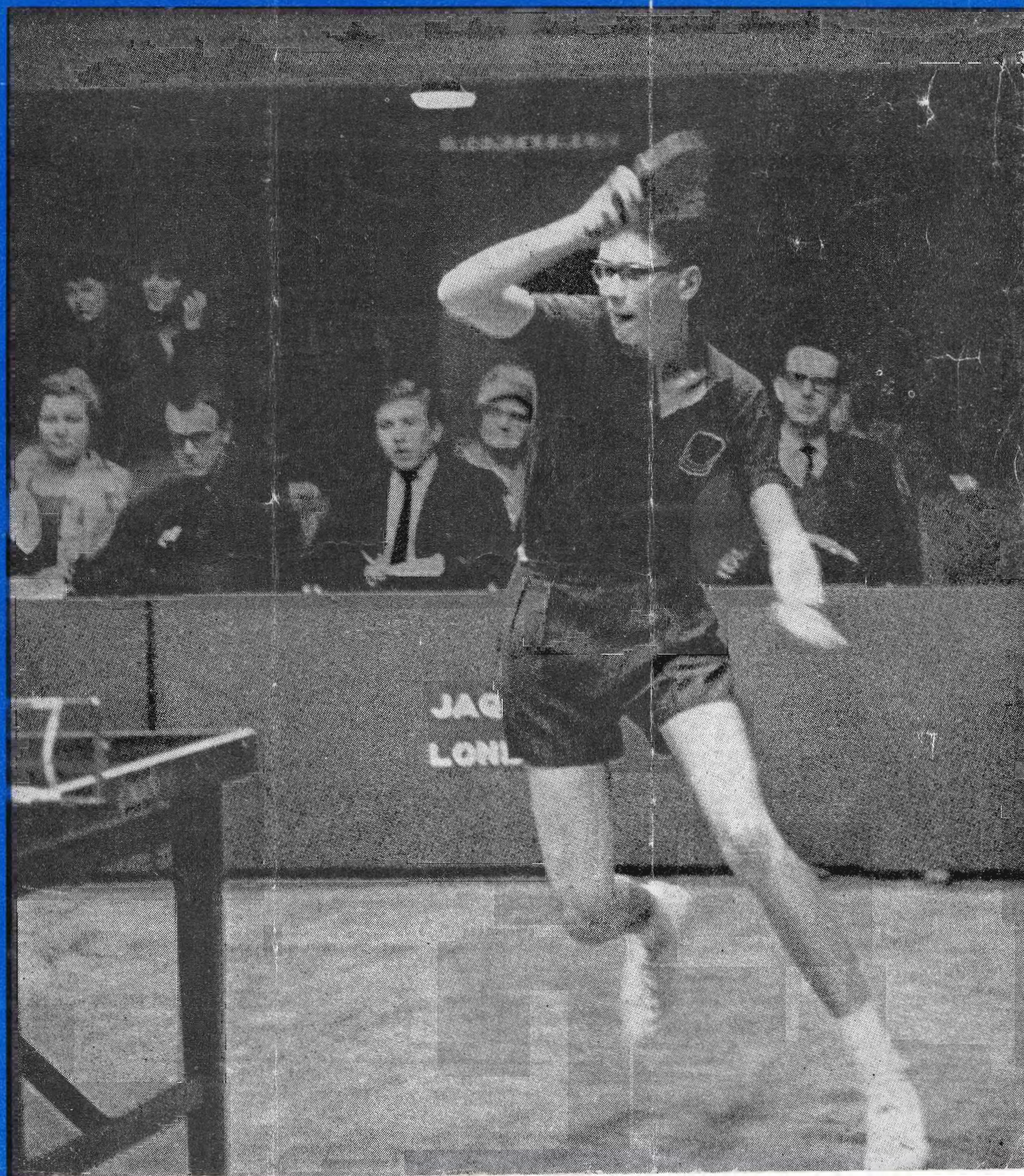


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THE OTHER POINT OF VIEW

THE January issue of TABLE TENNIS DIGEST, the official magazine of the Liverpool and District League, has come out with a strong attack on the proposed alterations to the fee structure of the E.T.T.A.

We quote from their article: *"We oppose this because we feel that the benefits we get at present from our affiliation to the E.T.T.A. are negligible, and we do not seriously consider that any further cash rolling into the E.T.T.A. will bring any further considerations to us in the North."*

The same article goes on to say that the new constitution of the E.T.T.A. will act to the detriment of the North by putting control of table tennis even further into the hands of the South, because the numerous small counties in the South will in future each have one vote.

This point of view expresses the feeling of certain affiliated members and is to be respected. On the other hand it is contrary to the policy aims and actions of the association, and, as such, is to be deplored.

The opportunity is taken, therefore, to discuss the three fundamental issues to which the article gives rise . . . the benefits available to affiliated members of the E.T.T.A.; the need for additional income for the Association; and a North v. South controversy.

ACTS FOR ALL

Let us take the last point first. It is to state the obvious to say that the E.T.T.A. exists and acts in the interests of all parts of the country, north, south, east, and west. Rivalry and parochial allegiance in sporting competition between leagues, counties, and areas, is one thing, and, indeed, is to be encouraged for the good of the game. Such rivalry and competition in administration of the game cannot be deprecated too strongly, however, because it is in the worst interests of our sport.

It may be that others think as the Liverpool League on this matter, but it is to be hoped not. Indeed in this connection it is interesting to recall that only one league—and a southern one at that—raised any voice at all against the new constitution

proposed at the Special General Meeting.

At times area rivalries have crept into other sports: there is no room for them in table tennis.

The objectives of the E.T.T.A. are designed and sought for the good of the game throughout the country and the benefits of application are available to all irrespective of geography.

On the second point, these benefits are hardly negligible. The logical conclusion to thought on the lines put forward by the Liverpool League is that a national table tennis association is not needed. Would anyone seriously argue this? If so, why table tennis alone? It would follow that the existence of a national governing body for any sport was a doubtful need.

AFFILIATION BENEFITS

For a start, the E.T.T.A. is affiliated to the International Table Tennis Federation which gives us a say in world councils and, in practice, gives us a considerable influence in world-wide organisation of the game. As a result, for example, a standardization of equipment is possible and in its turn the E.T.T.A. is able to insist on a standard of manufacture and use throughout this country which is to the advantage of all players and ensures that English players are not at a disadvantage when playing in international competition.

At this juncture it is interesting to recall that before the formation of the E.T.T.A. (then the Table Tennis Association) in 1922 scoring was 50-up in Bristol where wooden rackets only were permitted and nets were 6¼ inches high. In Sunderland the game was 100-up with 6-inch nets, and at Cambridge University lawn tennis scoring was used.

A national association is needed to allow English players to participate in international competition, including the European and World Championships.

COVER CAPTION

A fine action study of Brian Wright when beating Martin Ness in the International against West Germany.

Photo: Denis Offer

Surely no one would suggest that we should not take part.

The E.T.T.A. organises the English Open and Closed Championships; it co-ordinates the organisation of Open Tournaments held all over the country, performing functions which are invaluable to the organisers. The Association is the only body with which Government Departments will negotiate for the supply of grants from public funds to assist in development and extension of the game. By the same token the services of a full-time Director of Coaching are available. The national governing body organises international matches, facilitates as far as possible the development of junior players, organises centrally schemes for improving and maintaining umpiring standards, advises and helps in a multitude of ways with the organisation of table tennis play throughout the country, advertises the game in the national press and by obtaining television contracts.

EXAMPLES OF SERVICE

These are but examples of the service the E.T.T.A. gives its members. And every member benefits either directly or indirectly. At the extreme ends, the star player from his foreign travel and the local player from the facilities (in the widest sense of the word) which are available to him. It is not the facilities or benefits of affiliation which are negligible, but the cost of them.

But, indeed, are these facilities sufficient? And this leads to the second issue raised in the article: Why does the E.T.T.A. require extra money? There is, of course, the need for additional income to meet

rising costs and to pay for the new National Council, but there is more to it than that. It is as true of table tennis as of any other sport—and indeed any other competitive organisation—that to stand still is to step backwards.

If table tennis is to develop and expand, and aim to be in the forefront of English sporting achievement and success, there is much to be done.

Of primary importance is the need to extend interest in the game within the schools and with school-leavers for that is where the future of the game lies.

Improved facilities must be made available in every way to enable today's junior star to progress through to be tomorrow's world champion.

SPONSORSHIP NEEDED

The E.T.T.A. must follow other sports in seeking sponsorship for its activities and to do so it must first sell itself as a go-ahead organisation by its actions and its publicity. Professional backers do not back obvious losers.

If the Association is to progress by these and a dozen other means—as it must if it is to be worth its name—a larger income is essential. The cost per player is negligible and surely no player, if the case is put to him, would complain at paying just a few extra coppers per season for the benefit of the game.

And be sure that as the national association prospers so will the local leagues for, after all, the local leagues form the E.T.T.A. Central and national organisation benefits local organisation and vice-versa. And this whatever the compass location of either.

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MARKET HARBOROUGH FEELERS

THE Rose Johnson Bowl Competition is now down to the last eight teams from an original entry of 75. The eventual winner is still very much in doubt—no one team looks a 'cert'. Minatins had a close match with Knighton Park III, eventually winning 538-532. Nick Smith had a brilliant maximum for the Victors. Alan Moon and Ken Sefton were the stars of Wadkins' victory over Davenset.

In the **Leicester and District League** Ron Joyner, the Loughborough skipper, who had fine wins over John Geschke and Trevor Millward in their match with Leicester 'B'. Nobody else, however, managed a win, Leicester 'B' recording an 8-2 victory. Leicester 'A'—still with

maximum points—look certain to finish champions.

There is a possibility the Market Harborough League will affiliate to the Leicestershire Table Tennis Association. Feelers have been put out in this direction and we shall now have to see what materialises.

Leicester second team dropped a valuable point against Derby in their quest for the **Midland League (North)** second division championship and this could prove decisive.

Leicestershire juniors lost 8-2 to Staffordshire in a **Midland (Junior)** county fixture. John Wells played brilliantly for the losers and with two further seasons as a junior, could be a good prospect.

Leicester have entered a team in the 'National Best Trained Youth Group' Competition. The education authorities have placed a room with three tables at our disposal and the group are tackling the various drills most enthusiastically.

In the **Leicester and District League** there is tremendous enthusiasm amongst the lower divisions. A close finish looks certain in Division 4B where Wildt/Mellor (Bromley) are just ahead of Spinney Hill W.M.C. It could well be,

however, that Minatins, with games in hand, will pip them both. Certainly in K. Smith they have a potential match-winner.

In Division 8A there is a battle for the championship developing between Corona, Oadby Boys' Club and St. Chads. Brian Mellowes is on sparkling form for Oadby, but the all-round strength of St. Chads could give them the title. Steve Coltman and Colin Bell have both shown consistent form all the season.

The **Y.M.C.A. Open Championships** brought some keen play and one or two surprises. **Charlie Jacques** reserved last year's defeat by Ernest McLeish in the men's singles final. **Rita Beith** had little trouble in taking the ladies' singles and partnered by **McLeish**, also won the mixed. Loopers **Steven White** and **Colin Truman** became the new mens' doubles holders. The junior singles cup went to **Derrick Jones** after a close fight with John Wells. The latter, however, beat David Randall to win the under-15's cup.

A coaching meeting has been held to discuss plans for the summer when it is hoped to increase our activities. The recent increase in juniors—both registered as league players and participating in the Y.M.C.A. open tournament—suggests last summer's efforts are already bearing fruits. stronger than this season.

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MIDLAND OPEN

by ROGER MORRIS

HARRISON CONQUERS BARNES

HELD in its wonderful new venue, The Rover Car Co.'s canteen, the Men's Singles provided a magnificent final in the Midland Open. Amid roars from the crowd, Ian Harrison, after losing the first game, triumphed over Chester Barnes 22-20 in the third. Far from being the usual attacking player versus defensive player, this provided some really exceptional bouts of counter hitting.

Barnes was the only player to drop a game in reaching the semi-finals. A big surprise in the men's singles was the performance of young Ron Hampson of Stockport in reaching the quarter-finals, beating Derek Backhouse 18 and 20 and George Evans 13 and 16, also Derek Wall 21-11 in the third. His fine performance was ended by Ian Harrison in the semi-final.

ALL QUIET

Ralph Gunnion came through to the semi-final again fairly easily, mainly due to the fact that the seed in his quarter, Dennis Neale, failed to turn up. Tony Robinson, the Middlesex junior, gave him a good game in the last 16. Barnes's only game dropped was to Dave Lowe, Middlesex, whom he beat 21-16 in the third. The expected fireworks between him and Warren in the quarter-final, did not materialise.

The women's singles started off with shocks in the first round. Cynthia Blackshaw crashed to

Barbara Andrews (née Millbank) 21-19, 21-19. Mrs. Andrews then progressed to the semi-finals via Betty Cassell 17 in the third, Joyce Lloyd 10 and 13, Mrs. Deeley 13 and 19.

Miss Bell accounted for Miss Fitzgerald 17 and 5 and Connie Moore 12 and 13 on her way to the semi-finals.

The big shock, however, was the very much improved form of Lesley Proudlock who beat the two seeds in her half of the draw, Jackie Canham 20 and 18, Judy Williams, as well as Beverley Sayer, on her way to the final. She looked a good winner in the second against Lesley Bell, only to fall away and lose the third rather easily.

The junior boys' singles was won by Tony Robinson, who had a fantastically easy win in the semi-final against Alan Ransome, 21-13, 21-2. This was a taste of his own medicine, for Ransome had won earlier against a local junior 21-0, 21-2. In the other half of the draw the surprises

were numerous. First of all Glen Warwick was unable to play and the second seed, Mike Jones, crashed in the 2nd round to Keith Lawrence 21-19 in the third. Lawrence promptly lost to McLeod who then lost to his friend Brian Burn in the semi-final.

This was the first open mixed doubles title for Maurice Billington and Jackie Canham and they played extremely well throughout the tournament. Indeed, the figures in the semi-final and final have shown what a good combination they have now become.

The men's doubles provided a fairly placid draw to the semi-finals and in the women's doubles Cynthia Blackshaw had some consolation for her singles exit when they beat their Lancashire rivals in the final.

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: G. C. Barnes (Essex) bt C. Warren (Surrey) 21-16, 21-15; M. Symonds (Lancs.) bt G. Whalley (Stockport) 21-15, 21-17; R. Gunnion (Warwks.) bt W. Allanson (Liverpool) 23-21, 21-13; I. O. Harrison (Gloucs.) bt R. Hampson (Stockport) 21-9, 21-16.

Semi-Finals: BARNES bt Symonds 21-15, 21-17; HARRISON bt Gunnion 21-13, 21-12.

Final: HARRISON bt Barnes 17-21, 21-9, 22-20.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: L. BELL (Essex) bt Mrs. B. Andrews (Watford) 21-8, 21-11; L. PROUDLOCK (Yorks.) bt J. Williams (Birmingham) 21-11, 10-21, 21-13.

Final: BELL bt Proudlock 15-21, 21-19, 21-10.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: A. ROBINSON (Middx.) bt A. Ransome (Yorks.) 21-13, 21-2; B. BURN (Northumberland) bt J. McLeod (Northumberland) 21-14, 21-18.

Final: ROBINSON bt Burn 21-15, 21-17.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: BARNES/HARRISON bt D. Schofield (Cheshire)/P. Duncombe (Yorks.) 21-11, 21-11; GUNNION/WARREN bt Symonds/D. Baddeley (Warwks.) 21-16, 21-18.

Final: BARNES/HARRISON bt Gunnion/Warren 21-18, 21-16.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: L. PROUDLOCK/C. BLACKSHAW (Yorks.) bt L. Bell/P. Martin (Essex) 21-16, 23-21; C. MOORE/D. FITZGERALD (Lancs.) bt M. Upton (Pottieries)/L. Gordon (Leeds) 21-13, 22-20.

Final: BLACKSHAW/PROUDLOCK bt Moore/Fitzgerald 21-19, 14-21, 21-13.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: HARRISON/Miss FITZGERALD bt Baddeley/Mrs. B. Carless (Birmingham) 21-17, 13-21, 21-17; M. BILLINGTON (Warwks.)/Miss J. CANHAM (Herts.) bt Gunnion/Miss L. Bell 21-19, 21-10.

Final: BILLINGTON/CANHAM bt Harrison/Fitzgerald 21-18, 21-17.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: B. SAYER (Essex) bt I. Sykes (Warwks.) 21-18, 21-13; L. HENWOOD (Essex) bt J. Wooding (Bletchley) 15-21, 21-12, 21-15.

Final: SAYER bt Henwood 21-16, 21-11.

Veterans' Singles: Semi-Finals: H. SPIERS (Birmingham) bt D. Sanders (Birmingham) 12-21, 21-14, 21-15; D. HEAPS (M'head) bt L. Hoffman (Middx.) 21-13, 21-9.

Final: SPIERS bt Heaps 21-18, 16-21, 22-20.

Junior Doubles: Final: A. RANSOME (Yorks.)/M. JOHNS (Cheshire) bt S. Garington (Birmingham)/G. Birch (Liverpool) 21-14, 22-20.



BRIAN WRIGHT and **MARY SHANNON** toast each other when they announced their engagement at a small gathering of relatives and friends at Mary's home on February 8. It was a double celebration for Mary whose birthday came four days later.

Mary and Brian are both 20 years old and are busy with studies and examinations as well as top-flight table tennis, so they do not plan to marry for at least two years.

They first met as juniors and are now regular mixed doubles partners.

Photo by Michael Maclaren

SOUTH OF ENGLAND OPEN

MEN'S DOUBLES SURPRISE

THE South of England Open at Croydon on February 14-16 looked strange with the new lay-out for the six tables but the hard work put in to make the arrangement vastly improved the playing conditions, although they were still fairly slow (*writes Laurie Landry*).

The biggest surprise was the appearance in the men's doubles final of Len Moore and Michael Barratt. Barratt enjoys a game of table tennis but is better known as the international cross-country runner. They got to the semi without difficulty and then beat National runners-up Michael Creamer and Terry Densham after being 6-13 behind in the second and 10-16 down in the third.

Moore and Barratt rely mainly on steadiness coupled with excellent retrieving. They won the first game in the final against Lowe and Morley but afterwards found their opponents just too strong.

The men's singles went as expected with the four seeds reaching the semi-finals. Lindsay was the luckiest for he lost the first game against Ken Baker from Bromley and had to survive seven match points against him

before winning the second 29-27. He won the decider much more comfortably. Michael Creamer also took him to the third but not quite so dramatically.

Brian Wright beat Connie Warren, far more subdued than usual, in an unexciting semi-final. Lindsay won the other semi-final against Peter Shead.

The final was quick and excellent and either could have won. Lindsay got revenge for his Kent Open defeat, at 19 in the third.

The other events did not provide the same interest. Mary Shannon, unable to go to Rumania because of visa trouble, won the women's singles but on the slow conditions Peggy Piper was able to stand up to her and Jackie Canham really made a game of it in the final.

Beverley Sayer had a good tournament for apart from winning the girls' singles, she reached the semi-final of the women's event, and also the final of the mixed doubles in a scratch partnership with Terry Densham. Peggy Piper partnered Tony Piddock to win the mixed after having already won the women's doubles with Jean Head.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: A. LINDSAY (Middx.) bt P. Shead (Sussex) 21-16, 22-24, 21-13. B. WRIGHT (Middx.) bt C. Warren (Surrey) 21-19, 21-12.
Final: LINDSAY bt Wright 21-19, 16-21, 21-19.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt B. Sayer (Essex), 21-11, 21-7. J. CANHAM (Herts) bt J. Head (Surrey) 21-11, 15-21, 21-8.
Final: SHANNON bt Canham 23-21, 21-15.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: R. MORLEY (Glouc.)/D. LOWE (Surrey) bt G. Whalley (Sussex)/R. McKewon (Surrey) 21-12, 21-14. M. BARRATT/L. MOORE (Surrey) bt M. Creamer (Middx.)/T. Densham (Herts) 16-21 21-16 22-20.

Final: MORLEY/LOWE bt Barratt/Moore 18-21, 21-13 21-14.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: M. PIPER/HEAD (Surrey) bt J. Roberts (Warwks.)/B. Sayer 21-13, 21-14. P. MARTIN (Essex)/CANHAM bt B. Hudgell/W. Dakin (Surrey) 21-10, 21-10.

Final: PIPER/HEAD bt Martin/Canham 21-13, 18-21, 21-6.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: A. PIDDOCK (Kent)/PIPER bt C. Crowe (Beds.)/V. Gillam (Cambs.) 21-14, 21-12. DENS-HAM/B. SAYER bt G. Chapman (Surrey)/P. Venus (Middx.) 21-18, 21-17.

Final: PIDDOCK/PIPER bt Densham/B. Sayer 21-14, 21-17.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: A. ROBINSON (Middx.) bt P. McArtney (Surrey) 21-12, 18-21, 21-5. A. RANSOME (Durham) bt M. Green (Sussex) 21-11, 21-16.

Final: ROBINSON bt Ransome 21-18, 20-22, 21-16.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: B. SAYER bt B. Camps (Bucks.) 21-10, 21-15. L. HENWOOD (Essex) bt J. Napper (Bucks.) 21-18, 10-21, 23-21.

Final: B. SAYER bt Henwood 22-20, 21-16.

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ENGLAND GET THEIR REVENGE

by Ron Crayden

HAVING been mauled by a German team at Preston recently, England's top ranked players geared themselves for the return, and at the Municipal Hall, Tottenham, on January 25, tasted the sweetness of revenge. They beat a strong West German side 5-3.

HAMPSHIRE NOTES

SOUTHAMPTON TITLES CHANGE HANDS

DESPITE a disappointing entry—less than ten per cent. of total registrations—the once popular Southampton Closed, brought surprise and triumph for members of the Bitterne Park Club. They won six of the eight events.

Four titles changed hands with D. Davies, riding on the wave of county selection, beating his clubmate C. Edwards 2-1 in an exhilarating men's singles final. Davies also retained the men's doubles with A. Ward, but lost the mixed doubles where he was partnered by Christine Holes.

Men's Singles: D. DAVIES bt C. Edwards 17-21, 21-14, 21-18. **Women's Singles:** P. HOLES bt C. Holes 23-21, 19-21, 21-8.

Men's Doubles: DAVIES/A. WARD bt D. Cartridge/J. Waterhouse 21-6, 21-17. **Women's Doubles:** C. HOLES/P. HOLES bt J. Williams/P. Warrior 21-13, 21-16. **Mixed Doubles:** EDWARDS/Miss P. HOLES bt Davies/Miss C. Holes 24-22, 21-12.

Junior Singles: M. ANDREWS bt R. Egerton 24-22, 21-12. **Veteran Singles:** F. SAUNDERS bt R. Yates 21-15, 25-23. **Handicap Singles:** J. JIBBLES bt C. Edwards 22-20, 16-21, 21-19.

Congratulations to John Waterhouse who, after over two years faithful services at the Mount Pleasant Coaching Centre, has been awarded the E.T.T.A. Basic Coaching Diploma. Alan Walters, of Basingstoke, has been awarded the same diploma, bringing Hampshire's qualified coaching strength to nine.

Linda Thompson continues to keep the county flag flying in the *Eagle-Girl* competition, by winning the under 13's area final in London on February 1.

Already a junior county star, Linda, member of the Triangle Club, Havant, is one of the brightest prospects before the selection committee since the advent of the Holes twins.

Teddy Grant.

COURSE RESIGNS

AFTER 34 years continuous service to the game, Ken Course, hon. secretary/treasurer of the Basingstoke League, is to retire at the end of the season to make way for a younger man.

Course, who is also the Hampshire County president, helped to found the Basingstoke League in 1930.

For a number of years he was in Andover where he helped to form the Kelley's Institute Club, and was chairman of the Civil Defence League, which after the war, when Course returned to Basingstoke, was replaced by the Andover League.

Although one would not in any way detract from the sterling performances of the English team, one had to feel a little sorry for the Germans. They had been adrift for several hours because of fog and no sooner were they in the hall than they were hurried to the table to play.

Brian Wright, who had been recalled to the international side, gave a good account of himself, outitting the formidable Ness and narrowly losing to the still dangerous Freundorfer. It was heartening, however, to see him fight back against Freundorfer after a disastrous spell in the third. Wright actually won eight points on the trot, before going under at 18-21.

Harrison played with something like his old skill and control, but was still not completely match tight. The annoyances he showed during the course of his two matches was a reliable guide to the dissatisfaction he felt with his form.

Chester Barnes opened with a mature performance against the experienced and difficult Arndt, winning in straight games.

I doubt whether there is a player, in any of the continents, who spins the ball more than Arndt. At all times it is coming through like an egg; so Chester's win was one of special merit.

Mary Shannon demonstrated to all "Doubting Thomases" what a great performer she is against the resolute defenders of Europe, dealing severely with the German star, Inge Harst.

Young Lesley Bell tried hard against the agile defender Editö Buchholz, but although improving as the game proceeded, Lesley could not hit with any speed against the controlled chop.

Mary and Diane, as expected, waltzed through their doubles and we were home and happy.

Detailed Results: England 5, West Germany 3: Barnes bt Arndt 21-16, 23-21. Harrison bt Freundorfer 23-21, 16-21, 21-12; lost to Arndt 16-21, 21-19, 15-21. Wright bt Ness 21-15, 21-18; lost to Freundorfer 20-22, 21-15, 18-21.

Miss Shannon bt Mrs. Harst 21-10, 21-19. Miss Bell lost to Miss Buchholz 11-21, 23-25.

Rowe/Shannon bt Harst/Buchholz 21-10, 21-16.

EXTRACT FROM GERMAN TABLE TENNIS MAGAZINE

THE German team will not easily forget the "TV International" of January 25 against England—and not because of the result either. The 3-5 defeat was certainly not a success, but in the light of recent results, it was not a sensation. However, the circumstances were unusual.

We were to have flown to London on Friday. Fog prevented this. Then we were supposed to start on Saturday at 9 a.m. but we did not leave until 1 p.m., and unfortunately several players had a bad journey.

Nevertheless, we had to proceed to the TV studio immediately and start play without any knock-up. The natural result: with the exception of Freundorfer all our players lost their first match.

But this was not all. The floor was slippery, the net almost impossible, and from one side one felt a draught.

Description: International match!

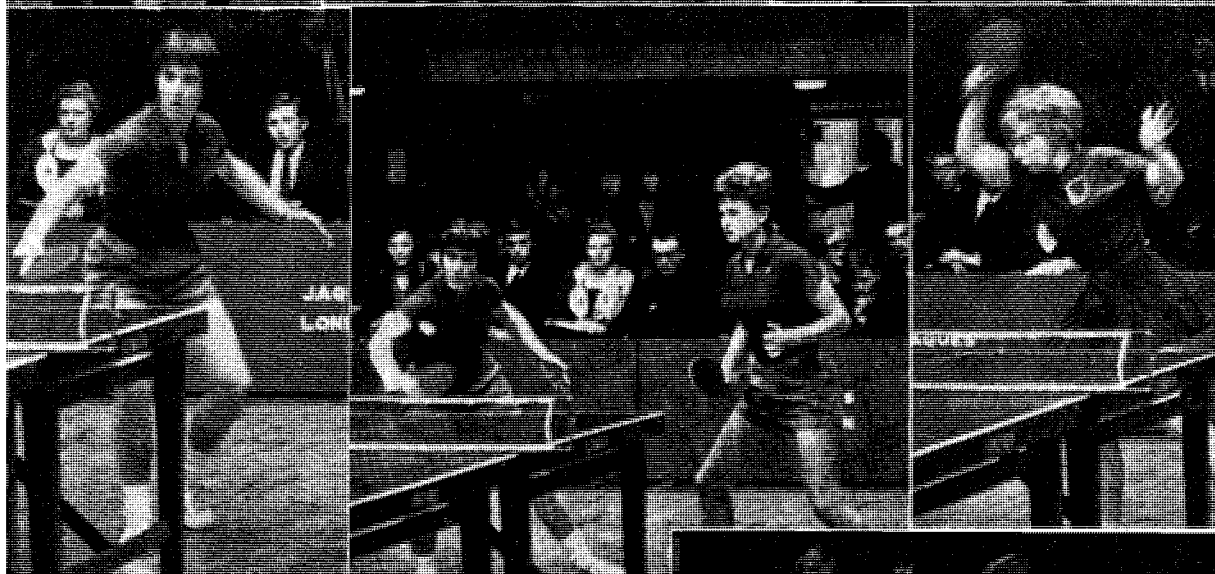
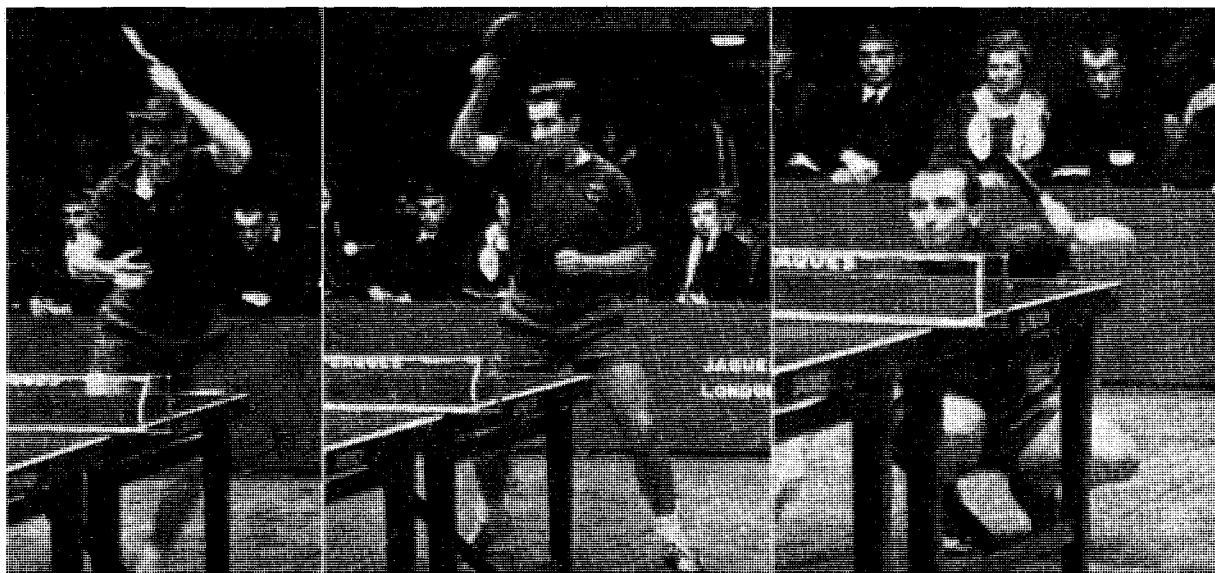
FORTUNATE SURREY WIN

WITH a somewhat fortunate win over Gloucester, Ian Harrison being at the Irish Open, Surrey breathe a little more freely the atmosphere of the Premier Division. Heartening to see that this, as previous win, was a team effort with all playing a part in the five games taken.

In the "Bernard Crouch" Surrey are in the position of having literally crushed the opposition in the first four of the six match series. Gordon Chapman takes honours with an unbeaten record, having played in all matches. A most encouraging note was the singles wins by Hilda Lambert and Maureen Beglan over Mary Hicks and Irene Ogus after our pair had taken the doubles against these two in the last match against Middlesex.

Welcome news for these County stand-by players is that it is almost certain that we shall, next season, be returning to the Second Division as well as retaining the team in the Premier Division. At the moment it is hoped this can be done whilst still maintaining a side in this popular Bernard Crouch.

The South of England Open proved a happy hunting ground for the home county. Mary Shannon, prevented by visa trouble in reaching Rumania took the singles title—the only one she entered. Peggy Piper, pairing with Jean Head, gained the ladies' doubles trophy, then joined Kent's Tony Piddock to whisk away with a fine rose bowl for the mixed doubles.

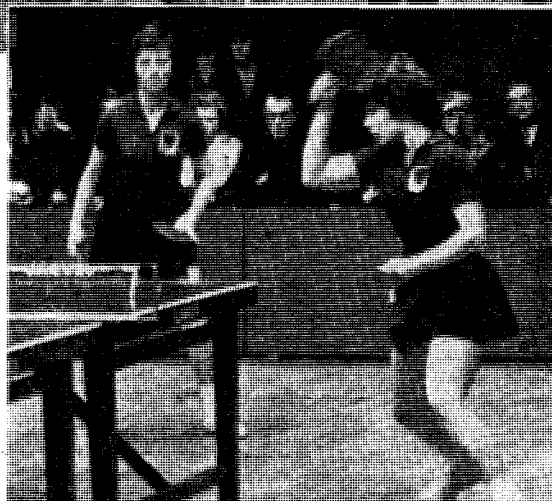


DENNIS OFFER and his camera look in on the international in which England beat West Germany 5-3.

Top: An unusual shot by **FREUNDORFER** against Harrison; **NESS** in play against Wright; and **ARNDT** uses top spin against Harrison.

Centre: **EDITH BUCHHOLZ** chops one back against Lesley Bell; **INGE HARST** watches **EDITH BUCHHOLZ** make a return against Diane Rowe and Mary Shannon; **LESLEY BELL** in action against Miss Buchholz.

Bottom: **MARY SHANNON**, with **DIANE ROWE** ready for the return, in their doubles with Miss Harst and Miss Buchholz.



MORE TABLE TENNIS MEMORIES

by CHARLES E. DAVIES

WHEN you have been in, on, and around the table tennis scene for a number of years the mention of names evokes memories. Memories of wonderful games, incidents and moments enjoyed.

Ivor Montagu, Janos Fahazi, Harry Venner, Ferenc Sido, Ken Craigie, Ron Etheridge, Gordon Chapman, Peter Bexley, Mike Westerby and Marta Luzova are some of the names which for me conjure forth diamond bright memories.

Ivor Montagu, President of the I.T.T.F. and E.T.T.A., is a genial and approachable gentleman. He is also a skilful and an adroit arbitrator.

I talked with him at the 1963 Prague World Championships and recalled a typical instance I had seen of his skill as an arbiter.

It was at the 1959 World Championships held in Dortmund's vast Westfalenhalle. The exciting Swaythling Cup clash between Japan and Vietnam had come to a full stop. Ogimura was 20-17 up in his first game against Le Van Tiet when apparently he moved the table in smashing home the game point. The umpire's call of "Game, 21-17," signalled the start of 35 minutes pandemonium.

The Vietnamese officials immediately protested. Japanese officials jumped into the arena in counter protest. More officials were drawn to the scene and soon the arena seethed with gabbling, gesticulating humanity.

Spectators started to whistle and catcall. Rhythmic hand clapping began and in response to this a Strauss waltz began to be played over the loud speakers. It was greeted with howls of derision and ironic applause.

Suddenly there was a lull in the proceedings. A distinctive hush came over the assembly. And there! there could be seen the impressive figure of Ivor Montagu striding

across the arena, a retinue of committee men in his wake. He spoke to the umpire and the team captains. And, two minutes later with the point having been awarded to Vietnam the match restarted. Ogimura won 22-20, 21-19.

Ivor Montagu smiled at this recollection, and then chuckled as he recounted to me his first venture into table tennis diplomacy. He was called upon to settle a dispute in a Swaythling Cup match where neither of the team captains spoke the other's language. Ivor, who is a brilliant linguist, cleverly resolved the situation. He apologised profusely first

to one captain on the other's behalf and then repeated the process in reverse. Neither captain realized what had happened, honour was satisfied, and the match went on again.

A packed house thrilled to the spectacular memorable Berzic-Fahazi English Open Final at Brighton last year. Fahazi gave his all but was beaten 3-1. After the game he slumped in a corner, tears of unwinding tension cascading down his cheeks. He covered his head as a photographer pounced to capture the moment.

The next day, Sunday, I met him at the Putney Club tournament. His cheerful resilience evidenced itself as he larked his way to defeat in the second round at the hands of fellow Hungarian, George Muranyi. But his serious table tennis was to come. He challenged Harry Venner to side-stake games, offering five start.

Now Harry Venner on his home ground, Putney, was still a great player. Whether or not he inwardly danced a jig at this offer I do not know. I know I did, and immediately placed bets on him with the Hungarians.

After he had mastered Fahazi's services the proceedings were but a formality. Harry won comfortably to the accompaniment of a few sporting cheers from me.

I first saw distinguished looking Ferenc Sido at the World's in Utrecht, 1955, where his entrance was greeted by a unison chant of Sido! Sido! Sido! from the crowd. But it is of a more recent memory

I wish to tell. It is of the finest backhand kill shot I have seen.

MATCH POINT

Former world champion Sido was playing Ken Craigie in the English Open at Greenwich. Ken had done well to take a game but was struggling to save the set in the fourth game. He was hitting hard and well with Sido immaculately retrieving. Suddenly he smashed the ball down the backhand side. Sido, from way back, launched his massive 17 stone frame forward and crunched the ball back to win the point and match.

I am indebted for another memory of Ken Craigie to former Surrey and England player, Jack Head, with whom I oft times play league matches.

Ken, it seems, had a masterful counter to tactical interruptions — or gamesmanship as some known it. In the middle of a game with Kent's Ron Etheridge, the Kent player tried it on a bit. He said "Excuse me," and then adjusted his shorts, re-tied his laces, dried his hands, blew his nose, executed a few physical jerks and at last took up position again. Ken, who had been calmly waiting, said "Excuse me," and then adjusted his shorts, retied his laces, dried his hands, blew his nose, executed a few physical jerks and then resumed position with a "beat that" grin.

Gordon Chapman's tournament turnout is unexceptional. He is always immaculate. This serves him well. It creates an aura of confidence about him. And indeed, he usually looks quietly, determinedly confident. I recall one occasion, however, when this aplomb of his was shattered.

He was playing Peter Bexley in a Putney Club tournament. He carried a water bottle in those days and just before the start of the game he painstakingly watered his end. Peter won service and said in his cheeky way, "I'll have that end." Gordon's expression of conflicting emotions was a joy to behold.

RECORD HOLDER

Mike Westerby is not a world beater at table tennis. He is rather, a talented league player, and as such represents the Bromley League. Nonetheless he is a table tennis world record holder.

I saw him achieve his record last year in the English Closed Championships when he beat John Martin



MARTA LUZOVA



IVOR MONTAGU

JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT

by LAURIE LANDRY

CIVIL SERVICE

THREE NEW JUNIOR CAPS

THE English Open junior singles has its best entry for a number of years, with players from Sweden, Yugoslavia, West Germany, Ireland and Wales.

Yugoslavia, Sweden, West Germany and England occupied the first four places in the European Tournament in the summer.

Indications were that Kjell Johansson (Sweden) and Chester Barnes would contest the final, with Surbeck, the brilliant Yugoslav chick the danger man.

Although there were three challengers from West Germany for the

girls' singles, I expected Lesley Bell to win for the third successive year.

A new face among the tournament winners is Derek Holman from Bournemouth. He won the Gloucester Junior, beating ranked Alan Ransome in the final. Ransome previously beat the top seed, Michael Johns, and Brian Burn.

Alan Hydes, who has now gone over to a sandwich bat, and is only just getting the hang of it, lost to Brian Burn at Sheffield in the South Yorkshire. Burn went on to beat Johns in the final. Johns earlier got his revenge against Ransome.

The Midland and South of England Opens were won by the in-form Tony Robinson, who also beat Gibbs to get to the final of the Kent Open, where he lost to Barnes.

Taking advantage of the West Germans being here for the English Open, a junior international has been arranged. Three players making their debut for England are Alan Hydes, Pat Dainty and Pauline Hemmings, who join forces with Tony Robinson, Stuart Gibbs and Beverley Sayer.

Clean Sweep
by Piddock

TONY PIDDOCK retained his singles title, after some exciting opposition from Henry Buist and Alan Cornish, in the Civil Service Championships at K.E.B. Hall, G.P.O., E.C.1, on January 27-31.

He went on to make a clean sweep of titles, by winning the men's doubles with Buist and the mixed doubles with Mrs. Know. The mixed final in which they beat Cornish and Barbara Carless was the high spot of the evening.

Mrs. Carless, an infrequent visitor, made a successful foray from Birmingham to collect two titles, the singles and the women's doubles with Mrs. P. Rainsberg.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: H. S. BUIST bt R. T. Bolton 21-11, 21-11; A. R. PIDDOCK bt A. G. Cornish 21-8, 23-15.

Final: PIDDOCK bt Buist 21-15, 20-22, 21-18.

Women's Singles: B. J. CARLESS bt M. P. Know 21-5, 21-13.

Men's Doubles: BUIST/PIDDOCK bt Bolton/M. J. Pitts 21-12, 21-15. Women's Doubles: CARLESS/P. RAINSBURG bt M. A. Baglan/M. H. Cherry 21-9, 19-21, 21-13. Mixed Doubles: PIDDOCK/Mrs. KNOW bt Cornish/Mrs. Carless 21-13, 8-21, 24-22.

Intermediate Boys' Singles: L. HEWER bt J. Barnes 21-18, 21-15. Intermediate Girls' Singles: C. A. OLIVER bt S. Light 21-19, 21-19. Junior Boys' Singles: B. K. PETCH bt M. R. Wenn 21-15, 21-17. Veteran Singles: K. J. PECK bt R. E. Carter 21-16, 21-14.

T.T. MEMORIES

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3-1 in the third round. Nothing remarkable in that? Quite so. What was remarkable was the third game score, 38-36, a world record for deuce points in an Open.

Reminiscences of table tennis would be incomplete without mentioning at least one of the many attractive ladies who bring colour and charm to the game. Selecting from those I have seen and known over the years is difficult. But there is one who I think is an absolute pip.

She is the young and delightful Marta Luzova, of Czechoslovakia. Her limpid eyes, mischievous smile and urchin hair style make her a photographer's delight, and indeed she is often featured on magazine covers in Czechoslovakia.

I first saw her at the English Open in Brighton last year where she charmed spectators with her complete naturalness of manner.

I saw her again in Prague and met her at the Closing Ceremony of the World Championships which was held in an establishment imposingly named the House of Culture and Communications.

To this monument of a bygone era Miss Luzova brought modern culture, and communicated to everyone an infectious gaiety when, with a bouncy, zestful abandon she danced the twist.

Marta, and the others mentioned here, have provided highlighted table tennis moments.

It is the memory of these that inspires the wish that they may all long continue to be in, on, and around the table tennis scene.

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GLOUCESTER JUNIOR OPEN

by J. R. CHALKLEY

Great win by Holman

A FINE display of competitive table tennis in the Boys' under-17 final was a fitting climax to the 13 hours of continuous play in the Gloucestershire Junior Open at Gloucester on January 25. A. Ransome (Yorks.) had an easy passage to the semi-final and then successfully overcame the top seed, M. Johns (Cheshire), in a closely fought game, only to be beaten in an even closer struggle with D. Holman (Hants.), 20-22, 24-22, 21-11.

Johns had previously beaten the Gloucestershire No. 1, D. McGarry, while Holman won convincingly against D. Samuel, the top Welsh seed, in the other semi-final.

This seventh annual tournament attracted 122 competitors from as far afield as Northumberland, Folkestone and Milford Haven, and with favourable weather conditions, official teams from Wales, Surrey, Herts. and West Wales attended without the inconvenience of last year. The record entry contributed towards the tournament, organised by the Gloucester Association, being the most successful yet. It was disappointing that the performances of a large number of the top juniors of the country were not witnessed by an official of the E.T.T.A. Junior Selection Committee.

In the Girls' event, Pat Dainty was attending the tournament for the fourth year in succession, and fully justified her position as top seed by beating E. Canham (Herts.) in the final 21-17, 21-15. Ingrid Sykes and

Linda Henwood were the unsuccessful semi-finalists in this event, but Miss Sykes was undoubtedly one of the stars of the day, reaching the final in all three of the other Girls' events.

Both the Boys' and Girls' under-15 holders lost their titles, W. Silto of Swindon losing to G. Salter of Surrey, and Pauline Hemmings (Herts.) losing to Penelope Bonner (Somerset). Miss Bonner went on to lose to Miss Sykes in the final of the Girls', and Miss Henwood was again a losing semi-finalist in this event.

The entry of 54 in the Boys' under-15 led to close competition in the final rounds, the losing semi-finalists, D. Samuel and H. Thomas, both being from Wales. Wales has a knack of producing players small in stature but great in talent, and Hady Thomas, following the steps of John Mansfield, gave a lot of pleasure to the spectators.

Honours in the Doubles events were well shared. Cocks and Piddock (Herts.) did well to extend Ransome and Johns to three games in the Boys' Doubles, and Miss Hemmings and Miss Canham were also taken to

three by Linda Henwood and Ingrid Sykes. Miss Sykes and M. Johns each won their second title in the Mixed Doubles, beating Holman and Pat Dainty 13-21, 21-19, 21-14.

UNDER-17's

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: A. RANSOME (Yorks.) bt M. Johns (Cheshire) 21-14, 19-21, 21-19; D. HOLMAN (Hants.) bt D. Samuel (Wales) 21-14, 21-14. **Final:** HOLMAN bt Ransome 20-22, 24-22, 21-11.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: P. DAINTY (Yorks.) bt I. Sykes (Birmingham) 21-14, 22-20; E. CANHAM (Herts.) bt L. Henwood (Essex) 21-12, 22-20. **Final:** DAINTY bt Canham 21-17, 21-15.

UNDER-15's

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: W. SILTO (Wilts.) bt D. Samuel 21-19, 15-21, 21-18; G. SALTER (Surrey) bt. H. Thomas (Wales) 15-21, 21-10, 21-18. **Final:** SALTER bt Silto 21-18, 16-21, 21-15.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: I. SYKES bt L. Henwood 16-21, 21-18, 21-16; P. BONNER (Somerset) bt P. Hemmings (Herts.) 21-17, 21-19. **Final:** SYKES bt Bonner 22-20, 18-21, 21-13.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-Finals: A. RANSOME/M. JOHNS bt M. Hart/P. McCarthy (Surrey) 21-14, 21-19; R. COCKS/T.PIDDOCK (Herts) bt B. Hill/G. Salter (Surrey) 22-24, 21-17, 21-15. **Final:** RANSOME/JOHNS bt Cocks/Piddock 17-21, 21-10, 21-16.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-Finals: HEMMING/ CANHAM bt M. Billington (Warws.)/ Dainty 9-21, 21-15, 21-13; HENWOOD/SYKES bt Miss P. Bonner/ Miss D. Bonner 21-10, 21-14. **Final:** HEMMING/ CANHAM bt Henwood/Sykes 15-21, 21-14, 21-14.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: M. JOHNS/ Miss SYKES bt P. Harmer (Herts)/Miss P. Bonner 21-18, 18-21, 21-19; D. HOLMAN/ Miss DAINTY bt A. Ransome/ Miss Henwood 20-22, 21-16, 22-20. **Final:** JOHNS/ Miss SYKES bt Holman/Miss Dainty 13-21, 21-19, 21-14.

GERMAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

by CLEM GRUBER

INGRID KRIEGELSTEIN HANDS OUT SHOCKS

OVER 1,500 spectators attended the 32nd German National Titles in Siegen on January 18 and 19. Main interest centred on the duel between Ness and Schöler in the men's singles. In the quarters Michalek disposed of Arndt 3-1, Forster beat Stegman 3-1 and Schöler just managed to pip former champion Freundorfer 3-2. In the semis Michalek won a five set battle over Forster and Schöler also went the full distance against Ness.

The final was an anti-climax with Schöler always the master to beat Michalek 11, 14, 10.

The sensational winner of the women's singles was Ingrid Kriegelstein, who in December finished only 6th in the German rankings tournament. This time, however, she beat defending champion Harst 3-2 in a dour final, after having disposed of No. 1 ranked Buchholz in the semi. Harst had beaten Dauphin 3-2 in the other semi.

After the 1963 champions Arndt/ Michalek were put out in the first round of the men's doubles, the final was a battle in which Schöler/

Forster beat Ness / Freundorfer 18, -13, 12.

Buchholz-Dauphin again clinched the women's doubles against Männer/ Harst at the score of 15, 13 and in the mixed the titleholders Harst/ Harst came through -17, 19, 15 against Fischer/Arndt.

The past championships showed that the basis of German table tennis has broadened considerably which augurs well for the future.

U.S.S.R. Championships

LAIMA BALAISITE, a schoolgirl from Vilnius (Lithuania), has regained the U.S.S.R. women's table tennis title, beating Zoya Rudnova of Moscow in the 14th Soviet championships which have just ended in Kaunas.

The 17-year-old Muscovite Anatoly Amelin for the first time won the men's singles, Paisyary and Kabrits (Tallinn, Estonia), won the women's doubles, Novikov and Amelin (Moscow)—the men's doubles, and Rudnova and Amelin—the mixed doubles.

The 7th Sussex Junior Open

THE seventh Sussex Junior Open Championships will be held on Sunday, March 15, 1964, at the Assembly Hall, Worthing, commencing at 9 a.m. The Worthing and District Table Tennis Association extend a hearty welcome to old and new friends among competitors, umpires, helpers and spectators.

The non-referee this year will be Bill Goldfinch, who is re-establishing himself in Kent table tennis since his departure from Worthing.

Entry forms can be obtained from the Tournament Secretary, Mr. M. Oldham, 25, Offington Gardens, Worthing, Sussex. Telephone: Swandean 197. Closing date for entries is first post Monday, 24th February. The draw will take place on Friday, 28th February.

COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE. In order that the tournament can finish on time this year, it may be necessary to restrict the number of entries in some events, in which case entries will be accepted in strict rotation.

BELGIUM OPEN

DIANE HAS NEVER PLAYED BETTER

says JOHNNY LEACH

(News of the World Correspondent)

FOURTEEN years ago, as playing captain of the England team, I took the now world famous Rowe twins to Belgium to compete in their first international championship.

Since then I have watched the left-handed Diane Rowe play some great matches to win a countless number of World, European and National tournaments. But never have I seen Diane play better than she did in beating Marta Luzova 3-2 in the final of the Belgian International Championships at the Centre National Des Sports National Sportscentrum last February 8 and 9.

WARWICKSHIRE
STILL STRUGGLE

WARWICKSHIRE'S Premier Division team still struggle at the foot of the table. A win against Surrey or Middlesex in the last two matches would of course leave them safe. Even if they lose both these matches, it would be possible to stay up on games average, but this does not seem probable as Yorkshire will undoubtedly pick up both points and games against Hertfordshire.

The County men's second team have virtually clinched the Second Division Midland in a 7-3 win over Oxfordshire. It was a welcome return for Mrs. Barbara Carless who won her singles game two straight. A pleasant feature of this season's matches for the County second team has been the steady improvement of Ingrid Sykes in the doubles events. This, together with her recent good form in Junior tournaments, promises well for our County team in the future.

The County junior team dropped their first point of the season when they drew with Nottinghamshire. It was unfortunate that the number one, Raymond Heath, had to miss his first match due to his appearance in the *Eagle* finals. The clash with local rivals Staffordshire should now decide the Junior Division.

The Birmingham Schools' League again provided most of the pupils for the mass coaching rally at Coventry, which was an unqualified success. The County also entered a team of 20 youngsters for the Quadrangular Tournament at R.A.F. Hereford.

Both the above events were ably administered by Jack Carrington. Although our Juniors played well, the Welsh team proved to be the stronger of the four sides.

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The women's singles final was certainly the highlight of this tournament, and, in my book, the match of the season. Seldom have I seen such spectacular play from two girls. It made the men's singles final, contested by Conny Freundorfer and Eberhard Scholer, look like pat ball.

Diane reached a stage when she was leading 2-0 in sets, and by 15 points to 8 in the third and it seemed all over bar the shouting. Luzova was nearly in tears, and at her wits' end to know what to do in order to outwit the English No. 1.

Luzova's lightning drives, normally lethal, were all returned with apparent ease and perfect control, while a change of tactics such as a drop-shot, or slow push return by the young Czech star was met by a well-placed backhand or forehand "kill" by Diane.

DI FALTERED

Then suddenly Di faltered, snatching one backhand drive after another to send the ball off the table edge. At once her impish, and likeable, 15-year-old schoolgirl opponent from Prague pounced like a tigress. A stream of forehand "kills" flowed from her bat to bring the score to 16-all.

Di recovered, and pulled away to a 20-17 lead, but it was by no means over. Luzova fought back to 20-19 and then left us all breathless with a fierce backhand drive against service to make it deuce, followed by two unstoppable forehand "kills" to take the set 22-20.

From then on it was cut-and-thrust all the way, with the result in the balance right up to the end. With the score 19-20, and match point against her, Di staged one of her greatest rallies to emerge the winner at 24-22.

What a great final it was between a great champion and a great champion-to-be. Unfortunately Luzova was unable to compete in the English Open, but I'm willing to predict that this gay and spectacular young lady will win European honours before she is much older.

After drawing a bye in the singles, David Creamer put up a good fight before losing 3-2 in the second round to Gerard Chergui. In the doubles, however, David and I were right out of touch, losing in the first round to Felten and Krecke of Luxembourg by 1-3.

In the mixed doubles, Diane Rowe and I fared rather better, reaching the final. But here the Czech No. 1 pair of Stanek and Luzova were too strong and won 3-1.

The England-Switzerland partnership of Rowe and Jacquet contested the women's doubles final with Stulemyre and Wynia of Holland and put up a good fight before losing 3-2.

The most spectacular, and certainly the least fortunate competitor in the men's singles was Frans Schoofs of Holland. He won a great quarter final battle against Stanek of Czechoslovakia, only to go down at 22-24 in the fifth game of the semi-final against Conny Freundorfer, who put me out at the quarter final stage in three straight sets.

Schoofs seems to me to improve with each game he plays, and he is still young enough to capture top European honours before he is finished.

BELGIUM OPEN RESULTS

Men's Singles: SCHOLER (W. Germany) bt Freundorfer (W. Germany) 21-19, 21-18, 21-12.

Women's Singles: ROWE (England) bt Luzova (Czech.) 21-13, 21-12, 20-22, 19-21, 24-22.

Men's Doubles: SCHOLER/FREUNDORFER bt Offergeld/Gomolla (W. Germany) 17-21, 21-23, 21-17, 21-12, 21-11.

Women's Doubles: STULEMEYER/WYNIA (Holland) bt Rowe/Jacquet (Switz.) 21-10, 21-14, 11-21, 13-21, 21-19.

MIXED DOUBLES: STANEK/LUZOVA (Czech.) bt Leach/Rowe 21-10, 18-21, 21-16, 21-9.

ENGLISH RESULTS

Women's Singles: ROWE bt Wieme (Belgium) 3-0; bt Jacquet 3-1; bt Wynia (Holland) 3-0; bt Luzova 3-2 (final).

Men's Singles: D. CREAMER lost to Chergui (France) 21-19, 19-21, 21-14, 21-11, 18-21, 11-21, J. LEACH bt Berlet (Belgium) 3-0; bt Dubus (France) 3-0; bt Svare (Czech.) 3-1; lost Freundorfer (W. Germany) 17-21, 17-21, 16-21 (quarter-final).

Men's Doubles: CREAMER/LEACH lost to Felten/Krecke (Luxembourg) 15-21, 16-21, 21-10, 19-21.

Women's Doubles: ROWE/JACQUET bt Brokken (Belgium)/Wegner (Luxembourg) 3-0, bt Stas/Stas (Belgium) 3-0; lost to Stulemeyer/Wynia (Holland) 2-3 (final).

Mixed Doubles: ROWE/LEACH bt Cornelios/Detaille (Belgium) 3-0; bt Collenor (Belgium)/Scholer (Germany) 3-2; bt Crevecoeur (Belgium)/Offergeld (Germany) 3-1; lost Stanek/Luzova 1-3 (final).

LADIES FIRST

ALTHOUGH there are over 350 male members of the Bournemouth and District Table Tennis Association it has fallen to a woman to qualify first for the Club Master's certificate in the E.T.T.A. Master Points scheme.

She is Mrs. Joyce Coop, popular secretary of the Association, whose three winning singles in the inter-zone Rose Bowl final against Hastings gave her a total of 223 points, 23 more than the minimum needed.

Joyce, who is the Dorset No. 1 has an impressive record of tournament successes in the South. Besides winning the Dorset Closed twice running and the Bournemouth Open, she has many local tournament victories to her credit and has not dropped a singles in the town team's path to the last eight in the Rose Bowl.

Incidentally, Bournemouth were four-all in their inter-zone final against Hastings when Joyce went on to play the last singles against the Sussex No. 2, Joyce Coleman.

It was a situation in which the Bournemouth girl revels.

Although losing the first game her sound defensive play took her to victory 21-13 in the third and gave Bournemouth a 5-4 win.

J. H. D. Brown.

SUSSEX

SHEAD IN CRAWLEY FARCE

ALTHOUGH appearing spasmodically in the Brighton League this season, the Sussex No. 1, Peter Shead, made one appearance for Longley's in the Crawley League recently against the other leading side, County Oak, who were beaten 10-0. The County Oak club have objected to this practice of playing Shead only against their team for several seasons.

A farcical climax was reached in this match when Longley's side of one international (Shead) and two county players (Whalley and Garman) were faced across the table with three of the County Oak club's 12-year-old juniors! The spectacle of this trio trying to "annihilate" a team of 12-year-olds was reported as "ludicrous."

"Let's hope this open ridicule will at least bring Longley's to their senses" was the County Oak comment, whilst Longleys appeared unrepentant on playing Shead and said, "This was an important match and we were determined to win it."

The Sussex junior team seems to be heading for the championship of the Junior Division (South) whilst the senior team seem certain to finish second to Kent, the leaders. The only major county event in the senior field left is the Sussex Closed and speculation centres on whether Shead will make his first appearance for five years and whether champion Roger Chandler will be fit in time.

J. W.

MASTER POINTS

BRIAN WRIGHT IS THE FIRST LEAGUE MASTER

BRIAN WRIGHT, who has been a very successful competitor, after early lapses in October, deservedly becomes the first League Master. By the end of January he had secured no less than 1,153 Master Points, and thus is on the way to the County Master status.

Alan Lindsay, Denis Neale, Bryn Farnworth, Alan Cornish and George Muranyi are the latest Club Masters. Farnworth is not very well known in the South of England, but his consistent performances have made him a player to watch in the North. He is a most valuable member of the successful Bolton League team.

By the end of January 42 leagues had joined the Master Points Scheme, with approximately 14,000 membership. This is about 21 per cent of the adult membership, a more than useful stepping stone to bigger things next season. So many players outside these leagues are gaining points from county competitions and various other tournaments that there is sure to be a big demand for membership next season.

Claims to be "the first" will obviously be coming in for a long time. The Resilia Sports Club, Letchworth, ask if Peter Taylor is the youngest player to win any Master Points. Peter won all his three matches in the Hitchin League at the beginning of February, as perhaps one would expect of this veteran of NINE (just). Any claims for younger prodigies?

The Master Points Committee met at Shell Mex House on February 10, when detailed consideration was given to amendments in the Scheme for next season. A number of changes have been made. Recommendations regarding the optional inclusion of Junior and Veterans' events, and the inclusion of certain doubles games in league play, have been passed to the National Executive Committee for ratification, and will be given in the next issue.

A complete summary of the Scheme, with revisions, will, however, be circulated to all counties and leagues in early March. If there is anybody not on the usual E.T.T.A. Mailing List who would like a copy, please write to me at 11, Lyneham Road, Luton, Beds.

Here is a brief summary of changes in points values: Please, may I emphasise that ALL these changes take effect from next season, and have been made early so that counties and leagues can have them before them at their Annual General Meetings.

1. POINTS IN LEAGUE MATCHES. The Committee agreed that a case had been made out for abandoning the basic 3, 2 and 1 points per match award, and substitute instead the undernoted scale: It should be noted that no half points will ever be awarded, for points will be rounded off to the nearest higher whole point. Also, where leagues have more than one equal division, then adjustments will be made to correspond:

TABLE SHOWS THE NUMBER OF POINTS WON IN EACH BEST OF THREE MATCH

	In Division								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A League with three divisions	3	2	1						
A League with four divisions	3	2	1½	1					
A League with five divisions	3	2	1½	1	1				
A League with six divisions	3	2½	2	1½	1	1			
A League with seven divisions	3	2½	2	1½	1½	1	1		
A League with eight divisions	3	2½	2	2	1½	1½	1	1	
A League with nine or more divisions	3	2½	2½	2	2	1½	1½	1	1

2. OPEN TOURNAMENT AWARDS. The Committee recognised that the system at present operating whereby awards were made irrespective of the strength of the tournament concerned, was not fair. Therefore this system will be replaced next season with a sliding scale based on the number of entrants in that event who are currently on the National Ranking List.

Here is the new scale:

Tournaments with three ranked players or less in an event— 4 times the basic scale
Tournaments with four or five ranked players in an event— 6 times the basic scale
Tournaments with six or seven ranked players in an event— 8 times the basic scale
Tournaments with eight to ten ranked players in an event—10 times the basic scale
Tournaments with 11 or more ranked players in an event—12 times the basic scale

3. COUNTY TOURNAMENT AWARDS. For similar reasons, it is recognised

by Geoff Harrower

YORKSHIRE NOTES

CHAMPION FOR TENTH TIME

STUART DYSON has not played much this season but he brought his spectacular style out of storage to swing along to the final of the Huddersfield Closed. There he met David Hirst, the holder.

Stuart led by a game and 11-5—"and then old age and lack of match play caught up with me," he said. So David's reign enters its second year.

John Kedge, aged 15, had a grand run to the semi-final, disposing of Barber, David and Malcolm Mear and Cowgill before falling to Hirst.

Mavis Dyson won the women's singles for the tenth time and the mixed with hubby but did not extend her remarkable sequence of three titles in each of the last three years.

Her women's doubles partner, Margaret Scaramuzza, was one of two notable absentees through illness—the other was Raymond Hinchliff.

Frances Kiteley and Cynthia Younger captured the women's doubles; John Kedge retained his youths' crown; and Stuart and Geoff Brook won the men's doubles after trailing 11-3 in the third against holders Hirst and Malcolm Mear.

Brook kept Huddersfield's hopes of the championship aglow by beating John Keys in the last set to square the encounter with unbeaten Doncaster, for whom Peter Duncombe was invincible.

Huddersfield, whose match against Sheffield is now the key, aim to maintain a sequence in which they have been champions alternate years—in 1958, 1960 and 1962 . . .

Les Forrest returned to the Bradford inter-league scene after 18 months' absence because of other commitments and won a set in the draw with Halifax, which gave the second team their first point. Billy Mount was unbeaten for Halifax.

Geoff Kidd and Derrick Oddy lost their first doubles when David Robinson and Brian Joyce edged home 24-22 in the third from 16-20.

SENESCALL RESIGNS

Jack Senescall has resigned as chairman and inter-league secretary of the York League; but the former Yorkshire treasurer and secretary continues to add to his 70-odd playing appearances for the Minstermen.

His wife Betty pulled off a shock win in the local league when she became the first to stop Francis Gregoire (Combined Hospitals).

Gregoire also went down to John Lyon who was undefeated in the Bootham victory over Hospitals which made them favourites for the championship. George Psorakis, now a York first-teamer, won two and Nigel Thorn one.

Malcolm Hartley

that County Closed Championships vary considerably in strength. Whilst the scale of four times the basic amount will continue to be awarded, counties whose teams are currently in the Premier Division of the County Championships will get six times the basic scale.

4. ENGLISH CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS. The Committee recognise that there was considerable dissatisfaction with the award this season of seven times the basic scale. It had been overlooked that, although the quality was high, the number entering were considerably less than in Open Tournaments. In future, the award will be 20 times the basic scale.

5. WILMOTT CUP AND J.M. ROSE BOWL. A good case had been made out for increasing the values, particularly for winning one or two singles. Thus, in future, the awards will be:

For winning, in a complete match:	1 singles	2 singles	3 singles
Early rounds, up to the Zone Finals	6	15	25
Zone and Inter-Zone Finals	10	25	40
National Quarter-Finals	12	30	50
Semi-Finals	20	50	80
Finals	40	100	160

6. LEAGUES PLAYING FOUR-A-SIDE. It has been pointed out that where leagues play four-a-side, with each player playing two singles against two other opponents, difficulties arise because the first two players are often stronger than the second two players. Some Leagues actually have a strict ranking list. Therefore, at the option of such a league, half a point less per event can be awarded for the bottom set of matches. Thus in the first division of a league with three or more divisions, 3 points per event will be won in the top set of matches, but 2½ points only per event can be awarded for the bottom set.

7. LEAGUE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS. Similarly with County Closed Championships, some leagues are much stronger than others. It is difficult to take a line by comparing players, so the committee has decided that leagues with 350 or more registered players, or other leagues with demonstrably strong playing strength, should gain 3 times the basic scale for their singles championship. Many larger leagues now run two secondary singles, one barring the first division, or possibly the first and second divisions, and the other one open only to the player in the bottom divisions. In this case there will be an award of three times the basic scale for the singles championship proper, twice the scale for the "middle" event, and the basic scale for the lowest competition. It is hoped that these awards will encourage more leagues to run such competitions.

8. LEAGUE DIVISIONAL SINGLES. This type of competition, in which a separate event is run for players in each division, is becoming increasingly popular. The Committee has decided that the top division should not be considered only to have the entry from that division, but should "carry points" as though all divisions had entered. To make this clear: Assume a league has five divisions and 32 players enter each separate competition. The first division we would assume had an entry of 160 (for surely if everybody entered the one competition the top division would win), except that they would not get 32 certificates, but 8. The second division would be considered to have an entry of 128, the third division 96, and so on. Thus the winner in the second division would gain 28 points, and the winner in the third division 22, and the fourth division 17. This is obviously more realistic than giving only 10 points for the second division.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP

by FRANK BATEMAN

SHOCK FOR MIDDLESEX

GLOUCESTERSHIRE were the shock team last month, defeating Middlesex one week and losing to Surrey the next. Middlesex were without their No. 1 Brian Wright and were not quite strong enough to hold off the Gloucester side, who for the first time this season were at full strength.

David Creamer and Di Rowe were outstanding for Middlesex, securing all their matches, but both Alan Lindsay and Alan Rhodes were below their usual form.

Without Ian Harrison, Gloucester did not expect to beat Surrey, but had Barry Brady been anything like in true form they could have won, for he might have beaten Tony Miller. Bryan Merrett was outstanding and is probably playing better than ever. Pat Taylor caused the more experienced Peggy Piper quite a lot of trouble and nearly won the second game.

Essex beat Yorkshire fairly comfortably 7-2, although Bobby Stevens was not at his best and lost

to David Bevan, whilst Denis Neale accounted for Bobbie Raybould. It was interesting to note that Yorkshire played Pat Dainty in the singles — in previous matches it has been either Cynthia Blackshaw or Lesley Proudlock. Pat always plays well against Lesley and took the second game, only to fade in the third.

Hertfordshire, who appear booked for relegation, travelled to Nuneaton only to be beaten 8-1 by Warwickshire. Judy Williams beat Doreen Griffiths in the women's singles to record the visitors' only success.

COUNTY DIARY

PREMIER DIVISION

March 7	Essex v Gloucestershire, G.U.S., Spring Hill, Clapton, E.5	7 p.m.
March 14	Surrey v Warwickshire, Colemans Institute, London Road, Redhill	7 p.m.
March 14	Yorkshire v Gloucestershire, Mechanics Institute, Bradford	7 p.m.
March 15	Middlesex v Warwickshire, Petters Sports Club, Causeway Works, Staines	6 p.m.
March 20	Essex v Lancashire, Estric, Ashton Road, Harold Hill, Romford	7 p.m.
March 21	Surrey v Lancashire, Central Electricity Research Laboratory, Gleebe Road, Leatherhead	2.30 p.m.
March 21	Middlesex v Lancashire, Central Electricity Research Laboratory, Gleebe Road, Leatherhead	7 p.m.

DIVISION II (SOUTH)

March 14	Hampshire v Suffolk	
March 14	Bedfordshire v Essex	
March 21	Sussex v Suffolk	
March 21	Kent v Essex, Bowaters Club, Remembrance Avenue, Sittingbourne	7.30 p.m.

DIVISION II (NORTH)

March 7	Yorkshire v Cheshire, Lyndwood Hotel, Barnsley	7 p.m.
March 14	Lincolnshire v Lancashire, Grimsby	
March 14	Northumberland v Durham, Berwick-on-Tweed	7.15 p.m.
March 21	Durham v Cheshire, Y.M.C.A. Fence Houses Station	7 p.m.
March 21	Northumberland v Yorkshire, Hadrian School, Wallsend	7.15 p.m.
April 4	Durham v Lincolnshire, T.L.F. Institute, Fullwell Road, Sunderland	7 p.m.

DIVISION II (WEST)

March 21	Cornwall v Somerset	
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DIVISION II MIDLAND

March 14	Monmouthshire v Staffordshire	
March 14	Worcestershire v Warwickshire, Pump Street, Worcester	7 p.m.
March 17	Glamorgan v Monmouthshire	
March 21	Oxfordshire v Worcestershire, St. Margaret's Hall, Polstead Road, Oxford	6.30 p.m.

MIDLAND DIVISION

March 21	Oxfordshire v Worcestershire, St. Margaret's Hall, Polstead Road, Oxford	3 p.m.
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SOUTHERN DIVISION

March 14	Berkshire v Buckinghamshire	
March 21	Cambridgeshire v Buckinghamshire, Y.M.C.A., Alexandra Street, Cambridge	7.30 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION (NORTH)

March 7	Yorkshire v Northumberland, Harrogate	
March 14	Cheshire v Lancashire	
March 14	Cheshire v Yorkshire, Tanner Bros., Greenfield	
March 14	Lancashire v Yorkshire, Tanner Bros., Greenfield	2.30 p.m.
March 14	Northumberland v Durham, Berwick-on-Tweed	2.30 p.m.
March 21	Northumberland v Yorkshire, Y.M.C.A., North Shields	2.30 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION (MIDLAND)

March 7	Warwickshire v Leicestershire	
March 14	Staffordshire v Nottinghamshire	
March 21	Warwickshire v Staffordshire	
March 21	Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire, Y.M.C.A., 113 Granby Street, Leicester	3.30 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH)

March 14	Hampshire v Surrey	
March 14	Berkshire v Kent	
March 21	Kent v Hampshire, Youth Centre, Swanley	3 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION (EAST)

March 14	Essex v Norfolk	
March 14	Norfolk v Hertfordshire	

JUNIOR DIVISION (SOUTH-WEST)

March 14	Oxfordshire v Gloucestershire, St. Margaret's Hall, Polstead Road, Oxford	3 p.m.
March 17	Glamorgan v Monmouthshire	

The Second Division (North) battle of the roses played at Bolton was a classic. Excitement was maintained to the very last set, in which George Livesey beat the opposing captain, David Bartlett, 16, 21 to grab a 5-5 draw. Big shock was Connie Moore's defeat of Lesley Proudlock, and the double defeat of Bryn Farnworth.

Lancashire's debutante Jack Keogh played well but the man — or rather boy — of the match was young Alan Hydes, of Barnsley.

In the Second Division (Midland) Oxford beat Glamorgan for the first time. Stan Hahn was again in fine form, ably supported by newcomers E. Wilkins and C. Jackson. Oxford unexpectedly won the women's doubles, being just too good for the experienced Glamorgan pair. Glamorgan, who had fought back to 3-all, lost the last four sets.

Worcestershire staged their match against Monmouth in an approved school and had the rare experience of playing before a large and enthusiastic audience. The Welsh county who won 7-3 were clearly the better side, gaining their first senior win since entering the championships in 1962. Worcestershire hero was John Bell, newly promoted to No. 1, who was the only man of either team to win both singles.

In the Second Division (South) Kent beat Hampshire 9-1. The women's doubles was a splendid fight, Joyce Ellis and Betty Bird beating the Hole twins 16 in the third. David Davies and Christine Holes paired up to win the mixed doubles against David Whitaker and Betty Bird. David is playing well at the moment and may well represent his county in the singles before long.

Bedfordshire, for whom Norman Parker was in excellent form, had a good match against Sussex, the 8-2

DIVISIONAL TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Lancashire	4	4	0	27	9	8
Essex	4	3	1	25	11	6
Middlesex	4	3	1	25	11	6
Gloucestershire	5	3	2	21	24	6
Surrey	4	2	2	20	16	4
Warwicks	5	2	3	20	25	4
Yorkshire	5	1	4	17	23	2
Hertfordshire	5	0	5	7	38	0

DIVISION II NORTH

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Lancashire	4	3	1	0	29	11	7
Yorkshire	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Cheshire	3	2	0	1	15	15	4
Lincolnshire	3	1	0	2	16	14	2
Northumberland	3	0	6	3	6	24	0
Durham	2	0	0	2	16	14	0

DIVISION II SOUTH

Kent	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Sussex	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Essex	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Hampshire	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Bedfordshire	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Suffolk	3	0	0	3	2	28	0

DIVISION II MIDLAND

Warwickshire	4	4	0	0	28	12	8
Staffordshire	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Oxfordshire	4	2	0	2	20	20	4
Glamorganshire	3	1	0	2	16	14	2
Monmouthshire	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Worcestershire	3	0	0	3	4	26	0

DIVISION II WEST

Dorset	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Wiltshire	3	2	1	0	18	12	5
Devon	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Cornwall	3	0	1	2	13	17	1
Somerset	2	0	0	2	5	15	0

MIDLAND DIVISION

Nottinghamshire	3	2	1	0	23	7	5
Staffordshire	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Derbyshire	3	1	2	0	17	13	4
Oxfordshire	2	0	0	2	6	14	0
Worcestershire	3	0	0	3	3	27	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Hertfordshire	5	4	0	1	35	15	8
Buckinghamshire	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Berkshire	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Norfolk	5	2	0	3	24	26	4
Cambridgeshire	3	0	1	2	8	22	1
Hunts	4	0	1	3	8	32	1

NORTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Northumberland	4	3	1	0	20	12	7
Yorkshire	3	2	1	0	17	7	5
Durham	5	2	1	2	18	22	5
Cheshire	4	0	1	3	13	19	1
Lancashire	2	0	0	2	4	12	0

SOUTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Sussex	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Surrey	2	1	1	0	14	6	3
Hampshire	2	1	0	1	14	6	2
Kent	2	0	1	1	7	13	1
Berkshire	3	0	0	3	2	28	0

MIDLAND JUNIOR DIVISION

Warwickshire	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Staffordshire	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Nottinghamshire	3	0	1	2	8	22	1
Leicestershire	2	0	0	2	3	17	0

SOUTH-WEST JUNIOR DIVISION

Monmouth	4	3	0	1	31	9	6
Glamorganshire	4	3	0	1	26	14	6
Gloucestershire	4	2	0	2	18	22	4
Oxfordshire	4	0	0	4	5	35	0

EAST JUNIOR DIVISION

Essex	4	4	0	0	32	8	8
Hertfordshire	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Middlesex	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
Buckinghamshire	4	2	0	2	14	26	4
Suffolk	5	0	1	4	18	32	1
Norfolk	3	0	1	2	8	22	1

score being rather flattering to the visitors.

Wiltshire beat Cornwall 6-4 in Second Division (West) and are making an all-out effort for Divisional honours this season. With Wiltshire leading 4-2 their No. 3, Howell, lost the first set to Pape 15-21, and was trailing 16-20 in the second, only to fight back and win at 25-23 and to go on to a convincing 21-13 win in the third.

This was Wiltshire's first win over Cornwall in four seasons. Cornwall then travelled to Dorset and again lost a thrilling match 6-4. The Dorset committee expect their players to develop an all-round game. David Meech set the example by hitting and defending, previously he was only a defensive player.

The official attendance was 117 when Notts beat Derbyshire at Mansfield. Derek Bell staged an impressive debut for the home county, winning both his singles. Mary Saunders continued her unbeaten run against Derbyshire's champion, Eileen Pidcock.

Huntingdon drew 5-5 with Cambridgeshire in the Southern Division both counties gaining their first point of the season. Valerie Gillams distinct superiority in the women's matches was all important to Cambridgeshire.

In Junior Division (Midlands) Leicester lost 8-2 to Staffs, but they are showing signs of improvement and can hope for better things next season. Last match of the evening was the best when J. Wells thoroughly extended M. Lockley.

RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Lancashire 7, Warwickshire 2
R. Crusham bt D. Backhouse 16, 18; lost to D. Baddeley —16, 10,—12. J. Ingber bt Baddeley 7, 12; bt R. Gunnion 18, 18. M. Symonds bt Gunnion 13, 17; bt Backhouse —13, 15, 17.
Miss D. Fitzgerald bt Mrs. D. Griffiths 10,—15, 17.
Ingber/Crusham lost to Gunnion/Backhouse —19,—12.
Symonds/Miss Fitzgerald bt Baddeley/Mrs. Griffiths 18, 16.

Essex 7, Warwickshire 2
R. Raybould bt P. Duncombe 11,—17, 18; lost to D. Neale 16,—16,—12. C. Barnes bt Neale 11, 12; bt D. Bevan 16, 10. R. Stevens lost to Bevan 18,—16,—16; bt Duncombe 21,—21, 17.
Miss L. Bell bt Miss P. Dainty 13,—19, 7.
Raybould/Stevens bt Bevan/Neale 17, 15. Barnes/Miss Bell bt Duncombe/Miss C. Blackshaw 17, 15.

Middlesex 4, Gloucestershire 5
A. Rhodes lost to R. Morley —9, 16,—24; lost to B. Merrett —10,—14. A. Lindsay lost to Merrett —10,—12*; lost to I. Harrison —16,—14. D. Creamer bt Harrison 19,* 21;* bt Morley —16, 17, 13. Miss D. Rowe bt Miss D. Taylor 8, 13.
Rhodes/Lindsay lost to Merrett/Harrison 15,—17.
Creamer/Miss Rowe bt Morley/Miss Taylor 14, 9.
(* Time limit game)

Warwickshire 8, Hertfordshire 1

D. Backhouse bt G. Bobb 12, 11; bt B. Sykes —9, 19, 16. R. Gunnion bt Sykes 18, 16; bt T. Densham —11, 12, 17. D. Baddeley bt Densham 15, 19; bt Bebb 13, 16.

Mrs. D. Griffiths lost to Miss J. Williams —17,—21.
Gunnion/Backhouse bt Sykes/Bebb 14,—16, 12.
Baddeley/Mrs. Griffiths bt Densham/Miss Williams 17, 15.

Gloucestershire 4, Surrey 5
B. Brady lost to A. Miller —17,—14; lost to V. Ireland —7,—15. B. Merrett bt Ireland 10, 17; bt C. Warren 15, 8. R. Morley lost to Warren —15, 21,—14; bt Miller 15, 13.
Miss P. Taylor lost to Miss M. Piper —14,—21.
Merrett/Morley bt Warren/G. Muranyi 18, 12.
Brady/Miss Taylor lost to Muranyi/Miss Piper —18,—13.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Bedfordshire 2, Sussex 8.
Kent 9, Hampshire 1.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Lancashire 5, Yorkshire 5.

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

Worcestershire 3, Monmouthshire 7.
Oxfordshire 7, Glamorgan 3.
Warwickshire 7, Oxfordshire 3.

SECOND DIVISION WEST

Wiltshire 6, Cornwall 4.
Dorset 6, Cornwall 4.
Somerset 4, Devon 6.

MIDLAND DIVISION

Nottinghamshire 5, Derbyshire 5.
Worcestershire 0, Staffordshire 10.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Huntingdonshire 5, Cambridgeshire 5.
Berkshire 9, Norfolk 1.
Huntingdonshire 2, Hertfordshire 7.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

Berkshire 1, Sussex 9.

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND

Leicestershire 2, Staffordshire 8.
Warwickshire 5, Nottinghamshire 5.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH-WEST

Oxfordshire 2, Glamorganshire 8.
Gloucestershire 6, Monmouthshire 4.

S. YORKS OPEN

ONLY ONE HOME WINNER

WITH the cream of Yorkshire players meeting Essex there was only one home victory in the South Yorkshire Open at Sheffield, Lesley Proudlock taking the women's singles, writes Malcolm Hartley.

Lancashire carried off three titles, Northumberland two and Cheshire one. Among good junior performances were Maureen Hepple's defeat of Flo Rolling, Yorkshire second teamer, in the women's singles; and the doubles success of Mike Johns and Roger Hampson.

Men's Singles: M. SYMONDS bt B. Farnworth 21-18, 21-19. Women's Singles: L. PROUDLOCK bt C. Moore 21-12, 19-21, 21-11. Boys' Singles: B. C. BURN bt M. Johns 21-19, 21-16. Girls' Singles: M. HEPPLE bt S. Pegg 21-17, 21-9.
Men's Doubles: M. JOHNS/R. HAMPSON bt Symonds/D. McGarry 23-25, 21-13, 21-18. Women's Doubles: M. LEIGH/W. SWIFT bt Proudlock/F. Rolling 21-16, 21-19. Mixed Doubles: FARNSWORTH/MISS SWIFT bt M. Dainty/Miss J. Crafter 21-18, 15-21, 21-16.

Editor's Postbag . . .

SELL THE GAME

MAY I, as a fifth-rate player who hopes to follow in Mr. Davies' footsteps through the medium of a first-class umpire's rating, make what I hope will be a few pertinent comments from the January TABLE TENNIS.

Whilst agreeing wholeheartedly with the general aspects of the Development Commission's report and your editorial thereon I must take issue on one of your points.

Finance will be a dominant issue in the growth or otherwise of our game, but it is not a specious argument to suggest that the "parochial" outlook of players and officials might make the collection of any money needed by way of subscription a hard job. Sure it's only 2s. 6d. a head, but you tell that to the ordinary league player who is already paying for personal equipment, club subscription, league registration fees, travelling expenses, etc., without telling him very explicitly why the money's needed anyway, and you might get a very "parochial" answer.

Some time soon we shall have to break the vacuum in which table tennis exists by drastically revising our ideas of internal and external publicity—with a distinct emphasis on the external side. More and better publicity through press, radio and television is a must, and it will have to be organised well otherwise it will continue to be of the "Barnes" type—though sometimes I think that's better than none at all.

"Sell" our ideas and plans to the players and the public and we're laying a foundation for those ideas and plans to come to fruition.

Finally, a few words to Ian Harrison. I have always respected you both as player and sportsman, but I must retaliate against your "knock" at officialdom.

If players were to observe more readily the spirit as well as the letter of what are admittedly most ambiguous laws then maybe officials would have less occasion to appear out of step with each other.

I speak as one who metaphorically touched his forelock at the approach of a tournament referee, but who most certainly sympathises with that august—but still human—personage as he is trying to sort out laws, recommendations, conditions, players, officials, etc., etc., and still run a successful tournament.

So come off it, Ian—you know as well as I when something is near enough the mark to throw doubts on its light-coloured and/or light-reflecting legality; so why use it?

KEN TURNER, C.U.

(Fetcham, Surrey).

Building a star

IN his apologia for the Chester Barnes campaign, Peter Madge refers to Elizabeth Taylor. Certainly Barnes and Taylor have one thing in common; each of them has become a first-class bore. All publicity is not necessarily good publicity. That belief was an invention of the publicists themselves. If it is, why are there such strenuous attempts to suppress items from time to time?

The Press cannot be blamed for giving prominence to true reports that are "sensational" if that is what readers want. But Peter Madge has, with apparent pride, admitted that the Barnes' serial is deliberate distortion. He tries to justify this by saying that he is trying to make Barnes better known to the public. But Victor Barna and the Rowe sisters became well known in a fairly short time without relying on unsavoury items. Their talent was their publicity manager, and they managed to collect reputations for decent behaviour in the process of winning world championships.

Mr. Madge seems to imply that this campaign will help table tennis as well as Barnes. This I must dispute. We are trying to promote a sport and attract young people to our organisation. But, as Mr. MacSwan said last month, what parent will encourage his children to take up table tennis, what headmaster will introduce it to his school, when most of what they read about us concerns petulant outbursts, unattractive egotism? They will decide that a game that produces such enmity between two angry young men that they fling taunts across the table (report in a popular Sunday newspaper) has little or no connection with sport, and table tennis will suffer.

We are in a genuinely competitive game, let us leave the make-believe world of goodies and baddies to all-in wrestling. Mr. Madge now asks us to believe that Chester Barnes is a likeable young man. Why should we believe him now. It may be un-

fortunate for Barnes but the reading public cannot be expected to turn just when it suits the publicity managers.

KEITH WATTS

All in favour

THREE hearty cheers for Peter Madge! He's done more to help table tennis in this country in the last three months than all the talking of the past three years.

Table tennis—in this country—is in such a backwater now that only a thumping great controversy and an individual personality is going to alter matters.

What we need is Publicity, Publicity and still more Publicity. In the national papers, on the "Tele," on the radio. And Mr. Madge has hit on the only remaining way of doing it. Not only will he make an international figure of Chester Barnes he will also restore table tennis to its former glory.

I would personally offer the free services of my own firm (an Advertising Agency) if I can possibly be of any help to him in his efforts. It's only since Barnes has come on the scene that the Press has realised that our sport even exists. Less complaining to "Table Tennis" and more writing to the Sports Editors of the nationals is what is wanted.

Tony A. Shapps, F.I.D., M.I.S.A.C.
(Rickmansworth).

A slur

JOHN WRIGHT mentions the shortage of umpires. If some of their many critics were able to umpire half as well as those they castigate, there could come a time when the umpires will complain of the shortage of games.

Harrison Edwards, for instance, said, "Harrison, in attempting to go back for a shot, moved the table, but it apparently missed the notice of the umpire."

To say that the umpire apparently missed it, is a slur. If the umpire had seen it, he would have awarded the point to Wright. It is fair to add that none of the other officials concerned, saw any movement, but in conversation with spectators afterwards, I found that several thought there was. However, there was some doubt as to whether the ball was dead when this happened. The umpire was not aware that Mr. Edwards was available to make an arbitrary decision, especially as with Harrison's type of play it must be very difficult to move the table when going away from it.

K. A. LOW
(National Umpire).

HARRISON EDWARDS REPLIES: My observation that Harrison moved the table was confirmed by several leading officials who were watching from the stage. In my opinion the table moved at least a foot, but it is appreciated that the umpire could have been so engrossed in watching the ball that he missed the movement of the table. Even Wright was of the opinion that the table moved and raised this question with the umpire after the match.

KENT OPEN

by LAURIE LANDRY

WRIGHT'S BEST YET

NEWLY ranked at equal two in the English ranking list, Brian Wright went a long way to confirming his position when he won all three senior titles for the first time ever in a tournament, at the Kent Open at Folkestone on January 25-26.

Coming through the easiest quarter, Wright got to the semi-final without too much trouble. It was in the next quarter that local star Tony Piddock beat Ian Harrison (18, 15), hardly letting his opponent in; and also Bryan Merrett more narrowly. Between these two excellent wins was an awkward match with Ron Etheridge, the veteran's winner, where Piddock stood at 5-12 down in the third before grasping hold of the game and winning 21-14.

This left Wright and Piddock in the semi and Wright played with confidence, hitting crisply and giving his opponent no chance at all.

Alan Lindsay came through the

KENT OPEN

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals B. Wright (Middx.) bt D. Wall (Middx.) 24-26, 21-15, 21-10; A. Piddock (Kent) bt B. Merrett (Gloucs.) 15-21, 21-16, 21-19; A. Lindsay (Middx.) bt D. Creamer (Middx.) 21-9, 21-15; C. Warren (Surrey) bt A. Robinson (Middx.) 21-12, 17-21, 21-7.

Semi-Finals: WRIGHT bt Piddock 21-11, 21-13; LINDSAY bt Warren 21-8, 22-24, 21-19.

Final: WRIGHT bt Lindsay 22-20, 24-22.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: M. SHANNON (Surrey) bt P. Piper (Surrey) 18-21, 21-16, 21-10; L. BELL (Essex) bt J. Ellis (Kent) 21-8, 21-7.

Final: SHANNON bt Bell 21-12, 15-21, 21-14.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: C. BARNES (Essex)/WRIGHT bt Piddock/H. Buist (Kent) 17-21, 21-18, 21-19; WARREN/G. MURANYI (Surrey) bt I. Harrison (Gloucs.)/A. Rhodes (Middx.) 21-17, 21-15.

Final: BARNES/WRIGHT bt Warren/Muranyi 21-19, 22-20.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: B. BIRD/ELLIS (Kent) bt A. Hallett/B. Landimore (Kent) 10-21, 21-12, 21-14; J. CANHAM (Herts.)/E. CARRINGTON (Essex) bt Bell/S. Hession (Essex) 21-16, 17-21, 21-11.

Final: BIRD/ELLIS bt Canham/Carrington 18-21, 21-17, 21-18.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: WRIGHT/SHANNON bt Muranyi/McCree (Essex) 21-17, 17-21, 21-13; BARNES/A. TAFT (Middx.) bt S. Jacobson (Middx.)/Bell 21-16, 27-25.

Final: WRIGHT/SHANNON bt Barnes/Taft 21-18, 21-17.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: ROBINSON bt S. Gibbs (Essex) 22-20, 21-16; BARNES bt J. Beasley (Sussex) 21-9, 21-18.

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

Girls' Singles: Final: BELL bt K. Stokes (Kent) 21-10, 21-9.

Veteran Singles: Semi-Finals: R. ETHERIDGE (Kent) bt R. Edwards (Kent) 21-8, 21-15; L. HOFFMAN (Middx.) bt L. Howick (Herts.) 21-13, 21-13.

Final: ETHERIDGE bt Hoffman 21-9, 21-12.

other half, in which Alan Rhodes was well beaten by rapidly improving Kent player Alan Cornish. Lindsay reached the semi by half-volleying Muranyi and exasperating David Creamer. Qualifying to meet Lindsay in the semi was Connie Warren, an improved player who makes a point of letting you know how the game's going, which he did to good effect against Barnes. Warren also played very well indeed.

His match against Barnes was good practice for "our Con," who was so talkative against Lindsay that someone, who was fed up, said, "Why don't they play, I'm not interested in intellectual comment on shots as they are accomplished."

This set the stage for the final, where Wright just got home after some wonderful rallies, hitting and counter-half-volleying from Lindsay. Lindsay did hold 20-18 and 20-17 leads in the two games only to let the confident young winner catch up and win each time.

Mary Shannon, who has recently become engaged to Brian Wright, also got into the act, by winning the women's singles. But most encouraging from her point of view, was that in the final she at last got the measure of Lesley Bell, who has long been her "bogey" player.

Mary went for her opponent from the start and after winning the first fairly comfortably appeared unable to believe it, went back into her shell in the second and lost it, just as she did in the English Closed. However, this time Mary came right back to win the third.

Brian and Mary teamed up as usual to win the mixed doubles only going to three against Muranyi/McCree.

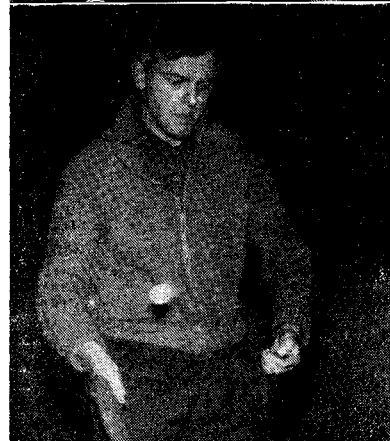
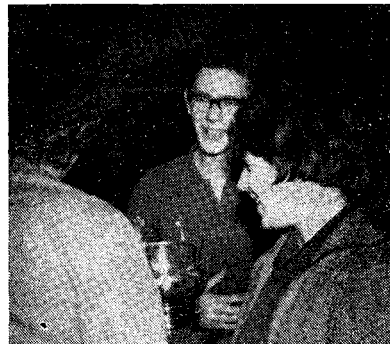
Brian got his third title with Chester Barnes in the doubles. At last these two appear to have clicked, even though in Round 1 they had to save a few match points against those two "artists of defence," Kerekes and Khanna. In the semi Piddock and Buist (still with a rubber bat) took them the full distance.

It was a local victory, Betty Bird and Joyce Ellis, in the women's doubles. Jackie Canham and Elsie Carrington got to another final, which was well fought.

Tony Robinson lost to Barnes in the boys' event after beating Stuart Gibbs on the way, a feat he also accomplished in the senior event. Lesley Bell won the girls' title.

MICHAEL MACLAREN PHOTO-COVERAGE OF THE KENT OPEN.

BRIAN WRIGHT, triple winner, and MARY SHANNON receive the mixed doubles trophy and below, the other three men's singles finalists, CONNIE WARREN, ALAN LINDSAY and TONY PIDDOCK.



WELSH CORNER

JUNIOR POLICY PAYING OFF

NEITHER Glamorgan nor Monmouthshire look like being interested in promotion this season, and although at one time Glamorgan had a chance to be second in the Second Division (Midland), their unexpected defeat by Oxfordshire has probably cost them even that chance.

The truth is that the older players of both counties are no longer playing well, whilst the new blood has yet to make its presence felt.

But it's a different story in the junior division, where Monmouthshire head the section with an impressive record, and Glamorgan are lying second. There are good boys in both sides and there are many more hard on their tails.

At the Youth Festival rally at Hereford, the 20 Welsh boys were almost all better boys for boy than similar players from Warwickshire, Worcestershire and the R.A.F. and in the two a side matches between Wales and Worcestershire against Warwickshire and the R.A.F., Wales contributed more than two thirds of the final impressive score. Add to this the fact that the final rounds of the individual tests contained a high percentage of Welsh players, with Wayne Smith the eventual winner, and one can assume that at this level at any rate we are as good as a great deal of the boys across the border.

Transition Period

It's in the transition from Junior to Senior that we have failed, but the dedication of the present crop of youngsters, the best for many years, suggests that the possibility of our producing some really good seniors is at last showing up.

The policy of entering the best of the juniors in English Tournaments seems also to be paying off, leading one to hope that our showing against England in the Junior International at Aberdare on March 6 should be better than last year's dismal performance.

The second match between Glamorgan and Monmouthshire juniors resulted in a draw, and Monmouthshire must account themselves somewhat fortunate not to suffer a reverse of their early defeat of their Welsh rivals.

Improved form is not only confined to the juniors of East Wales. Down in Milford they are improving by leaps and bounds. The time and money devoted unselfishly by Joe Ackroyd and his committee is being very well spent. Keeness is their driving force, and no tournament is too far, nor the problems of

travel too acute, to keep them down. The future of table tennis in West Wales looks bright indeed. Up in North Wales, too, the new Northern Counties Association seems to be busy, and friendly matches with across-the-border English Counties are very much in their mind.

The need is for coaches of the modern game, and indeed this is something that all Wales needs. The Welsh Association is working on a scheme for coaches' courses for all parts of Wales, and will apply for a Ministry of Education grant.

Last season, we had frequent occasion to complain that few if any players in Wales were trying to master the modern techniques of the game. This season it is heartening to see so many of the youngsters having a go at the "loop." They can only have seen it at tournaments, and if they can make the progress they have, just by watching, how much more can the youngsters learn if the benefits of proper modern coaching are passed on!

Meanwhile, the pattern of the Welsh League is changing, and teams like Cardiff pay the penalty for also being committed to Western Counties matches. So when weak teams are "fielded," unexpected results happen, and following two shock defeats Cardiff lose their top place to Barry.

Positions in Division I are as follows: Barry played 8, won 7; Cardiff played

8, won 6; Aberdare played 9, won 5; Newport played 9, won 5; Cardiff "B" played 9, won 4; Swansea played 10, won 4; Eastern Valleys played 7, won 3; Abergavenny played 9, won none. In Division II, Aberdare lead, but they're being closely followed by Bridgend "A", and Cardiff "C". The positions are: Aberdare played 14, won 11; Bridgend "A" played 12, won 10; Cardiff "C" played 13, won 9; Tredegar played 12, won 8; Swansea played 9, won 5; Eastern Valleys played 10, won 4; Merthyr played 12, won 3, Bridgend "B" played 9, won 1, and Milford Haven played 8, won none.

Aberdare, very advanced in their programme in the Junior Section, are way ahead with 11 wins from 12 matches, followed by Eastern Valleys with 7 wins from 7 matches. Bridgend are next with 5 wins from 8, then Barry with 5 wins from 11 matches. Tredegar have 2 wins from 7, and Newport 2 wins from 9; Cardiff and Milford have one win each from 8 matches apiece.

Cardiff head the women's section undefeated, Swansea next with one loss, then Newport, and Tredegar have yet to register a win.

Individual records: Division 1.—G. Evans 95.23%, Graham Gear 87.5%, John Mansfield 83.3%, Brian Everson 80%, Ken Bull 75%, Fraser Anderson 70.8%, Graham Cogbill 66.6%, Graham Williams 62.5%, Phil Bevan 61.9%, Brian Jenkins 55.5%.

Division 2.—Dennis Samuel 93.3%, Des Milton 90.9%, John Rowles 83.4%, Michael Prosser 80.5%, Ken Williams 76.6%, Howard Lewis 73.3%, John Pipe 66%, Derek John 55.5%.

CARDIFF OPEN

GEAR SPRINGS SURPRISE

ALTHOUGH lacking many entrants from across the border, the Cardiff Open was highly successful, providing a newcomer to the winners in the person of Graham Gear. He played extremely well all through, the highlights being a crushing defeat of George Evans and triumph in a good final against Ron Davies.

Ron's semi-final victim was Jeff Spencer, who is doing well in tournaments lately. Jeff started off with a win over Alan Thomas, and then went on eventually to give Ron a hard struggle.

Bristol's Morley Mordecai found an experienced doubles player in Glyn Morgan, and together they reached eventual triumph over George Evans and Ron Davies.

In the women's singles, Elizabeth Gray repeated her Welsh Open success against Audrey Bates, then beat Terry Spokes, but found Joan Collier's steady game too much for her in the final. Margaret Phillips did not play and Sandra Morgan went out in the semi-final to Joan Collier.

Audrey Bates and Shirley Sturgess, after a good win over Sandra Morgan and Stella Jones, did not reproduce their form against Collier and Spokes in the final, but Audrey, playing as usual with Glyn Morgan, won the mixed. Their opponents were Ron Davies and Dorothy Attenborough. The latter played well considering this was her first ever final.

Wayne Smith got his revenge in the boys' final against Dennis Samuel, winning well against a player who had beaten him in previous tournaments.

CARDIFF OPEN

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: G. GEAR bt G. Evans 21-13, 21-11. R. DAVIES bt J. Spencer 21-17, 18-21, 21-13.

Final: GEAR bt Davies 19-21, 21-17, 21-13.

Women's Singles: Final: J. COLLIER bt E. Gray 21-17, 22-20.

Men's Doubles: Final: MORGAN/MORDECAI bt Evans/Davies 22-20, 21-16.

Women's Doubles: Final: COLLIER/SPOKES bt Bates/Sturgess 21-15, 21-18.

Mixed Doubles: Final: MORGAN/BATES bt Davies/Attenborough 25-23, 21-19.

Boys' Singles: Final: SMITH bt Samuel 21-9, 17-21, 21-11.

Girls' Singles: Final: J. EACOUGH bt S. Williams 21-14, 21-4.

**SKEGNESS
HOLIDAY TRAINING WEEK
12-19 September, 1964.**

(Priority to provincial players)

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Michael Maclaren's Glamour Choice

VALERIE GILLAM of CAMBRIDGE

AS I walked into the tournament hall at the Essex Open in Southend recently, I immediately spotted my third Glamour Girl of Table Tennis. There she was, out on the front table, playing in blue very-shorts, dealing out forehands to all directions.

Her name is Valerie Gillam, from Cambridge, and you can imagine my surprise when she told me she was married and had two sons . . . I nearly fell into my Pepsi-Cola, I can tell you.

Husband Fred also plays, but Valerie is the T.T. star of the family having won the Brighton and the Sussex Closed titles and played for Sussex County on many occasions in the past and now representing Cambridgeshire.

Valerie has won many Holiday Princess Beauty Competitions and was chosen as Miss Cambridgeshire on Anglia TV, which is one good reason to stay at home and watch the telly!

Valerie enjoys playing all sports, but is particularly keen on improving her table tennis having achieved a measurable degree of success in our sport, so I hope we see her at all the major tournaments.

My pocket tape-measure, which, by a strange chance, I happened to have with me, recorded her

height at 67 shapely inches, with 35in., 24in., 36in. in the usual places.

I hope Fred approves of my photograph of his attractive wife.



WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN

by GROVE MOTLOW

One Hundred Per Cent

CARDIFF strengthened their hold of the Western Counties championship with a 9-0 win over Cheltenham. George Evans and Ron Davies, the Welsh internationals, and Graham Gear swept through without loss of a game for Cardiff to maintain their 100 per cent record.

Plymouth marked up two wins, beating West Wilts, who were without Cleveland and Clode, 7-2, and Bristol "seconds" 6-3. D. Richardson was in

good form for Plymouth in both matches, and it was his narrow win over three games against clever "looping" of R. Bowden that turned the tide in the match with Bristol when the scores stood at two-all.

Bowden, winning all three of his games, was the key to Bristol II's 5-4 win over Newport. He scraped home over three games against both Everson and Evans. Smith won the other

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BERNARD CROUCH TROPHY

SURREY SHOW THE WAY

A 7-3 win by Middlesex over Essex left the way clear for Surrey to take the lead in the Bernard Crouch Trophy, where they are unbeaten in three matches and have a games average of 22-5.

Surrey would now appear almost certain of taking the title.

Results of matches as at February 17, 1964: Kent 3, Essex 6; Surrey 8, Middlesex 1; Essex 2, Surrey 7; Middlesex 6, Kent 3; Middlesex 2, Surrey 7; Middlesex 6, Essex 3.

TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Surrey	3	3	0	22	5	6
Middlesex	4	2	2	15	21	4
Essex	3	1	2	11	16	2
Kent	2	0	2	6	12	0

WILTSHIRE WANDERINGS

by DON HILLIER

S.E. MIDLAND LEAGUE

Juniors Win First Match

WILTSHIRE'S talented youth team won its first friendly match with a shock 6-4 win over Gloucestershire, the result was in the balance right up to the last set of the final game when William Silto—son of former England International Joe—beat Dave McGarry 21-17 in the third.

Dave Collis, so often overshadowed by team mates Wolff and Lloyd, produced his real fighting qualities when, with four match points against him, he fought back to beat Stephen Brooks 28-26 in the deciding set of the final game when the juniors drew 5-5 with Hampshire a week later.

Before the end of the season the juniors plan to play Devon and Berkshire besides visiting both Gloucestershire and Hampshire, while a visit from Essex is a possibility.

Youth made itself felt at the Wiltshire Closed when Silto beat county player Terry Cash (Salisbury) in the first round and produced the biggest tournament upset in beating Wiltshire's No. 3 Ernie Howell 15, -19 and 11 in the next round. Ron Lloyd extended the experienced Tony Ward to 21-23, 21-23 in the second round.

WESTERN COUNTIES

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matches, while Everson was the best of the Newport side, suffering only the one defeat.

Ray Philpott gave another brilliant display, to be unbeaten in Weston's 7-2 win over Bath.

Mrs. Terry Spokes and Joan Collier snatched a 5-4 win for Bristol over Plymouth in the women's division, winning the last two matches, after Plymouth had led 4-3. Bristol also beat Newport 6-3, Newport's three games all being won by Mrs. E. Gray, who showed excellent form in beating Mrs. Spokes, Mrs. O'Brien and Miss Collier.

Mrs. Gray was also unbeaten in Newport's 5-4 win over Swindon, clinching victory when she beat Miss Onslow in the deciding match.

LEAGUE TABLES

MEN'S DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Cardiff	3	3	0	28	1	6
Bristol	3	3	0	23	4	6
Plymouth	4	3	1	19	16	6
Bristol 2nd	3	2	1	13	14	4
Weston	5	2	3	21	24	4
Cheltenham	2	1	1	9	9	2
West Wilts.	3	1	2	7	20	2
Newport	5	1	4	18	27	2
Bath	4	0	4	7	29	0

WOMEN'S DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Bristol	4	4	0	25	11	8
Weston	4	3	1	21	15	6
Plymouth	5	3	2	25	20	6
Newport	6	2	4	23	31	4
Swindon	5	0	5	14	31	0

Results: Men's Singles: **R. CLODE** (WW) bt A. Ward (Sal) 12, 14. Men's Doubles: **WOLFF/McFADDEN** (Sweden) bt Clode/Alexander (WW) 22, 19. Women's Singles: **M. BAKER** (Sal) bt G. Hazell (Sweden) 12, -11, 8. Women's Doubles: **D. ONSLOW/B. MOODY** (Sweden) bt M. Alexander/P. Skittrall (Dev.) 11, -18, 18. Mixed Doubles: **E. HOWELL/Mrs. G. HAZELL** (Sweden) bt D. Waters/Miss K. Waters (Sal) 20, 14. Junior Singles: **R. LLOYD** (Sweden) bt D. Collis (Sweden) -17, 13, 18.

Wiltshire's Coaching Secretary Frank Williams, of Swindon, was well pleased with the county's first-ever Coaching Rally at R.A.F. Lyneham on February 8-9 with attendances of 40 and 100 pupils respectively. Jack Carrington was present on the first day.

Within a month of the tickets for the fourth County Dinner, Presentations and Dance to be held at Devizes on March 13 being put on sale all 110 tickets were snapped up.

West Wiltshire are favourites to retain the First Division Title in the County League as a result of their 6-4 win at Salisbury. Alexander avenged two previous defeats by Tony Ward this season with a hard-hitting 16, 13 victory.

Salisbury Hospital "B" are challenging their "A" team for the Salisbury First Division title while N.A.L.G.O. "A" had a game in hand over St. Mark's "D" at the top of Division 2. One point only separates St. Mark's "E" from South Newton "B" in Division 3, while N.A.L.G.O. "D" are 3 points ahead of Fourth Division challengers S.P.C.C.A.

D. Painter (Methodists Central Hall "B") heads the Swindon League averages with 94.44 in Division 5 while B. Archer (Cricklade "B") is second with 91.66.

Okus SC "A" have a 1 point lead over St. Joseph's "B" and B.R.A.A. "B" in Division 2 while Commercial Road T.T.C. and Cricklade "B" are joint leaders of Division 5. 100% St. Joseph's "D" hold a 7 point lead over Westcott Y.C. "A" in Division 6 while Sandford Y.C. "D" with 2 games in hand are a point behind 7th Division leaders Pinehurst Y.C. "E".

No fewer than 256 games were played in the record breaking West Wiltshire Championships, where, making his 10th successive bid, Alan Alexander captured the Men's Singles title.

Results: Men's Singles: **A. ALEXANDER** bt B. Hawkins 21, -14, 13. Men's Doubles: **J. FORD/J. CLEVELAND** bt J. Analts/J. Pearce 16, 14. Junior Singles: **M. SMITH** bt P. Harrison 14, 13. M. SMITH/P. HARRISON bt M. James/R. Hopgood 16, 14.

Unicorn "A" and Cricket Club "B" with 100% records from 11 matches apiece top the First and Second Divisions of the Devizes League while St. Joseph's "B" are joint leaders of the Junior Division.

SET BACKS FOR CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE City, who have for many weeks headed the men's division of the South East Midlands League, suffered set backs against Northampton, last season's champions, and St. Neots and will now have to fight hard to win the title.

The Women's Section continues to provide a keen tussle for leadership between Kettering and Bletchley, and a photo-finish is expected.

Cambridge ladies, who hold third place narrowly lost to both the teams above them.

Cambridge Juniors had a weakened team when losing to both St. Neots and Northampton, but should still win this section.

BALANCED TEAMS

Bedford have balanced teams in all divisions but are not quite good enough to make the grade of leadership.

Players like Holroyd, Twigden, Saywell, Hogg, Nunn, Chiswall, Jackson and Fox are keeping the league up to a high standard, which is also being maintained in both the ladies and junior sections.

SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS

LEAGUE

League Tables Men's Section

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Cambridge City 'A'	9	7	0	2	58	32	58
Northampton	7	5	0	2	43	27	43
Kettering	7	2	0	5	29	41	29
St. Neots	6	2	1	3	27	33	27
Bedford 'A'	5	2	0	3	24	26	24
Hunts. Central	6	1	1	4	19	41	19

Women's Section

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Cambridge City	9	5	4	56	32	56	
Bletchley	7	6	1	0	55	15	55
Kettering	5	4	1	0	42	8	42
Bedford	4	1	1	2	21	19	21
Hunts. Central	6	1	0	5	8	52	8
St. Neots	7	0	0	7	8	62	8

Junior Section

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Cambridge City	9	7	0	2	67	23	67
St. Neots	6	4	0	2	31	29	31
Northampton	6	2	0	4	23	37	23
Bedford	4	3	0	1	22	18	22
Kettering	6	1	0	5	20	40	20
Hunts. Central	5	1	0	4	17	33	17

League Results: Men's Section: Cambridge City 6, Kettering 4; Kettering 3, Hunts. Central 7; Northampton 8, Cambridge City 2; St. Neots 6, Cambridge City 4; Bedford 4, Kettering 6.

Women's Section

Bedford 5, Bletchley 5; Cambridge City 4, Kettering 6; Hunts. Central 0, Bletchley 10; Kettering 10, Hunts. Central 0; Bletchley 7, Central City 3; St. Neots 2, Cambridge City 8.

Junior Section

Cambridge City 9, Kettering 1; Kettering 7, Hunts. Central 3; St. Neots 6, Cambridge City 4; Northampton 6, Cambridge City 4.

BUCKS.

NATIONAL COACHING BULLETIN

by JACK CARRINGTON

INTER-LEAGUE CHANGES

THE Buckinghamshire Inter-Leagues Championship, currently contested in "A" and "B" Divisions, may undergo drastic changes next season. Plans are afoot to run three divisions—Premier, First and Second—and at the same time restricting to top two divisions to one team per league.

Under the present set-up, some leagues have two teams in the "A" Division.

It is felt that the change of divisions, with promotion and relegation operating between all three, will offer greater incentive and thereby stimulate a wider interest.

Slough I with 8 points from five matches, and High Wycombe A, unbeaten in three matches, are leaders of the "A" Division. Both have, however, still to meet Bletchley, so far unbeaten. Aylesbury "B", with maximum points from five matches, head "B" Division, with High Wycombe "C", 8 points from four matches, their nearest rivals.

Slough "B" and Slough "A" lead the Women's Division in that order, both being unbeaten.

Title winners in the Buckinghamshire Closed at Slough were: Men's Singles: A. Watson. Women's Singles: J. Wooding. Men's Doubles: J. Healy/D. Jones. Women's Doubles: J. Williams / M. Belcher. Mixed Doubles: A. Watson/ Miss B. Camps.

BIG FESTIVAL IN WEST

R.A.F. Hereford acted as hosts over a long week-end (February 14-16). The Friday and Saturday were taken up with Swaythling Cup style matches between four Command teams, plus a guest team of E.T.T.A. Diploma Coaches—Phil Reid (Leicester), Mike Watts (Birmingham), Stuart Wintle (Staffordshire) and Doreen Henderson (Worcestershire).

The E.T.T.A. Coaches came out top, but only by games average over Technical Training Command, who won their particular match against the coaches.

On the Sunday, 93 juniors and 25 officials took part in an Under 16 Development Meeting. Teams came from Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Gloucestershire (unofficial), R.A.F. Boy Entrants and—very welcome guests—T.T.A. of Wales, led by Roy Evans.

The Welsh boys provided the best results of the day.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Many youngsters have enquired recently for

the E.T.T.A. list of recommended tests. A reprint of these is now available (stamped addressed envelope, please!)

Fenland Coaching Meetings: A series of Sundays will be reserved in the new Peterborough Coaching Centre, within the next three months. Anybody interested, please write for enrolment form to Director of Coaching.

Special for School Ages: Some 24 places are available for the E.T.T.A. Course at Crystal Palace August 22-28. No doubt we shall have to ration these—if you are keen, write now to Director of Coaching.

Special for Intermediates (1 or 2 years over Junior age): Note the new venture at Stevenage—Pressure Training, as cheerfully undertaken by Germans, Swedes, Australians—anybody but Englishmen!

Intermediates—this will be tough. Are you tough enough to try it?

Only 12 will be accepted, with 4 reserves.

BOLTON TOPPLE MANCHESTER

BOLTON created history on February 21 by reaching the semi-final of the Wilmot Cup, storming home 5-4 against Manchester, 11 times winners.

The tightly-packed crowd at Montague Burton's Halliwell canteen was kept on tenterhooks to the end. With Manchester leading 4-3, before Bryn Farnworth beat Roy Crusham, and Mike Symonds, who had previously accounted for Jeff Ingber and Crusham, overcame Kevin Forshaw.

Detailed scores (Bolton first): Symonds bt Crusham —9, 17, 16; bt Ingber —11, 17, 17; bt Forshaw 13, 17. Livesey lost to Forshaw —10, —16; bt Crusham 10, —17, 17; lost to Ingber —18, —13. Farnworth lost to Ingber —6, —6; lost to Forshaw 19, —15, —15; bt Crusham 17, 13.

Another titanic struggle is promised between Bolton and Manchester this month in the Lancashire and Cheshire League first division, where Manchester hold a point advantage over Bolton.

Another grandstand finish at the same venue was a 5-5 draw between Lancashire and Yorkshire in the Second Division (North) of the County Championship. Livesey saved Lancashire by beating David Bartlett in the final set.

Blackpool held their closed championships on February 15, with Roy Frankland turning in a winner's performance against Fred Kershaw after beating Gordon Beardsworth in the semi-final.

Mike John's had a five-fold success in the Mid-Cheshire closed winning the men's, youth's and junior singles, plus the men's and mixed doubles.

GEORGE R. YATES

COACHING DIARY

(Director in attendance except where marked *)

March			
6/7	Lowestoft	Ald. Woodrow School	Teachers and Coaches
8	Matlock	Lea Green Centre	Under-16 Groups (Zone Meeting)
9	Newbury	Youth Centre	Opening New Centre
16	Newbury	Youth Centre	Coaches' Practical
21	Southend	Belfair School	School-leavers' Rally (with Essex T.T.A.)
22	Peterborough	Orchard St. Centre	Coaches' Course
28	Letchworth	Kincaid Hall	Assessing League coaching candidates
(prov.)			
April			
5	Bethnal Green	Albion Club	Under-16 Groups (Zone Meeting)
12	Yeovil		League Coaching
18/19	Penwortham		Lancashire E.C. Mass Rally
22/23	London		Schools' Equipment Exhibition
24/25*	London		Schools' Equipment Exhibition
24/25	Manchester		Manchester E.C. Mass Rally
27	London		Salvation Army Leaders' Course
May			
2	Stanmore	R.A.F. Station	Middlesex Junior Rally
3	Stanmore	R.A.F. Station	Under-16 Groups (Zone Meeting) and Quadrangular Dev. Meeting
(prov.)			
10	Peterborough	Orchard St. Centre	Coaches' Course
23	Crystal Palace	L.C.C. Centre	Y.M.C.A. Championships
24	Stevenage	Chells Gr. School	Intermediates—Pressure Training
31	Peterborough	Orchard St. Centre	Coaches' Course
June 1	West Ham		Teachers' Course
June 28	Stevenage		Intermediates—Pressure Training
June/July	London, W.1.	Chells Gr. School	L.C.C. Instructors' Courses
July			
17/23	Lilleshall	C.C.P.R. Centre	General Course
August			
16	Stevenage	Chells Gr. School	Intermediates—Pressure Training
22/28	Crystal Palace	L.C.C. Centre	Young Players' Course and Coaches' Conference.
Sept. 12/19	Skegness		Coaches and Players
19/26	Torquay		C.C.P.R. Course—General

Any persons interested in attending, assisting, or organising events to fit into above programme, please contact Director of Coaching, E.T.T.A., 24, Worcester Gardens, Ilford, Essex. (Tel. VAL 5838).

AROUND EAST ANGLIA

KING'S LYNN ARE BACK

QUITE the best Norfolk news of last month was that **King's Lynn League**, who withdrew their allegiance to the County and E.T.T.A. at the start of the 1961-62 season, have now re-affiliated to the parent body. We welcome them back, and hope to see them once again competing in the East Anglian League and County Championships, next season.

The above news was given to me by Betty Cassell at the Hertfordshire match at Norwich. She mentioned in passing

SUFFOLK

MANN INCREASES LEAD

THE third leg of the Suffolk Top Ten found David Mann with an increased lead over nearest rival, Brian Buckle, and the margin of nine points means that his position is virtually unassailable. Both players evidently were feeling the strain of the long journey to the Midland Open on the previous day and were well below their best.

Mann won his group for a total of nine points, Buckle having a similar score in Group B. His wins included one over Ken Perry two-straight, but the latter won all his other sets by the same margin, so causing a tie. The play-off ended in a win for Perry by 6, -15, 15.

In the Inter-Group final, Perry started in fine fashion taking the first game 21-11. He failed to hold on to his advantage, Mann winning the other two games by 13 and 14. With one leg to play, the leading places are: D. Mann 41, H. Buckle 32, H. Fleck 26, K. Perry 20.

Meanwhile in the **Leading Ladies**, Brenda Brown took the lead at the end of the first leg with a total of 13½ points to 10½ by Linda Barrett. Both won their respective groups with the latter player holding a slight advantage, but Mrs. Brown won the final fairly easily, and made further ground in the doubles. Barbara Killett had a good doubles partnership with Ann Pearson and was able to join Miss Barrett in the second place at the end of play. Hard upon their heels were Ann Pearson 8½ points, Doris Fox 7, and Ann Baldry with 6, so the final placings are still open to conjecture.

The illness of Derek Morley has left a gap in the coaching world, but it is good to know he is making good progress.

Meanwhile, from Ipswich comes news of new names in Suffolk table tennis with the successes in the preliminary rounds of the local boys' singles of pupils of Chantry School. The boys who impressed were Peter Death and Brian Lankester, the former reaching the semi-final where he was beaten 13 and 5 by David Mann. They were initiated to the sport in a session by Jack and Elsie Carrington, and have since been coached by their versatile and capable P.E. instructor, Brian Nelson, now a diploma candidate.

D. J. Barrett.

that she had reached the last eight in the English Closed, when Jean McCree once again proved too strong for her.

Perhaps it was the reaction after this splendid effort which contributed to her defeat by Miss P. Hemmings that evening, but Herts were good value for their 8-2 win. The last tie, when D. Grant beat A. Coby at 25 in the third, was a thriller. In the women's doubles, Barbara Andrews hit hard and true. Congratulations to Alan Coby, Tony Cooper and Chris Fields, who were presented with their County colours after the match—certainly the youngest trio to receive them at any one time.

Oxford sent a strong side in Hahn, Judson and Jackson to beat Norwich 9-0 in the fourth round of the Wilmott Cup. Norwich players would benefit from more practice against hard-hitting opposition like this. Norwich B received our spirits by beating Yarmouth B the same evening by 10-0. It was strange to see Maurice and Audrey Ewles playing for Norwich and Gordon Wood for Yarmouth! Mrs. Gillian Fowler, of British Road Services, made a very successful Norwich debut.

It will come as a surprise to many to learn that 817 Norfolk schoolchildren entered for the **EAGLE/GIRL** Championships this season. The South of England Area Finals were held on Saturday, 1st February, at the St. Bride Institute, Fleet Street. Administrative

Secretary Keith Motts kindly gives me the following figures of entrants:

Wymondham S.M. Boys' School 367; North Walsham S.M. 130 (including 36 girls); Cromer S.M. 128; Norwich Alderman Jex S.M. 128, and Norwich Henderson 64.

Wymondham S.M.B.S. have been receiving coaching from County Coach Maurice Ewles. It was good to see six tables in action there. Several of those tables were won in the *Eagle/Girl* Competition.

Wymondham League beat Cromer 7-3 to give them some much-needed encouragement, but the new Cromer side have made an excellent impression wherever they have played.

Yarmouth League leaders at the time of the annual break for their divisional singles titles are: **Premier**: Caister A; **First**: Baileah House A; **Second**: Post Office B; **Third**: Acle Fire Station A; **Junior**: Matthes.

Chris Fields is still unbeaten. Yarmouth are to send a team to Rambouillet, their 'twin town' in France, from April 6 to 13.

Their schools' tournament attracted 54 boys and girls. Winners—**Special Section**: W. Haydock; **Over-15**: R. Tovell; Girls: S. Bayfield; **Under 15**: P. Tye; Girls: S. Allen; **Under-13**: C. Johnson; Girls: J. Allen.

Division leaders in the **Norwich League** are. — **First**: C.E.Y.M.S., Y.M.C.A.; **Second**: Heartsease, Railways; **Third**: St. John's, Christchurch; **Fourth**: C.E.Y.M.S. D, Park Lane O.B.; **Fifth**: St. Alban's, May and Baker; **Sixth**: St. Andrew's Hospital, Young Socialists; **Seventh**: Electricity C, Jewson's C.

J. S. Penny

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

by LESLIE CONSTABLE

THANKS TO THE LADIES

THE women's section has never been the strong point of Cambridgeshire in the National County championships, but it was largely due to the ladies that they were able to take a point from Huntingdonshire. Valerie Gillam was successful in the singles and won the doubles with Margaret Cornwell, who was also on the winning side with Ron Nunn in the mixed doubles.

The other two wins were marked up by Keith Chapman and Paul Chisnall in the men's singles.

The transition from rubber to sand-wich bats appears to be causing the Cambridge players plenty of trouble, but once they have overcome this they should once again become a menace to visiting sides.

University Press, who have been leading the First Division of the Cambridge League for most of the season, suffered two setbacks when they lost to both New Chesterton Institute, last year's champions, and Y.M.C.A. II. Press also lost to Y.M.C.A. III in the quarter-final of the knock-out handicap. Y.M.C.A. III, represented by Alan Ponder, Paul Chisnall and Brian Wilkins, now meet Y.M.C.A. I in the semi-final.

Y.M.C.A. I and Impington I are challenging strongly for the First Division, where there is also a keen struggle at the bottom of the table be-

tween Wilburton, Pest Control and N.A.L.G.O.

St. George's, helped by veterans Jack Bangham and Frank Jeffrey, are going nicely in the Second Division, but Torchbearers and Hospitals will, I feel, win promotion. Valerie Gillam is playing well for Torchbearers.

Sahan Methodists and Northern Employers are top of Division II, where N.A.L.G.O. II and G.O.R.B. II struggle for survival.

Of the other five divisions, only one team, First Brigade II, who easily head Division VIII, are unbeaten.

The Divisional Knock-Out, introduced last season, is again included in the Cambridge Closed Championship at the Cambridge Corn Exchange from March 9 to 12.

The Corn Exchange is also the venue for the new **Cambridge Open Championships** on April 16. County secretary Margaret Cornwell looks like having a busy time with this new venture, and it is hoped that her efforts will be rewarded with a top class entry.

Coaching classes are being held at the Cambridge Y.M.C.A. and also instructor courses at Swaveley Village College, with John and Margaret Cornwell in charge. Several promising young players are emerging from these classes.

WEST OF SCOTLAND

McMICHAEL KEEPS SINGLES

TOMMY McMICHAEL, making his fourth appearance in the final, retained his singles title in the West of Scotland Open at Easterhouse, near Glasgow, on January 25. In the final he beat four times former winner Bertie Kerr 21-18, 21-17.

Olive Hawkins regained the women's singles but had a hard fight over the first two games before beating Lesley Barrie 19-21, 22-20, 21-8. Mrs. Hawkins gained a further title in the women's doubles with Doreen Robertson, but lost the mixed doubles which she held with Jim Dow, when they were beaten by John Reilly and Miss Barrie in the final.

Dow, however, kept his name on the winners' list by partnering Ally Laidlaw to win the men's doubles, beating Kerr and McMichael. Dow and Laidlaw were a scratch pairing, their original partners being absent. Dow had previously held the title with Malcolm Sugden, Scotland's No. 1, whose absence from the singles left the draw somewhat lopsided.

Reilly won the boys' singles, beating Charlie Vesco 21-12, 21-16 in a final that was better than the scores suggest.

Men's Singles: Quarter-Finals: T. McMichael (Ed.) bt J. Coyne (Glas.) 16, 13. A. K. Laidlaw (Ed.) bt J. Carswell —21, 16, 18. R. Kerr (Ed.) bt J. Reilly (Glas.) 14, 15. J. Hawkins (Glas.) bt F. E. Cameron (Glas.) 14, —21, 7.

Semi-Finals: McMICHAEL bt Laidlaw 15, 18. KERR bt Hawkins 17, 12.

Final: McMICHAEL bt Kerr 18, 17.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: DOW/LAIDLAW bt Gibbs/Vesco (Ed.) 7, 18.

KERR/McMICHAEL (Ed.) bt Carswell/Hawkins 16, 19.

Final: DOW/LAIDLAW bt Kerr/McMichael —19, 16, 18.

Women's Singles, Semi-Finals: L. BARRIE (Glas.) bt M. Anton (Glas.) 16, 4. O. HAWKINS (Glas.) bt D. Robertson 13, —13, 17.

Final: HAWKINS bt Barrie —19, 20, 8.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: HAWKINS/ROBERTSON (Glas.) bt Murray/Nixon 5, 11. COATS/SHIELDS bt Barrie/Coombs 12, 18.

Final: HAWKINS/ROBERTSON bt Coats/Shields 15, 22.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: REILLY/BARRIE (Glas.) bt Hawkins/Robertson 10, 13. DOW/HAWKINS bt Carswell/Shields 11, 13.

Final: REILLY/BARRIE (Glas.) bt Dow/Hawkins —14, 20, 19.

Junior Singles: Semi-Finals: J. REILLY (Glas.) bt A. Stewart (Glas.) 15, 18. C. VESCO bt W. Gibbs 11, 17.

Final: REILLY bt Vesco 12, 16.

MICHAEL WILCOX, the Australian Champion, with the **VICTOR BARNA AWARD**, presented to Australia's outstanding player of the year. Wilcox also won the award in 1962.

FIXTURE ENGAGEMENTS

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

Date	Title of Venue	Extra Events	Organising Secretary
Mar.			
2-3 & 9	East London Closed		L. Tolvin,
	St. Luke's Youth Centre,		10, Chadwick Street,
	Jude Street,		Leytonstone,
	Canning Town, London, E.16.		London, E.11.
7	North Middlesex Closed		
	Town Hall,		
	Edmonton, London, N.		
7-8	Worcestershire Closed		D. J. Moss,
	Geraldine Staff Club,		4, Hillery Road,
	Barnards Green,		Red Hill,
	Malvern.		Worcester.
7	Welsh Closed		
7-8	Bucks Open		L. Thompson,
	Slough Community Centre,		"Auchmead," The Avenue,
	Farnham Road,		Sunnymeads,
	Slough.		Wraysbury, Bucks.
15	Sussex Junior Open		Miss J. Williams,
	Assembly Hall,		27, Bellview Road,
	Worthing.		Worthing, Sussex.
20-21	Irish North West Open		
	Strabane.		
26	Old Boys' Invitation		D. Stanger,
	241-3, Mile End Road,		Old Boys' Club,
	London, E.1.		241-3, Mile End Road, E.1.
28-30	North East England Open J.S. Y.S.		W. Milton,
	Wallis Holiday Camp, V.S. J.G.S.		16, The Whins,
	Cayton Bay, C.H. S.M.		Newby,
	Scarborough. C.H. S.W.		Scarborough, Yorks.
29-30	SCOTTISH OPEN		G. A. Hawkins,
	Drill Hall,		126, Monifieth Avenue,
	East Claremont St., Edinburgh		Glasgow, S.W.2.
Apl. 4	Gwent Open (March 21)		G. Motlow,
	Standard Telephones,		29, Carisbrooke Road,
	Newport, Mon.		Newport, Mon.
10-12	Stevenage Open		J. G. W. Thompson,
	Stevenage.		268, Chertsey Rise,
			Stevenage.
26	Cambridgeshire Open		Mrs. M. Cornwell,
	Cambridge.		28, Harding Way,
			Cambridge.
May 9	Crescent Invitation		
	Sittingbourne, Kent.		
23-24	SWISS OPEN		



ESSEX

NEW YOUTH LEAGUE

THE staging of the England versus Czechoslovakia match, on February 26, provided another milestone in Essex table tennis history as it was the first international match presented by the county. At quite short notice the Eton Manor Clubs provided a first-class venue, in spite of their already crowded programme. The same club will be the scene of the County Senior Closed Championships, which are being played on April 18/19. Entry forms are avail-

able from Harry Walker, 80 Derham Gardens, Upminster.

In the National County Championships, Premier Division, Essex supporters have gained new hope from the Gloucestershire win over Middlesex. The two key matches are both in March. On the seventh we play Gloucestershire, at G.U.S. Sports' Ground, Spring Hill, Clapton, E.5, and, on the twentieth, we entertain Lancashire, at Estric, Harold Hill, in the first leg of their three match programme.

The final match for the juniors, against Norfolk, in the Eastern Division, is being played on March 14, at Crittalls, Witham. The choice of venue fulfils two objectives. First it keeps our opponents' journey to a minimum and also gives people in the area one of their rare chances to see our top youngsters in action.

St. Michael's, the holders of the Essex Team Knock-Out Cup, lost all interest in this season's competition, when they crashed 5-1 to a strong Fellows Cranleigh team, who now look all set to win the trophy. The semi-final draw is: Fellows Cranleigh versus Frenford; North Ilford 1st versus North Ilford 2nd.

For the first time we had the opportunity of running the Southern Region and semi-final stages of the "Eagle"/"Girl" competition. We had high hopes of doing well but, although Karenza Smith and Keith Lawrence won Southern titles, none of our youngsters qualified for the all-England finals.

There was a big turn-out at the Becontree Table Tennis Centre, in February, when Johnny Leach launched the Dagenham Youth League. This will provide organised table tennis for twenty teams, under good conditions, and the opportunity of playing tips. Les Sawyer has worked hard to get the league going and the project went through with the co-operation of local youth and education authorities.

In the Dagenham League Individual

finals, Peter Radford collected four titles, including the Handicap Singles, with a nicely judged effort, in spite of giving sixteen points start in 21-up. Peter's improved form has been rewarded with a place in the county team in the Bernard Crouch Trophy competition.

Dagenham results: MS. P. Radford bt L. Parks, 17-21, 21-14, 21-17. MD. Radford/N. Sidebottom bt D. Campora/A. Stallard, 23-21, 17-21, 21-13. XD. V. Ralls/Mrs. B. Bell bt I. Hewitt/Mrs. A. Hewitt, 21-12, 21-15. VS. V. Ralls bt E. Pritchard, 21-9, 21-9. Yth. S. Radford bt Stallard, 21-16, 21-18. H'cap. S. Radford (scr.) bt J. Lane (Rec. 16), 11-21, 22-20, 21-19.

The preliminary rounds of the East London Junior Championships are being played at St. Luke's Y.C., on March 2-3, with the finals at the same Club, on Monday, March 9.

MIDDLESEX TITLE FOR LINDSAY

AS usual Middlesex players have been among the tournament winners but Middlesex suffered a slight setback when the county side lost 4-5 to Gloucestershire. We can now only rely upon the team beating Lancashire and winning on average.

More locally it very much looks like Wembley winning the inter-league. A 5-4 win over Willesden did the trick. North Acton seem to be all set for promotion to Division 1.

Recently the Middlesex Closed Championships were held at a new venue at the Fulham Town Hall. Alan Lindsay won the men's singles for the second time, beating Brian Wright in the final. Margaret Fry won the women's singles for the sixth time, while Tony Robinson became the first junior to win the junior boys for a second time.

In the men's doubles Laurie Landry and Ian Redfearn beat the holders Stan Jacobson and Alan Lindsay, to reach the final.

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: A. LINDSAY bt D. Creamer 21-10, 21-18; B. WRIGHT bt A. Rhodes 21-15, 21-13. **Final:** LINDSAY bt Wright 21-12, 21-19.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals: M. FRY bt M. Hicks 17-21, 21-13, 21-11; A. TAFT bt T. Redfearn 21-18, 19-21, 25-23. **Final:** FRY bt Taft 21-15, 22-20.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals: WRIGHT/RHODES bt L. Gresswell/Robinson 21-15, 20-22, 21-12; LANDRY/REDFEARN bt T. Bateman/R. Bradstreet 21-15, 21-8. **Final:** WRIGHT/RHODES bt Landry/Redfearn 21-17, 21-16.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals: REDFEARN/TAFT bt S. Light/V. Lucas 22-20, 23-21; HICKS/L. OGUS bt T. Lodge/P. Rainsbury 21-19, 16-21, 21-16. **Final:** REDFEARN/TAFT bt Hicks/Ogus 20-22, 24-22, 21-15.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals: WRIGHT/OGUS bt Lindsay/P. Barnes 21-18, 21-9; M. THORNHILL/TAFT bt M. Creamer/Hicks 12-21, 21-16, 21-17. **Final:** WRIGHT/OGUS bt Thornhill/Taft.

Boys' Singles: Semi-Finals: A. ROBSON bt B. Petch 21-11, 21-19; R. ALLEN bt C. Hughes 21-12, 22-20. **Final:** ROBSON bt Allen 21-11, 18-21, 21-11.

Girls' Singles: Semi-Finals: M. STACKHOUSE bt J. Gooding 21-9, 21-7; M. WALKER bt L. Robinson 17-21, 21-11, 21-9. **Final:** STACKHOUSE bt Walker 24-22, 21-18.

EDINBURGH WIN

EDINBURGH scored a magnificent 7-1 win over West of Scotland in the semi-final of the Scottish Inter-District tournament and now meet Aberdeen in the final.

This is the first time Edinburgh have beaten the West since the new team formation of three men, one junior and two ladies was introduced.

In a match full of surprises the most meritorious performance was that of young Charlie Vesco over John Hawkins the new Scottish junior champion.

The surprise defeat of Scotland's doubles pair Olive Hawkins and Lesley Barrie by Margaret Terras and Ethel Milne, making the score 4-1 was the final blow to the West's hopes.

A much more confident Bertie Kerr ran out an easy winner against Jim Dow and in the last game Malcolm Sugden proved much too good for John Reilly.

Edinburgh 7, West of Scotland 1: A. Laidlaw bt J. Carswell 10, 28, C. Vesco bt J. Hawkins 8, 13. Kerr bt Dow 19, 11. Sugden bt Reilly 9, 12.

Miss M. Terras lost to Miss L. Barrie —19, —20.

Miss E. Milne/Miss Terras bt Mrs. O. Hawkins/Miss Barrie —7, 17, 19.

Sugden/Kerr bt Dow/Reilly —18, 18, 21. Laidlaw/Vesco bt Carswell/Hawkins 19, 15.

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