.

From that modest beginning the League gradually increased in size reaching a peak in the mid sixties with 40 clubs and 106 teams. During this period the game underwent many playing modifications the most significant being:— The Prohibition of use of the free hand to impart spin in service; which helped to prevent players from winning matches with "wicked" finger spin services;

The Partial Standardisation of the bat. (The present Law allows a plain blade of wood; or covered directly by pimped rubber; or by 'sandwich', an underlay of

sponge rubber beneath this cover.) Prior to this the range of material players used to cover their bats was incredible i.e., lin. thick sponge and deep pile carpet;

A time limit rule, limiting the length of further play in a game that has lasted more than fifteen minutes; before this rule was introduced many League Matches did not finish until the early hours of the morning, today matches usually finish around 10-30 p.m.

Many outstanding players emerged thro' this era including:—

Pearl Swales, Ivor Barnett, Colin Crowe, Archie Fossey, Doug Randall and the late Brian "Nobby" Clark, who triumphed over a severe physical disability to do so.

Unfortunately the League then slipped into a decline during the next decade (at a time when nationally the number of clubs registered with the E.T.T.A. steadily increased). Until by the mid seventies League membership bottomed at 23 clubs and only 77 teams. However, since then a major revival has taken place and the signs are that last season's total of 35 clubs and 91 teams forming eight divisions will be surpassed this year with a record entry.

The League currently has three English Internationals amongst its ranks and the majority of players representing the Bedfordshire County Association are members of the League, including the brilliant Junior team of David Sharpe, Ian Doughty, Colin Luscombe and Jackie and Lisa Belinger, who for the first time ever have recently won promotion to the national Premier Division.

In addition to the normal League programme each season, competitions are held for players of all standards with each division having its own tournament, plus two main tournaments and a handicap knock-out team event.

It is hoped that all this will help to improve the playing standard and stimulate interest so the League may continue expanding well into the eighties.

Tyneside Summer League Tournament

DOUBLE FOR JOHN AT BLAYDON

By Aubrey Drapkin

The first ever Tyneside Summer League Closed Tournament was held over the weekend of July 19/20. There was an entry of over 100 competitors and a prize fund of £160.

Blaydon Youth Club hosted the event and with only five tables available, referee Aubrey Drapkin had his hands full to ensure the smooth running of the event. Over 350 sets were played in the two days and it was quite remarkable that matches never fell behind schedule.

All of the Junior and Cadet events were played on a group basis on the Saturday with the top two in each group going forward into a K.O. competition. The Cadet league event saw three of the four seeds reach the semis where top seed Neil McMaster beat Rob Hall and No. 2 seed Andrew Drapkin overcame the unseeded Tom Weir. Neil had, as expected, an easy win in the final, although Andrew had previously given him a fright in the semi-final of the Cadet Boys' event. Neil completed a 'cadet double' by beating Steve Allen in that final.

Martin Tate gained a surprise win over David Maughan in the Boys' Singles but went out to top seed John Burke in the semis. McMaster also reached the Junior

final but John spoilt his day by taking the title.

The Senior events were played on the Sunday and were on a K.O. basis, with the exception of the Women's events which had not attracted a large entry. Susan Norris gained an unexpected victory over Pauline Jackson in her group match, but when the two players met again in the final Pauline dominated the match and gave her younger opponent little chance.

There was some good play in the Men's Singles and also a few shock results. Phil Stewart did well to beat Larry Cartmell before going out to Charlie Robertson. Charlie was then surprisingly beaten by Paul Said. Martin Moore gained a good victory over Michael Grimes to reach the quarters. The best match of the day came in the semis when McMaster beat Durham's Cliff Olsson in a thriller to get his fourth final. Northumberland No. 3, John Burke beat Said in the other semi to make the men's singles final a repeat of the Boys'. John achieved a worthy double when he outplayed Neil for the second time in two days. Results:—

U-11's (Group):

1. DAVE WATSON (Blaydon)
2. Anthony Miller (St. Margaret's)

Cadet League:

Semi-finals:
N. McMaster (Byker) bt Rob Hall (Blaydon) 18, 18;

A. Drapkin (Delaval) bt T. Weir (St. Margaret's) 15, -20, 17.

Final:
McMASTER bt Drapkin 10, 8.

Cadet Girls':

Final:
JUDITH DRAPKIN (Delaval) bt Judith Hindmarsh (Delaval) 9, 16.

Cadet Boys':

Semi-finals:
McMaster bt Drapkin -20, 18, 5;
S. Allen (Whitehouse L) bt Hall 17, 15.

Final:
McMASTER bt Allen 18, 15.

Girls' Singles:

Final:
HINDMARSH bt Drapkin 17, 11.

Boys' Singles:

Semi-finals:
J. Burke (N. Collingwood) bt M. Tate (Byker) 16, 18;

McMaster bt M. Moore (Byker) 15, 19.

Final:
BURKE bt McMaster 17, 16.

Women's Singles:

Semi-finals:
S. Norris (Delaval) bt Helen Ayres (Reyrolles) 11, 9;

P. Jackson (DHSS) bt Drapkin 10, 13.

Final:
JACKSON bt Norris 13, 11.

Men's Singles:

Semi-finals:
Burke bt P. Said (Gladstone T) 14, 13;
McMaster bt C. Olsson (Washington) -21, 11, 13.

Final:
BURKE bt McMaster 16, 12.

Div. 1

Final:
M. GRIMES (Reyrolles) bt Glen McArdle (Cramlington) 13, -14, 15.

TRIANGLE SPONSORSHIP

By KEN MUHR

Gunnersbury Triangle of London W.3., newcomers to Division 2 (South) of the National League, have received a generous £100 sponsorship from local firm Derek Burrige (Wholesale) Ltd., 5 Hanbury Road, Acton, London, W.3. and there is the possibility of more money to come.

Derek Burrige is a former international player of the late 50's and early 60's and retired from the game when he was ranked No. 3 in England. More recently he was a short time member of the Triangle Club,

bringing his two boys for coaching there. Derek has now built up a successful business and in particular supplies trophies to Golf, Greyhound and other sporting events.

The Club's brewers, Whitbreads, have also donated £100 while Scottish and Newcastle have chipped in with £25. And with Butterfly supplying equipment and clothing the Gunnersbury Triangle team of Martin Les, Phil Smith, Don Smith, Eddie Gorniak, Harry Mills, Paolo Cheng and Wakter Mascarenhas look forward to a successful season.

Although the Triangle has been running teams intermittently since the war, it was not until 1964, when the then ETTA Hon. Secretary, Peter Lowen, formed a specific table tennis section, that the sport really took off at the Club. The club now runs 14 teams and dominates the Acton and District League.

Sealink UK Ltd

SEALINK KEEP BRITAIN'S FLAG FLYING

A fine win by Sealink Milton Keynes against Sporting Clube de Portugal Lisbon has seen the English National Titleholders safely through to the second round of the European 'Champion of Champions' Cup.

Five times Portugese National League champion Jose Alvoeiro, Jose Martins runner-up in the 1980 Portugese Championships and Luis Dias ranked No. 1 Junior in that country, formed the opposition but a 9-0 scoreline reflected Sealink's superiority over the Portugese champions.

Bob Potton, Doug Johnson and Richard Yule all looked too sharp for the Portugese and Sealink will now play French champions Kremlin Bicetre led by European No. 4 Jacques Secretin in Paris on Saturday, Oct. 25.

The same Sealink side plus Skylet Andrew had a National League fixture the next day against Macleans Maidenhead and surprisingly lost 3-6. It was Sealink's first defeat of the season with only Potton producing his previous night's form beating both Max Crimmins and David Barr in straight games. Sealink will strengthen their squad before their next National League fixture against Unity, Bradford on Sunday, Oct. 5, by signing an overseas player.

CUT PRICE PARIS TRIP

Sealink UK Limited who sponsor National titleholders Sealink Milton Keynes, have arranged a cut price Paris trip for table tennis enthusiasts wishing to see the Kremlin Bicetre v Sealink Milton Keynes 2nd round 'Champion of Champions' European Cup match which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Oct. 25, 1980.

The all-in price for the two day trip includes return coach travel and ferry crossing, overnight accommodation in a good class hotel and a full sightseeing tour of the French capital. Passengers can also take advantage of duty free facilities available aboard ships. Cost of the whole package is just £30.

The French table tennis champions are led by European No. 4 Jacques Secretin and the Sealink match will take place on Saturday evening.

Organised jointly with a Bletchley firm, Armstrong Coaches (Woburn Sands) Ltd., the tour is scheduled to depart from Milton Keynes early Saturday (25/9), travelling on the 10.45 Folkestone/Boulogne sailing and returning midday (26/9) from Paris via the 17.55 sailing Boulogne/Folkestone.

Further details are available by ringing the club on 0908-74502.

BENEAGLES 2-STAR OPEN

WHISKY GALORE by Brian Webster

Meeting competitively for the first time since their return from Japan, Keith Rodger got the better of his fellow traveller, David McIlroy, in the men's singles final of the Beneagles 2-Star Open at Perth on Sept. 13.

Increased sponsorship benefitted Rodger to the extent of £125, from a total prize fund of £500, with £30 going to Patrice Fleming winner of the women's singles whose final victim was Kay Mackay.

Together in the men's doubles there was no stopping Rodger and McIlroy but new names were called as the winners of the women's doubles - Brenda Annand of Gwent and Isobel Ferguson.

Results:

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

K. Rodger (Edinburgh) bt J. Wilson (W. of Scot.) 12, 18;

D. McIlroy (Edinburgh) bt D. Campbell (Edinburgh) 20, -18, 14.

Final:

RODGER bt McIlroy 13, -12, 18.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

P. Fleming (Edinburgh) bt K. Hammond (Stirling) -17, 13, 14;

K. Mackay (Stirling) bt V. Thomson (W. of Scot.) -19, 14, 14.

Final:

FLEMING bt Mackay -21, 15, 18.

Men's Doubles Final:

McILROY/RODGER bt K. Burrell (Fife)/Campbell 15, 12.

Women's Doubles Final:

B. ANNAND (Gwent)/I. FERGUSON

(W. of Scot.) bt S. Ferguson (Edinburgh)/Fleming 16, 21.

Mixed Doubles Final:

McILROY/MACKAY bt A. Majid (Edinburgh)/Fleming 17, -24, 19.

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

Campbell bt W. McMaster (Nd) 10, 13;

G. Docherty (W. of Scot.) bt D. Lewis (W. of Scot.) 17, 15.

Final:

DOUCHERTY bt Campbell -11, 20, 19.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

Thomson bt A. Cook (Ayr) 7, 17;

A. Bennett (Stirling) bt L. Johnston (Stirling) 14, 11.

Final:

THOMSON bt Bennett 10, 14.

Consolation Boys' Final:

M. CRAWFORD (Stirling) bt C. Whitelaw (Fife) 19, 21.

Consolation Girls' Final:

JOHNSTON bt Bennett 17, -18, 10.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

LEADING AVERAGES

SEASON 1979/80

Compiled by Philip Reid

Premier Division

	P	W	L	Av. %
R. Potton (E)	14	14	0	100.0
N. Eckersley (Ch)	14	12	2	85.7
G. Evans (Gn)	10	8	2	80.0

A. Mitchell (Mi)	7	5	2	71.4
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2nd South

D. Welsman (Sy)	10	9	1	90.0
P. McQueen (Sy)	8	7	1	87.5
G. Gillett (Sx)	10	8	2	80.0

S. Sandley (Mi)	5	4	1	80.0
E. Sayer (E)	4	3	1	75.0

2nd North

I. Robertson (Nd)	12	9	3	75.0
D. Svenson (Du)	12	9	3	75.0

H. Shields (Y)	6	6	0	100.0
J. Parker (La)	6	5	1	83.3
B. Kearney (Nd)	5	4	1	80.0

2nd Midland

	P	W	L	Av. %
L. Bertie (Wa)	8	7	1	87.5
A. Isaac (St)	10	8	2	80.0
A. Rich (St)	10	8	2	80.0
A. Bellingham (St)	8	6	2	75.0
D. Harvey (Gs)	8	6	2	75.0
J. Carr (St)	5	5	0	100.0
J. Cornock (Wo)	5	4	1	80.0

2nd East

P. Randell (Le)	10	9	1	90.0
K. Richardson (Ca)	10	9	1	90.0
D. Bennett (Nk)	12	10	2	83.3
J. Kitchener (Sk)	12	10	2	83.3
S. Palmer (Sk)	12	10	2	83.3

2nd West

K. Satchell (Wl)	8	8	0	100.0
A. Wellman (Bk)	8	7	1	87.5
C. Preat (Ha)	8	6	2	75.0
J. Hartry (So)	8	6	2	75.0
T. Smith (Do)	12	9	3	75.0
P. Whiting (Dv)	8	6	2	75.0
C. Butler (Dv)	4	4	0	100.0
K. Reeves (Bk)	4	4	0	100.0
M. Smith (Bk)	4	4	0	100.0
E. Lamb (Dv)	6	5	1	83.3

3rd South

D. Hannah (Sy)	6	6	0	100.0
L. Budd (Sx)	3	3	0	100.0

3rd North

C. Heap (La)	6	6	0	100.0
N. Hallows (La)	6	5	1	83.3
K. Williams (La)	6	5	1	83.3
D. Gray (Cu)	8	6	2	75.0
C. Scowcroft (La)	3	3	0	100.0
J. Myers (La)	3	3	0	100.0

3rd North Midlands

M. Green (Sp)	6	6	0	100.0
M. Newman (Le)	8	7	1	87.5
K. Fellows (Le)	8	6	2	75.0
C. Buttery (Ng)	3	3	0	100.0
J. Revill (Le)	3	3	0	100.0
G. Stocks (Ng)	4	3	1	75.0

3rd South Midlands

C. Alcock (Ox)	6	6	0	100.0
M. Owen (Hr)	8	8	0	100.0
A. Chilvers (Ox)	6	5	1	83.3
M. Owens (Hr)	8	6	2	75.0
C. Bane (Np)	3	3	0	100.0

3rd East

A. Withers (Ca)	10	9	1	90.0
R. Swift (Ca)	8	7	1	87.5
V. Parkes (Ca)	5	4	1	80.0
L. Booth (He)	4	3	1	75.0
J. Dimmock (Bd)	4	3	1	75.0

3rd West

J. Musselwhite (Do)	6	6	0	100.0
G. Longland (Ha)	8	7	1	87.5
J. Bassett (Co)	8	6	2	75.0
K. Conlon (Ha)	4	4	0	100.0
J. Gilson (Do)	4	3	1	75.0
S. James (Co)	4	3	1	75.0

Junior Premier

J. Souter (Mi)	14	14	0	100.0
P. Pudduck (Sx)	14	12	2	85.7
C. Wilson (Mi)	14	12	2	85.7
G. Lambert (Dv)	14	11	3	78.6
G. Pritchard (Dv)	7	7	0	100.0
M. Reeves (Mi)	7	7	0	100.0

Junior 2nd South

K. Satchell (Wl)	10	10	0	100.0
K. Chamberlain (K)	14	12	2	85.7
J. Roberts (Ha)	14	11	3	78.6
P. Roberts (K)	12	9	3	75.0
T. Watkins (Wl)	6	6	0	100.0

Junior 2nd North

A. Sanderson (Y)	8	7	1	87.5
S. Scowcroft (La)	8	7	1	87.5
T. Dyson (Y)	8	6	2	75.0
J. Todd (Y)	5	5	0	100.0
G. Sharpe (Li)	6	5	1	83.3
J. Deakin (Ch)	5	4	1	80.0
J. Speight (Y)	5	4	1	80.0
B. Gray (Cu)	4	3	1	75.0

Junior 2nd Midland

	P	W	L	Av. %
G. Jordan (Ca)	12	12	0	100.0
R. Watson (Ng)	12	11	1	91.7
A. Withers (Ca)	14	12	2	85.7
J. Duffield (Wo)	12	10	2	83.3
D. Griffin (Gs)	12	9	3	75.0
R. Swift (Ca)	12	9	3	75.0
J. Bellinger (Bd)	6	6	0	100.0
L. Bellinger (Bd)	5	5	0	100.0
V. Hall (Le)	5	5	0	100.0

Junior 3rd South

P. Namdjou (K)	6	5	1	83.3
P. Jones (Ox)	8	6	2	75.0
J. Okosieme (K)	8	6	2	75.0
C. Filmer (Ox)	4	4	0	100.0
K. May (K)	4	3	1	75.0

Junior 3rd North

T. Turner (Ch)	7	6	1	85.7
J. Burke (Nd)	7	6	1	85.7
J. Chan (Cv)	8	6	2	75.0
D. Godbold (Du)	8	6	2	75.0
G. Skipp (Cv)	8	6	2	75.0
C. Burke (Nd)	4	4	0	100.0
K. Buglass (Nd)	4	3	1	75.0

Junior 3rd North Midland

A. Cooke (Dy)	8	8	0	100.0
S. Young (Dy)	8	8	0	100.0
P. Dilger (St)	6	5	1	83.3
I. Smith (Sp)	6	5	1	83.3
A. Barker (Sp)	4	4	0	100.0
C. Soan (Sp)	4	3	1	75.0

Junior 3rd South Midland

A. Creed (Av)	8	7	1	87.5
J. Hobbs (Gw)	8	7	1	87.5
P. Jackson (Av)	8	7	1	87.5
G. Wilkins (Gw)	8	7	1	87.5
A. Lowe (Sp)	4	4	0	100.0
T. Shortman (Av)	4	3	1	75.0

Junior 3rd East Midland

K. Nicoll (Np)	8	7	1	87.5
N. Knatt (Np)	8	6	2	75.0
R. Mergetson (Nk)	8	6	2	75.0
M. Stevenson (Nk)	8	6	2	75.0
R. Stevenson (Nk)	8	6	2	75.0
A. Hillard (Hu)	4	4	0	100.0
A. Edge (Ca)	4	3	1	75.0
R. Hunter (Ca)	4	3	1	75.0
S. Randall (Hu)	4	3	1	75.0

Junior 3rd East

J. Hall (Sk)	8	8	0	100.0
S. Palmer (Sk)	8	8	0	100.0
A. Booth (Sk)	6	5	1	83.3
H. Finch (E)	3	3	0	100.0

Junior 3rd West

D. Lee (So)	8	7	1	87.5
T. Sweet (Dv)	8	7	1	87.5
J. Williams (Co)	8	6	2	75.0
L. Harman (Do)	4	4	0	100.0
S. New (Do)	4	3	1	75.0
C. Rowe (Dv)	4	3	1	75.0

Veteran South

R. Murray (E)	12	11	1	91.7
D. Smith (Mi)	10	9	1	90.0
A. Rowden (Sx)	12	10	2	83.3
L. Landry (Mi)	12	9	3	75.0
M. Watts (E)	12	9	3	75.0
P. Butcher (K)	4	4	0	100.0
M. Pemberton (E)	5	5	0	100.0

Veteran Midland

R. Bolton (Ng)	11	10	1	90.9
P. Skerratt (Li)	12	10	2	83.3
M. Shearer (Li)	10	8	2	80.0
E. Griffiths (Ch)	12	9	3	75.0
M. Leigh (Ch)	6	6	0	100.0
C. Rose (Cu)	6	5	1	83.3

Veteran East

R. Stevens (E)	12	12	0	100.0
S. Batrick (E)	12	11	1	91.7
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SCOTTISH NEWS



by Denis George

NATIONAL COACH APPOINTED

GRAHAM DAVIES, the Welsh International, has been appointed NATIONAL COACH to the Scottish TTA and will be taking up his position on November 1st. He will be based on the STTA Office, 8 Frederick Street, EDINBURGH EH2 2HB.

