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**PERSONAL COMMENT**

Some nineteen years have passed since I took over the editorship of this magazine and much as I would have liked to have reached one further milestone to make it twenty, pressure of work in connection with my new role as Hon. Secretary of the European Table Tennis Union has made it impossible to continue.

To do so would have meant falling between two stools and it would not have been fair to either commitment, as it has been these past twelve months, to continue building up pressures and falling down on either one or the other.

It is with reluctance therefore that I quit the post of Editor having enjoyed my stint notwithstanding the slings and arrows that have crossed my desk during my period in office. I have tried to keep a balance and have been indebted to all my correspondents, those for and against, and, more latterly, my decision to curb, not silence, the outpourings from a certain gentleman and his wife in the Isle of Wight.

The magazine is, after all, the official journal of the Association and although free speech is to be encouraged it is not for me, a member of the establishment, to let criticism run out of hand to an extent which could upset, and possibly deprive us of, sponsors.

To all those writers and photographers who have contributed, freely and unstintingly, to the welfare of this publication, and to those advertisers who have, throughout the years, supported the magazine I would express my gratitude with the sincere hope that this be the lot of my successor.

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**ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT**

By The Editor



**THE 38th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**SAME AGAIN IN GOTHENBURG**

by George R. Yates

Cai Zhenhua and Cao Yanhua, the mixed.

But what of the exploits of Hong Kong's Lo Chuen Chung in reaching the semi-final stage of the men's singles? Here was a player who, in the Isle of Man Commonwealth Championships, was twice beaten by Desmond Douglas, and once by Carl Prean, and in the team event in Gothenburg was again the victim of the same two English players when England won 5-1!

Such players as Tibor Klampar (Hungary), Fan Changmao (China) and Yoshihito Miyazaki (Japan) lay in the wake of the Hong Kong player who was finally eliminated by the ultimate winner Jiang Jialiang whose only two games dropped were to Horatio Pintea of Canada and to Lo Chuen Chung.

Yugoslavia's Dragutin Surbek, Erik Lindh and Appelgren of Sweden were the only European players to figure in the last sixteen of the men's singles whilst, in the counterpart women's event, Alice Pelikanova of Czechoslovakia, Bettine Vriesekoop of the Netherlands, Maria Alboiu of Romania, Olga Nemes of the Federal Republic of Germany and Fiura Bulatova of the Soviet Union progressed no further from the last sixteen.

What then of England's fortunes? In the team events the men dropped from No. 4 in Tokyo to No. 10 and the women from No. 7 to No. 9. Undoubtedly our stars were Douglas, and to a lesser degree, Carl Prean whilst on the distaff side Lisa Bellinger had by far the better record and figured prominently in the final two cross-over matches against Romania and France when she accounted for Alboiu, Otilia Badescu, Nadine Daviaud and

| ROLL OF HONOUR   |   |
|--|---|
| <b>SWAYTHLING CUP</b><br>(Men's Team)<br>CHINA   | <b>MARCEL CORBILLON CUP</b><br>(Women's Team)<br>CHINA                                  |
| <b>ST. BRIDE VASE</b><br>(Men's Singles)<br>JIANG JIALIANG<br>(China)                  | <b>G. GEIST PRIZE</b><br>(Women's Singles)<br>CAO YANHUA<br>(China)                     |
| <b>IRAN CUP</b><br>(Men's Doubles)<br>MIKAEL APPELGREN<br>and ULF CARLSSON<br>(Sweden) | <b>W. J. POPE TROPHY</b><br>(Women's Doubles)<br>DAI LILI and<br>GENG LIJUAN<br>(China) |
| <b>HEYDUSEK PRIZE</b><br>(Mixed Doubles)<br>CAI ZHENHUA and CAO YANHUA<br>(China)      |   |

As in the Yoyogi Stadium, Tokyo in 1983, so it was in the Scandinavium, Gothenburg, over the period March 28 - April 7, 1985 when, in the 38th World Championships, players from the People's Republic of China again captured six of the seven titles at stake. And, again, the one to escape them was the men's doubles this time won by the host country's Mikael Appelgren and Ulf Carlsson at the final expense of Milan Orlovski and Jindrich Pansky of Czechoslovakia.

