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FROM THE SUBSTITUTES' BENCH

After one hundred and thirty issues of Table Tennis News, this editorial is the first that has not come direct from the pen of George Yates. For most of November the Editor has been confined to hospital, a check-up having revealed the need for a duodenal operation. All readers will surely join in wishing George a speedy recovery.

It is when such emergencies occur that one realises how few there are on the substitutes' bench ready to step into the shoes of those holding key positions in our sport. To rely upon the adage "Cometh the hour, cometh the man" is surely to bury one's head in the sand, but when substitutes are put on trial, they so rarely turn out to be as good as the original.

What is needed is a larger pool of substitutes, watching, listening and learning in preparation for the day when they will be required to take over.

Can you name the person who is going to take over that key position in your club, league or county? If not, it is suggested that you give some thought to identifying the substitutes now.

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On the International Front

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

At home to Poland in the magnificent Spectrum Arena in Warrington on 10th November in the **Super Division** of the **European League**, England achieved a 4-3 win due largely to the contribution by John Hilton on his return to the international scene. After a shock opening game defeat of Desmond Douglas by Andrzej Grubba, England fought back to a 3-3 situation, at which point Hilton became the hero by beating Grubba over three games.

Scores:

D. Douglas lost to A. Grubba -23, -17.

J. Hilton bt S. Dryszel 15, 18.

J. Parker bt J. Szatko 10, 12.

Johnson/Sandley lost to Grubba/Dryszel -14, -19.

Johnson/Parker lost to Grubba/Szatko 18, -19, -18.

D. Douglas bt S. Dryszel -18, 18, 16.

J. Hilton bt A. Grubba 18, -19, 11.

After their 7-0 defeat at the hands of Czechoslovakia, the Hungarians sent some of their second string players to Sweden where they met what must surely be the youngest team in the League and again suffered the ignominy of a whitewash.

Scores:

E. Lindh bt J. Molnar -22, 10, 14.

J-O. Waldner bt Z. Kriston 21, 16.

M. Lindblad bt Z. Olah 14, 15.

Lindh/Waldner bt Molnar/Kristan -17, 11, 21.

Lindh/Lindblad bt Molnar/Urban -13, 12, 16.

E. Lindh bt Z. Kriston -12, 3, 18.

J-O. Waldner bt J. Molnar 15, 14.

Denmark are finding the going tough at the top and in their home match with Federal Germany in Solrod only the experienced Claus Pedersen prevented a clean sweep with a narrow 22-20 third game win over Georg Bohm.

Scores:

C. Pedersen lost to J. Wosik -2, -12.

J. Hansen lost to G. Bohm 14, -10, -9.

S. Pedersen lost to K. Kruger -10, -13.

Pedersen/Hauth lost to Bohm/Stellwag -11, -8.

Pedersen/Pedersen lost to Wenzel/Wosik -16, -19.

C. Pedersen bt G. Bohm -9, 18, 20.

J. Hansen lost to J. Wosik -12, -15.

The Czechoslovakia v Yugoslavia match was a titanic struggle, with four of the sets needing a deciding game. Yugoslavia's win by 4-3 was based on wins in both doubles, the men's being a marathon affair of 126 points ending 22-20 in the third game and the mixed by 24-22, also in the third game.

Scores:

M. Orlovski bt D. Surbek 13, 15.

J. Pansky lost to Z. Kalinic -19, 20, -15.

M. Hrachova lost to B. Batinic -19, -21.

Pansky/Broda lost to Surbek/Kalinic 17, -22, -20.

Pansky/Hrachova lost to Surbek/Batinic 17, -15, -22.

M. Orlovski bt Z. Kalinic 12, -21, 16.

J. Pansky bt D. Surbek 15, 18.

SUPER DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Sweden	3	3	0	18	3	3
Yugoslavia	3	3	0	16	5	3
Czechoslovakia	3	2	1	14	7	2
Federal Germany ...	2	1	1	9	5	1
England	3	1	2	8	13	1
Hungary	3	1	2	5	16	1
Denmark	3	0	3	3	18	0
Poland	2	0	2	4	10	0

Fixtures for December 15 are:

Hungary v Denmark

Poland v Sweden

Federal Germany v Yugoslavia

England v Czechoslovakia (Harrogate Centre)

FIRST DIVISION

The two previously unbeaten teams of France and the Soviet Union met in the famous motor racing town of Le Mans, resulting in a 4-3 win for the visitors with Igor Solopov winning both his singles. So, unless the Soviets get careless, this result could well mean yet another season out of the Super Division for the attractive to watch French.

Scores:

P. Birocheau lost to I. Solopov 16, -15, -17.

C. Martin bt V. Dvorak 19, 18.

B. Thiriet lost to F. Bulatova 14, -10, -15.

Birocheau/Martin bt Dvorak/Podnosov 16, 13.

Martin/Thiriet lost to Podnosov/Popova -8, -17.

P. Birocheau bt V. Dvorak -14, 14, 13.

C. Martin lost to I. Solopov -19, -11.

Austria found themselves trailing 1-3 in their home match against the Netherlands before the revival started in the mixed doubles, when they brought in Gunter Muller for this one set, to produce a final 4-3 scoreline.

Scores:

D. Palmi bt H. van Spanje 14, 13.

E. Amplatz lost to R. Hijne -19, -19.

D. Fetter lost to S. van Gennip -18, -13.

Amplatz/Muller lost to van Spanje/Vlieg 9, -16, -16.

Muller/Fetter bt van Spanje/Kloppenburg -18, 18, 17.

D. Palmi bt R. Hijne 25, 18.

E. Amplatz bt H. van Spanje -20, 18, 12.

Belgium achieved their first win in this division by a narrow 4-3 win over Italy with Barbara Lippens winning her singles comfortably and then pairing with Didier Leroy for a totally defensive doubles combination that paved the way for success.

Scores:

T. Cabrera lost to G. Bisi 21, -17, -8.

R. de Prophetis bt M. Costantini 11, -14, 19.

B. Lippens bt L. Vignola 15, 14.

Cabrera/de Prophetis lost to Bisi/Costantini -18, -9.

Leroy/Lippens bt Bisi/Vignola 19, 12.

T. Cabrera bt M. Costantini -15, 20, 16.

R. de Prophetis lost to G. Bisi -25, -14.

Yet another 4-3 result occurred in Oslo for the all-Scandinavian clash between Norway and Finland, won by the visitors for whom Jarmo Jokinen contributed thrice by two singles wins and the mixed doubles.

Scores:

G. Gustavsen lost to J. Jokinen -20, 15, -16.

T. Johansen bt J. Ikonen 19, 12.

T. Folkesson lost to S. Grefberg -10, -17.

Gustavsen/Johansen bt Jokinen/Ikonen 19, 17.

Folkesson/Johansen lost to Grefberg/
Jokinen -20, -17.
G. Gustavsen lost to J. Ikonen 18, -13, -18.
T. Johansen bt J. Jokinen 19, 20.

DIVISION 1 TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
USSR	3	3	0	14	7	3
France	3	2	1	14	7	2
Finland	3	2	1	13	8	2
Austria	3	2	1	9	12	2
Italy	3	1	2	9	12	1
Netherlands	3	1	2	7	14	1
Belgium	3	1	2	9	12	1
Norway	3	0	3	9	12	0

SECOND DIVISION

Turkey continued on their winning way with a 5-2 victory over Ireland in Dublin, the home side's only successes coming from Anne Leonard in the women's singles and again by her combination with Colum Steven in the mixed doubles.

Scores:

C. Slevin lost to O. Cimen -19, -15.
K. Keane lost to G. Yaldiz -18, -9.
A. Leonard bt K. Poybazoglu -19, 19, 18.
Slevin/Keane lost to Cimen/Yaldiz -18, -18.
Slevin/Leonard bt Cimen/Poybazoglu
-16, 12, 10.
C. Slevin lost to G. Yaldiz -19, -10.
K. Keane lost to O. Cimen -13, -11.

Scotland's title hopes suffered a set-back in Luxembourg when David Hannah lost a tense battle with Yves Maas when the score stood at three sets all.

Scores:

A. Hartmann bt D. Hannah -23, 18, 21.
Y. Haas lost to R. Yule -14, -18.
C. Risch lost to C. Dalrymple 10, -17, -16.
Hartmann/Maas bt Yule/Rodger 20, -20, 18.
Hartmann/Risch lost to Rodger/Dalrymple
-19, 13, -19.
A. Hartmann bt R. Yule 20, 19.
Y. Maas bt D. Hannah 15, -13, 12.

Switzerland inflicted a 7-0 all two-straight win over Portugal who are finding the standard a bit too high for them at the moment.

Scores:

T. Busin bt D. Pinto 16, 19.
T. Miller bt P. M. Moura 15, 13.
B. Witte bt A. Fernandes 17, 15.
Miller/Renold bt Pinto/Moura 17, 20.
Busin/Witte bt Pinto/Fernandes 9, 17.
T. Busin bt P. M. Moura 18, 12.
T. Miller bt D. Pinto 12, 11.

Wales could only bring back two sets as a souvenir of their visit to sunny Spain and, like Anne Leonard of Ireland, it was the female touch of Lesley Tyler that had a hand in the two Welsh victories, one in the women's singles and one with Mark Thomas in the mixed doubles.

Scores:

J. M. Pales bt M. Thomas -18, 18, 15.
I. Caymel bt N. Thomas 13, 19.
M. Sanahuja lost to L. Tyler 14, -16, -14.
Pales/Casares bt Thomas/Thomas 15, 18.
Pales/Sanahuja lost to Thomas/Tyler
-14, 8, -17.
J. M. Pales bt N. Thomas 16, 17.
I. Caymel bt M. Thomas 19, 21.

DIVISION 2 TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Turkey	3	3	0	16	5	3
Scotland	3	2	1	14	7	2
Switzerland	3	2	1	14	7	2
Spain	3	2	1	13	8	2
Luxembourg	3	2	1	12	9	2
Ireland	3	1	2	8	13	1
Wales	3	0	3	6	15	0
Portugal	3	0	3	1	20	0

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

JUNIORS REIGN SUPREME

by Mike Watts

At Grimsby Leisure Centre on Thursday, Nov. 11, local table tennis enthusiasts were treated to a fine display from a young England team and their more experienced opponents from Poland. Twelve months previously Grimsby TT League had requested an International match to celebrate their 50th Golden Jubilee Anniversary and although a match had been allocated to them the country involved had unfortunately pulled out from the additional match following their European League fixture. This was the first opportunity of the Association to rectify the situation and a crowd of well over 600 witnessed a great match.

Earlier this year problems had been encountered when the Polish team failed to arrive for their scheduled European League fixture with England in Sheffield and one can imagine the huge sigh of relief from local officials in Grimsby when the news was relayed to them that the Poles had arrived in this country.

The Grimsby TTA were indebted to PMM (Staff Agency) Ltd., the main sponsors of the match, to Humberside Leisure Services, co-promoters, and to Grimsby Borough Council for their support. Yorkshire Television were present during the match and live interviews were conducted by Radio Humberside during the evening. All this stemmed from the fact that this was not only the very first table tennis International match in the town but, as indicated by the Mayor of Grimsby at the after-match reception, the very first International event in any sport staged in Grimsby.

The match got off to a brisk start with Poland anxious to reverse the previous evening's 4-3 defeat in the European League match at Warrington, and despite some enterprising play by Kenny Jackson, Stefan Dryszel (deputising for the injured Leszek Kucharski) put Poland one up with a two-straight victory. Next to the table for England was Graham Sandley and for a long period of the set he seemed to equate the score, winning the first and leading Andrzej Grubba, the Polish No. 1 and European No. 12, by a street in the second. However, lack of concentration and a resolute fight-back by Grubba, saw him level at 1-1 and take the third despite a further useful lead by Sandley early on. Finally England woke up. 15-year-old Lisa Bellinger, making her senior home International debut, showed what a fine prospect she is with a resounding win over the more experienced Polish girl Jolanta Szatko who throughout showed her utter dislike of the combination bat. Lisa's temperament was excellent and she appeared to revel in the atmosphere around her.

Carl Prean followed and again a 15-year-old making his home debut came good. Dryszel had already played one set and this further added to the pressure, but Carl, following on his impressive performance at the Italian Open when he beat Grubba, Constantini and Bisi, Italy's two world-ranked stars, showed that he has the makings of a top player with a five-star

performance, beating Dryszel in three to bring England back to 2-2.

Kenny Jackson now faced Grubba and again proved that endeavour is not enough if you want to be a top player, as despite all his attempts to get on top, Grubba remained calm and emerged the winner again two-straight. During this match Jackson produced an amazing return. After a fast and furious hitting rally, the ball was left high and short over the net. Grubba attempted to finish the rally with a tremendous fast kill only for Jackson to take the ball on the half volley with virtually no approach and kill it back past Grubba. The whole audience erupted but alas it was the last time Jackson was to catch Grubba unaware.

After the way Lisa had beaten Szatko, Joy Grundy's task seemed comfortable, and so it seemed as she raced through the first game in full command. However, a few points lost near the end of this game should have been clear warning that Szatko should not be taken too lightly; but the warning was not heeded and Joy lost the second after leading and finally the third rather easily to ensure Poland of at least a draw. Sandley's return to the table was expected to produce the necessary win but this was not to be as Dryszel, producing his best form during this short tour, triumphed in three very close games. Once again Sandley's lack of concentration at vital times contributed to his downfall and one was left pondering what might have been had he capitalised on leads he held in both his sets.

And so the match was lost: but the excitement remained as despite the lateness of the hour almost everyone stayed to see young Prean's attempt to beat Grubba for a second time. As the announcer put it, "This match is like an Alfred Hitchcock thriller — will Prean succeed once again — or will Grubba extract the revenge he so desperately wanted following his defeat in Italy?". The previous evening John Hilton had shown up Grubba's lack of experience against the combination bat and we were well aware of Grubba's feelings and worries about Carl's rubbers and knew that Carl had a great opportunity to score once again. Well, the result is now history and maybe in the years to come Prean, if he continues to progress so well, as a star will look back on this evening as his first successful debut in a full International match. Oh yes, I forgot to say that Carl did win the set and Grubba, after the match, paid tribute to his young tormentor with the comment "he has great potential with an awkward style that I have never encountered before".

So the final result was a 5-3 win for Poland but gave Peter Simpson, the England Trainer/Coach, valuable information on a few of the candidates for his team to travel to Kuala Lumpur and Tokyo for the Commonwealth and World Championships in March and April next year.

RESULTS

ENGLAND 3 POLAND 5

K. Jackson lost to S. Dryszel -20, -16.
G. Sandley lost to A. Grubba 10, -18, -18.
L. Bellinger bt J. Szatko 13, 16.
C. Prean bt Dryszel 20, -20, 11.
Jackson lost to Grubba -15, -15.
J. Grundy lost to Szatko 17, -19, -16.
Sandley lost to Dryszel 19, -18, -17.
Prean bt Grubba -18, 17, 15.

SCOTTISH NEWS

by DENIS GEORGE

EUROPEAN LEAGUE - Division II

Scotland got off to a good start to the 1982/83 European League season with a close 4-3 win over Switzerland at Falkirk on Sept. 11 — David Hannah coming back from a game down and 5-10 in the second to win the vital 7th tie. This was followed by a comfortable 7-0 win over Portugal up north at Dingwall on Oct. 9. Our match against Luxembourg in the Grand Duchy on Nov. 5 produced some 'fireworks' from Carole Dalrymple who hit off Carine Risch and took the Mixed with Keith Rodger. Earlier Richard Yule had beaten Yves Maas, but Andre Hartmann won both his singles, surviving three match points against Hannah in the first tie and beating Yule 2-0. In the 7th tie Maas beat Hannah to make the scoreline Luxembourg 4 Scotland 3 — the same as in the home match last season — and end a run of five successive European League victories by the Scots.

THE SCOTTISH TOURNAMENT SCENE

2nd SEOUL INTERNATIONAL OPEN

25/31 August, 1982

The season started with Yule, Hannah and David Campbell, accompanied by coaches Graham Davies and Andy Fleming, flying the 'Polar Route' to South Korea. After beating Malaysia 3-1 and Saudi Arabia 3-0, Scotland bowed out to Korea II 0-3.

STTA SENIOR CLASSIFICATION TOURNAMENT

Meadowbank, Edinburgh

5 September, 1982

Despite playing less than 24 hours after returning from Seoul, Yule went through the day undefeated in the 1st Category, but the younger players were badly affected by jet-lag — Hannah losing to Yule, Dave McIlroy and John Broe to finish 5th, whilst Campbell could not muster a single victory, ending up in 10th place. Carole Dalrymple, freshly returned from six weeks coaching in Japan, under the tutelage of former World Champion Ichiro Ogimura, was unbeaten on the Women's 1st Category — beating her nearest rival — Elaine Forbes — 22 and 16.

Final Classification (Top 10 positions)

Men

1 R. Yule, 2 J. Broe, 3 D. McIlroy, 4 K. Rodger, 5 D. Hannah, 6 G. Doherty, 7 I. McLean, 8 R. Lindsay, 9 S. Rennie, 10 D. Campbell.

Women

1 C. Dalrymple, 2 E. Forbes, 3 K. Mackay, 4 E. Robb, 5 D. Greig, 6 V. Thomson, 7 I. Ferguson, 8 —, 9 S. Thomson, 10 E. Meenan.

MEADOWBANK 2-STAR OPEN

Meadowbank, Edinburgh

26 September, 1982

Despite a reduced entry and very few players from south of the border, the first open tournament of the season produced a day of highly competitive play in 10 events with a welcome trend of younger players

staking their claims for a breakthrough into senior ranks.

Broe won the Men's Singles for his first senior title, and Carole Dalrymple won the Women's for the 5th successive year. Brian Wright and Diane Greig won the Junior Singles and Gordon Waddell and Sarah Hury the Cadet Singles. TEES SPORT — the well known Middlesbrough sports equipment firm — donated voucher prizes for the Junior and Cadet events, a gesture for which the organisers and players were most grateful.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

J. Broe bt D. Campbell 15, 17;

D. McIlroy bt R. Kerr 12, 12.

Final:

BROE bt McIlroy 19, 18.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

C. Dalrymple bt K. Mackay 14, 9;

V. Thomson bt P. Fleming 15, 23.

Final:

DALRYMPLE bt Thomson 17, 15.

Boys' Singles Final:

B. WRIGHT bt Peter Curry (Nd) 19, 15.

Girls' Singles Final:

DIANE GREIG bt Lynn Johnston -21, 19, 20.

Cadet Boys' Singles Final:

GORDON WADDELL bt David Low 15, 11.

Cadet Girls' Singles Final:

SARAH HURRY bt Linda Hood 19, 10.

Veterans' Singles Final:

BERT KERR bt Donald McLean 17, 18.

Men's Doubles Final:

McIlroy/Campbell bt Broe/C. Gerrard

17, -14, 18.

Women's Doubles Final:

P. Fleming/Thomson bt E. Meenan/

I. Ferguson 16, 16.

Mixed Doubles Final:

G. Docherty/E. Robb bt J. Graham/

I. Ferguson -13, 15, 20.

SCOTTISH TEAM CUP

Meadowbank, Edinburgh

3 October, 1982

Glasgow's Central Club (Jim Caulfield, John Broe, Ian McLean and David McIlroy) main-

tained their dominance of the club scene in Scottish table tennis circles by winning the STTA TEAM CUP (open to the 1st and 2nd teams in the top divisions of all affiliated leagues the previous season) for the 3rd year running and the 7th time in the past nine years since they ended Gambit's (Edinburgh) long run of success in 1974. Central's supremacy was emphasised by the fact that their 'B' team (Graeme Doherty, David Harris, Sandy MacLachlan and Brian Wright) also defeated Gambit (Bert Kerr, Jim Graham and Jeff Dalgleish) in the triangular final group to take the runners-up position.

STTA JUNIOR & CADET ASSESSMENT

TOURNAMENT, Jack Kane Centre,

Edinburgh 10 October, 1982

The largest entry to date — Boys 32, Girls 14, Cadet Boys 27 and Cadet Girls 13 — battled away throughout the day in the first assessment tournament of the season. Interest in the girls events was centred on Anglo-Scots Janet Smith (Bromley) and Fiona Stuart (Bridgwater) who came north to try their luck against the top home players; Janet lost to both Lynn Johnston and Diane Greig in the Girls' to take the 3rd position overall but Fiona won the Cadet Girls' section, going through unbeaten.

Final Classification (Top 5 positions)

Boys

1 B. Wright, 2 M. Crawford, 3 D. Thomas, 4 I. Stokes, 5 G. Cummings.

Girls

1 D. Greig, 2 L. Johnston, 3 J. Smith, 4 A. Cook, 5 M. Cusick.

Cadet Boys

1 D. Low, 2 Jon Wilson, 3 G. Turnbull, 4 K. Sutherland, 5 R. Macintosh.

Cadet Girls

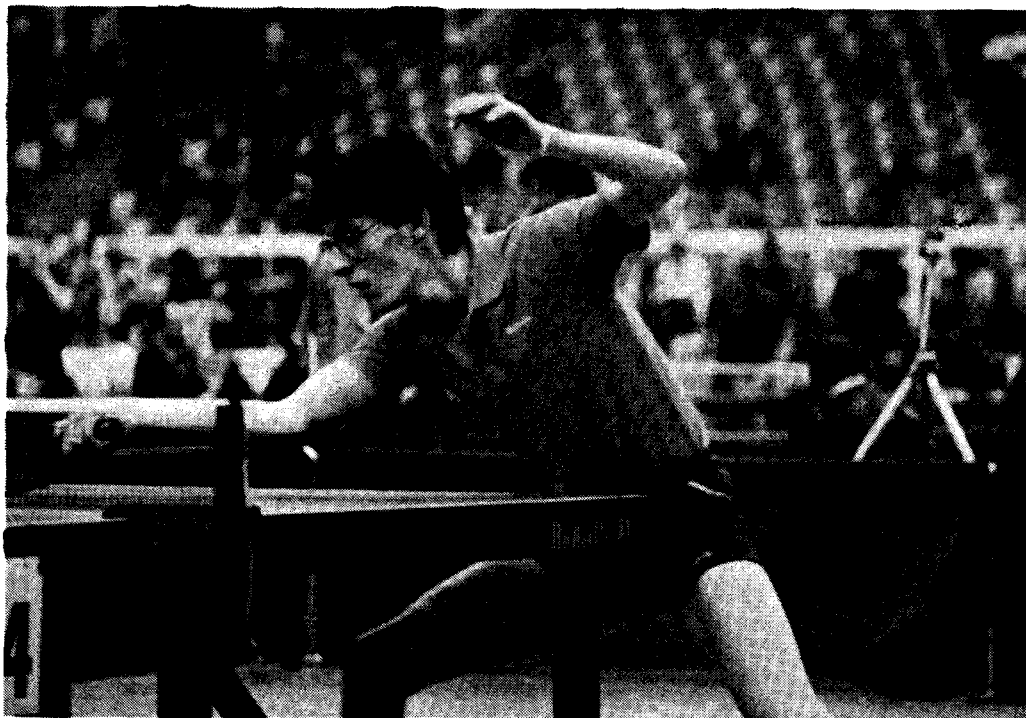
1 F. Stuart, 2 D. McNeill, 3 S. Hury, 4 L. Hood, 5 S. Rao.

EAST OF SCOTLAND 2-STAR OPEN

Meadowbank, Edinburgh

17 October, 1982

A return to something like his old form brought Keith Rodger the Men's Singles



JOHN BROE (Scottish No. 3).

Photo by B. D. George.

title in this year's EAST OF SCOTLAND OPEN when he defeated John Broe — who won the Meadowbank Open in September — in the Final. Elaine Forbes retained the Women's Singles title she won last season at the start of her 'come back', inflicting a rare defeat on Carole Dalrymple in the final. Elaine also retained the Women's Doubles with Carole and won the Mixed with David Campbell to achieve the triple crown.

RESULTS

Men's Singles

In the final Broe took the first end at 19 but Rodger hit back to take the second easily at 12. In the decider John led 10-8 and 14-11, but Keith fought back grimly to 15-all and went on to regain the title he won in 1980 at 17.

Semi-finals:

K. Rodger bt D. McIlroy 11, 14;
J. Broe bt D. Campbell -24, 20, 12.

Final:

RODGER bt Broe -19, 12, 17.

Women's Singles

Elaine Forbes looked good from the outset whilst Carole Dalrymple lost a set to Liz Robb. In the Final Elaine's two-wing attack wrested the initiative from Carole and after sharing two close ends she romped away to win 16 in the third.

Semi-finals:

C. Dalrymple bt V. Thomson 13, 9;
E. Forbes bt P. Fleming 17, 10.

Final:

FORBES bt Dalrymple 20, -19, 16.

Boys' Singles Final:

WRIGHT bt Waddell 20, -16, 11.

Girls Singles Final:

LYNN JOHNSTON bt Diane Greig 14, 17.

Cadet Boys' Singles Final:

WADDELL bt Jonathan Wilson 19, 9.

Cadet Girls' Singles Final:

DOMINIQUE McNEILL bt Hurry 15, -16, 18.

Men's Doubles Final:

Campbell/McIlroy bt Broe/C. Gerrard 17, 19, 10.

Women's Doubles Final:

Dalrymple/Forbes bt Fleming/Thomson 15, 11.

Mixed Doubles Final:

D. Campbell/Forbes bt G. Campbell/Dalrymple 19, -11, 15.

MIDLANDS 1-STAR OPEN

Dundee

31 October, 1982

Broe convincingly defeated Rodger in the Men's Singles and also took the Men's Doubles with Calum Gerrard. Elaine Forbes, back on home ground, again defeated Carole Dalrymple and went on to achieve the triple crown, taking the Women's Doubles with Carole and the Mixed with David Campbell.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

J. Broe bt S. Rennie 18, 12;
K. Rodger bt D. McIlroy 8, 16.

Final:

BROE bt Rodger 17, 12.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

C. Dalrymple bt E. Robb 8, 11;
E. Forbes bt K. Mackay 16, 16.

Final:

FORBES bt Dalrymple 19, -19, 18.

Men's Doubles Final:

C. Gerrard/Broe bt McIlroy/D. Campbell 17, 17.

Women's Doubles Final:

Dalrymple/Forbes bt Robb/Mackay 17, 10.

Mixed Doubles Final:

D. Campbell/Forbes bt Rodger/Dalrymple 15, 18.

Veterans' Singles Final:

KERR bt Miss E. Dunbar 10, 10.

STTA YOUTH & JUNIOR CLOSED

Meadowbank, Edinburgh

7 November, 1982

With David McIlroy in Iceland and John Broe playing for Ormesby in the English Halex National League, the way was left open for Graeme Docherty to win the Under-21 Men's Singles from Gordon Clancey. Anglo-Scot Janet Smith (Bromley) won the Girls' Singles from Lynn Johnston and Sarah Hurry won the Cadet Girls' Singles, the other singles titles were won by the top-ranked players.

RESULTS

U-21 Men's Singles Semi-finals:

G. Docherty bt I. McLean 15, 8;
G. Clancey bt G. Sutherland 20, 14.

Final:

DOCHERTY bt Clancey 19, 9.

U-21 Women's Singles Final Group:

1 C. Dalrymple, 2 V. Thomson,
3 L. Johnston.

Boys' Singles Final:

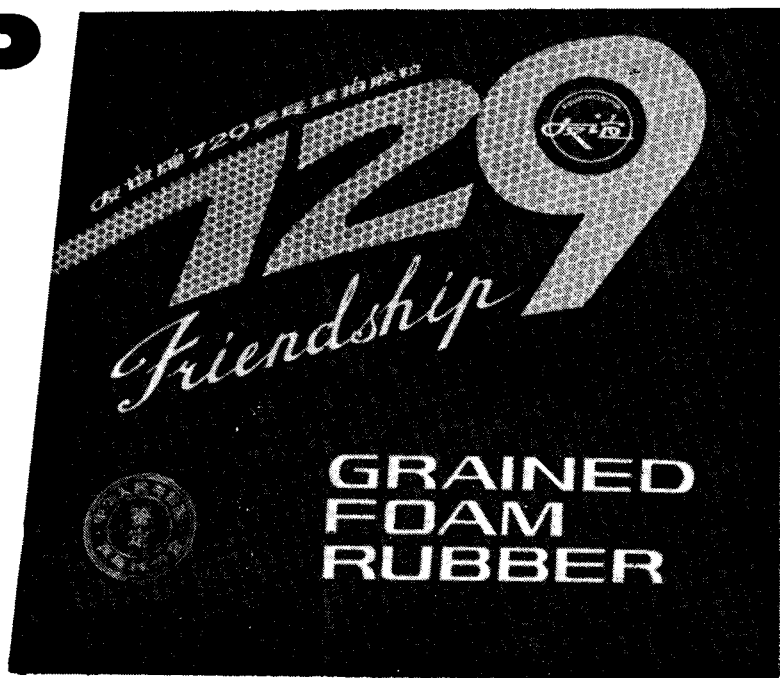
BRIAN WRIGHT bt Martin Cawford 16, -11, 19.

Girls' Singles Final Group:

1 J. Smith, 2 L. Johnston, 3 A. Cook.

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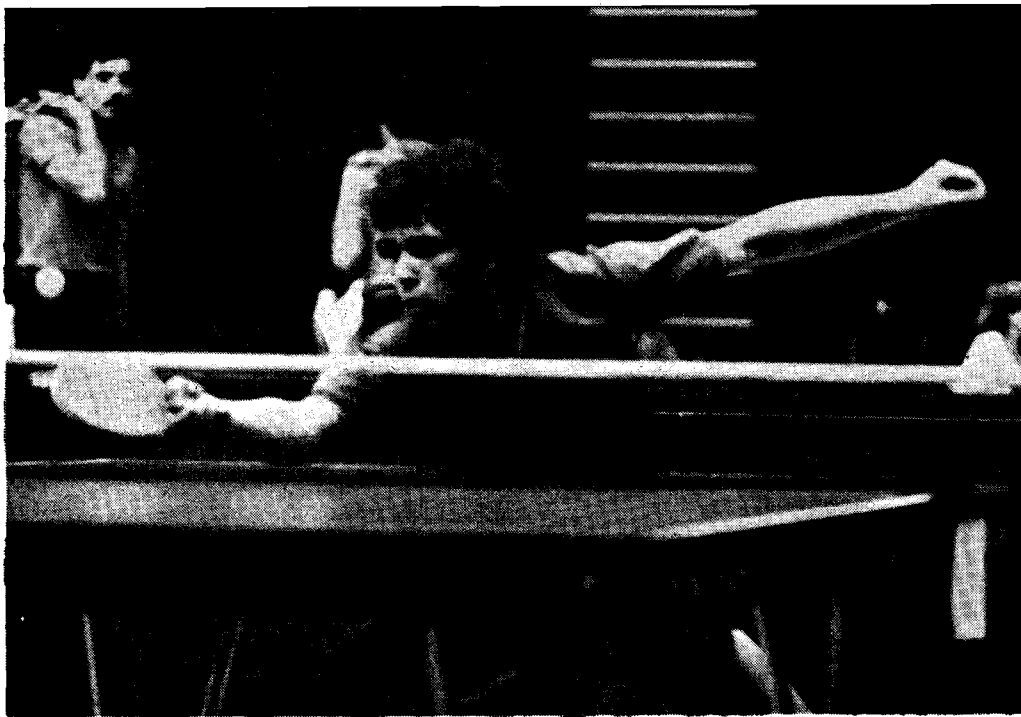
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Cadet Boys' Singles Final:

GORDON WADDELL bt David Low 11, 12.

Cadet Girls' Singles Final Group:

1 S. Hurry, 2 D. McNeill, 3 C. O'Neill.

U-21 Men's Doubles Final:

McLean/D. Campbell bt G. Campbell/
S. Fowler 16, 20.

U-21 Women's Doubles Final:

Johnston/D. Greig bt J. Smith/Dalrymple
18, -18, 17:

U-21 Mixed Doubles Final:

R. Nixon/Dalrymple bt D. Campbell/
Thomson 16, 17.

ACTIVITY OUTSIDE SCOTLAND

HUMBERSIDE 3-STAR OPEN

Keith Rodger played some of his best table tennis to reach the final where he lost to Duggie Johnston, amongst his victims en route being Donald Parker and Carl Prean.