REORGANISATION AT THE TOP

With the appointment of full time staff the recent AGM of the STTA elected three new Vice-Chairmen:-

Stanley H. BUCHAN

Vice-Chairman (Administration)

B. Denis GEORGE

Vice-Chairman (International Affairs)

John WILSON

Vice-Chairman (Coaching)

The former sole Vice-Chairman - Ben Dawson - was elevated to the position of Deputy Chairman. The former positions of National Secretary, International Secretary, Assistant International Secretary and Director of Coaching were abolished. Eric Sutherland, Director of Coaching for the past three seasons, has now retired from the National scene but will still be active in his home area of Lanarkshire.

STTA JUNIOR RANKING TOURNAMENT

The first ever Junior Ranking Tournament was held in Edinburgh on June 15. Play was in three stages with the top 8 boys contesting the all-play-all 3rd Stage. Ricky Nixon (Grangemouth) won the Boys' event and Carole Dalrymple the Girls' event. Nixon's only defeat of the day was inflicted by Graeme Docherty (Glasgow) who not only finished in 4th place but also won selection as the 4th boy to go to Poznan.

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Arrangements are under way for a friendly Junior Boys' match with WALES in the Midlothian area on November 15.



RICKY NIXON and GRAEME DOCHERTY

Photo by B. D. George

10TH HARD BAT OPEN

The Barnet Table Tennis Centre, which celebrates its 10th Birthday this year, will again be the venue for the International Club's 10th Hard Rubber Bat Open on Sunday, April 26/81.

IRISH AFFAIRS

by Willie Walsh

At the Irish Table Tennis AGM held in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, the following were elected:

President: Joe Veselsky.

Vice-Presidents: E. McDowall, W. Clark,

Fr. S. Manning, Fr. H. Hanlon,

A. Thackaberry, R. O'Connell.

Chairman: Ray O'Connell.

Secretary: Norman Sloan.

Asst. Secretary/P.R.O.: W. Walsh.

Treasurer: Alex Thackaberry.

Management: Miss A. Kelly, J. Byrne,

E. Limberg, J. Ellis, Miss M. Kelly,

J. Christie, Miss P. Hunter, J. Hickey.

Senior Selectors: J. Flynn, P. O'Brien,

E. Limberg, W. Marshall, A. Strong,

W. Walsh.

Junior Management: J. Byrne, H. Ross,

Fr. S. Manning, Miss M. Sheehan,

T. Rowsome, A. Strong, J. Flynn,

S. O'Hare.

Junior Selectors: T. Rowsome, A. Strong,

J. Flynn, S. O'Hara.

Ireland's European League Fixtures 1980/81

September 18 v Turkey (A)

October 9 v Rumania (A)

November 13 v Denmark (Ulster)

December 11 v Spain (A)

January 15 v Belgium (Dublin)

February 12 v Norway (Connacht)

March 12 v Switzerland (A)

Irish Senior Rankings

Men:

1 C. Slevin, 1 K. Keane, 3 M. Kinsella,

4 T. Heasley, 5 P. Glynn, 6 D. Weir,

7 B. Larrigan, 8 A. Cairns.

Women:

1 A. Leonard, 2 K. Walker, 3 D. Kilpatrick,

4 M. Sheehan, 5 G. Leonard, 6 P. Hunter.

Awards

Rhanbouy Trophy: K. Keane

(Outstanding Senior Man)

Doggart Cup: B. Orr

(Outstanding Junior)

Eleanor McKee Cup: A. Leonard

(Outstanding Woman)

IRELAND v TURKEY

Ireland cancelled their trip to Ankara to play Turkey in their opening match in Division 2 of the European League, owing to insufficient information on the state of the country after the coup. The Irish Secretary was unable to contact the Turkish Table Tennis Association to confirm that the match could be played and consequently without contact it would be ludicrous to send a team at such enormous cost on speculation.

Let's hope nothing happens in Rumania before Oct. 9.

WELSH ADDENDUM

by H. ROY EVANS

With no European League Second Division matches to play, international encounters for Wales are likely to be a bit infrequent although every effort will be made to involve our teams, senior and junior, in as many "friendlies" as possible.

Our first involvement will be in the Netherlands Open in October, for which the Selectors, encouraged by the success of our Junior team in Poznan, have pursued their youth policy by picking Nigel and Mark Thomas. Brian Everson will be the non-playing captain, and the team will travel to The Hague by car.

The first tournament of the season was scheduled for Sept. 28, when the Glamorgan "Closed", postponed from last season because of the flood damage at the National Sports Centre, would surely afford Alan

Griffiths an easy title. George Evans would be away in Germany, whilst Graham Davies would play only in doubles. International opposition in the shape of David Welsman, Nigel Thomas, Mark Thomas, John Bloomer and Angie Evans were not eligible to play, so that the only opposition to Alan would come from Bob Bishop, Jeff Morgan and David Kenefick, with junior Andrew Jones quite capable of upsetting any of these.

The Welsh Open, now alternating with the English Open, has been brought forward to Jan. 22/24, and will again figure in the Norwich Union Grand Prix circuit. As has happened very often in the past, the Third Division matches in the European League will be played in the early part of the Welsh Open week. Having been relegated, Wales finds itself having to beat Scotland for a return to Division 2. Other countries competing are likely to be Jersey, Guernsey, Portugal and Iceland, but we should be able to account for them all right.

The Aberdare Open is on Sunday, Oct. 12. This tournament, one of the earliest in the calendar, always attracts a good entry from the Midlands and other nearby English counties, and the winning prize for men's singles having been increased to £100 could mean the attendance of some of the "big boys".

Matches in the Junior Division of the Welsh League are already under way, with every prospect of some close encounters in this very busy section.

Swansea "A" and Cardiff "A", probably the likeliest contenders for the Championship, opposed each other in the first match. Andrew Jones won his three singles for Swansea, but dropped a game to David Griffiths, who beat Ceri Phillips and Stephen Thomas. David also partnered Paul Ford to success against Andrew and Stephen. Paul Ford beat Phillips to register Cardiff's fourth success to Swansea's six.

Also impressive were Cardiff "B", whose Byron Davies, Jeff Rigby and Philip Kenna "whitewashed" Swansea "B". Peter Champion lead Bridgend to a 9-1 win over Barry, for whom Richard Louch was the only one to show resistance. Aberdare and Tredegar fought out a 5-5 draw, with Jeremy Hobbs winning all three and his doubles for Tredegar. Bridgend "B" beat Abergavenny 6-4, Gary Wilkins contributing all Abergavenny's successes.

NATIONAL LEAGUES CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE FINALS

by Keith Ponting

Once again the Bristol League excelled in their organisation of the National League Finals, held at St. George's School, Bristol, on Sunday, June 6.

For the second successive season the North Middlesex league reached all four finals but were only successful in the Carter Cup which they retained by beating Ormesby. Dagenham in the Wilmott Cup, Leicester in the Rose Bowl and Dunstable in the Bromfield Trophy all won a National Competition for the first time in their histories and Dunstable must have been particularly pleased to reverse last season's result.

We were pleased to welcome among our guests Mrs. H. Carter, wife of the late Mr. T. Carter who gave the Carter Cup to the ETTA in 1965, and she presented the junior awards. Mr. Johnny Leach, M.B.E. and Mrs. Leach also came along and presented the senior awards.

All four finals produced some excellent table tennis and our thanks go to local Organiser Mike Lewis and Referee Mrs. Pat Archdale.

WILMOTT CUP

Dagenham 5, North Middlesex 1
D. Charlery bt D. Wells -16, 12, 11;
I. Horsham bt J. Proffitt -15, 9, 19;
D. Newman bt G. Sandley 19, 18;
Horsham bt Wells 21, 17;
Charlery lost to Sandley -10, 20, -11;
Newman bt Proffitt 17, 16.

ROSE BOWL

Leicester 5, North Middlesex 1
S. Hunt bt M. Reeves 20, 17;
K. Rogers bt A. Mitchell 19, 11;
A. Stevenson bt H. Williams 17, 20;
Hunt lost to Mitchell -15, -15;
Stevenson bt Reeves 20, 17;
Rogers bt Williams 13, 15;

CARTER CUP

North Middlesex 5, Ormesby 1
M. Oakley bt S. Brunskill 10, 18;
J. Souther lost to K. Green 21, -18, -13;
P. Bradbury bt L. Taylor 17, 18;
Souther bt Brunskill -19, 16, 18;
Oakley bt Taylor 17, 18;
Bradbury bt Green 16, 19.

BROMFIELD TROPHY

Dunstable 5, North Middlesex 3
J. Dimmock lost to L. Tyler 14, -19, -16;
J. Bellinger lost to S. Sandley -18, -20;
L. Bellinger bt M. Reeves 18, 15;
J. Bellinger bt Tyler 8, 17;
Dimmock lost to Reeves -19, -17;
L. Bellinger bt Sandley -15, 14, 17;
J. Bellinger bt Reeves 13, 19;
L. Bellinger bt Tyler 11, 8.

Newham 5, Moseley 2

I. Horsham bt A. Dixon -15, 14, 12;
bt A. Bellingham 15, 12;
bt A. Rich 11, 19.

D. Charlery bt Bellingham 20, 22;
lost to Rich -17 18, -24.

A. Penny lost to Rich -15, -13;
bt Dixon 14, 18.

Ellenborough 5, Omega 0

M. Reeves bt A. Gordon 17, -19, 20;
bt M. Smith 12, 14.

H. Williams bt C. Reeves 15, -15, 18;
bt Gordon 8, 18.

A. Mitchell bt Smith 5, 13.

Selection Matters

by PETER CHARTERS

(Chairman National Selection Committee)

The main functions of the ETTA Selection Committee are to select all English national representative teams and to produce a number of ranking lists during the course of a season. The selection and ranking policies proposed by the Committee can vary from year to year, especially if the Committee personnel changes. However, a fair degree of continuity is desirable.

The structure of the Selection Committee has changed for the coming season. The whole Committee will meet for general business, but for selection and ranking the Committee has been divided into two panels.

Selection Panel:

Peter Charters (Chairman)

Peter Simpson (Nat. Trainer/Coach
Men's Captain)

Jill Hammersley (Women's Non-Playing
Captain)

Donald Parker (Junior Captain).

Ranking Panel:

Peter Charters (Chairman)

Tony Clayton

Mike Kercher

Bryan Merrett

This division has come about for economic reasons but it does emphasise the view of the Committee for a number of years, that selection and ranking are considered separately: that ranking is merely a guide to selection.

The Committee's ranking policy for the past two years has been clearly published before the commencement of each competitive season. Fundamentally, it has been that rankings should be as factual as possible and to this end a workable number of results was essential. Too many results could lead to confusion whilst too few could produce an erratic series of lists. The Committee have specified a suitable number of events, the results from which will be considered in the first instance for ranking.

The requirement for a list comes from the necessity to seed Championships and Tournaments. The ranking lists are formed from a number of specified results only, and as such do not always reflect the Committee opinion as to the comparable merits of players. The Committee is not saying, through the ranking lists, that it considers number ten to be a better player than number eleven, for example. The individual members of the committee do not, when ranking, express their opinion as to each player's merit, but rather, they place the players in order based on the factual results before them. Opinion, however, plays an important part in selection.

Selections are based on who, in the opinion of the selectors, will do the best job for England. The job of course is winning; winning now and in the future. Future success in senior teams depends upon the

extent of youth involvement in senior selections. Over commitment to a youth policy could result in present day failure and would still only be a gamble on long term success. Some young players would not gain long term benefits from being thrown in at the deep end and yet a constant eye needs to be kept on the future. The time, place and amount of the introduction of young players into senior selections is a matter for careful planning.

The timing of selections is not always appreciated. Players have to be nominated for international events abroad some considerable time in advance of the event taking place. Intervening results may lead some to question the wisdom of the selection.

The Selection Committee are looking for players who can cope with the pressures of international play, mental, physical and technical pressures. Those pressures cannot always be found on the home tournament circuit and therefore it is true to say that players who do well at home do not always succeed in the international arena. John Hilton is an example of the other point, that some players can succeed internationally whilst having a less impressive home record. He has been our second most successful international player for the two seasons prior to his European Championships title. English players earn international recognition via home tournament and Championship successes. Thereafter good international performances tend to weigh heavier than good home performances.

Another factor taken into consideration during selection is compatibility amongst players. Team spirit as a factor has been held in high regard by the current Committee. Where possible, team balance is looked for when selecting a team. Balance as to styles of play and varying abilities to perform against different styles of play. Balance as to experience and youth — a team needs stability as well as youthful exuberance. Doubles partnerships, particularly in Women's team events and European League is yet another factor.

It is the weight given to each of these and other considerations which differs between each individual, selectors and others involved in table tennis. One thing we all have in common is the strong desire for the success of English table tennis in international competition.

Ranking policy 1980-81 season

At a meeting in August, the Selection Committee decided to continue the basic policy of the previous two seasons; namely to keep rankings as factual as possible. It is very important for players and all those concerned about rankings to understand the basis on which the lists are prepared. Confusion can arise where there is ignorance of the way in which 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.

For financial reasons, there is now doubt about the existence this season of the Senior and Junior ranking tournaments.

Seniors:

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

Juniors:

Junior Select Tournaments
Any Junior Ranking Tournaments



LISA BELLINGER
(Dunstable)

Photo by Leo Black, London W.11.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 79/80

Ian Horsham spearheaded Newham to their 5-2 win over Moseley, Wolverhampton with wins over Andrew Dixon, Andrew Bellingham and Andrew Rich to take over the men's title for so long the property of Ormesby. Tony Penny, standing in for Bob Potton (injured) did his bit by beating Dixon and Desmond Charlery played his part with a victory over Bellingham.

Ellenborough succeeded Omega (Bracknell) as winners of the counterpart women's competition beating the defending champions 5-0 with two wins each for Mandy Reeves and Helen Williams and a solo from Angela Mitchell. Scores:—

English Junior Closed Championships
 English Junior Open Championships
 Junior International Open Events
 Junior International Matches
 European Youth Championships

Cadets:

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

In cases of equality or insufficient results, two other factors will be taken into consideration. Results of 2 Star Tournaments and previous ranking position will be used to separate players considered equal on nominated events. With no National League for women, the committee are more likely to require women's 2 Star Tournament results due to a lack of sufficient information from nominated events.

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 tournaments (if run) will be on similar lines to that of last season with Regional Ranking Lists being used for the extra invitations (ranked players, not 'A' group being invited automatically) for the first Junior ranking tournament in November. 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 1980
2. By the end of January 1981
3. By the beginning of May 1981.

Juniors and Cadets:

1. By the end of December 1980
2. At the end of March 1981
3. By the end of May 1981

I wish a successful season to you all, especially those players working so hard to improve their standard.