Otherwise the championships were totally dominated by the Chinese emphasizing the wide gulf

that still exists between the players of Asia and those of Europe. Never more was this in evidence than in the two singles events in which, at the quarter-final stage, not one European, man or woman, remained in contention and this too applied at the semi-final stage of the women's doubles.

Having swamped the two team events with final wins of 5-0 over Sweden (men) and 3-0 over Korea D.P.R. (women) the Chinese wizards further demonstrated their prowess in the individual events. Jiang Jialiang took the men's singles, Cao Yanhua, the women's, Dai Lili and Geng Lijuan, the women's doubles, and

# 38th World Championships

Brigitte Thiriet, not to mention Bulatova in the opening match, and Sweden's Marie Lindblad of Sweden.

**Douglas was only beaten on three occasions in the men's team event losing to Patrick Renverse of France, Kiyoshi Saito of Japan and, surprisingly, to Ilija Lupulescu of Yugoslavia, the latter before beating Zoran Kalinic and Surbek.**

But it was a dismal showing in the individual events with both Skylet Andrew and Graham Sandley failing to emerge from their qualifying groups although Andrew, having beaten Engelbert Hugging to record his first win in Gothenburg, must have been surprised to find such a player as Orlovski within the group!

Up against Jan-Ove Waldner and Fan Changmao in the first round, Alan Cooke and Prean could be excused their defeats although the latter put up a terrific fight before going down in the fifth. Des flattered to deceive in taking a 2-game lead over the North Korean junior, Kim Song Hui, only to lose the next three.

In the women's singles qualifying groups Jackie Bellinger lost to Sweden's Gunnel Borgstrom but sister Lisa made it through three rounds and registered a first round proper victory over Vesna Ojsterzek of Yugoslavia before bowing out to Bulatova whose compatriot, Narine Antonian, despatched Alison Gordon. Karen Witt failed to make any impression on Bulgaria's youthful Daniela Guerguelcheva.

## STORMED

Prean and Andrew stormed their way through three qualifying rounds of the men's doubles only to lose in the first round proper to the veteran Wilfried Lieck and Ralph Wosik of Federal Germany. Cooke and Sandley were taken apart by Kim Ki Taek and Kim Wan of South Korea whilst Douglas, partnered by Andrzej Grubba of Poland had the distinction of eliminating the defending champions, Kalinic and Surbek, only to be seen off by Appelgren and Carlsson the ultimate winners.

Karen and Lisa failed to qualify in the women's doubles whilst Alison and Jackie, the latter replacing the injured Joy Grundy who did not make the trip, fell in the first round to Chuang Shu-Hwa and Huang Mei-Jen of Chinese Taipei.

In the mixed Carl and Jackie played splendidly to qualify going on to beat Park Ji Hyun and Lee Sun of South Korea only to lose to Chen Xinhua and Tong Ling of China. But not a happy mixed for Alan and Lisa who, although well qualifying, fell to Norway's Haakon Hoff and Kristin Hagen whilst Des and Alison were taken out by Japan's Miyazaki and Hoshino, again in Round 1.

The championships were by far the biggest represented with 66



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The English Umpires in Gothenburg - Stuart Sherlock, Bill Wilson and Jack Melnick.

men's teams and 55 women's teams participating - an all-time record. Hotel accommodation was, for the most part, more than comfortable, but, whilst having sympathy for the numbers to be catered for, the food left a great deal to be desired.

Notwithstanding, however, the host association are to be complimented in bringing the championships to a successful conclusion, in conducting affairs quite splendidly, not least the free day

which, for me, was rounded off appreciatively as a guest of the Swaythling Club presided over by the genial Joe Veselsky.

The weather throughout was not conducive to walk-about but the Scandinavium was pleasantly warm and the company congenial. High praise is hereby afforded the press room, bananas and all, but they did not slip on them! One can only say, in conclusion, that despite many difficulties, the show went on, and on, but successfully.

## INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

### Men's Singles: Round 3:

Jiang Jialiang (CHN) bt Chih Chin-Long (TPE) 13, 11, 13;  
D. Surbel (YUG) bt Cho Yong Ho (PRK) 16, 20, 12, 14;  
He Zhiwen (CHN) bt J. Takacs (HUN) -19, 17, 16, 18;  
Kim Ki Taek (KOR) bt J-O. Waldner (SWE) -18, 17, 16, 14;  
Fan Changmao (CHN) bt U. Carlsson (SWE) -18, 17, 16, 14;  
Lo Chuen Chung (HKG) bt J. Roskopf (FRG) 13, 14, 15;  
Chen Xinhua (CHN) bt R. Wosik (FRG) 5, 16, 9;  
Y. Miyazaki (JPN) bt A. Mazunov (URS) 10, -18, 17, 13, 18;  
Wang Huiyuan (CHN) bt Kim Wan (KOR) 14, 16, 12;  
E. Lindh (SWE) bt Wu Wen-Chia (TPE) -18, 15, -19, 12, 13;  
Chen Longcan (CHN) bt M. Costantini (ITA) 11, 17, 17;  
M. Loukov (BUL) bt J. Pansky (TCH) 23, -18, 15, 13;  
M. Appelgren (SWE) bt M. Orlovski (TCH) 20, -11, 11, 17;  
Teng Yi (CHN) bt A. Podpinka (HUN) 14, 10, 18;  
Park Ji Hyun (KOR) bt Kim Song Hui (PRK) 19, 16, 18, 13;  
Xie Saikie (CHN) bt A. Musa (NGR) 14, -20, 18, 19.

### Round 4

Jiang Jialiang bt Surbek 14, 20, 16;  
Kim Ki Taek bt He Zhiwen -12, 19, 16, 11;  
Lo Chuen Chung bt Fan Changmao 20, 20, 18;  
Miyazaki bt Chen Xinhua 11, 16, 16;  
Wang Huiyuan bt Lindh 19, -10, -17, 13, 15;  
Chen Longcan bt Loukov 19, 18, 12;  
Teng Yi bt Appelgren 15, 14, -19, 12;  
Xie Saikie bt Park Ji Hyun -16, -19, 9, 19, 15;

### Quarter-final:

Jiang Jialiang bt Kim Ki Taek 13, 14, 11;  
Lo Chuen Chung bt Miyazaki 22, -18, 19, 15;  
Chen Longcan bt Wang Huiyuan -17, 14, 17, 18;  
Teng Yi bt Xie Saikie 12, -19, 12, 20.

### Semi-final:

Jiangliang bt Lo Chuen Chung 17, 18, -18, 11;  
Chen Longcan bt Teng Yi 16, 17, 15.

### Final:

**JIANG JIALIANG** bt Chen Longcan 14, 21, 18.

### Women's Singles: Round 3:

Cao Yanhua (CHN) bt M. Lindblad (SWE) 17, 16, 17;  
Yoon Kyung Mi (KOR) bt T. Shimonaga (JPN) 9, 11, 10;  
A. Pelikanova (TCH) bt V. Popova (URS) 19, 16, 19;  
Tong Ling (CHN) bt Li Bun Hui (PRK) 12, 11, 10;  
B. Vrieskoop (HOL) bt B. Viktorsson (SWE) 17, 21, 11;  
Ni Xialian (CHN) bt G. Fazekas (HUN) 5, 7, 6;  
Mok Ka Sha (HKG) bt B. Batinic (YUG) -11, 16, -9, 12, 12;  
Qi Baoxiang (CHN) bt Han Hye Song (PRK) 17, 10, 14;  
Geng Lijuan (CHN) bt N. Antonian (URS) 20, 16, 14;  
M. Albolu (ROM) bt Z. Olah (HUN) -13, 19, 16, 13;  
Jiao Zhimin (CHN) bt Cho Jong Hui (PRK) 19, 16, 12;  
Yang Young Ja (KOR) bt D. Davidkova (TCH) 15, 11, 9;  
O. Nernes (FRG) bt M. Hrachova (TCH) 17, -14, 9, -18, 12;  
Pang Chung Dok (PRK) bt C. Batorfi (HUN) -23, 8, 13, 15;  
F. Bulatova (URS) bt M. Hoshino (JPN) -20, 22, 16, 18;  
Dai Lili (CHN) bt Hui So Hung (HKG) 8, -18, 15, 10.