NORWICH UNION IRISH TROPHY

Richard Yule — the holder — beat both Colum Stevin and Kevin Keane before losing to Skylet Andrew in the final.

ICELANDIC INVITATION TOURNAMENT

The Icelandic TTA celebrated their 10th anniversary with an invitation tournament in Reykjavik on Nov. 16. David McIlroy reached the final where he was beaten 2-3 by David Welsman of Wales. All the other players were from the Iceland TTA.

**SCOTTISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
SENIOR RANKING LISTS**

(Published 19 October, 1982)

Men

- 1 Richard Yule (WOS) (2)
- 2 David Hannah (1)
- 3 John Broe (WOS) (4)
- 4 Keith Rodger (EDIN) (3)
- 5 David McIlroy (WOS) (7)
- 6 Graeme Docherty (WOS) (11)
- 7 David Campbell (EDIN) (6)
- 8 Ian McLean (WOS) (10)
- 9 Bert Kerr (EDIN) (9)
- 10 Anwar Majid (EDIN) (5)
- 11 Jim Graham (MONK) (8)
- 12 Ron Lindsay (WOS) (14)
- 13 Scott Rennie (EDIN) (20)
- 14 Calum Gerrard (WOS) (15)
- 15 Brian Wright (WOS) (21)
- 16 Gerry Campbell (STIR) (18)

- 17 Dougie Mein (EDIN) (16)
- 18 Alan Collier (EDIN) (19)
- 19 Gordon Clancey (WOS) (24)
- 20 Jim Caulfield (WOS) (—)
- 21 Graeme Sutherland (EDIN) (22)
- 22 James Russell (STIR) (—)
- 23 Billy Gibbs (EDIN) (—)
- 24 Ian Stokes (WOS) (—)

Women

- 1 Carole Dalrymple (STIR) (1)
- 2 Elaine Forbes (EDIN) (2)
- 3 Kay Mackay (STIR) (5)
- 4 Valerie Thomson (WOS) (3)
- 5 Patrice Fleming (WOS) (4)
- 6 Liz Robb (FIFE) (6)
- 7 Diane Greig (WOS) (9)
- 8 Isobel Ferguson (WOS) (7)
- 9 Senga Rowley (STIR) (—)
- 10 Eleanor Meenan (WOS) (10)

Junior Boys

- 1 Brian Wright (WOS) (3)
- 2 Martin Crawford (STIR) (6)
- 3 David Thomas (WOS) (10)
- 4 Ian Stokes (WOS) (18)
- 5 Gordon Cummings (WOS) (19)
- 6 Gordon Waddell (STIR) (17)
- 7 Martin Burke (EDIN) (8)
- 8 Stephen Husbands (LAN) (—)
- 9 Alan Miller (STIR) (14)
- 10 Graeme Stevenson (AYR) (15)

Junior Girls

- 1 Diane Greig (WOS) (2)
- 2 Lynne Johnston (STIR) (1)
- 3 Janet Smith (BROM) (—)
- 4 Alison Cook (AYR) (3)
- 5 Maureen Cusick (WOS) (9)
- 6 Louise Bennett (STIR) (7)
- 7 Pat Calder (STIR) (8)
- 8 Lynne Davren (WOS) (5)

Cadet Boys

- 1 Gordon Waddell (STIR) (2)
- 2 David Low (ABDN) (—)
- 3 Jim Wilson (EDIN) (11)
- 4 Gavin Turnbull (EDIN) (6)
- 5 Keith Sutherland (STIR) (8)
- 6 Robert McIntosh (W DUNB) (19)
- 7 David Harper (AYR) (—)
- 8 George Innes (WOS) (7)
- 9 Michael McEwan (LAN) (18)
- 10 Stephen Woess (W DUNB) (14)

Cadet Girls

- 1 Fiona Stuart (SOM) (—)
- 2 Dominique McNeil (LAN) (5)
- 3 Sarah Hurry (STIR) (—)
- 4 Linda Hood (EDIN) (6)
- 5 Shaila Rao (EDIN) (—)
- 6 Gillian Phimister (STIR) (—)
- 7 Lucy Hampton (WOS) (8)
- 8 Suzanne McManus (WOS) (—)

PONTEFRACT 1-STAR

The Pontefract 1-Star Open is to be held on Saturday, 22nd January, 1983, and NOT Sunday, 23rd January as published in the Diary and Tournament Calendar.

Letters to the Editor

FROM POLAND

By chance I learned that recently the English Table Tennis Association celebrated their 60th Anniversary. As a devoted friend of England, I couldn't be spared to ignore that magnificent solemnity, therefore please allow me to send here to you for that occasion my best wishes and compliments. I would like to wish you and all the table tennis founders, officers, officials, players and supporters in England many subsequent achievements and successes. The English table tennis, which has been from the beginning the genuine corner-stone of this excellent sport, distinguished itself with diamond syllables in history and also at present is of great importance in Europe and World as well. Undoubtedly, it may fill all of you, dear friends, with the pride and satisfaction, creating also the inspiration for the next — at least sixty years persisting — activity filled with no lesser attainments. I wish you to be always — as yet — the pattern for all the table tennis lovers in Europe and World.

With kindest regards,

F. K. PRZYBYLSKI,
Chairman Commission
of Foreign Affairs.

Malego Franka Str. 5a/6
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DESERVED WINNER

Re Alliance/Grove result published in November T.T. News. I would agree that Helen Lower has improved greatly over the past few months thanks to her coaches, but not enough to take Tracy Lightfoot to three.

The result of the game between Tracy and Helen was 21-11, 21-14. The result published was for Helen's win over Cheryl Clarke (Ch) in the quarter-finals.

I hope that the error will not have caused any embarrassment to Tracy who was the deserved winner of the Girls' Junior event.

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NATIONAL JUNIOR RANKING TRIALS

by MIKE WATTS

The Eurosport Village at Shotley Gate near Ipswich, Suffolk, was the chosen venue for the first National Junior Ranking Trials held over the weekend of the 29th to the 31st October, 1982. One hundred and sixty Juniors and Cadets congregated at Shotley on the Friday and this number was swelled by over one hundred parents, coaches and friends who journeyed from all over the country.

The village was formerly HMS Ganges, one of the Royal Navy Training Establishments, and has been taken over by an International group who are renovating the site to attract major sporting events and youth groups. The playing conditions were ideal, with three halls all with good lighting, wooden floors and surrounds together with 16 Jaques tables. In hall one fifty-six Junior boys fought out first and second staged groups on six tables whilst in hall two thirty Cadet boys and thirty Cadet girls competed, also on six tables. Finally, in hall three forty Junior girls completed the line up, playing on your tables.

Play got under way at 7 p.m. on the Friday night with two rounds of the First Stage Cadet groups. The use of Friday evening was necessitated by requests for Cadets to be allowed to play also in the Junior events and in fact two boys and four girls were kept extremely busy completing both Cadet and Junior events. The Junior boys and girls commenced Saturday morning and the total first stage groups amounted to:

Junior Boys - 8 groups of 7 players

Junior Girls - 5 groups of 8 players
Cadet Boys - 4 groups of 8 players
Cadet Girls - 4 groups of 8 players

By about 6 p.m. on the Saturday evening one hundred and sixty eight games had been completed in the Junior boys' groups and hurried preparations began to restructure for the Second stage which commenced at 7 p.m. After completion of the first stages the final positions and games won were as follows:

Group 1

1 N. Mason 6-0, 2 G. Wilson 4-2, 3 M. Randle 3-3, 4 P. Cole 3-3, 5 L. Neil 2-4, 6 J. Chapman 2-4, 7 G. Plutz 1-5.

Group 2

1 A. Cooke 6-0, 2 C. Aspinall 4-2, 3 P. Huggon 3-3, 4 G. McKim 3-3, 5 D. Dewsbury 2-4, 6 D. Billings 2-4, 7 J. Singh 1-5.

Group 3

1 P. Gunn 6-0, 2 M. Thomas 4-2, 3 D. Topiwala 4-2, 4 P. Ashcroft 3-3, 5 A. Newton 2-4, 6 C. Grant 2-4, 7 P. Holliday 0-6.

Group 4

1 A. Cunningham 6-0, 2 D. McVitie 5-1, 3 K. Samuels 4-2, 4 D. Blackburn 3-3, 5 K. Cartwright 2-4, 6 S. Sharpe 1-5, 7 D. Smith 0-6.

Group 5

1 G. Lambert 6-0, 2 M. Jukes 5-1, 3 R. Hayward 4-2, 4 A. Wattis 3-3, 5 R. Darnell 2-4, 6 J. Thatcher 1-5, 7 D. Boon 0-6.

Group 6

1 A. Sexton 6-0, 2 M. Ellett 5-1, 3 C. Bartram 4-2, 4 J. Wheel 2-4, 5 A. Dixon 2-4, 6 C. Metcalfe 2-4, 7 S. Khan.

Group 7

1 S. Dettmar 5-1, 2 A. Dodd 4-2, 3 N. McMaster 4-2, 4 S. Worrell 4-2, 5 R. Thomas 2-4, 6 R. Tilford 2-4, 7 D. Lake 0-6.

Group 8

1 P. Logsdon 5-1, 2 D. Griffin 5-1, 3 D. Rook 4-2, 4 J. Stokes 3-3, 5 M. Firth 2-4, 6 A. Syed 2-4, 7 P. Bannister 0-6.

The remaining three events continued and finished just on 10 p.m. which then left the National Ranking Panel the task of restructuring the Second Stage groups for the Sunday morning.

At this stage only major snag over the whole weekend occurred when coaches, parents and friends presented the organisers with a problem of interpretation of players who finished level on matches won and it was obvious that the wording of Regulation 4 which dealt with this was completely ambiguous. However, common-sense prevailed and the Ranking Panel, having convened a hurried meeting immediately play finished, was able to produce a compromise that appeared to satisfy everyone.

Having cleared this problem, the task began to restructure the remaining three events following the completion of all First Stage Groups.

In the Junior girls' groups after one hundred and forty first stage matches had been completed the finishing positions were as follows:

Group 1

1 J. Parker 7-0, 2 A. Heggarty 6-1, 3 N. Hamilton 4-3, 4 J. Shaw 4-3, 5 A. Judd 3-4, 6 D. Simmonds 2-5, 7 R. Hunter 1-6, 8 C. Hemming 1-6.

Group 2

1 S. Collier 7-0, 2 T. Moore, 3 D. Soothill 5-2, 4 M. Hams 3-4, 5 J. Shippey 2-5, 6 J. Mills 2-5, 7 S. O'Leary 2-5, 8 S. Weston 1-6.

Group 3

1 To Thuy Dung 7-0, 2 H. Bardwell 6-1, 3 J. Ryalls 5-2, 4 T. Spencer 3-4, 5 A. Barker 3-4, 6 L. Hayden 2-5, 7 J. Barella 2-5, 8 A. Clemens 0-7.

Group 4

1 T. Lightfoot 6-1, 2 R. Brook 5-2, 3 N. Tsakarisianos 5-2, 4 L. Goldsmith 5-2, 5 L. Popkiewicz 4-3, 6 L. Davis 2-5, 7 T. Holland 1-6, 8 J. Ballard 0-7.

Group 5

1 M. Seaton 7-0, 2 J. Powis 6-1, 3 F. Elliott 5-2, 4 A. Boxall 4-3, 5 C. Mouzon 3-4, 6 R. Knight 2-5, 7 L. Harman 1-6, 8 A. Woolven 0-7.

Final positions in the Cadet events were:

Cadet Boys

Group 1

1 A. Syed 7-0, 2 M. Oxley 5-2, 3 T. West 4-3, 4 M. O'Driscoll 4-3, 5 I. Neate 4-3, 6 T. Shepherd 3-4, 7 K. Gray 1-6, 8 M. Seaton 0-7.

Group 2

1 A. Dixon 7-0, 2 B. Billington 5-2, 3 M. Harvey 5-2, 4 K. Ball 5-2, 5 D. Holland 2-5, 6 G. Barden 2-5, 7 P. Gooding 1-6, 8 R. Powell 1-6.

Group 3

1 M. Syed 7-0, 2 S. Simon 5-2, 3 S. Jones 5-2, 4 J. Ferguson 4-3, 5 J. Bult 4-3, 6 D. Watson 2-5, 7 S. Champion 1-6, 8 D. Ward 0-7.

Group 4

1 M. Rutherford 6-1, 2 P. Amos 5-2, 3 K. Lawrence 4-3, 4 S. Craggs 4-3, 5 N. Pickard 3-4, 6 N. Carr 3-4, 7 S. Gibson 3-4, 8 J. Fletcher 0-7.

Cadet Girls

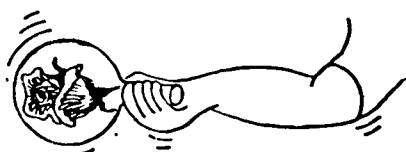
Group 1

1 J. Powis 7-0, 2 A. Sanders 6-1, 3 F. Stuart 4-3, 4 S. Hammond 4-3, 5 L. Robins 3-4, 6 K.W. Rogers 2-5, 7 K. Baker 1-6, 8 T. Scott-Pawson 1-6.

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Group 2

1 L. Davis 7-0, 2 L. Hayden 6-1, 3 H. Perrott 5-2, 4 M. Carey 4-3, 5 A. Wattis 3-4, 6 D. Wickstead 2-5, 7 H. Lower 1-6, 8 S. Padley 0-7.

Group 3

1 D. Southill 7-0, 2 C. Potts 5-2, 3 S. Webb 4-3, 4 J. Ellery 4-3, 5 K. Wilde 3-4, 6 T. Holland 3-4, 7 J. Cooke 2-5, 8 H. Kavanagh 0-7.

Group 4

1 L. Souter 6-1, 2 A. Holt 5-2, 3 J. Houghton 5-2, 4 R. Knight 5-2, 5 A. Evans 4-3, 6 J. Roberts 2-5, 7 A. Shufflebotham 1-6, 8 H. Broomhead 0-7.

This meant that after the completion of the first stage groups two hundred and twelve cadet games had been played making a total of five hundred and twenty games.

On the Saturday evening the Junior boys played two rounds of the Second Stage and then all Second Stage groups began

in earnest on Sunday morning. The tournament was scheduled to finish at 5.30 p.m. and the last ball was struck in anger at 5.35 p.m., putting a final touch to an extremely busy but excellent weekend. Adding a further three hundred and seventy two games to the five hundred and twenty games played on Friday and Saturday made a total of eight hundred and ninety two games, which must be one of the biggest schedules ever completed.

Impressions! Well, if this is the norm for Ranking Tournaments then they are here to stay. The National Selection Committee are using this season as an experiment but this first one was a huge success.

On the playing side it will be difficult to find a better performance than that produced by Nicky Mason from Surrey, currently residing in Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, who powered his way through thirteen matches with a sets average of twenty six to nil. This was followed closely

by Jill Powis from Staffordshire, who also remained unbeaten over ten sets, also without dropping a game, and also gained nine wins out of eleven in the Junior events to finish a creditable sixth overall. Andrew Syed from Berkshire proved his number one Cadet Boys ranking, winning all his ten sets and remaining unbeaten in his Junior Second Stage Groups, although finishing well down the field. Final positions and Second Stage Groupings:

Junior Boys

Group 1

1 N. Mason 7-0, 2 A. Cooke 6-1, 3 G. Lambert 4-3, 4 P. Logsdon 3-4, 5 A. Sexton 3-4, 6 A. Cunningham 2-5, 7 P. Gunn 2-5, 8 S. Dettmar 1-6.

Group 2

1 M. Jukes 6-1, 2 D. Griffin 4-3, 3 M. Thomas 4-3, 4 G. Wilson 3-4, 5 C. Aspinall 3-4, 6 A. Dodd 3-4, 7 D. McVitie 3-4, 8 M. Ellett 2-5.

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1 P. Huggon 7-0, 2 N. McMaster 5-2, 3 C. Bartram 4-3, 4 D. Topiwala 4-3, 5 K. Samuels 3-4, 6 M. Randle 3-4, 7 D. Rook 2-5, 8 R. Haywood 0-7.

Group 4

1 J. Stokes 6-1, 2 P. Ashcroft 5-2, 3 S. Worrall 5-2, 4 P. Cole 4-3, 5 A. Wattis 2-5, 6 J. Wheel 2-5, 7 D. Blackburn 2-5, 8 G. McKim 2-5.

Group 5

1 R. Thomas 6-1, 2 M. Firth 6-1, 3 L. Neil 5-2, 4 R. Darnell 5-2, 5 A. Dixon 3-4, 6 D. Dewsbury 2-5, 7 K. Cartwright 1-6, 8 A. Newton 0-7.

Group 6

1 A. Syed 7-0, 2 R. Tilford 5-2, 3 J. Thatcher 5-2, 4 S. Sharpe 5-2, 5 C. Grant 3-4, 6 J. Chapman 1-6, 7 C. Metcalfe 1-6, 8 D. Billings 1-6.

Group 7

1 J. Singh 6-1, 2 P. Bannister 5-2, 3 P. Holliday 5-2, 4 D. Lake 4-3, 5 D. Boon 3-4, 6 D. Smith 3-4, 7 S. Khan 1-6, 8 G. Plutz 1-6.

Junior Girls

Group 1

1 S. Collier 3-1, 2 J. Parker 3-1, 3 T. Lightfoot 3-1, 4 M. Seaton 1-3, 5 To Thuy Dung 0-4.

Group 2

1 J. Powis 3-1, 2 H. Bardwell 3-1, 3 R. Brook 2-2, 4 A. Heggarty 1-3, 5 T. Moore 1-3.

Group 3

1 N. Tsakarisianos 3-1, 2 F. Elliott 3-1, 3 D. Soothill 2-2, 4 N. Hamilton 2-2, 5 J. Ryalls 0-4.

Group 4

1 M. Hams 3-1, 2 L. Goldsmith 2-2, 3 J. Shaw 2-2, 4 A. Boxall 2-2, 5 T. Spencer 1-3.

Group 5

1 C. Mouzon 4-0, 2 A. Judd 3-1, 3 A. Barker 2-2, 4 L. Popkiewicz 1-3, 5 J. Shippey 0-4.

Group 6

1 L. Davis 3-1, 2 R. Knight 2-2, 3 L. Hayden 2-2, 4 D. Simmonds 2-2, 5 J. Mills 1-3.

Group 7

1 L. Harman 3-0, 2 S. O'Leary 1-2, 3 J. Barella 1-2, 4 R. Hunter 1-2, 5 T. Holland (withdrew).

Group 8

1 A. Clemens 2-1, 2 S. Weston 2-1, 3 A. Woolven 1-2, 4 C. Hamming 1-2, 5 J. Ballard (withdrew).

Cadet Boys

Group 1

1 A. Syed 3-0, 2 A. Dixon 2-1, 3 M. Syed 1-2, 4 M. Rutherford 0-3.

Group 2

1 M. Oxley 2-1, 2 S. Simon 2-1, 3 B. Billington 1-2, 4 P. Amos 1-2.

Group 3

1 S. Jones 2-1, 2 T. West 2-1, 3 M. Harvey 1-2, 4 K. Lawrence 1-2.

Group 4

1 S. Craggs 3-0, 2 K. Ball 2-1, 3 M. O'Driscoll 1-2, 4 J. Ferguson 0-3.

Group 5

1 J. Bult 2-1, 2 D. Holland 1-1, 3 I. Neate 0-2, 4 N. Pickard (withdrew).

Group 6

1 G. Barden 3-0, 2 N. Carr 1-2, 3 T. Shepherd 1-2, 4 D. Watson 1-2.

Group 7

1 P. Gooding 3-0, 2 S. Gibson 2-1, 3 S. Champion 1-2, 4 K. Gray 0-3.

Group 8

1 R. Powell 3-0, 2 D. Ward 1-1, 3 J. Fletcher 1-1, 4 M. Smeaton 1-1.

Cadet Girls

Group 1

1 J. Powis 3-0, 2 D. Soothill 2-1, 3 L. Souter 1-2, 4 L. Davis 0-3.

Group 2

1 C. Potts 3-0, 2 A. Sanders 2-1, 3 L. Hayden 1-2, 4 A. Holt 0-3.

Group 3

1 J. Houghton 3-0, 2 H. Perrott 2-1, 3 S. Webb 1-2, 4 F. Stuart 0-3.

Group 4

1 R. Knight 3-0, 2 S. Hammond 2-1, 3 M. Carey 1-2, 4 J. Ellery 0-3.

Group 5

1 A. Evans 3-0, 2 L. Robins 2-1, 3 K. Wilde 1-2, 4 A. Wattis 0-3.

Group 6

1 D. Wickstead 2-0, 2 K. Rogers 1-1, 3 J. Roberts 0-2, 4 T. Holland (withdrew).

Group 7

1 H. Lower 3-0, 2 A. Shufflebotham 2-1, 3 J. Cooke 1-2, 4 K. Baker 0-3.

Group 8

1 H. Broomhead 3-0, 2 H. Kavanagh 2-1, 3 T. Scott-Pawson 1-2, 4 S. Padley 0-3.

The next Junior Ranking Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of 5th/6th March, 1983 at Lilleshall, followed by the third trial on the 2nd/3rd April, 1983 at Loughborough. However, neither of these will be as large as the Selection Committee prunes its invitations.

FOOTNOTE BY TOM BLUNN

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of attending the junior ranking trials at Ipswich. A round trip of almost 700 miles seemed a long way to go for a junior internal event, but I came away quite satisfied that it had been well worth the effort.

H.M.S. Ganges brought back memories of friends during the war reporting for their first national service. But although the buildings remain the same the "ship" is now a full scale sports complex with only a small part of its potential so far fulfilled.

The E.T.T.A. were given an opportunity to sample the facilities and in spite of the distances involved felt it was an opportunity not to be missed.

I had not realised the extent of the operation until I got there and talked to people and made enquiries. I was very impressed by the effort that had been made by the organisers but also by the parents of the children taking part and, of course, the children themselves. Whilst the E.T.T.A. can provide the organisation it would be to no avail without the physical and financial support of the parents and I wish to thank them very sincerely for their efforts. I was very pleased to be able to talk to some parents but I had not the time to go round to all of them.

The youngsters fought very hard and I was quite impressed with the standard of play produced in the latter stages.

The Ipswich League provided the basic help on the spot and their members stuck very well to their tasks over the three days. I have asked the Ipswich chairman, Mr. Armes, to pass on the grateful thanks of the E.T.T.A. for their tremendous contribution. The overall organiser, Mrs. Joyce Love,

is also the secretary of the Ipswich League and the national councillor for Suffolk, and is to be congratulated for her contribution.

The liaison with the E.T.T.A. was provided by Mike Watts, the deputy general secretary, who provided his usual energetic and efficient contribution.

The staff at the Eurosports Village were extremely helpful and could not have done more for us. The food was well above average and the accommodation clean and adequate.

There will be discussions and reports to see how the event can be used as a pattern for the future. I was surprised at the progress made with junior ranking trials since I first took an interest over 20 years ago when we staged them at Ultra on four tables. Well done everybody.

England top of table in Junior Open

England dominated all the main events in the Cleveland Junior Open table tennis championships played at Eston Leisure Centre and sponsored by Cleveland Leisure Services on Saturday/Sunday, 27th/28th November.

The boys' singles was won by top seed, Nicky Mason, of Surrey, without the loss of a single game. Mason beat Gary Lambert of Devon, 21-12, 21-13 in the quarter-final, Phillip Gunn of Warwickshire, 21-7, 21-10 in the semi-final and then the Welsh No. 1 Nigel Tyler, 21-8, 21-12 in the final.

In the other half of the draw, Tyler did well to reach the final, his best win being against Bill Gleave in the quarters. Alan Cooke, the No. 2 England player in the championship from Derbyshire, was beaten by Yorkshire's Stephen Sharp in the quarter-final, who in turn lost to Tyler in the semis.

The junior girls' singles was also won by the top seed, England's No. 1 Lisa Bellinger, again without the loss of a game.

Her hardest match was against Nina Tsakarisianos of Gloucester (now living in Middlesbrough) in the quarter final, while in the semi-final Lisa beat Helen Bardwell and in the final she accounted for Susan Collier, who had earlier beaten second English player, Jean Parker.

The under 14 boys' singles was won by Berkshire's Jimmy Stokes who beat Ormesby's top hope, Stuart Craggs, in the quarter-final and then the Syed brothers Matthew and Andrew in the semi-final and final.

The under 14 girls' singles was won easily by Jill Powis, of West Midlands who beat Lisa Robbins, of Essex, 21-5, 21-13 in the final.

Cleveland's best performance came in the under 11 boys' singles where James Nicholson did well to reach the final only to find Michael O'Driscoll of Yorkshire, too good.

In the girls' section Anne Pashley of Guisborough, reached the semi-final and lost narrowly to Julie Billington, of Chesterfield, who in turn was beaten by her teammate Kerry Hall in the final.

The junior team events were both won by England with Mason and Cooke beating the Saints team from Devon 3-0 in the final.

Saints did well in the semi-final to beat the Norwegians 3-1, the Saints team being Mark Ellett and Gary Lambert.

The junior girls' team event was again won by England, Bellinger and Parker beating the Gordon League team from Gloucester 3-1 in the final. Bellinger won both her sets while Tsakarisanos did well to beat Parker.

The under 14 team event was won by Reading Omega's Andrew and Matthew Syed who beat Hermits of Bradford 3-0 in the final. The under 14 girls' team winners were the Woodfield Club from Wolverhampton who beat Melling of Lancashire 3-1.

RESULTS

U-17 Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

N. Mason (England) bt P. Gunn (W. Midlands) 21-19, 21-15;
N. Tyler (Wales) bt S. Sharpe (Yorkshire) 21-17, 16-21, 21-15.

Final:

MASON bt Tyler 21-8, 21-12.

U-17 Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

L. Bellinger (England) bt H. Bardwell (Herts) 21-10, 21-16;
S. Collier (Berks) bt J. Parker (England) 21-18, 8-21, 23-21.

Final:

BELLINGER bt Collier 21-18, 21-12.

Boys' Doubles:

W. Gleave/P. Gunn (Cheshire & W. Midlands) bt N. Mason/A. Cooke (England) 22-20, 19-21, 21-17.

Girls' Doubles:

L. Bellinger/J. Parker (England) bt J. Powis/L. Souter (W. Midlands and Middlesex) 21-12, 21-11.

U-14 Boys Singles:

J. STOKES (Berks) bt A. Syed (Berks) 17-21, 21-18, 21-14.

U-14 Girls' Singles:

J. POWIS (W. Midlands) bt L. Robbins (Essex) 21-5, 21-13.

U-14 Boys' Doubles:

A. Syed/J. Stokes (Berks) bt A. Dixon/S. Craggs (W. Midlands & Cleveland) 21-10, 21-8.

U-14 Girls' Doubles:

J. Powis/L. Souter (W. Midlands & Middlesex) bt D. Soothill/C. Potts (Cumbria & Cheshire) 21-8, 22-20.

U-11 Boys' Singles:

M. O'DRISCOLL (Yorkshire) bt J. Nicholson (Cleveland) 21-15, 21-10.

U-11 Girls' Singles:

K. HALL (Derbyshire) bt J. Billington (Derbyshire) 21-10, 21-18.

U-17 Boys' Team:
England bt Saints 3-0.

U-17 Girls' Team:
England bt Gordon League 3-1.

U-14 Boys' Team:
Omega bt Hermits 3-0.

U-14 Girls' Team:
Woodfield bt Melling 3-1.

HUMBERSIDE 3-STAR OPEN

GLOSS REMOVED

by Rea Balmford

The 1982 Humberside 3-Star was, as usual, a highly competitive event and, although some of the gloss must obviously have been removed with the withdrawal of no less than four of the eight top seeded players in the two major singles events, a number made up to five in the absence of Bob Potton, there was some spectacular play and a memorable Men's Singles semi-final.

Of the thirteen seeds remaining in this 163 strong event only Duggie Johnson of the top eight made the semi-finals, at which stage he was joined by David Wells (12), Carl Preat (13) and Scotland's Keith Rodger (16).

Falling by the wayside in Round 2 were the other two seeded Scots, Richard Yule and Surrey-based Anglo David Hannah, who departed to Malcolm Francis and Andy Creed respectively, as well as Sky Andrew, who went out to Ian Kenyon, while Nigel Eckersley of the bewildering service lasted only one round more before taking his leave to Kevin Satchell.

Having thus cleared the decks, the top quarter of the draw saw Don Parker, pushed to 27, 19 by Kevin Beadsley in a Round 1 thriller, remove surprise packet Clive Morgan from Birmingham, who had beaten Francis, from his path to line up against Rodger, who had taken Graham Sandley's vacant quarter-final with a Round 4 win over Ian Horsham, and it was the Scot who made further progress, albeit in three.

European Cadet champion Preat tied up the second quarter after finally putting a stop to Kenyon's gallop, in the course of which he had collected the scalps of Alan Cooke and Andy Bellingham in addition to

that of Andrew, with a last eight win over Alan Fletcher, back in his native city.

Fletcher had lived dangerously, dropping a game on each of his four outings prior to the quarters, as he took the place which had been allocated to County team colleague Steve Mills, shown the door in a shock victory by the relatively unknown David Hinchliffe from Derbyshire, while also worthy of note in this section was a good run by the rapidly improving Shaun Browne, who made the most of his Round 1 reprieve when John Hilton failed to make the date.

There were shocks, too, in the other half, the biggest the dismissal of Paul Day, the title holder, in the bottom section, defeated in a last 16 match by David Constance after cruising through the first game 21-7, which was followed by Constance, in turn, giving best to Wells, who had previously put out Satchell.

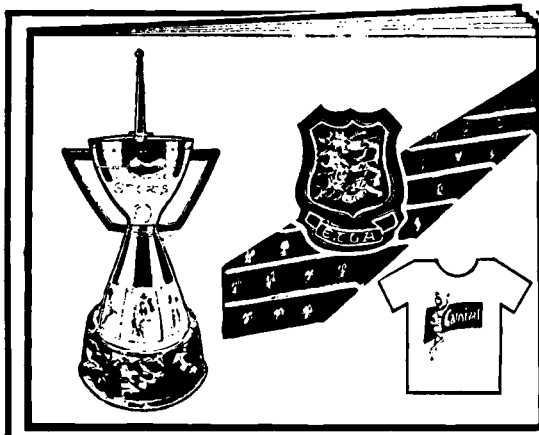
It was only in the third quarter that the seeded players followed anything like the path laid down for them, with only the defeat of Hannah, whose allotted quarter-final spot finally went to Adrian Moore, interrupting the pattern as Johnson came through to beat first Kenny Jackson and then Moore to clinch his semi-final place.

The first semi saw Johnson's superb retrieving wear down Wells in a thriller which brought the sizeable group of spectators to their feet. Wells took the first at 15 and led for most of the second, picking his winners to break down Johnson's stone-wall defence but, with some spectacular rallies, the Brummie hung on to shade the second 22-20 before taking charge of the decider.

Rodger had a more comfortable passage against Preat but, although the final never reached the heights of the Johnson-Wells confrontation, there were some nerve-tangling exchanges which ended with Johnson winning in two straight, but closely contested, games to earn the right to collect the winner's cheque from Alan McCubbin, the Deputy Director of Humberside County Council Leisure Services Committee, who were the major sponsors of the championships.

The popular Class 2 Singles went the way of David Dodd, who eight months previously had taken the Yorkshire Junior Open Boys' Singles title in the same hall, and he added this one with a win over Stephen Moore, elder brother of Adrian, who took the crown last season.

There were far fewer upsets in the parallel Women's Singles, where Karen Witt



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came through to the final without the loss of a game to defeat Alison Gordon, who can have done herself no harm in the quarters, when she seized the opportunity to take out the higher ranked Anita Stevenson.

She went on to a final place with a win over Jean Parker, who had put out Joy Grundy — a result that must always be on the cards when two players who know each other's game so well are in opposition.