CURRENT ENGLISH RANKINGS

SENIORS (June 1980)
 (Previous positions in brackets)

MEN:

1. Desmond Douglas (Wa) (1)
2. John Hilton (La) (3)
3. Paul Day (Ca) (2)
4. Donald Parker (La) (8)
5. Robert Potton (E) (4)
6. Max Crimmins (Sy) (7)
7. Nicky Jarvis (Cy) (10)
8. Duggie Johnson (Wa) (5)
9. Kenny Jackson (E) (11)
10. Graham Sandley (Mi) (6)
11. Nigel Eckersley (Ch) (9)
12. Mark Mitchell (Mi) (14)
13. David Barr (Bk) (15)
14. David Constable (Ch) (12)
15. Denis Neale (Cv) (13)
16. Ian Horsham (E) (19)
17. Jimmy Walker (Cv) (11A)
18. John Kitchener (Sk) (—)
19. Andrew Wellman (Bk) (—)
20. Mike Johns (Ch) (18)

Omitted from previous list:

- John Souter (Mi) (16)
- Skylet Andrew (E) (17)
- David Brown (E) (20)

WOMEN:

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

JUNIORS (May 1980)

BOYS:

1. Graham Sandley (Mi) (2)
2. Colin Wilson (Mi) (1)
3. *John Souter (Mi) (3)
4. *Philip Bradbury (Bu) (4)
5. Kevin Satchell (Wi) (5)
6. *Mark Oakley (Sy) (6)
7. *Carl Preat (IOW) (13)
8. Stephen Moore (Sx) (8)
9. *Gary Lambert (Dv) (15)
10. *Paul Rainford (La) (12)
11. *Jeremy Duffield (Wo) (17)
12. Stuart Palmer (Sk) (7)
13. Glen Baker (Sy) (11)
14. Martin Les (E) (9)
15. Peter Pudduck (Sx) (10)
16. Paul Whiting (Dv) (14)
17. Robert Swift (Ca) (18)
18. *Adrian Moore (Sx) (—)
19. Stephen White (E) (—)
20. Anthony Booth (Sk) (—)

GIRLS:

1. Alison Gordon (Bk) (2)
2. *Helen Williams (Mi) (1)
3. Mandy Reeves (Mi) (3)
4. *Joy Grundy (La) (4)
5. *Jean Parker (La) (—)
6. *Gina Pritchard (Dv) (7)
7. *Jackie Bellinger (Db) (5)
8. *Lisa Bellinger (Bd) (13)
9. Jill Harris (St) (10)
10. *Helen Bardwell (Mi) (—)
11. Janet Deakin (Ches) (6)
12. Lesley Tyler (Mi) (8)
13. Sandra Peakman (Wa) (—)
14. *Amanda Judd (Ca) (—)
15. Yvonne Hall (Le) (9)
16. *Jennifer Collins (Bk) (11)
17. *Susan Collier (Bk) (—)
18. *Nina Tsakarissanos (Gs) (—)
19. *Nikki Hamilton (Bu) (—)
20. *Mary Denbow (Ox) (—)

* Players shown with an asterisk against their names will be Juniors this current season.

GROUP "A"

(Alphabetical Order)

BOYS:

- Neil Abbott (Ox) (A)
- Garry Bonner (Sx) (—)
- Peter Brownlow (He) (A)
- Andrew Creed (Av) (—)
- *Andrew Dixon (St) (19)
- *David Dodd (K) (—)
- Julian Hall (Sk) (—)
- *Paul Jackson (Av) (A)
- *Paul Namdjou (K) (—)
- *Graham Russell (Sy) (A)
- Stephen Scowcroft (La) (A)
- Lindsay Taylor (Cv) (A)
- Tony Taylor (Ch) (16)
- Andy Withers (Ca) (A)

GIRLS:

- *Susan Blackburn (Bk) (A)
- Elaine Bolton (K) (17)
- Lesley Broomhead (Y) (18)
- *Carol Butler (Dv) (A)
- Shirley Cain (St) (16)
- Cheryl Creasey (Do) (12)
- Julie Dimmock (Bd) (A)
- Julie Dowsett (E) (14)
- *Lynn Fennah (Ch) (A)
- *Teresa Moore (Sx) (—)
- *Sarah Sandley (Mi) (A)
- Melanie Seaton (Y) (A)
- Gillian Sharpe (Le) (A)
- Julie Speight (Y) (15)

CADETS (May 1980)

BOYS:

1. Gary Lambert (Dv) (1)
2. *Carl Preat (IOW) (2)
3. Nicholas Hoare (Sy) (5)
4. Alan Cooke (Dy) (8)
5. David Polasek (Cv) (14)
6. Phillip Cole (Hu) (6)
7. Steven Dettmar (E) (4)
8. Stuart Worrall (Li) (9)
9. Steven Sharpe (Y) (3)
10. *David Rook (Y) (15)
11. *Ivan Smith (Sp) (10)
12. Paul Ashcroft (La) (11)
13. Mark Ellett (Dv) (12)
14. David Dewsbury (Sy) (18)
15. Michael Mercer (La) (13)
16. *Ian McLoughlin (La) (16)
17. Julian Wheel (Ca) (—)
18. Andrew Barker (E) (—)
19. Paul Coffey (E) (—)
20. Darren Griffiths (Gs) (—)

GIRLS:

1. Jean Parker (La) (1)
2. *Lisa Bellinger (Bd) (2)
3. Helen Bardwell (He) (4)
4. Nina Tsakarissanos (Gs) (14)
5. Melanie Seaton (Y) (3)
6. Nikki Hamilton (Bu) (12)
7. Amanda Judd (Ca) (5)
8. *Susan Collier (Bk) (7)
9. Mary Denbow (Ox) (8)
10. Fiona Elliott (St) (6)
11. Josette Ryalls (Y) (9)
12. *Alison Barker (Sp) (18)
13. *Laura Goldsmith (Mi) (—)
14. Ruth Hunter (Ca) (10)
15. Vicki Bellingham (St) (13)
16. Alison Hilliard (Hu) (15)
17. Denise Boughey (Sp) (—)
18. Rachel Roberts (St) (—)
19. Michelle Hams (Sy) (17)
20. Teresa Moore (Sx) (16)

Letter to the Editor

HOLIDAY PAR EXCELLENCE

At the World Championships in Birmingham in 1977, I was Team Liaison Officer to the Guernsey team and during the 12 days there, I made some good friends, in particular their President Horace Mallett, and Team Captain Peter Powell. And it was thro' this friendship that in June of this year, I was with a group of players from King's Lynn and Fakenham who were in Guernsey for a T.T. holiday at the Lions T.T. Club in St. Peter Port, where we really had a great time and Horace, Peter and the Club members made us very welcome. I also think that Guernsey is, as all the brochures say "The Charming Channel Isle".

The facilities at the Club are excellent. Very pleasant, clean bedrooms and good shower/washing facilities on the first floor, a T.V. lounge and good dining area for breakfast and light snacks on the ground floor. The dining area also looks onto the hall which contains 4 Stiga Expert T.T. tables available all day if required.

If anybody is thinking of such a holiday but have some doubts, then don't hesitate any longer, because I'm sure everybody who goes there will have a good time. In fact, if they don't, then it would certainly be their own fault.

They have really worked hard at the Club to get this holiday venture off the ground and I would like to thank Horace, Peter and the Club members for giving us all the opportunity of being able to have such a holiday, and send them best wishes for the future.

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Twenty-third EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 1980

BRONZE FOR SANDLEY AND WILSON

by The Editor

Bronze medals for Middlesex duo, Graham Sandley and Colin Wilson - beaten in the semis of the boys' doubles by the eventual winners, Johnny Akesson and Jan-Ove Waldner of Sweden - amounted to England's only tangible reward at the 23rd European Youth Championships played in the "Arena" Sports Stadium, Poznan, Poland over the period Aug. 8/17, 1980.

But, other than the Swedes, it was the players of Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union who dominated the championships with the major singles titles being won by Niklas Persson (Sweden) and Marie Hrachova (Czechoslovakia).

Finland's Sonja Grefberg and Eva Malmberg took the girls' doubles with the mixed being won by Vladislav Broda and Miss Hrachova. Cadet boys' winner was Jorgen Persson, of Sweden, with Miss Daniliavitchoute of the Soviet Union retaining her cadet girls' title.

In the team events Czechoslovakia reversed their defeat at the hands of Sweden in Rome in the Boys' but Russia repeated their final victory over Czechoslovakia in the Girls'. Similarly, in the Cadet Boys', Sweden avenged their Rome defeat by Czechoslovakia, whilst the Cadet Girls' of the Soviet Union just managed to retain their title with a 3-2 win over Rumania who were not represented in Italy 12 months previously.

England's boys equated their final 5th position in Rome, thanks mainly to Graham Sandley who notched up 17 wins out of 20, whilst the girls dropped from 6th to 9th which was a rough reward for one loss - to Denmark in the initial groupings - and Alison Gordon in particular who suffered but one loss to Dorte Hauth in that ill-fated early meeting with the Danish girls.

Spearheaded by Carl Prean of the Isle of Wight England's cadet boys moved up from No. 11 to No. 7 with Prean having a set analysis of 11-3 as against the 2-6 of Gary Lambert, the pair combining to win four out of eight doubles.

Jean Parker and Lisa Bellinger formed England's cadet girls' team and they finished, as they did in Rome, in tenth place with Miss Parker finishing 6-4 against the 4-4 registered by Miss Bellinger, the pair losing only one of their seven doubles encounters.

POZNAN ANALYSIS

by Donald Parker,
England N.P.C.

The all-round performance of the four England teams at the 23rd European Youth Championships in Poznan, Poland over the period Aug. 8-17 was very satisfactory in that for the first time in many years all the teams finished in the top ten positions. The Boys' events were dominated by the Swedish and Czech players while the Girls' events by Russians and Czechs. Medals did travel to other shores however but, by and large, it was a story of Swedish, Czech and Russian domination.

To investigate the reasons for this it is necessary to examine the socio-economic

and cultural aspects of the various societies. Communist countries bring the top players together at a very young age in Sports Schools where their practice and progress is very carefully monitored by experts. The Swedish club structure is run on comparable lines while they also have a Table Tennis School in Falkenberg where the likes of Lindh, Persson and Akesson live and practice together while at the same time receiving an education. In other words the foregoing countries create a situation whereby the top junior players practice together daily and not to the detriment of their education.

In England the players are scattered around the country and only on infrequent occasions are brought together. The cost of bringing together a dozen players to a centre for a training week is fantastic and for this very reason it is not difficult to appreciate the reason for the scarcity of this type of event. We therefore find ourselves in a situation where the elite meet more often in competition than in training. However on leaving school players are then able to devote more time to table tennis and are mature enough to leave home for periods to seek 'quality' practice. It is for this very reason I believe our players develop more of their potential in their late teens whilst Communist countries in their early teens.

It must always be remembered that the aim of any coaching system must be to produce quality Senior players and the Juniors and Cadets are only two stepping stones in this direction. In working to this end it is interesting to examine whether early intensive quality practice and training is more effective than later intensive quality practice and training in developing a player to his full potential.

The Japanese, it would appear, believe the latter while the Iron Curtain countries the former. Although through no conscious choice of our own we tend to develop our players later and while our Cadets are very rarely in the top ten our Senior are invariably in the top six.

It may sound at this point that I am trying to make excuses which is certainly not the case. What I am trying to do is assess the situation realistically and then look for ways to improve our standard. Our chief Western European rivals, France and Federal Germany, who spent far more money on their preparation for these championships than we did, failed between them to get one team higher than any of our four.

Despite the geographical, financial and educational restrictions imposed on our players I still find there is room for significant improvement in the standard of our Junior and Cadet play. When comparing ourselves with the Swedes and Czechs the first blatantly obvious weakness is our poor standard of service and receive.

EXPLOITED

A poor service domestically is not exploited because of an equally poor receive and only in European competition are these weaknesses exploited. Players in England hoping to be successful in Europe should be prepared to spend hours each week simply serving. It is essential to be able to serve short with spin imparted by a fast brushing action or long with spin and also be able to deceive your opponent as to the direction, length and spin.

The high toss service was used very

successfully, but only by one or two players who have developed it with hard practice. If nationally the standard of serving improved it would be inevitable that the receive would also improve. Any negative receives in Poland were immediately exploited and therefore despite any aesthetic beauty that may be attached to a negative receive the point was lost. For the attacking male player a positive receive consisted of topspinning any long services, flicking or pushing short over the net only short services and occasionally digging the short service with a deep attacking push, more often than not into the opponents backhand.

Of all the lessons learnt in Poland by the English players I hope the importance of service and receive was the biggest. There is a tendency once the domestic circuit starts again to forget the lesson for the reasons aforesaid. For the players who do forget their chances in European competition will remain zero while those who do remember and do something about it will have a far better chance next time.

There is no longer any room for the 'social' player in international play. The player whose aspirations are not that high, who enjoys the game for the travel and friends he meets, and is not prepared to work hard at the game, will never be successful in Europe. A player must be completely dedicated towards developing his full potential and towards beating the best in Europe and not just England. I believe there are many ranked England Juniors who have adequate talent to be successful in Europe but unfortunately this talent must be combined with the appropriate dedication and there are very few players with this dedication.

Again to be successful in this type of competition a player must be able to win a point and not just rely on an opponent to make mistakes because at this level players do not make many mistakes. This year confirmed that unless you can win points whether it be with power or deception you can expect very little success. Our two most successful male players this year, Sandley and Prean, were both able to win points, one with heavy topspin and the other with a very deceptive long-pimpled backhand drive.

PRINCIPLE

The principle of 'getting in first' has now advanced slightly especially in the male game. Certainly two years ago at the European Youth Championships in Barcelona the player who played the first reasonable topspin stroke won the point because the opponent simply blocked the topspin and then immediately became on the defensive. In Poland quite frequently a top male player would allow his opponent to get in first but not with a very strong topspin and instead of blocking the ball would topspin the ball back, hitting the ball at the top of the bounce and making contact on top of the ball. This proved a very effective stroke, one that must be developed domestically before we go to Czechoslovakia for the next European Championships.

A major problem incurred by several of our players was losing games after establishing what should have been winning leads. Domestically a player can afford at, say, 15-8 to relax and still win the game because the opponent is not good enough to capitalise on the lapse in concentration. Basically what happens is that at 15-8 the leading player thinks that he has won and from now on has just got to keep the ball on the table and his opponent will make mistakes, i.e. the difference between playing not to lose and playing to win.

But what happens at international level is that as soon as a player relaxes and plays safe his opponent does not make mistakes and, as a result of this drastic change of tactics, what should have been a win becomes a loss. The way to overcome

this problem is when playing on the domestic circuit and leading comfortably a player should continue to play positively and win as easily as possible.

It is very important for players on certain occasions to accept that at that point in time a player may be better than them. Therefore in defeat a player should not look for excuses but reasons and try to rectify the reasons for the next occasion. A failure to accept this and to look for excuses results in mentally weak players who do not develop to their full potential.

The final point I would like to make which was made abundantly clear in Poznan is to re-emphasise that there is no chance of a 'social' player being successful in Europe. The player who practices twice a week and plays one league match has no chance whatsoever of being a European-ranked player. What is required is total dedication both on and off the table. When on the table practicing constructively and giving 100% all the time at least 12 hours a week. When off the table leading a disciplined life, making sure school work does not suffer, making sure practice is available, training hard, etc.



DONALD PARKER

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
Lindh bt Stepanek 17, 15;
Rak bt Krosiak 15, 19;
Persson bt Dvorak 10, 19;
Akesson bt Broda 17, 12.
Semi-finals:
Lindh bt Rak 9, 14;
Persson bt Akesson -9, 11, 14.
Final:
PERSSON bt Lindh -20, 21, 19.
Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:
Hrachova bt Bolvari 13, 19;
Zacharian bt Grefberg 13, -15, 17;
Lindvall bt Sidorova 11, -15, 13;
Pelikanovic bt Bulatova 11, 19.
Semi-finals:
Hrachova bt Zacharian 19, -16, 13;
Pelikanova bt Lindvall 18, 12.
Final:
HRACHOVA bt Pelikanova 9, 19.
Boys' Doubles Quarter-finals:
Florescu/Pintea bt Rak/Stepanek -16, 19, 19;
Lindh/Persson bt J. Bradbury/J. Souter (EN) 12, 12;
G. Sandley/C. Wilson (EN) bt M. Frank (S)/Vasilis 17, -19, 18;
Akesson/J.O. Waldner (S) bt M. Broda (CS)/Broda 18, -13, 14.
Semi-finals:
Lindh/Persson bt Florescu/Pintea 16, 18;
Akesson/Waldner bt Sandley/Wilson 16, 19.
Final:
AKESSON/WALDNER bt Lindh/Persson 18, 12.
Girls' Doubles Quarter-finals:
Grefberg/E. Malmberg (SF) bt V. Angelova (BG)/Guerguelcheva 19, 16;
J. Danilivitchoute (SU)/Zacharian bt O. Nemes/B. Pop (RU) 20, 18;
V. Blankaert/S. van Gennip (B) bt Mihai/Stoinea (RU) 15, 18;
Bulatova/Sidorova bt Bolvari/A. Kiss (H) 16, 14.
Semi-finals:
Grefberg/Malmberg bt Danilivitchoute/Zacharian 18, 14;
Bulatova/Sidorova bt Blankaert/v. Gennip 13, 6.
Final:
GREFBERG/MALMBERG bt Bulatova/Sidorova 15, 13.
Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:
J. M. Pales (ES)/Guerguelcheva bt J. Rebel/S. Wenzel (D) 11, -19, 19;
V. Broda/Hrachova bt Florescu/Nemes 18, 15;
Lindh/Lindvall bt Stepanek/Pravdikova 12, -11, 14;
Dvoracek/Danilivitchoute bt Sandley/A. Gordon (EN) -18, 20, 17.
Semi-finals:
Broda/Hrachova bt Pales/Guerguelcheva 14, 12;
Lindh/Lindvall bt Dvorak/Danilivitchoute 13, -14, 16.
Final:
BRODA/HRACHOVA bt Lindh/Lindvall 10, 9.

Cadet Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
Waldner bt Prean 19, 17;
Nagy bt Stadniczenko -14, 13, 21;
Horvath bt Pieronczyk 15, 11;
Persson bt Szoszyak -19, 12, 15.
Semi-finals:
Waldner bt Nagy 16, 19;
Persson bt Horvath -19, 12, 15.
Final:
PERSSON bt Waldner -12, 18, 16.
Cadet Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:
Danilivitchoute bt Wiltsche 17, -18, 16;
Fazekas bt Lath 12, 11;
Nemes bt Bolvari 16, 20;
Vetcherok bt Malmberg -14, 14, 20.
Semi-finals:
Danilivitchoute bt Fazekas 19, -19, 15;
Vetcherok bt Nemes 8, 20.
Final:
DANILIVITCHOUTE bt Vetcherok 14, -17, 18.
Boys' Consolation Singles Semi-finals:
Souter bt De Prophetis 17, 15;
Oxfeldt bt van Spanje 16, -12, 13.
Final:
SOUTER bt Oxfeldt 21, 10.
Girls' Consolation Singles Semi-finals:
Folkesson bt Pop -18, 15, 17;
Stoinea bt Fazlic 20, 17.
Final:
STOINEA bt Folkesson 20, 21.