### Round 4

Cao Yanhua bt Yoon Kyung Mi 11, -19, 9, 12;  
Tong Ling bt Pelikanova 12, 15, 12;  
Ni Xialian bt Vrieskoop 11, 16, 20;  
Qi Baoxiang bt Mok Ka Sha 8, 14, 16;  
Geng Lijuan bt Albolu 5, 19, 15;  
Jiao Zhimin bt Yang Young Ja 13, 21, 14;  
Pang Chun Dok bt Nernes 14, 18, 18;  
Dai Lili bt Bulatova 9, 12, 11.

### Quarter-finals:

Cao Yanhua bt Tong Ling -20, 16, 19, 15;  
Qi Baoxiang bt Ni Xialian 13, -16, 13, 18;  
Geng Lijuan bt Jiao Zhimin -16, -19, 12, 17, 17;  
Dai Lili bt Pang Chun Dok 10, 12, 8.

### Semi-final:

Cao Yanhua bt Qi Baoxiang 13, 7, -16, -19, 15;  
Geng Lijuan bt Dai Lili -19, 19, -20, 19, 17.

### Final:

**CAO YANHUA** bt Geng Lijuan 12, 16, -10, 16.

### Men's Doubles: Round 3:

Appelgren/Carlsson bt **D. Douglas (ENG)/A. Grubba (POL)** 18, 18;  
Chen Longcan/Wang Huiyuan bt E. Hugging (FRG)/D. Palmi (AUT) 4, 10;  
T. Klampar/Z. Kriston (HUN) bt Musa/F. Sule (NGR) 16, 16;  
Fan Changmao/He Zhiwen bt Ahn Jae Hyung/Lee Jung Hak (KOR) 10, 10;  
Orlovski/Pansky bt Cho Yong Ho/Hong Choi (PRK) -20, 17, 17;  
Miyazaki/H. Shimizu (JPN) bt Teng Yi/Xie Saikie 14, 17;  
Kim Ki Taek/Kim Wan bt Huang Hui-Chiei (TPE)/Wu Wen-Chia 12, 15;  
Cai Zhenhua (CHN)/Jiang Jialiang bt G. Bisi (ITA)/Costantini -18, 8, 17.



**Jiang Jialiang (China) men's singles winner**

**Quarter-final:**

Appelgren/Carlsson bt Chen Longcan/Wang Huiyuan 17, -16, 19;  
Fan Changmao/He Zhiwen bt Klampar/Kriston 19, 22;  
Orlowski/Pansky bt Miyazaki/Shimizu -17, 17, 17;  
Cai Zhenhua/Jiang Jialiang bt Kim Ki Taek/Kim Wan 17, 18.

**Semi-final:**

Appelgren/Carlsson bt Fan Changmao/He Zhiwen 15, -21, 17;  
Orlowski/Pansky bt Cai Zhenhua/Jiang Jialiang 12, -16, 16.

**Final:**

**APPELGGREN/CARLSSON** bt Orlowski/Pansky 15, 20.

**Women's Doubles: Round 3:**

Dai Lili/Geng Lijuan bt Hrachova/Vriesekoop 17, 15;  
Antoniar/Popova bt S. Dogan/F. Turgut (TUR) 5, 11;  
Jiao Zhimin/Qi Baoxiang bt Chuang Shu-Hwa/Huang Mei-Jen (TPE) 13, 17;  
Han Hye Song/Pang Chun Dok bt A. Laeth/M. Svensson (SWE) 14, 15;  
Guan Jianhua (CHN)/ Tong Ling bt K. Bogaerts/N. Higuet (BEL) 6, 12;  
Fazekas/K. Nagy (HUN) bt C. Bjoerk (SWE)/Pelikanova -19, 15, 15;  
Cho Jong Hui/Li Bun Hui bt M. Domonkos/G. Hsu (CAN) 16, 16;  
Cao Yanhua/Ni Xiaolian bt N. Daviaud/B. Thinet (FRA) 16, 12.

