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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

REVOLUTIONARY changes to the administration of table tennis in this country come before a special general meeting of the E.T.T.A. at the Bishop Partridge Hall, Church House, Westminster, London, S.W.1, on January 18.

The new proposals to the existing constitution fall in line with the report of the Development Commission, except for their recommendations about the individually registered players.

ABOLISH N.E.C.

They aim at the abolition of the National Executive Committee and its replacement by a National Council, consisting of the officers and a representative from each county.

This will be the association's policy-making body, while for day to day running there will be a smaller Management Committee, which will meet more frequently.

The effect of this will be to transfer a certain amount of power to the counties, each of which will appoint a councillor annually. No Councillor will be allowed to represent more than one county.

The administration of Rules and Regulations of the Association will be vested in the Council, who will have the power to appoint sub-committees and to delegate any of its duties to the Management Committee.

The Management Committee will consist of the Officers and four other National Council members, elected by the Council by ballot. As with the Council, members will be required to retire annually, but will be eligible for re-election.

Every local league will be entitled to nominate a National Councillor to represent its own county, and in this respect League secretaries will receive

nomination papers at least 30 days prior to the annual general meeting.

League votes will vary according to size, those having 30 or less teams in the league counting as one unit; 31 to 100 teams 2 units; and those with more than 100 teams three units.

Providing the new proposals are passed every county Association will have to include in its rules:

The County's representative on the National Council shall, if not otherwise a member, be ex-officio a member of the County Committee.

The proposed constitution of the Association will be:

(I) *President, Vice-President, Honorary Life Members and duly elected officers.*

(II) *County Associations.*

(III) *Affiliated Local League, directly affiliated clubs and directly affiliated individuals.*

(IV) *Affiliated schools Leagues and directly affiliated schools Clubs.*

LITTLE EXPANSION

The financial recommendations provide for a small amount of extra cash but will not allow for any great expansion of the association's activities.

There are a number who regard this as missing a great opportunity to think bigger and get away from calculations in terms of sixpences and shillings, which was in the back of the Development Commission's mind when drawing up their report.

The new proposals fill 11 foolscap pages and have been circulated to all county and league secretaries.

Any member who would like a copy of the proposed changes and of the Development Commission Report can obtain same by writing to the Secretary, E.T.T.A., 652, Grand Building, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.

COVER PICTURE

ALAN HYDES, of Barnsley, and **Linda Henwood**, winners of the Boy and Girl of the Year Awards at the *News of the World* National Coaching Scheme. They were chosen from an original entry of 25,444.

ALAN LINDSAY'S NEW CLUB VENTURE

by LAURIE LANDRY

THE loss of Putney International Club, which closed its doors last February, is not being felt quite so keenly as first expected.

The new club at Becontree, with Harry Venner in charge, stepped in to fill the breach, and now comes the opening of yet another new club at Fulham.

This new venture is the idea of Middlesex player Alan Lindsay and will be known as the Fulham Table Tennis Centre, situated at Hurlingham School, Peterborough Road, Fulham, London, S.W.6.

The new centre, with Lindsay as manager and coach, got under way on October 7, and is open evenings from Mondays to Fridays.

There are four Jaques tournament tables with a minimum run-back of 15 feet and plenty of room between the tables.

Apart from the playing space, there is an excellent canteen and first-class changing facilities, including 16 showers, something which most table tennis clubs lack.

All types of players are being attracted to the Fulham Centre and indications are that it will be equally as popular as Putney. In addition to the standard club members, some 17 county players, including internationals, have already "signed on."

With this sort of interest, success is guaranteed and all players are invited to join. Individual coaching is bookable each evening.

Lindsay, holder of the E.T.T.A. coaching diploma, has been a member of the coaching team for the *News of the World* Scheme for the past three years, spending last summer as the resident coach at Pwllheli, North Wales.

HARRISON IN SWEDEN

IAN HARRISON, England's No. 1, seen here driving his new "Spitfire", will be missing from the English tournament scene for a good part of this season.

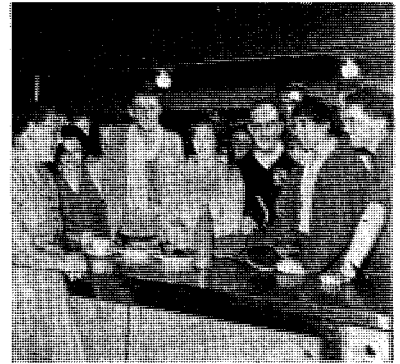
Ian, searching for wider experience and hoping to improve his own game, left for Sweden on October 21, to join up with Hans Alser. He is accompanied by his wife.

He hopes to return to play in the English "closed" in January.

BERNARD BERNSTEIN

BERNARD BERNSTEIN, a member of England's first Swaything Cup team in 1928, died on October 24, at the age of 63.

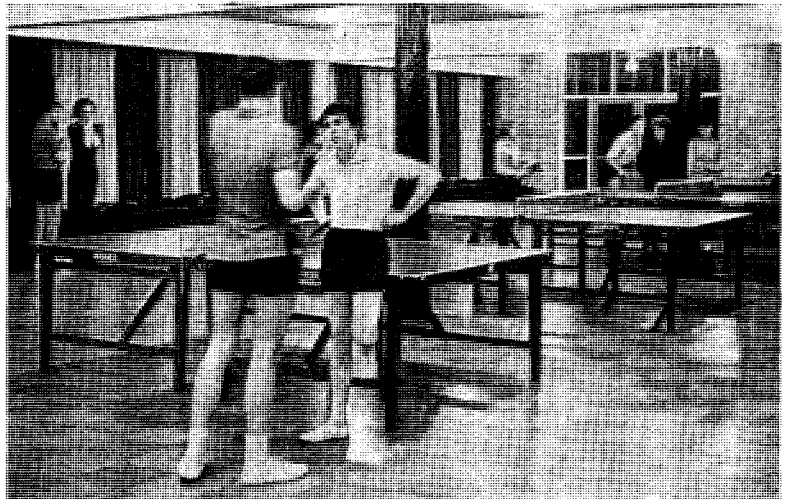
A wooden bat specialist, Bernstein used to play in the Acton and Willesden Leagues. He took part in the last World Championships in this country at Wembley in 1954.



A MICHAEL MACLAREN PHOTO-COVERAGE of the new Fulham Table Tennis Centre.

Above: Alan Lindsay (right) joins a group of players, including Vic Ireland, Connie Warren, D. Lowe, and N. Brabrook, for refreshments at the canteen.

Below: An overall picture of the playing area.



PLAYERS KEEN ON MASTER POINTS

by GEOFF HARROWER

IF it is left to the players there seems little doubt that the Master Points Scheme will be a great success. At the North of England Open in Manchester I arrived shortly after lunch, and the first five players with whom I talked immediately all asked the same question—how many points do I get for reaching such and such a round?

Congratulations to Chester Barnes and Lesley Bell on becoming Club Masters Nos. 1 and 2, following their successes in the East of England and North of England Opens. Many more regular tournament competitors will follow them in the next month or so, when the season really gets under way.

My article last month, which had been pre-printed and circulated to county and league secretaries, produced a tremendous mail, ranging from 100 per cent. support to all-out criticism. Fortunately for the supporters of the M.P.S., the critics, to date, are heavily outnumbered, but between them they have produced a number of talking points, all of which will be examined by the Committee at their next meeting, on November 20.

By far the largest point raised is that Juniors should be included. Some of the most able administrators in the country feel that the winning of Master Points will give that extra fillip to the junior game. The Committee's view has been that, in it's first season, the Scheme must be as simple as possible. They are, however, actively examining concrete proposals for including junior events.

The Junior Position

The two most widely expressed so far are: the creation of a Junior Master category, and the award of special junior points which could be converted into normal points at some "rate of exchange," mostly unspecified.

One suggestion has been that 250 junior points could be converted into 100 normal points.

The objection to Junior Masters is that the points won by youngsters would be cancelled out once they are over age. Imagine a boy who had gained, say, 240 points out of the 250 needed, and all wasted! Perhaps readers would like to express their

views, and any giving a workable scheme would be particularly welcomed by the Committee.

Several Leagues want to see doubles included, but so far no one has advanced a scheme to cover this. Others bring up the difficulties caused when they have four a side competitions.

Two large leagues think the points awards are unfair, and that the ratio of three points per win in the first division, two in the second and one in all the others is top-heavy. They have a good point here, but how do you make it fair to everyone without increasing the values of points to such a degree that too many would be needed to become various grades of Master. Take a league with 15 divisions, if you gave 15 points per win for the 1st division, down to one point in the lowest division, how many points would you have to give in Open Tournaments?

Again, any readers who have constructive suggestions on this point are invited to write to me at 11 Lyneham Road, Luton, Bedfordshire.

Badge Suggestion

AT their first meeting the Committee discussed the question of both small cloth badges, for wearing above the normal badge on shirts, and of metal lapel badges, and decided to ask for quotations to see whether these could be produced at a reasonable cost. Reader Mr. Harrowven, whose letter on this subject is printed here, obviously thinks on parallel lines with the Committee here.

By far the largest volume of letters has been from Leagues who need further information, particularly on how they can get through the extra work! A memo has been prepared on this subject, and is available to all interested parties. It shows how we are prepared to do 99 per cent plus of all the work, including the preparation of charts, the entering of all league results (with speedy return of score cards) and the provision of

certificates for all players immediately the last match is played.

Additionally, the charts would become the property of the league concerned, so that they have a permanent record of every player's performances throughout the season.

It is known that many leagues have not written to me about the scheme, because they feel that they could not undertake all the additional work. Indeed, Sid Hoddy, speaking for the North Middlesex League at the Annual General Meeting of the E.T.T.A., voiced this view with his usual clarity. However we hope that we have got round this valid objection, and I personally consider that no league, however large, would have to spend more than HALF AN HOUR PER YEAR on the scheme, once they have entered! You don't believe me—well, drop me a line and I'll prove it.

Speedily Dissolved

In fact, many seemingly valid objections to joining can be dissolved speedily. I only wish I could visit every league for the purpose of discussion, but next best to this is to hear from them with all their queries.

Putting it bluntly, providing we can demonstrate that there is hardly any extra work, is it not worth 3d. per member per year to help the future of English Table Tennis? Colin Clemett, a member of the N.E.C., put it very fairly when he said that he wasn't sure whether or not the Scheme was a good thing, but until it was tried no one would ever know.

It seemed to me important in this article to mention various objections; by far the greatest volume of correspondence has come in support, and I hope next month to mention some of those areas where they are wholeheartedly behind the scheme, ranging from powerful county associations to little village clubs.

LETTER

A BADGE?

THE Master Points Scheme has many features to make it a success.

I would suggest, however, that the young players would far more appreciate a badge to wear (and to play for), than the proposed certificate.

R. G. HARROWVEN,
(Thorpe, Norwich).

THE BISHOPSGATE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

230, BISHOPSGATE, E.C.2,

has a few vacancies for members this season. The Club meets at 6.15 p.m. every Monday and Friday. Write to the Hon. Secretary, H. A. Packett, 6, Ravenscourt Road, Hammersmith, W.6.

New Names in Ranking List

IAN AND DIANE STILL LEAD

THE new idea of the National Selection Committee of running a series of Ranking Meetings was generally accepted as first class. There were, however, criticisms of the conditions at the R.A.F. Stanmore, mainly caused by sunlight through the roof. Perhaps future meetings will be more in accord with the good old English weather conditions.

Lesley, who earlier had struggled hard to beat Alma Taft.

Of the other girls present Jean McCree—who was not called upon to play Lesley Bell—Cynthia, Blackshaw, Judy Williams and Jackie Canham all played well.

Jackie has probably made the biggest advance since last season, and

SPOTLIGHT ON JUNIOR TRIALS

By LAURIE LANDRY

THE Junior Trials will have already been completed when this article appears and it will be interesting to see who comes out in the top positions.

The trials are limited, this year, to 11 girls and 10 boys, selected from the different regions following area trials.

In general it seems that the standard of junior boys in the North is extremely high and it is because of this that five of the 10 boys invited to the final trials are from the North. Of these, Mike Johns, of Cheshire, did extremely well in the Men's Singles of the North of England. He beat Peter Duncombe, the Yorkshire No. 1.

The best junior girls seem to come from the South with seven of the 11 invited.

NOT INVITED

Neither Chester Barnes nor Lesley Bell have been invited because the Junior Selection Committee felt that they should concentrate more on senior play and would therefore not be selected for the ordinary Junior Internationals. The Committee hoped however, that they would be available should there be any trips abroad.

Both Chester and Lesley would be ranked No. 1 in the two Junior lists. Those invited to the final trials were:

BOYS: B. Burn (Northumberland), P. Canham (Yorkshire), S. Gibbs (Essex), D. Holman (Hampshire), A. Hydes (Yorkshire), M. Johns (Cheshire), M. Lockley (Staffordshire), A. Ransome (Durham), A. Robinson (Middlesex), G. Warwick (Staffordshire).

GIRLS: P. Bonner (Somerset), E. Canham (Hertfordshire), P. Dainty (Yorkshire), P. Hemmings (Hertfordshire), L. Herwood (Essex), M. Heppell (Northumberland), B. Sayer (Essex), G. Sayer (Essex), K. Stokes (Kent), I. Sykes (Warwickshire), J. Wooding (Buckinghamshire).

Lesley Bell and Mary Shannon were in outstanding form, and it was a pity that Diane Rowe was unable to be present. Mary, in particular, was very severe on her opponents, and until she met Lesley in the final match did not drop a game. She was particularly severe against Jean McCree and Joyce Ellis (née Fielder), winning 21-7, 21-13 against Jean and 21-11, 21-9 against Joyce. Yet she lost 19-21 12-21 against a grimly determined

AREA TRIALS 1963

IT is with the greatest of pleasure that I have to report an increased interest by counties in nominating juniors for their respective area trials this season.

Out of the 35 County organisations connected with the Association, 28 made some effort to find juniors they considered to be of a national standard, inasmuch that 70 boys were nominated and 27 girls.

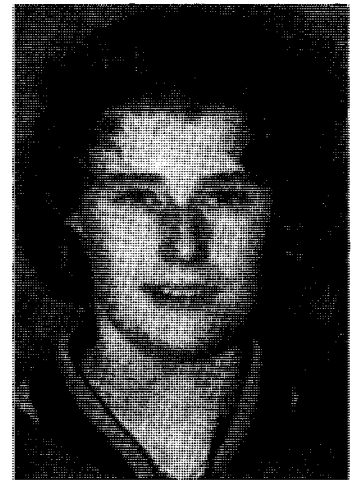
The Groups played off as follows: Group 1 at Leeds Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, September 14. Group 2 at Leicester Y.M.C.A. on the same day. Group 3 at Swindon on Saturday, September 7. Group 4 at Eltham, Kent, on Saturday, September 14, and Group 5 at St. Luke's, Canning Town, on Saturday, August 31.

These venues were obtained through the County organisations, the member Leagues and the assistance of the respective National Executive Committee members.

The Committee feels that the interest of the counties has been responsible in the improved interest and that it is unfortunate that all these nominated players could not be included in the final trials on Saturday, October 26.

Thanks are offered to the many people who gave their services in organising the venues, umpiring and taking care of the "inner man."

N. COOK,
Hon. Secretary.



JACQUELINE CANHAM

may shoot up the ranking list before the season is over.

Among the men, Bryan Merrett played particularly well, although being blasted off by Ralph Gunnion in an early match. It was interesting to note how Bryan coped with Ian Harrison in his final match. Inevitably the expedite rule was brought into operation, with Bryan making the majority of winners, and thoroughly deserving the verdict. Harrison won all his other matches without trouble.

Main talking point was the non-appearance of Chester Barnes, who preferred to reserve his Saturdays off to play in tournaments. Notwithstanding this, he got the No. 3 ranking.

David Creamer remained in favour, at No. 4, but this could not have been on his performances at Stanmore. Early on he lost to Brian Hill, scraping through his group on games average, and was then beaten by Harrison, Merrett and Mike Symonds.

Symonds seemed harshly treated by being ranked No. 9, as he lost only to Harrison and Merrett. Maybe the selectors, after earlier experiences

with young players, prefer to bring him on slowly!

Brian Hill and Denis Neale, two teenagers, exceeded all expectations and richly deserved to be ranked at joint No. 10.

THE RANKING POLICY

by AUBREY SIMONS

(Chairman of Selectors)

RANKING LIST

MEN

- 1 I. O. Harrison (Glos.) (1).
- 2 B. R. Merrett (Glos.) (4).
- 3 C. G. Barnes (Essex) (3).
- 4 D. O. Creamer (Middx.) (2).
- 5 A. Rhodes (Middx.) (5).
- 6 R. J. Stevens (Essex) (7).
- 7 J. Ingber (Lancs.) (6).
- 8 R. Gunnion (Warwicks.) (-).
- 9 M. Symonds (Lancs.) (8).
- 10 B. Hill (Lincs.) (-).
- 11 D. Neale (Durham) (-).
- 12 A. G. Lindsay (Middx.) (10).

WOMEN

- 1 D. Rowe (Middx.) (1).
- 2 M. Shannon (Surrey) (2).
- 3 L. Bell (Essex) (3).
- 4 Mrs. J. McCree (Essex) (4).
- 5 Mrs. J. Ellis (Kent) (8).
- 6 C. Blackshaw (Yorks) (9).
- 7 Y. J. Williams (Herts.) (7).
- 8 J. Canham (Herts.) (-).
- 9 A. Taft (Middx.) (5).
- 10 M. Hicks (Middx.) (10).
- 11 P. Piper (Surrey) (-).
- 12 D. Fitzgerald (Cheshire) (-).

(Figures in parenthesis denote position in previous list)

ON September 28 the Senior Selection Committee held their first official ranking meeting for both men and women, and during the 1963/64 season we hope to hold not less than three such meetings.

As players will know, over the last few years we have staged several Top Ten tournaments, which have been quite successful, but the new Ranking Meetings which supersede them will be of much greater importance to both players and selectors.

At the first meeting we endeavoured to assess the early season form of all players but in future we envisage a top group of eight in both men and women, all play all, and this to form the basis of the ranking list.

There will be a second group for men and women, each containing eight, all play all, consisting of a mixture of top players and promising youngsters.

The top two players of the second group will challenge the bottom two of the top group, and if they win will replace them in the following tournaments in the top group.

We should like to point out that although the results obtained by the players at these meetings will have a marked bearing on their ranking, other factors will also be taken into consideration. If this were not so, a computer, rather than a selection committee, would be needed.

We do appreciate the heavy demands made on all leading players by Town, County and Country throughout the season, but we would ask all selected players to make a supreme effort to attend the Ranking Meetings. We feel sure that the results they achieve will be appreciated by both players and selectors alike.

BACK NUMBERS

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NETHERLANDS OPEN

DIANE AND MARY KEEP DOUBLES TITLE

DIANE ROWE and Mary Shannon made a shaky but successful start to the international season when they retained the women's doubles in the Netherlands Open at Utrecht on October 5-6.

They were far from match tight and had to survive some critical situations before beating the Germans Kriegelstein and Siebert at 23-21, 21-15, 13-21, 16-21, 21-18 in the final.

The scores speak for themselves as the English pair scraped home in an advantage first game, then saw a two games lead slip from their grasp before recovering to win the decider.



MARY SHANNON and DIANE ROWE

BIG LEICESTERSHIRE INCREASE

A BIG increase in the number of representative teams is the main feature of this season's commitments in Leicestershire. A team has been entered in the junior division of the county championships and this should provide keen competition for places.

The Midland League have a record of six teams from Leicester, including for the first time a Veterans' side, which, with Cyril Frith, Stan Ford, Frank Pickering, Harry Ball and Tom Whiteman all available should prove most formidable.

A Leicestershire Towns League comes into being with five teams—Coalville, Leicester "A," Leicester "B", Loughborough, and Melton Mowbray, welcome newcomers, who are affiliating to our association for the first time.

Coaching activities have continued throughout the Summer, and over 60 juniors are now being coached. Tadek Kuryk, of Donnington Hall, is the first recipient of the Leicestershire junior leader's badge.

A senior coaching scheme has been launched and is proving successful. New county umpires are John Grimley (Loughborough) and Peter Harrison (Leicester), while Tom Whiteman has been deservedly awarded his Teaching Theory Certificate for coaching.

Leicester T.T.C., with a sound team of Graham Newby, Colin Truman, and Rodney Pickering, following a good start, look favourites for the **Leicester and District League** First Division, while Carisbrooke, where Stephen Cloke is getting good support from Tony Willmin and Peter Harrison, could be the surprise side of Division 2A, in which Knighton Park II (Rita Beith, Jose Rogers and Harry Ward) have made a good start.

Soccer Pools (Tom Whiteman, Ken Tew and Ken Needham) look a promotion side in Division 4A, while English Electric IV may prove too strong in Division 6A if they are able to keep their team of A. Haikney, S. Talas and W. Gruner. South Wigston Boys' Club, Barry Robinson, B. Hobson and K. Harris, have made a good start in Division 7B.

Philip Reid.

This was Diane's fifth win in the Dutch doubles, but the first time she has retained it with the same partner.

The women's doubles proved a face saver for England. Diane lost her singles title when she surprisingly went out to Siebert in the quarter finals at 21-15, 15-21, 20-22, 22-24.

She was a long way from her best for this was a match that should have been well within her capabilities.

Mary Shannon did slightly better in reaching the semi-finals only to crash badly to the eventual winner, Edith Buchholz, of Germany, at 12-21, 7-21, 8-21.

Miss Shannon had obviously failed to learn the lesson of her defeat by the same player in the quarter finals of the English Open last season, when she was beaten after holding a two games lead.

This time the German asserted her authority from the start.

Second round exit

David Creamer, the third member of England's team made a second round exit to Sedelmeyer of Austria at 20-22, 23-25 9-21.

Creamer then partnered Sedelmeyer in the doubles where they lost in the quarter finals to Scholer and Gomolla, of Germany.

Creamer and Mary Shannon survived two rounds of the mixed doubles before losing to Vecko and Siebert, while Miss Rowe, partnered by Hans Alser of Sweden lost in the quarter finals to Gomolla and Buchholz, the eventual winners.

With entries from Sweden, Yugoslavia, Germany, Belgium, France, Denmark, Austria and England, this was one of the most successful championships the Dutch have held.

One of the highlights of the men's singles was the quarter-final in which Johansson of Sweden beat the

home player F. Schoofs, who is greatly improved. Schoofs' defence and pushing play has always been difficult to overcome but now he has learned a good backhand.

The men's title went to Hans Alser, who, after dropping the first game, beat the Yugoslav Vecko in the final by 14-21, 21-11, 21-8, 24-22.

Alser, who used his strong defence when in trouble, was hitting more, while his wider experience enabled him to overcome the enthusiasm of some of his younger opponents.

The Czechs, Miko and Stanek, figured in a marathon semi-final against Vecko and Korpa before going on to win the final. The match turned on a deciding game which went 31-29.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: Alser (Sweden) bt Stanek (Czech.) 15-21, 21-14, 21-8, 21-12. Vecko (Yugo.) bt Johansson (Sweden) 21-16, 16-21, 21-17, 21-17.

Final: ALSER bt Vecko 14-21, 21-11, 21-8, 24-22.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: Seidel (Germany) bt Siebert (Germany) 16-21, 21-16, 20-22, 21-14, 21-16. Buchholz (Germany) bt M. Shannon (England) 21-12, 21-7, 21-8.

Final: BUCHHOLZ bt Seidel 21-15, 21-18, 14-21, 12-21, 21-5.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: Alser/Johansson (Sweden) bt Scholer/Gomolla (Germany) 21-9 21-18 21-19. Miko/Staneek (Czech.) bt Vecko/Korpa (Yugos.) 21-18, 23-25, 18-21, 21-9, 31-29.

Final: MIKO/STANEK bt Alser/Johansson 21-16, 21-19, 27-25.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: Rowe/Shannon (England) bt Lataster/Woschec (Germany) 23-21, 21-11, 21-15. Kriegelstein/Siebert (Germany) bt Buchholz/Seidel (Germany) 16-21, 21-13, 21-17, 14-21, 21-16.

Final: ROWE/SHANNON bt Kriegelstein/Siebert 23-21, 21-15, 13-21, 16-21, 21-18.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: Gomolla/Buchholz bt Miko/Kriegelstein 20-22, 21-16, 17-21, 21-13, 21-10. Vecko/Siebert bt Scholer/Seidel 21-17, 20-22, 16-21, 21-18, 21-12.

Final: GOMOLLA/BUCHHOLZ bt Vecko/Siebert 21-19, 21-13, 13-21, 21-14.

AROUND THE WORLD

Andreadis to coach in India

IVAN ANDREADIS, probably the finest player never to have won the world singles title, has gone to India for two years to coach at Patiala, a sports university.

He is accompanied by his wife, and has been released by the Czechs as he has now retired from international play.

Tentative arrangements had been made for Andreadis, who holds the English Open doubles title with Vladimir Miko, to play in the Sussex Open, but these fell through, when the Indian appointment came along.

The Ceskoslovensky Film Export has completed an Educational Film of last season's World Championships in Prague.

The film, "Masters of the Bat," features many of the leading European and Asiatic players. **Diane Rowe**, demonstrates the versatility of her play belonging to the older European school, in her match against **Erzebeth Heiritz**, of Hungary.

The film shows the complete second set of the all-Chinese men's singles final in which **Chuang Tse-tung** beat **Li Fu-jung**. Some of this is in slow motion and demonstrates the lobbed defence of Li Fu-jung, and backhands, played from a distance by Chuang Tse-tung, alternated by a whole range of half-volleys and forehands that are proof of the contemporary high standard of Chinese table tennis.

GERMANY:

Agnes Simon will be out of table tennis this season as she is expecting a second baby. She already has a daughter.

Her husband **Bela Simon** is one of the leading coaches in Germany.

Mrs. Simon has the rare distinc-

tion of having played for three different countries . . . Hungary, Holland and Germany.

South Africa and India have both lifted their ban on sponge covered bats. Neither wishes to be left in the wilderness.

HUNGARY:

Lazlo Foldi has retired from international match play but will continue to play for his club in the European Club championships.

A young girl for whom the Hungarians predict a bright future is 14-year-old **Jutka Zongor**.

FRANCE:

France, looking to teenage youngsters raising their standards, are looking for someone to guide them. First efforts to get **Zoltan Berczik**,



IVAN ANDREADIS

of Hungary as coach, were unsuccessful, but now they are hoping for the services of **Hans Alser**, of Sweden, at the end of the season.

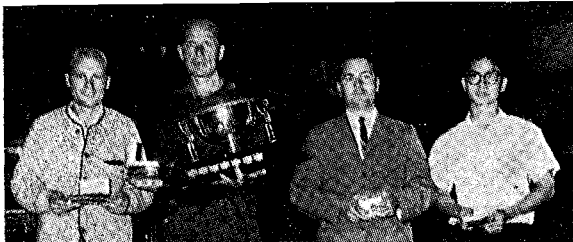
HOLLAND:

Cor du Buy, who emigrated to Australia two years ago, has now returned to Holland, because his wife was homesick. He has taken over as Holland's non-playing captain and coach and aims to concentrate on the youngsters.

BELGIUM is the latest country to inaugurate a **Victor Barna Award** for services to the game. Our picture shows **Georges Roland**, the national coach and the winner, receiving the trophy from **Victor Barna**, who flew over to Belgium to make the presentation.

Roland has represented Belgium in many internationals and has been a frequent visitor to this country. He boasts wins over many of our leading players of the past, including **Richard Bergmann**.

Apart from his table tennis **Roland**, a calculator at Belgium's Royal Astronomical Observatory, claims fame as the discoverer of the **Comet Arend-Roland** in 1956.



Canada's top four players for 1963 seen here with their awards won at the Canadian Closed Championships. Left to right: **KLAUS KATZENMEIER**, of Burnaby, runner-up for men's singles; **MAX MARINKO**, of Toronto, singles winner for the ninth time; **HOWARD CROSSMAN**, also Toronto, losing semi-finalist to Katzenmeier; and **LARRY LEE**, of Vancouver, the new pen-holder sensation who gave Marinko his closest match in the semi-final.

Picture by Robert Chaimson



FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF NEW ZEALAND TABLE TENNIS

by Mac Evans

I AM a newcomer to the rigours of New Zealand life, having only recently arrived from "sunny" Britain.

During my short stay I have already played in several tournaments up and down the country, but I shall always remember the Wanganui Open of 1963.

I travel up on the Saturday morning from Wellington, my home base; distance about 120 miles. It takes about 3½ hours; not bad considering the roads and a maximum speed limit (all roads) of 55 m.p.h.

The tournament is held in a huge hall; no heating; lights bad; floor slippery and tables dead. But never mind, let's have a good day's fun.

I make a sudden exit in the third round of the singles to the No. 2 seed. Ah, well, it was a good game. Now for the doubles.

My partner and I are the No. 1 seeds. We reach the semi-finals only to be beaten by two juniors. Never mind; it was the d.....d table and the floor was too slippery.

We embark for home. Oh, for that nice warm bed. But ten miles out it is cough, splutter, stop. We've blown a cylinder head gasket.

The driver gets towed back to Wanganui. I decided to wait for Murray Dunn. He'll be coming along shortly.

After about 30 minutes in the pitch black darkness I see the familiar lights approaching. I step into the road to flag him down, then beat a hasty retreat as I nearly have my toes taken off.

Oh, well, I'll soon hitch a lift. And low and behold, I do. At about 2.30 a.m. I arrive at Palmerston North, a small city about 90 miles from Wellington.

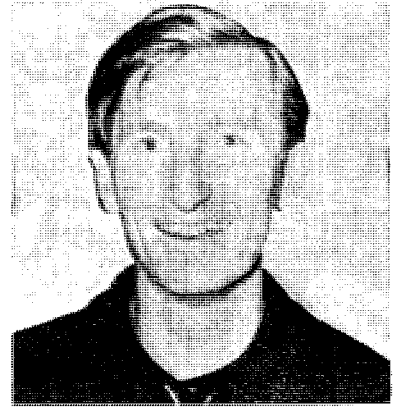
There's always the train, I decide, and at the local station I find a night watchman, only to be told the next train is 7.30 a.m.

Sarcastically I enquire if the railways are nationalised, then make my way to the waiting room.

It's open, but there's no fire and I'm freezing. I find some coal in a stationary train and soon get a fire going. Now for a few hours' kip. Four a.m. dawns and in staggers an old man well under the influence of drink. He draws from his pocket a sodden lump of paper. It turns out to be pound notes. He had fallen into a ditch but the money must come first. So he proceeds to peel them from the pile and spreads them out to dry in front of my fire.

At last 7.10 a.m. arrives. We'll soon be home now.

Then comes an announcement: "The 7.10 a.m. express from Auckland to Wellington is running approximately 1½ hours late."



MURRAY DUNN

I pray for the salvation of British Railways.

At 8.30 a.m. the train arrives. Let's have a quick snooze. Ninety miles . . . let's see . . . about two hours should see me home.

Four hours later I arrive bleary-eyed at Wellington station, just in time for Sunday dinner.

Roll on the next tournament!

SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARTA (FOLDI) STRETTON, sister of the Hungarian Lazlo Foldi, was the only successful defending champion in the South African Championships in Johannesburg.

She won the women's singles for the second year, beating J. Santana, the 1961 champion, in the semi-final, and C. Addinall in a close five games final.

Mrs. Stretton gained a second title when she partnered **F. Ginsberg** to win the women's doubles, but failed in her bid for a treble in the mixed doubles. Partnered by her husband, Ken Stretton, she had won this title the previous two years, but this time lost in the semi-final to A. Herbert and I. Kampel at 17 in the fifth. Herbert and Kampel were in turn beaten in a five games final by **E. Mackie** and **J. Santana**.

Signs of a new generation taking over was the victory of **O. Marino**, who swept through the men's singles with the loss of only one game. He beat M. Fry in the final by 3-1.

S. Phitidis and **C. Morris** regained the men's doubles they had previously held in 1960 and 1961, when they beat Rex Edwards and Marino in the final.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: O. Marino bt T. Heffer; M. Fry bt R. Edwards. **Final:** MARINO bt Fry 3-1.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: M. Stretton bt J. Santana 3-2; C. Addinall bt V. Barber 3-0. **Final:** STRETTON bt Addinall 3-2.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: C. Morris/S. Phitidis bt Heffer/A. Herbert 3-1; Edwards/Marino bt T. Paitaki/J. Chamberlain 3-0. **Final:** MORRIS/PHITIDIS bt Edwards/Marino 3-2.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: Stretton/F. Ginsberg bt Santana/M. Davis 3-1; V. Barber/M. Ward bt Addinall/D. Ogdon 3-0. **Final:** STRETTON/GINSBERG bt Barber/Ward 3-2.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: Herbert/I. Kampel bt K. Stretton/M. Stretton 3-2; E. Mackie/J. Santana bt Phitidis/Barber 3-0. **Final:** MACKIE/SANTANA bt Herbert/Kampel 3-2.

NEW ZEALAND OPEN

THE 1963 New Zealand Championships were held in the thriving city of Napier, situated in the Hawke's Bay area of the North Island.

Although New Zealand has only a population of about two and a half million, table tennis is a well supported sport with large followings in most of the populated areas.

These championships are spread over a week and individual events are preceded by team championships between representatives of the various areas.

The men's singles title was won for the fourth consecutive year by M. L. Dunn, of Wellington, who dominated the whole tournament, capturing also the men's and mixed doubles titles.

Dunn plays a style rarely seen but much desired in England, hitting continuously with both forehand and backhand and scorning the use of such gimmicks as the loop drive. His terrific energy and fitness are the deciding factors of his success.

The ladies' singles was also retained by the very popular Maori player Miss Netti Davis, of Auckland, who has also won this title on four consecutive occasions. She is a beautiful stylist relying on a cast iron defence with the occasional quick hit to win the rally.

Mac Evans



Michael Symonds and Pauline Hemmings

THE winners of the premier awards in this year's *News of the World* National Table Tennis Coaching Scheme were two 14-year-olds, **Alan Hydes**, of Barnsley, Yorkshire, and **Linda Henwood**, of Romford, Essex

They were picked out as **Boy and Girl of the Year** from the 220 youngsters taking part in the final Festival at Bognor in October. These were the survivors of a record entry of 25,444 boys and girls, who, from May to September, had gone through the weekly siftings at eight Butlin's Holiday Camps.

Coaches in charge of the siftings were Louis Kerekes (Clacton), Michael Symonds (Skegness), Ian Barclay (Ayr), Bobbie Raybould (Minehead), Laurie Landry (Bognor),

NEWS OF THE WORLD SCHEME

The Boy and Girl of the Year—Chosen from 25,444

by JOHNNY LEACH

Peggy Piper (Filey), Alan Lindsay (Pwllheli), and Tommy Caffrey (Mosney).

Under the eagle eyes of these coaches, who were joined by Diane Rowe at Bognor, the youngsters were awarded points for ball control, backhand and forehand strokes in defence and attack, and general play.

In addition there were bonus points to balance the discrepancy of age; for the finalists ranged from 8 years old to 18.

LIKE A CAT

Hydes, a slim, curly-headed left-hander, moves with feline speed and grace in defence, but pounces on a loose return like a cat after a mouse. He has such perfect ball control that the ball seems to adhere to his bat until he decides where best to place it.

And Alan scores in one important respect where Chester Barnes has so far appeared to be lacking. Even in practice he reveals tremendous fighting spirit, reminiscent of Brian Kennedy, the great Yorkshire and England left-hander, in whose footsteps he could easily follow.

Despite previous success in the Grimsby and South Yorkshire Open

singles, Alan is a brand new name to most of us. He emerged as the outstanding performer on the very last lap of our scheme.

Linda Henwood, on the other hand, is already quite well known as an Essex junior of outstanding promise. Since her introduction to table tennis at Butlins four years ago she has won several open tournaments.

Linda seems to play better each time I see her in action, and Louis Kerekes, her coach at Clacton this summer, considers that she is the most talented young player he has ever seen.

In case I have given the impression that the success of Alan and Linda was a foregone conclusion let me hasten to correct it. The choice of the premier awards in this annual competition has never given the other judges and myself a harder task and it was only a few minutes before taking the stage at Bognor's Gaiety Theatre, before a tense audience of some two thousand, that I made the final decision.

The division of points between winners and runners-up was fractional, and it was those age points that decided in the end.

None of the other coaches, nor the

220 finalists, who appeared on the stage, had an inkling of the result until I announced it. But the warmth of the applause that greeted the presentation of trophies left no doubt that the choice was popular.

Runners-up among the boys were: **Stuart Gibbs**, 14, (East Ham); **Tony Robinson**, 16, (Middlesex and England current No. 1 junior); **Jim Langan**, 14, (Dublin — and the first Irish boy to win a major award in the scheme), and **Haydn Thomas** (Abergavenny), who is only 10 years old but clearly an outstanding prospect.

The girls' runners-up were: **Pauline Hemmings**, 14, (Herts); **Karenza Smith**, 13, (Clapton, London); **Maureen Heppell**, 14, (Hexham, Northumberland); and **Linda Forkes**, 12, (Castleford, Lancs.).

SPECIAL AWARDS

All these youngsters received special awards presented on behalf of Billy Butlin, together with the pair adjudged the best "Tiny Tots" . . . 9-year-old **Rebeccas Bryant**, from Chard, Somerset, and 8-year-old **Ian Horsham**, from Hornchurch, Essex.

Far from being novices, these two

babes have advanced in skill as far as they possibly could at their age, and even today either would give the average adult a hard game.

To assess the merits of all these champions, bear in mind that they emerged from a record total of 25,444. I am confident that some of them will figure in England's future world championship squads and that they will do England proud.

Two who only narrowly missed the major award were Karenza Smith, who was also a runner-up the previous year, and Pauline Hemmings.

Pauline, who has overcome a serious accident suffered as a kiddie when diving into a swimming pool, was consoled by her victory in our popular "Coach and Pupil" Challenge Cup competition.

We have never seen a higher standard of play in this annual doubles competition. Hitting like a man and creating opening for her coach-partner Michael Symonds, Pauline proved the value of all out

attacking policy.

They suffered only one defeat, at the hands of Louis Kerekes and Linda Henwood, and won the cup on games average over Alan Lindsay and Maureen Heppell.

Karenza Smith also did her fair share of attacking, and did well despite the misfortune of losing her coach, Laurie Landry, with a fractured ankle, with three more matches still to play. However, Laurie's deputy was none other than David Creamer, England's current No. 4.

A belief in attack as the best policy has been the outstanding feature of our competitors' approach this summer. No doubt they have been influenced by the success of the modern Asiatic champions in this respect.

And what is particularly pleasing is that the majority do not need a long rally in which to build up the momentum of their attack, but leap in to score outright winners at the slightest opportunity.

BETTY JOINS KENT

ALTHOUGH relegated to the second division last year, Kent are already on the trail back to the Premier Division with their 8-2 win over Sussex. This would appear to be "Boom Year" in Kent with a record entry for the Kent League and reports from all over the county of increased membership.

As my first pleasant task let me welcome most sincerely to Kent table tennis Betty Bird who is playing in the Kent Senior team this season. Betty needs no introduction from me, but I would like to wish her a very pleasant season, and I feel sure she will find ample scope in Kent for her undoubted talent.

Next I would like to congratulate Joyce Fielder and Malcolm Ellis who were married earlier in the year. Joyce is playing better than ever and has already moved up three places in the E.T.T.A. list to become number 5 lady.

The Kent Senior team is virtually the same as for most of last season, except for the addition of Betty Bird and it does seem a great shame that the Premier Division of the N.O.C. only allows for one lady with the dropping last season of the Ladies' Doubles.

Maybe I am prejudiced but I am sure Kent would not have been relegated if the Ladies' Doubles game was still played. However, apart from this fact, pruning of matches is a bad thing in my opinion as there is not enough scope for really top match play at the present time without a great deal of expense.

Much as I deplore "professionalism" I am convinced that the day is not far away when legitimate expenses will be recoverable, and players will be selected because they are the top players, not because they can afford to take time off and pay travelling expenses.

This is in no way a knock at the E.T.T.A. but just a look at the situation which, all too often, prevails at all levels of our game. Many players will admit that, if it was not for the



JOYCE FIELDER

generosity of a local league official, their entry to varied and wide-spread tournaments in the past would have been impossible.

This year Kent have Frank Burvill as hon. Secretary, Conrad Jasche having resigned because of business pressure. However Conrad will continue as chairman and with Frank having had previous experience with Hertfordshire, Kent can count itself fortunate to have officers of sound calibre to organise the county on a business-like footing.

With Don Mitchell combining the office of treasurer with the competition secretary's job we should be able to look to the future with confidence.

Mike Grady



The finalists and coaches at the presentation parade.

Editor's Postbag . . .



RON CRAYDEN, England's non-playing captain and member of the selection committee, comes out in support of Johnny Leach's controversial article on the "Penholder" Grip, which was published in the October issue.

BULLY FOR JOHNNY

I READ with interest the article by Johnny Leach in last month's magazine advocating that we must be more flexible in our thinking about the pen-holder grip. Not only do I agree with Johnny, but I applaud him for his own rational thinking on the subject.

It needs courage, considerable courage, for a man in Johnny's position to admit that he may have been wrong, particularly as he has been holding a torch for the "shake-hands" grip and writing forcibly in its favour for many years.

At the Peking (1961) World Championships the burning topic of conversation was "to pen or not to pen?" Ian Harrison, Bryan Merrett and I were of the opinion that, as played in the modern manner, the pen-grip had decided advantages over the "shake-hands" grip.

For instance, penholders having but one face of the bat to worry about are able to dominate over the table against even the fastest of two wing "orthodox" hitters. In addition, their forehand hitting action is the acme of perfection, embodying control, spin, deception and eye-popping speed.

I wrote an article to this effect in the May (1961) issue of TABLE TENNIS, "Lessons of Peking."

I stressed that we must be more flexible in our thinking, for, surely, even the most dogmatic person could not overlook the fact that every men's singles champion since 1953 had been a pen-holder.

I also suggested that pen-grip players should be encouraged and, where possible, coached.

My plea fell on stony ground and I was reminded that, in any case, we had no one who could teach such a game. This I cannot believe and I know for a fact that Jack Carrington, the Director of Coaching, has been studying the technique and would be pleased to point the way to those interested.

Now that Johnny Leach has raised the subject again, I feel sure there will be some internal rumblings, and possibly some action.

RON CRAYDEN
(Sutton).

DISTRACTING

I SHOULD like to draw your readers' attention to the fact that the clothing worn by the young lady player depicted in an advertisement facing the Editorial page of the October TABLE TENNIS does not comply with current I.T.T.F. Regulations.

In the Official News in the same issue it is stated quite clearly that the purpose of these Regulations is to prohibit clothing which might "distract the eye," and after prolonged study of the picture I have come to the conclusion that this costume can be termed "distracting."

On behalf of my fellow umpires may I, therefore, appeal to any young ladies intending to play in tournaments in outfits of this type to make absolutely certain that the material is of an approved dark colour, such as black. In this way they can help to reduce the risk of their being excluded from tournaments, which we should all regret.

C. J. CLEMETT
(Coulston).

LET'S HAVE A CLUB K.O. COMPETITION

HIGHFIELD CLUB, who run six teams in the Willesden and District League, and include among their members Stan Jacobson and junior internationals Les Gresswell and Tony Robinson, have been discussing the future of table tennis not only from the aspect of their club, but the country as a whole. This letter from their secretary, B. P. Kerner, is the result of their deliberations.

A THOROUGH survey, by my executive committee on the future of table tennis in this country has produced the following suggestions. We think they would add a great deal of national interest to the game, improve the standard of competition and thus the standard of play and in general aid the game which boasts a following of some 170,000 registered players and not so long ago could fill the 8,000 seats at Wembley for the English Open.

The suggestions were:

1. *That a National knock-out team competition should be held annually, not just for Leagues as in the Wilmott Cup, but open to the winners of the top knock-out competition in each league. Initially to be held on a zonal basis, with the winners of each zone going through to the national quarter-finals, semi-finals, and final. All matches to be on Swaythling Cup lines.*

2. *That the winners of the National Tournament should be entered in the European team championships which are held annually and in which so far England has not been represented.*

It is obvious that rules and regulations would have to be drawn up to ensure that only regular club members took part in these competitions and that "stars" were not imported just for the occasion.

With travel so simple nowadays, the widening of club competition could prove a boon to a sport which is nearly dead from a spectator point of view. A national interest would be renewed in table tennis, with a growth of the number of personalities in the game, and a growth of "star" clubs.

As a club we would be most interested to hear from other clubs, players, leagues and organisations if they are interested in this idea. The support of the press would be desired and amply repaid. The co-operation of the English Table Tennis Association would be vital.

We would be prepared to be instrumental in the formation of an organising body to run these competitions, and all correspondence should be addressed to the secretary of the club, B. P. Kerner, 50, Weymouth Street, London, W.1.

B. P. KERNER
(Secretary, Highfield Club).

BACKHOUSE LEAVES STAFFS

STAFFORDSHIRE opened the season with the shock news that Derek Backhouse, of West Bromwich, wanted to leave the county and move to nearby Warwickshire.

At the age of 25, Derek now feels his future lies with a premier division side and after doing so well for Birmingham in the Wilmott cup last season, Warwickshire was his obvious choice.

The county certainly did not miss him in their opening match at Stoke where they had a comfortable 8-2 win over Oxfordshire. Whether they can repeat this success against stronger counties like Warwickshire and Glamorgan remains to be seen.

Because of the Backhouse move, Bernard Hanson the junior team captain from Walsall has resigned from the county committee. He feels that by allowing this move, his up and coming juniors may also want to reach the top by way of another county.

Despite these two body blows the county officials can take some heart from the junior trials at Leicester, where, with seven Midland counties taking part, the top three places were filled by Staffordshire. Walsall's Glenn Warwick who is improving with every game, has recently been down to London for coaching by Harry Venner. Two other juniors catching the eye this season are Malcolm Lockley and Peter Eaton, both of West Bromwich.

Jeff Robbins, who has been overlooked by the county selectors so far this season, went through the recent Wolverhampton trials unbeaten. A record number of teams are taking part in the Wolverhampton League this season, a season which could see Cambridge the powerful Walsall trio topple Woodfield from the top.

John Pike.

OBITUARY

FRED UNDERDOWN

It is with deep regret that East London League report the death of Fred Underdown, one of their Life Vice-Presidents.

Underdown was largely responsible for keeping the game alive in the area during the war years, and played a big part in reforming the league immediately afterwards.

New Names in Hampshire

SEVERAL new names appear in the Hampshire rankings lists following county trials at Southampton. Most encouraging has been the promising junior talent, particularly among the girls.

MEN: 1, R. BASSETT (Bournemouth); 2, W. DRAPER (Southampton); 3, R. ELLIS (Bournemouth); 4, T. SMITH (Bournemouth); 5, P. CHAPLIN (Basingstoke); 6, C. EDWARDS (Southampton).

WOMEN: 1, CHRISTINE HOLES (Southampton); 2, PAULINE HOLES (Southampton); 3, MRS. D. GRAY (Portsmouth); 4, T. WINKWORTH (Bournemouth); 5, B. BROWN (Bournemouth); 6, Y. WILSON (Bournemouth).

BOYS: 1, D. HOLMAN (Bournemouth); 2, S. BROOK (Bournemouth); 3, D. HARRISON (Bournemouth); 4, M.

ANDREWS (Southampton); 5, R. EGERTON (Southampton); 6, A. GRANT (Southampton).

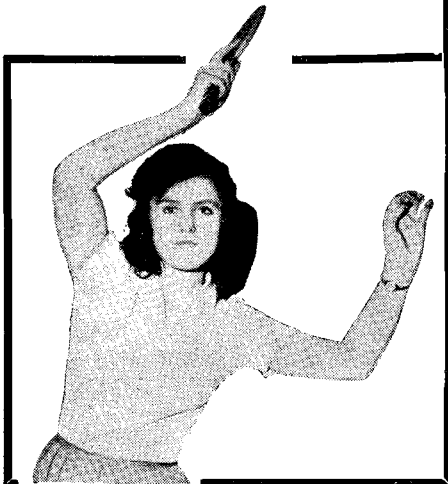
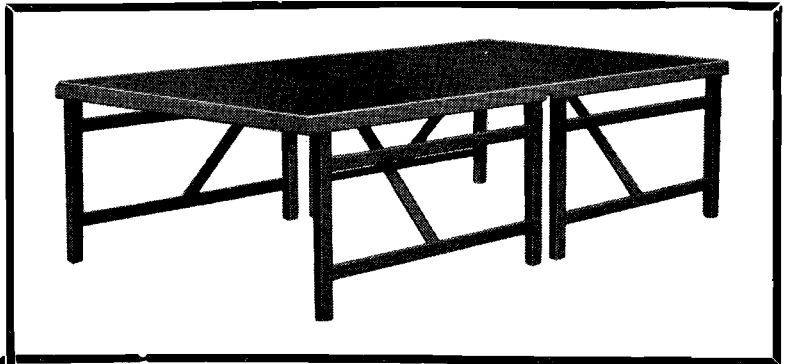
GIRLS: L. THOMPSON (Portsmouth); 2, A. MILLS (Southampton); 3, P. WALKER (Portsmouth); 4, W. TANNAHILL (Southampton); 5, S. BOOTH (Southampton); 6, A. BOOTH (Southampton).

Schools League

Southampton continues its quest for a wider promotion of junior table tennis, by becoming the first town within the County to initiate a School League. It will form a further link with its flourishing coaching centre where many of the schools matches will be played.

Teddy Grant.

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GLAMORGAN AND MONMOUTH CRASH

REPRESENTATIVE table tennis matches on the highest level in Wales have scarcely got off to a good start for either Glamorgan or Monmouthshire. The senior teams of both counties suffered heavy defeats at the hands of Warwickshire, and although the "derby" match between the two junior sides resulted in an overwhelming Monmouthshire victory, one could have hoped that it would have been at the expense of one of the English counties.

Playing in a brand new and excellent venue at the Alcan Industries factory at Rogerstone, Monmouthshire were beaten 8-2 by Warwickshire, only Brian Everson and Johnny Mansfield looking in the same class.

Much the same happened to Glamorgan at Leamington Spa, where the deficit was 7-3. Here only George Evans came up to expectations.

The newly-formed Glamorgan Association is trying out new blood, and maybe it was wrong to expect Phil Bevan and Graham Williams to take more than one event each. As it was they took none, and whilst Graham Williams played better in his second game, he didn't really look like winning. Bevan has only wrong tactics to blame for his defeats.

Glamorgan had a right to expect better from the women. Margaret Phillips and Sandra Morgan should have taken

at least two events, but they did not look so good as last season. Margaret Phillips played as though she had not touched a bat for a year! This kind of form from our two international players just won't do.

The junior match at Tredegar was a great triumph for Monmouthshire, whose youngsters looked much more aware of what they were trying to do.

JUNIORS' PROGRESS

In view of my severe criticism of the juniors last season, let me hurry to say that at least I have been impressed that progress is being made. All six boys used the sandwich bat, and moreover used it correctly, with a game built around its capabilities. Too many of our Seniors are either making no attempt to master the necessary new tactics, or have games which are just too inflexible to be changed.

At Tredegar, all the boys showed that they are trying the new strokes, and using the loop to advantage. They have good spin serves, too, a feature almost neglected by most of our Seniors, and although they have yet to achieve complete control, I am happy that they are on the right track.

Jeff Buck was the best on view, with Wayne Smith a close second. Monmouthshire's third player, Alan Jewell, was perhaps too negative, and lacked the tactical sense of the others.

Glamorgan were a disappointment in some ways, for both Graham Davies and Dennis Samuel played below form. Graham appeared terribly nervous while Dennis, undoubtedly talented, thought he could win without working for it. David Burrige looked good in his first outing, showing a calm and even temperament.

Full marks to Patricia Smith, the Dina Powis schoolgirl who came into the Glamorgan side without ever having played in a real match before. She showed an even temperament, a well produced and directed attack, but no defence. Yet she took a game from Sandra Himley, and after a shaky start, did well in the two mixed doubles.

In the Welsh League, Cardiff "A" are at present on top but they nearly lost their unbeaten record to Cardiff "B", just scraping home 5-4. For

Cardiff "B" Graham Gear continued his good form by winning all three, including one against Ron Davies. County honours must surely come to Graham.

Barry, with George Evans, Graham Cogbill and Frawer Anderson, are a good side, and should soon be near the top. Swansea, whose younger players are making their presence felt, and Aberdare, for whom Walter Hobby lends a stabilising influence to Graham Williams and Brian Jenkins, have, like Cardiff "B", each won two out of three matches.

Newport, obviously trying new players in the Welsh League, have not fared too well, while Abergavenny, with much less strength on which to call, have yet to win a match, although John Mansfield appears to be playing well.

Cardiff "C", for whom John Rowles is doing well, head Division II, with Bridgend "A", Merthyr and Eastern Valleys lying next. It is to be hoped that East Valley's problem will soon be resolved and they will settle down to more success.

Bridgend "A" have won both their matches so far; Swansea "B" have won one, but Bridgend "B" and Milford Haven, as wonderful as ever as hosts, are without points.

The Junior Division, bigger than ever, appears to have quite a lot of talent, with Aberdare, Barry, Bridgend and East Valleys having strong sides.

There is little activity yet in the Women's Division, but Cardiff easily beat Tredegar, while Swansea overcame Newport. Gloria Miles, playing well for Swansea, scored a good win over Elizabeth Gray.

WESTERN COUNTIES
LINE UP

PLYMOUTH and District are newcomers to the Western Counties League this season, entering teams in both the men's and women's sections. They are a welcome addition, particularly as Swindon have had to withdraw their men's side.

This season it was resolved to organise a women's section to play both home and away, but the men will still play alternative years home and away.

The line-up is.—**MEN: Cardiff, Cheltenham, Bath, Bristol and Bristol II, Newport, Weston, West Wilts, and Plymouth.**

WOMEN: Swindon, Bristol, Weston, Plymouth and Newport.

Bristol, last season's men's champions face some strong opposition and will need to be in good form to keep their title.

The women's section looks very open, although Bristol start favourites.

Cardiff are without Welsh international Alan Thomas, who has decided to retire, but fortunately only from the playing side. He is now a Welsh selector and should be a valuable asset to the game in general.

At the annual meeting Mr. Leonard Ollis of Bath was elected president, while Ivor Eyles continues as chairman and Grove Motlow as secretary/treasurer.

Grove Motlow.

ALAN THOMAS RETIRES

ALAN THOMAS, ranked No. 1 in Wales last season, has announced his retirement from representative table tennis, after several years of loyal and valuable service to his country.

Alan, basically a defensive player, has stuck to his rubber bat, and although he has never been brilliant, he has occasionally risen to great heights.

His hard chop defence has proved difficult for even players in World Class to take easily, and when three seasons ago he introduced a sudden hard and unexpected attack he produced a lot of first-class results both for Glamorgan and Wales.

He has represented Wales in many World Championships and in the European Championships, and probably reached the height of his ability at the time of the Quadrangular Championships in Glasgow two seasons ago.

Alan has always been a loyal Association man, and he can carry on his good work for Wales in his new capacity as member of the Welsh Selection Committee, on which his up to date knowledge of international play will be of great value.

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YORKSHIRE NOTES

Bevan's Unique Experience

DAVID BEVAN has had what is perhaps the unique experience of playing for different counties in his first two Premier Division appearances. He made his debut for Gloucestershire against Lancashire at Bristol in March, 1962.

A year ago he became a languages student at Leeds University, qualified for Yorkshire through residence and appeared for their Division Two North team last March, helping them to regain their Premier Division place.

Against Surrey in this season's opening match he was Yorkshire's unbeaten star with his beautifully controlled defence, rapier hits and placid temperament.

The 5-4 win was a tonic for the team, whose average age is 20 and gives high hopes that they will keep their place in the top section.

Peter Duncombe, at 20, has taken over as captain from Alan Thompson, Yorkshire coach and skipper for more than a decade, whose quiet encouragement from the sidelines was a contribution of value to Yorkshire's best years.

The county's top twelve—eight men, four women—have had regular practice every fortnight through the summer at Barnsley North End's new three-table clubroom at the Lundwood Hotel where the landlord is ex-footballer Bert Tindill.

Pride of Barnsley is 14-year-old Alan Hydes, whose rapid improvement has gained him national "Boy of the Year" glory.

Table tennis continues to expand. Leeds will have a record 11 divisions with 130 teams, one of them from Leeds United A.F.C. in Division Eight.

West Yorkshire Road Car Company have a record nine teams in the York League, who have a best ever total of 82 sides in eight divisions. Len Godderidge replaces Keith Bruce as match secretary.

Having reached the First Division of the inter-league series, York have lost Clive Pollard, who has returned to the Hull League.

Hull have 115 teams in nine divisions, plus a schools league with 18 teams from 15 schools, Bradford are back to 140 teams in ten divisions.

Huddersfield have a record 99 teams in nine divisions. A boy with bright prospects is the 14-year-old John Kedge, who began last season as a Division Six reserve with Holset but now joins David Hirst and Malcolm Mear with Y.M.C.A. "A" in Division One. In his first match he won three in straight games.

The Yorkshire Open at York Railway Institute has been switched from November 23 to February 22. The Closed championships will be at Thornbury Barracks, Bradford, on November 30.

Malcolm Hartley.

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MAURICE GOLDSTEIN

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by **LESLIE WOOLLARD**

WHO can now remember a table tennis world in which there was no Maurice Goldstein?

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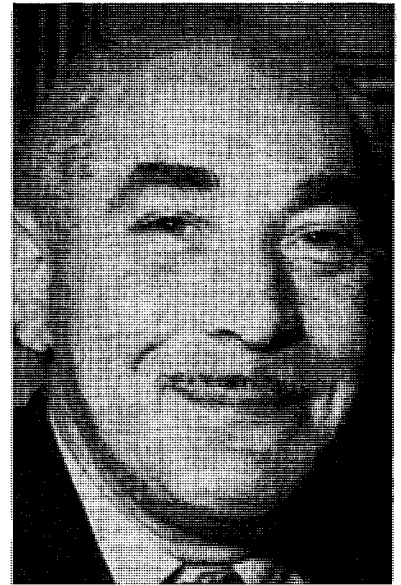
He has organised more tournaments and international matches than any other single person is ever likely to do.

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For 35 years Maurice Goldstein has strode quietly across a Himalayan range of achievement while lesser men have gone mountain-climbing on molehills. Men have come and men have gone but Maurice has gone on and on sacrificing himself to table tennis. Lord knows how he has done all that he has done. A bat supplanted his violin bow. His golf clubs (and handicap) faded out. The game came almost before family business. He has tired the nights with unceasing service.

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Nature must have framed Maurice to



MAURICE GOLDSTEIN

be a kingpin of English table tennis. His quality is rare. His service and quiet modesty unequalled. And as history staggers out of legend, he is still—bless him—with us yet.

That is in little why Maurice Goldstein was awarded the highest honour in English table tennis: Honorary Life Membership.

AROUND EAST ANGLIA

Norfolk Spreading the Net

THERE is a tide in Norfolk Table Tennis which is coming to the flood. Taken, it will lead on, very shortly, to fortune. And this fortune should take the form of international trials for some of our boys and girls.

Jack and Elsie Carrington are most certainly "with it" in East Anglia. Their week-end Coaches' Course is already bearing fruit. Maurice Ewles has wasted no time as County Coach. He has seized the tide. He, Gordon Harrison and Jack Penny have already visited Cromer, where they found a solid nucleus of experienced players.

Mr. Chesterfield at the Youth Centre in Church Street had some excellent material, and two good tables. The lighting was made by his own young men.

The Assembly Room of the Red Lion Hotel, with its spacious dance floor surrounded by large paintings, was the other venue visited. Roger Harper, George Armstrong, J. Roberts of Methodist Y.C., R. A. Turner, and Murna Muray are all very sound. Cromer are lucky to have them. Success to the Cromer Lions and the new Cromer league!

One of the girls put through her paces by Elsie Carrington was Marion and Gordon Harrison's 8-year-old daughter, Julie, surely the most experienced young spectator in the County. We remember her as a babe in arms!

Young spectators, and their mothers and fathers, are what the game of table tennis especially needs. They will have their fill of exciting play; they will make new friends, they will be able to go home and practice on any small table. In fact, when I went out to Norwich Training College at Keswick, their table tennis secretary, Miss Cherry Macdonald, told me, "At school we always used our desks!"

I found Miss Macdonald on the playing fields. Hockey, lawn tennis on hard courts, and soccer (the College were playing Norwich City Police) were all in full swing. She showed me the Council Chamber and their present table, and we had a brief and friendly practice whilst discussing how the College could help to use table tennis in our schools.

Mr. R. Q. Gurney, president of Norwich and District League, lives nearby at Keswick Old Hall. So when the College receive their two new tables and ask for fixtures, they will be short neither of expert advice nor of any facilities which Norfolk can offer at County level.

We shall look forward to welcoming their students at the Norfolk Closed Championships in Norwich on November 9th.

An event of great importance to Norfolk was the opening on October 7 of the University of East Anglia. This is centred around another former Gurney seat, Earlham Hall. It is too early yet to expect the first students to participate in local sport, but should any of them so wish, they have only to let us know.

The Development Commission has

recommended that we should get together with other sports and organisations. This gives me the opportunity to mention the second Norwich Festival of Youth.

It was a great surprise to me to be asked in to the V.I.P. box by Miss J. Leman at Norwich Lads' Club, where I was able to answer some of the questions put to me by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Mrs. Tom Griffiths). She spoke warmly of the quality of entertainment provided by the two Table Tennis finalists, and the way in which the match was presented.

J. S. Penny.

CAMBRIDGE JUNIORS STAKING CLAIMS

LAST season's juniors are staking strong claims for places in the Cambridge City teams for the East Midland League, judging by the good form being shown in the first results of the Cambridge League. Several of them are ready to step into the seniors' shoes.

Cambridge have entered teams in the men's, women's and junior divisions.

Cambridge made a good start when the men beat Northampton, last season's champions, 7-3, and the juniors overwhelmed Northampton 10-0. The women, however, were just pipped by Bletchley at 6-4.

Several new clubs have entered the Cambridge League, which has now increased its size to a record eight divisions.

Sawston Youth, Beehives, Cambridge News, Sindalls, Comberton, and Atlas Sports are among the newcomers, while several established clubs have entered extra teams.

The league promises to live up to its former greatness. Recent results reveal that last season's champions, New Chesterton Institute, are in good form with a win over Wilburton by 8-2. Y.M.C.A. are also on the victory trail with a 9-1 win over Impington III. Albert Jackson, in action again after an accident, had two good wins in this match.

Cambridge open their county programme in the Southern Division against Hertfordshire at Cambridge on November 16. After the failures of last season they are hoping for better things, with much depending on John Thurston and Alan Ponder.

In the A.C.U.A. Knock-Out Trophy played at the Y.M.C.A., John Constable defeated Bill Jordan in three sets after a good match. Jordan, a veteran, played well to hold the younger player as he did.

Bill Rogerson, the Cambridge President, has recently undergone an operation, and we look forward to his speedy recovery and return to the executive meetings.

The popularity of table tennis is evident by the increase of players and clubs, while gates are also going up.

Leslie Constable.

SUFFOLK CHANGES

A FURTHER spate of retirements has depleted Suffolk's playing strength for the new season, and County teams are now composed of strange names, according to the opposition encountered to date. With the disappearances of Pam Rogers and Brenda Brown, only Howard Osborne remains of the best side the county has been able to put out since entering the National County Championships.

Despite the trials and tribulations, the team that opposed Bedfordshire in the first match was in good heart. The result was a 2-8 defeat, but there was a refreshing air of optimism and team-spirit that has encouraged the selectors in pursuing the idea that in youth lies the promise for the future. It is possible that Suffolk might lose ground, but if that should happen, it will be only after a struggle.

Deep interest follows the careers of young players like David Mann, Brian Buckle and Linda Barrett. The county is not well-endowed with first-class playing accommodation, but with the sources available, a trickle of replacements for them are on the stocks, and in time it is hoped that the numbers will swell rapidly.

Immediate prospects for the future are young players like Stuart Snell and Philip Clark, both from the small town of Stowmarket, and already ear-marked as "going places" in East Anglia if not over a wider sphere.

League programmes are now well advanced, and the first East Anglian League fixture reported, between Ipswich and Yarmouth, resulted in a 5-5 draw. This could be classed as a surprise result, as on paper, Ipswich were on a good thing. The visitors, however, held a lead of 5-2 thanks to some sterling play by Chris Fields, not to mention the havoc created by the dogged display of half-volleys from the wooden bats of Charlie Carter and Brian Taylor.

No Ipswich tournament

There was no Ipswich Y.M.C.A. tournament this year to start the season. The team K.O. event got off in a promising fashion, and Division I clubs survived the early rounds well for a change. Only last year's losing finalists, Orwell Works B, fell in the first round, the remainder overcoming the handicap extremely well. Castle Hill B, who won the trophy last season, also lost in the first round so there will be a new inscription needed this year.

The preliminary rounds of the County Closed championships will not be held until December, so that the next tournament of note to swing into action will be the Top Ten. The first leg will be held at Beccles on Sunday, 3rd November, when a number of new faces may be expected among the competitors. Sad to relate, the Leading Ladies tournament looks like being abandoned. For some unknown reasons, our ladies appear most reluctant to compete this year and the organiser and the selection committee members concerned are most disappointed.

D. J. Barrett.

Surrey Triple Crown for Mary

MARY SHANNON captured the triple crown in the Surrey Closed Championships at Rose Hill House on September 28-29, winning the women's singles, women's doubles with Jean Head, and the mixed with Vic Ireland. Connie Warren won the men's singles.

Men's Singles: C. WARREN bt A. R. Miller 21-19, 21-15. **Women's Singles:** M. SHANNON bt Mrs. J. Head 21-11, 21-8.

Men's Doubles: V. IRELAND/G. MURANYI bt J. Moore/G. Chapman 14-21, 21-13, 21-19. **Women's Doubles:** SHANNON /HEAD bt M. Austin/H. Lambert 21-9, 21-11. **Mixed Doubles:** IRELAND/Miss SHANNON bt R. Crayden/Mrs. Head 21-11, 21-13.

Boys' Singles: G. SALTER bt M. Hart 22-20, 21-17. **Girls' Singles:** J. PATTINSON bt S. Bond 16-21, 24-22, 21-7.

Jean Head stepping in at special request, in the absence of Mary Shannon and Peggy Piper, made a welcome return to the county scene against Yorkshire and celebrated by beating Cynthia Blackshaw, England's sixth ranking player.

Unfortunately, her victory was not enough to save Surrey from a 4-5 defeat. But it was tough and go particularly in the mixed doubles.

Surrey did much better against Hertfordshire and were 8-1 winners, although

it was once again the mixed doubles that was lost, this time with a different pair.

Connie Warren proved himself a maturing player. He limits his frustration and sometimes showed evidence of thought in tactics during play.

Miss Shannon, fresh from winning the Netherlands doubles with Di Rowe, looked anything but commanding against Jackie Canham.

Our brand new junior side played above expectations in forcing a draw with Kent at Bromley. It was the boys who carried the match with Geoff Salter justifying his No. 1 position with two singles wins. Martin Hart and Patrick McCarthy took one singles each and jointly took the boys' doubles.

The most meritorious part was that the boys, after an uneven start, played to orders—difficult for a senior but almost impossible for youngsters who's aim is a big hit—and did so convincingly.

This trait to learn as they go, should stand them in good stead and lead to fast improvement.

Our girls, Susan Light and Susan Bond, gained no more than experience in this match.

Jim Forrest.

Can Chandler overtake Shead?

THE battle for supremacy in Sussex is well and truly joined up by up-and-coming 19-year-old Roger Chandler and 35-year-old ex-international Peter Shead.

Chandler continues to improve with every outing while Shead proceeds with an unsteady come-back. They are expected to meet shortly in the Brighton League.

Both Sussex No 1's Shead and Mrs. Ann Woodford are defenders in the "older fashioned" vein and are having difficulty in coping with the modern reversed rubber and loop game.

The Master Points Scheme can expect support in Sussex from most events in the county and leagues, with the possible exception of Hastings.

The decision to stage the Sussex inter-league men's competition at one venue on two Sundays instead of being spread over the season, will save time and expense.

Stamina continues to play an increasing part in the successful player's asset box. Those who cannot stand up to 12 hours of intermittent and possibly continuous play can be counted among the also-rans. J.W.

All Jewish League

A new All-Jewish League has recently been started in North West London and is affiliating to the E.T.T.A.

There are to be two divisions—under 14's and under 17's. Several religious youth movements and youth clubs are among the 18 teams entered.

Martin A. Shaw is the hon. secretary, with David J. Kass as treasurer.

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ESSEX NOTES

A HUNDRED UP

NEARLY one hundred more teams than last season are taking part in the various Essex Leagues. A most encouraging sign is the enthusiasm reflected in the leagues outside the metropolitan area: Basildon, Billericay, and Chelmsford all report big increases.

The first round of the Knock-out Cup competition has been completed with no surprise results. The holders, St. Michael's (East London) scored a comfortable 8-1 win over Romford's Gidea Park L.T.C.

With so many youngsters to classify, the County Junior Trials took a whole day to complete at St. Luke's—and this was for boys only. Those unranked last season took part in the morning session, with the best going forward to the main trial in the afternoon. The benefits of summer practice sessions were reflected in the high overall standard.

Junior Rankings

BOYS: 1 CHESTER BARNES, 2 STUART GIBBS, 3 DAVID BROWN, 4 JOHN BLACKMAN, joint 5 LEN CROXSON and DAVID HURR, 7 STEPHEN WAND, 8 TED PURNELL.

Group A. DOUG GARVEY, PAT HOOPER, KEITH LAWRENCE, DAVID MEDCRAFT, JOHN ROUSE.

Group B. STUART CAMPBELL, TERRY EATON, BRIAN EDMONDSON, LEN HOLLOWAY.

GIRLS: 1 LESLEY BELL, 2 BEVERLEY SAYER, 3, LINDA HENWOOD, 4 GLORIA SAYER, 5 DIANE SIMPSON, 6 KARENZA SMITH.

Group A. MARGARET BROWN, DELIA GOODMAN, TESS PURNELL, SUSAN WARN, VALERIE WOODHOUSE.

The senior selectors have also been busy on their list and nobody could fault the team they picked for the opening Premier Division match with Warwickshire. Bobbie Raybould returned from Butlin's, Minehead, in grand form, and with Barnes and Lesley Bell both playing well, the team thoroughly deserved their 8-1 win. Bobby Stevens appeared out of touch and, after losing to Ralph Gunnion, had to fight hard to beat Maurice Billington.

Senior Rankings

MEN: 1 CHESTER BARNES, 2 BOBBY STEVENS, 3 BOBBIE RAYBOULD, 4 BRIAN BRUMWELL, joint 5 TONY CONDON and RAY DORKING, 7 TONY CORNELL, 8 GEOFF GOLDING, 9 KEITH FALLAN, 10 DANNY PRIOR, 11 DAVID GARNER.

WOMEN: 1 LESLEY BELL, 2 JEAN MCCREE, 3 BEVERLEY SAYER, 4 SHELAGH HESSON, 5 ELSIE CARRINGTON, joint 6 LINDA HENWOOD, PAULINE MARTIN and GLORIA SAYER.

Linda Henwood, of Romford, became the fourth Essex player to receive the honour when chosen "Girl of the Year" in the *News of the World* National Coaching Scheme at Butlins.

Karenza Smith (East London) was runner-up to Linda, while Barking's Stuart Gibbs finished runner-up among the boys.

Roy Hayes.

FIXTURE ENGAGEMENTS

In the Open Tournaments below, events shown in the column are *additional* to M.S., W.S., M.D., W.D. and X.D. in every case. Tournaments marked (R) are Restricted. Suitable entries are inserted in this diary without charge but all organisers should send information to the Editor at the earliest possible date.