ENGLISH RESULTS

Boys' Singles:
Round 1
C. Wilson bt F. Heggenberger (D)
P. Bradbury bt A. Dverig (CH) 16, 11;
J. Souter bt F. Farout (FR) 13, -19, 17.
Round 2
Bradbury lost to P. Heister (D) 21, -17, -9;
G. Sandley bt Louis (LUX) 10, 9;
Souter lost to Akesson 16, -9, -10.
Round 3
Wilson lost to I. Podnosov (SU) 28, -15, -15;
Sandley lost to V. Dvorak (SU) -21, -14.
Girls' Singles:
Qualifying Round
M. Reeves bt D. Baranowska (PL) 13, -17, 12.
Round 1
Reeves bt L. Lauwers (B) 13, 22;
H. Williams lost to D. Kerschen (LUX) -20, 16, -17;
A. Gordon bt Pelikanova -19, 12, 14.
Round 2
Reeves bt K. Calinska (PL) 17, 23;
Gordon lost to Guerguelcheva -18, 21, -19.
Round 3
Reeves lost to Hrachova -13, -21.
Cadet Boys' Singles:
Round 1
C. Prean bt K. Hamm (D) 13, 14;
G. Lambert bt D. Perugi (IT) 9, 13.
Round 2
Prean bt T. Cabrera (B) 14, 18;
Lambert bt I. Krizmancic (YU) 11, -15, 18.
Round 3
Prean bt J. Chopov (BG) 14, 18;
Lambert lost to Pieronczyk -17, 16, -14.
Quarter-final:
Prean lost to Waldner -19, -17.
Cadet Girls' Singles:
Round 1
J. Parker lost to B. Pop (RU) -17, -18;
L. Bellinger bt K. Bogaerts (B) 13, 16.
Round 2
Bellinger lost to Vetcherov -12, -16.
Boys' Doubles:
Qualifying Round
Lambert/Prean bt E. Rasmussen/D. Vavik (NO) 18, 17.
Round 1
Bradbury/Souter bt B. Premzel/I. Krizmancic 16, 15;
Sandley/Wilson bt H. Dirnberger/P. Ecker (AU) 7, 9;
Lambert/Prean bt M. Menezes/J. Portela (PO) 13, 15.
Round 2
Bradbury/Souter bt Farout/Mommissin (FR) 12, -19, 16;
Sandley/Wilson bt Kabacinski/Pieronczyk -19, 17, 9;
Lambert/Prean lost to Akesson/Waldner -15, -13.
Round 3
Bradbury/Souter bt C. Badoi/V. Florea (RU) 5, -14, 26;
Sandley/Wilson bt J. M. Pales (ES)/J. Rebel (D) 19, 9.
Quarter-finals:
Bradbury/Souter lost to Lindh/N. Persson -12, -12;
Sandley/Wilson bt M. Frank/Vasilis (S) 17, -19, 18.
Semi-final:
Sandley/Wilson lost to Akesson/Waldner -16, -19.
Girls' Doubles:
Round 1
L. Madsen (DK)/Reeves bt N. Buetsch (CH)/Vetcherok (SU) 17, 14;
Bellinger/Parker lost to E. Maier/Wiltsche -13, -11;
Gordon/Williams bt J. Neilsen/M. Oxfeldt (DK) 8, 21.
Round 2
Madsen/Reeves lost to Grefberg/Malmberg -9, -7;
Gordon/Williams lost to Bolvari/A. Kiss (H) -11, -18.
Mixed Doubles:
Round 1
Prean/Bellinger lost to M. Broda/V. Gajdosova (CS) 13, -13, -17;
Souter/Reeves bt Vasilis/Svensson 9, 12;
Wilson/Williams bt Ouster/Spanau (GR) 18, 11;
Lambert/Parker bt M. Pyykko/Malmberg (SF) 17, 13;
Sandley/Gordon bye.
Round 2
Souter/Reeves lost to Dougard/D. Hauth (DK) -15, 18, 19;
Wilson/Williams bt Farout/P. Bibaut (FR) 20, -18, 15;
Sandley/Gordon bt J. Nuolioja/U. Backman (SF) 10, 20.
Round 3
Souter/Reeves lost to Pales/Guerguelcheva 18, -16, -12;
Wilson/Williams lost to Broda/Hrachova -18, -16;
Sandley/Gordon bt A. Duerig/M. Frey (CH) 13, 7.
Round 4
Sandley/Gordon bt Akesson/Weizades 16, -19, -19.
Quarter-final:
Sandley/Gordon lost to Dvorak/Danilivitchoute 18, -20, -17.

COUNT-DOWNS — TEAM EVENTS

BOYS

Positions
1/2 **Czechoslovakia** 5 Sweden 2
Rak bt Akesson 18, -12, 17;
Broda V. bt Persson 12, 16;
Broda M. lost to Lindh -11, 17, -20;
Broda V. bt Akesson 16, 15;
Rak bt Lindh 17, 15;
Broda M. lost to Persson -17, -14;
Broda V. bt Lindh -13, 13, 20.
3/4 Soviet Union 5 Finland 3
5/6 **England** 5 France 2
7/8 Yugoslavia 5 Federal Germany 4
9/10 Hungary 5 Netherlands 1
11/12 Austria 5 Finland 3
13/14 Spain 5 Poland 2
15/16 **Wales** 5 Turkey 2
17/18 Belgium 5 Denmark 1
19/20 Luxembourg 5 Italy 2
21/22 Norway 5 Scotland 2
23/24 Portugal 5 Greece 2
25 Switzerland
26 **Ireland**
27 **Jersey**

GIRLS

Positions
1/2 **Soviet Union** 3 Czechoslovakia 2
Zacharian bt Pelikanova -14, 16, 13;
Bulatova lost to Hrachova 17, -23, -15;
Sidorova/Zacharian bt Hrachova/Pelikanova 23, 20;
Bulatova lost to Pelikanova -18, -17;
Zacharian bt Hrachova 19, 21.
3/4 Hungary 3 Sweden 1
5/6 Yugoslavia 3 Denmark 1
7/8 Finland 3 Rumania 0
9/10 **England** 3 Netherlands 0
11/12 Bulgaria 3 Poland 0
13/14 France 3 Norway 2
15/16 Luxembourg 3 Italy 1
17/18 Austria 3 Federal Germany 1
19/20 Belgium 3 Turkey 1
21/22 Switzerland 3 Spain 2
23/24 Greece 3 **Scotland** 0 (w.o.)
25 Portugal

FINAL TEAM PLACINGS

(Previous positions in brackets)

JUNIOR BOYS

1 **CZECHOSLOVAKIA** (2) 1 **SOVIET UNION** (1)
2 Sweden (1) 2 Czechoslovakia (2)
3 Soviet Union (4) 3 Hungary (7)
4 Rumania (—) 4 Sweden (4)
5 **England** (5) 5 Yugoslavia (3)
6 France (8) 6 Denmark (11)
7 Yugoslavia (6) 7 Finland (9)
8 Federal Germany (3) 8 Rumania (—)
9 Hungary (9) 9 **England** (6)
10 Netherlands (14) 10 **Netherlands** (5)
11 Austria (7) 11 Bulgaria (—)
12 Finland (17) 12 Poland (15)
13 Spain (11) 13 France (10)
14 Poland (13) 14 Norway (13)
15 **Wales** (21) 15 Luxembourg (17)
16 Turkey (18) 16 Italy (14)
17 Belgium (16) 17 Austria (18)
18 Denmark (10) 18 Federal Germany (8)
19 Luxembourg (12) 19 Belgium (19)
20 Italy (15) 20 Turkey (25)
21 Norway (19) 21 Switzerland (12)
22 **Scotland** (20) 22 Spain (20)
23 Portugal (24) 23 Greece (24)
24 Greece (22) 24 **Scotland** (21)
25 Switzerland (23) 25 Portugal (23)
26 **Ireland** (—) Nil Entry - **Ireland** (16)
27 **Jersey** (—) **Wales** (22)
Nil Entry - Malta (25)

COUNT-DOWNS — TEAM EVENTS

CADET BOYS

Positions
1/2 **Sweden** 3 Czechoslovakia 0
Persson bt Nagy -16, 22, 7;
Waldner bt Norvath 9, 17;
Persson/Waldner bt Horvath/Nagy 17, -18, 15.
3/4 Rumania 3 Poland 0
5/6 Yugoslavia 3 Netherlands 1
7/8 **England** 3 Denmark 1
9/10 Soviet Union 3 Austria 0
11/12 Federal Germany 3 Finland 1
13/14 Hungary 3 Bulgaria 0
15/16 Switzerland 3 Belgium 0
17/18 France 3 Spain 1
19/20 Turkey 3 Italy 0
21/22 Norway 3 **Ireland** 2
23 Luxembourg

CADET GIRLS

Positions
1/2 **Soviet Union** 3 Rumania 2
Danilivitchoute bt Pop 12, 7;
Wieczerek lost to Nemes -11, -16;
Danilivitchoute/Wieczerek lost to Nemes/Pop 22, -17, -22;
Danilivitchoute bt Nemes -12, 16, 16;
Wieczerek bt Pop 11, 16.
3/4 Hungary 3 Sweden 0
5/6 Czechoslovakia 3 Austria 2
7/8 Yugoslavia 3 Netherlands 1
9/10 Turkey 3 England 2
11/12 Poland 3 Bulgaria 0
13/14 Federal Germany 3 France 0
15/16 Finland 3 Denmark 0
17/18 Belgium 3 Italy 0
19/20 Norway 3 Spain 1

FINAL TEAM PLACINGS

(Previous positions in brackets)

CADET BOYS	CADET GIRLS
1 SWEDEN (2)	1 SOVIET UNION (1)
2 Czechoslovakia (1)	2 Rumania (—)
3 Rumania (—)	3 Hungary (2)
4 Poland (14)	4 Sweden (4)
5 Yugoslavia (7)	5 Czechoslovakia (5)
6 Netherlands (4)	6 Austria (11)
7 England (11)	7 Yugoslavia (7)
8 Denmark (12)	8 Netherlands (17)
9 Soviet Union (—)	9 Turkey (18)
10 Austria (9)	10 England (10)
11 Federal Germany (18)	11 Poland (8)
12 Finland (5)	12 Bulgaria (3)
13 Hungary (3)	13 Federal Germany (12)
14 Bulgaria (—)	14 France (6)
15 Switzerland (—)	15 Finland (13)
16 Belgium (16)	16 Denmark (19)
17 France (6)	17 Belgium (9)
18 Spain (8)	18 Italy (14)
19 Turkey (13)	19 Norway (—)
20 Italy (10)	20 Spain (16)
21 Norway (17)	Nil Entry - Greece (15)
22 Ireland (15)	
23 Luxembourg (—)	
Nil Entry - Greece (19)	

ENGLISH TEAM RESULTS

Boys

v Ireland (won 5-1)

Souter bt Greene 17, 14;
Sandley bt McWilliams 10, 13;
Wilson bt Slevin 18, -17, 14;
Sandley bt Greene 12, 5;
Souter lost to Slevin -16, -17;
Wilson bt McWilliams 16, 16.

v Wales (won 5-0)

Wilson bt Jones 17, 14;
Souter bt Thomas -17, 18, 17;
Sandley bt Jeanes 13, 15;
Wilson bt Thomas 18, 10;
Sandley bt Jones 18, 9.

v Luxembourg (won 5-0)

Wilson bt Wolter -17, 13, 6;
Sandley bt Goetzing 2, 11;
Souter bt Maas -11, 12, 18;
Sandley bt Wolter 11, 16;
Wilson bt Maas 9, 19.

v France (won 5-2)

Wilson bt Guilbert 21, 9;
Sandley bt Mommessin 9, 18;
Souter lost to Farout -19, -23;
Sandley bt Guilbert 8, 16;
Wilson lost to Farout -13, 17, -10;
Souter bt Mommessin 23, 12;
Sandley bt Farout 20, -15, 13.

v Sweden (lost 0-5)

Wilson lost to Persson -8, 20, -15;
Bradbury lost to Lindh -18, 18, -6;
Sandley lost to Akesson -18, -18;
Wilson lost to Lindh 16, -19, -16;
Sandley lost to Presson 23, -21, -12.

v Soviet Union (lost 3-5)

Wilson bt Dvorak 16, 20;
Sandley bt Rusakiewicz 20, 16;
Bradbury lost to Podnossov -13, -13;
Sandley bt Dvorak 18, -23, 13;
Wilson lost to Podnossov -16, 20, -12;
Bradbury lost to Rusakiewicz -8, -17;
Sandley lost to Podnossov -19, -18;
Bradbury lost to Dvorak -13, -10.

v Federal Germany (won 5-2)

Wilson bt Sonntag 18, 13;
Souter lost to Rebel -20, -15;
Sandley bt Heister 12, 11;
Wilson lost to Rebel -12, -15;
Sandley bt Sonntag 13, 16;
Souter bt Heister 13, 18;
Sandley bt Rebel -20, 10, 14.

v France (won 5-2)

Wilson bt Aernout 13, 16;
Sandley bt Guilbert 11, 9;
Souter lost to Farout -22, 6, -13;
Sandley bt Aernout 14, 9;
Wilson lost to Farout 19, -13, -16;
Souter bt Guilbert 13, 15;
Sandley bt Farout 15, 15.

Girls

v Greece (won 3-0)

Reeves bt Spanov 20, 11;
Gordon bt Dovmeni 11, 10;
Gordon/Williams bt Dovmeni/Spanov 10, 11.

v Denmark (lost 2-3)

Gordon lost to Hauth -10, -15;
Williams lost to Polk -9, 19, -14;
Gordon/Williams bt Hauth/Polk 12, 14;
Gordon bt Polk -18, 19, 18;
Williams lost to Hauth -12, -16.

v France (won 3-2)

Gordon bt Bibaut 14, -20, 16;
Williams lost to Germain -12, 15, -12;
Gordon/Williams lost to Bibaut/Germain 20, -17, -11;
Gordon bt Germain 13, -5, 15;
Williams bt Bibaut 22, -18, 16.

v Poland (won 3-1)

Williams bt Calinska -17, 15, 20;
Gordon bt Wojcik 16, 16;
Gordon/Williams lost to Calinska/Wojcik 20, -16, -18;
Gordon bt Calinska -18, 15, 3.

v Italy (won 3-0)

Reeves bt Bevilacqua 20, 18;

Gordon bt Cergol 13, 9;
Gordon/Williams bt Bevilacqua/Cergal 16, 11.

v Bulgaria (won 3-1)

Williams lost to Guerguelcheva
Gordon bt Angelova 14, 10;
Gordon/Williams bt Angelova/Guerguelcheva 19, 14;
Gordon bt Guerguelcheva 16, 17.

v Netherlands (won 3-0)

Gordon bt Blankaert 16, -19, 18;
Reeves bt Gennip 21, 16;
Gordon/Williams bt Blankaert/Gennip 17, 19.

Cadet Boys

v Poland (lost 1-3)

Pread bt Pieronczyk 16, 17;
Lambert lost to Kabacinski -19, -21;
Lambert/Pread lost to Kabacinski/Pieronczyk 20, -10, -13;
Pread lost to Kabacinski -9, 18, -15.

v France (won 3-1)

Lambert lost to Fournie -18, -16;
Pread bt Bayce 7, 12;
Lambert/Pread bt Bayce/Fournie 13, 18;
Pread bt Fournie 12, 12.

v Switzerland (won 3-1)

Pread bt Renold 11, 14;
Lambert bt Miller -14, 18, 13;
Lambert/Pread lost to Miller/Renold -15, -15;
Pread bt Miller -18, 10, 16.

v Hungary (won 3-1)

Pread bt Simon 11, 12;
Lambert lost to Szosznayk -17, -17;
Lambert/Pread bt Simon/Szosznayk 15, -10, 14;
Pread bt Szosznayk 13, 15.

v Luxembourg (won 3-0)

Lambert bt Bauschet 7, 8;
Pread bt Scholer 7, 7;
Lambert/Pread bt Scholer/Toussaint 4, 7.

v Sweden (lost 1-3)

Lambert lost to Waldner -15, -10;
Pread bt Persson 13, 21;
Lambert/Pread lost to Persson/Waldner -13, -12;
Pread lost to Waldner 16, -10, -18.

v Yugoslavia (lost 0-3)

Lambert lost to Vojnovic -14, -8;
Pread lost to Krizmancic -14, -19;
Lambert/Pread lost to Krizmancic/Vojnovic -18, -17.

v Denmark (won 3-1)

Pread bt Knudsen 17, 17;
Lambert lost to Kilden -16, -19;
Lambert/Pread bt Ellegard/Kilden -16, 20, 21;
Pread bt Kilden 9, 10.

Cadet Girls

v Spain (won 3-0)

Parker bt Beltran 6, 9;
Bellinger bt Godes 7, 9;
Bellinger/Parker bt Beltran/Godes 13, 14.



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v Yugoslavia (lost 1-3)
 Bellinger lost to Krsnik -19, -18;
 Parker lost to Ojstersek -20, -18;
 Bellinger/Parker bt Krsnik/Ojstersek -20, 17, 19;
 Parker lost to Krsnik -18, -14.

v Denmark (won 3-0)
 Parker bt Madsen 10, 16;
 Bellinger bt Oxfeldt 11, 15;
 Bellinger/Parker bt Nielsen/Oxfeldt 18, 13.

v Hungary (lost 1-3)
 Parker bt Pircsak -15, 14, 17;
 Bellinger lost to Fazekas -16, -16;
 Bellinger/Parker lost to Bolvari K./Fazekas 16, -17, -14;
 Parker lost to Fazekas -16, -12.

v France (won 3-0)
 Bellinger bt Saunot 9, 19;
 Parker bt Courtade -17, 12, 17;
 Bellinger/Parker bt Courtade/Saunot 16, 18.

v Bulgaria (won 3-0)
 Parker bt Tzvetkova 16, -18, 20;
 Bellinger bt Toleva 16, 15;
 Bellinger/Parker bt Toleva/Tzvetkova 14, 12.

v Turkey (lost 2-3)
 Parker bt Karakas 14, -18, 12;
 Bellinger lost to Dogan -20, 19, -15;
 Bellinger/Parker bt Dogan/Karakas 15, 15;
 Parker lost to Dogan 17, -19, -15;
 Bellinger lost to Karakas 23, -19, -17.

COVER PICTURE

Enjoying a better summer than most Graham Sandley of Middlesex added to his success in the boys' singles final in the Hungarian Open by taking over from Warwickshire's Douggie Johnson as Under-21 Rock English U-21 champion.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Results of the election of Officers and Committee for the 1980/81 season were:-
 Chairman: Les Cohen, Hon. Sec.: Laurie Landry, Hon. Treasurer: Brian Wright.
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ENGLAND INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

JUNIOR BOYS				F	A	Opponents
Sandley	Wilson	Souter	Bradbury	5	1	Iceland
2-0	2-0	1-1		5	0	Wales
2-0	2-0	1-0		5	0	Luxembourg
2-0	2-0	1-0		5	2	France
3-0	1-1	1-1		0	5	Sweden
0-2	0-2		0-1	3	5	Soviet Union
2-1	1-1		0-3	5	2	Federal Germany
3-0	1-1	1-1		5	2	France
3-0	1-1	1-1		5	2	France
17-3	10-6	6-4	0-4	33	17	
JUNIOR GIRLS				F	A	Opponents
Gordon	Williams	Reeves	Gordon/Williams	3	0	Greece
1-0		1-0	1-0	2	3	Denmark
1-1	0-2		1-0	3	2	France
2-0	1-1		0-1	3	1	Poland
2-0	1-0		0-1	3	0	Italy
1-0		1-0	1-0	3	1	Bulgaria
2-0	1-0		1-0	3	0	Netherlands
1-0		1-0	1-0	3	1	Netherlands
10-1	2-4	3-0	5-2	20	7	
CADET BOYS				F	A	Opponents
Lambert	Prean	Lambert/Prean		1	3	Poland
0-1	1-1	0-1		3	1	France
0-1	2-0	1-0		3	1	Switzerland
1-0	2-0	0-1		3	1	Hungary
0-1	2-0	1-0		3	0	Luxembourg
1-0	1-0	1-0		1	3	Sweden
0-1	1-1	0-1		0	3	Yugoslavia
0-1	0-1	0-1		3	1	Denmark
0-1	2-0	1-0		3	1	Denmark
2-6	11-3	4-4		17	13	
CADET GIRLS				F	A	Opponents
Parker	Bellinger	Bellinger/Parker		3	0	Spain
1-0	1-0	1-0		1	3	Yugoslavia
0-2	0-1	1-0		3	0	Denmark
1-0	1-0	1-0		1	3	Hungary
1-1	0-1	0-1		3	0	France
1-0	1-0	1-0		3	0	Bulgaria
1-0	1-0	1-0		2	3	Turkey
1-1	0-2	1-0		2	3	Turkey
6-4	4-4	6-1		16	9	

13, 19, 18. In the semis, Knight beat Sun Hi Kim (KRR) 15, 5, 13 and Witt found the answer to Mariann Domanos (Canada) just in time, -8, -15, 19, 16, 11.

Quarter-finals:— Witt bt Eun Hi Kim (KRR) -15, 17, 15, -15, 7; Domanos bt Su Ran Hong (KRR) 9, 12, 14; Knight bt Gloria Hsu (Can) -14, 9, 8, 10; S. H. Kim bt Jong Suk Eun (KRR) 21, 17, -18, -19, 18.

Men's Doubles — in an all U.S. final the Seemillers (Dan and Rick) beat Eric Boggan — Attila Malek (USA) 7, 16, -25, 14. Semis: Seemiller/Seemiller bt Kosanovic/Joe Eng (Can) 14, 14, 18; Boggan/Malek bt B. B. Song/S. S. Jung 14, -17, 18. Song/Jung beat Jarvis/Potton in the previous round -10, 19, 18, 19.

Women's Doubles: E. H. Kim/J. S. Eun beat Knight/Witt -15, 15, 10, 18. Semis: Knight/Witt bt N. R. Park/H. S. Kim 13, 14, 15; Kim/Eun bt Y. J. Yang/S. F. An (KRR) -14, 16, 16, -16, 20.

Mixed Doubles: Sung Soo Jung/Young Ja Yang bt Errol Caetano (Can)/Domanos 20, -13, 19, 15. Semis: Caetano/Domanos bt Jarvis/Witt -17, 10, 20, -23, 12; Jung/Yang bt Potton/Knight 14, 12, -12, 16.



England's Bob Potton who, with Nicky Jarvis, won the men's team event.

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NORWICH UNION CANADIAN OPEN

Etobicoke, Ontario, May 21-24, 1980

THREE TITLES FOR ENGLAND

By MALCOLM ANDERSON

Teams from nine countries participated in this, the first Norwich Union Grand Prix and the first ITTF Recognised Open International Championships ever held in North America. The teams were from England, Federal Germany, Jamaica, Barbados, Mexico, Chile, South Korea, United States and Canada. (Pakistan entered a team, but they never arrived.)

Both team events saw English teams versus South Korean teams in the finals, and England won both of them!

In the Men's, Sung Soo Jung got the Koreans on the right track by beating Nicky Jarvis 16, -8, 12. Bob Potton immediately derailed them by beating Hoon Ba Song 15, 15. The English won the doubles 19, 10, and Potton ended it by beating Jung 14, 15.

The Women's was won 3-0, as Carole Knight beat Eun Hi Kim -18, 9, 11; Karen Witt beat Young Ja Yang 15, 15 and Knight and Witt won the doubles 14, 15.

The Men's Singles final result was popular with the home town fans as Zoran Kosanovic, now living in Toronto, beat Danny Seemiller (USA) 3-0. Zoran won the first at 17. Danny led 16-15 in the 2nd, worked for and made a kill — Zoran returned it, and the dropshot — and Dan missed the kill — 16 all. Final score 21-16. The 3rd game was tied 14 all — Zoran won it at 15.

In the penultimate round Seemiller beat Eric Boggan -20, 19, 20, 11, and Kosanovic beat Potton 17, -17, 17, -18, 16! Unlike Seemiller, Potton can do more than block with his backhand — the result was an interesting, wide open match with both players looping from far behind the table. The 5th game was tied at 12 before Kosanovic pulled away.

In the quarter-finals Potton beat Scott Boggan (USA) 16, -17, -13, 19, 5; Kosanovic bt Attila Malek 10, 15, 7; Eric Boggan bt Hans-Joachim Nolten (GFR) 18, 15, 17; Seemiller bt Jarvis 15, -19, 15, -18, 17.

The Women's Singles final was all English, as Carole Knight beat Karen Witt -11,



On the victory restrum, England's victorious women's team Carole Knight (1) and Karen Witt with Nicky Jarvis who, with Potton, won the counterpart men's event.

'Photo by Malcolm Anderson,

CHINA BACK ON WORLD TABLE TENNIS TITLE TRAIL

By HUA JIANMIN

For the Chinese men's team, the 35th World Table Tennis Championships in Pyongyang were a chastening experience.

After losing twice to the Hungarian team, 2-5 and 1-5, they forfeited the Swaythling Cup they had held for four successive years.

Their goal now is to regain the Cup at the next World Championships in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, in 1981.

"It is difficult to decide whom to send to Yugoslavia," said Zhang Xieling, coach to the Chinese women's team.

"Both our men's and women's teams have reached a stage where the old are being superceded by the new.

"Veteran players such as Zhang Li, Ge Xin-ai, Huang Xiping, Yang Ying and Liang Geliang are past their prime, while a batch of outstanding young players, some of whom have surpassed the more established players in some techniques, has come to the fore.

"But they lack experience in international competition, as can be seen from the results at Pyongyang.

"At a time when top players from Europe and Asia are very close to one another in all-round strength, winning depends not only on fully utilising a player's technique and adopting the correct tactics, but also on the player's composure, courage and ability to resist being swayed either by temporary success or defeat — in short, the right mental attitude.

"And that can only be achieved by participating in international competitions."

The Shanghai International Invitational Tournament, held from April 27 to May 2, was just such an experience-gaining opportunity for China's young players and it also provided a basis for analysing their techniques.

Taking part in the tournament were men's and women's teams from North Korea, France, Sweden, Japan and Hong Kong, as well as two teams from China.

The Swedish men's team, which defeated world title-holders Hungary at the European Championships in April, was a strong one.

Though they were without top players Stellan Bengtsson and Ulf Thorsell, Sweden's third-ranked Ulf Carlsson led a new-look team which excels at fast drives and high-spin loops, using the handshake grip.

The French have improved noticeably, adding fast smashes to their traditional steady loop drives, while North Korea and Japan sent their strongest teams.

The North Korean women included Pak Yung Sun, who took the women's singles world title in 1975 and 1977, and Li Song Suk, runner-up last year.

Japan were missing the injured Seiji Ono, reigning men's world singles champion, in Shanghai, but they had a capable replacement in Norio Takashima, who beat Ono for the Japanese title last year.

So though not many countries competed in Shanghai, the competition was played at a high level, said Li Furong, coach to the Chinese teams.

It was particularly encouraging, therefore, for the Chinese contingent to capture

all five singles titles and the two team titles.

The players on the Chinese men's "A" team were mainly those who took part in the Pyongyang championships, whereas those on the "B" team and both women's teams, with the exception of Huang Liang, Lu Yaohua, Zhang Deying and Cao Yanhua, were all newcomers.

Most of them had their first taste of foreign opposition at the competitions held in England and West Germany during February and March this year, during which the Chinese picked up a total of 12 gold and eight silver medals.

"The Chinese youngsters displayed sound techniques at the Shanghai tournament," said Zhang Xieling.

"Outstanding were the 17-year-old Hebei girl Geng Lijuan, and among the men, two 19-year-olds — Xie Saike from Guangxi and Cai Zhenhua from Jiangsu."

Geng Lijuan, an orthodox handshake-grip player, is equally adept at forehand

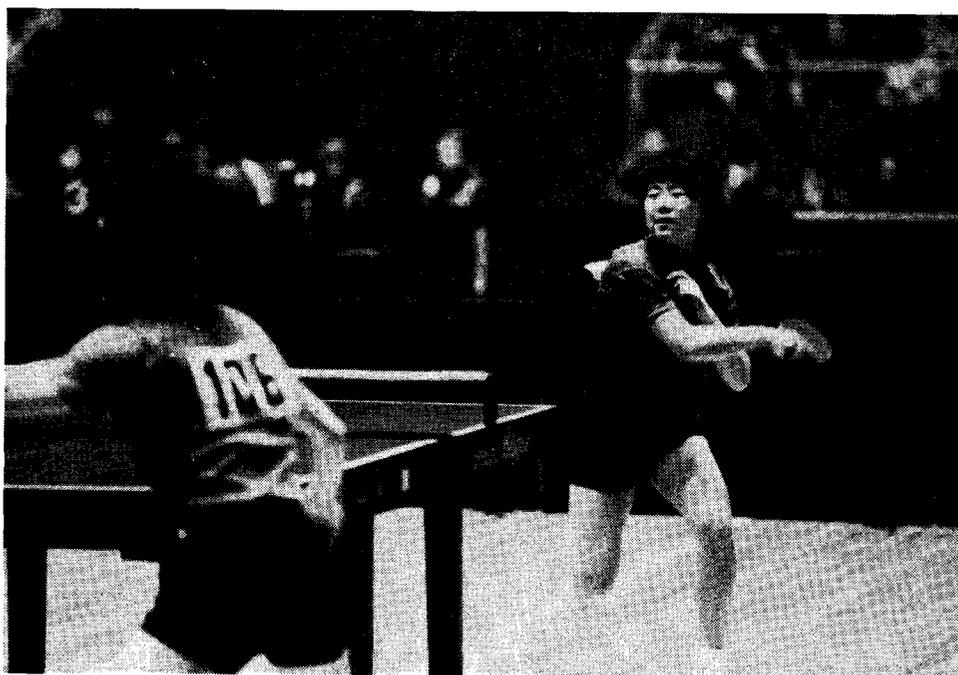
and backhand smashes and capable of executing deceptive high-spin loops. She put them all to good use in destroying North Korea's twice-times world champion, Pak Yung Sun and two top Japanese girls — Rie Wada, their reigning women's singles champion, and the celebrated handshake-grip cutter Kayoko Kawahigashi, ranked No. 10 in the world.

Cai Zhenhua, another handshake-grip player, is strong in attack and defence and good at alternating loop drives with quick smashes. His main strength lies in his pivot forehand drives and first-time smashes.

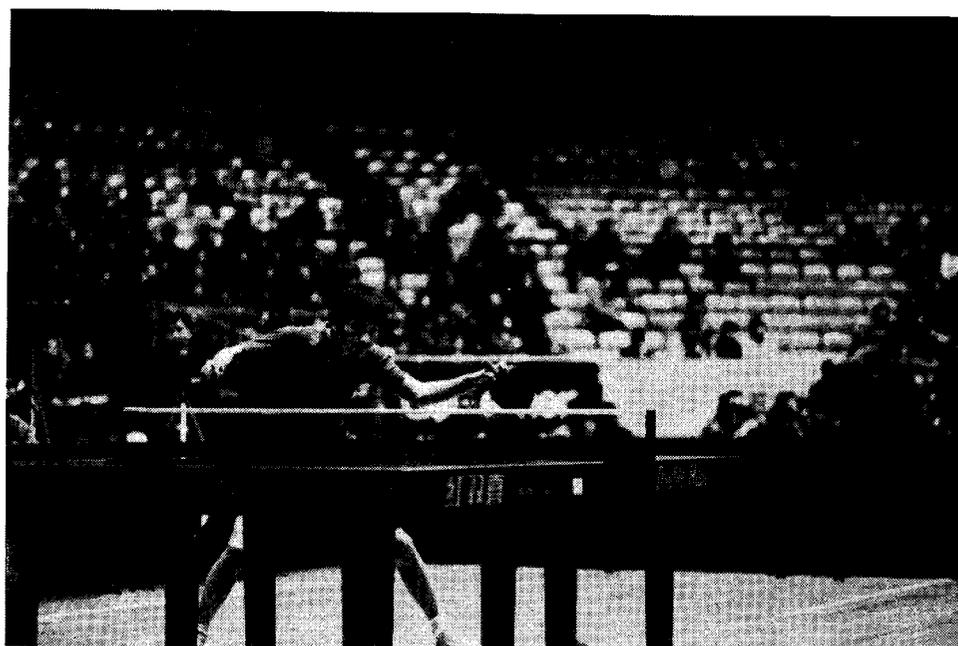
Cai began playing table tennis at the age of 11 and came to prominence after winning the men's singles event in the Qingdao competition area of the 1978 National Championships.

He moved fast — at this year's national championships in Wuxi in April, he beat off some strong rivals to become Chinese champion.

And last year he humbled Japan's Seiji



Newcomer 17-year-old Geng Lijuan (right) beats Pak Yung Sun from North Korea 3-1 who won the world championship successively in 1975 and 1977.



New star Xie Saike from Guangxi comes out second in the men's singles at the Shanghai International Invitation Table Tennis Tournament.

Ono 2-0 during a friendly match.

At Shanghai, he didn't drop a set in five matches.

Cai Zhenhua's playing style is broadly European, but unlike the Europeans who wait for the ball to reach its highest point to execute their loop drives, he puts out his loops the instant the ball jumps from the table. In this way he achieves more speed and a wider variety of spins.

Early this year on a visit to Europe, he won 19 matches out of 20, defeating such prominent European players as Tibor Klampar, Gabor Gergely and Jacques Secretin.

Xie Saikhe, runner-up in the men's singles at Shanghai, is a left-handed pen-holder. He learned the game from his father, captain of a factory team in Liuzhou, Guangxi, at the age of nine, and began to receive systematic training two years later at a youngster's sports school, making rapid progress.

His trump card is his quick, forceful smashing. In Europe this year, he won 18 matches out of 21, defeating such well-known players as Sweden's Bengtsson and Thorsell, Hungary's Jonyer and France's Secretin.

"The Shanghai tournament showed that the young Chinese players, in the 17-18 age range, have a sound basic technique, a variety of individual styles and a lot of courage," said Li Furong.

"As far as service is concerned, almost all of them have at least two specialisations up their sleeve. For instance, backhand or forehand top-spin or back-spin, forehand high toss and low toss.

"They have concentrated their efforts on achieving a good combination of spin, placement and speed. Now they can send out killing services, unlike at Pyongyang where most Chinese players were capable of only one type of service, the high toss.

"Their sound basic techniques are demonstrated not only in the efficacy of their first three strokes, but also in their ability to maintain a driving onslaught, seizing every opportunity to give a killing smash when the first three strokes have failed to finish off their opponent.

"In trying to win back the Swaythling Cup, the Chinese players' main opposition will come from the European loop drivers.

"The Europeans have developed new techniques over recent years, characterized by stronger spin and more speed. To gain the initiative, we must develop even greater speed and stronger spin, as well as more unpredictable placements."

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3rd WORLD STUDENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Andrzej Grubba of Poland was the winner of the men's singles title in the 3rd World Student Table Tennis Championships, held at Thornaby Pavilion over the period Sept. 7-13, his final victim being Giovanni Bisi of Italy, the player who held a 2-1 lead over Desmond Douglas in the European Championships in Berne. Scores in Grubba's favour were -20, 18, 8, 6.

Together with his namesake, Jakubowicz, the two Poles took the men's doubles beating the South Koreans, Kim Wan and Lee Sang Kuk.

Marta Csik of Hungary had a 10, 18, 17 final victory over her compatriot Katalin Bogyo in the women's singles and victory in the women's doubles went to the Canadian pairing of Marianne Domonkos and Gloria Hsu over the singles finalists.

Kim Wan partnered by Marta Csik were the winners of the mixed event over Lee Sang Kuk (KRR) and Katalin Bogyo in the final.

In the two teams events finals Poland beat South Korea 5-3 in the men's and Hungary defeated Canada 3-0 in the women's.

A full report, by Alan Ransome, with photographic coverage, by Graham Duncan, will appear in the November issue.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

October 1980

- 4 County Championships (1)
- 5 National League (3)
- 9 France v England, European League (Perpignan).
- 10/11 ETTA Management Committee (London).
- 11/12 Sussex 2-Star Open (Hastings).
- 11/12 North Yorkshire Junior Open, Scarborough Sports Centre, Filey Road, Scarborough, North Yorkshire. Finals: 5 p.m. Sun. (Oct. 12).
- 12 Aberdare Open, Mid-Glamorgan.
- 17/19 Netherlands Open (The Hague).
- 18/19 Grove Junior 1-Star (Market Drayton).
- 19 National League (4).
- 19 Merton 1-Star Open (Bournemouth).
- 25 North of Scotland Open (Aberdeen).
- 25/26 46th Humberide 3-Star Open, Y.P.I. Ferens Recreation Centre, Chantlerlands Avenue North, Hull. Finals: 6.30 p.m. Sun. (Oct. 26).
- 25/26 Swansea Open, West Glamorgan.
- 30 Nov. 2 Italian Open (Venice).

November 1980

- 1 Bartlepool 1-Star.
- 1/2 Woodfield 1-Star (Wolverhampton).
- 1/2 Kent Junior 2-Star (Folkestone).
- 2 LAMBERT & BUTLER T.T. CHAMPIONSHIPS, New London Theatre, Drury Lane, London (3 p.m.). * Details from ETTA Office.
- 8 County Championships (2).
- 8/9 Junior Premier Weekend.
- 9 West Yorkshire 2-Star (Bradford).
- 9 National League (5).
- 9 Scottish Youth and Junior Closed (Edinburgh).
- 13 Yugoslavia v England, European League.
- 15/16 Midland Counties 3-Star Open (Walsall).
- 16 Hastings Tigers 1-Star (Bexhill).
- 16 East of Scotland Open 2-Star (Edinburgh).
- 22/25 Yugoslavian Open (Zagreb).

CONGRATULATIONS MELODY

Congratulations to Melody Ludi and Greg Hill who were married on July 12 at Bradford. Much happiness to you both.

BUNDESLIGA BOUND

In addition to Des Douglas, contracted anew by PSV Borussia Dusseldorf, John Hilton has joined the newly promoted ASTV Saarbrücken club to play alongside the Yugoslav Dragutin Surbek.

LONDON THEATRE PRODUCTION

The ETTA's International TV Event, with a date change from that published in the Tournament Diary to Sunday, November 2, will take place at the New London Theatre in Drury Lane, commencing at 3 p.m.

It will be known as the Lambert and Butler Table Tennis Championships with £1,500 going to the winner. Acceptances have been received from world-ranked players Stellan Bengtsson (Sweden), Tibor Klampar (Hungary), Jacques Secretin (France) and Dragutin Surbek (Yugoslavia) who, together with England's Desmond Douglas and John Hilton should make up an elite sextet.

Tickets, priced at £3 (Circle) and £2 (Stalls) are available from the ETTA office at 21 Claremont, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1HA. Applications should be accompanied by a s.a.e.

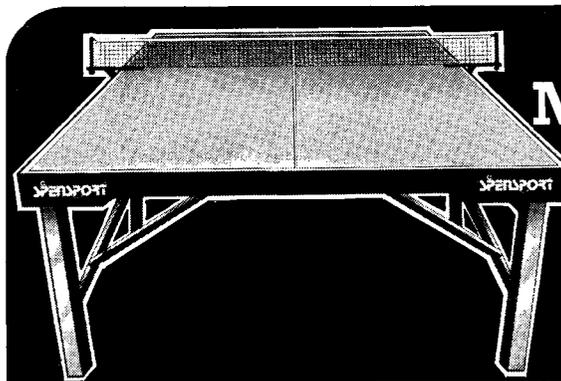
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BATTLE OF THE LEFTYS

By MALCOLM ANDERSON

The Men's Singles final had two leftys fighting it out — both looping and driving from all over the court **Mikael Appelgren** (Swe) beat **Zoran Kosanovic** (Can) -21 (on a net dribbler), 20, -10, 18, 17. It was an excellent match. In the semis, Appelgren beat **Yoo Si Hung** (KRR) 13, 19, 20 and **Kosanovic** beat **Kim Won** (KRR) 23, 19, 15. **Yoo** upset **Danny Seemiller** in the quarters, deuce in the 4th.

In the Women's Singles final, **Kayoko Kawahigashi** beat **Ursula Kamizuru** 15, 10, 17. **Ursula** who? **Ursula Hirschmueller Kamizuru**, of Fed. Germany, now married and living in Japan! **Kawahigashi**, a chopper, uses Phantom type rubber on one side and spins her racket during play, causing frequent errors — something like **John Hilton**. In the semis, **Kawahigashi** beat **Kim Kyung-ja** (KPR) 9, 20, 9, and **Kamizuru** beat **Lee Soo Ja** (KRR) 17, -11, 18, 17. These Korean girls won the Women's Doubles beating **Kawahigashi** and **Shoko Takahashi** 21, 12 and 7 in the finals. In the Semis, **Lee** and **Kim** beat **Kim Soon-Hong** and **Ro Myung-In** (KRR), -14, -19, 7, 8, 15, and the Japanese pair beat **Kim Myung-Hi** and **Kim Bok-Lan** (KRR), -20, 6, 12, -13, 10.

In Men's Doubles, **Danny and Ricky Seemiller** beat **Kosanovic** and **Ray Guillen** (USA) in the final, -18, 12, -19, 15, 23! Another excellent match. In the Semis, **Dan** and **Rick** beat **Kim Wan** and **Yoo Kyung Joon** (KRR) 19, -15, 15, 15, and **Ray** and **Zoki** beat **Choi Sei-Young** and **Han Chun-Taik** (KRR) 12, 11, 10.

In Mixed Doubles, **Lee Soo-Ja** and **Yoo Si-Hung** (KRR) beat **Kim Kyung-Ja** and **Kim Wan** (KRR), 24, 15, 8. In the semis,



The Kamizuras take time off for a chat — but in what language?

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Lee and **Yoo** beat **Kim Bok-Lan** and **Choi Si-Young** (KRR) 12, -13, 19, 8, and **Kim** and **Kim** beat **Ursula Kamizuru** and **Dan Seemiller** -11, 11, 12, 22.

In the final of the Men's Team event, the United States bt the Republic of Korea 3-1. Scores:—

Eric Boggan lost to **Kim Wan** 15, -8, -14; **Dan Seemiller** bt **Yoo Si-Hung** 15, 17; **Boggan/Seemiller** bt **Kim/Yoo** 19, 15; **Seemiller** bt **Kim** 19, -19, 18.

Semis:

USA 3, Sweden 1.
Boggan lost to **Appelgren** -11, -19;
Seemiller bt **Jonas Berner** 18, 15;
Boggan/Seemiller bt **Berner/Appelgren** 17, -25, 12;
Seemiller bt **Appelgren** 12, 24.
Korea R.R. 3, Canada 0.
Kim Wan bt **Ed Lo** 8, 13;
Yoo Si-Hung bt **Alex Polisois**, 15, 17;
Kim/Yoo bt **Lo/Polisois** 12, 14.

The Women's Team title went to the Republic of Korea, who beat Japan 3-1 in the final. Scores:—

Lee Soo-Ja bt **Kawahigashi** 16, 19;
Kim Kyung-Ja lost to **Shoko Takahashi** 12, -22, -17;
Kim/Lee bt **Kawahigashi/Takahashi** 13, 12;
Lee bt **Takahashi** 10, 6.

Other events:

U-21:

Appelgren bt **Berner** 14, -16, 15, 15.
Semis: **Appelgren** bt **Lars Steiner** (Swe) 14, -19, 7, -16, 14;

Berner bt **Jim Lane** (USA) 22, 12, -10, 10.
One upset — Quarters — **Lane** bt **Eric Boggan**.

BS:

Dean Wong (USA) bt **Quang Bui** (USA) 19, -18, -11, 11, 19.
Semis: **Wong** bt **Steiner** -20, 20, 18, 10;
Bui bt **Brian Masters** (USA) 10, -12, 16, 18.

GS:

Becky McKnight (Can) bt **Lena Walker** (Swe) 14, 15, -18, 19.
Semis: **Walker** bt **Diana Gee** (USA) 8, 12, 7;
McKnight bt **Cheryl Dadian** (USA) -23, 18, 13, -17, 14.

Men's Over 40:

George Braithwaite bt **Houshang Bozorgzadeh** 8, 6, 10.
Semis: **Braithwaite** bt **Tim Boggan** 8, 12, 21;
Bczorgzadeh bt **Bohdan Dawidowicz** 20, 18, -16, -21, 18.

Women's Over 40:

Yvonne Kromlage bt **Evelyn Zakarin** 13, 15, 8.
Semis: **Kromlage** bt **Patti Hodgens** -15, 20, 13, 13;
Zakarin bt **Heather Angelinetta** -20, 19, 15, 20.

BS (U-15):

Brandon Olson bt **Scott Butler** 19, 17, 18.
Semis: **Butler** bt **Sean O'Neill** 16, 12, -10, 15;
Olson bt **Joakim Nassen** (Swe) 22, -22, -17, 15, 18.

GS (U-15):

McKnight bt **Lisa Gee** (USA) -15, 19, 17, 17.
Semis: **Gee** bt **Marie Loverfelt** (Swe) 11, 13, 8;

McKnight bt **Diana Gee** 19, -16, 19, -16, 9.

Men's Over 50:

Norman Schless bt **Rune Forsberg** (Swe) 10, -24, 11, -9, 14.

Men's Over 60:

George Rucker bt **Eugene Wilson** 18, 20, 13.

Men's Over 70:

C. H. McAllister bt **John McLennon** 13, -19, 15, 13.

BS (U-13):

Scott Butler bt **Sean O'Neill** 10, 17, 17.

GS (U-13):

Lisa Gee bt **Diana Gee** 17, -19, -20, 22, 14.

JS (U-11):

Lisa Gee bt **Diana Gee** 14, 19, 18.

Wheelchair Singles:

Shun Chan bt **John Northwood** 14, 11, 14.

For Mr. McKenzie's information (TT News, May/Jun 80) the JS (U-11) had 23 entries, and the MS (Over-70) 9 entries. Some of the plus-70 (men) requested a Men plus-80 event! There might be one at the 1981 U.S. Open, which will be held at Princeton, N.J. in June, 1981.

E.T.T.A. 100 CLUB

At the conclusion of the ETTA AGM, a draw was conducted for the normal three prizes plus four prizes of £25 each which were made possible by two wins of £100 on our Premium Bond Holdings.

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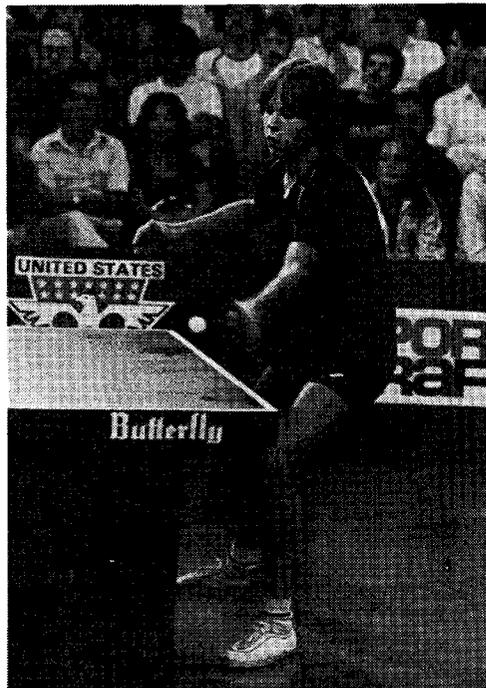
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SOUTH OF ENGLAND OPEN

The death of Trevor Channing, shown in the ETTA Tournament Diary as the Organiser of the South of England Open, will necessitate a new person being appointed. Meantime enquiries can be made to the ETTA office at 21 Claremont, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1HA (Phone: Hastings (0424) 433121.



Sweden's Mikael Appelgren, winner of the Men's Singles title at Ft. Worth.

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ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION



DAVID LOMAS
reports . . .

There has been plenty of news during the ESTTA's "close" season. The Association's Annual General Meeting way back in mid-May re-elected all the Officers and also gave the green light to the re-written Constitution.

One of the main tasks has been the preparation of the new Official Handbook which should have been ready for distribution in September. The 56-page handy pocket-size publication includes full details of the ESTTA's major competitions which are the National School Team Championships and the Stiga English School Individual Championships which year after year have attracted record entries.

But the ESTTA is far from complacent and recognises that there are many people both inside and outside the game who do not know about the Association and its activities.

All local education authorities have been contacted during the summer holidays and asked to pass on brief details of the ESTTA to its member schools at the start of the Autumn Term. It will be interesting to see the response.

Mike Vickers, ESTTA General Secretary, would like to hear from any teachers interested in helping out with the organisation of county qualifying competitions in the following areas: Merseyside, Staffordshire, West Sussex and Wiltshire.

His NEW ADDRESS is:

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(Copies of the new handbook can be obtained from him at a cost of 40p inclusive).

The new season gets under way with the local and county stages of the National (4-a-side) school team Championships taking place. Details of the county winners are required by Competition Secretary Eddie Mitchell (18 Farnborough Close, Matchborough East, Redditch, Worcs. B98 0BQ) by December 17.

The Area Finals then take place at twelve venues throughout the country on January 17/18 with the winners going on to Regional Finals at Leeds (North), Stroud (Midlands & West) and Orpington (South & East) on Sunday, February 22. The Grand Finals are scheduled to take place at Lea Green, Matlock, Derbyshire on Saturday, April 4th.

Entries from counties for the Stiga Individual Championships (Gloucester — May 2nd) must be in by March 22nd, 1981.

Items on the agenda of the Executive Council's September meeting included the possibility of a residential coaching course during the next Easter holidays. News of this and other important new ventures will be included in this column as soon as they are finalised.

Some readers may not know how their local school can get involved in ESTTA activities. The first step is to enquire as to whether the school is affiliated to the ESTTA via a local or County Schools' Association. If in doubt please write to Mike Vickers (address above) enclosing a S.A.E.

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EAST MIDLANDS CADETS

by Philip Reid

The League continues to prosper and there is one extra league in membership - Leamington Spa - whilst Coventry have added a second team. Last season Leicester were the only league with two teams, but this season will only enter one.

The teams competing are - Coventry I, Coventry II, Derby, Grantham, Hinckley, Leamington Spa, Leicester, Lincoln, Loughborough, Nottingham and Nuneaton.



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STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER



BY TOM BLUNN,
Chairman E.T.T.A.

As usual I find myself writing again on the matter of finance though I intend to change the subject in subsequent articles.

The very high loss on last season's working of £40,000 has left many people wondering just how does the Association raise its income and who spends it.

The E.T.T.A. consists mainly of member leagues who pay affiliation fees according to the number of team members playing for them. The new fee is basically 50p per player with reductions for youth clubs and reserve players. With a membership approaching 100,000 the total amount to be received in the 1980/81 season will be about £45,000.

The new annual fee of 50p comes into operation for the first time in the 1980/81 season and is more than double the fee for the 1979/80 season during which the huge loss was made. The actual amount received from members during that season was only £20,000.

Yet the total income from all sources for that same season was £200,000. So where does the bulk of the money come from if not from the members?

The main paymaster is the Sports Council who last season provided £85,000 and is expected to increase this to £100,000 for the current season. Next come the sponsors and the equipment manufacturers with the sponsors providing £35,000 and the manufacturers £25,000.

Another source is television which provided £10,000 leaving about £25,000 received from various sources such as advertising, international matches, bank interest, sundry sales, rents, fund raising, entry fees and coaching activities.

The members contribution looks very inadequate compared with all the others but it is for the benefit of the members that the Association exists at all.

The E.T.T.A. provides a service for all its members and without it the game would still be in the category of a fun event rather than a serious organised competitive sport.

The administrative staff comprises eight people and their duties include the control of the membership and the organisation of the main competitions in addition to the work required to bring in all the income referred to. The office staff carry out tasks of every description including secretarial, organisation of competitions, fund raising and sponsorship negotiations.

The total cost of administration is around £75,000 and last season this represented

more than three times the total income from the members.

The coaching and training staff total seven professionals whose activities cover the whole country. The total cost of coaching comes to about £40,000, again about double the total income from the members.

The increase in affiliation fees for the current season is only a contribution towards the cost of running the association but the bulk of this increase will be absorbed by inflation.

It will only be possible to make ends meet this season by making drastic economies and plans to achieve this have already been put into operation. The main cuts have had to be made in the cost of training for the international and potential international players. This is most unfortunate and will retard progress in the international field but the cuts were inevitable. The experiment of paying players on a contract with the Association, although successful in its way, was too expensive to continue at the same scale.

Although no further additions to the staff are contemplated at the present time the work load continues to increase as activities expand. The game is going more and more professional both in the organisation and in the playing aspect. This should bring in the long run benefit to the game and produce better players and more success in the international arena. But it also brings its problems. When people invest money they expect value for money; when people are earning money their income has to be protected.

An interesting side line in recent years has been the tendency for people to threaten court action whenever events are not turning to their benefit or advantage. In its present financial position the E.T.T.A. could not risk defending an action even though the outcome was favourable and decisions are now being taken with the threat of litigation hanging over the heads of the voluntary officials. If this continues there will very soon be no more officials willing to risk their personal wealth in the interests of the members and a complete commercial situation will arise. The association is already moving in this direction and discussions are taking place for the formation of a limited company to take over the organisation of the game. This will cure some problems but will create others, particularly the right of creditors to force a liquidation and destroy the Association.

The organisation of table tennis in England is now a big business and subject to normal commercial risks. The loss last season has proved a very expensive reminder of this position. Consequently the Management Committee has had to take a commercial view of the present financial situation and decisions have been and will be taken that might not be very popular.

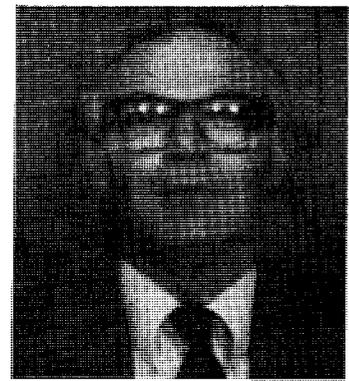
THE MACCABIAH GAMES

ISRAEL, 1981

Alan Shepherd and Lou Hoffman have been charged with the task of running trials with a view to entering a Great Britain table tennis team in the 11th Maccabiah Games to take place in Israel next year.

Applications made to date are not many or of much quality. But Alan feels there must be plenty of players of the Jewish faith who are playing on a regular basis in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and he would like to hear from any such with a desire to compete.

Alan's address is 62 Ardmore Lane, Buckhurst Hill, Essex and he is contactable on the 'phone at 01-505-1269 (home) or 01-520-2336 (business).



AUBREY DRAPKIN

NEW CHANCELLOR

Aubrey Drapkin, a Chartered Accountant working in the profession, is the new incumbent of the E.T.T.A.'s hot seat — the office of Hon. Treasurer. In a ballot — would you believe it! — Aubrey had a landslide victory over Alan Cram and took up office, as successor to Mike Greatrex, on the day following the AGM held in London on July 12.

A true Northumbrian, Aubrey resides in Gosforth, a suburb of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and is much connected locally having been Secretary of the Delaval TT Club for 21 years, now one of the largest clubs in the Northumberland League with 8 teams. He has played for the club since 1958 and at one time reached Northumberland League first division standard. He still plays in the lower divisions with the younger players.

On the County front Aubrey has been Northumberland TTA handbook secretary for several seasons, Editor of Northumberland newsletter for the past few years and Chairman of the County Selection Committee. All of these jobs have now been given up following his national appointment.

General Secretary of the Tyneside Summer League since its inception five years ago, having previously been Registrar of the Tyneside Section of the North East Summer League, Aubrey has built the league up from 16 teams in its first year to over 100 teams this season.

Aubrey is a National Umpire having been very active in the North and over the border in Scotland. He has umpired at several important events, the outstanding ones being the Commonwealth Championships in Edinburgh and the friendly international against China at Eston, Teesside. He is a Tournament Referee and organiser of the Northumberland Open and Northumberland Junior Closed.

He has been Northumberland's National Councillor for three years, served on the Development Committee for one year, and is now starting his second season as Administrator of the County Championships.

Aubrey's wife, Olive, is also interested in table tennis (she cannot but help it really!) and is Hon. Treasurer and Asst. Sec. of the Tyneside Summer League. She lends a helping hand at all local tournaments and organises the Summer League Dance as well as playing in the Fourth Division of the Northumberland League.

The Drapkin children, Andrew (13) and Judith (11) are also table tennis players. Andrew is now a regular player for his father's club and represented Newcastle Royal Grammar School in the U-13 team finals at Matlock last season. He was Newcastle Schools U-13 boys' singles and doubles champion last season.

Judith, the youngest playing member of the Delaval club, is a left-hander and has already won the Northumberland and Newcastle Schools U-11 titles. True Geordies one and all.

OFFICIAL NEWS

SEASON 1980/81

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TABLE TENNIS NEWS

May we appeal to League Secretaries once again to help us inform all members of the availability of this magazine. This can be done either by including a few short lines in your League handbook or by distributing subscription forms with a circulation to clubs, teams and members. We will gladly supply any number of subscription forms required. The magazine is published monthly from October to May each season at a subscription rate of £4 for the eight issues. Any person submitting ten or more annual subscriptions at any one time need only remit at the rate of £3.60 per subscription.

TOURNAMENT DIARY

These diaries contain dates of Open Tournaments, European League and other international matches and are available from the E.T.T.A. office, price 80p inclusive of postage/packing. For orders of 12 or more, the price is £7 per dozen.

PERMIT MEMBERS

Now known as Permit Holders, the system of registration has changed in that all members who were registered as a Permit Member during the 1978/79 season will remain in membership without any further payment of fees. The current registration fee is £5 but annual renewal will not be required as the permit will remain in force so long as the holder is in membership with the E.T.T.A. The Rule still remains that any member earning money from his skill at table tennis, such as coaching, should hold a permit to do so. Application forms are available on request.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

England's four home matches in the European League (Super Division) are:
Sept. 18 v Federal Germany (Bristol)
Dec. 10 v Soviet Union (Basingstoke)
Jan. 15 v Czechoslovakia (Belper)
Mar. 12 v Hungary (Ipswich)

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Joola YOUTH CUP



Approved by the English Table Tennis Association, Scottish Table Tennis Association and Table Tennis Association of Wales

U.K. National Table Tennis Tournament at under 13 and 15 ages for Boys and Girls.
Tournament Director and Referee: Richard Scruton

The Championship will be played in 8 regions, 6 English, 1 Scottish and 1 Welsh. Singles matches only using the group system of play with the regional winners qualifying for the National Finals. All regional matches will be played in the Christmas School Holidays.

REGIONS, DATES, VENUES & REGIONAL ORGANISERS

- 1. SCOTLAND**
4th January, 1981; Meadowbank Sports Centre, EDINBURGH; B. Dawson
- 2. WALES**
28th December, 1980; National Sports Centre, CARDIFF; Mrs. N. Roy Evans
- 3. NORTH EAST**
(Cumbria, Northumberland, Durham, Cleveland, North Yorkshire).
3rd January, 1981; Easington Leisure Centre, PETERLEE; A. Drapkin
- 4. NORTH**
(West and South Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire)
2nd January, 1981; Nab Wood Sports Centre, BRADFORD; H. Soova
- 5. MIDLANDS**
(Salop, Staffordshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Leicestershire)
31st December, 1980; The Grove School, MARKET DRAYTON; I. Marshall
- 6. WEST**
(Gloucestershire, Avon, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Wiltshire, Oxfordshire)
29th December, 1980; Thornbury Sports Centre, BRISTOL; S. Sherlock
- 7. EAST**
(Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Huntingdonshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Middlesex)
30th December, 1980; Blatchley Leisure Centre, BLETCHLEY; B. Ashton
- 8. SOUTH EAST**
(Surrey, Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Berkshire)
27th December, 1980; Elephant and Castle Recreation Centre, LONDON SE1; B. Pollentine

PROVISIONAL TIME SCHEDULE FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

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1000 U 13 Round 1 Groups	1500 U 15 Round 3 Groups
1200 U 15 Round 2 Groups	1600 U 13 Round 3 Groups
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- Group system of play throughout. All players must umpire one set per group.
- Final date for receipt of entries - Monday 1st December, 1980.
- All players will receive acknowledgement card and time of first match.
- No charge for players to venues, persons accompanying players will be charged 25p for admission.
- Travelling expenses will not be paid to players for regional tournaments or national finals. A parent or guardian must sign the entry form to signify acceptance of the rules. Complete rules will be sent to all players.

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Date of Birth

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THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

A PREVIEW

by Robert Oldfield

During the summer break there have been many developments in the National League, not least of which was the formation of another Second Division. As a consequence nine new clubs have been accommodated in the competition and the two Second Divisions (North and South) have an approximate boundary which links The Wash with the Bristol Channel.

FIRST WIN FOR SEALINK

Obviously intent upon retaining the title of Club Champions of England, Sealink Milton Keynes began their defence by an 8-1 win over Dunlop Sports (Birmingham) on Sept. 14. Aware of the dangers, having lost both John Hilton and Nigel Eckersley to lucrative contracts with clubs in the Bundesliga, Brian Ashton, Sealink's General Manager, has wisely signed a strong replacement in the England No. 5, Bob Potton. The row over Bob's transfer from Scimitar Fellows Cranleigh threatened to challenge the stability of the National League but fortunately the matter was resolved before the first matches. Bob heads the team over the club stalwarts of Duggie Johnson, Richard Yule and Skylet Andrew and will feel completely at home with his former coach and practice partners, Sealink's other new signing the controversial but never dull, Chester Barnes as player/manager. As well as moving venue to a theatre Sealink's entertainment encounters no restrictions as they have just launched an "All Star Travelling Circus" to promote table tennis throughout the UK by staging exhibitions, lectures and coaching sessions.

SOHAM SIGNINGS

Perhaps the favourites to challenge the champions are again Soham, who have strengthened their squad by the addition of Dave Wells from the disbanded Kelly Girl International and John Souter from the ill-fated Denmark. On the debit side the Cambridgeshire club have lost their 'buy' of last season, Mike Johns, who has become Australia's new Director of Coaching in Melbourne.

Soham are not alone to have made strategic signings and Macleans Maidenhead will be hoping that Max Crimmins will bring the fresh taste of victory to the team that finished seventh in the Premier Division last season. Certainly, if rankings are a guide to potential success, the Nos. 6, 13 and 19 in England, Max, David Barr and Andrew Wellman should be able to challenge for the top honours this season.

NEWCOMERS

Dunlop Sports (Birmingham) has a line-up that may find the Premier Division difficult but a notable addition to their side is the 1971 and 1972 English Champion, Trevor Taylor, who has returned from Holland to play his first matches in the English National League. Dunlop are pinning their hopes on their defensive players causing trouble to their younger opponents. Whether that will happen is another matter but, even so, some exciting "attackers v defenders" matches could have attractive viewing in the league. Unity are the other newcomers to the Premier and, despite a 7-2 defeat at the hands of Ormesby in their first match, have a team that could benefit from the competition in the top flight. However, the North's main interest will undoubtedly be held by Ormesby. Playing Donald Parker, Nicky Jarvis, Denis Neale and Keith Rodger, Ormesby only have a four-man squad and, because of their strength, they must be looking for another player to cover the possibility of international requirements.

LONDON'S REPRESENTATIVES

London's clubs are Ellenborough and Scimitar Fellows Cranleigh (the former Newham) and both will be fielding players with a strong local connection in their teams. If Ellenborough's young side, which includes last year's top two juniors, begins to show improvement then they could well cause some major upsets to the aspirations of the top teams. Although having just suffered the decline of a sponsorship possibility Ellenborough have the tradition and support of their members to ensure their continued involvement. Nevertheless, the securing of local sponsorship for clubs in the National League is a major priority and nowhere is this more important than for Scimitar Fellows Cranleigh, who have continually produced top-class players from Essex and East London. However, with more and more clubs realising the importance of relaying the results to Keith Ponting, the National League Administrator, by 6.30 p.m., the increased interest by National newspapers is noticeable, which can only help the clubs in their sponsorship endeavours and the furtherance of the National League's aims.

RANKINGS FOR FIRST HALF OF SEASON

(England ranking in brackets)

PREMIER

DUNLOP SPORTS (Birmingham)

1 T. Taylor, 2 A. Bellingham, 3 P. Glynn, 4 D. Munt, 5 A. Hydes, 6 B. Johnson, 7 B. Hayward, 8 R. Gunnion.

SEALINK MILTON KEYNES

1 R. Potton (5), 2 D. Johnson (8), 3 R. Yule, 4 S. Andrew, 5 C. Barnes.

ELLENBOROUGH

1 G. Sandley (10), 2 M. Mitchell (12), 3 J. Kitchener (18), 4 C. Wilson, 5 L. Smith.

SOHAM

1 P. Day (3), 2 K. Jackson (9), 3 J. Souter, 4 K. Richardson, 5 D. Wells.

MACLEANS MAIDENHEAD

1 M. Crimmins (6), 2 D. Barr (13), 3 A. Wellman (19), 4 A. Clayton, 5 D. Reeves, 6 S. Harmer.

UNITY (Bradford)

1 K. Beadsley, 2 C. Rogers, 3 S. Mills, 4 S. Turner, 5 C. Lo, 6 T. Bottomley.

ORMESBY

1 D. Parker (4), 2 N. Jarvis (7), 3 D. Neale (15), 4 K. Rodger.

SCIMITAR FELLOWS CRANLEIGH

1 I. Horsham (16), 2 D. Newman, 3 D. Charlery, 4 L. Eadie, 5 T. Penny, 6 I. Attridge, 7 D. Sehmbi, 8 T. Haley.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

CITY OF NEWCASTLE

1 Chu Que, 2 I. Robertson, 3 K. Paxton, 4 A. Clark, 5 D. Svenson, 6 I. Svenson, 7 S. Robinson.

TARMAC (Wolverhampton)

1 A. Rich, 2 A. Isaac, 3 A. Dixon, 4 T. Washington, 5 S. Dunning, 6 P. Draisey.

BILLINGHAM SYNTHONIA/

J.D. WHITE GROUP

1 I. Plummer, 2 K. Bell, 3 P. Webster, 4 J. Chan, 5 G. Skipp.

STOCKTON OUTLAWS

1 M. Corking, 2 S. Souter, 3 P. Cranford, 4 T. Murphy, 5 G. Walker, 6 M. Murphy.

NORTON (Stoke-on-Trent)

1 M. Green, 2 A. Boasman, 3 P. D'Arcy, 4 E. Wilkes, 5 G. Hallam, 6 M. Evans.

SOUTH WEST DURHAM

1 J. Crawford, 2 T. Gelder, 3 K. Wilson, 4 M. Gent, 5 B. Powton, 6 G. Webstell.

ORMESBY II

1 T. Martin, 2 P. Ward, 3 K. Green, 4 S. Brunskill, 5 L. Taylor, 6 D. Polasek.

SALFORD SELECT

1 P. Bowen, 2 M. Hankey, 3 B. Johns, 4 S. Scowcroft, 5 W. Percival.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

BRISTOL CASHMANS

1 K. Satchell, 2 M. Smith, 3 D. Harvey, 4 G. Lambert, 5 A. Creed, 6 S. Moreman, 7 R. Smith.

PRUDENTIAL IBIS

1 J. Proffitt, 2 D. Emery, 3 D. Bunting, 4 G. Keers, 5 B. Halliday, 6 A. Reed.

GENERATION II

1 G. Baker, 2 M. Abbott, 3 T. Smith, 4 C. Shetler, 5 G. Toole, 6 S. Billmore.

ST. NEOTS

1 P. Taylor, 2 M. Harper, 3 G. Booth, 4 P. Cole, 5 K. Willett.

GUNNERSBURY TRIANGLE

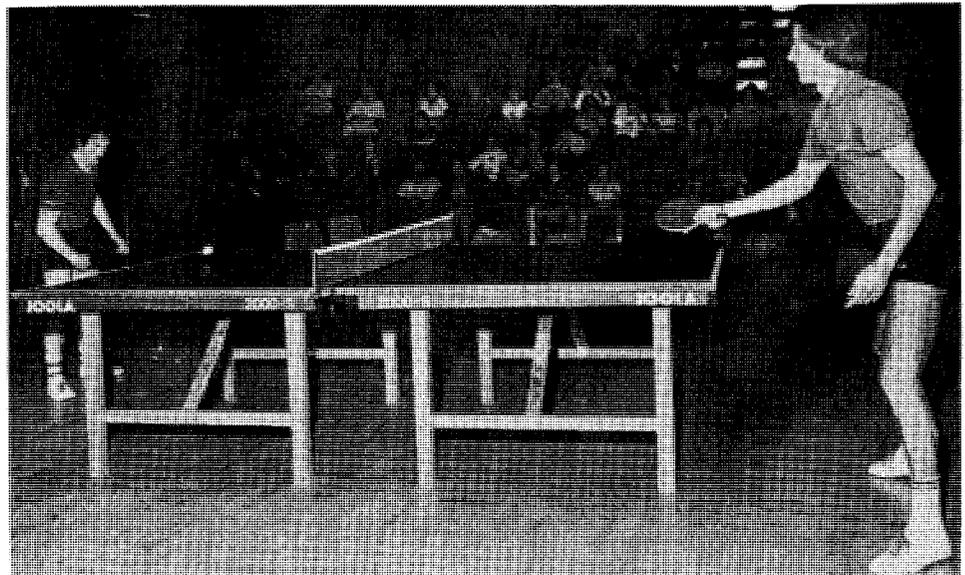
1 M. Les, 2 P. Smith, 3 E. Gorniak, 4 D. Smith, 5 H. Mills, 6 P. Cheng, 7 W. Mascarenhas.

SEAGULLS (Brighton)

1 G. Gillett, 2 S. Moore, 3 P. Pudduck, 4 A. Moore, 5 J. Clarke, 6 G. Bonner, 7 N. Standen.

MARCH TOWN

1 S. Palmer, 2 R. Swift, 3 G. Davies, 4 A. Withers, 5 M. Palmer, 6 G. Jordan.



The Sealink Milton Keynes table tennis clinic for season ticket holders with England internationals Bob Potton (r) and Duggie Johnson showing just how it should be done. Stantonbury Leisure Centre is the venue for this venture held on National League match mornings.

Photo by courtesy of British Railways Board, Waterloo.