**Quarter-final:**

Dai Lili/Geng Lijuan bt Antoniar/Popova 8, 17;  
Jiao Zhimin/Qi Baoxiang bt Han Hye Song/Pang Chun Dok 19, 11;  
Guan Jianhua/Tong Ling bt Fazekas Nagy 14, 15;  
Cao Yanhua/Ni Xiaolian bt Cho Jong Hui/Li Bun Hui 14, 15.

**Semi-final:**

Dai Lili/Geng Lijuan bt Jiao Zhimin/Qi Baoxiang -12, 10, 8;  
Cao Yanhua/Ni Xiaolian bt Guan Jianhua/Tong Ling 14, 16.

**Final:**

**DAI LILI/GENG LIJUAN** bt Cao Yanhua/Ni Xiaolian 8, 17.

**Mixed Doubles: Round 3:**

Pansky/Hrachova bt Kriston/Batorfi B. -15, 15;  
Wang Huiyuan/Qi Baoxiang bt I. Lupulescu/G. Perkucin (YUG) 12, 17;  
Wu Wen-Chia/Chang Shu-Yu bt R. De Prophetis (BEL) /Bogaerts 11, 10;  
Chun Xiahua/Tong Ling bt **C. Preean/L. Bellinger (ENG)** 15, 7;  
Chen Longcan/He Zhili (CHN) bt Xie Saikie/Geng Lijuan 16, 12;  
Fan Changmao/Jiao Zhimin bt Miyazaki/Hoshino -11, 12, 16;  
Teng Yu/Ni Xiaolian bt Surbek/Batinic 15, 15;  
Cai Zhenhua/Cao Yanhua bt V. Broda (TCH)/Pelikanova 13, 19.

**Quarter-final:**

Pansky/Hrachova bt Wang Huiyuan/Qi Baoxiang -12, 17, 10;  
Chen Xiahua/Tong Ling bt Wu Wen-Chia/Chang Hui-Yu 7, 13;  
Fan Changmao/Jiao Zhimin bt Chen Longcan/He Zhili 15, 18;  
Cai Zhenhua/Cao Yanhua bt Teng Yu/Ni Xiaolian 23, 19.

**Semi-final:**

Pansky/Hrachova bt Chen Xiahua/Tong Ling -18, 19, 22;  
Cai Zhenhua/Cao Yanhua bt Fan Changmao/Jiao Zhimin 15, 19.

**Final:**

**CAI ZHENHUA/CAO YANHUA** bt Pansky/Hrachova -9, 12, 8.

## VIDEO TAPE OF 1985 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS A Must for Keen Coaches, Players and Enthusiasts

The E.T.T.A. have recently purchased a Sony Betamovie camera for use by the National Teams. Among the many benefits this offers to the players and their coaches is that it has enabled a 3 hour tape to be compiled from the 38th World Championships selecting the better matches from a technical, tactical, psychological and spectator point of view. A commentary by the National Trainer/Coach, Donald Parker, has been added which should be of special interest to players and coaches. Whilst the reproduction is not excellent this tape is a must for enthusiasts and is available on both Beta and VHS tapes. The profit made from these tapes will be put back into improving the E.T.T.A.'s video feedback system. To order a tape simply send your name and address, a cheque for £12 (payable to the E.T.T.A.) and indicate whether your system is Beta or VHS to: Donald Parker, The Barn, Common Bank, Dolphinholme, nr. Lancaster LA2 9AN.