Date	Title of Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
Nov. 7-10	YUGOSLAVIA OPEN		
8-9	Merseyside Open Dunlop's Canteen, Speke, Liverpool, 24.	J.S.B. J.S.G. V.	B. Leeson, 29, Muirhead Avenue East, Liverpool 11.
9	SWANSEA OPEN (Nov. 1st) Drill Hall, Richardson Street, Swansea.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	A. Morris, 76, Wimmerfield Crescent, Killay, Swansea.
14-17	HUNGARIAN OPEN		
14-16	Bangor Open (Nov. 4) Dufferin Hall, Bangor.	J.B.S.	T. Huggins, 18, Fairview Gardens, Bangor Co. Down, N. Ireland.
16	Birmingham Open Rover Sports and Social Club, Lode Lane, Solihull.		M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.
17	Bournemouth Open (R) Drill Hall, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth.		B. Roberts, 45c, Porchester Road, Bournemouth.
23	West of England Open New Riviera Club, Carlyon Bay, St. Austell, Cornwall.	J.B.S.	A. R. Bunt, 46, Carclew Street, Truro, Cornwall.
30	YORKSHIRE CLOSED Thornbury Barracks, Bradford, Yorks.		
Dec. 1	Newbury Open Corn Exchange, Newbury, Berks.	B.S. G.S. J.X.D. V.S.	A. A. J. Mosson, 29, Croft Road, Newbury, Berks.
Nov. 30-			
Dec. 2	SCANDINAVIAN OPEN		
2-7	INDIAN JUBILEE		
7	Glamorgan Open		
7-8	Middlesex Open Hanwell Community Centre, Middlesex.		Miss I. Moss, 49, Okehampton Road, London, N.W.10.
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Jan. 1-4	ENGLISH CLOSED Manor Place Baths, Waltham, London, S.E.17.		
4	Yorkshire Junior Open Madeley St. Baths, Hull.		A. B. Wood, 45, Calverley Garth, Leeds 13.
10-11	WELSH OPEN		
11	Lancashire Open Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Ltd. Sports Club, Lostock, Bolton.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	A. F. Jones, 13, Moss Bank Close, Astley Bridge, Bolton.
18	Bath Open Drill Hall & St. Peter's Hall Lower Bristol Road, Bath.	B.S.	J. A. Butcher, 1, South View Road, Bath, Somerset.
18-19	Essex Open		
24-26	GERMANY (EAST) OPEN		
25	Gloucester Junior Open (Jan. 11th) Public Baths, Gloucester. Under 17's Under 15's		J. R. Chalkley, 17, Woods Orchard Road, Gloucester.
25-26	KENT OPEN Marine Pavilion, Folkestone.		F. G. Mannoch, 216, Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
Feb. 1-2	Hythe Invitation Hythe Institute, Hythe, Kent.		R. J. Weaver, 68a, High Street, Hythe, Kent.
8	Midland Open Friends Institute, 220, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.		M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham.
14-16	South of England Open (R) I.C.T. Ltd., Croydon.	J.B.S. J.G.S.	S. H. Buchan, 124, Portnalls Road, Coulston, Surrey.

NORTH OF ENGLAND

by George R. Yates

Barnes and Bell clean up

RIDING roughshod over all opposition, **Chester Barnes and Lesley Bell** continued their good work at the East of England at Skegness by sweeping the board at the North of England Open staged by the Manchester League at the Seymour Grove Drill Hall on October 12.

No less than five of the seven titles at stake went to Essex, Middlesex having a three-quarter share in the other two.

In winning both the men's and boys' events Barnes proved his maturity at the table and his high national ranking as did Miss Bell with her counterpart successes in the women's and girls' singles as well as sharing, with Pauline Martin, the women's doubles.

Debarred from entry by reason of not completing the necessary entry form, Mike Symonds sat out the men's events although permitted participation in the mixed with Lesley Proudlock. Thus was Lancashire's two-fold challenge to the southern invasion well and truly spiked.

First shock on the tables, however, was the felling of No. 4 seed, Brian Hill, down to Howard Collins, of Wembley in the second round. Collins subsequently reached the last sixteen by way of Scotland's A. Stewart and J. Osborne, of Northumberland, before being halted by George Livesey, of Lancashire.

Vic Ireland (Surrey) emphasised the southern supremacy by accounting for No. 3 seed Ralph Gunnion, but curled his toes in opposition to the mercurial Barnes, whose victims also included Derek Wall and Peter Walmsley, both whom flattered to deceive by taking the champion to three games.

Cheshire junior Mike Johns achieved fame absolute in this quarter by beating in two-straight Yorkshire's No. 1, Peter Duncombe. Johns subsequently fell to Baddeley, but not without a fight at 14-21, 22-24.

Coming through in Hill's quarter, Denis Neale, possibly a Yorkshire selection this season had good wins over Kevin Forshaw and G. Golding (Sussex), whilst in the second quarter Ireland chalked up victories over Lancashire's new county first

teamer, Roy Crusham and Staff's G. Warwick.

Ingber's progress left in its wake such players as Connie Warren and Derek Schofield, the latter having axed Brian Wright.

Other results of interest included a win for J. Keyes, of Doncaster, over Maurice Billington and Walmsley's defeat of Roy Morley.

Miss Bell had three Yorkshire classes lined up with her at the penultimate stage and accounted for Lesley Proudlock as Cynthia Blackshaw disposed of Pat Dainty.

Neat in appearance and attractive style Miss Blackshaw was just lacking that extra something which, twelve months earlier, Eileen Starkie had found.

Star of the show otherwise was **Margaret Fry, with ranked players Alma Taft and Mary Hicks to her credit, her debit account being to Pat Dainty, who also stopped Di Fitzgerald.**

Notable pairs in the men's doubles to fall were Barnes/Ireland to Baddeley/Lowe, Gunnion/Morley to Ingber/Warren and the holders Forshaw/Crusham to Collins/Wright.

In the women's pairs Blackshaw/Proudlock fell to Hicks/Ogus and Fry/Canham passed out to Bell/Martin.

Symonds/Proudlock got no further than the third round in the mixed, losing to Wall/Hicks, whilst Ireland/Canham lost to Morley/Ogus.

Barnes accounted for Liverpool's Gordon Birch and Johns in the boys' singles, while Ransome got the better of Scotland's W. Gibbs and J. Reilly as well as the "Boy of the Year" Alan Hydes, of Barnsley.

From a field of eight, including the first tournament appearance of J. A. Heaps (Reading), daughter of Derek, Bell and Dainty had no difficulty in reaching the girls' final.

Denied the usual staged finals by virtue of a mammoth entry, referee Leslie Jones had no option, under the circumstances, other than to integrate the finals, the last of which concluded at 10.40 p.m. — late enough for the many travellers.

NORTH OF ENGLAND OPEN RESULTS

Men's Singles: Quarter - Finals: C. Barnes (Essex) bt D. Baddeley (Warwicks.) 21-11, 21-18; V. Ireland (Surrey) bt R. E. Gunnion (Warwicks.) 21-17, 21-17; D. Neale (Durham) bt G. Livesey (Lancs.) 21-16, 11-21, 21-15; J. Ingber (Lancs.) bt D. Schofield (Ches.) 21-16, 21-6.

Semi-Finals: BARNES bt Ireland 21-13, 21-9; INGBER bt Neale 21-17, 21-15.

Final: BARNES bt Ingber 21-18, 12-21, 21-14.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: L. BELL (Essex) bt L. S. Proudlock (Yorks.) 21-10 12-21, 21-12; C. BLACKSHAW (Yorks.) bt P. Dainty (Yorks.) 21-15, 21-13.

Final: BELL bt Blackshaw 21-19, 21-23, 21-18.

Men's Doubles: Semi - Finals: BADDERLEY/D. LOWE (Essex) bt P. Duncombe (Yorks.)/Neale 21-15, 21-19; H. COLLINS (Midxx.)/B. WRIGHT (Midxx.) bt C. Warren (Surrey)/Ingber 21-14, 11-21, 21-17.

Final: COLLINS / WRIGHT bt Baddeley/Lowe 21-17, 21-18.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: BELL/P. MARTIN (Essex) bt W. Swift (Lancs.)/M. Leigh (Lancs.) 21-5, 21-13. M. HICKS (Midxx.)/I. OGUS (Midxx.) bt D. Fitzgerald (Lancs.)/ C. Moore (Lancs.) 21-18, 22-20.

Final: MORLEY/OGUS bt Wright Taft 21-15, 21-18.

Boys' Singles: Semi - Finals: BARNES bt G. Warwick (Staffs.) 21-22, 22-20; A. RANSOME (Durham) bt A. Hydes (Yorks.) 21-18, 19-21, 21-17.

Final: BARNES bt Ransome 21-14, 21-14.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: BELL bt M. Murray (Scotland) 21-8, 21-10; DAINTY bt M. Heppell (Northumberland) 21-0, 21-19.

Final: BELL bt Dainty 21-10, 21-14.

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NEW LOOK FOR WILTSHIRE

IN this the twelfth season of the Wilts Association a "new look" coupled with plans for the future are much in evidence.

Two new posts created at the last A.G.M. were that of County Coaching Officer (Frank Williams, Swindon) and Liaison Officer with Youth Clubs and Schools (John Ford, West Wilts). At this early stage encouraging results are apparent.

For the first time ever active plans are being made for friendly inter-county Junior Matches, the first fixture being against Dorset.

The Four Divisions of the County League boasts of an all-time record entry of 17 teams and in the opening fixtures Devizes beat Second Division (Male) Champions West Wilts 9-1 but lost the Junior Match 4-6.

A record-breaking entry of 53 teams in the West Wilts League has meant the formation of Five Divisions for the first time in the League's history.

Don Hillier.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP

by FRANK BATEMAN

Lancashire Set the Pace

LANCASHIRE, last season's runners-up, have started as pace makers in the Premier Division of the County championships with wins over Hertfordshire and Gloucestershire.

They did not appear to have much difficulty in disposing of Hertfordshire, losing only the mixed doubles to Terry Densham and Judy Williams.

Most encouraging was the straight sets win of Diane Fitzgerald over Miss Williams, and, as she also beat Mrs. O'Brien in the Gloucestershire match, it appears that Lancashire have at least strengthened their main weakness of the past. Their women's standard has never previously been up to the strength of the men.

Gloucestershire, without Bryan Merritt, who injured a hand at work, started well against Lancashire, winning the first two rubbers, but thereafter success eluded them.

Jeff Ingber struck a big blow for Lancashire when he beat Ian Harrison 19, —23, 15.

Yorkshire had a mixed "come-back" to the Premier Division when they beat Surrey but lost to Middlesex. David Bevan, who beat both Vic Ireland and Connie Warren in the Surrey match was unavailable against Middlesex owing to a pulled muscle. Peter Duncombe did well to

beat Alan Rhodes and also won the mixed doubles with Cynthia Blackshaw against Allan Lindsay and Alma Taft.

Essex were too strong for Warwickshire, whose only success was Ralph Gunnion's straight sets win over Bobby Stevens.

Surrey, with Mary Shannon back in the side (Jean Head made a winning return against Yorkshire) were too good for Hertfordshire, whose lone success was in the mixed doubles where Brian Sykes and Jackie Cannon beat George Muranyi and Miss Shannon.

Hill unbeaten

Brian Hill was unbeaten in Lincolnshire's 6-4 win over Cheshire in the Second Division North, where Lancashire had a 7-3 win over Durham. Wilf Barker, playing for the first time since dislocating a shoulder at football, was the best for Durham. He beat Farnworth and narrowly lost 20-22 in the third to George Livesey after leading 19-16.

Essex, with two internationals, two former junior internationals, and a former county closed champion in the side crushed Suffolk 10-0 in the Second Division South.

Tony Piddock played well for Kent in their 8-2 win over Sussex, who

were without Ann Woodford. Peter Shead lost both his matches for Sussex, but Roger Chandler beat Henry Buist.

Shead made amends when Sussex beat Hampshire 7-3, and like Chandler was unbeaten in the singles.

Bedford's 8-2 win over Suffolk was rather flattering. Suffolk are in the process of team building.

I have not received any reports of matches in the Second Division Midland, where Warwickshire were 8-2 winners over Monmouthshire; Staffordshire beat Oxfordshire by the same margin, and Worcestershire won 7-3 against Glamorgan.

The Second Division West appears to specialise in draws. There was never a dull moment in Dorset's 5-5 draw with Wiltshire, where attack was the order of the evening. Those who could not hit back were wiped off the table.

Dorset lost the first four rubbers and did not level until the last game when Alexander beat Bush 21-16.

Cornwall, with former Devon No. 1 Barry Davis and Bill Northcott playing for them, fully expected to beat Devon, but they were soon trailing 0-4. Margery Hookaday, with a fine tactical, if dull, win over Devon champion Kath Lemilliere, and Northcott, who just beat Lyons, helped Cornwall to recover to share the points.

Notice should be taken of Devon's Brian Glover, a much improved player, who thrashed Davis with some spectacular hitting and was the only player to win both singles.