Tangible reward came for Wells and Kenyon, both of whom had a good tournament, when they won the Men's Doubles from the holders Day/Jackson, Miss Witt added a second title when she claimed the Women's Doubles with Anita Stevenson, while the Boys', Girls' and Veteran events all went the way of the top seeds.

Apart from the County Council Leisure Services, the Hull and District Association owe a debt of gratitude to a number of North Humberside firms and business organisations, who were represented by Doug Sinfield, Works Manager of B.P. Chemicals and Brian Farley, Sales Manager of Major and Co. Ltd., who kindly assisted with the presentation of the awards.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

D. Johnson (Wa) bt A. Moore (Sx) 22, 17;
K. Rodger (Sco) bt D. Parker (La)
19, -16, 16;

D. Wells (Mi) bt D. Constance (Do) 19, 15;
C. Prean (IOW) bt A. Fletcher (Y) 12, 16.

Semi-finals:

Johnson bt Wells -15, 20, 8;
Rodger bt Prean 18, 16.

Final:

JOHNSON bt Rodger 20, 17.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

K. Witt (Bk) bt L. Bellinger (Bd) 15, 9;
A. Gordon (Bk) bt J. Parker (La) 14, 16.

Final:

WITT bt Gordon 14, 20.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Wells/Kenyon (K) bt J. Souter (Mi) /
Johnson 16, 18;

P. Day (Ca)/K. Jackson (E) bt Rodger /
R. Yule (Sco) 13, 13.

Final:

WELLS/KENYON bt Day/Jackson 13, -17 16.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Witt/A. Stevenson (Le) bt M. Smith (Bk) /
Gordon -17, 17, 19;

L. Bellinger/J. Bellinger (Bd) bt A. Judd
(Ca)/F. Elliot (St) 10, 9.

Final:

WITT/STEVENSON bt Bellinger/Bellinger
18, -16, 18.

Class 2 Mixed Singles Quarter-finals:

D. Dodd (K) bt L. Taylor (Cv) 15, -19, 16;
S. Moore (Sx) bt G. Baker (Sy) 19, -13, 16;
M. Green (Sp) bt A. Sexton (Sy)
-21, 18, 10;

A. Cooke (Dy) bt D. Gannon (Le) 15, 20.

Semi-finals:

Dodd bt Green 6, 17;
Moore bt Cooke -10, 17, 20.

Final:

DODD bt Moore 10, 18.

Junior Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

N. Mason (Sy) bt P. Gunn (Wa) 8, 16;
Cooke bt Sexton 11, 16.

Final:

MASON bt Cooke 17, 11.

Junior Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

Parker bt J. Shaw (Y) 14, 14;
S. Collier (Bk) bt N. Tsakarisianos (Gs)
17, 12.

Final:

PARKER bt Collier 18, -6, 15.

Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

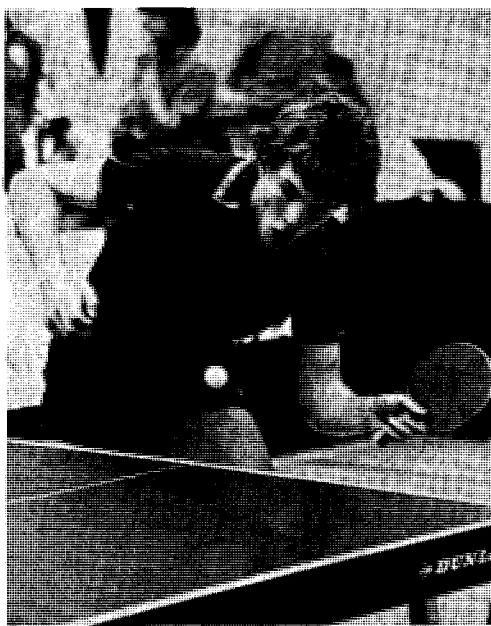
B. Adedayo (Mi) bt D. Schofield (Ch)
17, -13, 16;

P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt M. Sheader (Li) 19, 14.

Final:

ADEDAYO bt D'Arcy -15, 10, 19.

THE 54th 'DUNLOP' MIDLAND OPEN



GRAHAM SANDLEY,

Photo by Graham Duncan, 22 Elmbourne Rd.,
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A complete face-lift, and with a new floor, the Alumwell Centre at Walsall presented a very different picture from the one of old, and a worthy setting for one of the oldest and most popular Championships in the Country.

Despite a record entry, including nearly every ranked player — a comparative newcomer, and a Junior at that — Alan Cooke of Chesterfield, provided the shocks and stole the show.

After an easy passage through the Groups, he disposed of the holder and firm favourite, Douggie Johnson in Round 1 (17, 20) — followed by two straight victories over Alan Fletcher, then Max Crimmins. Skylet Andrew was his next victim (8, 19, 15) before losing by the narrowest of margins in the semi-finals to Donald Parker — 20, 14, 21. A brilliant performance, and on this showing, a youngster with a very bright future.

Parker accounted for our other leading Junior, Carl Prean (12, 16, 15) on the way to the final, where he found the eventual winner Graham Sandley, a very different proposition. In rather a one sided affair, Graham took the title, 21, 12, 21, 19, following an easy two straight win over John Hilton in the semi-final.

Karen Witt won the Women's Singles title, beating Jackie Bellinger 17, 17 in a good final match:

Previously Jackie had surpassed herself by disposing of higher ranked Alison Gordon, Carol Moore (Knight), and Joy Grundy — all excellent performances — whilst Karen put out Lisa Bellinger, and Anita Stevenson.

The Bellinger sisters easily took the Women's Doubles, beating Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith in another one sided final, and Sandley (partnered by Douggie Johnson), gathered first prize in the Men's Doubles.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

G. Sandley bt J. Hilton 15, 12;
D. Parker bt A. Cooke 20, 14, 21.

Final:

G. SANDLEY bt D. Parker 12, 19.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

J. Bellinger bt A. Gordon 18, 14;
K. Witt bt A. Stevenson 15, 13, 12.

Final:

K. WITT bt J. Bellinger 17, 17.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Wells/I. Kenyon bt M. Crimmins/A. Hajid
22, 17, 13;

D. Johnson/G. Sandley bt J. Hilton /
P. Bowen.

Final:

D. JOHNSON/G. SANDLEY bt D. Wells /
I. Kenyon 18, 14.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

J. & L. Bellinger bt A. Stevenson /
A. Mitchells 11, 18, 20;

A. Gordon/M. Smith bt S. Sandley /
A. Mitchell 12, 8, 13.

Final:

J. & L. BELLINGER bt A. Gordon/M. Smith
14, 12.

Veterans' Singles Semi-finals:

D. Schofield bt B. Adedayo 8, 18;
P. D'Arcy bt S. Battrick 23, 15, 17.

Final:

P. D'ARCY bt D. Schofield 15, 17, 17.

Class 2 - Men's Semi-finals:

I. Fullerton bt P. Gunn 13, 11, 20;
A. Moore bt A. Cooke 16, 20, 19.

Final:

A. MOORE bt I. Fullerton 21, 12.

Class 2 - Women's Semi-finals:

S. Collier bt S. Cain 7, 12;
J. Parker bt J. Parker 14, 17.

Final:

S. COLLIER bt J. Parker 12, 18, 17.

Letters to the Editor

Re: NATIONAL LEAGUE v COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

It gave me no great pleasure to read your Editorial (November issue) in which you voice the opinion I have held, and have attempted to propogate, for a considerable time, namely that the County Championships have been reduced to what is very much a second-class Competition.

What I find most difficult to understand is that, as a member of the Management Committee of the Association in your position as Deputy Chairman, you have been apparently unable to impress your views on your colleagues. Although lip service is paid to the principle that these two Competitions are at least of equal status, nobody in the game believes that any more, since it is so obvious that the Association has as its favourite the National League.

You call for suggestions as to how best

to solve the problem. My first one would be to sack the Calendar Working Party. Realising that this will never be taken seriously (although it is intended as serious) I would invite the Management Committee as an alternative to lay down firm policy guidelines to the C.W.P. It would be necessary to make it clear that National League matches should **not** take place on the same week-end as County Championship fixtures. This might involve the National League in playing two matches or more over the same week-end. I can see nothing against this and do not understand why the C.W.P. has not thought of it before.

From the same issue of the Table Tennis News I culled several other interesting items. In the Surrey Notes of Murray Corbin he records that our Chairman, Tom Blunn, visited the Thames Valley League and told them that "the County Championships Conference and National Council had turned down the opportunity of sponsorship some years ago and it was partly due to that decision that the National League had been created". Unless Tom has been badly misquoted, his remarks leave me dumbstruck. My Essex colleagues and I have attended every C.C. Conference in the last 15 years or so, and in all that time the only mention of sponsorship was when I suggested in the presence of Tom himself (when he was making a guest appearance) that the Championships should be sponsored in some way, and Tom promised to investigate my proposal. This was long before the National League was ever thought of and absolutely no mention of sponsorship has ever been made since. If it had been it would surely have been jumped at, not "turned down".

Then, in the column of my old adversary, John Woodford, I found some more astonishing stuff. John speaks of the absurdity of Devonshire travelling all over England at great expense and cites this as a reason for playing off all County Championship Divisions over two week-ends. However, are not the equally nonsensical journeys of Nicky Mason from Bexhill to Soham and Gary Lambert from Exmouth to wherever the Dolphins play (Disneyland?) a reason for doing likewise in the Divisions catering for the National League minnows (or even giants)?

At the Meeting of the National Council held on the 24th July, I asked the Chairman what steps (if any) were being taken by the Association to equate the County Championships with the National League in terms of sponsorship, which, you will agree, is the very point you were making in your Editorial. I received the reply, and it is minuted, that "discussions were taking place with two possible sponsors of the County Championships". Well, as you imply, by the time they come along, the County Championships may not be around to receive the money.

To summarise, it is my personal view that the National League idea has been allowed to get out of hand and the Association is entirely to blame for this. The establishment of a Division of leading Clubs each with adequate sponsorship playing for substantial prize money is clearly "a summation devoutly to be wish'd". However the game as a whole must be diminished if the long established County Championships, whose structure of junior and senior divisions has been bringing through our best players for many years, is not given equal status, equal publicity and equal sponsor-

ship. To allow the National League to spawn Second and Third Divisions of indeterminate standard can only degrade the currency of their Premier Division and at the same time clutter up the Calendar with what really are unnecessary Competitions.

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THE EQUIPMENT JUNGLE

Stuart Greenberg's letter (Table Tennis News, November) reflects the disquiet felt in Table Tennis circles about the equipment jungle.

Unfortunately a confused situation is about to be made far worse. A likely rule change will force players to have differently coloured rubbers on each side of their blade.

The purpose of this rule is to make life easier for the opponents of combination bat players. It will be obvious to them which side of the blade is being used and it is hoped that fewer mistakes and therefore longer rallies will occur.

That, at any rate, is the theory. The practice will be different.

I fail to see how defensive players can survive at the highest levels without a combination bat and how rallies will be prolonged as a result of making defenders easier to hit and penetrate.

Neither is it clear to me against whom we are about to legislate, since ranking lists continue to be dominated by conventional fast rubber players and have been ever since the early '50's. There must be something wrong in calculations that discriminate against a generally unsuccessful minority and remove one of the few remaining obstacles to the progress of the 3rd ball robots. It is that breed that was ushered in

by the invention of sponge and the absurdly low net which have ruined rallies.

Stuart Greenberg is quite right in another conclusion. Practically ALL players will be forced to buy at least one sheet of rubber, since most now sport the same colour on both sides of their bat. This will apply whether they have a "funny" rubber or whether they play with Mark V on both sides, which is presumably considered "un-funny".

If the E.T.T.A. has a membership of 60,000 players and if each sheet costs £10, then an expenditure of £600,000 is about to be inflicted on the players by officials whom they have elected. Our delegates to the I.T.T.F. Congress in Tokyo next April have been instructed to vote in favour of this.

You may well conclude that there are better things we can do with our money and considerable anger will exist at the grass roots where some very old bats are used, indeed treasured. Many bats are bought ready made with adhesive like super-glue and rubber changes are very difficult. Many players will think this a good time to retire and much maligned combination bat experts, having spent years perfecting their skill, will be deeply resentful that it is about to be taken away from them overnight. They may conclude that, if they have to start all over again, it might as well be in snooker and darts or, if they are very athletic, squash. Losses of membership are inevitable.

I have to confess that I have no emotional hang-ups about combination bats. I have never seriously played with one, but the little time I have devoted to them convinced me that they were quite fiendishly difficult to play with and that life was too short. Neither did I find them difficult to play against and on the rare occasions when I lost to a funny bat opponent it was because he was better than I. I do know that the funny bats have prolonged many active

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playing careers and many veterans still get good results because of them. It is in that age group that our biggest membership losses will occur. My son does play with a combination bat, but that is another story. In my view the prospects for ambitious players in England have seldom been so bleak. It is almost impossible for an English player, living in England, to reach international status if he tries to play the game in the same way as the full-time athletes of other countries where professional attitudes prevail. Most English players are starved of practice opportunities. Neither is there the slightest opportunity of earning the money that will enable them to live above the poverty line when playing Table Tennis full-time. For an English player to succeed, therefore, he either has to be independently wealthy, emigrate or find his own individual style which is likely to be based on funny rubbers.

By marching so enthusiastically into the voting lobbies therefore, we shall be rendering a disservice to some of our best players and make sure that we become a second rate Table Tennis nation. Since our Sport depends so much on T.V. it is not clear to me what we shall have to offer to the networks if we sacrifice half of our playing strength on the altar of a very doubtful theory.

The latest converts to this rule change are said to be the Japanese. I assume that the wonderful business opportunities that will arise world-wide as a result of everybody having to buy new rubber in no way influenced that decision.

It is one thing to feel exasperated after one has been humiliated by an apparently unskilled combination bat twiddler. It is another to race into the voting chambers and turn the whole Sport upside down.

There IS a case for standardisation, but there is none for discrimination against the minority and still less for sending the membership on an expensive and unnecessary shopping spree which will benefit the Japanese export drive, but nothing else.

Is it too late to reverse this folly?

National Councillors, please THINK again, stand up and be counted.

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Welsh Corner

by **H. ROY EVANS**

The Welsh Open, highlight of the Season, looks like attracting the usual galaxy of stars from Europe, Asia, Canada and the USA. The tournament, now sponsored by Norwich Union, takes place on January 20th to 22nd, at the National Sports Centre, and equipment will be supplied by TSP. Over twenty countries will be competing.

Holder of the Men's Singles title is Ulf Thorsell, but he seems unlikely to be included in the Swedish team. The women's title is held by South Korea's An Hae Sook.

Entries close on December 6th, and there are already signs of a strong entry from across the border. It is hoped to publish the draw in the January issue.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

After the narrow loss to Ireland, we were expecting to recoup our fortunes against Luxembourg. Alan Griffiths was still not available, so Nigel Thomas, Mark Thomas and Lesley Tyler did duty again.

The 6-1 defeat was a big disappointment, taking into account our 3-4 defeat in Swansea last season. Nigel Thomas beat Hartmann in the opening match, but that was our only win. Mark Thomas should have beaten Maas, and Lesley Tyler, playing much better this season, had third game chance against Carinne Risch. Mark and Nigel lost the doubles 22-24 in the third, and this was followed by a heavy defeat for Nigel and Lesley in the mixed.

Mark lost to Hartmann, and then Nigel lost 19 in the third to Maas.

We went to Spain after that, with the same team. Last season our fixture with the Spaniards was disrupted by the snow in Britain, and the match eventually took place a day late. This time it was the rain in Spain, which evidently doesn't only fall on the plains, which caused the abandonment

of the Saturday match when floods caused the electric light to fail.

The match was postponed to the next day, but the Welsh were involved in a taxi accident on their hour and half journey to the venue, and arrived rather shaken. And whereas, Spain managed to wring a 5-2 win out of their snow epic in Colwyn Bay, we couldn't reverse the result over there.

Neither Mark nor Nigel could beat Pales or Caymel, but Lesley beat Sanahuja and she and Mark took the mixed.

The final jinx hit the Welsh when the re-arranged flight went to Heathrow, and Brian Everson's car was at Gatwick!

Wales plays Switzerland at Caerphilly on December 4th, when the same team will again do duty. The problem for the Selectors is that Alan Griffiths has had no tournament play this season, and his German matches do not provide very strong opposition. So although a change might have been on the cards, it was decided to pick the same team, and wait for Alan's performance in the Cardiff Open on December 18th.

There are further European League matches against Turkey on January 19th on the eve of the Welsh Open and against Portugal on January 25th at Bridgend.

SHROPSHIRE STAR SHIELDS

For the past two years the Pontesbury TTA have organised an invitation Under-14 and Under-12 team competition for the Shropshire Star Shields. A maximum of 12 Under-14 and six Under-12 teams to compete in a one day tournament to be held on Saturday, 14th May, 1983 at the Mary Webb School, Pontesbury, Shropshire. Playing conditions as for a 2-star tournament.

The day's play will commence at 10 a.m. (extension for the teams with the greatest distance), and be completed by 6.30 p.m. approx. and will guarantee each participating player a minimum of seven sets and a maximum of 10. Each team to consist of four players, either boys or girls, who play in the same association, with each match consisting of eight singles, with a doubles only being played in the event of a draw. Members of teams who fail to qualify for the final stage compete in a consolation singles event.

Every effort to date has been made to keep the standard of teams as high as possible. Last year's winning team at U-14 were Wolverhampton, whose team included England-ranked Adrian Dixon and Murray Jukes, while Bradford (David Rook and Martin Firth) were successful in 1981. At Under-12 the very strong Chesterfield association were last year's winners, while Grove dominated the event the year previous. This tournament has been called the unofficial national team championships for these age groups, so any association with a strong cadet or Under-12 membership should apply for an entry form at their earliest convenience, to avoid disappointment, from organiser

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COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

THIS & THAT IN SURREY

by MURRAY CORBIN



ERIC AUSTIN, Head of P.R., South East Division of the TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK, shares a moment of delight with MICHELE HAMS, after she won the U-17 Girls' Junior Championship by defeating JANE BARELLA in the final.

TSB SURREY JUNIOR CLOSED

The sun opened its arms and gave a warm welcome to the U-14's on the first day of these Championships last month, at Elmbridge Leisure Centre. At the end of the day, RICHARD JONES had a conclusive win over Rupert Greatwood in the Boys' U-12 Singles; SUSAN VIGOR was victorious over her chum Cheryl Bateman in the Girls' U-12 Singles; JULIAN DUDMAN was taken to three by Richard Jones in the Boys' U-14 Singles — a very creditable performance here by young Richard; CLAIRE BROOKS displayed great skill in spanking Karen Wilde 16 and 15 in the Girls' U-14 Singles; JULIAN DUDMAN/SIMON HURLEY helped and encouraged each other admirably in negating Jones/Derren Hams attacks in the Boys' U-14 Doubles, while CLAIRE BROOKS/KAREN WILDE, with their experience and skills, were always in control in the Girls' U-14 Doubles against the sisters Katherine and Joanna Binks, who played remarkably well. I will follow their progress with interest.

On the second day, the weather was average — cold, wet and gloomy. The type of day when I could understand the reason for MARGARET JONES getting lost. However, rumour has it that on the first day when it was bright and lovely, Margaret left

home with young Richard, went down the A3, but turned off at Tolworth rather than going straight on, ended up in Worcester Park and calmly asked Richard if the Leisure Centre had moved recently. By this time, poor Richard had bitten his finger nails, and the rubber from the edges of his bat and had started on the seats.

The table-tennis was pretty good and reached a fair standard later in the day. With Nicky Mason missing (by the way, I note with interest that he whipped Max Crimmins 10 and 20 in a Premier Division match recently and is performing very well for Soham), all eyes were on Andrew Sexton to see if he could take the title, but with people like Andrew Hardy, Neil Sutton and the unpredictable David Dewsbury around, well, who knows what would happen?

The protagonists for the Boys' U-17 Singles were established when HARDY beat Dewsbury, and SEXTON getting the better of Julian Daniels; both semis going to three. In the final, Hardy did not serve or position the ball to get his "above average" fore-hand loop drive in play sufficiently, and SEXTON was therefore able to control and dictate the pattern of play. Throughout the day, Sexton always looked a cut above the others. He could become a very good player and I believe that he needs more encouragement to be braver and to take more calculated chances, which he must plan. Unfortunately, in Surrey, as in many Counties, too many players are encouraged to play too softly and safely. This not only sets up a winning situation for their opponents, but it creates a state of being "chickens" and "bottlers". Only the brave survive at top level. Too many Coaches worry about their pupils losing. The pupils therefore grow up with a negative attitude. Look around and you will see what I mean. I thought Sexton played rather well, but I could look at him and tell when he was or was not confident in what he was doing. One must always have the confidence of ones actions, while realising that, being human, mistakes will be made. If the psychology of this is understood, mistakes become further and further apart. The world is then your oyster.

During the day, MICHELE HAMS played excellently. She sustained her aggression by combining forearm top spin with fast, crisp, no-messing-about backarm rolls, in order to destroy her opponents, and in the Girls' U-17 Singles final, Jane Barella was the last victim of this current "business like" Michele. Jane, to her credit, had earlier in the day, been involved in a "match of the day" with Jane Mills, who lost in the third. The Boys' U-17 Doubles honour went to HARDY/SUTTON, who proved too skilful and tactful for Sexton/Melville Taylor. Melville appeared to be over-awed by the occasion. He too is a 'soft' player. The Girls' U-17 Doubles final was an exciting three game affair between Jane Mills/Jane Barella and MICHELLE HAMS/LESLEY / POPKIEWICZ, the eventual winners, while in the Mixed, SEXTON/POPKIEWICZ made light work of Sutton/Michele Hams.

The support given over the years by our generous sponsor — THE TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK, has played a significant part in the development of Junior table-tennis within the County. Dutifully present and I believe even more so because of their genuine interest in the progress of the

sport in Surrey, were ERIC AUSTIN, Head of P.R. Department, S.E. Division of the T.S.B., and his lovely and gracious wife Janet, who was presented with a bouquet by the equally lovely Miss CHERYL BATEMAN, on behalf of the Surrey TTA. The Championships were again organised successfully by ALAN GRANT and much of this is also due to the help and co-operation of many good people including PHIL GOACHER, NORMAN HOOPER, JOHN HAMMOND, JANICE SEABROOK, TERRY CARPENTER, JUNE LODGE, MIKE and GEOFF GREEN, GAIL McCOLLOUGH, FRED GARBET and JIM CARTWRIGHT.

BITS AND PIECES

I am sorry but I do not have the time to report on the County games . . . JEROME JONAH looks a very good prospect . . . CLAIRE 'The Legs' BROOKS is now residing at 37 The Ruffets, South Croydon. Tel. 01-657 0203. I will give her the publicity she deserves next month, on account of her successes during the last few months . . . What has happened to LYNNE BENNETT? I have not seen her for a long time . . . Many players, to name but a few, have been able to raise their standard of play since the Summer Coaching, including JULIAN DUDMAN (he is the image of his Mum facially), CHERYL BATEMAN, MARIA HITCHCOCK, RICHARD JONES, JANE and NEIL SUTTON, SIMON HURLEY, and of course, 'Legs' BROOKS . . . I do so much admire NEIL SUTTON for the structure and contents of his game. He is a fine young man from a fine family. Lovely people! Surrey is blessed with quite a few lovely T.T. families . . . I owe a special 'thank you' to CHRIS GLOSSOP and PETER BURROWES for the sandwiches they supplied me with during the Saturday sessions at Tweeddale in the summer . . . Too many players are reading TABLE TENNIS NEWS on the cheap. Bad on you! Order your own and support your sport . . . Please do not forget that (1) the entries to the TSB SOUTH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR OPEN at Woking on 15/16 Jan. close on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Yes, this month; and (2) the entry forms for the SURREY SENIOR CLOSED at Elmbridge on 29 Jan., are in circulation . . . In case you missed last month's THIS AND THAT, it was on page 24. Check it out . . . HAPPY XMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR! YOU HEAR? Adios!

Philip Reid reports from . . .

LEICESTERSHIRE LUCKY — AND UNLUCKY

Leicestershire first team recorded a maximum 10-0 win against Staffordshire II in a 2nd Division encounter but were lucky to do so. Even the most biased of Leicestershire supporters (including myself!) would agree that Staffordshire were very unlucky not to take a couple of sets early on. But the good fortune for the hunting shire did not last. Entertaining Yorkshire II, the home side were not a little bemused to find themselves 3-0 down, with Chris Rogers, Paul Randell and David Gannon all losing. The ladies — Karen Rogers and Anita Stevenson — pulled them back but disaster struck when, in the final set of the evening David Gannon led Steven Sharpe 20-16 in the third only to succumb to the talented Yorkshire youngster who thus gained a point for the Tykes. It was a magnificent match, full of entertain-

ing play and good sportsmanship. The young Yorkshire players Tony Sanderson (who beat Paul Randell and Chris Rogers — a great performance) and Mark Illingsworth played very soundly indeed but I was particularly impressed with Steven Sharp. Still a junior, he displayed a wide range of strokes and a temperament uncanny in one so young. He was involved in nail-biting finishes with Chris Rogers and David Gannon and each time his superb, unruffled calm did the trick. Four of the games went to 19 or 20 in the third and Yorkshire won three of them but deserved to. These Yorkshire players were a credit to their county.

I often hear of outbursts, bad sportsmanship, etc., of youngsters. One wants to look at the likes of Alan Cooke (Derbyshire), Adrian Moore (Sussex), Carl Prean (IOW) and Steven Sharpe (Yorkshire), to see sportsmanship and play at its very best. Thank you Yorkshire for giving me and the crowd assembled there an evening to remember!

The Veterans, meanwhile are finding the going very much to their liking. Geoff Aldwinckle, who appears to have taken on a new lease of life, was the hero against Hertfordshire, winning two in a close 5-4 encounter. He had to struggle against the sporting Avon team and his 24-22 in the third win against Roy Smith was as the result of an expedite at 21-20 in the third (which Mike Jackson missed!).

The juniors went down 7-3 to Yorkshire II where only David Aldwinckle sparkled with two wins but even he was powerless against Lancashire, the team going down 10-0.

SCORES

Leicestershire 5 Yorkshire II 5
C. Rogers lost to A. Sanderson -19, -19;
lost to S. Sharpe 16, -20, -21.
P. Randell lost to Sanderson 21, -20, -19;
bt M. Illingsworth -19, 10, 20.
D. Gannon lost to Sharpe -18, 13, -23;
lost to Illingsworth 12, -16, -16.
Miss A. Stevenson beat Miss H. Shields
18, 17.
Mrs. K. Smith beat Miss J. McLean 15, 14.
Rogers/Randell beat Sanderson/Sharpe
-13, 10, 11.
Miss Stevenson/Mrs. Smith bt Miss Shields/
Miss McLean 6, 18.
Leicestershire Jnrs 0 Lancashire Jnrs 10
D. Aldwinckle lost to P. Huggon -19, -16;
lost to P. Aspinall -12, -15.
P. Bumpus lost to Huggon -6, -11;
lost to M. Mercer -20, -21.
T. Odams lost to Aspinall -11, -17;
lost to Mercer -13, -21.
Miss J. Murray lost to Miss C. Hemming
-8, -5.
Miss T. Clark lost to Miss A. Holt -11, 17, -7.
Aldwinckle/Bumpus lost to Aspinall/Mercer
-18, 12, -11.
Miss Murray/Miss Clark lost to Miss
Hemming/Miss Holt -15, -10.
Leicestershire Veterans 7 Avon Veterans 2
J. Iliffe beat A. Broen 18, 18;
bt C. Tincknell 14, 7.
C. Truman bt Brown 18, 8;
bt R. Smith 19, 11.
G. Aldwinckle bt Tincknell 14, 8;
bt Smith 12, -17, 22.
Mrs. P. Kilsby lost to Mrs. M. Hooker
-22, -13.
Truman/Aldwinckle lost to Brown/Smith
12, -10, -11.
Iliffe/Mrs. Kilsby beat Tincknell/Mrs.
Hooker 17, 8.

In the Leicester League 'Top-Spin' con-

tinues its fifteenth year of publication, under the editorship of Terry Bown. This magazine goes from strength to strength with competitions, articles being included along with the usual league chatter.

Two divisions I can confidently forecast the winners are the top and bottom divisions. Knighton Park are carrying all before them and look like winning the first division with a record number of sets. The trio of Chris Rogers, Karen Smith and Martin Pickles look pretty useful but if anything should happen to any of them there's always Dave Gannon in reserve! Newarke have recorded wins of 10-0 and 9-1 over their nearest challengers in Division 18 so it's a case of 'Who will be runners-up?'. A familiar figure operating in Division II is the erstwhile Jones & Shipman secretary, Fred Day. Fred has been around a few years — over 30 actually — but he can still show the youngsters a thing or two when it comes to defending. At least two players in the league were playing 50 years ago. The President, Phil Smith has played in the league every year since its inauguration in 1932 and not far behind is Dorothy Tudor, who turns out regularly for British Rail.

John Shade continues to send me the excellent Hinckley magazine 'The Hinckley Loop'. It is surprising that Hinckley, a small town languishing in the Southern part of the county (four miles more and it would be in Warwickshire), has produced three of the greatest players Leicestershire have ever known — Ernie McLeish, John Iliffe — and perhaps greatest of all, that legend in his own life-time, Johnny Burraston.

I will take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Jack Chalkley reports from . . .

STAFFORDSHIRE

NO HARM DONE

Against our old adversaries, Leicestershire, who last year beat our 'A' side, we could hardly expect our 'B' team to win many matches, but a 10-0 drubbing was a little unfair. But that's the way it turned out and, in the long run, I am sure the experience will do us no harm. Both Greg Hallam and Craig Bakewell took opponents to "deuce" in the third, the latter giving a splendid performance against England-ranked Chris Rogers. To be fair, Leicestershire paid us the honour of playing their strongest team — surely destined to win the division this year — and those of us travelling to Leicester were treated to some first class table tennis. Thanks to Mr. Powis, we were able to field Fiona Elliot and Jill Powis, both of whom had to be whisked away from a coaching weekend at Lilleshall, and against the highly ranked Leics pair of Anita Stevenson and Karen Smith neither were disgraced. It was good to see the long time scourge of Staffordshire sides, Paul Randell, again, now in his new slimline form and, as ever, always anticipating the right position at the table.

RESULTS (Leics names first)
Randell bt Mark Evans -17, 16, 16;
bt Hallam 15, 13.
Dave Gannon bt Hallam 16, -21, 12;
bt Bakewell 14, -15, 17.
Rogers bt Bakewell -15, 15, 20;
bt Evans 16, 17.
Randell/Rogers bt Evans/Hallam 18, -16, 17.

Stevenson bt Elliot 14, 17.
Smith bt Powis 13, 8.
Stevenson/Smith bt Elliot/Powis 19, 17.

Our Junior 'A' team scored a spectacular win over Northamptonshire. The visitors had a strong combination in McKim and Hawes, and there was every indication that these two would secure a point by winning all their singles and the doubles, but Staffs No. 3, Kevin Cartwright (Wolverhampton), in the last match of the afternoon, had different ideas. Admittedly, he left it to "deuce" in the third, but with our girls again showing their strength and Richard Hayward and Cartwright beating the weaker No. 3, the juniors gained their second 6-4 win of the season. We can hardly expect re-election to the Premier this season, but this is providing a good base for next year when we will be able to field an almost unchanged side.

RESULTS (Staffs first)

Adrian Dixon lost to J. Hawes -16, -17;
lost to G. McKim 20, -13, -14.
Hayward bt R. Bashford 7, 5;
lost to McKim 15, -19, 14.
Cartwright bt Bashford -18, 12, 18;
bt Hawes 19, -8, 21.
Dixon/Hayward lost to McKim/Hawes
-18, 17, -12.
Jill Powis bt M. Shears 12, 5.
Tracey Spencer bt D. Furniss 8, 8.
Powis/Spencer bt Shears/Furniss 6, 19.

Staffs Junior 'B' also gained their second win of the season with a 6-4 victory away to Notts 'A' side. The Stafford trio of Rachel Roberts, Stephanie Hadley and Adrian Hough were the main contributors, with Stephen Meigh (Potteries) also adding a singles win. Neil Harris (Wolverhampton) at No. 1 was the other member of the team.

Our thanks are due to the hardworking Wolverhampton trio of Mike Leach, John Harvey and Colin Pearse for successfully staging the Malcolm Scott Memorial Restricted Tournament at the Woodfield Club. John had a rewarding day, seeing both his sons, Matthew (still a junior) and Martin, reach the semi-finals and both falling to the eventual winner, Dave Hanney (Lichfield and Wolverhampton). Group winners in the men's event were P. Chester, Matthew Harvey, D. Russell, A. Hough, D. Hanney, R. Hayward, K. Cartwright, T. Jones, M. Hughes, R. Dixon, K. Baker, K. Lawrence and Martin Harvey. In the semi-finals, Hanney beat Matthew Harvey 17, 11 and Martin beat Mark Hughes 12, 19. In an entertaining hard-hitting final, Dave Hanney won in straight sets, but only just, 11, 20.

Jill Powis' name is certainly dominating the news this month. In a three-cornered play-off in the women's event, Jill beat both Tracey Spencer and Angela Sanders, and Tracey took the runners-up position with a win over Angela.

Guess who took all the ladies and girls honours in the Woodfield One-Star Tournament? Yes, Jill Powis. In the Women's singles, she faced the Staffs No. 1 Jill Harris in the semi-final and ran out an -18, 13, 15 winner and in the final she had a narrow 11, -21, 22 victory over Janet Dunning. Paired with Amanda Hegarty, they won the Women's Doubles with a 17, -22, 17 defeat of Dunning and J. Cornock. In the Girls' it was straight sets wins all the way, beating M. Carey 15, 13 in the final. Tracey Spencer partnered Jill to win the Girls' Doubles final against M. Carey and F. Stuart 13, -20, 10.

The Men's trophy also stayed in the County, with Andrew Bellingham justifying his No. 1 ranking with a victory over the Sussex professional champion, Malcolm Francis, 12 and 14 in the final. Bellingham beat the Staffs No. 2 (in the newly published County rankings), Craig Bakewell 12, 22 in the semis and it was good to see Tony Isaac up amongst the leaders as the other semi-finalist. Isaac and Bellingham were paired in the Doubles but lost to another local pair Trevor Washington and Steve Dunning (Worcs) -12, 18, 18 in the final. In the Boys' events, M. Randle beat M. Jukes -13, 13, 17 and Jukes and Adrian Dixon beat M. Thomas and J. Singh 18, 18.

The November County rankings are given below. The selectors again face an impossible task of ranking some of the men, and whilst the level of competition must be good for the County, one has to feel some sympathy for those who, at the moment, have had to come off worse. Equal rankings are not accepted, so someone has to suffer. Let's hope it has the beneficial effect of increasing their resolve to get to the top.

Men

1 A. Bellingham, 2 C. Bakewell, 3 A. Rich, 4 M. Evans, 5 P. Barnett, 6 G. Hallam, 7 W. Bridgeman, 8 S. Rochelle, 9 R. Williams, 10 J. Hancock, 11 D. Hanney, 12 An Dixon, 13 P. Dawes, 14 R. Murray.

Women

1 J. Harris, 2 F. Elliot, 3 J. Dunning, 4 J. Powis, 5 S. Cain, 6 L. Burgess, 7 A. Hegarty, 8 R. Roberts, 9 P. Brookes.

Boys

1 Ad Dixon, 2 R. Hayward, 3 K. Cartwright, 4 N. Harris, 5 M. Harvey, 6 K. Lawrence, 7 A. Hough, 8 S. Meigh, 9 C. Burgess, 10 R. Heap.

Girls

1 F. Elliot, 2 J. Powis, 3 A. Hegarty, 4 A. Sanders, 5 R. Roberts, 6 T. Spencer, 7 S. Hadley.

Cadet Boys

1 Ad Dixon, 2 M. Harvey, 3 K. Lawrence, 4 S. Slater, 5 N. Tongue, 6 R. Shelton, 7 K. Grey, 8 A. Till, 9 M. Stretton, 10 J. Cooper.

Cadet Girls

1 J. Powis, 2 A. Sanders, 3 K. Rogers, 4 H. Lower, 5 J. Dixon, 6 T. Pennington, 7 J. Harris, 8 L. Sherratt, 9 A. Flaherty.

The County have invested in a number of lapel badges displaying the new design of the County badge. The badge will form the centre piece of future County trophies. It is a very attractive design as also is the price at 60p, and we are looking for a good sale amongst table tennis players in the County. They are available at all County events or from most league secretaries or County officials.

At a recent County Committee Meeting, concern was expressed about the condition of many of the County trophies. We obviously need to bring them back to presentable form and a considerable sum of money may have to be spent. Will holders of individual trophies and the County league team trophies please return them to the secretary, Derek Sherratt, no later than the middle of January, and it is important that we all take note of the fact that these trophies need to be kept safely and in good condition — there is no doubt that their state is due to lack of care and concern, probably by many people over the past years.

Iris Moss reports from . . .

MIDDLESEX

ON THE MOVE

First of all, I must apologise for the absence of Middlesex Notes in the magazine so far this season, but I am hoping to move house in the very near future and having been in one place for 34 years the clearing up is taking all my time. Needless to say I will be putting an announcement in the magazine as soon as I know my moving date but in the meantime my current address will find me and I will be arranging for the Post Office to forward my mail.

Unfortunately we had to abandon the Middlesex Under-15 Open this year. Lack of sponsorship and shortage of time on my part to chase it up made it impossible for us to cope. We are hoping that a bit of luck, and maybe a little improvement in the economic situation, will enable us to run the event next season.

The Middlesex 3-Star Open too was in doubt for some time. Due to a misunderstanding the hall was let for the Saturday evening but by restricting entries we have managed to run it. Once again we are indebted to Levomex Exports and Butterfly Table Tennis U.K. Ltd. for sponsorship and to the Management of Picketts Lock who are doing all they can to keep charges to a minimum. By the time this article is read the Tournament will probably be over, hopefully in better weather conditions than last year, and a full report will be published as soon as possible.

Sadly, we have lost two Leagues this season. E.D.W.A.S.C.A. which was the Enfield Works Association founded in 1947 lost so many "Works" through the recession over the last two seasons that they were unable to continue, and the Isle of Dogs League which was a "young" League founded in 1979 are finding difficulty in mustering sufficient support to run a programme. The Secretary of the Isle of Dogs League (Laurie Laken, 28 Cahir Street, London E14 8QR) is still willing to keep going if he can find enough Clubs to make it worthwhile, so if you belong to a Club in the area and would like to take part contact Laurie right away.

The Middlesex teams which have played in the County Championships have had mixed success so far, with the Senior and Junior Premier teams not having played to date. We will be watching their progress with great interest.

Les D'Arcy reports from . . .

YORKSHIRE

SPOTLIGHT ON THE LEAGUES

Harrogate

Richard Whiteley, just out of the juniors and now ranked No. 8 in the Yorkshire men's list is helping YRHA 'A' to defend their Harrogate 1st Division title this season. Main challengers are Wanderers 'A' (Nicky Davies, Graham Carr, Ian Walmsley), St. George's 'A' and M.M.P. NALGO 'A' and YRHA 'D' are joint leaders of Division 2 with Dunlop 'A' leading Division 3. County Chairman, Geoff Scruton still finds time to play in the Harrogate League and recently lead his team, KSC 'I' to a 6-4 win over Hayelton 'D', Geoff taking all three.

One of Geoff's umpiring colleagues, Lewis Ward, has recently been awarded the gold medal for blood donating. Fifty pints of blood is the minimum for this award so Lewis must feel quite "drained". Seriously, it is a tremendous contribution to the medical world, made over a twenty-five year period. There must be something in blood donating, for this cheerful and energetic enthusiast is a human dynamo at tournaments where he leads by example and is a tonic to his fellow officials and players alike. Keep up the good work Lewis.

Harrogate for its population size (64,620), with 83 teams and 340 players must be one of the biggest in the country. One reason for its success could be the sets system used to determine their divisional championships instead of points given in the usual way, each set won counts as a point, sets lost — points against.

York

Chris Elliott reports that the York League are trying out the system this season and finding it creates more interest with every set being important for promotion, relegation and divisional positions. The top four teams in division 1 last season are making full use of the new system: champions Railway 'A', RU Hospitals 'A', WLD and Bootham, all registered 10-nil wins in opening matches.

A familiar face missing from the York TTL this season is Trevor Percival. Trevor represented York nearly 80 times in the Yorkshire League and held the men's doubles and mixed doubles titles. I'm sure all Trevor's friends in the York League and the rest of Yorkshire look forward to his return in the foreseeable future with a renewed zest for the game. Len Godridge has decided to make a comeback and will join Division 4 leaders Stillington 'A'.

David Atkinson may be in Division 5, but had he given more time to playing the game he could possibly have been in county class, for as an official, he has proved his worth at city and county levels. Starting in 1963 as Shepherd's SC Secretary, David became a member of the York TTL Committee in 1968 and to date has held most of the major posts including General Secretary/Tournament Secretary combined from 1976-81. David was awarded the Yorkshire Trophy for service to York and Dist. table tennis on no less than seven occasions since 1968 — a remarkable achievement. Earlier this year, on his retirement from the County Management Committee, David was awarded with Yorkshire's Special Badge for outstanding service to the county. Now, with more time for playing available, David could soon be adding trophies of a different type to his collection.

Hull

League President, George Watts, has once again lined up with Beverley OMA for an incredible fifty-seventh season. George who has played for OMA during the whole of his table tennis career won two of his singles in the season's opening match against Jackson's 'A' in Division 4. Alan Merkin, another long serving Beverley OMA player came through the second match unbeaten in the singles v Midland Bank 'A' — creditable performances from two of Yorkshire's super veterans.

At the other end of the age scale, nationally ranked cadets John Bult and Alison Evans (Wold) are leading the way in Division 1. John (3). Alison (2) and Gareth

Bult (1) showed their class with a 7-3 win over Judlan 'A'. John has given further indication of his progress by coming runner up to Tony West (Essex) in the N. Yorkshire Junior Open at Boroughbridge.

Bradford

Kevin Beadsley collected a hat-trick of wins in early season tournaments - N. Yorks, W. Yorks and Yorks Closed — the latter title being for a record fourth successive time. At the W. Yorkshire 2-Star, Kevin's doubles partner scratched. Spectator, David Hinchcliffe (Sheffield), volunteered to take his place and finished up taking the Championship with Kevin, after knocking out John Hilton and Phil Bowen in the semi and Steve Mills/Chris Rogers in the final.

Mills made amends by defeating Hilton in the singles final 11-21, 21-12, 21-19 after beating Peter McQueen in the semis.

Bradford Yorkshire League sides have been on good form as usual, but will have some difficulty working out why Bradford II lost 8-2 against Wakefield in the Premier Division. Bradford III in the opening match of the season defeated Wakefield 8-2 and then lost 8-2 to Bradford II. Steve Sharpe who lost all three in straight games against the 3rds (David Indriks, Paul Rook and Mick Holt), came back with a vengeance to win all three against the 2nds, once again in straight games and the doubles with Alan Summerscales (two singles).

Alan's father, George, also won two in a match which left Steve Kosmowsky, Richard Priestly and Ian Gomersall more than a little bewildered and Wakefield celebrating their best Yorkshire League win in recent times.

Next month's Yorkshire notes will feature two outstanding Bradford veterans - Steve Nunn and Arthur Bowers.

Leslie Constable reports on the . . .

ST. NEOTS WINTER LEAGUE

In the Senior Division of the St. Neots Winter League Ely started off well by beating St. Neots and Peterborough 6-3 and 8-1 respectively and look as if they are all set to make the running for the title at this early stage. Wellingborough also made a good start by beating both Cambridge teams by a 6-3 margin and Northampton won their first two matches by beating North Herts 'A' and North Herts 'B' by 5-4 and 7-2 respectively. St. Neots could be a serious threat to the above teams as they had a very convincing victory over Cambridge 8-1. The remainder of the matches to the end of the first half of the season should be very interesting and my contention is that Ely and St. Neots will be very prominent at that stage.

A CLOSE MATCH

St. Neots 'A' 5 Cambridge 4

This Veterans' Division match was one of the closest in the division and fortunes swayed as the match progressed. Although John Thurston was the mainstay of the Cambridge team by winning all his three singles he could not prevent St. Neots winning by the odd set in nine. Len Saywell played well for St. Neots and had a close set with Thurston before losing at 19 and 16. Ken Green was the only other victor for Cambridge when he beat Gus Albon in a set that went to expedite in the second game. All in all a very good match that

may have a good bearing on the title at the end of the season.

RESULTS

Senior Division

Kettering 4 Peterborough 5
Cambridge 'B' 3 Wellingborough 6
Ely 6 St. Neots 3
Cambridge 'A' 5 R.A.F. 4
Northampton 'A' 7 North Herts 'B' 2
North Herts 'A' 4 Northampton 'A' 5
St. Neots 8 Cambridge 'B' 1
Wellingborough 6 Cambridge 'A' 3
North Herts 'B' 6 Kettering 3
Peterborough 1 Ely 8

Veterans' Division

Barnet 7 Bedford 2
Peterborough 'A' 2 North Herts 7
St. Neots 'A' 5 Cambridge 4
St. Neots 'B' 4 Northampton 5
Peterborough 'B' Hunts Central
North Herts 7 Northampton 2
Hunts Central 7 Peterborough 2
Bedford 0 St. Neots 'A' 9
Cambridge 7 Peterborough 'A' 2
Barnet 9 St. Neots 'B' 0
Peterborough 'B' 0 Bedford 9
St. Neots 'A' 3 Barnet 6
Northampton 2 Hunts Central 7
St. Neots 'B' 2 North Herts 7
Peterborough 'A' 1 Cambridge 8

Doug Moss reports from . . .

WORCESTERSHIRE

ARRANGEMENTS IN HAND

Arrangements for the County Closed Championships are well in hand and the Association has been fortunate in obtaining sponsorship for the Senior event again this season. Mr. Peter Hines (Newton of Penton Transport) has agreed to continue the support he gave last year. This not only entails financial help but transport for the collection and return of tables. The Junior Closed, including Cadets events, is to be held at Christopher Whitehead School, Worcester on 2 January and it is expected there will be a bumper entry. It is to be hoped the weather will be very much kinder than last year when the Tournament had to be abandoned at 2 p.m. so that players could combat a raging blizzard to get home.

The Senior Closed is held at the same time each year, which makes Leagues able to arrange their own dates for local Tournaments and keeps the players aware of the occasion and helps the entry. It will therefore be held on Sunday, 13 February and will continue at the Perdiswell Sports Centre, Worcester with 12 tables. John Mytton (Referee) and Diana Moss (Tournament Sec.) will be in charge of both Championships. The organisation was made very difficult last year by having to complete at least half of the Junior Championships at the Senior event and the added complication of players like Louise Davies, Murray Jukes and Jeremy Duffield being successful in 6/7 events! There is a determination to see there is not such a handicap this season.

There has been another Round of County Championship matches since my last report. The 1st team won a vital match against Herefordshire by 6-4. The County ladies, namely Lynda Reid and Mandy Mytton, were too strong for the Hereford ladies and won three events. However the Herefordshire No. 3 (Andy Castle), was beaten both by Steve

Dunning and Nick Bottomley and then Trevor Washington played the captain's role by winning a vital match against Michael Owens. Mark Owen (Hereford No. 1) was in his usual convincing form to win two singles and the doubles event. The Veterans had a very hard match against Cheshire II and certainly did not deserve to be beaten 6-3. The team was without No. 1 Mervyn Wood. Two events were lost at deuce in the third game and one at 17-21 in the decider. In Brian Belcher's singles against the Cheshire No. 2 the expedite rule had to be introduced at 19-20 in the third game just when Brian had staged a fighting comeback! Then came an anti-climax when the Cheshire player served first and won the vital point after two good returns! Brian Belcher and Brian Thompson both beat Terry Donlon, who was a bronze medalist in the over 50 event in the unofficial Worlds Veterans Championships. The juniors fought well against Oxfordshire but were without the services of Louise Davis and Murray Jukes, who were at Lilleshall. Nevertheless David Taylor, Dean Kloos and Mark Jones each won a singles event and the team lost 4-6.

Thanks to Ken Walton stepping into the breach the County League will be running again this season with teams from Bromsgrove, Dudley, Kidderminster and Malvern. It is most disappointing that the Worcester League cannot see its way to enter a team.

The County Team K.O. Competitions are a feature of the Association's activities each season. They continue this season with Peter Bird doing his usual good work. The Scratch competition has 15 entries with teams from all over the County and two teams from Herefordshire who, by tradition, are allowed to take part. The Shock Supply Co. team from Leominster, Herefordshire, must be the favourites as the team includes Mark Owen, Michael Owens and Andy Castle who form the Herefordshire County team. The Handicap competition has 34 entries with a wide representation and disparity in standards. To cope with this the team handicaps range from Owe 30 to Receive 290!

The Premier Division of the Worcester League is proceeding well with a high standard of play. Droitwich Hardware 'A' team is the most successful at this stage and are unbeaten. The registered players include Mark Owen, Michael Owens (Herefords) and David Harvey (Glos). Michael is the only unbeaten player at present amongst those who have played regularly. In a recent Carpets of Worth match v Saucerers, 15-year-old Murray Jukes beat Bill Dawe, Glos County player, and Simon Claxton at 21-15, 21-11. Murray has recently been in good form in a Junior Ranking trial and at the Woodfield Open, Wolverhampton he won the Junior Doubles and was runner up in the Junior Singles event. It has been interesting to see that Steve Taylor (of Bromsgrove) and Willy Ahern (of Malvern), who are on the County ranking list, although not at present high enough to command a place in the teams, have been playing well and getting some good victories. Brian Belcher, County Veteran, has also been a force to contend with in this Division — as would be expected!

I feel that the Worcester League is probably in a unique situation as regards its Youth League. There are some 16 teams playing in 2 Divisions. All the matches are played on the same night and at the same

venue, i.e. on Thursdays at Lea and Perrins Factory with up to six tables available. This has the advantage that Junior players know precisely when and where their matches will be played and certainly limits the amount of travel. Perhaps the parents should realise how fortunate they are! This would not be possible without the excellent co-operation of Lea and Perrins (Worcester Sauce) and in particular Mr. Brian Mintoe their Manager. Lea and Perrins have always been most helpful to table tennis in the City and County. But all this would not work without the enthusiasm, dedication and remarkable patience of Molly Hough, who runs this more or less single handed. Whatever other commitments Molly has she is there at the matches every Thursday to supervise the match arrangements. Molly Hough, a former County team player, is also a most active Coach and Worcester's Sec. for the Midland League junior teams, involving, with the assistance of Tim Snee, the provision of transport to away matches. In the past the teams have not been very successful but Molly Hough is so pleased this season to see the teams having a good deal of success with players David Taylor, Dean Kloos, Mark Jones, David Smith, Lewis Sikert and Paul Ashcroft. Where would Leagues be without the enthusiasm and voluntary effort of such people plus those so much involved in Coaching which in Worcester is under the direction of Frank Southam and John Turner and his team of helpers?!

Mary Rose reports from . . .

WARWICKSHIRE

WARWICKSHIRE PLAYERS — ENGLISH RANKINGS

Congratulations to Desmond Douglas on retaining his No. 1 ranking in England and also to Duggie Johnson who has jumped two places to No. 2 in the latest Lentec National Ranking List. Duggie gained valuable computer points by winning the Humberside 3-Star Open tournament last month and during the Seoul Open in August beat Sweden's European Champion Mikael Appelgren.

Other Warwickshire players in the Lentec Senior Rankings are at No. 31 Barry Johnson, No. 33 Barry Hayward, No. 70 Carl Morgan (first time in the English list), No. 76 Derek Munt and at No. 100 Ralph Gunnion.

Our lady players not to be outdone appear in the Women's Ranking List, Karen Groves and Sandra Peakman are at No. 23 and No. 24 respectively; great girls, keep up the good work.

COACHING

Bob Montgomery of Coventry has accepted the post of Coaching Secretary on a temporary basis for which the county are very grateful, and a meeting of the committee will now be held.

COTSWOLD LADIES' LEAGUE

Birmingham ladies have now joined teams from Stratford and Leamington in entering a team in the successful Cotswold Ladies' League which has been running for five seasons and providing an excellent standard of competitive play for the ladies. Birmingham have now played two games, beating Bristol (away) 6-4, but losing 7-3 at home to Worcester. Both games were played in a very competitive but congenial

manner and Birmingham now look forward to their next game at the end of November against Bath 'B' at home at the West Warwickshire club Olten Solihull.

STRATFORD MATTERS

Forty-nine teams compete in five divisions compared with 51 last year, the major absentee being Astwood Bank who after winning Division 2 were unable to find sufficient players to take their rightful place in Division 1.

DIVISION 1

Last year's champions Peak 'A' got off to a good start beating FISSC 'A' 6-4 with a maximum from Richard Henshaw. New-comer David Noaks for FISSC showed that his defensive style will cause many problems this year. MEB (Evesham) are also keeping up with the leaders, winning their first three matches. At home to Luddington 'B' they won 8-2 with a maximum for Nicky Myton.

DIVISION 2

Peak 'B' are keeping pressure on this division winning 9-1 in their first two matches against Kenilworth St. Nicholas and Navigation Black, and followed up with a 10-0 win over FISSC 'C'.

Reports of divisions 3, 4 and 5 will be in next month's mag.

MIDLAND LEAGUE

Junior Division 4

Stratford made hard work of defeating a poor Stroud side in their first match.

Three wins by Steven Swallow, two by Richard Gardener and one by David Gillibrand, together with the doubles from Steven and Richard gave Stratford a 7-3 victory.

If they are to have a successful season much more application will be required to ensure good results against the stronger sides in this division.

VETERANS

The veterans opened their fixture list with a 5-5 draw at home against Kidderminster 'B'. In a hard-fought match Ron Keyte won two singles and newcomer David Noakes and Pete Kelly won one each, then Kyte and Kelly combined to win the doubles making the draw a fitting result.

I would like to thank Mrs. D. Shaw of Stratford for all the above information, other leagues please take note.

CONDOLENCES

The Warwickshire Association were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Maurice Cobain, secretary of Luddington TTC. Maurice collapsed whilst playing table tennis at Luddington and died shortly afterwards. He will be remembered for his quiet enthusiasm and the effort he put into his matches. He will be missed by many of us in the Association, particularly at Luddington.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Dunlop Birmingham won their first match in the Premier National League 5-3 against Wamstead of Reading. Dunlop Birmingham quickly established a 3-0 lead with Steve Mills, Ian Horsham and skipper Barry Johnson all winning. But the visitors then hit back with Andrew Wellman beating Barry Hayward and Philip Bradbury getting the better of Steve Mills.

Ian Horsham made it 4-2 with a convincing win over Bradbury. Barry Johnson was beaten to make the score 4-3, but then Barry Hayward proved too much for Reeves and Dunlop were home and dry.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

Paul Judd and his wife and family have sent a card to let us know they have found a house to rent in Canada. They are enjoying the weather and Paul has joined a table tennis club. Their new address is: 68 6645 138th Street, Hyland Creek Estates, Surrey, B.C., Canada.

Sanjay Kathuria (a member of our Dunlop National League team last year), has returned to India. He sends greetings to those involved in the National League side and would like to receive news from Warwickshire and Birmingham in particular. G-1916 Rayouri Garden, New Delhi, 110 027, India.

Alf Peppard reports from . . .

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

HEAVEN FORBIDI

A considerable amount of discussion arose with regards the demise of Marsh Publications, and in the October issue of T.T.N. our Editor, choosing his words very carefully, mentioned under the heading, "Birds of Prey", that there was always a chance that our National Magazine could go the same way (Heaven forbid this ever happening) if additional advertising and more especially a greater number of subscribers are not forthcoming.

An excellent letter from Ken Muhr (Oct. '82), just about summed it up. I quote his words, "The backbone of British table tennis is the local league player a rather parochial animal (as far as table tennis is concerned) who has little interest or aspirations beyond his once weekly match. Difficult enough to get him to part with his money for one magazine, without offering a second". Ken is perfectly right, this is a typical analysis of the aforementioned type of player. At last year's Gloucester City A.G.M. I held up a copy of T.T.N. and asked the following question: How many present at this meeting take this our National Magazine? One person held his hand up, mind you we do not get many to our A.G.M.

Summing up I think there is a big difference in the two following words, "Reading the Magazine" and "BUYING the magazine". The rank and file who form the bulk of our Association, just don't give a monkey's. These are hard biting words, yet I firmly believe them to be true. What actually happens I suspect is that a small percentage of enthusiasts buy T.T. News and then hand their copies around to be read by others, less inclined to part with hard cash. I know that this is the trend in Gloucestershire. Can I back my words up with specific statistics? I am not even going to try, but what's happening here I suspect is occurring all over the Country. The vast majority of league's are run by very dedicated people (some more so than others), and as long as things are going in the correct direction, not a twitter will be heard. But as soon as something goes wrong, example, Handbooks not out in time, or the Treasurer absconds with all the lolly, then all Hell is let loose, people get asked to resign. The Joe Bloggs of table tennis come up with, 'Well 'Arry I mean to say, I could do his job blindfolded'. Know what I mean? Could they say 'Yes perhaps', but that kind of person is never available when the time comes are they? I mean at the A.G.M., some people tend to forget that, Admini-

strators are human beings, prone to mistakes and above all else UNPAID.

I have a very deep respect and a genuine affinity for table tennis Widows. Throughout the country there are many of them (my own wife, bless her, is one). In some thirty-five or so years I have personally witnessed at least two marriages end in divorce, just because the husband gave more attention to table tennis than he did to his wife. Of course the same applies when the wife is T.T. mad, and hubby is left at home with the cat, and the goggle box etc. So this being the month of the festive season and good will I will personally drink a toast to all, Table Tennis Widows and Widowers, and proffer the following advice — If you cannot beat them, why not join them, that's what my wife did.

At the Kingswood (Bristol) Ladies' Team Tournament held on Oct. 24 at Downend, Gloucestershire sent four ladies, Cathy Robb, Christine Iacopi, Heather Colwill and Jean Golding. Things, somehow, for Gloucestershire did not go at all well and our ladies despite good fighting qualities finished bottom. The ultimate winners were, Wilts 1st, runners-up Hants, Cornwall came third, Somerset fourth, the host team Kingswood fifth, and Gloucestershire sadly last. Cathy Robb our No. 1 forgot to put her clock back an hour and as a result was waiting in one of the car parks in Gloucester for one and a half hours prior to being picked up. Poor Cathy.

Jack Reeves a Gloucester city player of many years standing, left the City in 1965 to work in Preston and was there for eleven years. I'm very glad that he's back now in Gloucester where his expert knowledge of organising is invaluable to both City and County table tennis. Jack, however, while at Preston, had many happy memories, especially of the then young up-and-coming Donald Parker. I quote Jack's own words from a letter that he wrote in Gloucester City's Official handbook this season: "My job took me away to Preston in 1965, and for the next eleven years I became involved in the Lancashire scene. One of many pleasant memories was the day Jim Parker asked if we could find a place for his 11-year-old son Donald in our Deepdale Club. Not easy, as each night we had to smuggle this little lad past the pub landlord where we had our clubroom. It was evident that Donald had astonishing concentration and equal determination not to give you a point (even in practice games). At 15, he was a junior international and was in the party captained by Bryan Merrett, which toured China in 1973, playing in front of fanatical crowds of 18 to 20 thousand. Since then the Chinese have virtually dominated the game and added complete new dimensions to it with their inimitable attacking style. Donald, of course, is now an ETTA coach, and his younger sister Jean has recently become a junior international".

Well those are Jack's words. The writer concludes this paragraph, by coming more up to date. Donald is now ranked No. 7 in the country, but I suspect his best achievement this season was his marriage to the All-England lady No. 1. May the years ahead be good and kind to you both.

We now move a little nearer to the Gloucestershire domestic scene with three County matches played over the same weekend, the Seniors played the Isle of Wight at the C.E.G.B. in Gloucester and ran out winners 6-4. Playing for the I.O.W. Carl

Prean, England's No. 1 Junior, was undefeated in singles and doubles.

The other two matches were Juniors in Div. 2B, Gloucestershire travelled to Essex, where they were firmly beaten 10-0. Darren Griffin was not available for this match which was played on the Saturday. On the next day we were again in action versus Middlesex and Griffin was available. The result, a very welcome win for Gloucestershire 6-4, Claire Symonds (Gloucester), playing at No. 2 won her first ever singles at County level, this match was played at The Nailsworth Boys' Club, at Nailsworth Nr. Stroud.

RESULTS

v Isle of Wight

Paul Jackson lost to Carl Prean -4, -16;
bt Keith Taylor 11, 10.

Andrew Golding bt Taylor 11, 10;
bt Jim Daly 11, 11.

Richard Russell bt Daly 15, 13;
lost to Prean -8, -8.

Cathy Robb/Christine Iacopi lost to Jill
Fothergill/Janice Badcock -16, 15, 17.

Jackson/Golding lost to Prean/Daly -14, -19.

Robb bt Fothergill -13, 17, 12.
Iacopi bt Badcock 14, -10, 11.

Juniors v Essex

Aarron Beckett lost to M. Taylor -12, -12;
lost to S. Detmore -11, -15.

David Smith lost to Detmore -8, -10;
lost to R. Dornall -14, -15.

Ian Heskins lost to Dornall -16, -14;
lost to Taylor -14, -15.

Beckett/Smith lost to Detmore/Dornall
-15, -16.

Ellery/Symonds lost to L. Hayden/
C. Milbourne -13, -12.

Jenny Ellery lost to Hayden -20, -13.

Claire Symonds lost to Milbourne 9, 10.

Juniors v Middlesex

Darren Griffin bt K. King 13, 16;
bt J. Goode 20, 15.

Beckett bt Goode 23, 14;
lost to C. Herbert -19, -13.

Smith lost to Herbert -16, -17;
bt King -17, 16, 18.

Griffin/Beckett bt King/Herbert 16, 18.

Ellery/Symonds lost to L. Souter/K. Bussey
-6, -21.

Ellery lost to Souter -10, -10.

Symonds bt Bussey 16, -18, 16.

That is as far as I can proceed with County activities to date, all other matches some already played, some not, will be reported in due course.

And of course not forgetting the County (Closed) this year, which has moved its venue from Stroud to the little market town of Newent. This important event in the Gloucestershire Calendar takes place on Sunday, Dec. 19 (Competitors and Administrators will certainly require the Xmas break to get over it).

The following month, sees Gloucestershire running The Cotswold Junior 'Select', most likely one of the most prestigious Junior events in the Country. Last year we had around 400 entries for this popular tournament which takes place at the Leisure Centre in Gloucester on Jan. 29/30.

Perusing The ADMAG, a paper published and printed in Evesham, Worcs, I saw the following table tennis news: The Bengeworth T.T. Club finals take place tonight at The Church House starting at 8 p.m., Men's Singles will be between Ian Linsay and Ken Baker, Women's Singles features Jean Carter and Linda Reid, while Mick Hatch

plays Vic Davies in the VETERINARY Singles. It happens to us all!

In view of the National Trials for Juniors held in late October at Ipswich, Gloucestershire juniors can look forward to a drop in ranking positions, when they are made public. Also on the subject of Lentec Senior Ranking, Nina Tsakarisanos, Gloucestershire's No. 1 lady player, has dropped from No. 27 to 37, this is due to the fact that Nina has not been competing of late in the National Tournaments. She is, however, in January of next year flying out to Japan for a two month extensive training period. We all wish her every success in this venture.

Two other well known Gloucesterians leaving these shores for foreign parts are Umpires Les Smith and George Payne, I understand that they are going to Split in Yugoslavia for the Yugoslavian Open.



CLAIRE SYMONDS (Gloucs), aged 15 and ranked No. 3 in the County as a Junior.

Tony Carey reports from . . .

SOMERSET

PILGRIMS' PROGRESS

Somerset Juniors and Seniors opened their County programme with hard matches, both held in the very good Yeovil facility of Westlands Sports Club on Oct. 2.

The first match involved our juniors against a very strong Surrey 2nd team, comprising N. Sutton, G. Bateman, A. Hardy with J. Mills and L. Popkiwicz. The Somerset team picked from the Trial was Lee Sadler, Murray Barter and Kevin Fudge, with Melonie Carey and Fiona Stuart. Unfortunately we suffered a set-back before the start when Barter failed to turn up at the pick-up point and could not be contacted at home either. This meant a hurried but unsuccessful attempt to contact Philip Payne, our reserve. This left us very embarrassed, especially being on home ground, and meant that Surrey had travelled a long way only to find that two of their players lost out in not playing their full quota of sets. As a member of the Somerset Committee I should like to make a personal apology to Surrey.

The match proved to be a bit one-sided

in the score of 8-2 to Surrey II, but I was glad to see our players still trying to the last point to keep on terms giving us food for thought as to how much work we must get in to raise our standard. I am sure our team will agree with my comments and with the encouragement of the coaches I am sure we will reach that standard and maintain it. Our two notable successes were recorded by Sadler and Melonie Carey, Lee winning in three against Hardy, and Melonie also winning in three after a fright in the 2nd, losing -8 to J. Mills after taking the first 19.

This match was followed by another cracking Senior match on the lines of last season's Somerset and Avon clash, our opponents this time being Hampshire II — C. Shetler, G. Green, G. Longland, supported by B. Clark and C. Davies. Our team was Brian Reeves, David Lee, David Wilson, with Jill Green and Judy Craig (nee Woodhouse).

Some of my readers will perhaps think I have made a mistake in including Graham Green in the Hampshire line-up, but I can assure them that this is correct. The fact is that Graham, having moved from Somerset to Basingstoke, with Jill, decided to try for a Hampshire trial and did quite well, and was given a run out against his old County. There was some good-humoured leg-pulling when he arrived, as you can imagine, and I certainly think it provided a sparkle to Dave Lee and David Wilson's play.

The match itself was hard fought with both sides having something to cheer, as the results seesawed.

After Lee lost the first set to Shetler, Wilson had a good win against brother-in-law Graham to level the scores. It then was the turn of our ace defender Reeves to put us in the lead with a fine win against Longland.

We slipped behind when we lost both doubles, but Lee restored our fortunes by fighting back from a -7 defeat in the first against Graham to win the next two with superb attacking play 15, 10. We again went behind when Clark proved too strong for Judy. Then our fortunes turned again when Brian pulled out all the stops to beat Shetler after losing the 1st -11. Both players were completely shattered at the end of the set which produced some superb rallies with Brian excelling in his retrieving of situations which seemed impossible. Thanks Brian for the display — an artist indeed!

The result brought us level at 4-4. Jill then showed what a class player she is by winning her set against C. Davies, putting us into a 5-4 lead and creating a tension within the room which was intense on the two players in the last set, Wilson and Longland. Both played well with David unlucky to lose the first at "deuce" but he did not let this deter him in the second, producing a fighting performance but again unlucky to lose -24. This gave Hampshire the point they needed to draw and ended a very entertaining day.

I only wish I knew how to get more spectators to watch matches like these and spread the gospel. Perhaps if we could invite schools to send parties to see a sport which entertains, is all action and doesn't involve a hooligan element this might serve a double purpose, inspiring more younger players to take up the sport. And perhaps developing a talent that they did not realise they had.

Aberdare Open

Somerset were represented in the Juniors and this time two Seniors, Wilson and Lee, competed. This was the strongest opposition that our youngsters had met this season so far in a Welsh tournament. One of the reasons being that this was a Junior and Senior Tournament which attracted players who were on the edge of senior ranks but in their last junior season wanted to gain experience and also get at least two sets, which is a relevant factor when you have travelled a long way, as our near-neighbours from Cornwall had. They deserved a medal just for getting there.

Our players were Melonie Carey, Sarah Webb, Payne and Barter, competing in Junior and Senior, and the two Davids being joined in the Senior competition by Claire Bryant, the sister of Mark, another of our promising juniors, a player who I feel has a lot of talent and could be challenging Sadler for the No. 1 spot if he applied himself. Claire could also be a good Senior, as she practices very hard and is developing her game, but she must start to believe in herself. All our players won their opening set in the Junior event, then lost to more experienced opponents. Melonie met her old rival Evelyn Wright in the quarter-finals, and we were hoping for a third-time lucky when after losing -16 in the 1st she made a splendid recovery in the 2nd from being 18-12 down to pull back to 19 before the net deflected her return to give the result to Evelyn. A good match which should give Melonie confidence for their next meeting. Perhaps the Cardiff Open who knows.

The Senior event also was a good experience for our Juniors and I think with nothing to lose they played in a more relaxed manner, giving a good account of themselves before bowing to greater experience. This freedom certainly paid off for Melonie in her first round when she beat Caroline Jones of Wales with some of the stroke play she shows in practice. The big crunch came in the second round against another fine Junior from Cornwall, Allison Clements, and with both of them known for their determination and hard-hitting, it could prove interesting. This it did, with Allison proving the stronger.

Millfield Junior School Under-13 Tournament (Oct. 17)

From a field of 24 teams of boys and girls from all corners of Somerset, Melonie Carey, Somerset's England-ranked Cadet and County No. 1 Junior, completed a double success in this tournament having won last year with Darcy Manning. This year she teamed up with another Chilton Trinity School player, Mandy Williams, who played her part wonderfully in a good team effort which saw them overcome all opposition to reach the final where they met the No. 1 seeds Paul Fowler and Paul Smith from Hargrove School. After a very exciting match they ran out 3-1 winners. Mandy produced a great performance to defeat Fowler in her second set, after giving Smith a fright, taking him to 20-all before losing -20. Next season Melonie will be too old to complete the treble with Mandy, who must now try and believe in herself, and with hard work can achieve a very good standard I am sure, and win again.

England Cadet Trial (Ipswich)

Somerset provided three girls for this event, Melonie Carey, Fiona Stuart and Sarah Webb, in a field of 32. The journey was the longest we have made so far for a

competition, good practice for the northern circuit later in the season. The girls were in separate groups of 8, and started play on the Friday, playing two sets, and continuing the other five on Saturday. From these group results eight other groups were formed of four players to play on Sunday. In her first group Sarah had a field day using the secret technique devised by Les Bridges — the high lob into the lights — which worked well in this venue with its high ceiling against other small opponents, these being Claire Potts, Jenny Ellery and Karen Wild. Fiona started off with a win against Sarah Hammond, in her group, then lost to Jill Powis. Melonie also started well with a win against Dawn Wickstead and then met Helen Perrot in a fine but tense set which went to three before Helen clinched it. As you can expect, we were all drained of energy by that time, but after a night's sleep we were back on the tables for the next five group matches early Saturday morning, and at the end of the day all three girls had the same win ratio, but on the count-back Sarah and Fiona, having beaten higher-ranked players, were put into a higher group for the last group play on Sunday, Fiona meeting Sarah in her group and losing in three.

Melonie started her group with another tense set against Sarah Hammond, winning the 1st 21-11, then Sarah fought back to level at one-all and with Melonie leading 19-16 in the third it looked all over, but it was not to be, with the experience of Sarah pulling her through to win 25-23. This did not deter Melonie, though, for her next set against Rachael Knight, giving her a fright in the first by leading 20-18, only to lose on "deuce" after missing a sitter which, if she had taken a deep breath, would have killed. The second also was a good game until once again the greater experience of Rachel started to tell as she could see that Melonie was over-anticipating her kill shots, due perhaps to tiredness or anxiety, and she exploited this to win the second. This was the last one Melonie lost in her group, beating her old rival Jenny Ellery in the process, who, although being on her own at the competition, still competed with whoever she played against, and their coaches. "Well played Jenny".

The final win ratio at the end of the competition was five-all to Sarah and Melonie with four to Fiona, but on the count-back it looks like Sarah will head the other two girls — well played, Sarah! and the old East London League player.

Geoff Waters reports from . . .

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

RECORDS DISAPPEAR

Last month I was gloating over the 100% records of our county first teams and Hassy Soham in the National Club League Premier Division, but alas all three records have now disappeared.

The county seniors made the long trip to Oldham and were beaten 7-3 by Lancashire II in a Division 2A match. They made a disastrous start losing all three of the opening men's singles and the women's doubles all in straight games and a 4-0 deficit placed them in a hopeless position to salvage even one point. Mick Harper and Keith Richardson won the men's doubles, but two sets later the match was lost. In the later stages

of the match Richardson beat Debra Brown and Harper beat Keith Williams to add respectability to the score line. This defeat has dimmed their promotion hopes and it will need a tremendous effort in January against Leicestershire, with their powerful women's duo, to put them back in with a chance.

The juniors were held to a draw by Huntingdonshire in Junior 3D at St. Neots. Although we were without top player Julian Wheel, away in America, this was rather a disappointing result following their 7-3 win over Norfolk. The East Anglian county had already beaten Huntingdonshire 8-2 and Cambridgeshire were expected to take both points. As it turned out they had to thank Tim Ashman and Peter Holliday that they managed even one. These two scored all five of the Cambridgeshire sets, with two singles each and the boys' doubles.

The senior second team lost their third successive match when they went down 8-2 to the Norfolk first team at Wisbech. The Norwich trio of Phil Logsdon, Martyn and Richard Stevenson proved much too sharp for the Cambridgeshire men, who failed to win a game.

It was left to the Hunter sisters to save face for the county with two singles wins. Jane beat Debra Brown and Ruth got the better of hard bat player Joy Dixon.

Hassy Soham crashed to their first defeat in the National Club League Premier Division losing 6-2 to champions EMI Thorn Ellenborough at Enfield. At the time of writing, this defeat drops Soham to third place, three points behind Ormesby and one behind Ellenborough, although Soham have a match in hand over the leaders.

Soham predictably lost the opening set when Kenny Jackson lost to England number two Graham Sandley, despite the Soham man taking the first game 22-20. It was a shock defeat of Paul Day by Mark Mitchell in the second set that put Soham up against it.

Even then Soham immediately pulled two back when David Hannah and Nicky Mason (Hoare) beat Colin Wilson and David Tan respectively, but that was the end of the revival.

The Ely League are the early leaders in the Newmarket Construction County League with 15 points from two matches.

The Ely trio of Trevor Smith, Julian Wheel and Colin Woollard have beaten Haverhill 6-3, three wins for Andy Withers for Haverhill, and 9-0 against Wisbech, who however were without top player Jamie Frost.

Despite their heavy defeat by Ely, Wisbech are still in second place due to a 7-2 win over Cambridge. David Leader and Neil Burgess were the winners for Cambridge, who also went down 5-4 to March. County junior Peter Holliday won three for March in this match including an excellent win over Martyn Livermore. Paul Stacey won March's other two, while Livermore two, Leader and Chris Burdon, one each scored for Cambridge.

Newmarket Construction League

Positions at 20th November

	Pld.	Pts.
Ely	2	15
Wisbech	3	13
Cambridge	3	12
March	2	8
Haverhill	2	6

Gerald Green reports from . . .

SHROPSHIRE

GROVE TOP

Five consecutive wins have taken Grove to the top of Division One of the Halex National League.

The last away game at Cardiff turned out to be a nail biter after Grove had raced into a 3-0 lead, and in the end only unbeaten performances from Stephen Scowcroft and Malcolm Green (playing his first match of the season) turned the match after a great fight back by the Welsh team.

In their latest home game they overcame their bogey team of last season MBS St. Neots, with a fine 6-2 victory and gained some revenge thanks to unbeaten displays from John Hilton and Andrew Bellingham. Hilton showed himself to be a class above the opposition as he demolished Keith Richardson and Mick Harper, whilst superb support was given by Bellingham. He fought back from an opening set deficit against Richardson to win comfortably in the third, then fought very hard to win a close third set in the crucial game against Paul Randall. Peter Taylor proved to be the thorn in Grove's side, beating Stephen Scowcroft and Mark Hankey, but both players had played an important part in the overall team success. Hankey won a tense battle against Randall and Scowcroft came back from an opening game deficit and 18-20 in the second to romp home in the third against Mick Harper.

TITLE FOR ANDY

Andrew Bellingham was in superb form when he represented Grove at the Woodfield Open Championships at Wolverhampton. His model attitude shone through as he raced to the final with a series of good wins to take the Men's Singles title in style with a final victory over highly rated Sussex player Malcolm Francis.

GOOD EFFORT FROM GROVE DUO

It was a tough week end for Grove Duo Alison Barker and Dawn Wickstead when they took part in the National Ranking Tournament at Ipswich. Both players can be pleased with their efforts. Wickstead finished 21st in the U-14 event and scored good wins over Helen Perrott of Avon and Helen Lower of Staffordshire in the group matches. The Grove girl then went on to beat Tanya Holland, Jane Roberts and Kate Rogers before going out. Barker showed some good form to beat Alison Clement and Jane Barella before narrowly losing to Josette Ryalls and Tracey Spencer in group matches. She continued to be successful against Lesley Popkiewicz and Anne Shippey, which should be sufficient to see the Market Drayton girl included in the next ranking list.

TELFORD BACK

Telford marked their return to the Midland Table Tennis League for the first time since the 1973-74 season, by collecting a 7-3 win over Wolverhampton, W. Herbert, D. Elkin and M. Langford each won two games with Herbert and Elkin teaming up to take the doubles.

They opened their season in the Shropshire County League with a derby 'A' v 'B' team game. Five of the sets went to three, with the 'A' team winning four of them. The 'A' team of G. Clibborn, S. Tanner and G. Phillips eventually finished on top by 7-2.

In the Telford League Shifnal 'A' keep up their title chase by beating last year's Division One runners-up Burnhill Green 'A' by 6-4. Six sets went to three with Shifnal winning five of them, D. Elkin won his three and the doubles, whilst W. Harris and G. Phillips contributed one each.

The Telford Table Tennis league will be holding a 'Christmas Get Together' at the Terrace Lodge, Dawley on Friday, December 17.

MIDLAND LEAGUE

Pontesbury's run of success in the Midland League continued with a 6-4 win over Telford with Ivan Smith clinching a maximum.

Their Junior 'B' were also in action, beating visitors Leamington in a first class game, also by 6-4, chiefly thanks to Simon Cooper who turned in his best performance of the season producing three great wins.

Grove Juniors draw against Loughborough marked a superb debut for Steven Meigh who recorded a maximum for the second team.

The very young third team found life very hard against Loughborough 'B' who won 9-1. Steve Eaton won the one.

Grove first team suffered their first defeat of the season, losing 4-6 to Nottingham in a hard fought match. Stan Deakin had two victories, brother Joe and Keith Sillitoe one each.

PONTESBURY/GROVE DOMINATE SCHOOLS EVENTS

Mary Webb School, Pontesbury's clean sweep of the boys' events was the feature of the Shropshire Schools' Team Championships. They won at U-19, U-16 and U-13 level, but it is at U-13 which Shropshire Schools Association Secretary John Cooper, also Secretary of the Pontesbury Association, feels they can really do well. He has big hopes for the team of David Morris, Justin Goodall, Simon Cooper and Gary Pountney and thinks they can get through to the National Finals at Matlock. Let's hope he's right!

Grove School, Market Drayton won the girls' events at U-19 and 'walked over' at U-16 and U-13.

The undeniable dominance of Pontesbury and Grove is of great credit to both areas, but Mr. Cooper thinks it has some drawbacks and nothing would delight the County Secretary more than for other Shropshire Schools to try and get their 'piece of cake' at County/National level.

Pauline Long reports from . . .

NORTHUMBERLAND

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

With effect from 16th November, 1982, Pauline Long, Northumberland T.T.A. Publicity Secretary, changed her address to 97 Park Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE3 2LD. Tel. (0632) 854827.

With the first team fixture at home to Cheshire having been postponed, only the second team and the juniors were involved in County matches on Oct. 16.

The second team had a good win away from home when they defeated Derbyshire II 8-2. Neil McMaster and Martin Young won both their singles, but together lost the doubles. Tom Trehwhitt, making his debut

easily won his first singles, and only failed by the narrowest of margins to win his second. Pauline Long, who was brought back into the team at literally the last minute when Julie Land reported sick, and Caron Buglass both won their singles, and combined to take their second successive doubles victory.

RESULTS

Derbyshire II 2 Northumberland II 8

N. McMaster bt S. Yallop 12, 20;
bt D. Hinchcliffe 19, 9.

M. Young bt Yallop 14, -16, 22;
bt R. Albutt -20, 12, 13.

T. Trehitt lost to Hinchcliffe -16, 18, -21;
bt Albutt 11, 15.

McMaster/Young lost to Yallop/Albutt
-11, 16, -11.

C. Buglass bt A. Mason 8, 11.

P. Long bt C. Bentley 18, -16, 7.

Buglass/Long bt Mason/Bentley 15, -16, 14.

The juniors had a 9-1 win over Lincolnshire II at Byker Community Centre, with Peter Curry being the only one to drop a singles. Tom Blackman, Stephen Pearce, Clare Mouzon and Denise Campbell were all undefeated.

RESULTS

Northumberland 9 Lincolnshire II 1

T. Blackman bt I. Walker 20, 15;
bt D. Colam 18, 21.

S. Pearce bt Colam 15, 16;
bt G. Francis 16, -14, 11.

P. Curry lost to Walker 12, -14, -22;
bt Francis 12, 19.

Blackman/Curry bt Walker/Colam 20, 13.

C. Mouzon bt S. Harvey 9, 9.

D. Campbell bt L. Thompson 13, 14.

Mouzon/Campbell bt Harvey/Thompson
14, 8.

The next round of County matches on Nov. 20 will see the first team and juniors travelling to meet Staffordshire and Cumbria respectively, while the second team entertain Leicestershire II at Byker. The only remaining match for 1982 will involve the juniors, who are due to play Cleveland II at home on Dec. 18.

The senior men's and junior girls' County rankings are both unchanged but Olive Drapkin is added to the women's list, and Andrew Drapkin is brought into the boys' list at No. 15. With Judith Drapkin retaining her place in an unchanged girls' list this means that three members of the same family are now ranked. Kevin Shakesheff appears for the first time in the cadet boys' list, coming in at No. 3.

In the November Lentec Men's ranking lists, issued on Nov. 10, it is pleasing to see Chu Van Que at No. 17, Keith Paxton at No. 37, Peter McQueen at No. 38 and Ian Robertson at No. 73.

Meanwhile, Byker's Hallex National League team are still leading Division III North after five successive victories. Their latest victory was an 8-0 thrashing of Ormesby III, with Nigel Jobling, Dave Godbold, Neil McMaster and Martin Young all emerging undefeated. Having already won three of their matches away from home, they must now be strong favourites to win the Division and pick up the prize money of £400. The top prize of £1,500 goes to the winners of the Premier Division, but there appears to be no chance of the City of Newcastle team being in the money this season, as they have lost all their matches to date.

The latest available Northumberland

League tables, up to week ending Nov. 5, show High Pit 'A' leading the Premier Division by one point from Electricians 'A' and North Shields YMCA 'A', while in Div. 1, Cullercoats 'A', DHSS 'A' and Northumberland Fire 'A' are all joint leaders. Other Division leaders and runners-up to date are as follows: Div. 2A - Reyrolles 'C' and North Shields E.E.; Div. 2B - Dunston Hill 'A' and Tyne Dock 'B'; Div. 3A - Byker CC 'E' and Washington 'B'; Div. 3B - North Shields YMCA 'D' and Procter and Gamble; Div. 3C - Byker CC 'G' and High Pit 'C'; Div. 4A - Telephones 'B' and St. Charles 'B'; Div. 4B - DHSS 'F' and Tyne & Wear Fire 'B'.

Dennis Millman reports from . . .

NORTHANTS

FIRSTS OFF TO A FINE START

For a County Firsts side which had won just six matches in the past five seasons, three successive victories must come as something of a luxury, but nevertheless that is how Gary Alden and his team have started the present campaign.

Against a disappointing Hunts side, Gary, Keith Nicoll and Brian Wooding dominated the men's singles, with Mandy Wallis and Dorothy Marsh backing them up superbly to complete a well deserved eight-two win.

Keith Nicoll was unavailable for the fixture with Bucks, and his replacement John Sanders found it difficult to make the transition to a higher grade, but a splendid team performance from the four regulars, enabled Northants to edge home and so replace their opponents at the top of Division Three.

Brian Wooding made an impressive start, when he outstayed that formidable Bucks stalwart Les Wooding, to take the opening game 29-27, and then went on to take the rubber with greater ease but K. Bushell then put the visitors level. Alden began slowly and dropped the first end to P. Simmonds, but then produced his most impressive form to take the remaining ends to single figures to put Northants in the lead again.

With that well-tryed combination of Mandy Wallis and Dorothy Marsh, and the first time pairing of Alden and Wooding, both combining effectively the doubles went to the home side, but Bucks were not yet a spent force, with Wooding and Mrs. Marsh going down on deciding ends. However the unbeaten Alden and Mandy Wallis were waiting in the wings, and after close encounters both ended on top and Northants had won.

The Juniors went down 6-4 in the postponed match against Staffordshire with Graeme McKim (2) and Ian Hawes (1) taking singles and combining to win the doubles, but more trouble was to come against Durham, when despite the long journey from the north, the visiting No. 1 D. McVitie was soon into his stride against Hawes. McVitie's fluent attack was nullified by Hawes blocking tactics, but the further the contest went the more apparent it became that Durham would go into an early lead.

With Durham's strength at No.s 1 and 2, it was left to Hawes and Richard Bashford — playing his best game to date — to gain wins against the No. 3 with the inimitable Maxine Shears cashing in on a typically gritty singles display to complete the home tally.

Northants Veterans had a distinct change of fortune against Cheshire. In earlier matches Keith Jones, the former Middlesex cricketer, had found the move to veteran ranks less rewarding than he had probably anticipated, although he did gain the solitary point against Avon, but against Cheshire he recaptured the form he has shown in the Northampton League, and playing with a new bat, he defended superbly against the not inconsiderable attacking abilities of his Cheshire opponents. With Cliff Bull producing his best form at this level and Joyce Porter regaining hers, Cheshire hitherto undefeated, were soundly beaten.

Strangely, Keith who had not lost to a home based player this season, was not seeded in the Men's events at the County Closed Tournament, despite the absence of Gary Alden and Keith Nicoll and so a wide open men's singles could be won by a non-seeded player for the first time since Doug Gwillim in 1968.

Although the tournament, organised this year by the Wellingborough League, has attracted no major sponsors, the County President — Alan Hydes, the former England International, and currently the Table Tennis Products Manager for the Dunlop Sports Company, has kindly loaned eight Dunlop Championship tables and court surrounds, so conditions at the Weavers Sports Centre on November 27th should be the best ever.

Northampton continue to do well in the St. Neots Winter League, and at present occupy second place behind Ely. After comfortable seven-two wins against Northampton 'B' and Kettering, with hat-tricks on both occasions from John Sanders and Brian D'Hooghe, they clashed with the leaders, but got the worst of things to lose 6-3 with Sanders and Brian Wooding beating Trevor Smith and D'Hooghe accounting for Julian Wheel.

The Northampton Premier Division is already a two-horse race with A.C.C. 'A' having won six and drawn one of their seven matches leading Abington Nomads who with a game in hand are nine points behind.

Similarly the Kettering and the Wellingborough Premier Divisions feature close calls between two sides with Wellingborough Town and Chapmans in close opposition at Wellingborough, and Kettering Town leading Wellingborough Town in the Kettering top flight.

Brian Halliday reports from . . .

BERKSHIRE

GOOD START FOR SENIOR 2NDS

The senior 2nd team have started the season well with three points from a possible four. A creditable draw with Gloucester was followed by a fine victory away to Cornwall. The chance was taken to blood Jonathan Samuel in these two matches and he repaid the selectors confidence with two wins against Cornwall. Samuel, who last season was an average league standard player, has worked hard on his game and now uses his combination bat to telling advantage.

Iain Fullerton, absent against Cornwall, should strengthen the side for the coming matches and with Simon Rowland and Steve Everard also available Berkshire have the

nucleus of a useful team. The county always seem to take the strength of our lady players for granted and this season we are able to choose from Jenny Collins, Susan Blackburn and the much improved Sue Collier to ensure vital wins in this section.

Sue Collier will mainly be in action with the junior first team and although the boys look to be particularly good with the England Nos. 1 and 2 Cadets, the weakness lies in the No. 2 girl. There would appear to be a chance of glory for any Berkshire girl who can break through to this level soon.

The 2nd junior team have disappointed. Two heavy defeats from two home matches. Only the defensive wiles of Matthew Syed have posed the opposition any problems.

The veterans' teams have started reasonably well. Bob Holiday saves his best form for county matches and has filled the gap caused by Bert Foster's loss of form. Again the competition for places in both teams is intense, with a dozen quality veteran performers vying with each other for a team place.

Berkshire National League teams are having mixed fortunes. Omega (now BWF Wamsdad) are finding the competition hot for both their teams, but Gillette-Reading are making a strong challenge in Div. 2. The signing of Dave Constance and Simon Heaps to play at Nos. 1 and 2 has created enormous interest and the Gillette club are now attracting crowds of over 100 to their home matches.

On the local league front it looks as if the Reading title will again go to Omega, although newly promoted Polish with Richard Kozlowski, Clive Young, the Newbury champion and Dave Wise in the side, could pose a threat.

RANKINGS

Men

1 D. Barr, 2 A. Wellman, 3 D. Reeves, 4 I. Fullerton, 5 J. Stokes (Jnr.), 6 M. Childs, 7 S. Rowland, 8 A. Syed, 9 J. Samuel, 10 S. Everard.

Women

1 M. Smith, 2 S. Collier, 3 J. Collins, 4 S. Blackburn, 5 G. Davies, 6 T. Vallis, 7 R. Purseglove, 8 R. Champion, 9 L. Green, 10 S. Kilford.

Boys

1 J. Stokes (Jnr.), 2 M. Childs, 3 A. Syed, 4 M. Syed, 5 P. Savins, 6 P. Halliday, 7 K. Hodder, 8 A. Childs, 9 G. Kemp, 10 P. Andrews.

Girls

1 S. Collier, 2 L. Green, 3 W. Godfrey, 4 J. Norman, 5 J. Brion, 6 R. Watts, 7 S. Holmes, 8 T. Lillington, 9 S. Garside, 10 K. Osmond.

Veteran Men

1 W. Allanson, 2 B. Halliday, 3 A. Foster, 4 D. Jones, 5 R. Holiday, 6 C. Dyke, 7 E. Cripps, 8 K. Underwood, 9 E. Holmes, 10 H. Bartholomew.

Veteran Women

1 S. Bruton, 2 J. Gloster.

Dolly Harmer reports from . . .

BEDFORDSHIRE

OTHER NECESSARY ASPECTS

Bedfordshire Schools held their team Competitions on Nov. 6/7. The entry was down on last year but encouragingly in the younger age groups were a considerable number of players who were quite new to the game.

Aside from play, our sport involves other necessary aspects. Learning to be a good loser is an essential lesson for us all, for there can be only one World Champion, and here some players were found wanting.

To be wearing correct kit is also a requirement and here we must congratulate the girls of Stopsley High School for their impeccable turn out.

The Ramridge Girls won the U-11 as expected but for the first time their boys counterpart also took the title. Bedford Modern were U-13 boys' winners and the girls were Stopsley High.

For the older boys, Bedford Modern won both the U-16 and U-19 events with Vandyke Upper and Luton Sixth Form College runners-up. Putteridge High won the Girls' U-16 with Vandyke Upper runners-up.

Roy Williams reports from . . .

NORTH WALES

SURPRISE FOR SENIORS

Clwyd seniors all set to play Oxfordshire II at the Coventry Co-op Holiday Camp last month found themselves without a match due to the visitor's withdrawing from the championship. We then discover our next fixture is on the 19th of February.

The Veteran team travelled to Monkton Coombe to play Wiltshire and after a hard fought sporting match we emerged the victors. Ray Howland (Rhyl) making his debut played well as did Peter Williams (Wrexham) on his second outing. Yours truly and Sheila Rogers came home unbeaten. The venue and conditions were first class and the two English umpires did a first class job.

COACHING

With the coaching courses in full swing, a full day's session was held at Kinmel Bay, Rhyl on Saturday, 13th of November and on Sunday, 14th of November at Wylfa, Anglesey.

The following Saturday at Prestatyn Paddy Jackson who has a holiday bungalow in the town had a class of six to twelve year olds. This is Paddy's second session this season.

NORTH WALES COUNTIES LEAGUE

At the second session of the league held at Colwyn Bay on the 7th of November, Rhyl and holders Wrexham clashed in the Veteran Division and Rhyl just pipped the champions by a narrow margin to win the game by six sets to four. Ray Howland was unbeaten for Rhyl. Llandudno kept up their challenge with an 8-2 win against Anglesey with the islanders gaining some consolation beating Rhyl II by the same score.

John Hook led champions Rhyl to a seven sets to three win against Wrexham II and later in the day they were 8-2 victors against Llandudno. Anglesey and Wrexham II drew their match.

Only two Junior fixtures were played with Wrexham recording two victories. They beat Llandudno 8-2 and Anglesey 6-4.

G. S. RADCLIFFE CUP

The first round of the North Wales team championship has been completed with the winners drawn to play the next round as follows, to be played by the 22nd January, 1983.

Wylfa P.S. v St. Mary's

Lansdowne 'A' v Llandudno Junction 'A'
Clwyd 'A' v Schooner 'A'
Caergwrle v Malpas

Round One Results

Schooner 'B' 0 Clwyd 'A' 10
Schooner 'A' 8 Clwyd 'B' 2
Llangefni 0 Wylfa P.S. 10
Sealink Holyhead 1 St. Mary's 9
Doatra 'A' 0 Lansdowne 'A' 10
Colwyn Bay 0 Llandudno Junc. 'A' 10
Q.P.Y.C. 'A' 1 Malpas 9
Gwersalt 0 Caergwrle 10

GOLDEN AWARD

The N.W.C.T.A. offer their congratulations to the T.T.A.W. Secretary Mrs. Nancy Roy Evans, who was recently awarded the Golden Award for sport by the Sports Council for Wales. Well done Nancy.

AROUND THE LEAGUES

Sealink Holyhead 'A' head Division One of the Anglesey League followed by champions Wylfa P.S., St. Mary's 'A' and B.D.S.R.C. are in close contention and these teams with perhaps Llangefni look to be the main challengers in Division One.

Wylfa P.S. top Division Two with Cunliffe 'B', Llangefni 'C' and Bangor Normal all very close to each other.

Llandudno Junction 'A' and Colwyn Bay T.T.C. top Division One of the Llandudno League whilst champions Colwyn Bay Cricket Club have been left in mid table.

Hotpoint 'A', the only unbeaten team in Division Two, have opened up a gap from Friendship 'A' and Technical College 'B'. Hotpoint 'B' head Division Three followed by Colwyn Bay T.T.C. 'B' and Fire Brigade.

Quinton Hazell 'B' are top dogs in the Fourth Division. Woodlands School, Hotpoint 'C' and 'D' and Cartre Melys are all within striking distance.

Clwyd 'A' the champions are in top spot in the Rhyl League with Prestatyn a close second followed by Schooner and Rhyl Labour Club. Prestatyn 'B' just shade Oriel House into second place in Division Two. Rhuddlan Youth and Rhyl Youth are in third and fourth positions.

Gwersault continue their winning ways in Division One of the Wrexham League with Caergwrle, Malpas well in the hunt. Liay O.B., Telecomms and Wrexham Victoria are main challengers in the Second Division.

M.M.B. United Gravel, Wrexham O.B. 'C' and Dunlop 'B' are leaders in a very competitive Third Division.

John Woodford reports from . . .

SUSSEX

FIRST WIN FOR SUSSEX

Malcolm Francis, Stephen Moore and Adrian Moore, the top three England-ranked Sussex players finally made their first appearance of the season for Sussex against Bedfordshire in Division 2 (South) and the result was the first Sussex win of the season, 7-3.

So, the row between the selectors and the players in common with several other counties I notice, finally ended in peace, but for how long? The problem remains, the players have their commitments and the county championships — the backbone of the administrative side of the sport in England — is taking third place.

Take the all-Sussex championships —

that date clashes in March with the National League and that means that four of the top players will have to honour their commitments to the Dolphins.

So, the imminent East Sussex championships maybe the only occasion this season when the top Sussex trio will meet. And the seeding is vastly interesting — Francis at the top with the prospect of meeting Adrian Moore in the semi-final and then possibly, no probably, Stephen Moore in the final.

The dark horses are queueing up — Graham Gillett the former Sussex champion — he is in Adrian Moore's quarter and the Francis half; two more new players for Sussex of some distinction — John Green from Warwickshire and now Mike Williams, formerly from the Bristol area.

Dark fillies as well — Diane Griggs and Carol Hewett are returning from maternity breaks anxious to test themselves against some of the old faces and some new ones — Sally Weston (Crawley) the 16-year-old Sussex No. 1 who seems a trifle fortunate still to be on top of the Sussex women's ranking list . . .

Worthing's Mrs. Pat Wales, central figure of the opposition to the Sussex selectors, especially on their policy towards women veterans, is now really making her points on the court as well as in committee. In recent weeks she has beaten Sally Weston, Sheila King and Angela Maskell, ranked respectively 1, 4 and 7 on the Sussex ranking list.

But I suggest, that even if she beats the whole lot twice over it is highly unlikely that the selectors will change their policy of giving youth its chance, even if veteran players can beat them regularly. The selectors are not therefore, necessarily playing the strongest available players — its up to them, they have been elected to do as they think fit . . . once again the only answer is to change the selectors at the next AGM!

Dick Turner reports from . . .

CHESHIRE

STARTING AGAIN

After last season's sorry events resulting in the relegation from the Premier Division of the Senior Team, the county have decided to let bygones be bygones. As Derek Schofield said when taking the chair at the October meeting, "there should be no recriminations but rather efforts to get the Association re-started effectively". With the November meeting being reasonably well attended the association appears to be getting on firm ground again.

However good fortune has not yet returned to the Cheshire Senior Team who lacking full strength have suffered a 7-3 defeat at home to Oambridgeshire and a 6-4 defeat away to Derbyshire — a county with eight players in England's top 100 rankings should perhaps be doing better than this and our memories of winning the Premier are only a few years away. The Juniors kicked off with a 10-0 win over Cumbria II but were held to a 5-5 draw by Derbyshire. Only the Veterans 1st team have a 100% record. In defence of their Premier Division title they have had three good wins, 6-3 v Kent, 5-4 v Essex and 6-3 v Middlesex. The Veterans II side after defeating Oxford and Worcester 6-3 were defeated 6-3 by Northampton.

Malcolm Allsop reports from . . .

DERBYSHIRE

SPONSORSHIP RECEIVED

Good news from the Derby League is that the Junior Two-Star Tournament is receiving sponsorship from the Derbyshire Building Society. The Event will be held at the Moor Lane Sports Centre, Derby on Sunday, March 27. As this is the day after the English Schools Team Finals at Matlock, it is hoped that a strong entry will be attracted by a weekend in Derbyshire where they will be made most welcome. Entry Forms may be obtained from Mike Payne, 534 Duffield Road, Allestree, Derby or telephone Derby 557162.

Derbyshire teams had mixed fortunes on Oct. 16 with only the Juniors notching up victory, but that by 10-0. I have been critical in the past of the application of Andrew Henry but in this match his consistency could not be faulted. Nigel Adams gained his first victories and David Rhodes was again a strong No. 3. Louise Forster was again a model of consistency, and whilst Joanne Weightman got off to a bad start against the No. 2 Cumbria girl, Karen Backhouse, she finished very strongly to complete a fine team effort.

What more can be said about Alan Cooke? Our young No. 1 won both his sets for the Senior 1st team against Yorkshire; Stephen Young won one singles, and Marilyn O'Sullivan and To Thuy Dung won the women's doubles. However, overall, the Yorkshire team proved too strong and ran out 6-4 winners.

Northumberland were the visitors for the County 2nd team, and our young team could not match the visitors' experience. Robert Albutt and Stephen Yallop won the Men's Doubles and then David Hinchliffe won a singles as we pulled back from 0-4 to 2-4, but that proved the end of our reward as we went down 2-8. With youth on its side this team can only improve, hopefully before too long elapses!

Congratulations to Cooke (again) on his performance in the England Junior Trials where he finished runner-up to Nicky Mason which hopefully will see him move up the Junior and Senior Rankings following his other successes this season.

The Derbyshire Inter-Town League gets under way earlier this season with the matches scheduled to take place at weekends for the first time. Alfreton will be hoping to successfully defend their Div. 1 title won last year by them for the first time, with improving Geoff Kennel and experienced Stuart Morris and Geoff Gill proving strong opposition.

In the quarter-finals of the Derbyshire Challenge Cup, Granville Aces of Burton meet Hallam 'B' of Eastwood, whilst Chesterfield Activity 'A' meet Matlock. These quarter-final matches have to be played by Dec. 22. In the semis Cressey (Alfreton) will be at home to the winners of the Burton/Eastwood tie; whilst Combustion (Derby) will be away to the winners of the Chesterfield/Matlock tie.

In the Divisional Championships of the Alfreton League, Billy Fowkes won the Div. 1 title with victory in the final over Geoff Gill. Clive Holmes won the Div. 2 final over Adrien Weightman.

In the Derby and District League the

Premier Division standard looks the weakest ever as the older players just get older; whilst the young talent, with very few exceptions, is failing to make the grade, and maintain it. I think "maintain it" is the vital statement because so many of the youngsters on whom coaches' time and patience has been spent have reached their peak but then drifted either to the lower divisions or out of table tennis.

Mechanics 1st could retain their Premier title, yet St. Andrews 1st who should be the favourites have yet to play a match. If they cannot manage one match a week, how are they going to manage later in the season when they have to make up the fixtures. No doubt, David Yallop, Stephen Yallop and Stephen McCarthy will play their matches when they hit their "peak", but the present leaders, surprisingly are St. Andrews 2nd consisting of Paul Harmer (former England Junior), Peter Astley (former Warwicks), Marilyn O'Sullivan (Derbys No. 2), and Arnold Vinay. Making a fine debut in the Premier Division are Granville 1st consisting of Nigel Adams (Derbyshire Junior No. 1), Paul Harvey (Derbyshire Junior No. 4) and Martyn Allsopp (no relation to the writer!).

Ron Hedley reports from . . .

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

WHERE HAVE ALL THE JUNIORS GONE?

Bucks, like a lot of other counties, are suffering from a lack of junior players. At present there are only three girls who are interested in playing for the county and they are all virtual beginners. The three girls make up for their lack of experience by being very keen. Apart from these girls I cannot think of another six girls playing league table tennis, at any standard, throughout the county. During my years as Match Secretary there has always been plenty of high standard boys on our ranking list. A couple of seasons ago two juniors who finished in the top six in the Wycombe League averages could only get into the county junior second team as reserves. This season it appears that virtually all the boys playing in the six leagues, that make up the County Association, are on the ranking list. The High Wycombe League responded to pressure from the A.G.M. and have set up a coaching session on the first Sunday of each month. Under the guidance of league chairman Alan Catchpole four or five of the top players in the league are giving their time to help and encourage juniors within the league. On the first Sunday only three boys turned up and following letters to six of the schools in Wycombe no further response has come. It is most disheartening and also most costly but how can you make people play table tennis who obviously do not want to? To some the problem is a major headache and one that the county committee discussed at length at their last meeting but I am afraid they are no nearer solving the problem.

HIGH WYCOMBE LEAGUE

The league have decided to support the 'Mayors Appeal' which is to raise money for hospital equipment. On December 5th a handicap tournament will be held at the Haylemere Community Centre. The event is open to all Wycombe League players and it is hoped to raise £100 towards the 'Appeal'. To make the event more interesting a 'mystery doubles' event is to be run

in conjunction with the handicap singles. The mystery of the event is on who people will have for a partner. All entrants will be drawn to produce a partner for the first round and each subsequent round all winning pairs will be re-drawn to form new partnerships. At the recent County meeting a member suggested that the event could have only been invented by myself. As I did dream up the idea I am not sure if it was a compliment or not. Unfortunately the league will not be entering a team in the Carter Cup this year as they could not produce three junior boys and this also applies to the Bromfield Trophy due to the lack of girl players.

CIPPENHAM T.T.C.

Bucks National League representatives, Cippenham TTC from Slough, suffered another defeat on 17th October, this time going down 5-3 to Jaques Generation II in Fareham. It was an unfortunate match for Cippenham in that they could and possibly should have been 3-0 up at one time. Winning positions were established in each game but at the break the Slough club found themselves 4-0 down. Second-half wins for Peter Simmonds who played splendidly throughout, Ray Tilling and Daryll Windsor made the scoreline respectable but the usually dependable Frank Earis went down in both his sets. Cippenham, at the end, were left to reflect on a series of missed opportunities in a match where the first game was won in six of the eight sets.

The team travel to Abeng on 2nd January and then welcome Colne Valley to The Centre, Farnham Road, Slough on 9th January. Only one victory has been gained thus far from four starts but all is not yet dead — especially with the news that Alec Watson, many times Bucks champion, is back in training after a year out through illness and determined to win his place back in the side.

SLOUGH NEWS

Calor, in the form of Ian Kenyon, Mandy Reeves and Steve Brindle, top the Slough First Division at the time of writing, but are hotly pursued by Langley 'A' and no less than three Cippenham teams.

For the first time ever Slough will be represented in both National Club Championships. League champions Calor, whose team depends so much on Mandy Reeves, have been unable to enter the men's competition so that place has been allocated to Cippenham, while the young ladies of Langley will grace the distaff event.

WEST MIDLAND LEAGUE

by John Morris

Following the Pontesbury T.T.A.s highly successful, and enjoyable season in the East Midland Cadet League, the management committee of Pontesbury, with some encouragement from Ian McKelvie, decided to attempt to organise a similar venture in the West Midlands.

All likely persons known to the Pontesbury T.T.A. were contacted, and the new West Midland Cadet League was formed with representative association teams from Ellesmere Port, Grove, Telford, Lichfield, Shrewsbury, Gloucester and Pontesbury.

All fixtures are being played on three Saturdays, October 4th and December 18th, 1982, and March 12th, 1983, and the ex-

cellent facilities provided by the Pontesbury T.T.A. at the Mary Webb School means all matches are played under the very best conditions.

In the 1983/84 season, the new venture will be run by a management committee, containing a representative of each of the competing associations.

The playing format for the current season is three players per team (boys and girls), all play all, plus one doubles. Two points for a win, one for a draw.

Any other association who wishes to join for the 1983/84 season should notify secretary John Cooper, 'The Callow', Pontesford Hill, Pontesbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Telephone Shrewsbury 790221.

The first series of matches were played at the Mary Webb School, Pontesbury, on Saturday, October 4th with the following results:

Ellesmere Port 6 Pontesbury 4
Lichfield 9 Grove 1
Gloucester 7 Telford 3
Ellesmere Port 9 Shrewsbury 1
Pontesbury 8 Lichfield 2
Gloucester 10 Grove 0

League Table

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Gloucester	2	2	0	17	3	4
Ellesmere Port	2	2	0	15	5	4
Pontesbury	2	1	1	12	8	2
Lichfield	2	1	1	11	9	2
Telford	1	0	1	3	7	0
Shrewsbury	1	0	1	1	9	0
Grove	2	0	2	1	19	0

The 2nd series of matches will take place on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th at the Mary Webb School, Pontesbury, time table as follows:

11.30 a.m.

Tables 1-2

Telford v Shrewsbury

Tables 3-4

Ellesmere Port v Lichfield

Tables 5-6

Pontesbury v Gloucester

1.30 p.m.

Tables 1-2

Grove v Telford

Tables 3-4

Lichfield v Shrewsbury

Tables 5-6

Ellesmere Port v Gloucester

47th STAMCO SUSSEX 2-STAR CHAMPIONSHIPS

THREE CROWNS FOR KAREN

by R. G. KEMP

Karen Witt gained a third Women's Singles title at the STAMCO sponsored tournament held on the weekend 9/10 October, 1982 at the White Rock Pavilion, Hastings — but in the final, England No. 8 Lisa Bellinger, and equal third seed (who had earlier beaten second seed Alison Gordon) was unlucky to be pipped at the post, with a very close third game that Karen just won. Men's singles champion Paul Day also seeking his third consecutive title struggled into the final with last year's runner-up Graham Sandley; but top seed Sandley was a confident winner, and in fact

was not extended to a third game in the event. Earlier the two semi-finals were relatively easy wins for Sandley over Skylet Andrew 21-11, 21-12; and Day over Alan Fletcher 21-13, 21-14 who had taken advantage of late scratching Bob Potton and Steve Mills' round 2 defeat at the hands of Ian Kenyon.

Sandley picked up another title as with partner Colin Wilson they beat Day and Steve Mills in a scrappy final, the third game going easily to the winners. The Bellinger sisters Lisa and Jacky were outstanding in the Women's Doubles, and took the championship with a good win over second seeds Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith. The sisters had beaten top seeds Karen Witt and scratch partner Tina Shortman in a close semi-final.

Colin Wilson and Helen Williamson were the winners of the Mixed Doubles, beating Day and Sue Collier in the final; although Day and Collier were unfortunate not to get a third game having been 19-16 up, Wilson's serve then taking the next five points.

The Moore brothers from Sussex each teamed up with a Bellinger sister, and both pairs excelled to reach the semi-finals, Adrian and Lisa just losing 18 in the third to Day and Collier.

Popular Londoner Babs Adedayo beat John Holland to win the Veterans' Singles title again, having earlier beaten top seed Derek Schofield in a close semi-final 21-18, 26-24.

Another fair crowd of local table tennis enthusiasts enjoyed an exciting final session; Mr. Leon Sheppardson from main sponsors STAMCO was in attendance to present the trophies.

(The results were published in the November issue. Ed.)

SPORT FOR ALL — 1983

The Sports Council is to place special emphasis on the 50+ age group during 1983. The "Sport for All" Campaign for 1983 is to concentrate on that group and is to be called "50+ — All to Play For".

1983 can only see the start of a campaign to encourage those reaching middle age to consider becoming more involved in sport and recreation. Thus, this first year will be one largely of promoting awareness. The Campaign will start with the official launch on the 13th January, 1983, and there will be a follow-up during May.

DUNLOP SPORTS APPOINTS NEW P.R. EXEC.

Dunlop Sports Company announces the appointment of Andrew Callaway to the position of public relations executive. He will be based at the company's new sales and marketing headquarters in Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

A former journalist with Westminster Press and IPC Business Press, Mr. Callaway has held posts in public relations with Pilkington Brothers and John Waddingtons Ltd., the Leeds-based printing, packaging and games company. He joins Dunlop from Paul Whitaker and Associates Ltd., the Leeds advertising agency where he was public relations director.

Andrew Callaway is 32, he lives in Wyke, Bradford and enjoys most sports including golf, cricket, badminton and squash.

£3,000 BOOST TO SCOTTISH TABLE TENNIS

by Morag Blair

The Scottish Table Tennis National League today announced a sponsorship agreement with a Glasgow based sports equipment manufacturer, CLOBBER SPORTS. The £3,000 sponsorship is to be spread over three years and a prize fund of £750 is at stake in the first year.

Both CLOBBER SPORTS, which is situated in Clydebank's Enterprise Zone, and the League are in their third year of existence. The Company manufactures their own tables which are of a very high quality and are approved by the S.T.T.A.

The injection of cash into the League which is to be named the CLOBBER SPORTS NATIONAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE comes just at the right time in its development. Fifteen teams are now competing in its two divisions. The League is played on seven Saturdays throughout the season and starts on 20 November, 1982.

Favourites in Division I are Greaves Sports 'A' (Glasgow), last year's winners, and Murrayfield JOOLA. The Glasgow side field top Scottish names such as Richard Yule, John Broe and David McIlroy and will prove formidable opponents for the Murrayfield side who have David Hannah, Keith Rodger and David Campbell. Murrayfield JOOLA are also strengthened by Australian Internationalist, Greg Thomas. These two teams do not clash until the final match of the season on 12 March, 1983, which should be a real nail-biter if both are unbeaten by then.

However, the other teams should not be discounted and will certainly prove more than a handful to the top two contenders.

Coatbridge LENTEC won the title in the League's first season with veteran Bert Kerr in the side, the NAIRN TRAVEL (Bridge of Allan) with Walter Clarkson at No. 1, Falkirk SPORTSREAL with Carole Dalrymple at No. 1 and Springburn (Glasgow) with Ron Lindsay at No. 1, are all certain to cause one or two upsets.

The second Division's title is anybody's guess with four new teams competing — NAIRN TRAVEL 'B' (Bridge of Allan), Dumbarton BALLANTYNES, Milnfield Harris (Dundee) and Whitehill (Glasgow). Last year's teams, Greaves Sports 'B', Team WILSON INSURANCE (Lasswade) with Elaine Forbes at No. 1, and Falkirk BISON, are perhaps the strongest contenders for the title, but there are sure to be many surprises in store. It is pleasing to note that the all-girls side, Drumchapel Ladies, are competing again this season, and whilst they do not expect to win the 2nd Division, they will certainly be no pushover with players like Liz Robb, Diane Greig and Isobel Ferguson in the side.

Both the STTA and CLOBBER SPORTS are looking forward to their three year partnership.

Wiltshire 2-Star Open

GRITTY REVIVAL

by Laurie Selby

Although officially billed as a 2-Star, no fewer than 21 England-ranked stars set out to try to pocket the £125 top prize in the second Wiltshire Open on Oct. 31. And at the end of a long hot day of surprises, it was the cool Ian Kenyon who collected the cheque.

No. 10 seed Kenyon staged a gritty revival against John Hilton, seeded No. 3, in the semis. This earned him a place in the final against Skylet Andrew, the fourth seed, who

pulled off a shock win against top seed Graham Sandley in the other semi.

But in the final Andrew, whose serve caused Sandley a headache, could not get his game together and Kenyon had an easier task than he could have anticipated. Kenyon failed to make it a double when he and David Wells let a good lead slip in the men's doubles. Andrew and David Barr made a late dash in the deciding game and just edged out.

Top seed Karen Witt looked in no danger after she scraped home in the opening game of the women's singles against Mandy Smith who produced her giant-killing form in the semi against No. 2 seed Anita Stevenson. But Anita got among the trophies when she partnered Karen to victory in the women's doubles over Gina Pritchard and Claire Maisey.

Picking the winner of the U-17 singles proved as difficult as the men's singles. Top seed David Griffiths went out to the unseeded Martin Campbell and No. 2 seed K. Davies fell to Michael Childs, the ninth seed. Campbell snatched the first game but Childs moved up a gear to take the next two.

The seeding committee was spot on in the girls' singles with No. 1 Mary Denbow beating Jayne Sully in the final. The girls' doubles gave Wiltshire their only winners when Claire Hunter and Helen Wilson beat Miss Denbow and Miss Sully in the final.

Unseeded, Claire Brooks had a great day, sweeping into the final of the cadet girls' singles and then beating top seed Joanne Lee to take the trophy. The cadet boys' final brought one of the most exciting sets with Anthony Jones battling back after dropping the opening game against unseeded Philip Szekeres. Both pairs in the boys' doubles were unseeded. After a see-saw final the Surrey pairing of Andrew Hardy and Neil Sutton came out on top.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

I. Kenyon bt J. Hilton -13, 19, 15;
S. Andrew bt G. Sandley -19, 19, 17.

Final:

KENYON bt Andrew 18, 15.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

K. Witt bt M. Reeves 15, 19;
M. Smith bt A. Stevenson 16, 18.

Final:

WITT bt Smith 21, 14.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Andrew/D. Barr bt I. Horsham/M. Oakley
17, -19, 16;

Kenyon/D. Wells bt P. Brown/Hilton 18, 20.

Final:

ANDREW/BARR bt Kenyon/Wells
-18, 15, 19.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Stevenson/Witt bt J. Bellinger/Smith 17, 17;
C. Maisey/G. Pritchard bt C. Peacock/
R. Russe 19, 12.

Final:

STEVENSON/WITT bt Maisey/Pritchard
20, -19, 14.

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

M. Childs bt D. Champneys 19, -16, 18;
M. Campbell bt D. Griffiths 17, -4, 17.

Final:

CHILDS bt Campbell -19, 13, 14.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

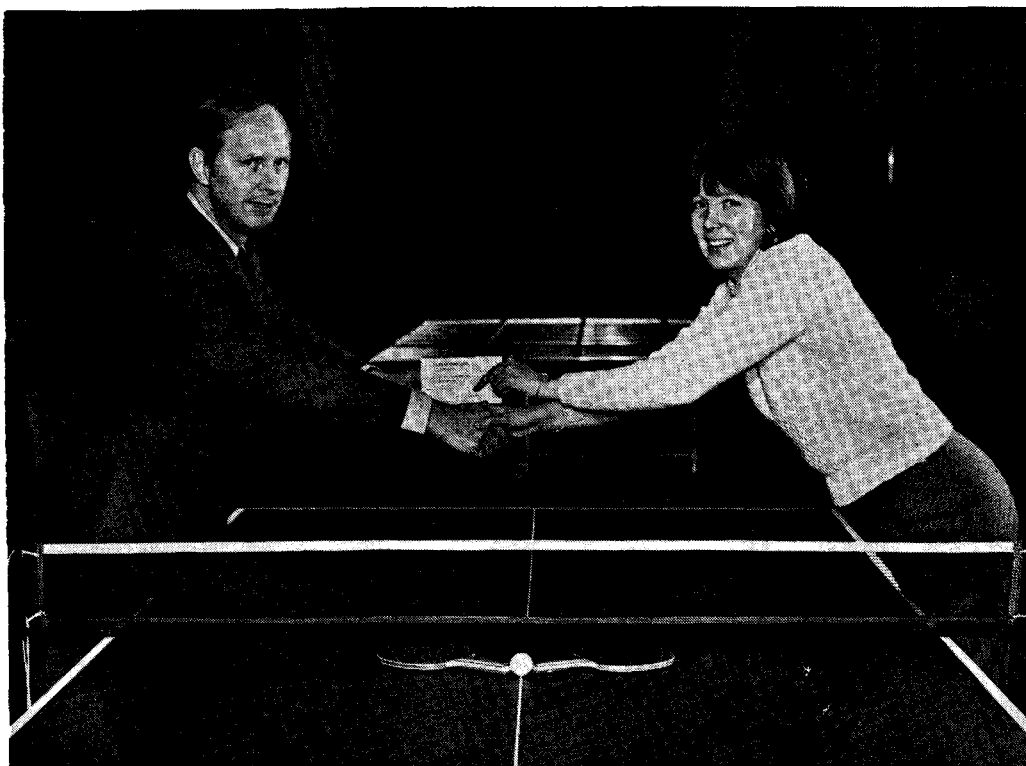
M. Denbow bt S. Butler 19, 20;
J. Sully bt C. Hunter 19, -20, 20.

Final:

DENBOW bt Sully 15, 12.

Cadet Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

A. Jones bt D. Jones 14, 13;



Above left: Iain Butler, Managing Director, CLOBBER SPORTS; right: Morag Blair, General Secretary, Scottish Table Tennis Association.

P. Szekeres bt P. Payne 10, 11.

Final:

JONES bt Szekeres -11, 19, 15.

Cadet Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

J. Lee bt K. Broozek 17, 10;

C. Brooks bt J. Brion 15, 19.

Final:

BROOKS bt Lee -15, 19, 16.

Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:

Champneys/P. Stace bt Childs/P. Savins
-15, 17, 20;

A. Hardy/N. Sutton bt K. Davies/Griffiths
16, -16, 16.

Final:

HARDY/SUTTON bt Champneys/Stace
17, -16, 16.

Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:

Hunter/H. Wilson bt Butler/D. Kratchovila
(no scores);

Denbow/S. Hegarty bt M. Cohen/J. Cryer
15, 13.

Final:

HUNTER/WILSON bt Denbow/Hegarty
19, -19, 13.

COACH SUSPENDED

Dutch coach **Gerard Bakker** — trainer of European champion Bettine Vriesekoop — has been suspended by the Netherlands TTB for two years following an altercation with player Ron van Spanje at a training camp in Beekbergen last July (writes **Bas den Breejen**).

The difference of opinion resulted in an eye injury sustained by van Spanje, who wears spectacles, and who now may be unable to play for some months. As a consequence Bakker tendered his resignation and the NTTB discharged him immediately.

ROAD TO RECOVERY

The Editor regrets any errors or omissions in this issue due to him being in hospital over the period Nov. 12 - Dec. 4 undergoing major surgery involving a partial gastrectomy. Happily the operation has proved successful and grateful thanks are expressed to the office staff at Hastings, Messrs. Shipley, Watts and Oldfield, for their invaluable assistance editorially, to Mrs. Chris Wilkes for her part on the advertising front and last, but by no means least, to Mrs. Doreen Yates for her part as the woman in the middle.

Thanks too are hereby extended to all those friends of the Editor who sent him get well cards and messages of condolence which did much to sustain him during his stay in Bolton and District General Hospital. The road to recovery now stretches before him and the will to maintain all previous connections with table tennis is again paramount.

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LANCASHIRE

TWO OUT OF THREE

Lancastrians acquitted themselves well at Ordsall Recreation Centre, Salford over the weekend of Nov. 27/28 winning two of three matches and might well have made it a hat-trick had they had the services of Donald Parker in their opening encounter against Essex.

As it was Essex triumphed 6-3 but with Parker then available they disposed of Dorset (7-2) and Berkshire (6-3) with Parker losing only to Tony Clayton. Stephen Scowcroft had a good return winning four of his six singles and Steve Turner had three wins and three losses. Shaun Browne, not used in singles, partnered Parker to two men's doubles wins after Scowcroft and Keith Williams had gone down to David Newman and Ian Horsham in the Essex match.

Amanda Goodwin taking the place of Joy Grundy had a good win against Elaine Foulds and shared in three mixed doubles successes with Turner. Detailed results:

v Essex (lost 3-6)

S. Turner lost to I. Horsham 13, -17, -16;

lost to D. Newman -13, -15.

S. Scowcroft bt Newman 19, 15;

lost to A. Penny -7, -16.

K. Williams lost to Penny -13, -14;

lost to Horsham -13, -14.

A. Goodwin bt E. Foulds 19, 19.

Scowcroft/Williams lost to Horsham/
Newman -14, -10.

Turner/Goodwin bt Penny/Foulds
-14, 18, 20.

v Dorset (won 7-3)

D. Parker bt M. Werner 9, 12;

lost to A. Clayton -15, -22.

Turner bt Clayton 17, 15;

bt M. Abbott 19, 17.

Scowcroft bt Abbott 20, 18;

bt Werner 13, 16.

Goodwin lost to S. Creasey -19, -18.

S. Browne/Parker bt Abbott/Clayton 19, 13.

Turner/Goodwin bt Werner/Creasey 16, 11.

v Berkshire (won 6-3)

Parker bt A. Wellman 14, 16;

bt D. Barr 13, 17.

Turner lost to Barr -19, -14;

bt Fullerton 4, -17, 9.

Scowcroft bt Fullerton 10, -12, 15;

lost to Wellman -13, -21.

Goodwin lost to M. Smith -13, -13.

Browne/Parker bt Fullerton/Wellman 11, 12.

Turner/Goodwin bt Barr/Smith 17, -19, 19.

Jeremy Williams reports from . . .

CORNWALL

CORNISH LEAGUE — ST. AUSTELL GO TOP

After two consecutive victories over Truro and Redruth; St. Austell are the early leaders of the first ever Cornish League. St. Ives, Falmouth and Helston are the other early pace-setters but St. Austell have demonstrated in their form that they stand a great chance of reaching the play off in April and challenge for the White Hart Cup. Initial reaction to the competition has been generally good and it is encouraging that Launceston, St. Ives, Redruth and Falmouth have all attracted large crowds (over 20 in some cases), at such an early stage. As with the National League there could be

some unusual faces in the end of season "averages", and many of the players are rising to the occasion: Kevin Allen's win over Raymond Bunt is undoubtedly the biggest upset so far and there have been fine wins for Glen Wearne over Nigel Cock and John Penhaligon. Former stars Trevor Kemp and Keith Songhurst have raised their games and are proving difficult to shake off. Barry Cornelius (St. Austell), John Bassett (St. Ives) and Jon Woollins (Launceston) are also unbeaten at time of writing. The early Cornish League Table stands as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Austell	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Helston	2	1	1	0	14	6	3
Falmouth	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
St. Ives	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Camborne	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Redruth	2	0	1	1	7	13	1
Truro	2	0	0	2	6	14	0
Launceston	2	0	0	2	5	15	0

COUNTY MATCHES

After an encouraging draw away to Avon in October, Cornwall's Senior County team have slumped to two successive defeats in division 3B of the English League. Cornwall were beaten 7-3 at home to Berkshire II with Simon Rowland ensuring victory for the visitors with two narrow wins over Barry Cornelius and Jeremy Williams. Against Hampshire II at Southampton, Ian James hit fine form to record two straight game wins but despite his efforts Cornwall again went down 7-3. One can only speculate that when the Cornish players all hit form together — then the results will start to come in.

Indeed, the Cornish ranking lists of registered players, issued in September, have caused a great deal of controversy over the positioning and exclusion of some players. As it is merely a registration of players for selection purposes, it cannot be called a true ranking list. Ideally, a separate ranking committee is required to rank players on a points system as in the Lentec National Rankings. Cornwall's officials are however, overloaded with work and until someone volunteers to help — this aspect will be a weakness in the county system.

This matter caused a heated discussion at the last executive meeting, as did the appearance of the County Team's shirts. Thus, it was agreed to obtain new county shirts with the money saved from the White Hart Hotel sponsorship scheme.

LAUNCESTON KERNOW

Cornwall's only Halex National League team have faltered in recent weeks after recording a comfortable 6-2 victory at home to Solihull on Oct. 17. Launceston faced two awkward matches away to Tarmac Ladies and home to Chan Construction, losing 5-3 and 6-2 respectively.

The Editor and Staff of 'T.T. News' wish all readers and advertisers the season's greetings.

Please note: Owing to the Xmas Holidays, the January issue of 'T.T. News' will be later than usual.

County Championships Round-up

LATEST RESULTS AND TABLES INCLUDING ALL MATCHES PLAYED UP TO 28/11/82

Senior Premier Division

Lancashire 3 Essex 6, Berkshire 5 Warwickshire 4, Yorkshire 8 Staffordshire 1, Middlesex 6 Dorset 3 (amended result, Middlesex played out of order), Dorset 2 Lancashire 7, Warwickshire 5 Yorkshire 4, Essex 5 Berkshire 4, Staffordshire 3 Middlesex 6 (amended result, Middlesex played out of order), Middlesex 4 Warwickshire 5 (amended result, Middlesex played out of order), Yorkshire 7 Essex 2, Berkshire 3 Lancashire 6, Dorset 4 Staffordshire 5.

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Yorkshire	3	2	1	19	8	4
Lancashire	3	2	1	16	11	4
Middlesex	3	2	1	16	11	4
Warwickshire	3	2	1	14	13	4
Essex	3	2	1	13	14	4
Berkshire	3	1	2	12	15	2
Staffordshire	3	1	2	9	18	2
Dorset	3	0	3	9	18	0

Senior Division 2A

Derbyshire 6 Cheshire 4, Lancashire 7 Cambridgeshire 3, Leicestershire 5 Yorkshire 5, Staffordshire 6 Northumberland 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lancashire	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Leicestershire	3	2	1	0	23	7	5
Cambridgeshire	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Yorkshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Derbyshire	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Staffordshire	3	1	0	2	9	21	2
Cheshire	2	0	0	2	7	13	0
Northumberland	2	0	0	2	6	14	0

Senior Division 2B

Bedfordshire 3 Sussex 7, Middlesex 3 Devon 7, Wiltshire 10 Hampshire 0, Kent 4 Surrey 6, Kent 7 Devon 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Surrey	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Devonshire	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Kent	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Middlesex	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Wiltshire	3	1	0	2	17	13	2
Hampshire	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Sussex	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Bedfordshire	3	0	0	3	7	23	0

Senior Division 3A

Northumberland 2 Leicester 8, Lincolnshire 4 Nottinghamshire 6, Warwickshire 10 Derbyshire 0 (walkover).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warwickshire	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Leicestershire	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Northumberland	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Nottinghamshire	3	1	1	1	12	18	3
Lincolnshire	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Cumbria	2	0	0	2	3	17	0
Derbyshire	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

Senior Division 3B

Berkshire 7 Isle of Wight 3, Somerset 7 Gloucestershire 3, Avon 7 Dorset 3, Hampshire 7 Cornwall 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Berkshire	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Hampshire	3	2	1	0	18	12	5
Avon	3	1	1	1	16	12	3
Somerset	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Gloucestershire	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Isle of Wight	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Dorset	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Cornwall	3	0	1	2	11	19	1

Senior Division 3C

Worcestershire 9 Huntingdonshire 1, Northamptonshire 6 Buckinghamshire 4, Oxfordshire 4 Wiltshire 6 Herefordshire 5 Glamorgan 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Northamptonshire	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Buckinghamshire	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Worcestershire	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Herefordshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Glamorgan	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Oxfordshire	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Wiltshire	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Huntingdonshire	3	0	0	3	6	24	0

Senior Division 3D

Essex 7 Sussex 3, Cambridgeshire 2 Norfolk 8, Hertfordshire 6 Kent 4, Suffolk 10 Surrey 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essex	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Suffolk	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Surrey	3	2	0	1	12	18	4
Sussex	3	1	0	2	16	14	2
Norfolk	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Hertfordshire	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Kent	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Cambridgeshire	3	0	0	3	6	24	0

Senior Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Norfolk	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Worcestershire	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Clwyd	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Northamptonshire	1	0	0	1	2	8	0

Junior Division 2A

Northamptonshire 3 Durham 7, Yorkshire 5 Warwickshire 5, Lincolnshire 1 Staffordshire 9, Lancashire 10 Leicestershire 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Staffordshire	3	3	0	0	21	9	6
Warwickshire	3	2	1	0	24	6	5
Lancashire	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Durham	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Yorkshire	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Northamptonshire	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Lincolnshire	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
Leicestershire	3	0	0	3	3	27	0

Junior Division 2B

Essex 9 Wiltshire 1, Berkshire 8 Kent 2, Hertfordshire 8 Glamorgan 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essex	3	3	0	0	28	2	6
Berkshire	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Hertfordshire	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Gloucestershire	3	1	1	1	11	19	3
Kent	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Glamorgan	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Wiltshire	3	0	1	2	8	22	1
Middlesex	3	0	0	3	9	21	0

Junior Division 3A

Cumbria I 4 Northumberland 6, Nottinghamshire 6 Lincolnshire 4, Staffordshire 10 Cumbria II 0, Cheshire 5 Derbyshire 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Staffordshire	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Derbyshire	3	1	2	0	20	10	4
Northumberland	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Cheshire	2	1	1	0	15	5	3
Nottinghamshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Lincolnshire	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Cumbria I	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Cleveland	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Cumbria II	3	0	0	3	0	30	0

Junior Division 3B

Oxfordshire 4 Buckinghamshire 6, Warwickshire 6 Hampshire 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Buckinghamshire	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Warwickshire	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Worcestershire	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Oxfordshire	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Hampshire	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Dorset	2	0	0	2	7	13	0

Herefordshire have withdrawn and their record deleted.

Junior Division 3C

Wiltshire 1 Surrey 9, Dorset 8 Somerset 2, Hampshire 6 Avon 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dorset	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Surrey	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Hampshire	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Avon	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Somerset	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Berkshire	2	0	0	2	5	15	0
Wiltshire	3	0	0	3	2	28	0
Cornwall	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

Junior Division 3D

Norfolk II 4 Essex III 6, Essex II 8 Norfolk I 2, Suffolk 8 Hertfordshire 2, Huntingdonshire 5 Cambridgeshire 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essex II	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Norfolk II	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Essex III	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Cambridgeshire	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Sussex	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Suffolk	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Norfolk I	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Huntingdonshire	3	0	1	2	8	22	1
Hertfordshire	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

Veterans Premier Division

Essex 4 Kent 5, Lincolnshire 9 Nottingham 0, Huntingdonshire 7 Dorset 2, Cheshire 6 Middlesex 3.

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Lincolnshire	3	3	0	24	3	6
Cheshire	3	3	0	17	10	6
Kent	3	2	1	15	12	4
Middlesex	3	1	2	15	12	2
Essex	3	1	2	13	14	2
Huntingdonshire	3	1	2	11	16	2
Nottinghamshire	3	1	2	9	18	2
Dorset	3	0	3	4	23	0

Veterans Division 2A

Leicestershire 8 Avon 1 (amended result), Worcestershire 9 Oxfordshire 0, Buckinghamshire 1 Hertfordshire 8, Northamptonshire 6 Cheshire 3.

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Leicestershire	3	3	0	19	8	6
Hertfordshire	3	2	1	21	6	4
Cheshire	3	2	1	15	12	4
Worcestershire	2	1	1	12	6	2
Avon	2	1	1	9	9	2
Oxfordshire	3	1	2	10	17	2
Northamptonshire	3	1	2	7	20	2
Buckinghamshire	3	0	3	6	21	0

Veterans Division 2B

Dorset 4 Bedfordshire 5, Kent 5 Middlesex 4, Essex 5 Berkshire 4, Sussex 8 Hampshire 1.

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Sussex	3	2	1	18	9	4
Berkshire	3	2	1	16	11	4
Essex	3	2	1	13	14	4
Hampshire	3	2	1	13	14	4
Kent	3	2	1	13	14	4
Middlesex	3	1	2	13	14	2
Bedfordshire	3	1	2	11	16	2
Dorset	3	0	3	11	16</	

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Clwyd	3	3	0	17	10	6
Hertfordshire III	2	2	0	13	5	4
Cumbria	3	1	2	11	16	2
Huntingdonshire	2	0	2	8	10	0
Wiltshire	2	0	2	5	13	0

Veterans Division 3B

Sussex 4 Hampshire 5, Somerset 2 Hertfordshire II 7, Berkshire 6 Wiltshire 3.

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Hampshire	3	3	0	19	8	6
Hertfordshire II	3	2	1	17	10	4
Berkshire	3	2	1	16	11	4
Sussex	3	1	2	13	14	2
Somerset	3	1	2	10	17	2
Wiltshire	3	0	3	6	21	0

Letters to the Editor

V.R.S. STIGA

I would like to reply to David Cosway's comments in his Hampshire Notes in the November edition of 'Table Tennis News' regarding the V.R.S. Stiga Club from Portsmouth not being allowed to enter the Europe Club Cup Championship after winning the National Club Knock-Out Championships.

In my experience the ETТА is often blamed by people who do not know, or do not bother to find out the true facts about various issues, and the case of V.R.S. is a perfect example of such a situation.

I am not going to argue about the merits or otherwise of a decision taken at the highest level by the governing body of our sport, but the facts are that in July, 1979,

the National Council finally decided that the National League should start in the 1979-80 season and also that the club winning the Premier Division should be the one to represent the ETТА in the Europe Club Cup Championship. Accordingly Appendix 'G' to rules governing the National Club Knock-Out Championships were changed, deleting the reference to entry into the European competition. Similarly, in July, 1981, the National Council decided that the Runners-up in the Premier Division of the National League should be eligible to represent the ETТА in the European Fairs Cities Cup Competition, and, once again, Appendix 'G' was amended.

The above National Council decisions were related to every county through the minutes of the meeting and I presume the counties would then have passed on the information to their affiliated leagues at one of their regular meetings. On neither occasion was there any protest from Hampshire County, the Portsmouth league or Mr. Keir Donaldson.

The normal procedure is for the regulations governing each ETТА competition to be sent to every entrant before, I repeat, before they start, so there was no question of altering things after the competition had started, as stated by Mr. Cosway. In fact, as can be clearly seen from the above dates the regulations were altered some considerable time before V.R.S. won the Ormesby Cup.

Mr. Cosway's comments are very similar to those contained in a letter I received from Mr. Donaldson and also that of a press

report in a local Portsmouth newspaper. He also states that 'no one appears to have told V.R.S.'. Again, this is incorrect as I personally telephoned Mr. Donaldson and explained everything to him. He accepted what I had to say and, furthermore, agreed that he had not read his copy of the regulations carefully enough or he would have known the outcome. He was, to his credit, gracious enough to apologise to me for his remarks. On behalf of the E.T.T.A. I also wrote to the local newspaper to give them the correct story, but, to date, I have no knowledge of my letter having been published.

I have always tried to avoid controversy in my organisation of the National Competitions for the E.T.T.A. since 1969, preferring to stay in the background, but I must confess to getting very angry when the ETТА is blamed for something it is completely innocent of, and on this occasion I felt compelled to write to put the record straight. I hope, therefore, that the above facts will satisfy the Hampshire County Association, for whom incidentally, I have the highest regard, Dave Cosway, Keir Donaldson and all other interested parties.

Needless to say, the performance of the V.R.S. team in winning the Ormesby Cup was first-class, which can never be taken away from them.

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Lambert and Butler Championship

by ALBERT SHIPLEY

Table tennis as it used to be played, before the "twiddlers" took over, was enjoyed by the audience sitting comfortably in the magnificent surroundings of the Wembley Conference Centre on Sunday, 28th November, 1982.

Included in the six European ranked players who took part were three of the most experienced performers in action today; all former European Champions — Milan Orlovski of Czechoslovakia, Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia and Jacques Secretin of France. It had been hoped to include the current European champion, Mikael Appelgren from Sweden, but a back injury prevented his appearance and his place was taken by a fellow countryman, Ulf Bengtsson. Completing the line-up were Andrzej Grubba of Poland and last year's winner of the event, Desmond Douglas.

The first stage of the championship was played in two groups, the winner and runner-up in each group going forward to the semi-finals. There is simply not enough space in this magazine to do justice to the rallies that were produced in the group matches. In Group 1 Orlovski emerged the victor, winning both his matches and his win over Bengtsson at 23-21 in the third was a classic. Bengtsson's victory over the luckless Grubba gave him the other semi-final place from this group.

Although in Group 2 each of the three matches were settled in two straight games, the spectacular table tennis produced by the combinations of Surbek, Secretin and Douglas had to be seen to be believed. Surbek may be past his prime now, but that big forehand and his remarkable fitness still give a fascinating display. Jacques Secretin is now almost as well known for his exhibition table tennis and in all his matches there were slices of entertainment mixed with competitive skill and he quickly became a favourite with the audience. Desmond Douglas was in sparkling form and won the group with Secretin, much to the delight of the crowd, going forward to the semi-final by virtue of a win over Surbek.

The first semi-final between Orlovski and Secretin would have earned two 5.9's from an ice-skating judge for artistic presentation and technical merit. It must have produced every shot in the book and two of the three games included the drama of a 20-all scoreline. Once again the crowd were delighted with a Secretin win as it meant yet another chance to see his superb showmanship and skill.

In the other semi-final, Douglas was in such sharp form that the hard-hitting Bengtsson found his best shots being returned with interest and the scoreline of 21-8, 21-13 does not accurately reflect the length of the match.

And so the scene was set for the final that the spectators would have wished for, Secretin v Douglas, and they were not disappointed. It was almost the perfect set-up

— an English player in good form and therefore likely to win — against the artistry and humour of the Frenchman with the Charlie Chaplin touch.

Desmond won the trophy, a magnum of champagne and the £1,600 first prize, playing for the first time in front of his family. As Chairman of the E.T.T.A. Tom Blunn said in his reception speech, we should always ensure the presence of Mrs. Douglas if her son's performance was indicative of her inspiration.

The event was recorded by BBC Television and it is hoped that most readers will have seen the excerpts on the 11th December Grandstand programme, but there would be more than enough film left in the can to produce a programme of entertaining table tennis that is sadly rarely seen these days.

SCORES

Group 1

M. Orlovski bt U. Bengtsson 18, -9, 21;
bt A. Grubba 15, 13.
Bengtsson bt Grubba -23, 16, 16.

Group 2

D. Douglas bt J. Secretin 20, 16;
bt D. Surbek 11, 17.
Secretin bt Surbek 13, 18.

Semi-finals:

Secretin bt Orlovski 20, -11, 21;
Douglas bt Bengtsson 8, 13.

Final:

DOUGLAS bt Secretin 15, 18.

WEST YORKSHIRE 2-STAR OPEN

by Steve Nunn

Once again there was a very good entry for the West Yorkshire 2-Star Open played at the Richard Dunn Centre, Bradford on Nov. 6 with 60 entries having to be returned. The tournament was played on Saturday so as to avoid clashing with Halex National League matches, which although is progress in our sport, I personally think this is at the expense of tournaments not getting the top players. The National League seems to be playing havoc also with the County Championships, local inter-league fixtures etc. With so much activity I just do not know how players find time to represent local leagues where the majority of players get their experience.

I only hope that our game does not suffer through players having too many commitments. In this tournament under review the only disappointment was the withdrawal of support by the sponsors. For some internal problems, this was only three of four weeks before the event. This is something the Bradford League are not quite happy about as they had already given the sponsors a great deal of publicity both nationally and locally.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

J. Hilton (La) bt K. Beadsley (Y) -19, 9, 15;
C. Rogers (Le) bt P. Jackson (Av) 18, 14;
S. Mills (Y) bt S. Scowcroft (La) 10, 15;
P. McQueen (Nd) bt P. Bowen (La)
-21, 21, 18.

Semi-finals:

Hilton bt Rogers 17, 16;
Mills bt McQueen 19, 9.

Final:

MILLS bt Hilton -11, 12, 19.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

T. Lightfoot (Ch) bt T. T. Dung (Dy) 9, 12;
J. Parker (La) bt K. Smith (Le) -21, 17, 18;
J. Grundy (La) bt M. Hill (Y) -19, 13, 10;
A. Stevenson (Le) bt L. Broomhead (Y)
15, -15, 18.

Semi-finals:

Parker bt Lightfoot -15, 14, 18;
Stevenson bt Grundy 15, -15, 18.

Final:

STEVENSON bt Parker 13, 14.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Beadsley/D. Hinchcliffe (Y) bt Bowen/
Hilton 15, -21, 15;
Mills/Rogers bt T. Donlon/D. Schofield
(Ch) 17, 13.

Final:

BEADSLEY/HINCHCLIFFE bt Mills/Rogers
16, -15, 14.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Hill/Stevenson bt Grundy/Parker 18, 17;
S. Hunt (Li)/Smith bt J. McLean/J. Speight
(Y) 12, 13.

Final:

HILL/STEVENSON bt Hunt/Smith
11, -18, 20.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

S. Sharpe (Y) bt N. McMaster (Nd)
15, -12, 18;

J. Thatcher (Y) bt N. Newton (Y) 19, 13;
R. Hayward (St) bt M. Firth (Y) -22, 20, 11;
D. Rook (Y) bt H. Leigh (La) -15, 20, 14.

Semi-finals:

Thatcher bt Sharpe -11, 17, 15;
Hayward bt Rook 5, -12, 15.

Final:

HAYWARD bt Thatcher -16, 12, 11.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

Parker bt E. Wright (Wal) 8, 15;
M. Seaton (Y) bt D. O'Driscoll (Ng) 9, 8;
R. Brook (Y) bt J. Ryalls (Y) 14, 6;
Lightfoot bt Dung 13, 15.

Semi-finals:

Parker bt Seaton 16, 14;
Lightfoot bt Brook 15, 15.

Final:

PARKER bt Lightfoot 9, 20.

Veterans' Singles Quarter-finals:

P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt G. Brook (Y) 11, -17, 19;
Donlon bt B. Allison (Li) -12, 22, 14;
M. Shearer (Li) bt Mrs. D. Schofield (Ch)
12, 13;

Schofield bt T. Moran (Ng) 8, 19.

Semi-finals:

D'Arcy bt Donlon -19, 16, 10;
Schofield bt Shearer -16, 10, 18.

Final:

SCHOFIELD bt D'Arcy 17, 12.

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DERBYSHIRE

UNANIMOUS BACKING

A Special General Meeting of the Derby League on Nov. 26 gave the League Committee the unanimous backing to proceed with plans for a new £100,000 Building in conjunction with the Derby Athletics Club.

The New Building will be adjacent to the present Moor Lane Sports Centre, venue of the Derby Junior Two-Star Open, and will have a Table Tennis playing area 120 x 40 feet. In addition to changing rooms, toilets and showers for both sexes, there will be a Bar, Refreshment Area and Lounge overlooking both the Sports Hall and the Athletics track. A Committee Room and a small gymnasium are also included in the plans which should make an ideal quarters for both Sports; and which individually would be beyond the budget of both.

Sports Council backing is expected to enable the construction to commence early in 1984 in readiness for the 1984/85 table tennis season. Additional help is anticipated from the Derby City Council and a Brewery, although negotiations are still being held.

The Derbyshire 1st team gained their first win of the season when they entertained Cheshire, after two away defeats. The spirit of the team helped a recovery from 3-4 down, with captain Neil Marples gaining a close win in the final set to make it 6-4. Neil won -19, 20, 20 after leading 20-18 in the third but still managed to give the Derbyshire supporters a tense finish!

SCORES

A. Cooke bt W. Percival 7, 9;
bt M. Sankey 12, 7.
S. Young lost to Hankey 18, -20, -14;
bt A. Taylor 18, -19, 14.
N. Marples lost to Taylor 19, -18, -16;
bt Percival -19, 20, 20.
Miss O'Sullivan lost to T. Lightfoot
-19, 16, -17.
To Thuy bt J. Deakin 20, 18.
O'Sullivan/To Thuy lost to Deakin/Lightfoot
-14, -11.

Cooke/Marples bt Hankey/Taylor -4, 21, 20.

The 2nd team match was conceded to Warwickshire after Stephen Yallop, Clare Bentley and captain Les Allwood turned up in Birmingham only to find the Chesterfield contingent had been unable to travel and had telephoned Warwickshire to inform them they would not be present.

The juniors played their first away match against Cheshire and made another draw to preserve their unbeaten record. Andrew Henry continued his improved form in Derbyshire colours to win both his singles; Nigel Adams and the ever-reliable Louise Forster won a singles each, and Louise combined with Joanne Weightman to win the girls' doubles.

On the local tournament scene, the Derby Divisional Championships will be held at Lancaster Sports Centre on Sunday, Jan. 16; but the Derbyshire Championships due to be held at Alfreton on Feb. 6 have had to be postponed owing to a clash of events.

In the Derby League, Granville 1st made a good start to their life in the Premier Division with an unbeaten run, until they in-

cluded former Derbyshire Champion Philip Vickers, and suffered their first defeat against reigning Champions Mechanics 1st. Leading title contenders St. Andrew's 1st got under way at last after having their first five matches postponed, which I now understand were all postponed by their opponents, and with the Yallops, David and Stephen, together with Stephen McCarthy are moving up the table to challenge Mechanics.

The Derbyshire Inter-Town League got under way with Derby 1st suffering an 8-2 defeat at Eastwood with Ernie Lough winning a maximum; and Burton proving too good for Alfreton by 8-2 in Division One.

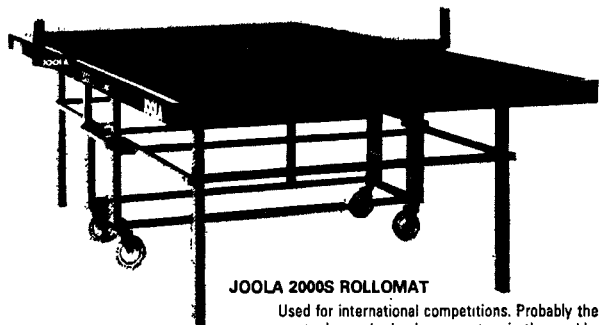
In Division Two, former Derbyshire Juniors Martin Simpson and Paul Druce proved too strong for Eastwood 2nd, as Derby 2nd gained a 9-1 win. G. Giggions and J. Higginbottom won two each for Chesterfield 2nd in a 6-4 win over Matlock despite two wins each for County Chairman Colin Hartland and D. Kennedy.

In the Junior Division Burton gained a 9-1 win at Alfreton whilst Derby swamped Eastwood by 10-0.

The Eastwood Junior team of David North, Joanne and Adrian Weightman are playing in Alfreton and Derby Leagues to gain further experience, and as YMCA 3rd are leading the Derby Division Four table.

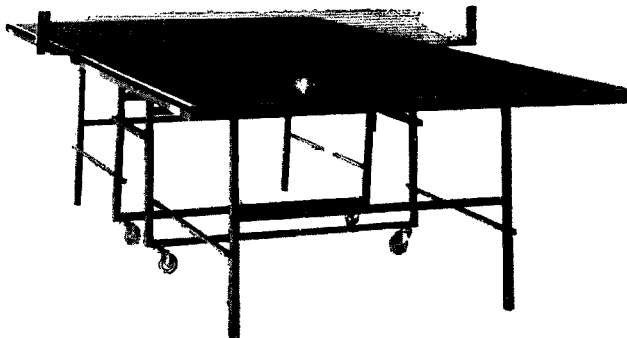
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'LENTEC' COMPUTER RANKINGS

by PETER CHARTERS

(Chairman, National Selection Committee)

Following are the 'Lentec' Computer Ranking Lists issued for November 1982. The points score, up to and including the Humberside 3-Star for seniors; and up to and including the Ranking Trials and Wilts Junior 2-Star for Juniors/Cadets, are given.

In the event of points equality, the player previously placed higher has been given the top division. Where the players are new to the Ranking List, the first one into the list has been given top position.

The next Computer Lists will be issued earlier than originally planned. The Seniors' will be issued after the Middlesex 3-Star Championships, whilst the next Junior/Cadet lists will be produced after the English Junior Closed Championships. It is hoped to get the lists out for Christmas.

MEN

	Points
1 Desmond Douglas (Wa)	601
2 Duggie Johnson (Wa)	574
3 Graham Sandley (Mi)	512
4 John Hilton (La)	500
5 Paul Day (Ca)	482
6 Skylet Andrew (E)	441
7 Donald Parker (La)	423
8 Nigel Eckersley (Ch)	412
9 Kenny Jackson (E)	394
10 David Wells (Mi)	387
11 Steven Mills (Y)	386
12 Mark Mitchell (Mi)	380
13 David Constance (Do)	373
14 Carl Preat (IOW)	368
15 Philip Bradbury (Bu)	366
16 Colin Wilson (Mi)	342
17 Chu Van Que (Nd)	339
18 Ian Kenyon (K)	309
19 Richard Jermy (He)	308
20 Steven Turner (La)	306
21 Max Crimmins (Sy)	293
22 Chris Rogers (Le)	286
23 Ian Horsham (E)	279
24 John Kitchener (Sk)	278
25 David Barr (Bk)	270
26 Kevin Beadsley (Y)	257
27 John Souter (Mi)	256
28 David Tan (Mi)	247
29 Andy Wellman (Bk)	245
30 Alan Fletcher (Y)	241
31 Barry Johnson (Wa)	232
32 Kevin Satchell (Wi)	225
33 Barry Hayward (Wa)	218
34 Lindsay Taylor (Cv)	214
35 David Reeves (Bk)	207
36 Joey Kennedy (K)	205
37 Keith Paxton (Du)	200
38 Peter McQueen (Nd)	196
39 William Gleave (Ch)	190
40 Nicky Mason (Hoare) (Sy)	183
41 Keith Richardson (Ca)	179
42 David Newman (E)	174
43 Andrew Bellingham (St)	171
44 Malcolm Francis (Sx)	165
45 Paul Randall (Le)	161
46 Peter Taylor (He)	155
47 Brian Johns (Ch)	151
48 Mick Harper (Ca)	149
49 Adrian Moore (Sx)	149
50 Steven Scowcroft (La)	143
51 Mark Oakley (Sy)	138
52 Tony Sanderson (Y)	134
53 Alan Cooke (Dy)	132
54 Shaun Browne (La)	117
55 Desmond Charley (E)	112
56 John Payne (Mi)	110
57 Tony Clayton (Do)	109
58 Babs Adedayo (Sy)	103
59 Martyn Smith (Av)	98
60 Anthony Boasman (Ch)	92
61 Simon Heaps (Do)	88
62 Paul Namdjou (K)	88
63 Phillip Bowen (La)	88
64 Stephen Moore (Sx)	87
65 Keith Williams (Mi)	84
66 Phillip Smith (Sx)	80
67 Gary Lambert (Dv)	80
68 Paul Whiting (Dv)	78
69 Mark Hankey (Ch)	78
70 Carl Morgan (Wa)	78

71 David Dodd (K)	77
72 Michael Browne (Wa)	72
73 Ian Robertson (Nd)	68
74 Andy Rich (St)	68
75 Michael Hammond (Sy)	66
76 Derek Munt (Wa)	64
77 Steven Sharpe (Y)	58
78 Stuart Palmer (Sk)	56
79 Andy Withers (Ca)	54
80 Paul Rainford (La)	53
81 Jonathan Proffitt (He)	52
82 Tony Isaac (St)	52
83 Iain Fullerton (Bk)	51
84 Steven Holloway (Sy)	50
85 Malcolm Green (Sp)	50
86 Kevin Green (Cv)	49
87 Andrew Creed (Av)	46
88 Roger Chandler (Sx)	42
89 Greg Hallam (St)	40
90 Derek Holman (Ha)	38
91 Clive Morris (K)	36
92 Percy Collino (Mi)	34
93 John Burleton (K)	32
94 Mark Illingsworth (Y)	31
95 Stephen Cowley (La)	26
96 Glen Baker (Sy)	26
97 Gary Spencer (K)	25
98 David Gannon (Le)	25
99 Matt Shearer (Li)	25
100 Ralph Gunnion (Wa)	24

WOMEN

	Points
1 Jill Hammersley-Parker (La)	234
2 Karen Witt (Bk)	218
3 Alison Gordon (Bk)	165
4 Carole Moore (Knight) (Cv)	160
5 Anita Stevenson (Le)	143
6 Joy Grundy (La)	137
7 Lisa Bellinger (Bd)	135
8 Karen Smith (Le)	79
9 Jean Parker (La)	71
10 Angela Mitchell (Mi)	70
11 Melody Hill (Y)	69
12 Helen Williams (Mi)	52
13 Mandy Smith (Bk)	48
14 Mandy Reeves (Mi)	47
15 Joanne Shaw (Y)	42
16 Jackie Bellinger (Bd)	40
17 Christine Peacock (La)	37
18 Julie Revill (Le)	36
19 Suzanne Hunt (Li)	35
20 Susan Collier (Bk)	31
21 Sarah Sandley (Mi)	30
22 Helen Shields (Y)	26
23 Karen Groves (Wa)	25
24 Sandra Peakman (Wa)	25
25 Jill Harris (St)	24
26 Claire Maisey (Wi)	22
27 Nicola Hamilton (He)	22
28 Sally Midgely (Y)	20
29 Gina Pritchard (Dv)	18
30 Julie McLean (Y)	18
31 Teresa Moore (Sx)	17
32 Ruth Baxter (Y)	16
33 Lorraine Garbet (Sy)	10
34 Julie Cornock (St)	9
35 Laura Goldsmith (Mi)	9
36 Mary Denbow (Ox)	8
37 Nina Tsakarisianos (Gs)	8
38 Linda Smith (Y)	7
39 Jenny Collins (Bk)	7
40 Cheryl Buttery (Li)	4
41 Julie Dowsett (E)	1
42 Rebecca Russe (So)	1
43 Elaine Short (Dv)	1
44 Janet Parker (Wi)	1

JUNIOR BOYS

	Points
1 C. Preat	290
2 N. Mason	272
3 W. Gleave	230
4 A. Cooke	212
5 G. Lambert	185
6 P. Logsdon	168
7 P. Gunn	167
8 A. Sexton	166
9 S. Dettmar	166
10 M. Jukes	166
11 D. Griffin	163
12 A. Dodd	159
13 M. Thomas	158
14 D. Topiwala	154
15 S. Sharpe	153
16 D. McVitie	151
17 M. Ellett	150
18 P. Huggon	150
19 S. Worrell	147
20 G. Wilson	145
21 A. Cunningham	145
22 G. Bartram	144
23 D. Rook	142
24 K. Samuels	142
25 R. Hayward	142
26 N. McMaster	142
27 P. Ashcroft	140
28 N. Aspinall	140
29 P. Cole	139
30 J. Wheel	127
31 R. Tifford	127
32 A. Syed	124
33 J. Stokes	124
34 M. Firth	123
35 M. Randle	118
36 J. Thatcher	114
37 R. Thomas	109
38 D. Dewsbury	106
39 R. Darnell	106
40 L. Neil	103
41 D. Blackburn	97

42 G. McKim	85
43 A. Dixon	85
44 P. Bannister	82
45 A. Wattis	79
46 E. Gorniak	76
47 K. Cartwright	70
48 C. Grant	70
49 P. Holliday	70
50 J. Singh	64

JUNIOR GIRLS

	Points
1 L. Bellinger	202
2 J. Parker	195
3 S. Collier	187
4 T. Lightfoot	164
5 J. Powis	144
6 H. Bardwell	135
7 M. Seaton	130
8 F. Elliot	118
9 R. Brook	114
10 N. Tsakarisianos	112
11 To Thuy Dung	110
12 T. Moore	108
13 N. Hamilton	107
14 A. Hegarty	103
15 J. Ryalls	102
16 M. Hams	101
17 L. Goldsmith	100
18 C. Mouzon	94
19 D. Soothill	93
20 J. Shaw	92
21 A. Boxall	89
22 A. Judd	85
23 L. Hayden	77
24 T. Spencer	76
25 D. Simmonds	74
26 L. Davis	74
27 R. Knight	73
28 L. Harman	70
29 A. Barker	67
30 J. Mills	65
31 L. Popkiewicz	64
32 S. O'Leary	61
33 J. Barrella	55
34 M. Denbow	46
35 R. Hunter	43
36 J. Shippey	41
37 A. Clemence	41
38 V. Bellingham	40
39 S. Weston	37
40 T. Holland	28

CADET BOYS

	Points
1 A. Syed	199
2 A. Dixon	152
3 M. Syed	130
4 M. Oxley	126
5 M. Rutherford	126
6 P. Amos	125
7 S. Craggs	122
8 S. Simon	117
9 A. West	114
10 S. Jones	108
11 J. Stokes	105
12 K. Lawrence	103
13 K. Ball	101
14 B. Billington	98
15 M. Harvey	91
16 J. Ferguson	87
17 G. Barden	86
18 J. Bult	82
19 M. O'Driscoll	81
20 N. Carr	73
21 S. Gibson	67
22 P. Gooding	67
23 J. Goode	65
24 T. Shepherd	64
25 D. Holland	58
26 I. Neate	58
27 D. Watson	49
28 R. Powell	46
29 L. Jose	45
30 N. Pickard	42

CADET GIRLS

	Points
1 J. Powis	217
2 D. Soothill	161
3 L. Souter	141
4 C. Potts	141
5 L. Hayden	134
6 L. Davis	128
7 R. Knight	124
8 A. Sanders	123
9 J. Houghton	121
10 H. Perrott	101
11 A. Evans	95
12 S. Webb	89
13 S. Hammond	88
14 A. Holt	88
15 M. Carey	80
16 L. Robins	76
17 K. Wilde	75
18 J. Ellery	70
19 D. Wickstead	68
20 F. Stuart	68
21 T. Holland	67
22 H. Lower	61
23 K. Rogers	59
24 H. Broomhead	58
25 A. Shufflebotham	52
26 A. Wattis	46
27 J. Cooke	46
28 J. Roberts	41
29 H. Kavanagh	37
30 K. Baker	36

EUROPE TOP 12 TOURNAMENT

With just three months to go to the most prestigious table tennis event to be held in England since the 1977 World Championships, the organisation for the EUROPE TOP 12 is shaping up well.