## ENGLISH INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

**Men's Singles: Qualifying Rounds:**

Sandley bt R. Frederik (BER) 6, 10; lost to G. Bar (AUT) -11, -19;  
Andrew bt E. Hugin (FRG) 15, -11, 20; bt J-C. Portela (POR) 14, 13; lost to M. Orlowski (TCH) -12, -11;

**Round 1: (Draw order)**

Cooke lost to J-O Waldner (SWE) -11, -12, -19;  
Preean lost to Fan Changmao (CHN) 16, -14, 18, -12, -8;  
Douglas bt J. Akesson (SWE) 12, 10, 8.

**Round 2:**

Douglas lost to Kim Song Hui (PRK) 11, 17, -18, -13, -16.

**Women's Singles: Qualifying Rounds:**

J. Bellinger bt A. Krauskopf (AUT) 13, 9; lost to G. Borgstrom (SWE) -17, -18;  
L. Bellinger bt F. Turgut (TUR) 11, 8; bt V. Premaratne (SR) 2, 4; bt B. Abgrall (FRA) 17, 14.

**Round 1: (Draw order)**

Witt lost to D. Guergueltcheva (BUL) -9, -6, -7;  
Gordon bt C. Polk (DEN) 14, 19, 15;  
L. Bellinger bt V. Ojstersek (YUG) -19, 17, 12, -15, 10;

**Round 2:**

Gordon lost to N. Antoniar (URS) -16, 7, 16, -10, -5;  
L. Bellinger lost to F. Bulatova -13, 20, -16, -16.

**Men's Doubles: Qualifying Rounds:**

Andrew/Preean bt M. Daroch/M. Temperey (NZL) -19, 18, 13; bt A. Anastas/M. Cini (MLT) 17, 16; bt L. Nannoni (ITA)/E. Noor (HOL) 8, 15.

**Round 1:**

Douglas/A. Grubba (POL) w.o. H. van Spanje/R. van Spanje (HOL) (scr)

Andrew/Preean lost to W. Liek/R. Wosik (FRG) -17, -11;  
Cooke/Sandley lost to Kim Ki Taek/Kim Wan (KOR) -8, -14.

**Round 2:**

Douglas/Grubba bt Z. Kalinic/D. Surbek (YUG) -14, 13, 18.

**Round 3:**

Douglas/Grubba lost to M. Appelgren/U. Carlsson (SWE) -18, -18.

**Women's Doubles: Qualifying Rounds:**

L. Bellinger/Witt bt J. Tepper/L. Tichy (AUS) 7, -19, 15; lost to P. Eliasson/B. Wiktorsson (SWE) 19, -16, -19.

**Round 1:**

J. Bellinger/Gordon lost to Chuang Shu-Hwa/Huang Mei-Jen (TPE) -22, -17.

**Mixed Doubles: Qualifying Rounds:**

Sandley/Witt lost to T. Watanabe/M. Kitsuakawa (JPN) 18, -14, -14;  
Preean/J. Bellinger bt J. Viegas/O. Cardoso (POR) 17, 13; bt B. Rozenberg/R. Timofeova (URS) 20, 8; bt M. Loukov/D. Guergueltcheva (BUL) -16, 13, 18;  
Cooke/L. Bellinger bt Vong Lu Veng/Yue Kam Kai (HKG) 16, 19; bt E. Boggan/Na Jin (USA) -18, 10, 8.

**Round 1:**

Preean/J. Bellinger bt von Scheele/M. Svensson (SWE) 14, 19;

Douglas/Gordon lost to Y. Miyazaki/M. Hoshino (JPN) -13, -14;

Cooke/L. Bellinger lost to H. Koff/K. Hagen (NOR) -16, -14.

**Round 2:**

Preean/J. Bellinger bt Park Ji Hyun/Lee Sun (KOR) 20, 20.

**Round 3:**

Preean/J. Inger lost to Chen Xinhua/Tong Ling (CHN) -15, -7.



**Cao Yanhua towels down en route to retaining her women's singles title.**

# 38th World Championships

## Stage 1

### Category 1 - