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One has only to look over one's shoulder to behold the vultures that descend with grasping talons on unsuccessful businesses.

No pleasure was afforded to learn of the demise of 'Table Tennis', the complementary magazine to ours, and only serves to make one further aware of the spectre that haunts this publication.

For the past two years 'Table Tennis News' has suffered a loss having, in the previous fourteen, made a profit. Additional advertising and, more especially, a greater number of subscribers are sorely needed lest this magazine too should suffer a similar fate.

One cannot agree more with the sentiments expressed by Kenneth Muhr in his letter to the Editor. The onus is on each and everyone of us to keep this magazine alive and it can only be done by a vast upsurge in sales.

Surely the recession has not reached such depths whereby our only platform of expression is to be cut from beneath our feet. It would be a pleasure to seek the services of professional writers and to go in for colour on a grand scale as did Marsh Publications.

But until such times as one can afford to so indulge one has to cut one's cloth accordingly lest those birds of prey spy another carcass.

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25th EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

JEM '82 HOLLABRUNN

ROLL OF HONOUR

Boys' Team:
SWEDEN

Cadet Boys' Team:
RUMANIA

Boys' Singles:
JAN-OVE WALDNER
(Sweden)

Boys' Doubles:
JONNY AKESSON and
JAN-OVE WALDNER
(Sweden)

Mixed Doubles:
JORGEN PERSSON and OLGA NEMES
(Sweden) (Rumania)

Cadet Boys' Singles:
CARL PREAN
(England)

Girls' Team:
SOVIET UNION

Cadet Girls' Team:
SOVIET UNION

Girls' Singles:
IOLANTA DANILIAVICHUTE
(Soviet Union)

Girls' Doubles:
IOLANTA DANILIAVICHUTE
and ELENA VECHEROK
(Soviet Union)

Cadet Girls' Singles:
FLERA KHASANOVA
(Soviet Union)



England's Carl Prean on the No. 1 spot as winner of the Cadet Boys' Singles in Hollabrunn with runner-up Ilija Lupulesku of Yugoslavia to his right and Vasile Florea of Rumania to his left.

Photo by Leo Black, London.

CADET GOLD FOR CARL

by George Yates

For the first time ever in the European Youth Championships both England's junior teams mounted the rostrum in Hollabrunn, Austria over the period, July 16-25, 1982, to collect bronze medals. So too did Carl Prean, in mixed tandem with Lisa Bellinger, the Isle of Wight youngster achieving the

accolade of gold by winning the Cadet boys' singles with a final victory over Ilija Lupulesku of Yugoslavia.

Young Prean will have fond memories of Hollabrunn with a haul of one gold and two bronze — he figured somewhat prominently in the boys' team event losing but two of his 18 sets to Jan-Ove Waldner of Sweden and Vladimir Dvorak of the Soviet Union!

Lisa Bellinger can also feel proud of her

achievements in being the recipient of two bronze medals in the mixed doubles and girls' team event in which she too lost but twice in ten sets to the Russians **Iolanta Daniliavichute** and **Elena Vecherok**.

Significantly it was Miss **Daniliavichute** who went on to win the girls' singles title and **Waldner** retained his boys' singles crown with the former ousting Lisa in the third round of the singles event.

Waldner picked up his third gold when also retaining the boys' doubles title, with his compatriot **Jonny Akesson**, but had to content himself with a silver in the mixed when, with Katalin Bolvari of Hungary, they were beaten in the final by **Jorgen Persson** of Sweden partnered by **Olga Nemes** of Rumania. But, in also retaining the boys' team title, with Akesson and Persson, Sweden's new meteor stamped his authority on the championships in no uncertain style.

The **Russians** too seem to have an assured future especially their girls who took all four titles in that category — one more than in Topolcany where Hungary took the Cadet girls' team. And, although Miss Nemes failed to do herself justice, **Rumania** can take consolation in their championship winning Cadet boys' team.

Overall our captains in Hollabrunn, Donald Parker and Jill Hammersley (Parker) can be justifiably proud in the deeds performed by their charges for, in the junior category, our boys team lifted themselves from 9th to 4th, and the girls from 8th to 3rd.

Unfortunately our cadet teams, comprising Martin Firth and Andrew Cunningham, and Joanne Shaw and Lesley Popkiewicz, found the competition just a little on the hot side as indeed did Adrian Moore, Nicky Hoare and, to a lesser degree, Billy Gleave although the latter has still to master his own temperament.



Sweden's **Jorgen Persson** and **Olga Nemes** of Rumania, winners of the mixed doubles title in which **Carl Preat** and **Lisa Bellinger** had to settle for bronze.

Photo by Leo Black, London.

Both Jackie Bellinger and Jean Parker acquitted themselves reasonably but without the success achieved by the multiple medal winners **Carl Preat** and **Lisa Bellinger**.

quite equalled the 1976 inspired by a Paul Day tour de force.

Lisa Bellinger only lost three sets, two to the Russian **Iolanta Daniliavichute** who has a lot of flair and a rare combination of power and touch, the third to her team mate **Elena Vecherok**. All this she achieved after only three weeks with her new combination bat. What may be expected after twelve months?

LETTER FROM HOLLABRUNN

(with apologies to Alistair Cooke)

by **JOHN PREAN**

Hollabrunn may be an hour away from Vienna, but it is a remote, small town surrounded by agricultural land, a college town that can provide both accommodation and a Sports Centre during the summer holidays.

For the young competitors just to be there is the greatest moment of their Table Tennis career that sustains them through a season which is hard and demanding when the temptation to stop or take it easy is often strong. European Table Tennis would be in a sad state without the European Youth Championships which have provided an early spur and fulfilled the early ambitions of so many great players of the present. Though there was much to criticise the occasion generated its own charisma and it was a privilege to be there.

For England it was a heartening tournament. I believe it was the first time that both our Junior Boys and Girls reached the semi-finals of the Team Event in the same year. The last time a team of English boys did so was in 1975. The team - Day, Barden, Mitchell, Potton. The only other occasion in 1971 when Nicky Jarvis was the leading light. The girls did it a few years later with a team consisting of Carole Knight, Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers. This gives some indication of the class of player needed to win a Bronze Medal and to win two in one year was something special. It was also the second year in succession that we won four medals and eight in two years too is a new achievement, though perhaps neither year

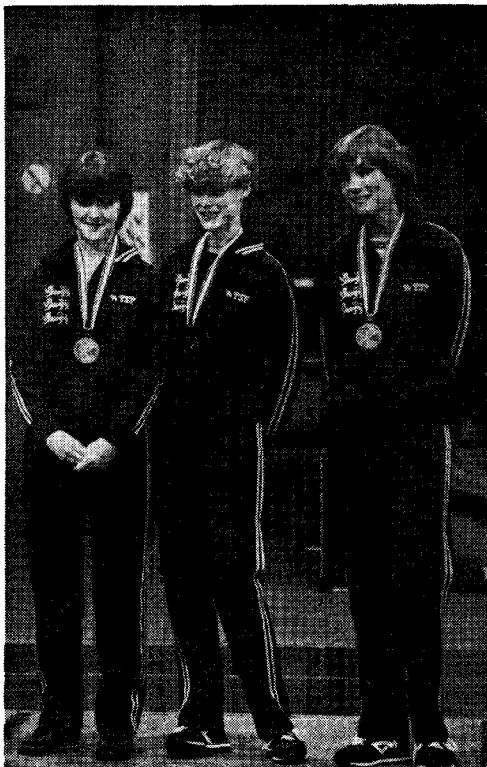
The Swedish Boys are the Chinese of Junior Europe. They won all their matches 5-0, but not against England. Billy Gleave led **Waldner** 10-2 in the 3rd. Nicky Hoare led 20-16 in the 1st and 20-19 in the 2nd against the same player and 19-16 against **Akesson** in the 1st, lost that one and then won the 2nd. We could have won 5-2 or led 4-3 with two sets still to go. In the end we could only contemplate what might have been as the Czechs were destroyed 5-0 in the final.

All three boys will be available again next time, the main rivals will lose players to the 'march of time', the Czechs their whole team.

After that, impending combination bat legislation may cast more shadows over England than elsewhere.

I read of moves to colour the slower rubbers, so that they will be immediately detectable from the other end, a move presumably dedicated to achieving longer rallies. I entertain considerable doubts on that score since such a move will re-act mainly against defenders who have been an under-privileged class for many years, seldom seen at Finals Nights on the big occasions.

I see far greater clouds in the domination of the service which is often delivered from shielded positions that make it impossible to detect the spin and guessed returns often go into the net or are despatched for 3rd ball winners. To legislate therefore against, say, anti-loop, but to do nothing about service domination seems highly irrational.



Jean Parker, left, and the **Bellinger** sisters, **Lisa** and **Jackie**, who represented England in the Girls team event.

Photo by Leo Black, London.

The equipment jungle remains more confusing than ever. A new glue, available only to a privileged few, has again made rubbers faster as has been the case ever since Dortmund in 1959 when rubbers were supposedly "standardised".

International legislators will gather in Tokyo in less than a year. Again I put it to them that it is the faster, not the slower rubbers that destroy rallies and spectator support.

In short, England's prospects, Junior and Senior, may depend as much on legislative and technological factors as on our efforts on and off the table.

About one aspect of the organisation one could not feel happy and that was the treatment of the spectator. There were very few and most of those had travelled hundreds of miles to see their teams. Unless equipped with that magic official badge they were herded into the gallery where in the nature of things viewing conditions were far from good, and removed quite ruthlessly from the main area where they could see well. It was generally quite unbearably hot. Heat rises and in the gallery it was therefore quite awful.

It is one of the charms of Table Tennis that the spectator or supporter feels very much part of things as he or she strolls around the arena as one can at any English tournament, large or small.

If there are a great number of spectators, then obviously things have to be different as for instance on Finals Nights, when other arrangements were in force which were adequate. The rest of the time there was plenty of room in the arena, but a number of Officials saw it as their job to herd spectators into the gallery where conditions were poor. Even during the consolation event these people were still in search of victims. I award them the Prean Lemon for the most forgettable contribution to the Championships.

For a long time our Sport has lacked the vital third dimension — the spectator. That cause was poorly served in Hollabrunn.

I air no personal grievances. The English contingent was a close-knit party more like a family presided over by Chairman Tom Blunn. He and his wife, Edna, were tremendous supporters of all English players.

For one match I became Captain of Wales when my good friend Len Elias found both his teams playing at the same time. Len has captained Welsh Junior teams for many years through good times and sometimes less good, but most notably that famous victory against Hungary in Poznan. There was, alas, no happy ending as the Welsh girls lost 3-0 to Switzerland but a good fighting display offers plenty of hope for the future. In Evelyn Wright they have a player who may one day revive memories of the great days of Nancy Evans and Audrey Bates.

It was perhaps fitting that the player with the best service should win the Boys' title. In the 'Czech Junior Open' Waldner had lost to both Brodas but this time there could be no doubting his superiority. I though Akesson had a chance in the final if he had believed in himself more and pulled out that controversial service a little earlier. This was delivered from under a lifted leg and everybody found it difficult, even Waldner. Against Nicky Hoare it won Akesson the match. Against Billy Gleave Waldner looked sunk; "he could not read a ball" as the

Cheshire battler would put it and he hung on grimly with some rather negative play whilst waiting for his next five services and they saved him in the end, nothing else. In his quarter-final match with the Rumanian Haldan it was quite clear where the best table tennis was being played as the Rumanian placed the most exquisite flowing strokes all over the table from either wing reminiscent of the artists of another era, but he cracked in the 3rd game under relentless serving pressure which in the end destroyed his rhythm. Nevertheless Waldner is a very versatile player, but as yet only his lobs and service are world-class.

For obvious reasons I do not want to write much about Carl's Cadet Gold. I can say that he enjoyed last year's team Gold at least as much and this year's Junior Team Bronze even more. He had a nervous passage in the Cadet Events at times and the question all along was whether he would have enough left after the Junior Team events. The finalist Lupulescu was a player of undoubted class, who, like Carl, had played well in the Junior Team Event and had also reached the semi-finals of the French Junior Open, a remarkable feat for a Cadet.

Considerable credit is due to Don Parker who got Carl to the table in very good shape after a long period of waiting for the final. I thank the Selectors with whom I have sometimes crossed pens for giving him his chance in the Junior team events rather than opting for the Cadets. Olga Nemes, brightest hope of a fine Rumanian contingent and a world ranked player at 13, stayed with the Cadets and ended up with nothing.

In respect of Carl's performances in the Junior Team event the statistics will be sufficient. His victims included Akesson, the Silver Medalist, Persson (Bronze this time, Cadet Champion two years ago), Mazunov last year's Cadet winner, this time defeated 16 and 6, and six seeded players, in all he lost only twice, and that to two full Internationals, the Russian Dvorak and Waldner. He therefore won 16 out of 18.

Much of what I wrote last season was critical and I felt that our Junior Game was losing direction and support and that often prejudice and theory was in conflict with reality. English Junior Table Tennis took a big step in the right direction before and during Hollabrunn and there is now plenty to build on.

My views on what players need to play above themselves are well known and I regard the contribution from the corner as absolutely vital. Don and Jill fully lived up to my highest hopes. They deserve every support.

See you at Malmo next year.

25th European Youth Championships

RESULTS

BOYS' SINGLES

Round 4:

J-O. Waldner (SWE) bt A. Stadnichenko (USS) 11, 10;
P. Haldan (RUM) bt A. Szosnyak (HUN) 13, 21;
M. Abjigitov (USS) bt E. Guilbert (FRA) 17, 12;
V. Broda (CZE) bt F. Simon (HUN) 17, 16;
V. Dvorak (USS) bt A. Krenhardt (HUN) 7, 11;
J. Akesson (SWE) bt D. Palmi (AUT) 19, 18;
J. Persson (SWE) bt Z. Kaposztas (HUN) 19, -21, 10;
M. Broda (CZE) bt R. Casares (SPA) 12, 12.

Quarter-finals:

Waldner bt Haldan 19, -19, 7;
V. Broda bt Abjigitov -18, 9, 19;
Akesson bt Dvorak -18, 18, 19;
Persson bt M. Broda 15, 17.

Semi-finals:

Waldner bt V. Broda 15, 18;
Akesson bt Persson -18, 19, 19.

Final:

WALDNER bt Akesson 15, 18.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Round 3:

E. Malmberg (FIN) bt D. Paduraru (RUM) 15, 13;
A. Gutknecht (FRG) bt G. Fazekas (HUN) 11, 7;
S. Pircsak (HUN) bt K. Bogaerts (BEL) 17, 13;
G. Navarova (CZE) bt E. Vecherok (USS) 9, 17;
B. Lippens (BEL) bt T. Krsnik (YUG) 19, 13;
I. Danilivichute (USS) bt L. Bellinger (ENG) 16, -15, 17;
K. Bolvari (HUN) bt E. Kovtun (USS) 17, 16;
E. Bakker (NET) bt D. Guergueltcheva (BUL) 11, -17, 12.

Quarter-finals:

Malmberg bt Gutknecht 17, 11;
Pircsak bt Navarova 17, -21, 16;
Danilivichute bt Lippens 11, 10;
Bolvari bt Bakker 13, 15.

Semi-finals:

Pircsak bt Malmberg 16, 18;
Danilivichute bt Bolvari 10, 19.

Final:

DANILIVICHUTE bt Pircsak 12, 14.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Quarter-finals:

Akesson/Waldner bt Abjigitov/J. Leinweber (HUN) 10, 16;
Kaposztas/Persson bt P. Campagnolle (FRA)/Guilbert 16, 19;
D. Kabacinski/M. Pieronczyk (POL) bt J. Ekstrom/J. Snyyg (SWE) 17, -15, 11;
Broda/Broda bt I. Lupulesku/M. Maran (YUG) -14, 12, 10.

Semi-finals:

Akesson/Waldner bt Kaposztas/Persson 19, 14;
Broda/Broda bt Kabacinski/Pieronczyk 15, 8.

Final:

AKESSON/WALDNER bt Broda/Broda -15, 10, 19.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Quarter-finals:

Danilivichute/Vecherok bt V. Anguelova (BUL)/Guergueltcheva 15, 16;
P. Elliasson/A. Lath (SWE) bt J. Bellinger (ENG)/Bellinger 12, -17, 13;
Exenzian/F. Khasanova (USS) bt Lippens/Malmberg -14, 17, 19;

Borbely/O. Nemes (RUM) bt G. Borgstrom/A. Johansson (SWE) 19, 20.

Semi-finals:

Danilivichute/Vecherok bt Elliasson/Lath -20, 18, 13;
Borbely/Nemes bt Exenzian/Khasanova -15, 11, 11.

Final:

DANILIVICHUTE/VECHEROK bt Borbely/Nemes 14, 22.

MIXED DOUBLES

Quarter-finals:

C. Prean (ENG)/L. Bellinger bt V. Broda/Guergueltcheva -15, 20, 20;
Persson/Nemes bt Dvorak/Danilivichute 14, -15, 21;
M. Broda/Z. Valentova (CZE) bt Abjigitov/E. Kovtun (USS) -10, 10, 18;
Waldner/Bolvari bt Stadnichenko/Vecherok 16, 11.

Semi-finals:

Persson/Nemes bt Prean/Bellinger 18, 18;
Waldner/Bolvari bt Broda/Valentova -10, 18, 15.

Final:

PERSSON/NEMES bt Waldner/Bolvari -21, 12, 16.

CADET BOYS' SINGLES

Round 3:

Prean bt F. Valensi (FRA) 11, 13;
T. Von Scheele (SWE) bt V. Rantahalvari (FIN) 13, 10;
R. Krmaschek (CZE) bt T. Wetzel (FRG) 15, 13;
V. Florea (RUM) bt Z. Primorac (YUG) 17, 20;
M. Andersson (SWE) bt D. Mommessin (FRA) 16, 20;
F. Manneschi (ITA) bt J. Roskopf (FRG) 17, 14;
M. Kushkov (USS) bt J. Verhulst (NET) 15, 12;
I. Lupulesku (YUG) bt J. Hasenburger (AUT) 20, 19.

Quarter-finals:

Prean bt Von Scheele 14, -15, 18;
Florea bt Krmaschek 16, 17;
Andersson bt Manneschi 15, -20, 8;
Lupulesku bt Kushkov 20, 19.

Semi-finals:

Prean bt Florea 14, 15;
Lupulesku bt Andersson -23, 17, 11.

Final:

PREAN bt Lupulesku 18, 14.

CADET GIRLS' SINGLES

Round 3:

C. Batorfi (HUN) bt E. Hansel (FRG) 17, 10;
J. Bakker (NET) bt B. Wiktorsson (SWE) w.o.;
A. Safarova (CZE) bt I. Dellepina (FRA) 15, 13;
Khasanova bt D. Dresselhaus (FRG) 15, 19;
G. Zampini (ITA) bt M. Svenson (SWE) -16, 17, 19;
I. Masarikova (CZE) bt E. Wright (WAL) -16, 17;
E. Maier (AUT) bt K. Nolten (FRG) 9, -19, 12;
V. Ojstersek (YUG) bt K. Lohr (RUM) 10, 14.

Quarter-finals:

Batorfi bt Bakker 9, 11;
Khasanova bt Safarova 7, 19;
Masarikova bt Zampini 22, 8;
Ojstersek bt Maier 11, 19.

Semi-finals:

Khasanova bt Batorfi -12, 10, 10;
Ojstersek bt Masarikova -19, 20, 18.

Final:

KHASANOVA bt Ojstersek 15, 19.

CONSOLATION BOYS' SINGLES

Quarter-finals:

P. Krosiak (CZE) bt H. Schuler (FRG) 10, 16;
C. Slevin (IRE) bt N. Hoare (ENG) 21, 19;
I. Poljak (YUG) bt J. Harkamp (DEN) 21, -11, 19;
A. Moore (ENG) bt H. Glanzer (AUT) -15, 10, 12.

Semi-finals:

Krosiak bt Slevin -11, 8, 14;
Poljak bt Hoare 18, -15, 17.

Final:

KROSLAK bt Poljak 18, 17.

CONSOLATION GIRLS' SINGLES

Quarter-finals:

Borbely bt E. Brzezinska (POL) 16, 24;
M. Kloppenburg (NET) bt M. Frey (SWI) 14, 7;
M. Cergol (ITA) bt M. Reflak (YUG) -15, 12, 24;
B. Wilsche (AUT) bt Z. Valentova (CZE) 19, 21.

ENGLISH TEAM RESULTS

BOYS

v Switzerland (5-0)

Gleave bt Salliet 14, 17;
Hoare bt Renold 19, 11;
Prean bt Miller -21, 18, 18;
Gleave bt Renold 16, 14;
Prean bt Salliet 10, 9.

v Wales (won 5-0)

Moore bt Griffiths 14, 11;
Gleave bt Jones 6, 8;
Prean bt Tyler 19, 10;
Moore bt Jones 12, 15;
Prean bt Griffiths 9, 9.

v Rumania (won 5-2)

Gleave bt Badoi 12, 15;
Prean bt Ferenczy 18, 13;
Hoare lost to Haldan -16, -15;
Prean bt Badoi 12, 16;
Gleave bt Haldan -18, 15, 11;
Hoare lost to Ferenczy -18, -20;
Prean bt Haldan 9, 9.

England topped Group D in First Stage

v Austria (won 5-1)

Gleave bt Eckel 9, 15;
Moore lost to Palmi -10, -15;
Prean bt Glanzer 13, 11;
Gleave bt Palmi 20, 16;
Prean bt Eckel 8, 11;
Moore bt Glanzer 9, -19, 19.

v Hungary (won 5-2)

Gleave bt Simon 11, 7;
Hoare lost to Kaposztas 14, -16, -16;
Prean bt Krenhardt 19, 15;
Gleave lost to Kaposztas 18, -14, -19;
Prean bt Simon 19, -18, 10;
Hoare bt Krenhardt 11, 19;
Prean bt Kaposztas -26, 18, 16.

England topped Group H in Second Stage

For positions 1-4

v Sweden (lost 2-5)

Gleave lost to Persson -15, -19;
Hoare lost to Waldner -20, -20;
Prean bt Akesson 16, 17;
Gleave lost to Waldner -13, 20, -18;
Prean bt Persson 18, 13;
Hoare lost to Akesson -19, 17, -13;
Prean lost to Waldner -14, -16.

v Soviet Union (lost 2-5)

Hoare lost to Abjigitov -16, -15;
Prean bt Mazunov 16, 6;
Moore lost to Dvorak -16, -19;
Prean bt Abjigitov 14, 19;
Hoare lost to Dvorak 11, -21, -15;
Moore lost to Mazunov -18, -17;
Prean lost to Dvorak -17, -8.

GIRLS

v Luxembourg (won 3-0)

J. Bellinger bt Pascucci 15, 7;
L. Bellinger bt Schroder 7, 6;
J. Bellinger/Parker bt Pascucci/Schroder -20, 12, 11.

v Scotland (won 3-0)

Parker bt Johnston 12, 13;
J. Bellinger bt Greig 15, 15;
L. Bellinger/Parker bt Greig/Johnston 21, 19.

v Finland (won 3-1)

J. Bellinger lost to Malmberg 14, -16, -16;
L. Bellinger bt Kaimo 16, 15;
Bellinger/Bellinger bt Malmberg/Kaimo 15, 10;
L. Bellinger bt Malmberg 14, 13.

England topped Group E in First Stage

v Austria (won 3-1)

L. Bellinger bt Maier 12, 7;
Parker lost to Wiltische -17, -10;
Bellinger/Bellinger bt Maltzer/Wiltische 11, 18;
L. Bellinger bt Wiltische -9, 18, 13.

v Rumania (won 3-1)

J. Bellinger lost to Borbely 10, -15, -22;
L. Bellinger bt Paduraru 16, 10;
Bellinger/Bellinger bt Borbely/Paduraru 18, 14;
L. Bellinger bt Borbely 9, 6.

England topped Group H in Second Stage

For positions 1-4

v Soviet Union (lost 1-3)

L. Bellinger lost to Vecherok -11, -19;
J. Bellinger lost to Danilivichute -15, -8;
Bellinger/Bellinger bt Danilivichute/Vecherok 15, -12, 18;
L. Bellinger lost to Danilivichute -20, 18, -18.

v Poland (won 3-0)

Parker bt Brzezinska -18, 15, 21;
L. Bellinger bt Gracke 5, 12;
Bellinger/Bellinger bt Brzezinska/Gracke 13, 15.

CADET BOYS

v Luxembourg (won 3-0)

Firth bt Kox 8, 19;
Cunningham bt Bouschet 11, 12;
Firth/Cunningham bt Kox/Tomaszewski 16, 18.

v Netherlands (lost 0-3)

Cunningham lost to Bouite 15, -17, -15;
Firth lost to Verhulst -12, -13;
Firth/Cunningham lost to Bouite/Verhulst -12, -19.

v Italy (lost 0-3)

Firth lost to Nannoni 12, -15, -8;
Cunningham lost to Manneschi -16, -7;
Firth/Cunningham lost to Manneschi/Nannoni -19, -17;

v Federal Germany (lost 2-3)

Firth bt Wetzel 16, 15;
Cunningham lost to Roskopf -17, 18, -18;
Firth/Cunningham lost to Roskopf/Wetzel -16, -14;
Cunningham bt Wetzel 15, -24, 22;
Firth lost to Roskopf 18, -9, -11.

England finished 4th in Group A First Stage

v Austria (lost 1-3)

Firth bt Seyer -19, 13, 9;
Cunningham lost to Hasenburger 18, -12, -24;
Firth/Cunningham lost to Hasenburger/Seyer 19, -18, -17;
Cunningham lost to Seyer -11, -12.

v Spain (won 3-2)

Cunningham bt Iglesias 17, 14;
Firth lost to Perez -19, 18, -17;
Firth/Cunningham lost to Iglesias/Perez 11, -15, -22;
Firth bt Iglesias 19, 15;
Cunningham bt Perez 15, 16.

England finished 3rd in Group C Second Stage

For positions 13-14

v Finland (won 3-2)

Cunningham bt Seiro -20, 18, 13;
Firth lost to Rantahalvari -17, -12;
Firth/Cunningham lost to Rantahalvari/Seiro -14, -14;
Firth bt Seiro 19, -13, 16;
Cunningham bt Rantahalvari 20, 21.

CADET GIRLS

v Austria (won 3-0)

Popkiewicz bt Wotruba 15, 9;
Shaw bt Zillner 11, 11;
Shaw/Popkiewicz bt Wotruba/Zillner 20, 18.

v Spain (won 3-1)

Popkiewicz lost to Godes 14, -9, -19;
Shaw bt Gonzales 18, 14;
Shaw/Popkiewicz lost to Godes/Gomez 15, 11;
Shaw bt Godes -16, 20, 12.

v Sweden (lost 0-3)

Shaw lost to Wiktorsson -18, -13;
Popkiewicz lost to Svensson -11, -22;
Shaw/Popkiewicz lost to Svensson/Wiktorsson -13, 23, -15.
England finished 2nd in Group C First Stage

v Federal Germany (lost 1-3)

Shaw bt Dresselhaus 12, -14, 18;
Popkiewicz lost to Nolten -15, -16;
Shaw/Popkiewicz lost to Dresselhaus/Nolten -18, -14;
Shaw lost to Nolten -20, -17.

v Soviet Union (lost 0-3)

Popkiewicz lost to Khasanova -8, -12;
Shaw lost to Exenzian -15, -16;
Shaw/Popkiewicz lost to Exenzian/Khasanova -18, -11.
England finished 4th in Group F Second Stage

For positions 7/8

v Rumania (lost 1-3)

Popkiewicz lost to Nemes -12, -4;
Shaw bt Gageatu 17, 19;
Shaw/Popkiewicz lost to Lohr/Nemes -14, -9;
Shaw lost to Nemes -10, -8.

Letters to the Editor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WITH THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have written to me after my win in Europe. We shall reply to each one.

I would like to thank particularly my captains, Don Parker and Jill Hammersley (Parker), the selectors who picked me to play in the Junior team whilst still a Cadet, all the Seniors who practised with me during the last training camp, my teammates and the whole English party who gave me support, the Organisers of U-11 and U-12 tournaments who gave me an early start, the Isle of Wight Association where I began to enjoy my table tennis even earlier and all the others who have encouraged and supported me over the years, and of course my parents.

CARL PREAN,

SAD INDICTMENT

The regrettable demise of your rival magazine, TABLE TENNIS, should give satisfaction to no enthusiast of the game. Those people who with wisdom and foresight had argued that TABLE TENNIS NEWS should not be absorbed into the commercial venture, lest for economic consideration or the liquidation of the parent company the latter journal folded, have had their views vindicated. But that our sport cannot support two magazines and that TABLE TENNIS was a loss leader for Marsh Publications is a sad indictment of table tennis. A shame and a backward step too, that there will now be no specialist journal on the bookstalls.

It was a bold move to launch TABLE TENNIS and had the economic climate been better and the state of the game more

healthy, then perhaps it could have survived. I think that there was a place for it alongside and complementing TABLE TENNIS NEWS. TABLE TENNIS NEWS is a well produced, commendable, solid, honest, homely, hotchpotch of detailed news and results, articles, photographs and letters, catering for every level, with something for everyone. But TABLE TENNIS, while not offering so much for the grass roots or the statisticians, supplied the sleek presentation, vitality, readability and controversy of professional journalism. In my opinion its best point was the feature articles, and I particularly enjoyed reading Richard Eaton.

The main crunch for TABLE TENNIS was the recession. Advertising revenue was too low. But the other death blow was that not enough people read it, let alone bought it. Why? The backbone of British table tennis is the local league player, a rather parochial animal (as far as T.T. is concerned) who has little interest or aspirations beyond his once weekly match. Difficult enough to get him to part with his money for one magazine, without offering a second. And TABLE TENNIS, with its analysis of players, events and trends and its hot debates, catered more for the students, gossipers, trendsetters, crystal ball gazers and fanatics of the game — sadly, a limited market in a declining sport.

Another problem is the relatively poor readability value of table tennis, despite its high skill factor. The advance in technique and the number and variety of bat surfaces means that the exchanges are generally short and fast, a kind of hugely accelerated athletic chess which does not lend itself easily to good descriptive prose.

Of England's top class players, and we have several, Jill Hammersley (Parker) has the game, with its long, spectacular, defensive rallies, which is most aesthetically pleasing. However, there is a limit to how much can be written on the stiletto like quality of the quicksilver reflex shots of Desmond Douglas, his blackness and what he is earning in the Bundesliga, on John Hilton's bamboozling twiddling — now that opponents can 'read' him better is he a spent force? — and the precocious talent and combination bat of Carl Prean (though congratulations are certainly due regarding his European cadet triumph).

English players continue to enjoy a fair degree of success, which rightly deserves praiseworthy report, but unfortunately most of the time they do not play in an intrinsically exciting, visually inspiring, dynamic way.

And although our stars are nice people and worthy, dedicated sportsmen and sportswomen — and I wouldn't change them — none has a really charismatic or controversial personality, panache or memorable wit (John Hilton may be the exception to this last point). As far as good publicity and good journalism goes, table tennis is crying out loud for great characters and great stylists, perhaps even more than for great feats. A strong argument can also be made that top events could be better presented to add to our sport's appeal, but I will not pursue that debate here.

So, in the face of almost insurmountable odds, the fledgling "Voice of British Table Tennis" has fallen. Fortunately we still have TABLE TENNIS NEWS, which is excellent value for money. I urge every enthusiast to cough up and buy it. What is more, you can put pen to paper and join John Prean in contributing your views, ideas and ex-

periences. It is our magazine and if the official journal of the E.T.T.A. is not what we want and loses money, we have ourselves to blame.

KEN MUHR,

3 St. Stephens Road,
Hounslow, Middlesex.

AWARDS

Ian Whiteside of Essex, is the recipient of the Ivor Montagu Award at the AGM, for his services to the County Championships.

Aubrey Drapkin, the Hon. Treasurer of the ETTA, became the recipient of the Malcolm Scott Award at the ETTA AGM, the choice being made and presented by Maurice Goldstein, OBE, the President of the ETTA.

The Victor Barna Award was made to Carole Moore (nee Knight) in recognition of her performances in the Bombay Commonwealth Championships and in the Norwich Union English Closed Championships in Basingstoke.

HYMIE DIES

Hymie Lurie, one of Manchester's pre-war greats who patterned his game on that of the late Victor Barna, died on May 24th, aged 64. Having achieved international fame his career was cut short by the advent of the last war. Hymie leaves a daughter, Andrea, and a son, Philip.

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On the International Front

by The Editor

REVISED CLASSIFICATIONS

Some indication of the strength in depth of table tennis in the People's Republic of China is shown by the revised individual classification list for 1982 issued by the ITTF.

Chinese players occupy the first three places in the men's classification and the first six places in the women's category spearheaded, respectively, by the current world champions Guo Yuehua and Tong Ling who won their crowns last year in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, and will become due to defend them in Tokyo next May.

In the men's list which goes down to No. 52 only two Englishmen appear — namely Desmond Douglas at No. 13, having previously figured at No. 8, and John Hilton, down from No. 29 to No. 43. Out from the previous list at No. 50 goes Paul Day.

In the women's list, Linda Jarvis — now retired and previously at No. 40 — and Karen Witt, who figured at No. 46 have been omitted. England's sole representative in the list is Jill Hammersley-Parker who has been lifted from No. 15 to No. 12 following her final appearance in the Budapest European Championships when beaten by Bettine Vriesekoop of the Netherlands in the women's singles.

Mikael Appelgren, of Sweden, who won the European men's singles title in Hungary this year has been lifted from No. 18 to No. 4 while his final victim and compatriot, Jan-Ove Waldner, comes in for the first time at No. 22.

Lists (previous positions in brackets):

Men

- 1 Guo Yuehua (CHN) (1)
- 2 Cai Zhenhua (CHN) (2)
- 3 Xie Saikhe (CHN) (3)
- 4 M. Appelgren (SWE) (18)
- 5 T. Klampar (HUN) (4)

- 6 Ziang Zialiong (CHN) (—)
- 7 D. Surbek (YUG) (5)
- 8 Shi Zhihao (CHN) (7)
- 9 Teng Yi (CHN) (44)
- 10 S. Ono (JPN) (16)
- 11 S. Bengtsson (SWE) (6)
- 12 Wang Huiyuan (CHN) (9)
- 13 **D. Douglas** (ENG) (8)
- 14 Park Lee Hee (KOR) (13)
- 15 J. Secretin (FRA) (17)
- 16 M. Orlovski (TCH) (11)
- 17 I. Jonyer (HUN) (10)
- 18 G. Gergely (HUN) (14)
- 19 A. Grubba (POL) (12)
- 20 Lu Yaohua (CHN) (15)
- 21 Chen Xinghua (CHN) (47)
- 22 J.-O. Waldner (SWE) (—)
- 23 J. Dvoracek (TCH) (27)
- 24 N. Takashima (JPN) (22)
- 25 Z. Kalinic (YUG) (43)
- 26 Cho Yong Ho (PRK) (21)
- 27 Fong Chon Mao (CHN) (—)
- 28 H. Abe (JPN) (23)
- 29 E. Lindh (SWE) (24)
- 30 L. Kucharski (POL) (26)
- 31 J. Pansky (TCH) (31)
- 32 E. Boggan (USA) (—)
- 33 U. Carlsson (SWE) (25)
- 34 Hong Sun Chol (PRK) (37)
- 35 E. Hucing (FRG) (—)
- 36 Kim Wan (KOR) (36)
- 37 M. Maehara (JPN) (—)
- 38 P. Birocheau (FRA) (19)
- 39 R. Wosik (FRG) (38)
- 40 P. Stellwag (FRG) (30)
- 41 C. Martin (FRA) (32)
- 42 M. Karakasevic (YUG) (48)
- 43 **J. Hilton** (ENG) (29)
- 44 Huang Liang (CHN) (20)
- 45 H. Goto (JPN) (49)
- 46 Li Zhenshi (CHN) (28)
- 47 D. Seemiller (USA) (42)
- 48 A. Musa (NGR) (40)
- 49 Kim Hi Tal (KOR) (—)
- 50 Hong Chol (PRK) (41)
- 51 I. Solopov (USS) (33)
- 52 W. Lieck (FRG) (34)

Women

- 1 Tong Ling (CHN) (1)
- 2 Cao Yanhua (CHN) (2)
- 3 Zhang Deying (CHN) (3)
- 4 Qi Baoxiang (CHN) (5)
- 5 Chen Lili (CHN) (—)
- 6 Dai Lili (CHN) (4)
- 7 Lee Soo Ja (KOR) (4)
- 8 Huang Junqun (CHN) (8)
- 9 Pak Yong Sun (PRK) (6)
- 10 B. Vriesekoop (HOL) (12)
- 11 Pu Qijuan (CHN) (7)
- 12 **J. Hammersley-Parker** (ENG) (15)
- 13 An Hae Sook (KOR) (29)
- 14 Li Song Suk (PRK) (10)
- 15 V. Popova (URS) (9)
- 16 Kim Kyung Ja (KOR) (11)
- 17 K. Kawahigashi (JPN) (13)
- 18 U. Kamizuru (FRG) (22)
- 19 M. Hrachova (TCH) (32)
- 20 A.-C. Hellman (SWE) (17)
- 21 Cheng Jiliang (CHN) (—)
- 22 Geng Lijuan (CHN) (14)
- 23 G. Szabo (HUN) (—)
- 24 R. Wada (JPN) (20)
- 25 Z. Olah (HUN) (27)
- 26 E. Urban (HUN) (26)
- 27 O. Nemes (ROM) (45)
- 28 J. Magos (HUN) (19)
- 29 Kim Kiung Mi (KOR) (—)
- 30 I. Uhlíkova (TCH) (16)
- 31 N. Antonian (URS) (34)
- 32 Y. Shimonuchi (JPN) (—)
- 33 E. Ferenczi (ROM) (25)
- 34 Xie Chunjing (CHN) (—)
- 35 M. Lindblad (SWE) (24)
- 36 K. Kruger (FRG) (21)
- 37 Joon Kiung Mi (KOR) (—)
- 38 Hwang Nam Sook (KOR) (38)
- 39 B. Kishazi (HUN) (18)
- 40 Shen Jiaping (CHN) (28)
- 41 E. Kanda (JPN) (42)
- 42 Baik Jong Mi (KOR) (—)
- 43 B. Batinic (YUG) (33)
- 44 Hui So Hung (HKG) (40)
- 45 F. Bulatova (USR) (23)
- 46 G. Perkucin (YUG) (31)
- 47 Jong Jung Ja (KOR) (—)
- 48 Xie Xiaojan (CHN) (—)
- 49 S. Grefberg (FIN) (36)
- 50 Park Mal Bun (KOR) (—)

Out from the previous lists go:

Men

U. Thorsell (SWE) (35), M. Constantini (ITA) (39), T. Kriesz (HUN) (45), G. Bisi (ITA) (46) and **P. Day** (ENG) (50).

Women

C. Bergeret (FRA) (30), B. Silhanova (TCH) (35), E. Palatinus (YUG) (37), B. Thiriet (FRA) (39), **L. Jarvis** (ENG) (40), A. Hernvall (SWE) (43), M. Stork (FRG)

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(44), **K. Witt** (ENG) (46), A. Olschewski (FRG) (47), Kim Bok Yong (KOR), A. Pelikanova (TCH) (49) and E. Stromvall (SWE) (50).

EUROPEAN CLASSIFICATIONS

Following on the European Championships in Budapest, the Classification Committee of the ETTU, chaired by Ella Constantinescu of Rumania, have rightly pronounced the new singles champions, Mikael Appelgren of Sweden and Bettine Vriesekoop of the Netherlands, as the respective No. 1's the latter, winner, like Appelgren, of the TOP 12 tourney, retaining her top spot.

England's top players Desmond Douglas and Jill Hammersley-Parker remain in their former positions of No. 4 and No. 2 respectively as does Karen Witt, at No. 27 in the women's list.

In the men's list Douggie Johnson drops from No. 23 to No. 24, John Hilton from No. 24 to No. 28 and Paul Day from No. 28 to No. 29. Carole Moore (nee Knight) comes into the women's list at No. 29.

Biggest jump from the previous list is that of Sweden's Jan-Ove Waldner, from No. 30 to No. 6 whilst, on the distaff side, Gabriella Szabo is uplifted from No. 14 to No. 7. Lists (previous positions in brackets) are:

Men

- 1 M. Appelgren (SWE) (3)
- 2 T. Klampar (HUN) (2)
- 3 D. Surbek (YUG) (1)
- 4 **D. Douglas** (ENG) (4)
- 5 S. Bengtsson (SWE) (6)
- 6 J-O. Waldner (SWE) (30)
- 7 M. Orlowski (TCH) (5)
- 8 I. Jonyer (HUN) (12)
- 9 J. Secretin (FRA) (7)
- 10 G. Gergely (HUN) (11)
- 11 Z. Kalinic (YUG) (9)
- 12 A. Grubba (POL) (8)
- 13 J. Dvoracek (TCH) (10)
- 14 J. Pansky (TCH) (13)
- 15 L. Kucharski (POL) (14)
- 16 E. Lindh (SWE) (22)
- 17 U. Carlsson (SWE) (15)
- 18 E. Hugin (FRG) (26)
- 19 R. Wosik (FRG) (17)
- 20 M. Karakasevic (YUG) (25)
- 21 P. Birocheau (FRA) (20)
- 22 P. Stellwag (FRG) (19)
- 23 C. Martin (FRA) (16)
- 24 **D. Johnson** (ENG) (23)
- 25 J. Molnar (HUN) (21)
- 26 U. Bengtsson (SWE) (18)
- 27 P. Engel (FRG) (—)
- 28 **J. Hilton** (ENG) (24)
- 29 **P. Day** (ENG) (28)
- 30 I. Solopov (URS) (—)

Women

- 1 B. Vriesekoop (HOL) (1)
- 2 **J. Hammersley-Parker** (ENG) (2)
- 3 V. Popova (URS) (4)
- 4 U. Kamizuru (FRG) (6)
- 5 M. Hrachova (TCH) (3)
- 6 A-C. Hellman (SWE) (5)
- 7 G. Zsabo (HUN) (14)
- 8 Z. Olah (HUN) (7)
- 9 O. Nemes (ROM) (11)
- 10 J. Magos (HUN) (8)
- 11 E. Urban (HUN) (17)
- 12 M. Lindblad (SWE) (10)
- 13 N. Antonian (URS) (19)
- 14 K. Kruger (FRG) (18)
- 15 E. Ferenczi (ROM) (18)
- 16 B. Batinic (YUG) (16)
- 17 F. Bulatova (URS) (—)
- 18 G. Perkucin (YUG) (9)
- 19 I. Uhlíkova (TCH) (12)
- 20 B. Kishazi (HUN) (13)

- 21 S. Grefberg (FIN) (20)
- 22 E. Malmberg (FIN) (23)
- 23 D. Fabri (YUG) (29)
- 24 N. Daviaud (FRA) (28)
- 25 B. Thiriet (FRA) (—)
- 26 B. Silhanova (TCH) (21)
- 27 **K. Witt** (ENG) (27)
- 28 D. Guergueltcheva (BUL) (—)
- 29 **C. Moore** (nee Knight) (ENG) (—)
- 30 C. Bergeret (FRA) (25)

Omitted from the previous lists are:

Men

Z. Kriston (HUN) (27) and T. Kriesz (HUN) (29).

Women

L. Bakshutova (URS) (22), D. Bayerova-Dubinova (TCH) (24), A. Pelikanova (TCH) (26) and M. Stork (FRG) (30).

WORLD CUP 3

The third Table Tennis World Cup will take place at the MacPherson Stadium, Hong Kong, from Oct. 5/9, 1982. Total prize money will be US \$45,000 (First prize \$15,000, 16th prize \$400).

The draw took place in Seoul on Aug. 29, and the groups have been drawn as follows:

Group A

- Guo Yehua (CHN)
- Seiji Ono (JPN)
- A. Grubba (POL)
- Vong lu Veng (HKG)

Group B

- Xie Saik (CHN)
- Gabor Gergely (HUN)
- Juan Vila (DOM)
- North American player *

Group C

- Desmond Douglas (ENG)
- Mikael Appelgren (SWE)
- Milan Orlowski (TCH)
- Sunday Eboh (NIG)

Group D

- Istvan Jonyer (HUN)
- Jacques Secretin (FRA)
- Park Lee Hee (KOR)
- Paul Pinkewich (AUS)
- * name to be announced
- (Cai Zhenhua (CHN) has withdrawn because of injury).

PRESIDENT HONOURED

During his attendance at the 2nd Seoul Open in Korea, H. Roy Evans, O.B.E., President of the ITTF, was accorded Honorary Citizenship of Seoul City. Presentation of the certificate was made by Mr. Sung Bae Kim, Mayor of the Seoul Metropolitan Government.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1982/83

1982

- Oct. 30 - Nov. 1 Italian Open (Como).
- Nov. 18 - Nov. 21 Yugoslav Open (Split).
- Dec. 6 - Dec. 12 World University TT Champs (Fortaleza, Brazil).
- Dec. 17 - Dec. 19 French Open (Strasbourg).

1983

- Jan. 19 - Jan. 22 Welsh Open (Cardiff).
- Feb. 4 - Feb. 6 Europe Top 12 (Thornaby).
- Feb. 17 - Feb. 20 Czechoslovak Open (Prievidze).
- Mar. 10 - Mar. 13 Rumanian Open (Bucharest).
- Apl. 28 - May 9

- 37th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Tokyo). May 1 - May 7
- 12th Hapoel Games (Israel). May 28 - June 6
- 12th South East Asia Games (Singapore). Aug. 20 - Sept. 3
- 9th Pan-American Games (Caracas, Venezuela). Oct. 28 - Oct. 30
- Swiss Open (Olten). Nov. 11 - Nov. 13
- Hungarian Open (Miskolc).

ABBREVIATIONS

for ITTF Member Associations

Algeria—ALG, Angola—ANG, Argentina—ARG, Aruba—ARU, Australia—AUS, Austria—AUT, Bahrain—BRN, Bangladesh—BAN, Barbados—BAR, Belgium—BEL, Benin—BEN, Bhutan—BHU, Bolivia—BOL, Brazil—BRA, Brunei—BRU, Bulgaria—BUL, Burma—BUR, Cameroon—CMR, Canada—CAN, Chile—CHI, China—CHN, Colombia—COL, Congo—CGO, Costa Rica—CRC, Cuba—CUB, Curacao—CUR, Cyprus—CYP, Czechoslovakia—TCH, Denmark—DEN, Dominican Rep.—DOM, Ecuador—ECU, Egypt—EGY, El Salvador—ESA, England—ENG, Ethiopia—ETH, Faroe Islands—FAR, Finland—FIN, France—FRA, The Gambia—GAM, German Dem. Rep.—GDR, FR Germany—FRG, Ghana—GHA, Greece—GRE, Guatemala—GUA, Guernsey—GUE, Guyana—GUY, Hong Kong—HKG, Hungary—HUN, Iceland—ISL, India—IND, Indonesia—INA, Iran—IRN, Iraq—IRQ, Ireland—IRL, Israel—ISR, Italy—ITA, Ivory Coast—CIV, Jamaica—JAM, Japan—JPN, Jersey—JER, Jordan—JOR, Kenya—KEN, DPR Korea—PRK, Rep. of Korea—KOR, Kuwait—KUW, Laos—LAO, Lebanon—LIB, Libya—LBA, Luxembourg—LUX, Macao—MAC, Madagascar—MAD, Malaysia—MAL, Malta—MLT, Mauritania—MTN, Mauritius—MRI, Mexico—MEX, Mongolia—MGL, Morocco—MAR, Nepal—NEP, Netherlands—HOL, New Zealand—NZL, Nicaragua—NCA, Nigeria—NGR, Norway—NOR, Oman—OMA, Pakistan—PAK, Palestine—PAL, Panama—PAN, Papua New Guinea—NGU, Paraguay—PAR, Peru—PER, Philippines—PHI, Poland—POL, Portugal—POR, Puerto Rico—PUR, Qatar—QAT, Romania—ROM, Saudi Arabia—SAU, Scotland—SCO, Senegal—SEN, Singapore—SIN, Somalia—SOM, South Africa—SAB, Spain—ESP, Sudan—SUD, Sweden—SWE, Switzerland—SUI, Syria—SYR, Tanzania—TAN, Thailand—THA, Togi—TOG, Trinidad & Tobago—TRI, Tunisia—TUN, Turkey—TUR, Uganda—UGA, United Arab Emir.—UAE, Uruguay—URU, USA—USA, USSR—URS, Venezuela—VEN, Vietnam—VIE, Wales—WAL, Yemen Arab Rep.—YAR, PDR Yemen—YMD, Yugoslavia—YUG, Zambia—ZAM, Zimbabwe—ZIM.

6th Asian Championships

JUST LIKE ANOTHER WORLDS

by Mihaly Kozak of Hungary

The Asian Championships, featuring the best of the international field, primarily Chinese, Japanese and Korean players, ranks as a major event in world table tennis. This year's 6th Championships were staged in Jakarta in late May - early June, with the participation of male players from 17, and females from 11 countries respectively.

The event provided a surprise in so far as South Korea was not represented, this despite that table tennis has been chosen as an Olympic sport, and the next games are to be held in Seoul in 1988.

Chinese superiority prevailed in Jakarta, players from that country winning all seven events and, as at the last Worlds in Novi Sad in 1981, Chinese players vied for both the singles and doubles titles. The only upsets were that neither the male singles world champion Guo Yaohua, nor Tong Ling, the reigning female world champion, won a gold this time.

Kuo was eliminated in the semis, while Tong Ling was edged in the final. As for the doubles world champions, the men's and women's pairs this time played in a different line-up, while in the mixed Xie Saik and Huang Junqun only achieved third place.

Team Championships

Men

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 China | 9 Thailand |
| 2 Japan | 10 Pakistan |
| 3 North Korea | 11 Saudi Arabia |
| 4 Hong Kong | 12 Singapore |
| 5 Indonesia | 13 Yemen A.R. |
| 6 Australia | 14 Philippines |
| 7 India | 15 Jordan |
| 8 Malaysia | 16 Bahrain |

Women

1	China	7	Singapore
2	Japan	8	Thailand
3	North Korea	9	Malaysia
4	Indonesia	10	Philippines
5	India	11	Jordan
6	Hong Kong		

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

Cai Zhenhua (CHN) bt Guo Yuehua (CHN) 19, 16, 16;

Xie Saike (CHN) bt Saito (JAP) 12, 7, 18.

Final:

CAI ZHENHUA bt Xie Saike 17, 20, -14, -17, 16.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

Cao Yanhua (CHN) bt Kim Gyong Sun (PRK) 20, 19, -19, 6;

Tong Ling (CHN) bt Huang Junqun (CHN) 14, 19, 12.

Final:

CAO YANHUA bt Tong Ling 17, 14, -16, 18.

Men's Doubles Final:

GUO YUEHUA/XIE SAIKE bt Cai Zhenhua/Jiang Jialiang 11, 15, 13.

Women's Doubles Final:

CAO YANHUA/HUANG JUNQUN bt Li Chunli 16, 17, 17.

Mixed Doubles Final:

JIANG JIALIANG/TONG LING bt Guo Yuehua/Li Chunli 17, 17, 20.

European League

DISAPPOINTING RESULT

by The Editor

There is little doubt that England's performance against Hungary in their opening European League Super Division match at

Bath on Sept. 15 left a great deal to be desired.

To be beaten 5-2 after Desmond Douglas had opened up the proceedings with a convincing win over Gabor Gergely and then, despite Jill Hammersley-Parker's loss to Edit Urban, for Graham Sandley and Dougie Johnson to be successful in the men's doubles against Gergely and Istvan Jonyer, was deserving of a better fate.

But, from equating the match score at 2-2, and after Douglas and Karen Witt had won the first game of the mixed, it might be best to draw a veil over what followed next.

Karen failed to provide adequate support when Jonyer and Gabriella Szabo came back from that opening game deficit and Douglas could not find his rhythm against Jonyer. Paul Day looked to be anything but match-tight and failed to bother either Jonyer or Gergely going down in straight games in both sets.

Scores

D. Douglas bt G. Gergely 10, 9;

P. Day lost to I. Jonyer -15, -17;

J. Hammersley-Parker lost to E. Urban -16, -11;

D. Johnson/G. Sandley bt Gergely/Jonyer 17, 18;

Douglas/K. Witt lost to Jonyer/G. Szabo 16, -17, -17;

Douglas lost to Jonyer -16, -19;

Day lost to Gergely -16, -16.

Meantime in Slavenska Pozega, the defending champions, Yugoslavia, ran out 6-1 winners over Poland whose Leszek Kucharski had the distinction of beating Dragutin Surbek.

Scores

Z. Kalinic bt A. Grubba 20, -23, 20;

D. Surbek lost to L. Kucharski -17, -19;

B. Batinic bt Bielewarski 9, 8;

Kalinic/Surbek bt Grubba/Kucharski -9, 18, 14;

Surbek/Batinic bt Grubba/Bielewarski 19, 8;

Kalinic bt Kucharski 18, 14;

Surbek bt Grubba -15, 18, 15.

Promotees Denmark, at home to Sweden in Fredericia, were beaten 6-1 the one that got away being Jan-Ove Waldner's defeat by Claus Pedersen!

Scores

C. Pedersen lost to E. Lindh -13, -13;

K. Kartholm lost to J-O. Waldner -14, 16, -12;

S. Pedersen lost to M. Weizades -14, -17;

L. Hauth/Pedersen lost to J. Akesson/Waldner -13, 20, -16;

Kartholm/Pedersen lost to Lindh/Weizades -11, -19;

Pedersen bt Waldner 13, 16;

Kartholm lost to Lindh -19, -17.

Czechoslovakia, at home to Federal Germany in Trebic, got home 4-3 after Jindrich Pansky had lost both his singles to Georg Bohm and Michael Plum, and Marie Hrachova had been beaten in straight games by Kristen Kruger. Milan Orlovski was the match winner with two singles and a share in the men's doubles with Pansky who also partnered Miss Hrachova to success in the mixed.

Scores

M. Orlovski bt M. Plum 12, -20, 5;

J. Pansky lost to G. Bohm 18, -15, -17;

M. Hrachova lost to K. Kruger -18, -19;

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Orlowski/Pansky bt Bohm/R. Wosik 12, 12;
Pansky/Hrachova bt Bohm/S. Wenzel
13, 15;
Orlowski bt Bohm 18, -18, 18;
Pansky lost to Plum 20, -22, -15.

SUPER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Sweden	1	1	0	6	1	1
Yugoslavia	1	1	0	6	1	1
Hungary	1	1	0	5	2	1
Czechoslovakia	1	1	0	4	3	1
Federal Germany	1	0	1	3	4	0
England	1	0	1	2	5	0
Denmark	1	0	1	1	6	0
Poland	1	0	1	1	6	0

October Fixtures

Oct. 12
Federal Germany v Poland (Berlin)
Oct. 13
Yugoslavia v Denmark
Sweden v England
Hungary v Czechoslovakia

November Fixtures

Nov. 10
Sweden v Hungary
Denmark v Federal Germany
England v Poland (Birchwood, Warrington)
Czechoslovakia v Yugoslavia

FIRST DIVISION

Super Division demotees, France, did not have matters all their own way in their opening fixture against Finland in Poitiers on Sept. 14 their 4-3 victory only being accomplished in the final set when Patrick Renverse beat Jarmo Jokinen in the deciding game. Prior to Jukka Ikonen had beaten both Renverse and Christian Martin and the Finns had taken the men's doubles.