THIS AND THAT IN SURREY



by Murray Corbin

Here we go again. Quite honestly, like most of you, when a season is nearly finished, I pray for it to end, between yawns. I see players who are tired of playing, travelling, and many, of losing. Parents start putting together the costs of equipment, coaching, club and competition fees, petrol, hotel bills and all the other necessary expenses, and often wonder if it is worth it. In spite of this, two weeks after the hustle and bustle is over, we are all itching and raring to go again. Good luck to all of you and continued prosperity to the parents.

It is with much regret that I have to inform you of the death of Trevor Channing, near the end of August. In the circumstances, Ted Simpkin of Guildford has met my request to write an obituary, which you should find at the end of this article. With due respect to Trevor and his family in Church Crookham, Fleet, Hampshire, my comments this month will be fewer and "Face to Face" is postponed.

BITS AND PIECES

Special congratulations to our juniors who did so well at Tunbridge Wells, near the end of last season - The Surrey Senior Closed (1 day) and the Junior Closed (2 day event) will be held at the usual venue, Elmbridge Leisure Centre, Walton-on-Thames, on Nov. 23, 1980 and Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 1981, respectively - Lesley Roll of Thames Valley fame, would become a much better player if she could realise the importance of footwork, in relation to table tennis.

This season, with only 142 teams, there will only be 12 divisions in the Guildford League, instead of 13.

While in Epsom and Leatherhead, because fewer teams of strength and depth are available for the Premier Division, 8 teams will have to play their opponents, twice, in each half of the season. This could prove exciting or beneficial. Too many of the teams are way out in the "sticks".

Larkhall are making a welcome return to the Wandsworth League. Their 1st team will be spearheaded by "The Bees" - Lionel Faure, Robert Campbell and Ray Munn. Three vastly improved players, who should sting quite a bit.

Peter McQueen is currently holding 'a centre of excellence class' at Larkhall School, Gaskell Street, Stockwell, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Why not go along and enrol.

It would appear that few people beside Mike Kercher and myself want to credit John Hilton for his achievements this year. On the other hand, he is ranked 5 in the World, 1 in Europe, and 2 in England. Or have I got it wrong?

It was satisfying to see that Mark Oakley sustained a good steady form last season, in the Juniors. I am informed that he still has trouble beating Mike Hammond in two games. Really?

Although I am becoming more impressed with Jane Mills and Debbie Simmonds, I

would like to see a little more aggressive thoughtfulness in their games. By the way, thanks for the sandwiches, Mrs. Mills.

I gather that some parents are wondering if the high fees being charged for some Summer Schools are worth it, especially for one week. Looking at some of the time-tables, I feel that the work schedule is too condensed for the short period. I would think that Peter Corner's Littlehampton Camp serves a more worthy cause.

Hello Steve Woodgate - perhaps those of you who may go to Spain, at some time, may remember that the Spanish word "estupendo" is synonymous with our "fantastic or terrific". So when a Spaniard is complimenting you in a conversation, please do not threaten to knock his block off, as a lad just back from holiday did, because he thought that he was being called "stupid". "Ignorante" would have been appropriate though, Adios, Amigos.



Lesley Roll of Thames Valley League, who had an impressive season.

Obituary

TREVOR CHANNING

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Trevor Channing on 28th August. In 1967, after he took over the job of General Secretary of the Guildford League, he was instrumental in its revitalisation, and as a result, it became a go-a-head organisation. He soon arranged three international matches for the League against Hungary, Federal Germany and Sweden. He masterminded the local individual Tournaments for many years and instituted his own special Handicap Singles Competition.

Earlier this year, he achieved one of his great ambitions - obtaining sponsorship and bringing back from the distant past, the South of England championships, which were held at Woking Leisure Centre.

Trevor was an enthusiastic and diligent worker, who, in spite of also being Secretary to Surrey Table Tennis Association, found time to serve and advise with the ETTA on the County Championships, National League and Tournaments Committees.

A loss of this magnitude not only affects his family, but Table Tennis, his many friends and admirers, everywhere. Trevor! Rest In Peace.

AUSTRALIAN APPOINTMENT

Former Cheshire international Mike Johns has been appointed the Australian Table Tennis Association's National Director of Coaching in succession to Eric "Sam" Coster now in the sports marketing trade.

Mike has taken up residence in Melbourne and can look back on an eventful 1979/80 season in England when he distinguished himself in the National League and claimed a few notable scalps in the Norwich Union English Championships at Woking and, prior to, in the Stiga Welsh Open in Cardiff where he almost reached the quarters losing -21 in the fifth to Ake Liljegren, the No. 5 ranked Swedish player.

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ALAN RANSOME

By GEORGE LAMBELLE

It's always a temptation, when you look at Ormesby Table Tennis Club and see Alan Ransome (as he puts it) "sorting out" the 100 youngsters there, to call him King of the Kids. That would be a calculated insult to a 34-year-old who has contributed more to English table tennis over the past four years than the average enthusiast builds into a lifetime.

Certainly Alan controls his club, firmly setting standards which can only be kept because its members want to play table tennis more than anything else. And that's Alan's magic. Persuasion! His somewhat nervous style of speech covers a tongue which sells table tennis in the most unlikely places.

It's remarkable, though, that he keeps going. Not because he might lose interest, that would be a laughable suggestion to his friends and a relief to his enemies. It's his energy. Always in a hurry; always "sorting out" something; always organising events and people into a well-balanced maze only his mind seems to grasp.

But always getting things done when they seem impossible.

Perhaps this is beginning at the wrong end of things. It all really started when he was in his teens and simply wanted to play well. He succeeded in that, reaching international standard as a junior largely by getting Ormesby club started in the now famous chicken hut sited in his father's back garden. I don't want to dwell on his playing days, because while they hold a certain interest, they exist in the past which might be a million years away now.

His importance to the game nowadays is that of organiser extraordinary and coach.

Let's get the question of good luck out of the way. He was fortunate in his father who supports him and believes in him in the way others still have to learn to do. He was fortunate in having a garden large enough to house a club. He was fortunate to be living in Teesside where recreational facilities beat most of the world.

What is important is what he did with all these advantages. First of all his club has reached a standard of organisation and all round ability which makes it the best in the country attracting internationals from all over the North to practise with the internationals it produces. It was built on a base prepared by the then teenage Alan Ransome.

Then Teesside became a county borough with an Arts and Recreation Department which wanted the best in sport to come to Teesside. Table Tennis led the way. And it did so because Alan Ransome went knocking on the department's doors asking for help. He got it in a big way.

Soon Alan was organising a European League match at Eston. In a few weeks his ambitions became obvious even to people who only read the papers. The League match became tied up with the Teesside Open, thus obtaining an immediate international entry. The proximity of this double event to the English Open made it easy to bring another international team. This meant an international team event involving Czechoslovakia, Rumania, two England teams, Scotland and top county teams from all over the country.

So it was that just a year ago, Alan saw the realisation of his first dream. Teesside — international centre for table tennis. The place where stars WANTED to play.

The Teesside Open weekend, as it has become known, made a mark on table tennis which brought quick results. The English Closed Championships came last

month. The European Junior Championships follow in August of this year. In addition there has been an England — Sweden international to keep the taste going.

It's interesting to note that Alan's claims for Teesside as a place which will draw big crowds were proved at the England — Rumania European League match when the 1,500 attendance doubled the attendance record for the season at such an event. And that was at a sports centre only just built and comparatively unknown to the general public.

"But that's just a beginning", says Alan. "I want the best possible matches to come to Teesside".

On top of that he wants the best players to come FROM Teesside. That's already happening. The feats of Nicky Jarvis are already known. The youngest boy ever to represent England in a full senior international, Nicky is already the country's leading junior and in August stands a very real chance of taking the European title on his home ground.

Nicky was discovered by Alan, coached and coached right up to his present standard. Then there's Linda Bashford. Just turned 17 she's already ranked fifth in this country and has played several internationals. There are others from Ormesby pinching titles from much-vaunted players all over the country.

And even allowing for the hard work a player gets through to achieve personal ambition it is the coaching ability of Alan Ransome which makes it all happen. They don't laugh any more unless they are incredibly uninformed. But it seems strange that when Alan said he wanted to produce internationals he was looked upon as a harmless young lad to be humoured. The internationals are there already. They are juniors now, but soon they will be competing with the top seniors on a level footing not just in this country, but all over the world. The ambition of Alan Ransome has worked miracles. And work is the operative word. He sets his own standards of output. He expects everyone else to work as hard as possible. The result is that from his pressure, people do ten times more for table tennis than they would have ever believed possible.

Wonder what will happen if he gets married?



ALAN & JOSIE at their wedding on 15th July, 1980.

Well, Alan did finally get married, at the age of 34 on 15th July, 1980. And amazingly he found a partner who has also been suffering from "table tennis fever" all her life. Jose Tomkins edited Canadian Table Tennis News for ten years and worked as the Executive Director of the Canadian Table Tennis Association before joining Alan at Tees Sport. Jose's introduction to the sport and early training in association ways came as a youngster in Birmingham before she emigrated to Canada.

And all good wishes for your future happiness. Ed.

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AUSTRIAN JUNIOR OPEN

MORE GOOD WORK BY SANDLEY

Losing only one set out of 15 in the boys' team event, to Michael Dougard of Denmark, Graham Sandley carried on where he had left off in Szolnok, but England's team, otherwise comprising Colin Wilson and John Souter, could finish no higher than 5th in the Austrian Junior Open in Modling (June 20/22).

This was after wins over Norway (5-1), Yugoslavia (5-3), Austria I (5-0), Denmark (5-1) and Hungary (5-3) following an initial loss (3-5) to Sweden II. Ultimate winners were Sweden I, represented by Niklas Persson and Erik Lindh, with Czechoslovakia (2) Sweden II (3) and Federal Germany (4).

South Korea took the counterpart girls' title followed by Sweden (2), Federal Germany I (3) and Czechoslovakia (4). England's team of Alison Gordon and Helen Williams finished 8th their wins being over Sweden II (3-2), Egypt (3-2) and Yugoslavia I (3-1) their losses being to South Korea (1-3), Hungary (2-3) and Denmark, whose Dorthe Hauth and Charlotte Polk administered a 3-0 drubbing.

The strain of competition at this level took its toll on Sandley in the individual events for, on coming into the boys' singles at the third round — he was seeded No. 4 — he was promptly despatched by Jonny Akesson of Sweden whose compatriot Erik Lindh took the title with a 14, 11 final win over Jurgen Rebel of Federal Germany. The beaten semi-finalists were Ivan Rak (CZE) and Niklas Persson of Sweden.

Both England's Wilson and Souter fell in the first round, the former to Misa Valvic of Sweden and the latter to Hungary's Zoltan Kaposztas. Susanne Wenzel of Federal Germany took the girls' singles title beating England's Alison Gordon 12 and 14 in the final after the Berkshire's lass had left in her wake Andreja Ojstersek (Yugoslavia), Yoon (S. Korea) and Helen Lindvall (Sweden).

In the boys' doubles Sandley and Wilson were ousted in the quarters by Persson and Akesson whilst Souter, partnered by Noseer of Egypt, were first round fallers to Bohm/Hasibeder (Austria). Hungary's Peter Aranyosi and Zoltan Kaposztas were the eventual winners beating the Czechs Zbynek Stepanak and Rak in the final 19, -14, 17.

Baik and Yoon of S. Korea won the girls' doubles from Lindvall and Anita Jonsson of Sweden with Gordon/Williams losing to Ildiko Bolvari and Aniko Kiss of Hungary. Rebel and Wenzel (GFR) won the mixed beating Lindh/Lindvall in the final. Sandley/Gordon fell to the Danes Claus Oxfeldt/Polk and Wilson/Williams to Kaposztas/Fazekas of Hungary.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

England's home match against Hungary in the Super Division of the European League will take place at Ipswich on Thursday March 12/81.

County Championships Round-up

by PHILIP REID

One new county in membership and one old one leaving. The new county of Isle of Wight have entered teams in both the Senior and Junior sections, whilst Clwyd have found difficulties and will not be entering.

The Premier division will be run in the same way as all the other divisions (except Junior Premier). Last season the Senior Premier had two teams - Essex and Glamorgan - playing throughout the season, with the other matches being played over two week-ends.

Please write on the back of the second copy of the Result Sheet anything of particular interest, and I will do my best to give it a mention in this magazine. Divisions are as follows:-

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

Junior 3rd South	Junior 3rd West
Dorset II	Avon II
Essex II	Devon III
Kent II	Cornwall
Hampshire II	Dorset
Surrey II	Gwent
Sussex II	Somerset
Junior 3rd East	Junior 3rd North Midland
Cambridgeshire II	Herefordshire
Essex III	Leicestershire
Huntingdonshire	Northamptonshire
Lincolnshire II	Shropshire
Norfolk	Staffordshire II
Suffolk	Warwickshire II
Junior 3rd South Midland	Junior 3rd North
Bedfordshire II	Berkshire II
Berkshire II	Essex II
Buckinghamshire II	Hampshire II
Hertfordshire II	Hertfordshire II
Norfolk II	Middlesex
Oxfordshire II	Kent
	Sussex
Veteran South B	Veteran Midland
Berkshire	Bedfordshire
Essex	Buckinghamshire
Hertfordshire I	Hertfordshire III
Hampshire	Huntingdonshire
Kent II	Northamptonshire
Middlesex II	Oxfordshire
Sussex II	Worcestershire
Veteran West	Veteran North
Avon	Cheshire I
Dorset I	Cheshire II
Dorset II	Cumbria
Isle of Wight	Leicestershire
Somerset I	Lincolnshire
Somerset II	Nottinghamshire
Wiltshire	Staffordshire

HONOURS LIST

At the AGM of the ETTA, held at the Bonnington Hotel, London on July 12, the Chairman, Tom Blunn proposed, on behalf of National Council, the election for a term of three years, of the following additional Vice-Presidents: Mr. Harry Edwards (Middlesex), Mr. Tom Honey (Cornwall), Keith Ponting (Devon), together with Dr. David Ryde, MB, BS, Mr. David D. Plowes of British Aerospace Dynamics and Mr. Derek R. Tremayne, a former Secretary of the ETTA now with the Sports Council at Lilleshall. Messrs. Edwards, Honey and Ponting were present to accept their badges from the ETTA President, Maurice Goldstein, OBE.

The Ivor Montagu Award was presented by the Chairman to Peter Charters for his extremely hard work as Chairman of the National Selection Committee. Mr. Charters suitably replied and thanked in particular Ron Crayden (Vice-Chairman) for his guidance.

The President presented the Malcolm Scott Award to Alan Ransome whose ideas and enthusiasm had greatly contributed to the Association's present high standard. The presentation was greeted with acclaim, and Mr. Ransome expressed his gratitude.

European League

ENGLAND SET FAIR

In front of 800 spectators at Whitechurch Sports Centre, Bristol on Sept. 18, England made the best possible start to their Super Division European League programme with a 5-2 win over Federal Germany.

Two wins each for Des Douglas and John Hilton, plus a mixed doubles success for Des and Linda Jarvis, had the crowd in raptures.

Scores:

J. Hilton bt W. Lieck 19, 13;
D. Douglas bt P. Stellwag 14, 18;
C. Knight lost to U. Kamizuru -14, -13;
Douglas/D. Parker lost to Lieck/Stellwag -23, -14;
Douglas/L. Jarvis bt R. Wosik/Kamizuru 18, 13;
Hilton bt Stellwag -13, 19, 18;
Douglas bt Lieck 12, 19.

Other results:

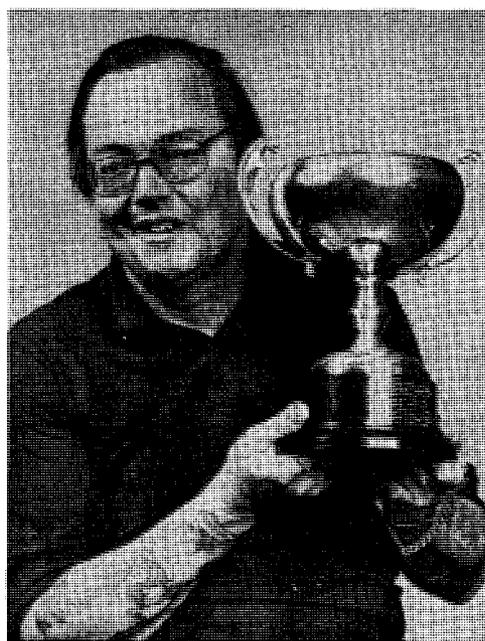
France 1 Czechoslovakia 6
Sweden 5 Yugoslavia 2
Postponed: Soviet Union v Hungary

Division 1

Netherlands 3 Poland 4
Finland 2 Bulgaria 5
Luxembourg 2 Greece 5
Austria 4 Italy 3

Division 2

Denmark 7 Belgium 0
Spain 0 Rumania 7
Norway 3 Switzerland 4
Postponed: Turkey v Ireland



Phil Reid of Leicester, writer of County Championships Round-up and statistician, holds the Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy presented to him at last season's Championships Conference. The trophy is awarded each season to the person who, in an administrative capacity in a particular County, has made the greatest contribution to table tennis in the County field other than a previous holder of the Trophy.

Photo by courtesy of Leicester Mercury.

COLGATE NORTH OF ENGLAND

It was a story book ending for South Vietnam refugee **Chu Van Que** in the men's singles event of the star-studded Colgate North of England Open at Stretford on Sept. 20 when, in a pulsating final, he succeeded Nicky Jarvis to the title with a 19, -16, 24 win over the former Welsh No. 1 Alan Griffiths now playing for Tus Vahr-Bremen in the Federal German Bundesliga.

Unseeded and, to many, unknown Chu, aged 35 and married with two daughters, seems destined to revitalise the sport on Tyneside where he now resides in Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Anita Stevenson retained her women's singles title at Manchester beating Melody Hill (Ludi) in the final. Full report, pictures and scores in the November issue.