The Players

Working from the current European Ranking list, the line up will be:

Men

- 1 Mikael Appelgren (Sweden)
- 2 Tibor Klampar (Hungary)
- 3 Dragutin Surbek (Yugoslavia)
- 4 Desmond Douglas (England)
- 5 Stellan Bengtsson (Sweden)
- 6 Jan-Ove Waldner (Sweden)
- 7 Milan Orlovski (Czechoslovakia)
- 8 Istvan Jonyer (Hungary)
- 9 Jacques Secretin (France)
- 10 Gabor Gergely (Hungary)
- 11 Zoran Kalinic (Yugoslavia)
- 12 Andrzej Grubba (Poland)

Women

- 1 Bettine Vriesekoop (Holland)
- 2 Jill Hammersley-Parker (England)
- 3 Valentina Popova (Russia)
- 4 Ursula Kamizuru (West Germany)
- 5 Marie Hrachova (Czechoslovakia)
- 6 Ann-Christin Hellman (Sweden)
- 7 Gabriella Szabo (Hungary)
- 8 Zsuzsa Olah (Hungary)
- 9 Olga Nemes (Rumania)
- 10 Judit Magos (Hungary)
- 11 Edit Urban (Hungary)
- 12 Marie Lindblad (Sweden)

On the present rankings Josef Dvoracek and Jindrich Pansky (Czechoslovakia) are the first and second reserves. Other players who are pushing for a place at Thornaby include the tenacious young Swede, Erik Lindh who has beaten Stellan Bengtsson for a berth in his country's European League team, and the tall pole, Leszek Kucharski, who needs to do just a little bit more to earn his way to Thornaby. With a new European Ranking List due at the turn of the year, the exact line up for the TOP 12 will not be known until January. Being prejudiced and optimistic, if Duggie Johnson could take the Yugoslav and French Open titles as well as notching up some impressive wins for England in the forthcoming European League matches, he might well halve his current 24th ranking and slip into Thornaby.

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- 8 S.F. 700 (£190)
- 9 S.F. 600 (£162)
- 10 S.F. 500 (£143)
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- 12 S.F. 350 (£95)

Women

- 1 S.F. 1,500 (£400)
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- 3 S.F. 900 (£250)
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- 5 S.F. 600 (£162)
- 6 S.F. 500 (£135)
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For Coaches

A special package is being organised for coaches who are interested in increasing their knowledge of international standard play. The E.T.T.A. National Coach and Junior Team Captain, Donald Parker, will conduct seminars and discussions between and after sessions.

Programme

Friday, 4th February

7.00 p.m. Opening Ceremony.

7.15 p.m. First Session: 2 rounds Men's and 2 rounds Women's matches.

Saturday, 5th February

9.30 a.m. - 12 noon Second Session: 2 rounds Men's and 2 rounds Women's matches.

1.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Third Session: 3 rounds Men's and 3 rounds Women's matches.

Sunday, 6th February

9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Fourth Session: 2 rounds Men's and 2 rounds Women's matches.

2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Final Session: 2 rounds Men's and 2 rounds Women's matches.

4.30 p.m. Closing Ceremony.

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KINGSWOOD LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

by B. P. Lamerton

The first of a proposed annual ladies' team championship sponsored by Kingswood (Bristol) Sports Council (Chairman Councillor Cullimore) was held at Downend Sports Centre on Sunday, 24th October — organised and refereed by Pat Archdale (Avon) who was ably supported throughout the day by Sports Centre Manager Richard Cawley and his staff.

The format for this invitation event covering the Western Counties was for four-lady teams each consisting of at least one junior and one veteran, ranked in order of merit and divided into four groups of eight with the leading two players in each group qualifying for a final knock out section. Points awarded were one for each game won in the groups and two thereafter. After the initial disappointment of the non-arrival of Avon it soon became apparent that Hampshire and Wiltshire were going to make the running. The 'luck of the draw' which paired Hampshire's Nos. 1 and 2 in the quarter-finals and their Wiltshire counterparts in the semis finally tipped the balance Wiltshire's way and the first destination of the trophy had been decided before Tracey Watkins confirmed her sides superiority with a final 17, 13 victory over Kathy Conlan.

RESULTS

Quarter-finals:

Kathy Conlan (Hants) bt Barbara Clarke (Hants) 17, -17, 14.

Sharon James (Cornwall) bt Judy Craig (Somerset) 15, -19, 6.

Alison Boyce (Wilts) bt Shirley Collins (Cornwall) 16, 18.

Tracey Watkins (Wilts) bt Michelle Tighe (Page Club) 14, 15.

Semi-finals:

Conlon bt James 10, 16.

Watkins bt Boyce 15, -16, 14.

Final Positions:

Wiltshire	49 points
Hampshire	40 points
Cornwall	32 points
Somerset	22 points
Page	16 points
Gloucester	15 points

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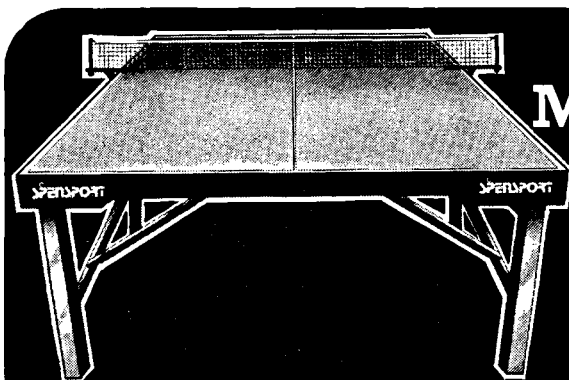
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by Robert Oldfield

SOHAM CRACK

In the three-horse race for the Premier Division title, Soham have cracked with eight fences still to go. At Ellenborough on 7th November, the Cambridgeshire club, sponsored by Hassy Perfection, held the reigning champions to the halfway stage but, then, England's No. 3, Graham Sandley, raced through Paul Day 21-12, 21-16 and Ellenborough reeled off the next three sets for a stunning 6-2 victory.

Thorn-EMI Ellenborough are now odds-on favourites at John Power bookmakers although Ormesby are still leading the division. Their team possesses unrivalled strength in depth — shown by the match on 21st November. Both teams played without their top players, as Sandley and Skylet Andrew were on international duty at the Yugoslav Open, yet only Billy Gleave was able to score for the visiting team. Unless Ormesby sign up Andrzej Grubba (rumoured to be available next season for a sum not unadjacent to 850,000 zloty), Ellenborough could finish at a canter.

"I back Ellenborough to win", said Dunlop Birmingham's Barry Johnson, "but Ormesby are still in with a slight chance if Alan Ransome can get his team motivated for the four crucial matches in March". And for relegation? "It's got to be Newcastle", said Johnson, sitting pretty with five points already clocked up. "I can't see Newcastle getting six points between now and the end of the season so we're very pleased with ourselves. We don't travel very well so, for the last match, we travelled up to Newcastle the night before to help prepare ourselves. A good night's sleep and, next day, 6-2". Dunlop have leap-frogged Letchworth Corporation into fifth place.

But good fortune really shines on the fourth place where Unity have been given a 2 person 7 day holiday by Intersun Holiday. The Bradford club are delighted and are proposing to raffle it towards club funds.

PREMIER DIVISION

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ormesby	8	7	1	0	47	17	15
Thorn-EMI Ellenborough	7	6	1	0	45	11	13
Hassy Soham	6	4	0	2	29	18	8
Unity	7	3	2	2	32	24	8

Dunlop Birmingham	7	2	1	4	19	37	5
Letchworth Corporation	7	1	1	5	21	35	3
BWF Wamdsad	5	0	0	5	10	30	0
Newcastle	5	0	0	5	5	35	0

BUTTERFLY'S FOR JAUQUES

"They've messed it up again", said a dismayed John Prean when he heard of Jaques Generation's shock defeat to Butterfly Cardiff on 21st November. Son, Carl, had been rested so that he could prepare for the following Wednesday's Norwich Union Trophy. "It's no problem" said Tim Manhire, as confident as ever "It just means we can't afford to drop another point when we play Tarmac and Grove". A dry New Year is in order I suspect, with the long journey from Fareham to Market Drayton on 2nd January to meet John Hilton and Co.

Meanwhile, Dolphins continued to sink rather than swim, and Ormesby II held MBS St. Neots to a draw despite two sets from Keith Richardson.

FIRST DIVISION

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Jaques Generation	7	6	0	1	42	14	12
Grove	7	6	0	1	40	16	12
Tarmac Wolverhampton	7	6	0	1	40	16	12
Butterfly Cardiff	6	2	2	2	26	22	6
Ormesby II	7	1	3	3	22	34	5
MBS St. Neots	7	1	2	4	25	31	4
BWF Wamdsad II	7	1	2	4	15	41	4
TCB Dolphins	7	0	1	6	13	43	1

LINCOLN TIGHTEN THE NOOSE

In successive matches during November, Ruston Bucyrus Lincoln pronounced 'effective brain death' on two opponents — Tarmac II and Riversley Insurance. "Riversley have got no chance", said Tarmac's Steve Dunning realistically. "We're not a good team but they're even worse. Malcolm (Corking) is a good player but the others just aren't up to standard".

Target Gold Salford have taken over at the top of 2nd Division North after smashing Hermits 6-2, though Kevin Beadsley remained undefeated and won the two sets for the Bradford club. "I think we stand a fair chance now" said Salford spokesman Graham Compton, "especially after beating Hermits".

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
TG Salford	7	6	0	1	35	21	12
South Yorkshire	7	5	0	2	39	17	10
Hermits	7	4	2	1	37	19	10
March	7	2	4	1	29	27	8
RB Lincoln	7	3	1	3	30	26	7
Unity II	7	2	2	3	28	28	6
Tarmac Wolverhampton II	7	1	0	6	13	43	2
Riversley Insurance	7	0	1	6	13	43	1

GILLETTE TOO SHARP FOR DAGENHAM

Second south leaders, Dagenham, were rapidly deflated by Gillette Reading on 21st November when they returned home at the wrong end of a 6-2 result. Inevitably it was



David Hope, the Thorn EMI Ellenborough Chairman, receives the sponsorship cheque from Mr. Ron Bright, Associate UK Sales Director of Thorn EMI Lighting, watched by The Mayor of Enfield, Councillor Phyllis Oborn, and the Thorn EMI Ellenborough National League Squad.

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the undefeated David Constance and Simon Heaps who did the damage and Gillette could yet receive the elusive promotion chance.

However, SIB Bath look like a good investment for a Christmas bonanza if they can win at Dagenham on December 19th. But they only just slipped past Gwent in their last match and Cranfield Colours are now off the bottom with a respectable four points on the table.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dagenham FC	7	6	0	1	35	21	12
SIB Bath	5	5	0	0	30	10	10
Gillette Reading	5	4	1	0	21	15	9
Larkhall	7	3	1	3	27	29	7
Gunnersbury Triangle	7	1	4	2	26	30	6
Cranfield Colours Gwent	7	1	2	4	24	32	4
Graham Spicer	7	1	1	5	24	32	3
Lansdowne Medway	7	0	1	6	16	40	1

GRANTHAM GIRL

Suzanne Hunt, who was registered for RB Lincoln last year but failed to play a match transferred to Grantham at the start of this season and is having a great season in Third Division North. "I've only lost two sets", she said, "and I'm enjoying it a lot. I like playing against men as it sharpens up my game". Grantham, who play at the local leisure centre, are still in third place after holding Hermits II to a draw on 7th November.

But neither team looks likely to trouble Byker, even though the cross-country trip to Barrow in Furness produced a narrow 3-5 win over lowly Vickers.

THIRD DIVISION NORTH

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Byker	7	7	0	0	48	8	14
Hermits II	7	4	3	0	39	17	11
Grantham	7	4	2	1	39	17	10
South Yorkshire II	7	3	2	2	30	26	8
Ormesby III	7	1	2	4	17	39	4
Crusaders	7	1	2	4	16	40	4
Vickers	7	0	3	4	12	39	3
Unity III	7	1	0	6	18	38	2

HIGH RISE CHAN

Chan Construction, with Philip and Ian Gunn, Lester Bertie and Birmingham's new England ranking, Carl Morgan, have already pulled away from Jolliffe Poole and Grove II, and look unstoppable in Third Division West. Pengeley Torbay are up to third place and have a West County derby with Launceston Kernow on December 19th. A chance for the Cornish to get some Christmas shopping in Plymouth the day before, no doubt.

THIRD DIVISION WEST

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chan Construction	7	7	0	0	45	11	14
Jolliffe Poole	7	4	1	2	38	18	9
Pengeley Torbay	7	4	1	2	35	21	9
Grove II	7	4	0	3	35	21	8
Tarmac Ladies	7	2	2	3	22	34	6
Launceston Kernow	7	2	1	4	25	31	5
Cowbridge Bridgend	7	0	3	4	14	42	3
WW Solihull	7	0	2	5	10	46	2

COLNE CLOBBERED

Shock of the season in Third Division East occurred on 7th November when Jaques Generation II went to Colne Valley and returned to Fareham with two points. Ramish Bhalla and Val Sinanan won two each for the visitors.

Yet the following match the team who were at the bottom of the division travelled to the Hants club and won 6-2! MBS St. Neots II are now in fifth position with the Lowestoft club, Dunlop Waveney, holding up the rest.

THIRD DIVISION EAST

Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Jaques Generation II	5	4	0	1	23	17	8
Abeng	5	4	0	1	23	17	8
Colne Valley	5	3	0	2	24	16	6
Cippenham	5	2	0	3	19	21	4
MBS St. Neots II	6	1	0	5	18	30	2
Dunlop Waveney	4	1	0	3	13	19	2

Prize Fund Correction:

The first prize in the First Division is £600, not £900 as stated in the November issue of Table Tennis News.

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19th December

Dunlop Birmingham v Letchworth Corp.
Unity v Newcastle

FIRST DIVISION

19th December

Jaques Generation v Tarmac W'hampton
Butterfly Cardiff v BWF Wamdsad II
TCB Dolphins v MBS St. Neots
Grove v Ormesby II

2nd DIVISION NORTH

19th December

Hermits v South Yorkshire
Riversley Insurance v TG Salford
Tarmac Wolverhampton II v March
Unity II v RB Lincoln

2nd DIVISION SOUTH

19th December

Dagenham FC v SIB Bath
CC Gwent v Gillette Reading
Graham Spicer v Lansdown Medway
Larkhall v Gunnersbury Triangle

3rd DIVISION NORTH

19th December

Crusaders v Grantham
South Yorkshire II v Vickers
Unity III v Ormesby III
Byker v Hermits

3rd DIVISION WEST

19th December

Tarmac Ladies v WW Solihull
Chan Construction v Cowbridge Bridgend
Pengeley Torbay v Launceston Kernow
Grove II v Jolliffe Poole

3rd DIVISION EAST

19th December

Colne Valley v Dunlop Waveney
Abeng v Jaques Generation II

January 1983

PREMIER DIVISION

2nd January

Unity v Ormesby
BWF Wamdsad v Thorn-EMI Ellenborough
Dunlop Birmingham v Hassy Soham
Newcastle v Letchworth Corporation

9th January

Thorn-EMI Ellenborough v Dunlop B'ham
Hassy Soham v Newcastle
Letchworth Corporation v Unity

23rd January

Dunlop Birmingham v Ormesby
Newcastle v Thorn-EMI Ellenborough
Letchworth Corporation v Hassy Soham
BWF Wamdsad v Unity

FIRST DIVISION

2nd January

Tarmac Wolverhampton v BWF Wamdsad II
Grove v Jaques Generation
MBS St. Neots v Butterfly Cardiff
Ormesby II v TCB Dolphins

9th January

BWF Wamdsad II v Jaques Generation
Tarmac Wolverhampton v MBS St. Neots
Butterfly Cardiff v Ormesby II
TCB Dolphins v Grove

23rd January

Jaques Generation v MBS St. Neots
Ormesby II v Tarmac Wolverhampton
TCB Dolphins v Butterfly Cardiff
Grove v BWF Wamdsad II

2nd DIVISION NORTH

2nd January

Unity II v Hermits
Riversley Insurance v South Yorkshire
Tarmac Wolverhampton II v TG Salford

9th January

Hermits v Riversley Insurance
South Yorkshire v Tarmac Wolverhampton II
TG Salford v RB Lincoln
March v Unity II

23rd January

Tarmac Wolverhampton II v Hermits
RB Lincoln v South Yorkshire
March v TG Salford
Riversley Insurance v Unity II

3rd DIVISION EAST

2nd January

Abeng v Cippenham
MBS St. Neots II v Dunlop Waveney

9th January

Cippenham v Colne Valley
Dunlop Waveney v Jaques Generation II

23rd January

Colne Valley v Abeng

30th January

MBS St. Neots II v Cippenham

2nd DIVISION SOUTH

2nd January

Larkhall v Dagenham FC
CC Gwent v SIB Bath
Graham Spicer v Gillette Reading
Gunnersbury Triangle v Lansdown Medway

9th January

Dagenham FC v CC Gwent
SIB Bath v Graham Spicer
Gillette Reading v Gunnersbury Triangle
Lansdown Medway v Larkhall

23rd January

Graham Spicer v Dagenham FC
Gunnersbury Triangle v SIB Bath
Lansdown Medway v Gillette Reading
CC Gwent v Larkhall

3rd DIVISION NORTH

2nd January

Unity III v Crusaders
Byker v Graham
Ormesby III v Vickers
South Yorkshire II v Hermits

9th January

Crusaders v Byker
Grantham v South Yorkshire II
Vickers v Unity III
Hermits v Ormesby III

23rd January

South Yorkshire II v Crusaders
Ormesby III v Grantham

Byker v Unity II
Vickers v Hermits

3rd DIVISION WEST

2nd January

Grove II v Tarmac Ladies
Chan Construction v WW Solihull
Pengeley Torbay v Cowbridge Bridgend
Jolliffe Poole v Launceston Kernow

9th January

Tarmac Ladies v Chan Construction
WW Solihull v Pengeley Torbay
Cowbridge Bridgend v Jolliffe Poole
Launceston Kernow v Grove II

23rd January

Pengeley Torbay v Tarmac Ladies
Jolliffe Poole v WW Solihull
Launceston Kernow v Cowbridge Bridgend
Chan Construction v Grove II

HALEX NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

7th November

Letchworth Corporation 3 Ormesby 5
David Wells bt Donald Parker 19, -19, 17.
Richard Jermyn lost to Dougie Johnson
-11, 10, -4.

Joey Kennedy bt John Broe 11, 21.
David Dodd lost to Richard Yule -12, -17.
Wells lost to Johnson -15, -17.
Jermyn lost to Yule -15, -23.
Kennedy lost to Parker -7, -17.
Dodd bt Broe -16, 12, 20.

Thorn-EMI Ellenborough 6 Hassy Soham 2
Graham Sandley bt Kenny Jackson
-20, 16, 17.

Mark Mitchell bt Paul Day 11, -17, 16.
Colin Wilson lost to David Hannah -19, -21.
David Tan lost to Nicky Mason -18, -19.
Sandley bt Day 12, 16.
Mitchell bt Mason 13, 24.
Wilson bt Jackson 18, -17, 21.
Tan bt Hannah -17, 7, 15.

Unity 7 Dunlop Birmingham 1
Skylet Andrew bt Ian Horsham 18, -15, 12.
Steve Turner bt Steve Mills -18, 20, 19.
Chris Rogers bt Barry Hayward 16, 10.
Gary Thomas lost to Barry Johnson
-20, 18, -13.

Andrew bt Mills 18, 19.
Turner bt Johnson 16, 4.
Rogers bt Horsham 19, 14.
Thomas bt Hayward 18, 16.
Newcastle v BWF Wamdsad
(match postponed).

21st November

Thorn-EMI Ellenborough 7 Unity 1
Mark Mitchell bt Chris Rogers 18, 25.
Colin Wilson bt Steve Turner 15, -10, 18.
John Kitchener bt Steve Sharp -16, 14, 16.
David Tan lost to Billy Gleave 17, -10, -14.
Mitchell bt Turner -19, 21, 13.
Wilson bt Gleave 11, 13.
Kitchener bt Rogers 13, 12.
Tan bt Sharp 14, 12.

Newcastle 2 Dunlop Birmingham 6
Chu Van Que bt Ian Horsham -13, 9, 19.
Peter McQueen lost to Steve Mills -10, -5.
Ian Robertson lost to Barry Hayward
-15, 15, -9.

Andrew Clark lost to Barry Johnson -10, -19.
Chu lost to Mills -18, -22.
McQueen bt Johnson 18, 17.
Robertson lost to Horsham -17, -15.
Clark lost to Hayward -7, -14.

FIRST DIVISION

6th November

BWF Wamdsad 1 Tarmac Wolverhampton 7

7th November

Jaques Generation 7 TCB Dolphins 1

Grove 6 St. Neots 2
BWF Wamdsad II 4 Ormesby II 4

21st November

Butterfly Cardiff 5 Jaques Generation 3
BWF Wamdsad II 5 TCB Dolphins 3
Ormesby II 4 MBS St. Neots 4

2nd DIVISION NORTH

7th November

South Yorkshire 3 TG Salford 5
Unity II 7 Tarmac Wolverhampton 1
Riversley Insurance 2 RB Lincoln 6
Hermits 4 March 4

21st November

Salford 6 Hermits 2
South Yorkshire 6 Unity II 2
March 6 Riversley Insurance 2
RB Lincoln 5 Tarmac Wolverhampton 3

2nd DIVISION SOUTH

7th November

Larkhall 5 Graham Spicer 3
Cranfield Clrs. Gwent 4 Gunnersbury T. 4
Dagenham FC 6 Lansdown Medway 2

21st November

Gillette Reading 6 Dagenham FC 2
SIB Bath 6 Larkhall 2
Lansdown Med. 3 Cranfield Clrs. Gwent 5
Gunnersbury Triangle 4 Graham Spicer 4

28th November

SIB Bath 5 Cranfield Colours Gwent 3

3rd DIVISION NORTH

7th November

Grantham 4 Hermits II 4
Unity III 3 South Yorkshire II 5
Byker 8 Ormesby III 0
Crusaders 4 Vickers 4

21st November

Grantham 8 Unity III 0
Ormesby III 4 South Yorkshire II 4
Hermits II 8 Crusaders 0

28th November

Vickers 3 Byker 5

3rd DIVISION EAST

7th November 1982

Abeng 5 MBS St. Neots II 3
Colne Valley 3 Jaques Generation II 5

21st November

Dunlop Waveney 3 Cippenham 5
Jaques Generation II 2 MBS St. Neots II 6

3rd DIVISION WEST

7th November

Grove II 2 Pengeley Torbay 6
Chan Construction 5 Jolliffe Poole 3
WW Solihull 4 Cowbridge Bridgend 4
Tarmac Ladies 5 Launceston Kernow 3

21st November

Cowbridge Bridgend 4 Tarmac Ladies 4
WW Solihull 0 Grove II 8
Launceston Kernow 2 Chan Construction 6
Jolliffe Poole 5 Pengeley Sports 3

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County Championships

SENIOR PREMIER DIVISION

Setting off down the Motorway, champions Middlesex were no doubt well pleased with their start to the Senior Premier campaign, maximum points from three games being just what they wanted. Little did they, or anyone else, know until the results were checked that their men had not played in ranking order, so that one of their wins, against Warwickshire, became a defeat. This is a sad blow for the normally well organised Middlesex Association and it would be a pity if the title eventually rested on this slip up. However, this cannot detract from an excellent weekend's table tennis, full of good play, good sportsmanship, and drama.

In the first series of matches, a Donald Parker-less Lancashire found Essex's Tony Penny and Ian Horsham too hot to handle although a good win for Amanda Goodwin (no pun intended) over Elaine Foulds gave them a chance at 3 all. Yorkshire gave newcomers Staffordshire a hard time, only the mixed doubles going against the White Rose county. Middlesex handed out a similar defeat to Dorset, the big upset being victory for Mark Werner over David Wells, although the amended result became 6-3. The closest match was the see-saw contest between Berkshire and Warwickshire. With never more than one game separating the teams it was Ian Fullerton who pulled Berkshire through taking a nail biting last set at 21 against Barry Johnston.

The second session saw Middlesex cruise to 5-0 up in their contest with Staffordshire, Jill Harris recording the only on table success for the losers. Lancashire hit the winning trail to give Dorset two defeats, the surprise being Tony Clayton's win over Parker, especially in view of his comprehensive defeat by Stephen Turner. Warwickshire and Yorkshire figured in the longest game of the evening, but after reaching 2-0, Yorkshire faded. However, they did recover to 4 all with Kevin Beadsley facing the relatively unknown Carl Morgan and few would have given the Midlanders much chance. But what a match Morgan played. Not afraid to go for his shots, he outgunned the Yorkshire left hander to demonstrate why Warwickshire regard him as one of their future stars. Another 5-4 was Essex v Berkshire where, as Stuart Gibbs said 'Tony Penny was magnificent', and with support from Horsham and David Newman they just scraped home. This match also marked the 1st team debut of cadet Lisa Hayden whose performance fully justified the Essex decision to include her in their squad.

On Sunday morning, a strangely lethargic Berkshire allowed Lancashire a comfortable win, Parker plus both doubles putting them well on top. The previously unbeaten Essex should have been 3-0 up against Yorkshire but both Alan Fletcher and Steve Mills pulled back big deficits to give their side a 2-1 lead from whence they were never in any trouble. Middlesex and Warwickshire (who else!) went to 5-4, the on table victors relying heavily on David Wells but the game won by Colin Wilson had to be forfeited to give Warwickshire a 5-4 win. The real cliff hanger was Staffordshire and Dorset, both without a win and with the losers even at this stage likely to make a

quick return to Division 2. Staffs led 2-0, 3-1, and 4-2, but fighting displays by Werner and Clayton put Dorset on level terms. Who would have been in the shoes of Martin Abbott or Craig Bakewell? After some rallies that would not have disgraced an international event, it was the young Staffs number two who had the Black Country team and their supporters in raptures.

TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Yorkshire	3	2	1	19	8	4
Lancashire	3	2	1	16	11	4
Middlesex	3	2	1	16	11	4
Warwickshire	3	2	1	14	13	4
Essex	3	2	1	13	14	4
Berkshire	3	1	2	12	15	2
Staffordshire	3	1	2	9	18	2
Dorset	3	0	3	9	18	0

Lancashire 3 Essex 6

S. Scowcroft bt D. Newman 19, 15;
lost to T. Penny -7, -16.
K. Williams lost to Penny -13, -14;
lost to I. Horsham -13, -14.
S. Turner lost to Horsham 13, -17, -16;
lost to Newman -13, -15.
A. Goodwin bt E. Foulds 19, 19.
Turner/Goodwin bt Penny/Foulds
-14, 18, 20.
Scowcroft/Williams lost to Newman/
Horsham -14, -10.

Yorkshire 8 Staffordshire 1

K. Beadsley bt A. Bellingham 10, 20;
bt A. Rich -22, 12, 11.
A. Fletcher bt Rich 12, 11;
bt C. Bakewell 13, 12.
S. Mills bt Bakewell 9, 17;
bt Bellingham 8, -18, 9.
M. Hill bt J. Harris 17, -10, 20.
Beadsley/Hill lost to Bellingham/Harris
13, -14, -17.
Mills/Fletcher bt Bakewell/M. Evans
-17, 14, 18.

Middlesex 8 Dorset 1 (amended to 6-3)

C. Wilson bt A. Clayton 9, -15, 20;
bt M. Abbott 16, 8.
J. Souter bt Abbott 14, 17;
bt M. Werner -16, 18, 16.
D. Wells lost to Werner -11, -16;
bt Clayton 11, -19, 14.
M. Williams bt C. Creasey 20, 15.
Wilson/Williams bt Clayton/Creasey
17, -17, 19.
Wells/M. Mitchell bt Werner/Abbott 19, 8.

Berkshire 5 Warwickshire 4

A. Wellman lost to D. Johnson -17, -13;
bt B. Hayward 16, 15.
I. Fullerton bt Hayward 13, 13;
bt B. Johnson 15, 21.
D. Barr bt B. Johnson -19, 20, 6;
lost to D. Johnson -12, -12.
M. Smith bt K. Groves -17, 14, 10.
Barr/Smith lost to Morgan/Groves -20, -16.
Wellman/Fullerton lost to Johnson/Johnson
-14, -17.

Staffordshire 1 Middlesex 8 (amended to 3-6)

Rich lost to Wells -16, -10;
lost to Souter 15, -12, -12.
Evans lost to Souter -14, -19;
lost to Wilson -22, -14.
Bellingham lost to Wilson -13, -21;
lost to Wells -17, 19, -14.
Harris bt Williams 18, 13.
Rich/Harris lost to Wilson/Williams
-14, 11, -20.
Bellingham/Bakewell lost to Wells/Mitchell
-21, -15.

Dorset 2 Lancashire 7

Werner lost to D. Parker -9, -12;

lost to Scowcroft -13, -16.
Abbott lost to Scowcroft -20, -18;
lost to Turner -19, -17.
Clayton lost to Turner -17, -15;
bt Parker 15, 22.
Creasey bt Goodwin 19, 18.
Werner/Creasey lost to Turner/Goodwin
-16, -11.
Clayton/Abbott lost to Parker/S. Browne
-19, -13.

Warwickshire 5 Yorkshire 4

B. Johnson lost to Mills -11, -15;
lost to Fletcher -15, -19.
Morgan lost to Fletcher -11, -20;
bt Beadsley 18, -15, 18.
D. Johnson bt Beadsley 11, 14;
bt Mills -9, 15, 17.
Groves bt Hill -10, 19, 18.
D. Johnson/Groves bt Beadsley/Hill
-19, 13, 19.
B. Johnson/Hayward lost to Mills/Fletcher
19, -18, -20.

Essex 5 Berkshire 4

Horsham lost to Barr -13, -14;
bt Fullerton 15, 9.
Penny bt Fullerton 7, 18;
bt Wellman 11, 17.
Newman bt Wellman -18, 13, 21;
lost to Barr -19, 19, -18.
L. Hayden lost to Smith -15, -13.
Penny/Hayden lost to Barr/Smith -11, -14.
Horsham/Newman bt Wellman/Fullerton
14, 13.

Berkshire 3 Lancashire 6

Wellman lost to Parker -14, -16;
bt Scowcroft 13, 21.
Fullerton lost to Scowcroft -10, 12, -15;
lost to Turner -4, 17, -9.
Barr bt Turner 19, 14;
lost to Parker -13, -17.
Smith bt Goodwin 13, 13.
Barr/Smith lost to Turner/Goodwin
-17, 19, -19.
Wellman/Fullerton lost to Parker/Browne
-11, -12.

Yorkshire 7 Essex 2

Beadsley lost to Newman 16, -15, -15;
bt Penny 18, 16.
Fletcher bt Penny 17, -19, 18;
lost to Horsham -13, -13.
Mills bt Horsham 19, -13, 19;
bt Newman 11, 10.
Mills bt Hayden -19, 12, 10.
T. Sanderson/Hill bt Penny/Hayden
19, 19.
Mills/Fletcher bt Horsham/Newman
-14, 17, 18.

Middlesex 5 Warwickshire 4 (amended to 4-5)

Wilson lost to D. Johnson -19, -19;
bt Morgan 13, 16.
Souter lost to Morgan -16, 8, -21;
bt Hayward 17, 8.
Wells bt Hayward 16, 12;
lost to D. Johnson -15, 8, -19.
Williams lost to Groves -22, -16.
Wilson/Williams bt D. Johnson/Groves
-13, 12, 20.
Wells/Souter bt B. Johnson/Hayward
16, 18.

Dorset 4 Staffordshire 5

Werner lost to Bellingham -13, -14;
bt Rich -11, 14, 18.
Abbott lost to Rich -11, -18;
lost to Bakewell -14, -15.
Clayton bt Bakewell 13, 13;
bt Bellingham 17, 16.
Creasey lost to Harris -5, -17.
Werner/Creasey lost to Rich/Harris
20, -17, -12.
Clayton/Abbott bt Bellingham/Bakewell
12, 15.