Scores

C. Martin bt J. Jokinen 19, 19;
P. Renverse lost to J. Ikonen 17, -15, -17;
B. Thiriet bt E. Malmberg 12, 9;
B. Parietti/Renverse lost to Ikonen/Jokinen -17, -11;
Martin/Thiriet bt Jokinen/Malmberg 11, 19;

Martin lost to Ikonen -17, -19;
Renverse bt Jokinen -17, 14, 16.

Second division promotees Belgium, at home to the Netherlands in Mechelen on the following night, let go a 3-1 lead to be beaten 4-3 in a pulsating finish.

Scores

T. Cabrera lost to H. Gootzen -10, -16;
R. De Prophetis bt H. van Spanje -14, 19, 9;
B. Lippens bt M. Kloppenburg 12, 17;
Cabrera/De Prophetis bt v Spanje/A. Vlieg 19, -12, 21;
D. de Roy/Lippens lost to Vlieg/Kloppenburg -12, 15, 14;
Cabrera lost to v. Spange 16, -8, 18;
De Prophetis lost to Gootzen 11, -15, -17.

Norway, the other promotees, were also on the receiving end of a 4-3 scoreline at home to Austria in Porsgrunn on Sept. 11. Dietmar Palmi got the Austrians home with a final set win over Geirr Gustavsen.

Scores

T. Johansen lost to D. Palmi -12, -7;
G. Gustavsen lost to E. Amplatz -15, -15;
T. Folkesson bt B. Wiltsche 18, -16, 21;
Gustavsen/Johansen bt Amplatz/G. Muller 13, 14;
Johansen/Folkesson lost to Muller/Wiltsche -21, -12;
Johansen bt Amplatz 19, -15, 15;
Gustavsen lost to Palmi -20, -16.

In Moscow on Sept. 15, the Soviet Union from being held at 2-2 rallied to win 5-2 with newcomer B. Rosenberg winning both his singles against Giovanni Bisi and Massimo Costantini.

Scores

B. Rosenberg bt G. Bisi 8, 18;
I. Solopov lost to M. Costantini -15, 18, -18;
I. Kovalenko bt M. Cergol 12, 13;
I. Podnosov/Rosenberg lost to Bisi/Costantini -17, 19, -9;
Solopov/F. Bulatova bt Costantini/Cergol 16, 13;
Rosenberg bt Costantini 13, 9;
Solopov bt Bisi 12, 18.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Soviet Union	1	1	0	5	2	1
Austria	1	1	0	4	3	1
France	1	1	0	4	3	1
Netherlands	1	1	0	4	3	1
Belgium	1	0	1	3	4	0
Finland	1	0	1	3	4	0
Norway	1	0	1	3	4	0
Italy	1	0	1	2	5	0

Fixtures

Oct. 13
Netherlands v France
Soviet Union v Belgium
Finland v Austria
Italy v Norway
Nov. 10
Austria v Netherlands
France v Soviet Union
Belgium v Italy
Norway v Finland

SECOND DIVISION

Apart from Spain's 5-2 win over Ireland, reported elsewhere, the only other second division result to hand is that of Scotland's 4-3 win over Switzerland in Falkirk on Sept. 11. No less than five of the seven sets needed a deciding game which also included the last when David Hannah got the better of Martin Hafen to get the Scots home.

Scores

R. Yule bt M. Hafen 17, 19;
D. Hannah lost to T. Busin 13, -17, -18;
C. Dalrymple bt B. Witte -19, 15, 16;
K. Rodger/Yule bt Busin/Hafen -20, 17, 21;
Rodger/Dalrymple lost to Busin/Witte 18, -14, -21;
Yule lost to Busin -18, -17;
Hannah bt Hafen -10, 19, 12.

October and November Fixtures

Oct. 9
Scotland v Portugal (Dingwall)
Wales v Ireland (Abersychan)
Nov. 5
Luxembourg v Scotland
Nov. 6
Spain v Wales

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TRAVELLER'S TALES

by TOM BLUNN

Chairman, E.T.T.A.

Welcome once more to a new season and may it be successful and rewarding to you in whatever way you participate.

I referred last season to my retirement from business and the fact that I would have more time to devote to the job of Chairman and travel around more.

Little did I know what I was letting myself in for! I have had many requests from leagues and counties to visit them for discussions, attend annual or anniversary dinners, or to make presentations. In addition I have taken the opportunity to travel abroad to the senior and junior European Championships.

It has been hard work but very enjoyable and rewarding. I have met many league and county officials but I doubt if I will remember all their names.

Just to give you some idea I have met officials from eight counties and six leagues. I have attended three presentation evenings, the Schools' International tournament at Gloucester, the Sealink Championship finals and a holiday camp competition.

On the business side I have met all the trade representatives and negotiated various short term and long term agreements. On my two trips abroad I made contact with representatives of some foreign manufacturers and officials of other European associations.

Prior to the Senior European Championships I visited the squad at their training camp at Lillehall. We all went out for a dinner on the last evening when we toasted the success of the squad in Budapest. In between, of course, there have been the usual E.T.T.A. meetings to attend and these included the Annual General Meeting and the first meeting of the new National Council.

A very pleasant event was the 60th Jubilee Dinner following the A.G.M., which is reported elsewhere in this issue.

I have been up to Teesside for a meeting of the committee of the European Top 22 tournament of which I am the Chairman.

So a traveller I have been, but that is not all. I felt I owed it to my wife to take her on a holiday for the first time in many years and to get away from table tennis for a couple of weeks. This was to celebrate my retirement and our Ruby Wedding. We had a most interesting and exciting trip up the Nile, starting and finishing at Cairo and getting as far as Aswan by river boat. But I could not go to Egypt without making contact with an old friend of mine and a good friend of table tennis, Amin Abou Hief, the Vice-President for Africa on the I.T.T.F. So we did not get away from table tennis completely but we had a very enjoyable evening with Abou Hief and several African officials at a night club in the desert as shown by the accompanying photographs. I recommend "belly dancing" as good training for our young lady players!

I must confess that this sudden burst of activity has helped me very much to bridge

the gap between work and retirement and for that I am very grateful.

My previous articles and the occasional letters to league and county secretaries has brought me many interesting letters and invitations. I will do what I can in the new season to visit as many leagues as I can,

particularly whilst I am in an area to attend an international match or championship.

Some astute reader may well be wondering how much this travelling around has cost the E.T.T.A. Do not worry, I travel half price as an O.A.P. and my total expenses are grant aided by the Sports Council by 75%.



Having transferred her affections from Abou Hief to Edna Blunn, chairman Tom awaits his turn for an Arabic embrace possibly culminating in a Wilson, Kepple and Betty cabaret turn.

DOWN UNDER

SECOND OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Final results in the 2nd Oceania Championships played in Sydney on Sept. 11 were:

Men's Singles:

P. Pinkewich (A) bt J. Danielsson (V) 13, -19, -12, 17, 9.

Women's Singles:

C. Lee (NZ) bt J. Morris (NZ) 14, 17, 12.

Boys' Singles:

G. Haberl (A) bt M. Walker (NSW) 11, 12.

Girls' Singles:

A. Campbell (NSW) bt C. Gray (NSW) 6, 7.

Men's Doubles:

Danielsson/G. Tepper (V) bt R. Lee/J. Morris (NZ) 18, 17, 14.

Women's Doubles:

Lee/Morris bt N. Bisiach (A)/K. Danielsson (V) 10, 15, 12.

Mixed Doubles:

Pinkewich/Bisiach bt Morris/Morris 20, 13, -17, 11.

Men's Team:

Australia 7 New Zealand 2
Tucket (3), Pinkewich (2), Haberl (2), Griffiths (2), Morris (0), Temperly (0).

Women's Team:

New Zealand 4 Australia 1
Lee (nee Little of Australia) (2), Morris (1) and Doubles Munday (1), Bisiach (0).

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Robert Oldfield, the E.T.T.A.'s Development Officer, has changed his address to 193 Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, West Sussex BN6 9RT. His home telephone number of 0273-834774 is unchanged.

COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

Philip Reid reports from . . .

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY SHAKE-UP

Leicestershire had an unprecedented upheaval when the President, Secretary and Treasurer were all ousted. Reg Billson, your scribe and John Grimley were replaced, respectively, by Bryan Hall, Ian McKelvey and Karen Smith.

Reg and John have carried the Leicestershire banner through troubled times and John, particularly, has never been afraid to put his hand in his pocket to help the ailing coffers of the county. The county owes them a tremendous debt of gratitude.

A meeting of the players was called and was very well attended. It was agreed that players would pay £4 a match to help the county's finances and personally I witnessed enthusiasm the like of which I had not seen before. The county teams, with the exception of the Junior 2nd team, will again be functioning this term thanks to the meeting admirably chaired by Geoffrey Aldwinckle.

The Leicester League had no such drastic changes in leading officials. Fund-raising is paramount in the thoughts of the Leicestershire T.T.A. Keith Fellows arranged a sponsored marathon, involving all the top players at Knighton Park TTC on Sept. 5. Castle's Motor Co. are sponsoring the county Junior team and there is a good chance that our previous benefactors, Midfish, will again assist us.

The Leicestershire Closed, so spectacularly successful last season at the Granby Halls, will again be staged at the same venue this season on Feb. 20. The Hard Bat Singles, so popular last season, will be extended to include a doubles event this season. All in all a very optimistic future lays ahead for hunting shire — in no small measure due to the efforts of our enthusiastic chairman Geoffrey or, as he likes to be known, Geoff Aldwinckle.

Dolly Harmer reports from . . .

BEDFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS EXPANSION

At the County A.G.M. a good season was reported, with our Veteran and Senior teams earning promotion. Unfortunately the increased cost of transport and refreshments means that sadly it is no longer financially viable to run a second Junior team.

However, the schools continue to expand and in May held a successful end of season Cadet tournament. The final game of the U-10 boys' (won by Paul Maunders of Gilbert Inglefield M.S.) had the exciting score of 34-32.

The 84 Club at Leighton Buzzard took 8 cadets to their twin-town of Coulommiers in France, where they played against much older players from Titisee, Germany, who

are also twinned with Coulommiers. Veteran organisers Peter and Dolly Harmer teamed up with their Titisee counterparts to challenge the Mayor of Coulommiers' team. They came out winners, the Juniors won one match and lost two, and so honours were even.

At the Leighton Buzzard A.G.M. a new secretary, Joy Dimmock of 24 Stoke Road, was elected.

U-9 players from the Lower Schools had their own competition in Leighton Buzzard. It was won by Sacha Dover of Linslade Lower, whose dedicated teacher Dorothy Brunton is doing valued work for this age group.

Beds Youth Association held table tennis competitions in May. The U-14's events were won by Darren Keane (Lewsey Y.C.) and Joanne Strode (84 Club).

The U-21 winners were David Foster and Julie Dimmock (both of Lewsey). Julie progressed to the semi-final in the Nationals.

Lewsey are producing a lot of keen little girls under the guidance of Jack and David Foster. (This I applaud especially as I personally find it so much easier to train boys). Recently this club raised £150 with a table tennis marathon. In 24 hours 373 games were played, as many as in four seasons, and the money will be used for a multi-sports trip to West Berlin in May.

At the Dunstable League Presentation Dance in June the League's new Trophy to commemorate the talented County Junior, Mark Andrews, who died earlier this year (see earlier T.T.N.), was presented by his mother Mrs. Andrews to Darren Barton (D.T.T.C.).

Dunstable's Bellinger sisters finished the season in the 1 & 2 spots — Jackie finished her Junior career at No. 1 just as she had done in the Cadets. We all wish her success in her climb up the senior rankings.

When Lisa won the U-16 event at the E.S.T.T.A. Stiga Individual Championships at Mansfield, it meant that she has now struck gold in all four age groups in that competition. At the Schools International at Gloucester, the sisters again represented England with Jackie taking a gold and Lisa

experimenting with a new bat face still gaining a silver.

Their success has inspired a huge response in South Beds. Dunstable T.T.C. run by Keith Thompson has swelled to around 50 Juniors — enough to form a Junior Division in the League, and Leighton Buzzard already has one. Keith's players include three 'boat' children and a contingent of deaf children from Luton's 'Hard of Hearing Unit'.

Support for the South Beds Holiday Play Scheme which includes both towns, with coaching by Dolly Harmer, was quite overwhelming and Leighton Buzzard had to turn would-be players away.

Roy Williams reports from . . .

NORTH WALES NEW IDEAS

North Wales Counties are ready for the new season with their biggest ever programme of events. The N.W.C. League commences with the first series of matches on Sunday, Oct. 14. Nine full days are being devoted to the coaching of beginners in nine towns and a coaching seminar has also been arranged in a bid to recruit more players to the sport.

It is hoped that the NWCTTA will launch a league umpires' scheme to improve the presentation of club and NWCTTL matches to ease the burden of county and international umpires. This venture will be discussed at the umpires' seminar at Rhyl.

The North Wales closed championships are to be run at Colwyn Leisure Centre, Eiras Park, Colwyn Bay on Feb. 6/'83 and entry forms will be available in due course. Once again we have a veterans team playing in the County Championships and we resume activity with a team in the senior divisional category. Our next aim is to have, perhaps next season, a junior team also.

AROUND THE LEAGUES

Whizz kid Ian Hargreaves reports that **Anolesey** hope to have a strong league once again. Although a little thin on the



Mrs. Andrews (centre foreground) presents the commemorative trophy to Darren Barton at the Dunstable League Presentation Dance in June.

Photo by courtesy of Post-Echo, Hemel Hempstead.

ground for officials, Ian, who himself is only acting league secretary, hopes that members will come forward to fill vacant offices.

Llandudno with Ken Williams again at the helm will have five divisions, as last season, the only problem here being the requirement of many more youngsters to take up the game.

Rhyl, with Tony Smith's enthusiasm, look forward to their best season in years. The good news is more teams with each player on an individual handicap, a new charity group competition and the revival of the Flintshire Closed. Tony won the Welsh Disabled TTC singles (ambulant) at Cwmbran in July.

Christine Watkins continues as secretary of the **Wrexham** League which, in recent seasons, has produced many good players. I am assured they intend to continue with this trend.

The draw for the G.S. Radcliffe Cup Round 1 Groups, to be played by Nov. 22 is:

- Group 1
Llangefni 'A' v Wylfa P.S. 'A'
Sealink Holyhead v St. Mary's 'A'
- Group 2
Doatra 'A' v Lansdowne 'A'
Colwyn Bay CC v Llandudno Junc. 'E'
- Group 3
Schooner 'B' v Clwyd 'A'
Schooner 'A' v Clwyd 'B'
- Group 4
Gwersallt WMC v Caergwrle BB
GPYC 'A' v Malpas

TAPP'S DOUBLE

Dave Tapp won the men's singles and doubles titles at the East Denbighshire Summer Closed championships held at Wrexham in July.

RESULTS

Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles:	P. Griffiths
D. Tapp	
Women's Singles:	S. Rogers
J. Ralphs	
Veterans' Singles:	N. Ralphs
J. Bishton	
Boys' Singles:	S. Roberts
P. Griffiths	
Girls' Singles:	M. Stevens
K. Buckle	
Intermediate Boys' Singles:	C. Powell
P. Griffiths	
Intermediate Girls' Singles:	T. Sambrook
K. Buckle	
Consolation Boys' Singles:	G. Wiseman
J. Tapp	
Consolation Girls' Singles:	T. Sambrook
S. Buckle	

Caergwrle won the Premier K.O. team event final beating Railway Club 7-2 whilst Wrexham O.B. had a 6-3 win over Kent Supplies to win the Premier Medals final. Congratulations to Rhyl's Mark Thomas on his inclusion in the Welsh team for the Seoul Open Championships in South Korea.

Philip Reid reports on the . . .

EAST MIDLANDS CADET LEAGUE

NEW MEMBERS

At a well attended A.G.M. held in Leicester, new applications were accepted from Burton, Gainsborough, Stratford and Worksop and it was decided to place them two each in the new divisions.

Normally one division suffices but such

is the expansion of the league that two divisions, with nine teams in each, will operate in the current season. Pontesbury, after a brief period of membership, have opted to form a West Midlands Cadet League.

The East Midlands set-up is:

Division A	Division B
Burton	Chesterfield I
Chesterfield II	Coventry II
Coventry I	Derby I
Derby II	Grantham
Gainsborough	Leicester
Leamington	Nottingham II
Lincoln	Nuneaton
Loughborough	Stratford
Nottingham I	Worksop

Dates and venues are:

- Oct. 3 - Grantham
Dec. 12 - Loughborough and Leicester
Feb. 13 - Lincoln
Apr. 24 - Grantham

The officers were re-elected en bloc. They are:

- Chairman: Stan Parr (Nuneaton)
Secretary: Ian McKelvey (Leicester)
Treasurer: Ron Forster (Loughborough)
Press Officer: Philip Reid (Leicester)

It was agreed to raise the subscription by 10% to £11.

Geoff Waters reports from . . .

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

ONE DOWN THREE TO GO

Cambridgeshire have entered three teams in the County Championships this season instead of the usual four.

They will still have two teams at senior level, but only one junior team, the second junior team having been withdrawn owing to a shortage of girls of county standard.

The senior first team, who finished a credible third last season, continue in Division 2A. Of last season's opposition they will play Yorkshire II, Lancashire II, Derbyshire and Leicestershire, while newcomers are Cheshire and Northumberland, both relegated from the Premier Division and Staffordshire II, who replace their first team, promoted to the Premier.

The second team will again play in 3D and renew acquaintances with Kent II, Surrey II, Sussex II, Norfolk and Suffolk, with relegated Hertfordshire and Essex II completing the fixture list.

The juniors are also in the same division as last season, Junior 3D which creates a precedent for the County Championships by having nine teams. They will again be playing Essex II, Hertfordshire II, Sussex II, Norfolk and Suffolk, with additional fixtures against relegated Huntingdonshire and promoted Essex III and Norfolk II.

The senior squad has lost three of last season's players, although this is hardly likely to affect the first team to any great extent. Geoff Davies, who missed the second half of last season with a broken collar bone, is getting married, Robert Swift is unavailable for County matches and Tony Holmes has joined the Army.

The first team will probably be the same as played during the second half of last season, Keith Richardson, Mick Harper, Andy Withers, who replaced Davies and won four of his six singles, Mandy Judd and Joanne Palmer.

The second team will now be a little

short on experience in the men's section. Martyn Livermore (Cambridge), Trevor Smith (Ely), Jamie Frost (Wisbech) and Paul Stacey (March), all of whom played the occasional match last season, will now have a chance to stake a permanent place. The women will again be picked from Jane and Ruth Hunter, Alison Edge and Val Parkes.

The juniors have lost Frost and Cameron Alexander from last season's squad, both now being over age.

Julian Wheel, Tim Ashman, Peter Holliday, Helen Smith and Samantha Wales will probably start the season but they will be under pressure from Nicky Rayner, Paul Holmes, Neil Burgess, Paul Oldrovd and Louise Ward.

On the National League scene, Hassy Soham have acquired two new players, Scottish international Dave Hannah and England No. 2 junior Nicky Hoare. Dave Wells has left for Letchworth where he will be No. 1 and Doug Bennett has not been retained.

Hoare had a splendid start in Soham's first match winning both his singles in Soham's 6-2 win over promoted Dunlop Birmingham.

The home team raced to a 5-0 lead with captain Paul Day also starting with a double and it was only when the match was won that Soham dropped their two sets. Kenny Jackson had trouble with the defensive play of Barry Johnson and went down in three, although there was only two points difference in all three games.

Then John Souter was beaten in straight games by Ian Horsham, before Hoare came along to complete his double with narrow wins over Barry Hayward.

RESULTS

- (Soham names first)
- Day bt Horsham 17, -22, 15;
bt Mills 15, -19, 14.
Jackson bt Mills 15, -19, 14;
lost to Johnson -20, 22, -19.
Souter bt Hayward 17, 13;
lost to Horsham -18, -18.
Hoare bt Johnson 14, 14;
bt Hayward 20, 20.

There will be plenty of activity on the inter-league scene this season for in addition to the St. Neots Winter League, there will be a county league, sponsored by Newmarket Construction Ltd.

This new league will have the five Cambridgeshire member leagues, Cambridge, Ely, Haverhill, March and Wisbech, each playing against each other on a home and away basis.

The St. Neots Winter League continues for another season in place of the old South East Midlands League. It has now been decided that there is no chance of reviving the S.E.M. League, mainly due to the lack of officials to run it, and a meeting has been arranged for all former member clubs at St. Neots T.T. Club on Wednesday, Nov. 10, to decide what is to be done with the money and trophies belonging to the League.

St. Neots will again be running a Men's, Junior and Veterans' League with all matches staged at the St. Neots club.

There are thirteen clubs in the Men's division and they are Bedford, Cambridge 'A' and 'B', Ely, Kettering, Northampton 'A' and 'B', North Herts 'A' and 'B', Peterborough, R.A.F., St. Neots and Welling-

borough. The matches are to be staged over eight Saturdays as follows — Oct. 23, Nov. 6 and 13, Dec. 4 and 11, Jan. 15 and 29 and Mar. 5.

Cambridge have also entered a veterans' team in a division of ten clubs. They will meet St. Neots 'A' and 'B', Peterborough 'A' and 'B', Northampton, North Herts, Bedford, Hunts Central and Barnet.

These matches will be played on the following dates — Oct. 9 and 30, Nov. 12, Nov. 7, Dec. 12 and Jan. 22/'83.

No Cambridgeshire league has entered a team in the Junior division.

John Woodford reports from . . .

SUSSEX

TUG-OF-WAR

NICKY HOARE, England's No. 3 junior from Surrey is now resident in Bexhill, practising furiously with the talented Moore brothers in preparation for the new campaign.

There could be a tug-of-war between Surrey and Sussex for his services both in the County Championships and the National League. Dolphins are hoping to save him travelling 'away' to all fixtures, but Graham Spicer are hoping to hold on to him.

Past experience shows that it is particularly wearing for a young player required to travel a round journey of 140 miles for 'home' matches. That will be required of Nicky Hoare if he continues to play for Surrey and Graham Spicer, instead of Sussex and Dolphins.

FRANCIS STRIKES AGAIN?

I have reason to believe that Malcolm Francis the Sussex champion is poised to pull off the biggest 'coup' of his professional table tennis career — in fact, if it comes off, it will be dream come true — for more details watch this space next month!

DESPITE some rather late opposition from Crawley and Eastbourne, Sussex will still field six teams in the County Championships this season, despite a heavier programme taking the players to distant venues that will lose them at least half a night's sleep.

Sussex lost £500 last season. "Are we not worried about losing these sort of sums?" said Crawley and Horsham league chairman Derek Bunday at the annual meeting. "Of course we are" responded county chairman Bert Fretwell, but in fact plans had been laid at the previous meeting of the county management committee to bump up the county affiliation fees one third from 60p to 80p, thus producing another £600 for the kitty from the 3,200 registered players.

Gerald Green reports from . . .

SHROPSHIRE

GROVE WELCOME JOHN HILTON

John Hilton, European Champion in 1980, current world-ranked player and England International, has joined the Grove Table Tennis Association, Market Drayton. He will play a major role in the development of table tennis in the Market Drayton area.

Hilton will take charge of coaching the Grove's leading young players in weekly sessions at the Grove School and will lead Grove's challenge for honours in the first

division of the English National League.

The Grove, rated highly among England's top clubs can only benefit from Hilton's vast experience of World Table Tennis.

NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS

In Grove's National League Team, Hilton will be supported by five nationally-ranked players — Andrew Bellingham (Staffordshire), Stephen Scowcroft and Phil Bowen (Lancashire), Mark Hankey (Cheshire) and the only 'native' Shropshire No. 1 Malcolm Green.

Peter D'Arcy an England selector and top veteran will lead the Grove second team in Division 3, supported by Paul Barnett, Bill Bridgeman, Stan and Joe Deakin (all Staffordshire), with the squad completed by the rapidly improving Shropshire players David Williams, Sean Groom, Keith Sillitoe and Colin Wilson.

Playing and practising with the high class 'imports' can only benefit the youngsters.

TELFORD RANKINGS

The Telford League started on Sept. 27, with Bill Herbert starting the campaign as No. 1 ranked player, but with the rankings to be reviewed monthly.

Top Ten

1	W. Herbert	6	A. Horobin
2	M. Beaman	7	G. Clibborn
3	G. Cheetham	8	S. Tanner
4	D. Elkin	9	G. White
5	M. Langford	10	A. Williams

£1,000 WORTH OF PRIZES IN MARKET DRAYTON

The Market Drayton League opens the new season with four Senior and one Schools Division in action and over £1,000 worth of voucher prizes on offer. For the second successive year Tees Sport are sponsoring the league.

The first prize in the Premier is £320 with the runners-up gaining £230 and the third and fourth teams £140 and £100 respectively. In Div. 1 the top prize is valued at £100 with the second and third teams contesting for £70 and £40.

Jack Chalkley reports from . . .

STAFFORDSHIRE

LITTLE DOUBT

County trials have been held, but at the time of writing details of the ranking lists are not available. There is little doubt that Andrew Bellingham will continue to head the men's list, but the close competition for the next half a dozen placings is likely to provide the Selection Committee, under chairman Graham Povey, with a difficult task. Jill Harris will almost certainly head the women's list, but there must be several contenders for second place, including Fiona Elliot, now our top junior. Adrian Dixon is favourite for top spot in both the junior boys and cadets, and I gather there are not many surprises in these lists with no outstanding newcomers.

The two final matches in the County League last season resulted in a win for Leek 'A' to give them the Division 2 title, and a draw for their 'B' side against runners-up Wolverhampton 'D' was enough for Leek to take the Div. 3 title on sets average. Their Div. 5 side made it a trio of wins for what is one of the smaller leagues in the county, so congratulations for all concerned. The indications are that Leek also intend to take a bigger part in the

administration of the County and I am sure their help will be very welcomed.

Our new County League secretary is Andrew Waters of Stafford. Thirty teams have entered this year, split up into five divisions of six teams. Leek 'A' and West Bromwich 'A' move up to the first division but Potteries must be favourites to retain the title. The dates for the league matches are Oct. 30, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 15, Feb. 12, and Mar. 5.

Other dates for the diary include Malcolm E. Scott Memorial Tournament - Oct. 24; Woodfield 1-Star - Nov. 6; Lilleshall weekend - Dec. 17/19; County Closed at Northwood - Mar. 20.

Home County Championship matches for the next three months, with provisional playing venues, are as follows:

Oct. 2

Senior 'B' v Lancs (Potteries)

Junior 'B' v Northumberland (W'hampton)

Oct. 16

Junior 'A' v Northampton (W'hampton)

Nov. 20

Senior 'B' v Northumberland (Leek)

Junior 'B' v Cumbria (Cannock/Walsall)

The new County Badges have been awarded to the following players:

P. Anderson, C. Bakewell, P. Barnett, A. Bellingham, Miss V. Bellingham, W. Bridgman, Mrs. P. Brookes, Miss L. Burgess, Miss S. Cain, P. Dawes, P. Dilger, Andrew Dixon, Adrian Dixon, Mrs. J. Dunning, Miss F. Elliot, M. Evans, Miss S. Hadley, G. Hallam, Miss J. Harris, R. Hayward, A. Isaac, A. Rich, Miss R. Roberts, E. Wilkes.

Malcolm Allsop reports from . . .

DERBYSHIRE

STEP ON THE LADDER

Pride of place in the Derbyshire Notes for the start of the new season must go to Bradley Billington for his England Cadet Ranking, which we hope will be a step on the ladder to following parents, Maurice and Jackie, into the England teams.

The season opened with the Derbyshire Festival Tournament on Sept. 12 at the Lancaster Sports Centre, and Bradley's form would doubtless be keenly watched by Derbyshire's new County Junior Captain, Keith Weightman.

With the County's top junior Alan Cooke a permanent fixture in the Senior first team, Keith will be hoping to build up a squad of juniors to improve the placing achieved last season. This could be difficult if the seniors require the top two junior girls To Thy Dung and Louise Forster, but Keith's daughter Joanne and Clare Bentley received valuable experience in the County second team last season, so the doubts lay with the ability of the boys to achieve success. Andrew Henry led the Junior Boys last season, but will require to show a higher level of commitment.

Neil Marples takes over as County first team Captain, and his enthusiasm could drive the team to success. Neil lost his place in the County first team two seasons ago with the emergence of Cooke, but is now keen to establish his own presence in the team after leading Chesterfield to the Midland League title last season for the first time.

Cooke is the undisputed Derbyshire No. 1, being the best player Derbyshire has had

since Geoff Dury, but the remaining places in the County rankings could be interesting. Ivor Warner was threatening to retire at the end of last season, but has still been practising so may still be challenging for a place.

County Secretary Les Allwood continues as captain for the second team, and the competition for first team places may provide the incentive to lift the second team's fortunes.

The Junior selection will depend upon senior calls but Nigel Adams has staked a strong claim for selection, and the first match against Nottinghamshire could see him make his debut in his home town of Burton. He would become the first Burton boy to play in the County Junior team.

The Derby League are set to spend the second season without a Headquarters after the 1981 fire in the previous H.Q., however, plans are well advanced for a £120,000 purpose-built accommodation to be shared with the Derby Athletics Club. The joint venture could have advantages which individually would not be possible, and would be in operation for the 1983/84 season.

The Derbyshire Challenge Cup returns this season to be played off between the Handicap Knock-Out Champions of the Leagues within the County and is being organised by Malcolm Hearn.

The Derbyshire Closed Championships will be held at Alfreton Sports Centre on Feb. 6/'83.

Les D'Arcy reports from . . .

YORKSHIRE RECORD TERM

English Table Tennis Association Vice-President, Maurice Shaffner, is re-elected for a record thirty second term as Yorkshire President, after serving as county chairman 1947-51. Frank Briggs, also E.T.T.A. Vice-President, this season becomes the longest serving Yorkshire T.T.A. General Secretary with 14 years in a row — one more than Walter Mitton, Frank's predecessor.

Other officials for 1982-83:

Chairman and Umpires' Sec.: G. T. Scruton
Treasurer: M. Pennock
County Championships: E. Hill
Coaching & Press: L. D'Arcy
Competitions: J. Holmes
Development & Nat. Councillor: A. M. Ross
Social: J. Hardcastle
Tournaments: R. Balmford
Auditor: K. Park
Region Reps.:
N.E.: P. Cameron (York), R. A. Gilyeat and M. J. Hanley (Selby)
South: A. Head (Sheffield DWSA), A. Illingsworth (Barnsley), P. Ryalls (Sheffield)
West: P. Rook (Bradford), K. R. Shepherd (Leeds), B. Walker (Dewsbury).

1982/3 AWARDS

Eric Hill, popular County Championships Secretary: the Leslie Forrest Trophy for outstanding service. Martin Firth (Bradford) and Joanne Shaw (Wakefield): joint winners of the Alan Cram Trophy for most promising junior. Joanne, England No. 1 Cadet Girl and Martin, No. 2 Cadet Boy last season, both represented England in several Internationals, including the European Youth Championships in Vienna.

Retiring officers, Mrs. Evelin Hart and Owen Atkinson, become vice-presidents,

and Mrs. Sheila Atkinson, also retired: special service badge. The Atkinsons, in addition, received a table lamp from their local league, Wakefield, presented on its behalf by League Chairman/Secretary, Mrs. Doreen O'Keefe. Joanne Shaw was presented with a silver engraved bracelet to mark her international appearances by Wakefield official Mrs. Margaret Arnold, on behalf of the League — and received the Arthur Robinson Trophy for outstanding junior.

YORKSHIRE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

Women:

Abbeyle Park (Sheff.) 5 Leeds YMCA 1

Juniors:

Unity (Bradford) 5 Hermits (Bradford) 0

Seniors:

Barnsley N.E. (walkover) Unity conceded

SPOTLIGHT ON THE LEAGUES

Sheffield

Table tennis coverage in Sheffield is something special. John Hawker, Graham Coe and now John Hatfield have completed twenty years as correspondents to the 'Sheffield Morning Telegraph' which has been congratulated by the E.T.T.A. for its consistent coverage. We add our congratulations to all concerned and hope that some leagues will try to follow Sheffield's example (A start could be made by using Yorkshire Notes).

After a good run in the 1980 National Girls' Team Championships when they reached the quarter-finals, Sheffield with Lesley Broomhead and Josette Ryalls still in the team, went two stages better in the 1982 competition when, with Melanie Seaton, they reached the National final. As Yorkshire Champions and with all three in the top ten junior national rankings they made worthy finalists — against Bishop Stortford, led by England No. 4 Junior, Helen Bardwell. Sheffield were off to a good start when Lesley defeated Alison Boxall 18 in the 3rd. Helen Bardwell accounted for Josette 17 and 13 and Jeanine Smith gained a close decision over Melanie. Stortford were within two sets of victory when Helen defeated Lesley. Sheffield held firm with Josette and Melanie defeating Jeanine and Alison respectively to tie with three to go. Lesley then rose to the occasion to make it 4-all after Melanie had gone down narrowly in the face of Helen's strong attack. With the tension almost unbearable and every point vital, Josette lost the first game of the final set -17, bounced back to take the second 18 and was trailing 5-15 in the third, when she made a final effort which produced ten points before going down 15-21.

Disappointed, but with increasing experience at this level and a little more luck in the draw — all matches were played away — the Sheffield girls look ready for 'gold' in their next national encounter.

Sheffield Boys were well represented in the pre-season assessment county trials at Leeds. Russel Thompson, Clive Guest, Mark Brunt and cadets, Robert Walton and Chris Oldfield played competently and should be placed in the county ranking lists which will be printed in the next issue.

South Yorkshire's National League Club looked very impressive on the Open Evening at Rotherham Central Library and Arts Centre. In addition to new signings, Anita Stevenson, England No. 4 and Brian Carney Lancashire No. 6, eleven other players were in action, including England-ranked junior, David Illingsworth and brother Mark the S.

Yorks N.L.C.'s No. 2. The hard working and enthusiastic officials at the Centre led by Chairman Jeff Whidborne and General Manager/Treasurer, Graham Coe are making an outstanding contribution to the promotion of table tennis in the Rotherham area. One of their future projects is to stage, with the co-operation of Rotherham Amenities and Recreation Dept. and the Y.T.T.A., four county matches at the Centre which is ideal, with its tiered accommodation, for this type of event.

Good to see ace organiser, Richard Scruton, back in Yorkshire table tennis circles. Harrogate, quick to recognise talent, have elected Richard as their League Chairman. One of the first big jobs he will be tackling is to promote the England v Czechoslovakia, European League, Super Division match at the multi million pounds Harrogate Centre which has an international, air conditioned auditorium to seat 2,000, with facilities of the highest standard. The event is on Dec. 15. For more details contact Richard (0423) 886406.

For the Yorkshire Open at Wakefield Sports Centre on Dec. 5 (Usual senior events but no vets.) contact Michael Hanley (0757) 702282.

Obituary

MR. FRANCIS HARE

The Yorkshire Table Tennis Association and the Wakefield Table Tennis League have suffered the loss of an outstanding member — Mr. Francis Hare, Wakefield League's longest serving official died suddenly after several years of failing health.

In the early 1930's Francis played and organised table tennis at British Ropes, Wakefield. He started work there as a junior clerk in 1919, served in nearly every department until he became office manager in 1950, holding that position until he retired in 1969. His compelling leisure time interest was table tennis and he soon became a leading official of his local league, serving with distinction as treasurer and chairman for many years. He was elected to the Yorkshire T.T. Management Committee in 1946 and quickly became recognised as one of the hardest working officials in the county. Francis thought nothing of travelling hundreds of miles on public transport throughout the season to do voluntary stints at county tournaments and then return home in the early hours. He was always happy to see young players doing well and gave them guidance whenever he could. One of Yorkshire and England's greatest players, Kathy Best (now Thompson) will remember Francis with gratitude and affection for his help and advice in the early years of her career.

Francis was awarded the county's special badge for outstanding service and on his retirement from the Wakefield League he became the first recipient of a trophy named after him which recorded forty years dedicated service to local table tennis. He was also made the League's first honorary life member. Francis, who lived to see much of his work bear fruit, will be sadly missed by those who had the pleasure of working with him and shared his enthusiasm for the sport he loved.

Les D'Arcy.

Obituary

ERIC FAIRHEAD

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Eric Fairhead, Hon. Life Member of the Norfolk County TTA, who died in early June, and will be remembered affectionately for many a year to come.

Eric, in partnership with Gerry Rix, founded the present Association in 1948, and served as the Secretary until 1974 when he decided to call it a day.

He gave an incredible amount of time and devotion to table tennis considering he hardly played himself and was always looking for ways to popularise the sport.

This led to the East Anglian League of Leagues that embraced teams from Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire to compete at senior and junior level in inter-city play and also tournaments.

Also, for many years, Eric was National Councillor representing Norfolk's interests, a position we have always had difficulty in filling ever since.

We shall miss his rare type of humour as this was his trademark and he was always good in putting this humour into print particularly his articles in the Norwich League's magazine "Mardle", in which some real gems appeared.

Putting table tennis in perspective. Waffle, he called it, but waffle or not, he made the point and he made you laugh. That was Eric — everyone's friend.

V.B.

Doug Moss reports from . . .

WORCESTERSHIRE

50TH ANNIVERSARY

The coming season will be marked by the 50th Anniversary of the Worcester League. It will be celebrated by a Dinner at the Chateau Impney Hotel, nr. Droitwich. There will be over 100 guests including Maurice Goldstein (E.T.T.A. President), the Mayor of Worcester and, amongst those present at the inaugural meeting in 1932, Cyril Smith and Eric Willmont. Later in the season there will be a "Golden Oldies" Tournament (for over 50's) and a Hard Bat Tournament. It is also proposed to arrange for an exhibition by top class players. There has been a most encouraging start to this Anniversary as the Midland Shires Building Society are sponsoring the League's activities.

This season there is also to be a Premier Division of the Worcester League. There will be only 5 teams but of a high standard and teams will play each other 4 times. Leading players from Worcester, Hereford, Gloucester and Birmingham will be taking part. There is divided opinion on the advisability of this new Division. However, Worcester is in a central position and provides a "battleground" for players of high standard. It seems a good thing provided it does not cause too much disturbance to the other local teams, e.g. as regards allocation to Divisions. A problem may, of course, arise at the end of the season as regards promotion and relegation!

The County has 4 teams playing in the County Championships, namely 2 Senior, 1 Junior and 1 Veterans. The first team has been relegated, which has taken the second team down a Division. It does not appear

there will be much change in the complement of players taking part. However, the services of Derek Baddeley, an ex-international player and one of the very first exponents of the "loop", will not be available as County Team Manager. Derek has decided to retire from the job and will be sadly missed. I think it is only if one has done this job that it is appreciated how much time, thought and patience are expended if the job is done well — as it certainly has been. It seems disappointing that Derek has also decided to give up playing the game having unbelievably reached the veteran stage. I hope he will reflect on this one. The County Association has not, as yet, appointed a successor. The Senior teams Selection Committee comprising Doug Moss, John Mytton and Doug Young will be endeavouring to fill the gap. It is pleasing that Doug Young has taken the lead in arranging County Senior team trials and liaising with the players.

Trials were held at the Christopher Whitehead School, Worcester on Sept. 11/12. Disappointingly Jeremy Duffield, the County champion, did not attend and Simon Claxton was unfit. However, the standard was good and the Trials were the best held in the County for some seasons. Trevor Washington played very well and was unbeaten. Steve Dunning also showed his class and was beaten only by Trevor. The ladies' trial showed Sandra Roden, a County Junior last season, in very good form. She beat Lynda Reid, the County champion, and lost only to 13-year-old Louise Davies.

The senior ranking list resulted:

Men	Women
1 T. Washington	1 L. Reid
2 S. Dunning	2 M. Mytton
3 S. Claxton	3 S. Roden
4 M. Jukes	4 L. Davies
5 N. Bottomley	5 J. Hunt
6 K. Walton	6 A. Snee
7 M. Sykes	7 D. Hough
8 M. Hingley	8 S. Foley
9 M. Wood	9 B. Jukes
10 B. Belcher	10 S. Hembrey
11 W. Ahern	11 S. Betteridge
12 S. Taylor	12 B. Shammon
13 I. Lindsay	13 V. Royal
14 P. Knights	

Note: Players who did not attend the Trials, or give satisfactory explanations, have not been ranked at this stage.

Veterans

Men	Women
1 M. Wood	1 J. Hunt
2 B. Belcher	2 B. Jukes
3 B. Thompson	3 S. Hembury
4 K. Firkins	4 B. Shammon
5 R. Butterton	5 V. Royal
6 G. Kershaw	6 M. Hough
7 J. E. Smith	7 J. Carter
8 J. Thomson	

The Junior team is automatically headed by Murray Jukes and Louise Davies, who played in the Senior trials. The boys' trials were not altogether conclusive. There was a good all round standard with David Taylor, Dean Kloos, Mark Jones and Mark Roden just getting the edge on other players. The girls' trials saw Lisa Hunt (Kidderminster) unbeaten. At the time of going to Press the final ranking list is not available.

The Association was extremely pleased to see Louise Davies come into the July National Ranking list of 30 Cadets at No. 7. She had not previously appeared in the ranking list. Louise holds the County Mixed Doubles Championship with Jukes and is

on the County Senior ranking list at No. 4.

Worcester and Hereford local radio (Radio Wyvern) starts on Oct. 4 but there are test broadcasts at present. It has been arranged that I will report on table tennis and cut my first tape on Sept. 14. There seems to be intention to allow good time for sports reporting which should prove valuable in publicising table tennis.

Mary Rose reports from . . .

WARWICKSHIRE

PREMIER STATUS MAINTAINED

Unfortunately I have to open my first notes by reporting that the 1981/82 season was not one of our most successful campaigns.

The 'A' team managed to retain their Premier Division status — helped by the non-appearance of Cheshire at the second Premier week-end and our one victory (8-1) against Northumberland. It might have been a different story if we had the services of Dougie Johnson at the first week-end's matches but unfortunately he suffered a training injury the evening before he was due to leave with the squad for Walthamstowe.

Our 'B' team won only one match and finished bottom but one in Div. 2A and were relegated.

The story was even more depressing for our Junior 'A' team. They failed to win a match and were relegated from the Premier Division, but on a happier note our Junior 'B' side won 4 of their 7 matches and finished 3rd in Div. 3B.

After the previous season's successes it was very disappointing and it is hoped that our County teams will soon be back to their winning ways.

County Badges were awarded at the end of the season to:

Senior 'B'
A. Pilgrim (Coventry),
I. Smith (Birmingham).
Junior 'A'
Miss M. McHayle (Coventry),
R. Lewis (Birmingham).

WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE

Once again the South Birmingham team dominated the Warwickshire League competition beating East Birmingham in their final match to take the title without the loss of a point. As a playing member in this league myself, representing Business Houses (I will not say where we finished), I saw definite signs last season that the Birmingham teams are being caught up by teams outside the city, such as Leamington who were a young side and very keen. Although Rugby lost every match in their first season I am sure they will do well in the future with the experience they gained. I wish them well as they were a very sporting side and deserve success. Plans are already in hand for this season's competition (Watch out South B'ham). As in the past two seasons the competition will be played over two Sundays (possibly three), which seems to find favour with all concerned. It is possible that the entry will be larger this season than the eight teams which competed last time.

WARWICKSHIRE CLUB COMPETITION (B. MACKIE CUP)

Forty-one teams entered the Competition which becomes more popular every year. The semi-finalists were Talbot v Garretts

Green College (B'ham) and Longacre v Genesis 'C' (Nuneaton). The eventual winners were Talbot and congratulations go to them.

I would like on behalf of the Warwickshire Association to record our thanks to The West Warwickshire Club, Olton, Solihull, who once again came to our rescue. Both the Warwickshire League Competition and the final of the B. Mackie Cup were held there, also a Coaching Seminar, and various other Association A.G.M.s. Thank you West Warwicks for all your help, we are very grateful. As everyone knows it becomes more and more difficult to find venues to stage our competitions.

PRESIDENT RETIRES

Mr. C. C. Hames who has been President of the Warwickshire T.T.A. for over 6 years has decided to retire from office. We deeply regret his decision and on behalf of the Association I would like to thank him for his years of work and effort on our behalf. Mr. Hames has accepted the office of Life Vice-President.

NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. Stan Lenton who has been associated with Warwickshire table tennis for many years, both as a player and on various committees, has accepted the office of President on the resignation of Mr. Hames. He said he would do everything in his power to further the aims of the Association, and the progress of the game.

COACHING

The resignation of John Taylor from the Coaching and Selection Committees, due to his move from the Warwickshire area was a blow. John has worked very hard over the years and it will be very difficult to find as able a replacement. Thank you John for all your efforts and all the best for the future.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Congratulations go to Dunlop Sports (B'ham) on their promotion to the Premier Division of the National League. The team won the play-off against St. Neots (winners of Div. 2 North). We welcome two new players to our ranks, these being Steve Mills (England No. 10) and Ian Horsham.

Dunlop Sports began their fixtures on Sept. 12 away to Soham, followed by a home match against Ellenborough on Sept. 26. Why not support the side, I'm sure you will enjoy seeing our team in action against some of England's top players.

HOME VENUE: Dunlop Sports & Social Club Holly Lane (off Tyburn Road), Erdington, Birmingham (All matches start at 2.30 p.m.).

I close by wishing everyone a very successful and enjoyable season and hope you will all keep me informed of any items of interest concerning Warwickshire Leagues. My telephone number is 021-743 7773 or write to me — Miss M. Rose, 45 Springfield Crescent, Solihull, West Midlands B92 9AE.

Tony Carey reports from . . .

SOMERSET

CONSOLATION, VICTORY AND REWARD

I begin this report with an apology for the absence of my article in the May/June issue, due to a variety of reasons too numerous to relate here.

The last few months have been extremely hectic for our hard-working County Coaches John Reakes, Les Bridges and Bill Kelly,

preparing our Cadet and Junior boys and girls for various competitions which, for their stage of development, are considered important. These were the Regional Trials at Worle School, Weston-Super-Mare, the English Schools Individual Championships at Mansfield and the English Cadet Ranking Trial at Northfleet.

A lot of strokes have been made, a lot of games have been played, hopes have been raised and dashed and ambitions have been realized during this period — and I have gained a few more grey hairs!

At the South-West Regional Trials at Worle School over the weekend of 24/25 April we had some good successes and encouraging results which indicated to us that we have got the broad base of talent on which to build.

The County No. 1 U-17 girl, Wendy Payne, gave a good account of herself in spite of having to use a borrowed bat. I hope this will inspire her to continue practising and playing during this coming season which will be her last as a junior.

Lee Sadler unfortunately missed these trials due to a mix-up of dates.

Sunday saw our younger starlets in action. Melonie Carey, Fiona Stuart, Sarah Webb and Rachel Scott in the U-14 girls and Paul Fowler, Paul Smith, Shaun Jones and Philip Payne in the U-14 boys all put up a creditable performance against very good opposition, Philip giving us a preview of his potential for the future with his new defensive style allied to a combination bat. He is the first of our younger players to try this style and I think if he works hard at it and resists the urge to smash the wrong ball he will win some good matches.

While the boys were performing admirably at one end of the hall there was an air of tension building up at the other end in the girls' competition with Somerset's hopes of a coveted place in the England U-13 Trial resting on the shoulders of our top two girls Melonie and Fiona, both having been finely tuned for this event. They started off in separate groups with Melonie having Sarah in hers and Rachael joining Fiona. Both came out top in their groups. They then entered a top six group to play off for No. 1. This was 'crunch time' with the biggest upset of the day when, against all the odds, Sarah beat Fiona after losing the first game to 5. I would have lost if I had bet on it. Well played, Sarah! Melonie, having beaten all others (and Sarah) met Fiona, and in a tense match fought back from one game down to win and clinch the trial invitation. The overall result was Melonie No: 1, Sarah No. 2 and Fiona No. 3.

Therefore, taking the girls' U-17, girls U-14 and boys' U-14 results, Somerset had a very successful and encouraging weekend.

The next big competition involving Somerset's young players was the English Schools' Individual Championships at Mansfield on May 1st.

This trip presented us with some expensive logistic problems to overcome with regard to transport and accommodation, but thanks to the hard work of Mike Williams and the generosity of the Bridgwater League and other friends who wish to remain anonymous, we were able to hire a mini-bus from Hamp School and stay overnight at a very pleasant hotel.

We were able to enter a boy and girl in all the age groups of U-11, U-13, U-16 and

U-19. The team was: Mandy Williams, Melonie Carey, Fiona Stuart and Claire Bryant, Paul Fowler, Paul Smith, Lee Sadler and Russi Captain. Unfortunately, Russi was unable to attend, which was disappointing for us, as we expected him to carry the flag well in the U-19. But our other stars all made their mark in helping to put the name of Somerset to the fore by winning at least one and in some cases more sets in their groups. The major honour went to Melonie, who, after losing in the first round to England-ranked Cadet Helen Broomhead -18 in the third of the U-13 event, progressed through to the consolation final, winning in fine style. This was her second consolation final in these Championships, losing in the U-11 final last year to Tanya Holland of Essex.

At the end of a very tiring but enjoyable day it was agreed that it had all been worth it both from the competition, which was very well run, as usual, under the direction of Eddie Mitchell, and the valuable experience gained by competing at this level.

The next episode of my saga is the English U-13 Ranking Trial at Northfleet, Essex, in which Melonie took part and Fiona was first reserve.

Melonie started slowly in her group, only recording one win, then she relaxed and played as we have seen her in practice, and recorded two fine wins over ranked players. At the end of another exhausting day a Somerset girl achieved her objective of a place on the Cadet Ranking List for the start of Season 1982-83, being ranked 18th.

This brought to an end the 1981-82 playing season, but it hasn't meant that we have gone into hibernation and like the old saying "We Never Close". We never stop our coaching days at the Somerset Training Centre, Chilton School, Bridgwater. This does not mean that nobody has a holiday — we certainly needed one after last season — but we keep the players ticking over and introduce new steps in their programme. Also, our County Coaching Officer, Mr. Les Bridges, has been on a busman's holiday to Scotland, attending one of their coaching sessions, taking with him Fiona Stuart, who was invited there to be assessed for possible inclusion in the Scottish Cadet Ranking Trial early in October. We all wish her well and know that she will give a good account of herself.

I seem to have ranted on about our juniors long enough, so I will mention our top players carrying the Senior flag. This coming season will be of special interest to our coaching staff as they will see our three top Junior boys of the last five seasons making the big step to establish themselves in the Senior teams. They are Dave Wilson, Dave Lee and Dean Sully.

Welcome back to the game, Dean. We hope you can recapture the good form you were showing before your unfortunate accident made you miss most of last season.

Also, we hope to see our young ladies trying for a place in the Senior teams, namely, Wendy Payne who, although still a Junior for this season, played very well when called on for the Seniors last season. Also Louise Jarman and Claire Bryant who, if they apply their talent, could do well.

The end of last season saw the departure from the Somerset boundaries of our No. 1 lady, Jill Greene, and her husband, Graham, who have taken up residence in Basingstoke. But I have heard that we will still see them in Somerset colours for this coming

season at least. Let us hope that our budding starlets will take the opportunity to watch, learn and try to emulate the wonderful touch that Jill has in her play. I know that she has been an inspiration to some of our older Juniors and it is beginning to show in their play. Thanks, Jill, for your past help in coaching at Worle and Chilton and giving them that good start to their table tennis careers which is invaluable at their age.

While I am on the subject of age and experience, I would like to suggest a possible fourth grade in the career of players which has been discussed among our county coaching staff and no doubt among other people in the game. This is the introduction of an Intermediate grade between the Junior and Senior ranks, bridging the gap from 17 to 21. This, I feel, would give a sense of purpose and encouragement to the late developer in Junior ranks and perhaps help to lower the drop-out rate amongst the talented, but still immature players, who find the deep end a different ball game when they realise that a good dog paddler can last the course longer than a free-styler.

Back to the Juniors again and the new season and all it may hold.

For Somerset the season is already under way with the first Open Tournament crossed off the calendar. This was the Bridgend Junior Open on August 21. Somerset got together a squad of 21 boys and girls entered in U-12, U-14 and U-17 age groups, some of the younger ones being only 9 years old, but they did us proud, giving of their best, and when it came to the end of the day they all, with very few exceptions, reaped their reward with a fair percentage of the prize money and trophies.

Our three top U-14 girls, Melonie, Fiona and Sarah, reached the semis of the Cadet Competition, the fourth being the Gloucester No. 1, Jenny Ellery, seeded No. 1 with Melonie No. 2. The first semi was between Fiona and Jenny and the other between Melonie and Sarah. This opened up two possibilities, an all-Somerset final or Somerset v Gloucester. The latter proved to be the case, with the two top seeds meeting, and to the delight of Somerset supporters, Melonie took one step further than last year by taking the title in a tactical battle with Jenny. Well played, Les! She then teamed up with Fiona and took the doubles crown. All in all, a successful tournament for Somerset and another fine performance by the Bridgend Committee in their organisation of this event. Just one thing that was missing — the Pat Archdale team in their smart turn out, lending a touch of colour to the occasion.

Onward then Somerset to the next competition, this being the Swansea Open Cadet Junior and Senior. I will comment on this in my next report. With all the euphoria of the Juniors at the present, it is hard to mention a note of caution, but I must mention one item which is vital to the progress of these youngsters, and that is regular competition at good venues throughout the season in local leagues.

This is becoming harder each season with firms which have long traditions of table tennis promotion in their sports clubs either closing down or introducing other sports to the same match nights which in most cases are not conducive to good table tennis concentration. This is driving some players out seeking other venues and others to give up in frustration.

Let us hope that this trend will soon be stopped and that we can all spread the word of the benefits of table tennis to the community, i.e. keeping the youngsters off the streets and channelling their energies in the right direction.

As a final note, I would like to wish all newcomers to the Bridgwater and District League the best of luck and success, in the coming season.

Ron Fosker reports from . . .

ESSEX

STILL ON THE MAP

Our learned chairman — those with long memories may recall — said in his opening notes of last season that he was to continue writing the Essex notes for the time being but that I would be taking over from him in due course. Unfortunately the latter came before the former as other matters occupied our chairman's mind and avid readers were left to wonder if Essex had disappeared off the map or was simply taking a rest just east of Harwich.

Well, no, it survived, only just in the case of the premier division team, with half-closed eyes in the case of the second team who travelled to Devon and back in a day after the overnight accommodation failed to materialise, and with distinction in the case of the juniors whose three teams lost only once during the season yet because of the vagaries of the system, none of them were promoted.

There have been other successes, most noticeably that of Phyl Lauder, Essex's own world champion, possibly the first since Johnny Leach (indeed almost certainly the first since Johnny Leach). Phyl and several others travelled to Gothenburg in Sweden for the first world veteran championships and arrived home with a gold medal in the women's over-70 section. She followed that with an even greater triumph — runner-up in the Essex executive committee's closed in which she beat junior match secretary Ray George and lost in the final to competitions secretary Terry Rayner.

Success too came the way of Dave Newman who was voted by his fellow players as "player of the year" and first winner of the Harry Walker Memorial Trophy, instituted in memory of the great stalwart of the county and later of the E.T.T.A.

Dave also captured the men's closed title for the second year running with a tightly won victory over Stuart Gibbs. Dave was rewarded by a jump of one place to No. 2 (behind Bob Potton) in the men's rankings and Stuart moved up five places to No. 6 where he should have been in the first place.

The story of the day at the closed, however, was provided by 13-year-old Lisa Hayden who completed a barely creditable hat-trick of cadet, junior and women's singles titles. She too was rewarded with a jump to No. 2. How long can Elaine Foulds hold on to the No. 1 spot?

After the A.G.M., the county has two new life members, Gill Squier and Len Hoffman, two new vice-presidents, Dick Roffe and Roger Vardon, but no new faces on the executive committee, as volunteers for the vacant posts of tournament secretary and vice-chairman were not forthcoming. Clive Oakman, who moves to the treasurer's chair, will continue to operate in a kind of

tournament secretary emeritus role, offering a guiding hand but getting others to help with the masses of work he got through last season.

Finally congratulations to Ian Whiteside on winning the E.T.T.A.'s Ivor Montagu Award, for services to table tennis in the country. Ian's contributions to the county and also to the Chelmsford and Braintree leagues have been enormous over the years. It is good to see him getting recognition from the top.

Pauline Long reports from . . .

NORTHUMBERLAND

THANKS AGAIN TO BILL AND LILY

The 'close' season activities this summer as usual read almost like a continuation of the previous winter season. The end of season County Association dance and presentation of League championship trophies was as usual held in May, and was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks once again go to Bill and Lily McMaster for organising the event.

In the Newcastle Schools' League, the Royal Grammar School practically swept the board, with their 'A' team winning the senior boys' division (their 'B' team finished fourth), and their intermediate and junior boys' teams also taking their division titles. St. Cuthbert's, Rutherford and Westerhope 'A' finished as runners-up. The girls' division was won by Walker 'A', with Manor Park 'A' finishing second.

Moving on now to the 1982/83 winter season — and the good news from the County front is that the second senior team are back after a year's absence. This can only be a good thing, as there was no doubt that interest declined last season without a second team place to play for. In spite of this, however, certain players were again conspicuous by their absence at the junior and senior County practice sessions on 4th and 5th September respectively, and although some had good and sufficient reason, the fact remains that others are obviously reluctant to put their team place or ranking at stake. Nevertheless, the teams for the first matches have been based more or less on the new season's ranking lists.

These are:

Men

1 Chu Van Que, 2 Ian Robertson, 3 Andrew Clark, 4 Fred Short, 5 Neil McMaster, 6 Martin Young, 7 Tom Trewhitt, 8 Martin Moore, 9 John Burke, 10 Glenn McCordle, 11 Peter Whiteman, 12 Martin Tate, 13 Dave McAllister, 14 Ronnie Scott, 15 Phil Stewart, 16 Alan Matthewson.

Women

1 Clare Mouzon, 2 Christine Burke, 3 Caron Buglass, 4 Kit Cheung, 5 Pauline Long, 6 Julie Land (née Hobson), 7 Shirley Laver, 8 Susan Norris.

Junior Boys

1 McMaster, 2 Peter Curry, 3 Thomas Blackman, 4 Stephen Pearce, 5 Stephen Waugh, 6 Eddie Smith, 7 John Bridges, 8 P. Walters, 9 Jonathan Miller, 10 Wasim Shakoor, 11 Dave Watson, 12 Keith Patterson, 13 John Fairbairn, 14 Rob Hall, 15 Damien Linskill, 16 Steve Allen.

Junior Girls

1 Mouzon, 2 Denise Campbell, 3 Denise Wilkinson, 4 Karen Wilkinson, 5 Judith Drapkin, 6 Julie Robson, 7 Elizabeth Hopper, 8 Tania McMaster, 9 Meeta Shukla.

Cadet Boys

1 Watson, 2 Darren Shaw, 3 S. Scott, 4 D. Fairbairn, 5 M. Quinn, 6 G. Fairbairn.

Cadet Girls

None at present.

1st Team:

Chu Van Que, Andrew Clark, Ian Robertson, Clare Mouzon, Christine Burke.

2nd Team:

Fred Short, Neil McMaster, Martin Young, Caron Buglass, Kit Cheung.

Junior Team:

Peter Curry, Thomas Blackman, Stephen Pearce, Denise Campbell, Denise Wilkinson.

Neil McMaster and Clare Mouzon will play for the junior team only where there is no clash with the senior team matches, and of last season's team, Martin Tate, Alan Matthewson, Nicholas Jeffreys and Christine Burke are now all over age. This will obviously mean that this season's team will lack experience — only Denise Campbell has played at this level before — but regular match play at this standard can only be a valuable asset to this young team.

Mayfair Wallcoverings having completed an eventful season last year by retaining their place in the Premier Division of the National League after a hectic end-of-season scramble to avoid relegation, will again be competing this year with the same squad of Chu Van Que, Keith Paxton, Andrew Clark and Ian Robertson. A welcome new addition to Div. 3 is Byker Community Centre, who include Durham players Nigel Jobling, Dave Godbold and Cliff Olsson in their squad as well as Northumberland second team players Neil McMaster and Martin Young. We wish both teams the best of luck in the coming season.

The Northumberland League season commenced one week early on 13th September to avoid ending the season over the Easter holidays. We hope all teams enjoy their season, be it good or bad — not everyone can win promotion, and someone unfortunately has to be relegated at the season's end. The County Executive Committee is similar to last season, namely Bill McMaster (Chairman), Aubrey Drapkin (Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the E.T.T.A.), Alan Morpeth (County Secretary and Northumberland National Councillor), Jimmy Scope (Match and Tournament Secretary), Bill Brown (Treasurer), Sid Holt (League and Handbook Secretary), Pauline Long (Publicity Secretary), and Charles Mouzon (Area 5 Coaching Panel Representative), plus members Larry Cartmell, Bill Hodgkins (co-opted this season), Alan Livingstone, Ken Lusk, Jack McAllister, Alex Olsson and Arnold Warents. Colin Aitchison, Audrey Buck and Brian Thompson have all resigned.

Julie Hobson was married to Jimmy Land in August, and best wishes go to them both for their future happiness. Julie, however, still intends to carry on playing table tennis, and in fact was present at the senior county practice session. Unfortunately, Barbara Young, following her marriage last year, has officially retired from County play. Barbara achieved considerable success in representing Northumberland at junior and senior level over the years and we thank her for her services to the County, which were given regularly in spite of considerable travelling difficulties from her home at Guisborough.

Alf Peppard reports from . . .

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

"NOT ON YOUR TELLY!"

After a solid month of dedicated goggle box watching earlier on in the summer — for those who like it (football of course) — closely followed by the annual pilgrimage to Wembley which lasted a fortnight, one pauses to gather ones wits and seemingly reflect. Does our sport get this prestigious ovation? "NAY, NOT ON YOUR TELLY", indeed we have to be wholly content with the Worlds on a biennial basis and now that applies also to the English Open which is alternating with the Welsh.

I'm not knocking these hitherto mentioned great sporting institutions, but when I see darts, almost over-night, becoming the popular medium that it is today I somehow cannot believe that what was once, well within my lifetime, no more than a quiet pastime in between gulps of beer at the local, has now escalated into a national sport entailing World Championships etc., and T.V. coverage galore.

Readers may criticise my morbid thoughts but, after all, "Each to his/her own". But it would be nice if table tennis could be afforded more coverage. After all it is an international sport, that goes without saying, it's also been around for quite some time, 1922 the E.T.T.A. was formed, or so I understand, but in so many places (except China) it still suffers from the stigma of a Cinderella sport. Perhaps the tide will turn one day to greatly favour our sport and maybe put it in the same category of T.V. viewing such as enjoyed by snooker.

At the time of writing the autumn leaves are just beginning to fall, signifying a dying summer but heralding yet again the approach of a new table tennis season. I wonder just how many players and administrators who but a few months ago vowed they would give up the game or "this will be my last season on the committee" (type

of attitude) have had a change of heart and decided to face 1982/83 for yet another season' "My guess", MANY, and in most leagues it will be the same old stalwarts as last time.

Cheltenham players, Dave Harvey, Steve Moreman and Richard Russell obtained good results in the last Open tournament of the season — at Bath, Dave and Steve reached the quarters of the singles and Richard lost in the semis to the top seed Malcolm Francis.

Youth must always receive its chance to be reported upon. Too late for the May/June edition of T.T.N. The West Midlands Under-12 Invitation Team Tournament at Pontesbury on May 22. Gloucester results were:

Group 1

lost to Chesterfield 0-8.

2nd place

bt Grove 5-3.

bt Shrewsbury 8-0.

Semi-final

lost to Pontesbury 2-6.

3rd place

bt Nottingham 6-2.

Final Placings:

1 Chesterfield, 2 Pontesbury, 3 GLOUCESTER, 4 Nottingham, 5 Grove, 6 Coventry, 7 Ellesmere Port, 8 Shrewsbury.

Individual results (Gloucester players only) in ranking order:

Howard Williams (Stroud) won 3-7 lost

Stephen Hodges (Glos) won 4-6 lost

Dale Saunders (Glos) won 7-3 lost

Gary Thomas (Glos) won 7-3 lost

This was a very good tournament which ran perfectly to schedule and resulted in a Bronze Medal for Gloucester amongst some class U-12 players. Chesterfield (our first match) were a cut well above the rest. Against Pontesbury Howard Williams, a game and 16-12 up, faltered and lost. Gary Thomas won one and lost one in the third which might have given us a draw. Chesterfield beat Pontesbury 5-3 in the final. A very well behaved team effort by our players reports Team Captain Paddy Jackson.

At the invitation of Mrs. Pat Archdale (Avon) on June 13 I attended a very informal get together at Keynsham. The guest of honour was the Association's Chairman Tom Blunn, others present were Brian Lamerton (Chairman Hants), Derek Bonner (Somt), Len Smith (Sec. Wilts), Don Robinson (Chairman Dorset). Pat put on a marvellous Turkey luncheon and a very pleasant time was had by one and all. Tom spoke to us about all and sundry in relation to table tennis, and was both interesting to listen to, informative and structurally wise table tennis educational. My only regret was that I did not bring my tape recorder along to record all that he had to say.

International table tennis came to Gloucester City for the second year in succession, over the weekend of July 2/4, in the form of The Stiga English Schools T.T. Championships. What a delightful and hard working group of people these E.S.T.T.A. Officials are. Mostly they share an educational background coupled with what must be a superb love of the game. I arrived at The Leisure Centre in Gloucester quite early on the Friday evening and well prior to play having commenced. There was John Arnold (Chairman) with sleeves rolled up, tieless, and a whacking great hammer protruding from his hip pocket putting up the National flags of the competing teams. He did not look at the time one little bit like



Jenny Ellery of Gloucester City, at the moment ranked No. 14 in England as a cadet and one of our hottest potential players for some time.

The Headmaster of Sandal Endowed C.E. Middle School at Wakefield, West Yorkshire, but I assure you he was. And then Tom Matthews, M.A., The President, at the somewhat delicate age of ?? often to be seen wheeling tables around, jobs that surely should go to slightly younger people. Eddie Mitchell, the chief Tournament Organiser, from start to finish was here, there and everywhere. Thanks Eddie for doing that live Radio broadcast, you really let me off the hook and you handled it superbly as well. My thanks also to David Lomas the Schools Press Officer, he supplied me with a lot of information that I may not have acquired otherwise. Chuck Henery, the new Gen. Sec., I had the pleasure of meeting this year for the first time, and of course the charming Christann Durnall the Asst. Tournament Sec. Thank you Christann for your help also.

A great little crowd of very enthusiastic and well meaning people, I salute you all (including the many names not mentioned). Finally, what no mention of the players? Well for sure that's David Lomas's prerogative isn't it? Summing up, all I can say over the two and a half days of its running is that it was a great tournament and admirably run.

Gloucester City Gen. Sec. Andy Browett reports the City has been placed on the waiting list by the E.T.T.A. for staging an International match in the not too distant future. Plans are well afoot for the formation of a County Premier League, which hopefully will take place this season. Known as the C.P.L. it will be run by a sub-committee which will report back to the G.T.T.A. Executive committee. This sub-committee will have representatives from local associations as well as from C.P.L. players. The sub-committee will draw up rules for the C.P.L. e.g. how many points awarded for a win, etc. The Secretary to this committee (Dave Harvey) will have executive power in administering the rules and ensuring the smooth running of the competition. Membership of this sub-committee shall be determined by the G.T.T.A. (exactly as for other G.T.T.A. sub-committees). Let's sincerely hope it gets well off the ground and that in next month's edition of Table Tennis News I can report to that effect.

Glynn Lloyd from Newent who plays for Rudford & Highleadon in the 3rd Division of the Gloucester City league is a physically disabled person. Way back in the summer he took part in the Cheltenham sponsored table tennis tournament for the disabled, he got to the final of his respective group but lost to the No. 1 seed Derek Mothersele of Plymouth. It is rumoured in certain disabled table tennis circles that Glynn is possibly good enough to play for England in his own field of disablement. He is this year representing the South-West of England at Stoke Mandeville, this scribe and I'm sure many others wish him all the luck in the world.

At the County A.G.M., two new Officers joined the staff. David Colwill took over the Hon. Tournament Secretary's job from retiring Ray Westbury, and likewise Graham Wrightson-Warner filled in the post of Hon. Umpires Sec. vacated by John Bunn. The Chairman Mr. Alan Haines thanked both retiring Officers for the hard work that they had put in over the years in office.

The rest of the Officers duly returned were:
President: L. C. T. Davis.

Chairman: A. H. Haines.
Nat. Counc./Gen. Sec./Treas.: L. J. Smith.
Hon. Coaching Officer: P. H. Jackson.
Hon. Minute Sec.: J. Boyd.
Hon. Team Sec.: Mrs. J. Golding.
Hon. Publicity Officer: A. F. Pepperd.

The County selectors held the first trials of the season at Cheltenham College on August 22. The selectors wish it to be clearly understood that prior to these trials taking place a selectors meeting was held and a firm policy agreed upon.

As several players did not answer their invitation to the trials it was agreed to rank those who did turn up (there were 8 in all), respectively 1 - 8 and the remainder who were not present would be ranked thereafter in full recognition of their previous known form.

The ladies presented somewhat of a problem, only three were available for the trials. In view of this it was decided to rank them without trials.

With reference to both the Men's and Ladies' ranking lists it should be pointed out that these lists will be used as a guide to future selection.

Key:
Gloucester—G, Cheltenham—C, Stroud—S.

Men
1 Richard Russell (C), 2 Paul Jackson (G), 3 Dave Harvey (C), 4 Andrew Golding (S), 5 Darren Griffin (G), 6 William Dawe (G), 7 Paul Glead (C), 8 Richard Pepperd (G), 9 Bryan Merrett (G), 10 Martin Lane (G), 11 Graham Slack (C), 12 Steve Moreman (C), 13 Peter Harris (S), 14 Mike Collier (G), 15 Alan Giles (S), 16 Guy Greening (C).

Women
1 Nina Tsakarisianos (G), 2 Cathy Robb (C), 3 Jean Golding (S), 4 Christine Iacopi (G), 5 Julie Bearcroft (C), 6 Wendy Ruffles (C), 7 Jenny Ellery (G), 8 Heather Colwill (G), 9 Julia Evans (C), 10 Julie Towie (G), 11 Janet Foulser (C), 12 Sylvia Giles (S).

Concluding on County trials the Juniors will have their trials in mid-September far too late for the October edition of Table Tennis News.

Ron Hedley reports from . . .

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE TWO TEAMS WITHDRAWN

At the AGM it was decided to run three county teams this season and not five as previously. This decision was made to look justified at the county trials during September. Entries for the men's and boys' trials were down on previous years and only four veteran men attended.

The main concern centres on the females as only two women and two girls attended trials and only one woman wants to play for the veteran team this season. A proposal to run two veteran teams was defeated and it is rather fortunate it was, as we could not have run two sides anyway.

The following officers were elected at the AGM: Chairman - B. R. J. Webb, Vice-Chairman - L. Thompson, Hon. Sec. - A. J. H. Wickens, Hon. Treasurer - W. M. Clark, County Match Sec. - R. J. Hedley, Inter-League Sec. - P. Avenell, Umpires Sec. - A. Emery. A vacancy exists for Coaching Officer.

SLOUGH

The new Gen. Sec. of the Slough & Dist.

T.T.L. is Jacquie Farwell. The league season started on Sept. 20 with 51 teams from 19 clubs in 5 divisions. The Hard Bat tournament will be held at Langley Grammar School on Nov. 14.

Honours for the 1981/2 season were:

Men's Singles:
Viv McCarthy.
Women's Singles:
Mandy Reeves.
Men's Doubles:
McCarthy/Syd Montgomery.
Women's Doubles:
Reeves/Jacquie Farwell.
Mixed Doubles:
McCarthy/Linda Phelps.
Boys' Singles:
Mark Butler.
Girls' Singles:
Carole Brown.
Veterans' Singles:
Len Pratt.
Div. 1 — Calor
Div. 2 — N.W.C.A. 'A'
Div. 3 — Langley 'B'
Div. 4 — Langley 'C'
Div. 5 — N.W.C.A. 'B'
Calor — Mandy Reeves.
Steve Brindle.
Bob Parkinson.

Slough won Divs. A and C of Bucks Inter-League. Peter Simmonds and Frank Earis shared Sewell Cup with 11 wins from 14 matches. The 1982 Summer League ran with 32 teams in 4 divisions. First division champions were Cippenham Alpha.

An oddity about the Slough League committee this season is that of ten members, four are ladies; and three of them are teenagers. Some like a takeover bid!

CIPPENHAM

Cippenham are still the only Bucks team in the National League. This season the club will operate in Div. 3 East and play home matches in the Elliman Hall at the Centre, Farnham Road, Slough, all commencing at 3 p.m.

The nucleus of the squad is similar to last season; the changes that have been made adding youth to blend with the experienced. The full squad in ranking order is Ray Tilling, Peter Simmonds, Viv McCarthy, Frank Earis, Alec Watson and Daryll Windsor. In addition Dave Pountney and Graham Trimming are registered as reserves.

The experience gained last season when the club finished bottom (just!) of Div. 3 South should assist in gaining a better position this season in a division now reduced to six teams.

All Bucks table tennis fans are encouraged to support the team at the next home fixture which is on June 9 when the star-studded Colne Valley side will be the visitors.

Vic Bennett reports from . . .

NORFOLK GREAT SHOCK

It was a great shock to all the table tennis fraternity to hear of the passing of Eric Fairhead in early June. Eric was a co-founder of the Association in season 1947/48, being its Secretary for a quarter of a century until his retirement in 1974. He had also connections with the East Anglia League of Leagues and also the Norwich

League for whom he stage managed many internationals at the Lads' Club and was credited with his so-called "Beer Crate Stand". He was also a National Councillor.

Not many committee changes for the season, and new members are Sidelsey on the Selection Committee and Mick Musson taking over the 2nd team seniors. This team was withdrawn due to many factors i.e. travel, expense and managerless. Mick made a last minute rescue act to get the team re-instated and take over the team's management. The final twist in the story is to find other teams dropped out, leaving four matches only — all at home.

The five-man Ranking/Selection Committee have met over the past few weeks a total of seven hours to attempt to "get it right" for the senior campaign. Although it seems a lot of man hours it is hoped the players will endorse its findings and show as much commitment as the committee showed at its meetings.

On the Junior front, it's good to hear of the highest number of juniors in the East region squad. Phil Logsdon, Simon Steward, David Honor, Steve Fox and Neil Pickard. But where are the girls? Les Rayment is still running his junior coaching sessions at the Wall Road School, Norwich, and is always interested in new recruits, particularly girls.

My Norwich colleagues inform me the "Big Day" is near with the commencement of the new table tennis centre at the Norman Community Centre, as building progresses, on Sept. 27, 1982.

A late result: the Norwich Schools Team Championships was won by Hewett 'A', taking the Harry Levine Shield, beating last year's winners Wyomondham College 'A'. Fourteen teams participated.

In the Individual Top Boy Competition with 64 entries. David Honor (Hewett) beat Steve Pendle (Blyth Jex), and the Girls - C. Chamberlin (Hethersett) beat Rachel Wilson (Hewett).

J. Williams lost to Werner -20, -21; lost to C. Shetler -19, -11.
J. Woollins bt R. Thomas 17, -18, 15; lost to Creasey -11, 15, -21.
J. Bassett bt Shetler 17, 16; bt Thomas 12, 15.

Despite a slightly disappointing crowd, the atmosphere was second to none. Why not come and support your National League team — the next home match is against Solihull on Sunday, Oct. 17.

It is encouraging to see clubs taking a more responsible attitude and organising themselves to a greater degree this season. This has become apparent by the introduction of the Cornish Inter-Town League where clubs amalgamate within their town to achieve the strongest side possible and thus greater co-ordination between clubs is taking place. So far, eight towns will be competing, namely: Camborne, Falmouth, Helston, Launceston, Redruth, St. Austell, St. Ives and Truro.

St. Austell are hot favourites for the title whereas the National League format of four players per team has left St. Ives and Redruth a little unbalanced. As usual Falmouth should be there or thereabouts. This is yet another scheme devised by Launceston's hard working official Peter Hancock in an effort to encourage top class facilities; attract more spectators; boost publicity and to provide more representative honours for more players.

At the last Executive Committee meeting on August 19 it was decided that this season's County Closed should be held at Launceston instead of at Camborne Tech as in previous years. Mr. David Penhaligon, M.P. was re-elected as the association's President and Mr. Brian Baker was elected an Honorary Vice-President in recognition of his financial help. It was also decided that the county should apply for "select" status for its 2-Star Junior Open in 1984.

The Association's new "100 Club" lottery devised by Tom Honey, has been well supported and has almost reached 100 members each paying £12. This scheme was also introduced to help clubs, as the profits from the lottery go to the club elected by the member. St. Ives T.T.C. have set an amazing example to the other clubs by selling nearly 60 tickets and will now reap the benefits financially. A vast amount of tickets were sold by fund raising officer Ernest James.

The White Hart Hotel sponsorship scheme has also agreed to transport our County players to all away county games free of charge in the hotel minibus and also to six tournaments this season. Four have been provisionally chosen and are as follows:

Aberdare Open 10/10/82
Woodfield 1-Star 6/11/82 and 7/11/82
English Junior Closed 4/12/82 and 5/12/82
Cotswold Junior 'Select' 29/1/83 and 30/1/83

The Dave Constance coaching week at Launceston College proved to be highly successful — a total of 22 students attended the course although it was disappointing that so few applied from West Cornwall.

There has been no time for a county assessment but ranking lists have been released and are as follows:

Men

1 B. Cornelius (St. Austell), 2 J. Williams (Falmouth), 3 I. James (Met. Police and Falmouth), 4 J. Woollins (Launceston), 5 J. Bassett (St. Ives), 6 R. Bunt (St. Austell), 7 D. Williams (Falmouth), 8 S. Lobb (Red-

ruth), 9 R. Prendergast (Redruth), 10 M. James (Camborne).

Women

1 S. James (St. Ives), 2 A. Clemens (Camborne), 3 S. Collins (Callington), 4 S. Rapsey (Truro).

The above lists are not intended to be a ranking of all the better players in the County but are for County Team selection purposes only. This would explain the omission of Roger Jacobs and Nigel Cook who would certainly figure in a normal ranking list. John Bassett is at No. 5 because he cannot always be available to play and the nucleus of the team must be the players at Nos. 1 to 4. Veteran Dennis Williams is included to cover "last minute" emergencies because he will almost always be with the team.

As a result of a "mini" assessment held at Falmouth on Sept. 19, the revised junior rankings are:

Boys

1 M. James (Camborne), 2 G. Reed (Helston), L. Jose (Camborne), 4 M. Noel-Johnson (Callington), 5 P. Rees (St. Austell), 6 A. Vingoe (Camborne), 7 G. Barnes (Camborne), 8 A. Hunt (Launceston).

Girls

1 A. Clemens (Camborne), 2 K. Brown (St. Austell), 3 K. Broczek (Launceston), 4 L. Jewell (Falmouth), 5 R. Averill (St. Austell).

Congratulations are in order to Leon Jose who now heads the Cadet Boys rankings in the South West and also figures at No. 10 in the national list. Alison Clemens is now ranked 2 in the South West Junior Girls' rankings out of a pool of highly-rated girls.

The first county match will be against Avon away on Saturday, Oct. 2, and the first home match against Berkshire II on the 16th at the White Hart. The responsibility now lies with the players to make it an enjoyable and successful season for Cornwall.

EASTNEY ENTERPRISE

by Tim Manhire

"Great news for the Portsmouth area and indeed for the whole of Hampshire". This was the unanimous reaction to the opening of the Eastney Snooker and Table Tennis Centre.

For a business entrepreneur to invest a large amount of capital in our sport in an area that is not renowned for producing top class players, particularly in recent years, is a welcome boost for all local leagues.

The centre boasts ten World Championship tables supplied by John Jaques & Son and these are complemented by their nets and posts and surrounds. The facilities provided include showers, changing rooms, leisure area and TV and a well stocked bar providing an ideal setting for a family night out.

The only criticism levelled thus far is the standard of lighting away from the tables but improvements to this are in hand.

Roger and Terry Cole, the brains behind the centre, are not, however, merely philanthropists and will be expecting a return during the season on their investment. There are many other sports waiting in the wings to make good use of the space and therefore it is essential that all local and regional players make as much use of the centre as

Jeremy Williams reports from . . .

CORNWALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE ENTRY!

Welcome to the 1982-83 season in what looks to be the busiest ever for both officials and players alike. While the players have hung up their bats for a well deserved summer break, the officials have been busy organising a host of new events — the most ambitious of which is the National League Team Launceston Kernow.

Months of preparation came to a head on Sunday, Sept. 12 when, complete with a smart new playing strip and a superb venue, Launceston Kernow became the first Cornish club to play in the National League. The team is indebted to Mr. Brian Baker proprietor of the White Hart Hotel for sponsoring this venture so generously. The first fixture against fellow newcomers Jolliffe Poole was a tense battle from start to finish and ended in a draw after the Cornish side had been 3-1 in the lead. Launceston's saviour was ironically veteran John Bassett, who has come out of retirement this season for the umpteenth time and can still win comfortably over class opposition at the age of 42.

Match scores:

B. Cornelius bt J. Creasey -17, 8, 16;
lost to M. Werner -15, -15.

possible if it is to become a long term venture.

All too often Table Tennis is played in poor conditions. Cramped, unheated halls in the depths of winter are commonplace. Many areas would delight in a centre such as this, open seven days a week (10.30 a.m. to 11 p.m.) where good quality practice is available from a variety of players, or even to play your league matches in comfort at a very reasonable cost. See you at the centre!

TYNEMOUTH SUMMER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

by Aubrey Drapkin

The Tyneside Summer League's Annual Closed Tournament was played in Newcastle on July 17 and over 70 competitors took part. Fifteen events were staged on eight tables and nearly 600 ends were played. The main event, the men's singles, was won by Durham's Nigel Jobling who defeated Cliff Olsson in the final.

Cliff, however, won the doubles partnered by Dave Godbold, defeating Jobling and Jimmy Scope in the final. Godbold and Olsson fought out the premier division singles final with the honours going to Godbold whilst Olsson won the team event partnered by Robert Hurren.

Clare Mouzon of Northumberland swept the board on the women's side, winning women's singles, doubles and girls' titles. Northumberland's top junior, Neil McMaster was beaten in the final of the boys' singles by the No. 2 seed Martin Tate. One of the youngest players present was Darren Shaw who showed his future potential by winning the U-11 event, and being runner-up in both the cadet singles and doubles.

MAIN RESULTS

U-11 Singles:

Darren Shaw bt Michael Roughley 15, 16.

Cadet Boys' Singles:

Thomas Blackburn bt Shaw -18, 18, 17.

Girls' Singles:

Group Winner: Clare Mouzon,

Runner-up: Denise Campbell.

Boys' Singles:

Martin Tate bt Neil McMaster 18, 19.

Div. 1 and 2 Singles:

Keith Matthewson bt Alan Thompson 15, 19.

Premier Division Singles:

Dave Godbold bt Cliff Olsson -17, 19, 19.

Women's Singles:

Mouzon bt Joan Suddick 19, -20, 14.

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

Olsson bt Matthewson 19, 16;

Jobling bt Godbold 15, 21.

Final:

Jobling bt Olsson 19, 18.

CLUB MAGAZINE

The Grove Table Tennis Club has completed its first season in the National League finishing in second place in Division 2 (North). The players who represent the Grove travel from a wide area including Cheshire, Lancashire, Shropshire, Staffordshire and West Midlands.

In order to promote the club during the 1982/3 season a typed magazine will be produced in October, December, February and April. The publication will be sent to all table tennis leagues in the counties of West Midlands, Cheshire, Lancashire,

Staffordshire, Shropshire and Clwyd.

League secretaries in these areas are being encouraged to send contributions to the publications, the magazine will be free and hopefully help promote the sport in the North West and Midlands area.

The Editor will be Mr. Ian Marshall of 9 Glendon Close, Market Drayton, Shropshire. Ian is also looking for prospective advertisers to help alleviate the cost and the rates are quite reasonable.

4th KIRKLEES 2-STAR OPEN

BATLEY PRIZE BONANZA

by Gordon Sanders

Kent's Ian Kenyon and Lisa Bellinger of Beds, took the major titles to become the recipients of the biggest cheques, amounting to £275 and £175 respectively, at Batley Sports Centre when the Kirklees 2-Star Open got the new tournament season under way over the weekend of Sept. 4/5.

Thanks to sponsorship provided by Kirklees Leisure Services, Yorkshire Television, D. Kippine Ltd., and Silver Paint and Lacquer Co. Ltd., the total prize money at stake amounted to a record £1,325!

Unseeded Kenyon's final victim was the young Derbyshire player, Alan Cooke — he beat Carl Prean in the semis — having previously accounted for Gary Lambert, Nigel Eckersley, Peter McQueen and, in the semis, Yorkshireman Steve Mills.

Mills, with a stance more in keeping with that of a preying mantis, had the distinction of ousting the No. 2 seed, John Hilton, who was regarded as the favourite in the absence of the top seed Paul Day.

Lisa Bellinger advanced her cause considerably by winning the women's singles with a final victory over Lancashire's Joy Grundy having taken out the top seed, Karen Witt, in the semis. It was at this stage that Miss Grundy inflicted a sound defeat on the No. 2 seed, Anita Stevenson.

Kenyon was also concerned in the men's doubles further bulging his wallet by partnering David Wells to a final victory over Mills and Alan Fletcher. In the counterpart women's event victory went to Miss Stevenson and Mandy Reeves with a final win over Miss Witt and Melody Hill.

In the two junior events Prean, the European cadet champion, had a final victory over Cooke in the boys' whilst Lisa Bellinger picked up a second winners cheque with a final girls' win over Tracy Lightfoot. Andy Creed won the Class 2 mixed singles with Stephen Moore the runner-up.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

A. Cooke (Dy) bt C. Prean (IOW) 18, 22;

I. Kenyon (K) bt S. Mills (Y) 18, -18, 15.

Final:

KENYON bt Cooke 10, 14.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

L. Bellinger (Bd) bt K. Witt (Bk) 14, -19, 13;

J. Grundy (La) bt A. Stevenson (Le) 12, 13.

Final:

BELLINGER bt Grundy 19, -28, 17.

Men's Doubles:

A. Fletcher (Y)/Mills bt P. D'Arcy (Ch)/

S. Scowcroft (La) 15, 19;

Kenyon/D. Wells (Mi) bt A. Boasman (Ch)/
P. Bowen (La) 12, -20, 18.

Final:

KENYON/WELLS bt Fletcher/Mills 16, 14.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

M. Hill (Y)/Witt bt Grundy/J. Parker (La)

-14, 11, 17;

M. Reeves (Bk)/Stevenson bt J. and L.

Bellinger (Bd) -13, 19, 20.

Final:

REEVES/STEVENSON bt Hill/Witt 17, 19.

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

Prean bt D. Rook (Y) 12, 8;

Cooke bt S. Sharpe (Y) 21, 18.

Final:

PREAN bt Cooke 10, 15.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

L. Bellinger bt R. Brook (Y) 6, 6;

T. Lightfoot (Ch) bt Parker -19, 14, 17.

Final:

BELLINGER bt Lightfoot 13, -18, 19.

Class 2 Mixed Singles Semi-finals:

A. Creed (Av) bt P. Collino (Mi) 15, 17;

S. Moore (Sx) bt M. Stead (Y) 14, -18, 19.

Final:

CREED bt Moore -17, 15, 16.

THE COLGATE NORTH OF ENGLAND 2-STAR OPEN

HILTON STILL STRUGGLING

by George Yates

In conditions more in keeping with a sauna at Stretford Sports Centre on Sept. 18 the local press story was centred on the third round defeat suffered by former European champion, John Hilton, at the hands of England's fourth-ranked junior, Alan Cooke, in the men's singles.

Nor was it to be Cooke's day for in the subsequent round it was the Chesterfield boy's turn to take a nosedive when beaten -16, 22, 4 (!) by York's Tony Sanderson who, in turn, fell to Stephen Scowcroft of Bolton.

Top seed and title holder, Douggie Johnson, failed to put in an appearance and, with Hilton gone, the title was wide open but neither was it destined to be captured by the next two favourites, Nigel Eckersley nor Steve Mills.

Out of the pack, in the lower category of seeds, it was Yorkshire's Kevin Beadsley who triumphed having the easiest of passages against Chris Rogers in the final.

Joy Grundy, unsuccessful in the Kirklees final, found the going much easier in the Manchester tournament and cruised to a comfortable victory in an uninspired women's singles final against Melody Hill.

Mrs. Hill did take a first however, in the women's doubles partnered by Anita Stevenson, the counterpart men's title being won by Hilton and Phil Bowen who came back from an opening game deficit to account for Beadsley and Eckersley in the final.

Only in his second round meeting with Philip Aspinall of Oldham was Cooke taken to a deciding game in the boys' singles his final success over Philip Gunn of Birmingham being little short of a romp.

Melanie Seaton of Yorkshire was the winner of the girls' singles beating Tracey Lightfoot of Crewe in the final having ousted the top seed, Jean Parker, in the semis.

Derek Schofield failed to retain his veteran singles title when beaten in the final by **Matt Sheader** of Louth who, in the semis, took care of Cheshire's other main contender Pete D'Arcy.

All in all a hot and tiring day and doubtless one that tournament organiser and referee, Les Jones, would be pleased to see the conclusion of. But all credit to the Jones boy who stuck to his task manfully.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

K. Beadsley (Y) bt I. Warner (Dy) -18, 8, 12;
N. Eckersley (Ch) bt T. Washington (St) 10, 13;

C. Rogers (Le) bt S. Mills (Y) 16, 8;
S. Scowcroft (La) bt A. Sanderson (Y) 21, 14.

Semi-finals:

Beadsley bt Eckersley -16, 12, 18;
Rogers bt Scowcroft -12, 18, 11.

Final:

BEADSLEY bt Rogers 14, 12.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Stevenson (Le) bt J. McLean (Y) 9, 14;
M. Hill (Y) bt S. Hunt (Li) -19, 18, 17;
K. Smith (Le) bt S. Peakman (Wa) 13, 18;
J. Grundy (La) bt J. Harris (St) 10, 11.

Semi-finals:

Hill bt Stevenson 16, -10, 18;
Grundy bt Smith 13, 13.

Final:

GRUNDY bt Hill 18, 13.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Beadsley/Eckersley bt P. D'Arcy (Ch) /
Scowcroft 10, 15;

P. Bowen/J. Hilton (La) bt S. Browne (La) /
M. Kinsella (Ire) -15, 15, 13.

Final:

BOWEN/HILTON bt Beadsley/Eckersley
-16, 20, 13.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Hill/Stevenson bt Grundy/J. Parker (La)
-17, 12, 18;
Hunt/Smith bt Peakman/H. Shields (Y)
-20, 12, 12.

Final:

HILL/STEVENSON bt Hunt/Smith 19, 20.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Cooke (Dy) bt A. Gibson (Ch) 13, 9;
M. Firth (Y) bt G. Dickson (Ch) 11, 13;
D. Rook (Y) bt B. Stringer (Ch) 13, -14, 11;
P. Gunn (Wa) bt D. Riley (Ch) 9, 16.

Semi-finals:

Cooke bt Firth 13, 17;
Gunn bt Rook 22, 12.

Final:

COOKE bt Gunn 6, 14.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

Parker bt A. Tickle (Ch) 11, 8;
M. Seaton (Y) bt D. Boughey (Sp) 16, 16;
J. Ballard (Sp) bt L. Harrison (Ch) 14, 10;
T. Lightfoot (Ch) bt C. Hemming (La)
15, 14.

Semi-final:

Seaton bt Parker 9, 8;
Lightfoot bt Ballard 19, 14.

Final:

SEATON bt Lightfoot -19, 12, 12.

Veterans' Singles Quarter-finals:

D. Schofield (Ch) bt B. Allison (Li)
-19, 14, 12;

D. Marples (Dy) bt Mrs. D. Johnson (Ch)
21, 9;

M. Sheader (Li) bt S. Render (Y) 5, 9;
D'Arcy bt J. Evans (La) 14, 17.

Semi-finals:

Schofield bt Marples 11, 13;
Sheader bt D'Arcy 11, 16.

Final:

SHEADER bt Schofield 17, 18.

BATH 1-STAR OPEN

by George O'Brien

Originally scheduled for Jan. 10, but snowed-off, the Bath tournament was eventually held on May 9. An entry of 139 was received and play took place in the Sports Centre in the very centre of the City. Playing conditions were superb.

In the Men's Singles three of the four seeds progressed to the semi-final stage with Richard Russell of Gloucester putting out Gary Wilkins in the quarters. Tony Healan did well to win a tight final against top seed Malcolm Francis.

Semi-finals:

M. Francis (Sx) bt R. Russell (Gs)
19, -18, 13;

A. Healan (Wa) bt P. Whiting (Dv) 17, 21.

Final:

Healan bt Francis 21, 19.

The Women's Singles produced no major upsets with all four seeds appearing in the semis. A very evenly contested final settled at "deuce" in the third.

Semi-finals:

R. Mackerell (Sx) bt S. Jones (Av) 17, 16;
E. Short (Dv) bt T. Shortman (Av) 7, 11.

Final:

Mackerell bt Short -13, 15, 21.

In the Boys' Singles the Welsh had a field day and the final between the two lads from Swansea was of a high standard.

Semi-finals:

C. Phillips (Wal) bt S. McBean (Wi)
-12, 16, 19;

K. Davies (Wal) bt S. Dixon (Wa) 15, 19.

Final:

Davies bt Phillips -18, 19, 20.

In the Girls' Singles young Karen Testa of Bristol played well to beat Jane Sully in the semis but the consistency of Brenda Lee gave her a well deserved title.

Semi-finals:

B. Lee (Wi) bt D. Kratochvila (Dv) 7, 16;
K. Testa (Av) bt J. Sully (Wal) 19, 19.

Final:

Lee bt Testa 14, 19.

Men's Doubles Final:

G. Wilkins/A. Jones bt Francis/R. Cousens
13, -18, 18.

Women's Doubles Final:

Jones/Shortman bt Mackerell/M. Leaves
22-20, 23-21.

Dennis Millman reports from . . .

NORTHANTS

SHORT LIVED EUPHORIA

Close season despondency in Northants changed to something akin to elation, when the younger element in table tennis circles, Brian Wooding, John Sanders, Ken Nicholl and Chris Handshaw took an administrative hand in proceedings, but the feeling of euphoria was short lived, when five players selected for the opening County Championship matches declined the invitation, and threw the new selectors into confusion.

However one player to be congratulated on his current approach to the game is Graeme McKim, son of former International athlete Billy McKim, Graeme travels to Shotley, Ipswich at the end of October for the E.T.T.A. Junior Ranking Trials, and his selection, and his No. 1 ranking as County Junior, are just reward for his dedicated approach during the summer. Additionally,

Graeme, who now adds to his commitments in the Northampton and Wellingborough Premier Leagues by joining Kettering Town in the corresponding Kettering division, will be attempting to complete a hat-trick of wins in the County's three premier leagues, a feat which has previously eluded, albeit narrowly, John Palmer and John Sanders.

While the County Association and the County Schools' Association have still failed to come to a mutually beneficial arrangement with regard to the proposed lighting installation at the Kingsthorpe Table Tennis Centre, there is good news on the sponsorship front for the former, with the Midland Bank, which did such a fine job in sponsoring last season's County League, tentatively agreeing to a generous sponsorship of the 1983-84 County Tournament, due to be staged at Kettering on Saturday, 26th November. Meanwhile this season's County Closed goes ahead unsponsored at Weavers Sports Centre, Wellingborough on 27th November, with a closing date for entries exactly three weeks earlier.

Finally the Kettering League will miss, in one way or another, Keystone's talented northern imports, who took the league by storm last season, but at the same time killed the goose that laid the golden eggs, for lack of ready finance has brought about the resignation of both Keystone sides, and as a result, Kettering's Premier Division, like those of Wellingborough and Northampton, will be evenly contested.

OFFERS INVITED

The Isle of Man T.T.A. have a Stiga Robot for sale and enquiries are invited from Mr. Ian Brown of The Groves, Union Mills, Isle of Man. (Phone: 0624 851335).

E.T.T.A. 100 CLUB

At the Diamond Jubilee Dinner held on Saturday, July 10, the opportunity was taken to conduct a 100 Club Draw and the winners, none of whom were in attendance, were:

£100 - J. Pike
£50 - K. Woodard
£10 - S. H. Crevald

£150 in Premium Bond prizes came the club's way recently so half of this was divided into three £25 prizes which were won by:

O. Reeves,
Kent County T.T.A.,
G. T. Scruton.

BEACH RESIDENCE

With effect from Monday, Sept. 20, Aubrey Drapkin, the Hon. Treasurer of the E.T.T.A., took up residence at 49 Beach Avenue, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear NE26 1DZ. Phone: 0632-514983.

BRIDGEND JUNIOR OPEN

Carl Prean won the Bridgend Junior Open boys' singles title beating Billy Gleave 11 and 16 in the final on Aug. 21. His semi-final victim was Phillip Gunn (7 and 10). Prean and David Griffiths — the Welsh No. 2 Junior — won the boys' doubles beating Gleave and Gunn 19 in the third. Adrian Dixon was the winner of the Cadet boys' event. There was very good prize money at Bridgend with £100 for the boys and £50 for the Cadet boys.

THIS & THAT IN SURREY



by MURRAY CORBIN

Hello! Here we go again! Perhaps you will allow me to wish every one of you a happy, progressive and productive season, irrespective of your role in promoting our sport. However I must warn you players that enjoyment and happiness will only prevail if you approach the season like true professionals — paying particular attention to every minute detail. In so doing, you will become addicted to practising and repeating good habits, like warming up before each game, practising with a particular idea in mind, watching opponents wherever possible before a match, and not being afraid to take a calculated chance to win a point. Players are generally so afraid of losing a point or a game that they play too safely and end up losing. Being brave by instinct is a rare gift, so most of us have to practice to become skilful at it. There are of course more rules to follow but by becoming addicted to a few more — like getting to a tournament early after being well rested the night before — you will help yourselves to achieve better results than you had anticipated.

After each season and before the next one starts, coaches must reassess and reshape their MASTER PLAN; keep the ideas that proved productive and replace the "rubbish" with new, sound ideas. Do not be afraid to experiment. Explain clearly what you are thinking and the benefits you are trying to achieve. Ask for comments and involve those around you. If an exercise does not work immediately or even not at all, it has still been an experience shared and you do not come out feeling a right "twerp". Our COACHING MANUAL, or Bible, is a work of art — a compilation of sound ideas that have stood the test of time; use it as a background and a tree-trunk, but you must branch out to become a full tree; along the way prune or even cut down a few branches to keep a clear road of communication. To reiterate, explain the idea behind what you want practised and the benefit it should bring, ask the pupil for his opinion and never proceed until the important points are clear in both minds. One of the questions I am asked regularly by coaches during my lectures to clubs, here and abroad, is, "What makes a really successful coach?". My answer is always, "A coach is a business man: successful business men plan not to fail, the unsuccessful fail to plan. Communication is major factor in planning". I do not know a really bad coach but I see a few achieving less than they should: these have generally got stuck in a rut and failed to

respond to new challenges. Our life style changes every year along with technology, we too must look for new ways to get the same or better results, and make coaching enjoyable for all and not just a necessary chore.

MIKE KERCHER had his usual Saturday sessions going at Tweedale School during the summer, while FRED GARBET specially organised eight Sundays at Spicers for the Cadets. Invitations are always extended to coaches to come along with their invited pupils. Sadly, only GAIL McCULLOUGH, PETER CORNER and myself seem interested and willing to turn out to help the two aforementioned on a regular basis. We have so many coaches and student coaches in Surrey that they must simply be afraid to find out or be told that they are doing something "not quite correct". At County level, we sometimes have a conflict of interest relating to stance, form or one of the other five basic points a player must be well versed in. We are not ashamed of the pupils seeing our heated arguments, because they realise that this is being done for their sole benefit. This is the reason why Surrey holds its head high above many counties. Our team and individual results are always very satisfactory, but this is due to the application, discipline and team work of a dedicated few coaches.

The Club Coach is, in my opinion, the most important coach — he is responsible for programming "good habits" into the beginner. If this is not achieved at this stage progress throughout a career may be hindered or even lost forever. For every young player who becomes a success at senior level there may have been more who looked likely prospects as juniors who have failed to fulfill this early promise.

Next we have the County and National Coaches who I believe should be "smoothing over" and teaching "advanced match strategy". Unfortunately, I often see them doing the basics, because on trying to set up an exercise they often have to revert to the basics before the exercise can become

effective. Too much time also has to be spent on physical training. A pupil should be fit and already experienced in this art which is necessary and complementary to the game. Whenever possible, I try to observe what the talented and skilful National — PETER HIRST and DAVID FAIRHOLM — are doing. In August I went to see them in action at Crystal Palace during the GUINNESS WEEK OF SPORT, and as always I was impressed with their methods and enthusiasm, but, to reiterate, I would like to see them have a higher percentage of correctly taught pupils to work with.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 13/14: SURREY JUNIOR CLOSED, Elmbridge Leisure Centre, Walton-on-Thames.

Jan. 15/16: SOUTH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR OPEN, Woking Leisure Centre.

Jan. 29: SURREY SENIOR CLOSED, Elmbridge Leisure Centre.

Mar. 19/20: SOUTH OF ENGLAND SENIOR OPEN, Woking Leisure Centre.

BITS AND PIECES

IAN BALDWIN and particularly PETER BURROWS (Redhill) should be pleased with the progress they have made during the Summer County Sessions . . . Laziness is CHRIS GLOSSOP'S (Banstead) pal; he too has moved much better this summer . . . I get excited, in the best possible taste, when I see ANDREW DAVIES (Frimley) play. He is an exciting prospect . . . ANDREW HARDY (Worcester Park) can motor when he wants to: does he want to often enough? His mother, Jean, sounds like a real "smashing lady" . . . Again may I wish the very nice and lovely MICHELE HAMS the best of luck for the season. I believe that Michele has suffered from listening to too much advice from too many coaches. She should now pick out her four best shots and build a simple and more effective game around these. If you look at players playing and you cannot understand their tactical plans, then nine times out of ten, their games are too complicated. Table tennis should always be kept simple be-



SMILES OF RELIEF on the faces of SARAH SANDLEY, PETER HIRST, MARK OAKLEY and GAIL McCULLOUGH, JOHN SOUTER, DAVID BARR - backing camera, MIKE HAMMOND, DAVID FAIRHOLM - leaning forward, SUSAN COLL'ER, MANDY SM:TH. SUSAN BLACKBURN, LESLEY SOUTER and CAROLINE BOXALL, after David Fairholm's daring dive from the top of the CRYSTAL PALACE Diving Board, during THE GUINNESS WEEK OF SPORT. David was instructed briefly for the occasion by Gail McCullough. NICHOLAS HOARE - showing his best features, is sitting up-front.

Photo by Murray Corbin.

cause of the speed of the game . . . I understand that DERREN HAMS showed signs of interest and worked harder at the Littlehampton camp . . . I was sorry to learn of the incapacity of FATHER ROWLEY and hope that he is fit again. Amen . . . Now that JACK DAWSON (Woking) is the secretary of the Guildford league and Surrey TTA it would be nice to think that Guildford will become closer to the fold than in recent years . . . JONATHAN PAGE (Peaslake), TREVOR AGARD and JEFFREY ROBINSON (Tooting) and the delightful JANE SUTTON (Morden) should gain some success if they remain as enthusiastic as they are . . . GORDON CHAPMAN (North Cheam) seems to be doing a satisfactory job in organising LARKHALL. It would appear that he has a good coaching team there. I hope that time will prove me right . . . Who said RAY MUNN has retired . . . DUNLOP clothing is quite attractive but suffers from the "hard sell" publicity of the "big two" . . . At last I am getting a lot of players to use ARMSTRONG PREXY. It used to drop "dead" after two weeks a few years ago, but it has been much improved and, above all, is obtainable at a more reasonable price . . . I am informed that all rubbers should now show the "make" and ITTF motif to be fully legal . . . Oh dear! players can still use "funny bats" . . . There is a whisper that DAVID BAKER (Guildford) and LITTLE JOHN (Watton) will be more active this season . . . I am pleased to learn of the pending affiliation of the HASLEMERE League to Surrey T.T.A. . . . MIKE PANTIN is coaching full time. Will he be releasing some talent soon . . . Recently, I demonstrated to MARK OAKLEY how he should have been taught to play most of his forehand attacking shots with his right leg forty-five degrees in front of his left one, rather than the other way around. The feedback I soon received from him was that it was easier to rotate, play and recover and definitely more convenient. I do not know why, but there are few coaches besides the National coaches who teach the correct form and stance to this important "stroke" . . . LESLEY POPKIEVIEZ raises her body on her toes nearly every time she plays a forehand drive or loop. Mike will have to correct this and improve her backhand as soon as possible. Lesley is another fine young body and well-mannered . . . Some coaches are receiving money for table tennis services without a legal permit for which they should have applied to E.T.T.A. General Secretary ALBERT SHIPLEY is going to tighten up on these regulations . . . JANE MILLS has worked very hard on parts of her game during the summer. If she is not now prepared mentally to lose a few serious matches on trying to get these good ideas into her serious game she could turn into a "chicken", like most of the losers and not enjoy the game . . . I found REUBEN RAMOS (Croydon) a joy to talk to . . . Watch out for the super-perfumed team of MARGARET JONES, AUDREY SUTTON, SANDRA HAMS, JOAN BARELLA and BARBARA SEXTON in Division 9, THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE . . . Fantastic! See you around.

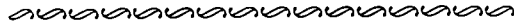
TV SPECTACULAR

The Secretin/Purkart exhibition which was staged in conjunction with last season's Norwich Union English Closed at Basingstoke will be shown on ITV's "World of Sport" programme on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 6/82.



Welsh Corner

by H. ROY EVANS



POLES APART IN SEOUL

Wales was among the forty-one national teams which made the long journey to South Korea for the Second Seoul Open. The Europeans gathered in Paris for that long trip across the pole — eight hours to Anchorage, and then another eight hours to Seoul. But it was all worth it, and although players need to be reminded now and then that expensive journeys are made for the purpose of playing table tennis, this was a mini World Championship which was enjoyed by all whatever their results on the table.

The teams stayed at the Hyatt Hotel — magnificent view across Seoul, with swimming pool, and a fashionable pool-side area, tennis courts, shops, bars, and for the players most important of all, splendid rooms and a mouth-watering selection of food for every meal.

The Officials were at the Schylla, a little more upstage, with even more comfort to spoil everyone. Transport was first class, and even the buses had police out-riders shepherding them through Seoul's frantic traffic.

Social occasions were at the highest and most lavish, with officials involved in receptions given by the Sports Minister, the Organising Committee of the 1988 Olympic Games, The Mayor of Seoul, and the Korean Television Company which incidentally did a fine job on many hours of exposure.

The Farewell party was one of the most unusual I have ever attended. It was held on the night before the Finals, an interesting innovation which was highly successful in many ways, but had the disadvantage of leaving everyone rather flat and with nothing to do after the Finals.

But the party itself was out of this world! We went out to one of Seoul's suburbs, to The Little Angels Performing Arts Centre, a somewhat unpromising prospect for a farewell party. But this magnificent building provided food and drink to please the most fastidious palate, offered in beautiful rooms and with delicate taste. The huge auditorium, with its rows of boxes, had its floor covered with dozens of round tables, where the contestants, a little apprehensively at first, sat to enjoy a performance by girls of between seven and fifteen in a series of brilliant production numbers, with songs and dances which held everyone, even the most cynical of youngsters, tight in their seats.

Little wonder that when this group of entertainers visited Britain in 1971, The Queen lavished very special hospitality on them, giving them unreserved praise for their artistry.

A music and coloured fountain extravaganza was also a fascinating part of the show, and then the entertainment ended with disco music for those trained for a loose rugby maul.

And what of the table tennis, which after all was why we were there.

Our Welsh team had mixed fortunes. In the team event our first pair of Alan Griffiths and Mark Thomas played the Korea No. 1 team and found them far too strong. Nigel Thomas and Gary Wilkins played Canada, and lost 2-3, a somewhat disappointing result, as we had the beating of the Canadians.

Mark and Gary had to qualify, and both did so in good style. Mark then had a fine 1st round with Bob Tuckett of Australia, who has always come out top against us, but Mark ran him very close indeed. Gary lost to one of the strong Koreans. Nigel and Alan were direct into the first round. Nigel went out 3-straight to the strong Frenchman Birocheau, but Alan disappointed in losing 3-straight to a Saudi Arabian.

In an entry of widely ranging abilities, with so many Third World countries there, it was expected that the "favourites" would come through without much problem. And indeed it was so, although Korea's final team win against Appelgren and Waldner was a surprise. Sweden had beaten Japan 1 of Maehara and Saito 3-2, and Korea 1 had won a quite hard battle with Hong Kong.

Predictably the South Korean women took their team title, a semi-final 3-0 win over Sweden being followed by a 3-1 victory over Japan 1, who had accounted for the young Finns Grefberg and Malmberg who had done so well to reach this stage.

In the men's singles Eric Boggan of the USA beat Sweden's Lindh, Bohm of Federal Germany surprisingly eliminated European Champion Appelgren, Waldner — European Junior Champion — triumphed in the fifth against Wan Kim of Korea, and Maehara worked hard and successfully to beat Korea's defensive genius Park Lee Hee in the fifth.

Eric Boggan had a comparatively easy win over Bohm in the one semi-final, but Waldner only scraped home 22-20 in the fifth in a long hard battle with Masahiro Maehara, and only the Swede's service proved the decisive factor.

Waldner beat Boggan in a tense Final, and although it was three-straight (19, 21, 19) it was again Waldner's tricky service that swayed the fortunes.

The huge crowd was understandably dismayed at South Korea's lack of success in the men's singles, but they had three women in the semi-finals of the women's event, where the sole Japanese girl Rei Wada struggled heroically before losing in the fifth to the runner-up Duek Hwa Shin, who lost in the final to her team mate Yung la Yang (13, 20, 13).

Other Results

Men's Doubles:

Maehara Saito (Japan) bt Appelgren/Waldner (Sweden) 11, -17, 15.

Women's Doubles:

An/Yang (KRR) bt Yoon/Hwang (KRR) 17, 19.

Mixed Doubles:

Kim/Hwang (KRR) bt Saito/Inage (Japan) -18, 13, 15.

Altogether a fine tournament, with one worrying feature — how does any other

Association follow such warm and expensive hospitality?

The Swansea Open

Mark Thomas (Rhyl) won the season's first tournament at the very good venue in the Swansea University.

Mark had many an anxious moment, surviving some very difficult pressure from Carl Morgan, the very promising youngster from Birmingham. Carl had been given a good run by David Kenefick in the quarters, whilst Mark had beaten team mate Gary Wilkins.

In the other half Dave Welsman scraped home 22-20 in the third against Tony Healan, after having match point against him, but then had an easy win against a lack-lustre Nigel Thomas, who had to play hard and long to dominate the defender Trevor Manning.

The final was a tense battle, with Dave, back to better form, taking the first game. Mark took the second, and lead 20-15 in the third, only for Dave to catch up at 20-

all. Mark then won the two points to give him victory, but he was a bit shaken!

Mark and Nigel teamed up successfully in the doubles, registering another win over Morgan, partnered by Lester Bertie.

No. 1 seed Lesley Tyler took the women's title with a 2-straight win over Shirley Cain from Wombourne, who has a Welsh qualification, and these two also won the doubles.

Nigel Tyler won the boys' singles, but Adrian Dixon, who had beaten David Griffiths, gave him a hard run. Rachel Roberts played steadily to overcome Evelyn Wright's improving defence in the girls' event.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

D. Welsman bt N. Thomas 19, 11.
M. Thomas bt C. Morgan 16, -7, 16.

Final:

THOMAS bt Welsman -18, 18, 20.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

L. Tyler bt H. Cotter 15, 12.
S. Cain bt J. Sully 11, 15.

Final:

TYLER bt Cain 18, 17.

Men's Doubles:

M. and N. Thomas bt Morgan/Berti -18, 18, 18.

Women's Doubles:

Tyler/Cain bt Cathryn and Susan Jones 19, 13.

Boys' Singles:

N. Tyler bt A. Dixon -16, 13, 13.

Girls' Singles:

R. Roberts bt E. Wright 16, 22.

Consolation Boys' Singles:

Dixon bt M. Oxley 14, 20.

Consolation Girls' Singles:

Wright bt M. Carey 11, 8.

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CADET RANKING TRIALS

Final positions at the Cadet Ranking Trials which took place in Gravesend over the weekend of May 29/30 were:

Boys

- 1 Andrew Syed (Bk)
- 2 Matthew Syed (Bk)
- 3 Paul Amos (K)
- 4 John Ferguson (K)
- 5 Jonathon Goode (Mi)
- 6 Greg Barden (K)
- 7 Michael Oxley (Wi)
- 8 Karl Ball (K)
- 9 Jonathon Bult (Y)
- 10 Peter Galila (St)
- 11 Leon Jose (Co)
- 12 Neil Pickard (Nk)
- 13 Sean Gibson (La)
- 14 Paul Fisher (Sp)
- 15 Bradley Billington (Dy)
- 16 Kevin Gray (St)
- 17 Adrian Boltors (Dy)
- 18 David Smedley (Dy)
- 19 Damian Holland (E)
- 20 Timothy Sheppard (Ng)

Girls

- 1 Jill Powis (St)
- 2 Lisa Hayden (E)
- 3 Louise Davis (Wo)
- 4 Rachel Knight (Mi)
- 5 Lesley Souter (Mi)
- 6 Clare Potts (Ch)
- 7 Sarah Hammond (Ha)
- 8 Debbie Soothill (Cu)
- 9 Juliet Houghton (K)
- 10 Angela Sanders (St)
- 11 Helen Perrott (Av)
- 12 Katrina Baker (St)
- 13 Tanya Holland (E)
- 14 Alison Evans (Y)
- 15 Debbie Bollard (Sx)
- 16 Jennie Ellery (Gs)
- 17 Melanie Carey (St)
- 18 Dawn Wickstead (Sp)
- 19 Gillian Patten (E)
- 20 Clare Brooks (Sy)
- 21 Lisa Robins (Bd)

The event was organised by Mr. Bob Taylor from Kent at the Northfleet Sports and Youth Centre and ran very successfully.

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Regional Finals will be held at six locations in Great Britain, followed by the National Final in London in June 1983.

This season brings a slight change in format with the Under-15 events raised by a year to Under-16 and Regional Finals now being scheduled to take place in May 1983 followed by the National Final.

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The Player

Personal Accident provides protection for members in respect of bodily injury whilst playing (including friendlies, practice and training) and whilst travelling by road (motorcycle costs extra) or rail to or from away fixtures. Injury can mean expense and loss of wages.

The Club, League or County

Public Liability provides protection starting from £500,000 in respect of bodily injury or damage to third parties or their property. This is an essential insurance to protect the member or officials from liability at law. Claims may well be infrequent but they are always expensive and if, for instance, a serious accident occurred for which the club or an official/member was responsible, then individual officials could become personally responsible for many thousands of pounds. The cover arranged will include liability arising from food or drink supplied (and also liability arising from visitor's activities).

Equipment

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WHAT TO DO

A proposal form is included within this publication and Norwich Union will be pleased to provide quotations without obligation. All enquiries should be directed to Norwich Union at Brighton where special arrangements have been made to help you. Please write or telephone E.T.T.A. Dept., Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, Norwich Union House, North Street, Brighton, East Sussex. Tel. 0273 21266 Ext. 281.

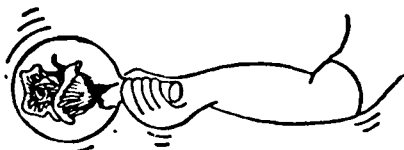
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72	S. Sharpe (Y)	58
73	S. Palmer (Sk)	56
74	A. Withers (Ca)	54
75	J. Proffitt (He)	52
76	S. Holloway (Sy)	50
77	S. Moore (Sx)	48
78	S. Browne (La)	46
79	A. Isaac (St)	44
80	A. Rich (St)	42
81	R. Chandler (Sx)	40
82	D. Holman (Ha)	38
83	C. Morris (K)	36
84	P. Collino (Mi)	34
85	J. Burlington (K)	32
86	M. Green (Sp)	30
87	G. Hallam (St)	28
88	S. Cowley (La)	26
89	R. Gunnion (Wa)	24
90	J. Clarke (Sx)	22
91	G. Spencer (K)	20
92	K. Green (Cv)	18
93	A. Creed (Av)	16
94	W. Percival (Ch)	14
95	P. Rainford (La)	12
96	M. Corking (Cv)	10
97	G. Baker (Sy)	8
98	P. D'Arcy (Ch)	6
99	D. Schofield (Ch)	4
100	A. Clark (Nd)	2

WOMEN

		Points
1	J. Hammersley-Parker (La)	230
2	C. Moore (nee Knight)	160
3	K. Witt (Bk)	150
4	A. Stevenson (Le)	130
5	A. Gordon (Bk)	120
6	L. Jarvis (Cv) (retired)	110
7	J. Grundy (La)	90
8	L. Bellinger (Bd)	80
9	A. Mitchell (Mi)	70
10	K. Smith (Le)	60
11	M. Hill (Y)	55
12	H. Williams (Mi)	50
13	M. Reeves (Bk)	45
14	M. Smith (Bk)	40
15	S. Hunt (Li)	35
16	S. Sandley (Mi)	30
17	J. Bellinger (Bd)	28
18	H. Shields (Y)	26
19	J. Harris (St)	24
20	C. Maisey (Wi)	22
21	S. Midgley (Y)	20
22	G. Pritchard (Dv)	18
23	J. Parker (La)	16
24	J. Revill (Le)	14
25	L. McLean (Y)	12
26	L. Garbet (Sy)	10
27	N. Tsakarisianos (Gs)	8
28	S. Collier (Bk)	6
29	C. Buttery (Li)	4
30	T. Moore (Sx)	2

BOYS

		Points
1	C. Preen (JOW)	186
2	N. Hoare (Sy)	156
3	B. Gleave (Ch)	146
4	A. Cooke (Dy)	136
5	P. Gunn (Wa)	126
6	S. Sharpe (Y)	116
7	G. Lambert (Dv)	106
8	A. Saxton (Sy)	101
9	S. Dettmar (E)	96
10	D. Griffin (Gs)	91
11	D. Rook (Y)	86
12	S. Worrall (Li)	81
13	E. Gorniak (Mi)	76
14	M. Ellett (Dv)	74
15	J. Thatcher (Y)	72
16	D. McVitie (Cv)	70
17	M. Thomas (Wa)	68
18	D. Dewsbury (Sy)	66
19	P. Cole (Ca)	64
20	G. Wilson (Dv)	62
21	P. Huggon (La)	60
22	P. Ashcroft (La)	58
23	K. Samuels (Bd)	56
24	J. Chan (Cv)	54
25	R. Hayward (St)	52
26	J. Wheel (Ca)	50
27	A. Dodd (K)	48
28	P. Logsdon (Nk)	46
29	M. Firth (Y)	44
30	R. Tilford (Ng)	42

GIRLS

		Points
1	L. Bellinger (Bd)	130
2	J. Parker (La)	100
3	S. Collier (Bk)	90
4	H. Bardwell (He)	80
5	T. Lightfoot (Ch)	70
6	M. Seaton (Y)	65
7	F. Elliot (St)	60
8	N. Tsakarisianos (Gs)	55
9	J. Ryalls (Y)	50
10	T. Moore (Sx)	45
11	V. Bellingham (St)	40
12	N. Hamilton (Bu)	38
13	M. Denbow (Ox)	36
14	A. Judd (Ca)	34
15	M. Hams (Sy)	32
16	To Thuy Dung (Dy)	30
17	L. Goldsmith (Mi)	28
18	A. Boxall (He)	26
19	J. Smith (E)	24
20	T. Holland (E)	22
21	L. Hayden (E)	20
22	D. Soothill (Cu)	18
23	J. Shaw (Y)	16
24	A. Hegarty (St)	14
25	J. Mills (Sy)	12

CADET BOYS

		Points
1	A. Syed (Bk)	115
2	J. Stokes (Bk)	105
3	A. Dixon (St)	95

RANKINGS '82-83

by Peter Charters

Chairman, National Selection Committee

'Lentec' are continuing their valuable support of the National Ranking Panel by the provision of computer services for the coming season.

Last season's experimental year showed the value of a computer ranking system but by the end of the season it became clear that the programme used needed to be changed. Most of the problems faced were as a result of the inclusion of a points losses system.

Therefore, the programme for the coming season will be on a wins only basis. No points will be lost and there will be no penalty points. The event weighting will enable a player to gain considerably more points at the major tournaments and championships.

Points will be gained by wins over other players with a computer score (not just those in the issued ranking lists). Obviously, more points will be gained by a win over a player with a greater score than yourself.

A technical article will follow in a later issue of Table-Tennis News, but the following are details of starting points, events, weightings and bonuses.

MEN		
	Points	
1	D. Douglas (Wa)	525
2	G. Sandley (Mi)	455
3	P. Day (Ca)	445
4	D. Johnson (Wa)	435
5	J. Hilton (La)	425
6	N. Eckersley (Ch)	405
7	S. Andrew (E)	395
8	D. Parker (La)	385

9	S. Mills (Y)	365
10	K. Jackson (E)	355
11	M. Mitchell (Mi)	345
12	D. Constance (Do)	335
13	D. Wells (Mi)	325
14	C. Preen (JOW)	315
15	Chu Van Que (Nd)	305
16	C. Wilson (Mi)	295
17	P. Bradbury (Bu)	285
18	M. Crimmins (Sy)	275
19	D. Barr (Bk)	265
20	J. Kitchener (Sk)	255
21	R. Jermyn (He)	250
22	S. Turner (La)	245
23	D. Tan (Mi)	240
24	A. Wellman (Bk)	235
25	C. Rogers (Le)	230
26	K. Beadsley (Y)	225
27	J. Souter (Mi)	220
28	I. Kenyon (K)	215
29	I. Horsham (E)	210
30	D. Reeves (Bk)	205
31	K. Paxton (Du)	200
32	A. Fletcher (Y)	195
33	B. Gleave (Ch)	190
34	P. McQueen (Nd)	185
35	B. Johnson (Wa)	180
36	B. Hayward (Wa)	175
37	D. Newman (E)	170
38	K. Satchell (Wi)	165
39	K. Richardson (Ca)	160
40	A. Bellingham (St)	155
41	B. Johns (Ch)	150
42	M. Harper (Ca)	145
43	P. Randall (Le)	140
44	M. Francis (Sx)	135
45	A. Sanderson (Y)	130
46	J. Kennedy (K)	125
47	M. Oakley (Sy)	120
48	P. Taylor (He)	115
49	J. Payne (Mi)	110
50	S. Scowcroft (La)	105
51	D. Charley (E)	100
52	M. Smith (Av)	98
53	L. Taylor (Cv)	96
54	A. Moore (Sx)	94
55	L. Clayton (Do)	92
56	A. Boasman (Ch)	90
57	S. Heaps (Do)	88
58	P. Namdjou (K)	86
59	K. Williams (Mi)	84
60	N. Hoare (Sy)	82
61	P. Smith (Sx)	80
62	F. Whiting (Dv)	78
63	P. Bowen (La)	76
64	A. Cooke (Dy)	74
65	B. Adedayo (Sy)	72
66	G. Lambert (Dv)	70
67	I. Robertson (Nd)	68
68	M. Hammond (Sy)	66
69	D. Munt (Wa)	64
70	D. Dodd (K)	62
71	M. Hankey (Ch)	60

4	M. Syed (Bk)	85
5	S. Craggs (Cv)	75
6	J. Goode (Mi)	65
7	P. Amos (K)	60
8	J. Ferguson (K)	55
9	G. Barden (K)	50
10	L. Jose (Co)	45
11	T. West (E)	40
12	M. Oxley (Wi)	38
13	K. Ball (K)	36
14	J. Bult (Y)	34
15	P. Galica (Sy)	32
16	N. Pickard (Nk)	30
17	S. Gibson (La)	28
18	P. Fisher (Sp)	26
19	B. Billington (Dy)	24
20	K. Gray (St)	22

CADET GIRLS

		Points
1	J. Powis (St)	115
2	L. Hayden (E)	105
3	D. Soothill (Cu)	95
4	R. Knight (Mi)	85
5	L. Souter (Mi)	75
6	C. Potts (Ch)	65
7	L. Davis (Wo)	60
8	A. Sanders (St)	55
9	S. Hammond (Ha)	50
10	H. Perrott (Av)	45
11	T. Holland (E)	40
12	A. Evans (Y)	38
13	J. Houghton (K)	36
14	J. Ellery (Gs)	34
15	D. Wickstead (Sp)	32
16	K. Baker (Mi)	30
17	D. Ballard (Sp)	28
18	M. Carey (So)	26
19	K. Wilde (Sy)	24
20	H. Broomhead (Y)	22

WEIGHTINGS

Results in different events will be of different values. Calculations are based on the points difference between two players at the time they meet. The points gained on the result of the set are multiplied by the following weighting factors which will be explained in the technical article to follow:

Senior	
2-Star Opens & National League	
Div. 1	(times 1)
County Championships Premier	

Division and National League Premier Division	(times 2)
3-Star Opens, Ranking Trials and Friendly Internationals	(times 3)
Other International Opens, Commonwealth Championships and English Closed	(times 3.5)
Major International Opens, European League and European Top 12	(times 4)
European/World Championships	(times 4.5)

Junior & Cadet	
2-Star Junior Opens	(times 1)
County Championships Junior Premier	(times 2)
'Select' Junior Tournaments, National Ranking Trials and Junior Friendly Internationals	(times 3)
English Junior Closed	(times 3.5)
International Junior Opens and European Youth Championships	(times 4)

Results will be included only in the category under which the event is played; e.g. Junior players' senior wins will not count towards his Junior Ranking, only his Senior one. Junior events in Senior tournaments will not be processed, although Cadet events in Junior tournaments will be.

BONUS POINTS

Bonus points will be awarded as follows:	
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Losing semi-finalists 20 pts. each.	
European Top 12 and International Opens:	
Winner 45 pts. Runner-up 30 pts.	
3rd or 4th places or losing semi-finalists	15 pts. each.

English Closed:	
Winner: 40 pts. Runner-up: 20 pts.	
Losing semi-finalists 10 pts. each.	
3-Star Opens, Selects and Ranking Trials:	
Winner: 30 pts. Runner-up 16 pts.	
3rd or 4th places or losing semi-finalists	10 pts. each.
5th, 6th, 7th and 8th places or losing	quarter-finalists 5 pts. each.
2-Star Opens:	
Winner 10 pts.	

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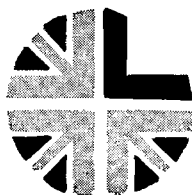
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Diamond Jubilee

Following the AGM on July 10th at the Regent Centre Hotel in London, 168 members and guests gathered to celebrate the English Table Tennis Association's Diamond Jubilee. The evening proved enjoyable in every way with an excellent meal, speeches, presentations and dancing.

Those present had the rare opportunity to hear the Hon. Ivor Montagu speaking about his involvement in the early days and on this occasion an impressive illuminated address was presented to the man who became the first Chairman of the ETТА in 1922 at the age of 17.

Regrettably, because of illness, A.K. "Bill" Vint, OBE, a former secretary (1950-56), chairman (1958-62) and president (1970-73), was unable to be present and another prominent guest, Emlyn Jones, MBE, Director General of the Sports Council, was also absent because of a family bereavement.

Rivalling the Hon. Ivor Montagu in his powers of oratory H. Roy Evans, OBE, President of the ITTF, proposed the toast to the ETТА and his speech is worthy of recording in full:

"Mr. Chairman, First of all, thank you for giving me the privilege of congratulating the English Table Tennis Association on this celebration of its Diamond Jubilee.

There could be a number of significant reasons for your having invited me to perform a very pleasant task — the first, because I am the President of the International Table Tennis Federation looking out, metaphorically, from the headquarters at St. Leonards-on-Sea on all our constituent members, or because I have been able, from Cardiff-on-Sea, to look out across Offa's Dyke at the tremendous achievements of a neighbour — or it may even be the wish for the masochistic thrill of risking what a Welshman would say about the English!

Your history starts officially at the birth of the English Table Tennis Association on April 24th, 1927, but I think this may be the appropriate occasion upon which to record some of the incidents that occurred during the pregnancy.

Whatever is the truth about its conception — and the stories vary in accordance with whatever country you live in — the facts on record point to the establishment of the game in much of its present form in the very early 1920's.

It may be news to many of you to know that the first international match was between England and Wales, played on 9th March, 1923. Similar matches took place in 1924 and 1925, and honesty forces me to confess that England won all three. But then

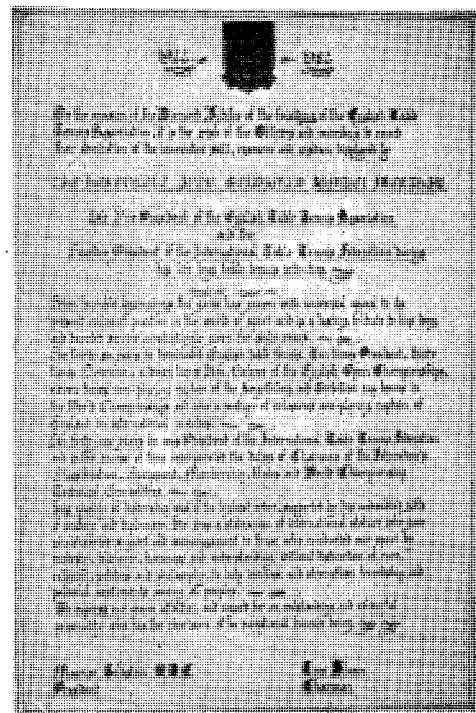
came an upset — in 1926 Wales won and repeated this triumph at the Memorial Hall in Farringdon Street on January 15th, 1927. Note the significance of that date — for this traumatic experience for the English took place during a period of anxious gestation, and after this final kick in the womb, the child ETТА was born on 24th April! So life began for what was to become very soon the strongest and best organised table tennis organisation in our World.

It is not easy for an outsider to identify all those who guided the destiny of the English Association during the years of rapid growth, and doubtless I shall forget many worthy of mention.

Your records include names like Oldroyd, Bunbury, Maurice Rose, Corti Woodcock, some stalwarts of the early years, others of later eras. Your Secretaries, by the nature of their work, became known across the geographical borders — Hookins, Poupard, Decker, Siddron and Bill Vint.

And in case you think I've forgotten, let me leave for special mention those two to whom you probably owe the greatest praise — Ivor Montagu and (dare I say it?) Welshman Bill Pope, the vision of the one being complemented by the drive and enthusiasm of the other. It was the devotion and unstinting labour of all these people, and many others too numerous to mention, which resulted in the set up of the club, league, county and national organisation, co-ordinated in rule and regulation which even today stands as a model structure for administering the game at every level.

History must record your debt to them, but you have an even greater loyalty to those who stand at the head of your Association today — Maurice Goldstein, Tom Blunn and George Yates, who are striving to maintain England's position in circumstances far more complex than at any time in the past. But forgive me if I refer more specifically to those who have projected English prestige internationally. The person who undoubtedly



The illuminated address presented to the Hon. Ivor Montagu.

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did most for England, and indeed for the International Table Tennis Federation during his long terms of office is Ivor Montagu. It was his foresight and enthusiasm which prompted the English Association to stage the first World Championships in London in 1926, and to repeat this great task in 1935, 1938, 1947 and 1954. It was in the main due to his drive that informal discussions taking place about the formation of a World body turned to reality when the International Table Tennis Federation was inaugurated in 1926. In those formative years Ivor had the devoted support of Bill Pope who worked so hard to put into operation many of the constitutional ideas that gave England the solid stable base that entitled you to be regarded as leaders in international table tennis. After Bill Pope's untimely death, Bill Vint came into the international scene, and he and Ivor contributed to instil English ideas and English stability into the ever growing and more politically influenced field of international table tennis. Both are entitled to praise from you for their projection of the English way of table tennis life, and from the ITTF for the invaluable guidance given us over many years. The ITTF is also deeply appreciative of another invaluable contribution — the spread of your very efficient umpire organisation outside your own borders, and the setting up of the ITTF's International Umpire Scheme, which has resulted in our having more than 1,000 qualified umpires operating in all parts of the World. We are indebted, for the administration of this scheme to that master of exactitude — Colin Clemett. During many of these sixty years, English players, too, have brought polish to the ETTA's gleaming brassplate. You have always had players good enough to keep you high up in the World ranking, from the likes of Godfrey Decker, Percy Bromfield, Carris, who played in that first international, to those who won the ultimate accolade — Fred Perry was your first World Champion in 1928/29, Johnny Leach brought you the title in 1948/9 and again in 1950/51. The Rowe twins and Ann Haydon adorned the distaff side, whilst expatriates Victor Barna, Richard Bergmann and Dora Beregi brought you some reflected glory.

But it has taken a long time to arrive at the era of Desmond Douglas and Jill Hammersley. There is no time now to debate why you have to some extent lost ground in player-power. It is so clear that the National Press likes winners at high levels, and you will, I fear, continue for some time to bemoan the paucity of table tennis cover in the big dailies. You must be grateful for the coverage given by your local newspapers, and for your excellent magazine "Table Tennis News" which, following the traditions established when you had the first and only specialist table tennis periodical, continues to enjoy a high reputation at home and abroad. Let me now quote you from the Foreword to the English Open Programme of 1952 — written I suspect by Ivor Montagu — "To the historian, eras are an intricate interweaving of personalities and circumstances from which no part can be cut without spoiling the pattern. The future is but the past entered through another gate. The present exists BECAUSE of the past just as the future will be created by the present".

So, what are you doing about the future now?

In the matter of playing ability, the situation

isn't easy. The deterioration of our game as a spectator sport, partly caused by an influence we hope can be modified in Tokyo next year, the upsurge of other games, many easier to play, and making for more attractive television, and all the problems associated with the provision of some kind of financial support to players trying to compete with others, state subsidised or heavily sponsored — all these are problems of great complexity, needing to be tackled with courage and determination now.

On the administrative side — may I say it as a friend — you have for too long failed to appreciate that many of the principles and practices you have taught the world are now in operation to the same degree, or even to a better degree, in many parts of the World. You are not alone in this — in many other international sports, control is passing from the English, or the British, to countries which learned all about sport government from us. Maybe it is too late to reverse that tendency — or maybe we should rid ourselves of the conviction that we have a divine right to govern, and concentrate on the task of reviving our own glories. It may seem churlish for me to finish on a chiding note, but I want you to believe me when I say that the Irish, the Scots and the Welsh want to see an England riding high in a sport to which it has given so much through the past sixty years.

Let me conclude, Ladies and Gentlemen by offering you the toast to an organisation dear to the hearts of the old hands who are here in such happy numbers and dear also to the younger ones who are now active in play or in administration — The English Table Tennis Association — its first sixty years, and to its everlasting life".

Two excerpts from the souvenir programme are also worthy of recording here, those from Ivor Montagu, Life Vice-President and Founder President ITTF and from Tom Blunn, the current chairman of ETTA.

JUBILEE GREETINGS

Greetings to all our members and our friends and neighbours — Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey and all points north and south and east and west!

Is it really sixty years since a few of my elders and betters got together and re-started Table Tennis, hijacking me into the chair not so much on account of any merit as in the role of convenient fall-guy — since we were not quite sure how anything was going to turn out?

Looking back, it's all turned out a marvel. For now our game has become one of the most widespread of all, giving pleasure even to millions and founding friendships all over the globe.

How did all this happen? Maybe we were right to be starry-eyed then, two whole generations ago. Personally I feel very humble about the whole business. If every one wanted proof that it is not just particular people who get things done, we only have to think of how things grew in our game, in our country, in our association — and no doubt this goes for all the others too. Just try to count the indispensable people — women as well as men, youngsters as well as old hands — who have done their bit as patient club secretaries and committee men, as referees and umpires, organising and keeping accounts (besides keeping the peace), improving the equipment and polishing the rules, reporting and coaching, playing for fun and even sometimes playing well, besides brewing the tea, making the

sandwiches and perhaps even opening the occasional bottle.

Everybody has been needed. No names — everybody has done a part of it. I think it fair to say, too, that we have all enjoyed it. Thanks to everyone, keep it up!

Ivor Montagu,

Life Vice-President ETTA,

Founder President ITTF.



The Hon. Ivor Montagu reminisces with ETTA President Maurice Goldstein.

CHAIRMAN'S TRIBUTE

I feel very privileged, and also very fortunate, to be the Chairman of the English Table Tennis Association at the time of the Diamond Jubilee. It could have been anybody, but it happens to be me. This souvenir brochure will, no doubt, be added to the archives of the ETTA and I would like to pay my tribute to those whose energy and imagination paved the way for the present day officials to concentrate on consolidation and development for the future; the ground work having already been completed.

Whilst many world famous names have passed through our ranks, including players as well as officials, many of these are, sadly, no longer with us. And those who remain would not wish to be singled out for a particular mention, such was the unselfish manner in which their services were given. I purposely say 'given' as, in those early days, there was very little opportunity for anyone, official or player, to receive anything other than expenses and, in some instances, even expenses had to be sacrificed.

To place on record our debt to these early pioneers and the second generation, the ETTA are to produce a Roll of Honour, in which will appear the names of past officials and players who have contributed to the success of the Association. The Roll of Honour will take some time to prepare but, hopefully, we will have a preview at the dinner. One thing is certain, it will make most interesting reading at the centenary celebrations!

I will be referring to our guests when I propose the toast after the dinner, but we

just could not find a room large enough to do justice to all the people we could, and probably should, have invited. I hope the privileged few, who have been able to attend the Diamond Jubilee Dinner, will have a wonderful and memorable evening.

Tom Blunn,

Chairman, English Table Tennis Assn.

APOLOGIES AND GREETINGS

Apologies and messages of goodwill and congratulations were received from Dr. Gyorgy Lakatos, President of both the ETTU and the Hungarian TTA; from Joe Veselsky, President of the Irish TTA; from Ken Wilkinson, Secretary of the New Zealand TTA; A. K. Vint, confirming his bitter disappointment at not being able to attend; Eddie Thomas, Chairman of the TTA of Wales; Chris Jaques on behalf of John Jaques and Son Ltd.; Stiga UK; Tom Matthews, M.A., President of the ESTTA; Di Scholer (nee Rowe) on behalf of the Swathling Club; Margaret Hiorns (nee Fry) and, last but not least, Frank O'Gorman that intrepid veteran traveller from Timaru, New Zealand.

Also in the Premier division, Larkhall have moved from Clapham to Letchworth, where they will receive support from the Letchworth Corporation at their superb new venue, and Omega have combined their move to the Wamsad club in Maidenhead with a financial link-up to Bristol & West Investments club. But Wamsad, unlike Letchworth who have captured David Wells from Soham, have retained the same basic formula of Bradbury, Barr, Wellman and Reeves and must be favourites to fight out the bottom spot with Newcastle.

Last year's runners-up, Ormesby, have been doubly hit — with the loss of Sealink sponsorship and two of last season's squad. Steve Mills has gone to lead Dunlop Birmingham with their new signing Ian Horsham and Keith Rodger is seeking another club. But a neat bit of fixture shuffling before the season could have dealt Ormesby a winning hand as all their matches with Soham and Thorn EMI Ellenborough are now scheduled for two weekends in March. With Donald Parker specialising in "peaking" the Ormesby players might be able to get it together at the same time. Or a "guest player", signed just before Christmas, could tip the balance.

coaching sessions at the Market Drayton centre.

The first division, formed by the top four of last year's two regional Second Divisions has included TCB Dolphins, who easily won the play-off with Tarmac Wolverhampton at the end of the last season. Dolphins, now with sponsorship from Twentieth Century Bank, lost out to Soham in a battle to bring Nicky Hoare to Brighton; Malcolm Francis transferred to Colne Valley after failing to agree terms; and Peter Puddock has retired to play darts instead of table tennis.

But Dolphins are still optimistic. "We're investing in our youngsters Gary (Lambert) and Adrian (Moore) who, we feel, are going to improve enormously this season, particularly under the experience and steadying influence of Roger Chandler", said Carol Beames of TCB Dolphins. "However, it would be true to say that we're on the look out for new players as well". Looking for more funds by the sound of it too, as Dolphins are holding a 10 mile sponsored "Fun-Run" (is there such a thing?) on October 16th. Good news for their opponents the following day — Tarmac Wolverhampton!

FIRST DIVISION FORECASTS

"Winning the First division is going to be tougher than the Premier" predicted Jaques Generation dynamo, Tim Manhire, before the season. And the club's line-ups seem to bear him out, with one current, and two former, European champions in the division. Carl Prean leads Jaques Generation, Jill Hammersley-Parker is No. 1 for Tarmac Wolverhampton and John Hilton will turn out for Grove, leaving ATSV Saarbrucken after two years in the Bundesliga. "John is not just going to be our star player", said Grove General Manager, Ian Marshall, "but he's also going to play a key role in the development of Grove table tennis. All our National League players turn out for local league matches so that everyone in the area benefits in the long term". Hilton, living just an hour away in Flixton, is to take regular

THE SEASON'S LINE-UP

Premier Division

City of Newcastle

1 Chu Van Que, 2 Keith Paxton, 3 Peter McQueen, 4 Ian Robertson, 5 Andrew Clark, 6 David Svenson.

Dunlop Sports Birmingham

1 Steve Mills, 2 Ian Horsham, 3 Barry Johnson, 4 Barry Hayward, 5 Derek Munt, 6 Ralph Gunnion.

Thorn EMI Ellenborough

1 Graham Sandley, 2 Mark Mitchell, 3 Colin Wilson, 4 John Kitchener, 5 David Tan, 6 Nigel Tyler, 7 Lloyd Lewis.

Unity

1 Skylet Andrew, 2 Steve Turner, 3 Chris Rogers, 4 Gary Thomas, 5 Billy Gleave.

BWF Wamsad

1 Philip Bradbury, 2 David Barr, 3 Andrew Wellman, 4 David Reeves, 5 Martyn Smith.

halex National LEAGUE

"IT'S GOT TO BE GOOD"

by Robert Oldfield

Six months of tough negotiation by ETTA Chairman, Tom Blunn, came to fruition on September 7th with the confirmation that the British ball manufacturer — Halex — are to sponsor the National League, beginning this season. The final details have yet to emerge but it seems certain that most of the cash will go towards increased prize money — news that was welcomed by the top clubs and players. "It's got to be good for the League", said Soham's international, Paul Day, "as the cash will increase the League's prestige with the players. After three years of the competition, it's a very important boost".

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First Division**Grove**

1 John Hilton, 2 Andrew Bellingham, 3 Steven Scowcroft, 4 Phil Bowen, 5 Mark Hankey, 6 Malcolm Green.

Jaques Generation

1 Carl Plean, 2 Ian Kenyon, 3 Des Charlery, 4 Tony Clayton, 5 Glen Baker, 6 Martin Abbott.

TCB Dolphins

1 Adrian Moore, 2 Gary Lambert, 3 Stephen Moore, 4 Roger Chandler, 5 Mick Brown.

Butterfly Cardiff

1 Nigel Thomas, 2 Mark Thomas, 3 Gary Wilkins, 4 Anthony Healan, 5 David Kenefick, 6 Brian Everson.

Tarmac Wolverhampton

1 Jill Hammersley-Parker, 2 Alan Cooke, 3 Tony Isaac, 4 Andrew Rich, 5 Greg Hallam.

BWF Wamsdad II

1 Ian Fullerton, 2 Andrew Syed, 3 Jon Bradbury, 4 Syd Montgomery, 5 Susan Collier, 6 Roy Smith, 7 John Jenkins.

MBS St. Neots

1 Keith Richardson, 2 Mick Harper, 3 Paul Randall, 4 Paul Taylor, 5 Graham Booth.

Ormesby II

1 Lindsay Taylor, 2 Kevin Green, 3 Paul Rainford, 4 Steven Brunskill, 5 Darren McVitie, 6 David Blackburn.

Second Division South**Gunnersbury Triangle**

1 Phillip Smith, 2 Jonathon Proffitt, 3 Tony Stark, 4 Simon Proffitt, 5 Peter Harry, 6 Steve Gennari.

Dagenham FC

1 Kevin Caldon, 2 Stuart Gibbs, 3 David Randall, 4 Steven Dettmar, 5 A. Stallard, 6 S. White, 7 Brian Mailey, 8 Michael Read, 9 Brian Parrish, 10 S. Bond.

Gillette Reading

1 David Constance, 2 Simon Heaps, 3 Michael Childs, 4 Jim Stokes, 5 Simon Rowland, 6 Paul Halliday.

Graham Spicer

1 Michael Hammond, 2 Philip Smith, 3 Stephen Holloway, 4 Tony Haley, 5 Tony Penny, 6 Andrew Sexton.

Lansdown Medway

1 Paul Namdjou, 2 Clive Morris, 3 Ray Namdjou, 4 Robert Brown, 5 Graham French, 6 Mike Ling.

Cranfield Colours Gwent

1 Brian Jeanes, 2 Jeff Morgan, 3 John Bloomer, 4 Andrew Evans, 5 Kevin Phillips.

SIB Bath

1 Kevin Satchell, 2 Andrew Creed, 3 Paul Jackson, 4 David Harvey, 5 Chris Ross, 6 Anthony Golding, 7 Jerry Musslewhite, 8 Jon Chandler.

Larkhall

1 Babs Adedayo, 2 Derek Holman, 3 Percy Collino, 4 Michael O'Leary, 5 Gordon Chapman.

Second Division North**Wharfedale Hermits**

1 Kevin Beadsley, 2 Mike Stead, 3 Tony Bottomley, 4 David Rook, 5 Steve Wathey.

Ruston Bucyrus Lincoln

1 Brian Allison, 2 Stuart Worrell, 3 Martin Pickles, 4 Matt Sheader, 5 Peter Taylor, 6 David Wood.

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1 Malcolm Corking, 2 Ian Plummer, 3 Terry Murphy, 4 Paul Crawford, 5 G. Walker.

March Town

1 Stuart Palmer, 2 Andy Withers, 3 Geoff Davies, 4 Robert Swift, 5 Mick Palmer, 6 Anthony Holmes, 7 Peter Holliday, 8 Paul Holmes, 9 Paul Oldroyd.

Unity II

1 Steven Sharpe, 2 Jeff Thatcher, 3 Martin Firth, 4 David Indricks, 5 Mark Griffin, 6 Kevin Pickles.

South Yorkshire II

1 Tony Sanderson, 2 Anita Stevenson, 3 Mark Illingsworth, 4 David Illingsworth, 5 Neil Bailey, 6 Brian Carney.

Salford Select

1 Brian Johns, 2 Anthony Boasman, 3 Shaun Browne, 4 Nigel Hallows, 5 Tony Taylor.

Tarmac Wolverhampton II

1 Trevor Washington, 2 Steve Dunning, 3 Andrew Dixon, 4 Peter Dawes, 5 Martin Harvey, 6 Adrian Dixon, 7 Richard Haywood.

Third Division West**Jolliffe Poole**

1 Mark Werner, 2 John Robinson, 3 Jason Creasey, 4 Chris Shetler, 5 Rodney Thomas, 6 Steve Davies, 7 Martin Hughes, 8 Richard Ellis.

Launceston Kernow

1 Barry Cornelius, 2 Jeremy Williams, 3 Ian James, 4 Jon Woollins, 5 John Bassett, 6 Raymond Bunt, 7 Dennis Williams, 8 Mark James, 9 Leon Jose.

Pengeley Sports

1 Trevor Taylor, 2 Mark Ellett, 3 Paul Giles, 4 Brian Pengelley, 5 Gina Pritchard, 6 Carol Butler, 7 Anthony Sweet, 8 Steve Black.

Cowbridge YC Bridgend

1 Walter Hussey, 2 David Thomas, 3 Peter Champion, 4 Anthony Hopkins, 5 Steven Davies, 6 Michael Webster.

Westminster Woolwich Solihull

1 D. Rudge, 2 Peter Dunnett, 3 Neil Anderson, 4 Graham Williams, 5 Barry Crutchley, 6 P. Hilliar.

Grove II

1 Peter D'Arcy, 2 Paul Barnett, 3 Stan Deakin, 4 Joe Deakin, 5 Bill Bridgeman, 6 David Williams, 7 Sean Groom, 8 Keith Sillitoe, 9 Colin Wilson.

Chan Construction

1 Carl Morgan, 2 Phillip Gunn, 3 Mark Hingley, 4 K. W. Chan, 5 Sandra Peakman, 6 Leslie Bertie, 7 I. Gunn.

Tarmac Ladies

1 Jill Harris, 2 Jenny Cornock, 3 Janet Dunning, 4 Fiona Elliot, 5 Shirley Cain, 6 Amanda Hegarty.

Third Division East**Abeng YC**

1 Alexander Facey, 2 Anthony Briscoe, 3 Mervyn Ward, 4 John Dennison, 5 Paul Colvin, 6 Joe Ameri.

Dunlop Coles Waveney

1 Phillip Logson, 2 Russell King, 3 Trevor Bunn, 4 David Smith, 5 Mick Broughton, 6 David Henderson.

Cippenham

1 Ray Tilling, 2 Peter Simmonds, 3 Viv McCarthy, 4 Frank Earis, 5 Alec Watson, 6 David Pountney, 7 Graham Trimming.

Colne Valley

1 Malcolm Francis, 2 Nicky Standen, 3 Andrew Bawden, 4 Terry Dowsett, 5 Robin Lang, 6 Peter Hayden.

Jaques Generation II

1 Graham Toole, 2 Ramish Bhalla, 3 Val Sinanan, 4 Martin Gilbert, 5 Mark Wilding.

MBS St. Neots II

1 Keith Willett, 2 Keith Samuels, 3 David Hyde, 4 Roy Norton, 5 Keith Lakin.

Third Division North**Crusaders**

1 Steve Brophy, 2 Barry Johnson, 3 Roy Harper, 4 Russell Hodson, 5 Andrew Burwell.

Vickers Sports

1 Alan Fay, 2 Andrew Murphy, 3 Neil Yardley, 4 Stan Halesworth, 5 Alan Manson, 6 Mike Yardley.

Byker

1 Nigel Jobling, 2 David Godbold, 3 Neil McMaster, 4 Martin Young, 5 Martin Moore, 6 Cliff Olsson.

Unity III

1 Melody Hill, 2 Helen Shields, 3 Jean Parker, 4 Julie Speight, 5 Joanne Shaw, 6 Rachel Beaumont.

Grantham All Stars

1 Maurice Newman, 2 Gary Alden, 3 Steve Cowley, 4 Suzanne Hunt, 5 Simon Pullen, 6 Nikki Hamilton.

South Yorkshire II

1 Steven Young, 2 Paul Longstone, 3 Glen Roberts, 4 Andrew Henry, 5 Russell Thompson, 6 Clive Guest, 7 Neil Wesson, 8 Nicky Newton.

Ormesby III

1 Anthony Wattis, 2 Chris Mectalfe, 3 Mark Simon, 4 Paul Brown, 5 Stuart Craggs, 6 Tony Suggett, 7 Michael Hodgson, 8 "Charlie" Watson.

Wharfedale Hermits II

1 Robert Shutt, 2 Nick Davies, 3 Steve Kosmowskey, 4 Richard Whitely, 5 Jim Yeats, 6 Michael O'Driscoll.

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FINALS OF THE 1982 SEALINK YOUTH CUP

The National Finals of the SEALINK YOUTH CUP held at Britannia Leisure Centre, Shoreditch, London on 19th June, saw much of Britain's future talent on show.

The sponsors, SEALINK (U.K.) LTD., Europe's leading car ferry operators, were extremely pleased with the finals of their event and have agreed to continue the sponsorship for a further year.

The Boys' Under-15 singles was won by Billy Gleave who was troubled only by Nigel Tyler who Gleave beat 21-14 in the third. Tyler finished in second place winning all the remainder of his matches with only the drop of one game to Darren McVitie.

The Under-15 Girls' was predictably won by Lisa Bellinger who was not troubled in any of her four matches. Lisa beat her main rival, Susan Collier who finished in second place, 21-14, 21-12. Miss Collier took second place after a "deuce" in the third victory against Joanne Shaw.

The Under-13 Boys' Singles was won by Adrian Dixon who dropped only one game to Gordon Waddell. In second place was Jonathan Goode, who won all his matches two straight except for that against Dixon.

The Under-13 Girls' championship was won by Jill Powis who also enjoyed a comfortable run. She won all her matches in straight games including a win 21-15, 21-12 over Lisa Hayden who finished in second place.

The prizes, which included a week at Tees Sport Summer School for all the winners and £100 Butterfly equipment vouchers for the players finishing in second place, were presented by Mr. & Mrs. J. Hannah, the Public Affairs Manager of Sealink UK Ltd., Jill Hammersley, M.B.E. and the E.T.T.A. Chairman, Tom Blunn.

FINAL PLACINGS

Boys' U-15	Boys' U-13
Billy Gleave	Adrian Dixon
Nigel Tyler	Jonathan Goode
Steven Dorking	Stuart Craggs
Darren McVitie	Gordon Waddell
Martin Burke	Anthony Jones
Mark James	Tony West
Girls' U-15	Girls' U-13
Lisa Bellinger	Jill Powis
Susan Collier	Lisa Hayden
Joanne Shaw	Lesley Souter
Amanda Hegarty	Debbie Soothill
Lynn Johnston	Helen Perrott
	Dominique McNeil

HARROGATE CENTRE

England's home tie against Czechoslovakia in the Super Division of the European League will take place at the Harrogate Centre, Kings Road, Harrogate on Wednesday, December 17 commencing at 7 p.m. The 2,000 seat international auditorium is air conditioned with facilities of the highest standard. The Centre has a major store and underground parking. Tickets for the match can be obtained from Richard Scruton, P.O. Box 49, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. They are priced at £5.50, £4.50 and £3.50. Cheques should be made payable to N.Y.T.T.A. and a stamped first class addressed envelope should be enclosed with applications. Mr. Scruton can also be contacted by 'phone - 0423-886406. Credit

Cards 'phone Harrogate 64433. A souvenir programme is included in the ticket price.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

- October**
- 14 European League Super Division Sweden v England.
 - 16 County Championships (2).
 - 16/17 Grove Junior 1-Star Open (Market Drayton).
 - 17 Halex National League (4).
 - Merton 1-Star Open (Bournemouth).
 - East of Scotland 2-Star (Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh).
 - 23/24 48th Humber Side 3-Star Open (Y.P.I. Ferens Recreation Centre, Chanterlands Avenue North, Hull).
 - 30 Wiltshire Junior 2-Star Open (Calne).
 - 30/31 Junior Ranking Trials (Shotley, Nr. Ipswich, Suffolk).
 - 31 Midlands 1-Star Open (Dundee).
- 30 - November**
- 1 Italian Open (Como) - Norwich Union Grand Prix.
 - 5 European League Division 2 Luxembourg v Scotland.
 - 6 European League Division 2 Spain v Wales.
 - West Yorkshire 2-Star Open (Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Odsal, Bradford).
 - Woodfield 1-Star Open (Wolverhampton).
 - 7 Woodfield Junior 1-Star Open (Wolverhampton).
 - Halex National League (5).
 - Scottish Youth and Junior Closed (Meadowbank, Edinburgh).
 - 10 European League Super Division ENGLAND v POLAND (Spectrum Arena, Birchwood, Warrington).
 - 11 International Match England v Poland (Grimsby Leisure Centre).
 - 13/14 Midland Counties 3-Star Open (Alumwell Centre, Walsall).
 - 14 Hastings Tigers 1-Star Open.
 - 18/21 Yugoslav Open (Split) - Norwich Union Grand Prix.
 - 20 County Championships (3).
 - 20/21 Middlesex U-15 Championships (Edmonton).
 - 21 Halex National League (6).
 - 24 Norwich Union Trophy (Brighton Conference Centre).
 - 27 Royal Bank of West Scotland 2-Star Open (Glasgow).
 - 27/28 County Championships: Senior Premier Weekend (Ordsall Recreation Centre, Craven Drive, Salford).
 - Cleveland Junior "Select" (Eston).
 - 28 JOHN PLAYER CHAMPIONSHIP (Wembley Conference Centre).

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National Leagues Championships

DOUBLE FOR PRESTON

by Keith Ponting

Not only did the Preston league win a National Team Competition for the first time, they completed the Wilmott Cup, Rose Bowl double, the first time this has been done for a number of years.

Preston 5 Poole 1

In the Wilmott Cup, the Preston team of Steve Turner, Donald Parker and Paul Rainford were too strong for Simon Heaps, Martin Abbott and Tony Clayton, representing Poole, who, like the Lancashire opponents were playing in the final for the first time.

ROSE BOWL

North Middlesex 3 Preston 5

Preston can thank the experience of Jill Hammersley-Parker for their triumph against North Middlesex. Jill was never troubled in gaining a maximum, although the Londoners pulled back to level at 3-3.

THAMES VALLEY RETAIN THE CARTER CUP

Thames Valley 5 Ormesby 2

In a repeat of last year's final Thames Valley overcame Ormesby 5-2 thanks to a fine maximum from Nicky Hoare.

BROMFIELD TROPHY

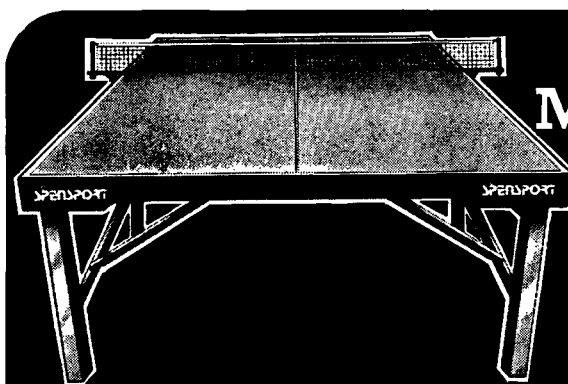
Bishops Stortford 5 Sheffield 4

This was a very close contest throughout with Helen Bardwell the star for the home team, winning three sets in fine style. Excitement mounted when the teams were at 4-4 but Alison Boxall just got the better of Josette Ryalls in the final match.

NATIONAL CLUB KNOCK-OUT CHAMPS

PORTSMOUTH CHAMPIONS WIN THE ORMESBY CUP

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succession had a fine win against the Birmingham champions South Yardley to win the Ormesby Cup for the first time since the club was formed. Dave Constance was in fine form to win three, including a straight sets win against Duggie Johnson.

**V.R.S. Stiga 6 South Yardley 3
(Portsmouth) (Birmingham)**

ELLENBOROUGH RETAIN THE GAINSFORD CUP

Ellenborough 6 North Bournemouth 0

The North Middlesex ladies easily retained their trophy with a convincing 6-0 win against North Bournemouth.

OFFICIAL NEWS

by Albert Shipley

General Secretary, E.T.T.A.

The following brands and grades of ball are the only ones which are licensed for the 1982/83 season:

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INTERNATIONAL INVITATION EVENT

Although a change of sponsor is possible, this attractive event involving six world class players will again be staged at the Wembley Conference Centre, on Sunday, Nov. 28/82 at 3 p.m. Tickets priced £4.50 and £3.50 will soon be available from the E.T.T.A. office.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

England have four home matches in the European League (Super Division), those following the Hungarian encounter at Bath on Sept. 15 being:

Wednesday, Nov. 10/82 v Poland at
Spectrum Arena, Birchwood, Warrington.
Wednesday, Dec. 15/82 v Czechoslovakia
at Harrogate Conference Centre.
Wednesday, Mar. 9/83 v Federal Germany
at Fleming Park Sports Centre, Eastleigh,
Nr. Portsmouth.

In addition, a friendly match against Poland will be staged at the Grimsby Leisure Centre on Thursday, Nov. 11/82.

TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINE

May we remind you that installed in the E.T.T.A. office at Hastings is a telephone answering machine. As telephone calls cost much less in the evenings and at weekends, it is hoped that this facility will be utilised. Recorded messages will be played over first thing on the next working day. The number - 0424 433121.

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS CLUB

This club, consisting of members who have, at one time, represented England as either a Junior or Senior, wishes to remind members of the services that can be provided. The club offers to provide a team of players to play a local league side in the interests of publicity or charity, or they will provide two teams to give an entertaining exhibition match. Further details of the club's activities can be obtained from their Hon. Secretary, Mr. Laurie Landry of 3 Osney Way, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.

NORWICH UNION MASTERS

CLEAN SHEET FOR ONO

by The Editor

In taking over the Masters crown from China's Guo Yuehua in Etobicoke Olympium, Toronto, Canada, over the period June 2/6, 1982, former world champion **Seiji Ono** of Japan went through without defeat dropping but one game — to Istvan Jonyer of Hungary — in the process.

RESULTS

GROUP A

I. Jonyer (HUN) lost to J. Dvoracek (CZE) -14, -18;
bt P. Stellwag (FRG) 16, 15;
bt U. Bengtsson (SWE) 19, 19.
Bengtsson bt Dvoracek -14, 14, 23;
bt Stellwag 14, 19.

Stellwag bt Dvoracek -21, 21, 23.

GROUP B

M. Orlovski (CZE) lost to L. Kucharski (POL) 18, -10, -11;
bt Z. Kalinic (YUG) 14, 11;
bt K. Sakamoto (JAP) 15, 10.
Kucharski bt Kalinic 19, 18.
Sakamoto bt Kucharski 14, -11, 17;
bt Kalinic -13, 18, 13.

GROUP C

M. Appelgren (SWE) bt J. Pansky (CZE) 14, 19;
lost to A. Grubba (POL) -9, -17;
bt E. Boggan (USA) 12, 15.

Boggan bt Grubba 17, 22;
bt Pansky 20, 18.

Grubba bt Pansky -13, 18, 22.

GROUP D

S. Ono (JAP) bt Park Lee Hee (KOR) 14, 19;
bt J. Molnar (HUN) 12, 16;

bt Z. Kosanovic (CAN) 14, 14.

Park Lee Hee bt Molnar -19, 16, 17;

bt Kosanovic -21, 12, 15.

Molnar bt Kosanovic -10, 18, 17.

Quarter-finals:

Park Lee Hee bt Bengtsson 19, 12;

Boggan bt Orlovski 16, 10;

Ono bt Jonyer 16, -16, 21;

Appelgren bt Kucharski 13, 21.

Semi-finals:

Park Lee Hee bt Boggan 16, 18, 20;

Ono bt Appelgren 22, 9, 13.

Final:

ONO bt Park Lee Hee 17, 19, 17.

Positions 3-4

Appelgren bt Boggan -16, 22, 14.

Positions 5-6

Kucharski bt Orlovski 13, 12;

Positions 7-8

Jonyer bt Bengtsson 13, -18, 17.

Positions 9-10

Grubba bt Sakamoto 17, 22.

Positions 11-12

Molnar bt Dvoracek 18, 18.

Positions 13-14

Kalinic bt Pansky 13, 14.

Positions 15-16

Stellwag bt Kosanovic -19, 14, 8.

PRIZE MONEY (Canadian Dollars)

1	Ono	9,000
2	Park Lee Hee	4,500
3	Appelgren	2,025
4	Boggan	1,800
5	Kucharski	1,518
6	Orlovski	1,350
7	Jonyer	1,181
8	Bengtsson	1,012
9	Grubba	843
10	Sakamoto	731
11	Molnar	618
12	Dvoracek	506
13	Kalinic	393
14	Pansky	337
15	Stellwag	281
16	Kosanovic	225

Cover Picture

Married at Preston Registry Office on Friday, Sept. 10th, Donald Parker and Jill Hammersley had their wedding blessed at St. Mark's Church, Dolphinholme on the following day when the happy couple had their photograph taken. The reception, attended by numerous table tennis celebrities, was held at Dolphinholme Village Hall. Don and Jill can now be contacted at 'The Barn', Common Bank, Dolphinholme. Nr. Lancaster. Phone: 0524-791866.

Photo by Gerard C. Kellett, Preston.

EDITOR'S REGRETS

The Editor regrets that owing to pressure on space several articles have had to be delayed until next month.