Unregistered player

The playing of an unregistered player narrowed Staffordshire's win over Oxfordshire in the Midland Division from 8-2 to 6-4. Oxford also lost 2-8 to Nottinghamshire.

This is the first time they have run a second team and they should not be too downhearted by these defeats. Ex-Yorkshireman Judson played well for Oxford and should prove a great asset, especially as Evan Lloyd has given up the game.

Bucks beat Norfolk 8-2 in the only Southern Division match played and I am told that the home county are glad to have played Norfolk early in the season as they consider that later on they will take a lot of stopping!

A. Coby looks most promising in the Norfolk side, having a good approach to the game.

John Beasley won all his games for

COUNTY DIARY

PREMIER DIVISION

November 2	Gloucestershire v Hertfordshire.	
November 9	Surrey v Essex, Ronson's Canteen, Leatherhead	7 p.m.
November 16	Lancashire v Yorkshire, Messrs. Robery Owen, Great Sankey, Warrington	7 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

November 29	Essex v Middlesex, Rotary Hoes, West Horndon	7.30 p.m.
November 16	Lincolnshire v Northumberland, Grammar School, Boston	7.15 p.m.
November 16	Yorkshire v Durham, Young People's Institute, Hull	7 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

November 23	Cheshire v Northumberland	
November 30	Glamorgan v Worcestershire, Metal Box Co., Neath	7 p.m.

MIDLAND DIVISION

November 9	Derbyshire v Worcestershire, International Combustion, Sinfon Lane, Derby	7 p.m.
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SOUTHERN DIVISION

November 16	Cambridgeshire v Hertfordshire	
November 16	Norfolk v Huntingdonshire, C.E.Y.M.S. Rooms, Brigg Street, Norwich	6.45 p.m.
November 23	Hertfordshire v Berkshire.	

JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH

November 16	Yorkshire v Durham, Young People's Institute, Hull	3 p.m.
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JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND

November 16	Staffordshire v Leicestershire	
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JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

November 16	Sussex v Kent, County Club, Tushmorr Lane, Crawley	4 p.m.
November 16	Hampshire v Berkshire, Tanner's Brook Infants' School, Elmes Avenue, Millbrook, Southampton	3.30 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH WEST

November 16	Monmouthshire v Gloucestershire	
November 16	Glamorgan v Oxfordshire, Y.M.C.A., Aberaman, Aberdare	7 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST

November 16	Norfolk v Suffolk	
November 16	Middlesex v Essex, Johnsons of Hendon, Hendon Way, N.W.4.	7.15 p.m.
November 23	Buckinghamshire v Essex, British Legion Club, Slough.	

Sussex in their 6-4 win over Hampshire in the Junior Division South. A great recovery by G. Salter, who trailed 15-20 in the third against Derek Corbett, in the final game of the evening, yet won 23-21, enabled Surrey to snatch a point from Kent.

Essex, without Lesley Bell, beat Hertfordshire 7-3 in the Junior Division East, but suffered a shock in the girls' doubles when Pauline Hemmings and Rusty Canham beat the Sayer twins. It was the first girls'

doubles Essex has lost for several years.

Suffolk put up possibly their best performance since the days of Peter Cole and John Collins when they took four games off Middlesex.

Nottinghamshire, newcomers to junior play should not be too disappointed at their 3-7 defeat by Warwickshire, always a side to be

reckoned with, in the Junior Division Midland.

Monmouthshire had a surprisingly easy 8-2 win over near neighbours Glamorgan in the Junior Division South-west. Wayne Smith and Jeff Buck played brilliantly and proved their mastery of the loop. Burrige and Samuel scored Glamorgan's two successes.

DETAILED RESULTS

DIVISIONAL TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Lancashire	2	2	0	15	3	4
Essex	1	1	0	8	1	2
Middlesex	1	1	0	7	2	2
Surrey	2	1	1	12	6	2
Yorkshire	2	1	1	7	11	2
Gloucestershire	1	0	1	2	7	0
Hertfordshire	2	0	2	2	16	0
Warwickshire	1	0	1	1	8	0

SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Lancashire	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Cheshire	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Lincolnshire	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Durham	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Northumberland	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Yorkshire	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

Essex	1	1	0	0	10	0	2
Bedfordshire	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Kent	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Sussex	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Hertfordshire	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Suffolk	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Staffordshire	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Warwickshire	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Glamorgan	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Monmouthshire	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Oxfordshire	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Worcestershire	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

Dorset	2	1	1	0	14	6	3
Cornwall	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Devonshire	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Wiltshire	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Somerset	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

MIDLAND DIVISION

Nottinghamshire	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Staffordshire	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Oxfordshire	2	0	0	2	6	14	0
Derbyshire	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Worcestershire	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Buckinghamshire	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Norfolk	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Berkshire	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cambridgeshire	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hertfordshire	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Huntingdonshire	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

Yorkshire	1	1	0	0	5	3	2
Durham	1	0	0	1	3	5	0
Cheshire	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lancashire	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Northamptonshire	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

Sussex	1	1	0	1	6	4	2
Kent	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Surrey	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Hampshire	1	0	0	1	4	6	0

JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

Buckinghamshire	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Essex	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Middlesex	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Suffolk	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Hertfordshire	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Norfolk	1	0	0	1	3	7	0

JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Gloucestershire	1	1	0	0	9	1	2
Monmouthshire	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Glamorganshire	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Oxfordshire	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

PREMIER DIVISION

Lancashire 8, Hertfordshire 1
 J. Clayton bt B. Sykes —16, 8, 18; bt B. Barr —17, 13, 11. J. Ingber bt Barr 13, 13; bt T. Densham 10, 20. R. Crusham bt Densham 18, 17; bt Sykes 10, 13.
 Miss D. Fitzgerald bt Miss J. Williams 19, 13.
 Clayton/Crusham bt Barr/Sykes —20, 20, 11.
 Ingber/Miss Fitzgerald lost to Densham/Miss Williams 17, —14, 15.

Yorkshire 5, Surrey 4
 M. Dainty lost to C. Warren —14, —8; lost to A. Miller —15, —16. P. Duncombe bt Miller 7, 19; lost to V. Ireland —13, —14. D. Bevan bt Ireland 22, —15, 16; bt Warren 23, 10.
 Miss C. Blackshaw lost to Mrs. J. Head —19, —18.
 Bevan/Dainty bt G. Muranyi/Warren 15, 9.
 Duncombe/Miss Blackshaw bt Muranyi/Mrs. Head 14, —20, 20.

Warwickshire 1, Essex 8
 M. Billington lost to R. Raybould —9, —14; lost to R. Stevens —19, —14. R. Gunnion bt Stevens 15, 14; lost to C. Barnes —11, —19. D. Baddeley lost to Barnes —15, —15; lost to Raybould —16, 13, —13.
 Mrs. P. Mortimer lost to Miss L. Bell —18, —13.
 Baddeley/Billington lost to Stevens/Raybould —15, —9.
 Gunnion/Miss Mortimer lost to Barnes/Miss Bell —11, —19.

Yorkshire 2, Middlesex 7
 D. Bartlett lost to A. Lindsay —10, —12; lost to A. Rhodes —13, —19. P. Duncombe bt Rhodes 20, 18; lost to D. Creamer —9, —14. M. Dainty lost to Creamer —15, —13; lost to Lindsay —13, —6.
 Miss C. Blackshaw lost to Miss A. Taft —16, —18.
 Dainty/Bartlett lost to Creamer/Rhodes —15, —18.
 Duncombe/Miss Blackshaw bt Lindsay/Miss Taft —14, 17, 10.

Gloucestershire 2, Lancashire 7
 R. Morley beat R. Crusham 17, 15; lost to M. Symonds 21, 13. I. Harrison bt Symonds —21, 11, 12; lost to J. Ingber —19, 23, —15. D. Holland lost to Ingber

—17, —9; lost to Crusham —13, —11.
 Mrs. S. O'Brien lost to Miss D. Fitzgerald —12, 18, —17.

Harrison/Holland lost to Ingber/Crusham —13, —11.
 Morley/Mrs. O'Brien lost to Symmonds/Miss Fitzgerald —12, 18, —17.

Hertfordshire 1, Surrey 8
 B. Sykes lost to C. Warren 14, —15, —19; lost to A. Miller —19, —15. T. Densham lost to Miller —17, —18; lost to V. Ireland —11, —18. B. Barr lost to Ireland —17, —19; lost to Warren —18, —15.
 Miss J. Canham lost to Miss M. Shannon —15, —18.
 Densham/J. Hunt lost to Warren/G. Muranyi 19, —15, —9.
 Sykes/Miss Canham bt Muranyi/Miss Shannon 19, —17, 16.

SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bedfordshire 8, Suffolk 2

Kent 8, Sussex 0

Essex 10, Suffolk 0

SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

Cheshire 6, Lincolnshire 4

Durham 3, Lancashire 7

SECOND DIVISION (WEST)

Cornwall 5, Devon 5

Dorset 5, Wiltshire 5

Somerset 1, Dorset 9

SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)

Monmouthshire 2, Warwickshire 8

Staffordshire 8, Oxfordshire 2

Warwickshire 7, Glamorganshire 3

Worcestershire 1, Staffordshire 9.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Buckinghamshire 8, Norfolk 2

MIDLAND DIVISION

Oxfordshire 4, Staffordshire 6

Nottinghamshire 8, Oxfordshire 2

JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH-WEST)

Monmouthshire 8, Glamorganshire 2

Gloucestershire 9, Oxfordshire 1

Nottinghamshire 3, Warwickshire 7

JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

Durham 3, Yorkshire 5

JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

Sussex 6, Hampshire 4

Kent 5, Surrey 5

JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

Suffolk 4, Middlesex 6

Buckinghamshire 7, Norfolk 3

Essex 7, Herts 3

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DENIED the services of Kevin Forshaw, due to studies, and apparently for the season, Lancashire had to bring in Roy Crusham for the Hertfordshire match at Blackpool.

A second cry-off by Mike Symonds winding up his summer's coaching with the grand final at Bognor had county match secretary Miss Kay Benson sounding the trumpets for another player. Jack Clayton answered the call.

Star of the show on the night, but only against moderate opposition, was Crusham, who delighted with a glittering exhibition against Terry Densham.

Coincidental with Cheshire's win over Lincolnshire the first steps were firm for the twin northern counties but there is no denying they had their faces pushed out at the North of England Open.

Jeff Ingber is, of course, excluded from such remarks whilst Mike Symonds will have to cross his t's and dot his i's before erasing the worry lines from quite a number of his associates and well wishers.

Due amends can be effected against Gloucestershire who, at full strength, will be a hard nut for Lancashire to crack.

By opting to play for Bolton this season in the Lancashire and Cheshire League, George Livesey will join up with Symonds and Bryn Farnworth to form a formidable trio backed up with Cliff Booth in reserve.

Overall a net increase of four teams in the inter-counties competition augers well, still further, the potential of this vast field for selector research.

Retaining their premier division places Liverpool and Liverpool Business Houses have been joined by Preston to form a division of eight teams. Similarly Divisions 2 East and West will comprise eight teams, the former with Bolton "A" and Stockport "B" as newcomers; the latter having promotees Blackpool "A" and Liverpool B.H. "A".

New are the entries of Rochdale and Manchester Bank and Insurance Offices in Division 3 (A), Crewe "A" in Division 3 (B) and Preston "B", Bury and Blackburn in Division 3 (C).

Radcliffe remain but Ellesmere Port and Nelson "A" are out.

Warrington have entered a ladies' team, bringing up the composition of the two divisions to six each, Crewe being promoted to Division 1, Oldham coming down.

Three teams have withdrawn from the Youths' Division in Blackpool, Wirral and Salford "A" but new are the entries of Burnley and Blackburn.



BURNLEY, the Lancashire and Cheshire First Division Champions, with their trophy. Left to right: Arthur Hartshorn, Jack Keogh, George Livesey and reserve Bob Wright.

Burnley's jump from the Junior to the Youths' has been more than offset by newcomers Nelson and Blackpool bringing the composition of the Junior Division to nine teams.

Thus with ten divisions to look after Blackpool's Stan Parr, the L. and C. match secretary, will be hard pressed to keep the wheels rolling in conjunction with his work as hon. general secretary of the Blackpool League as well as being a Lancashire selector.

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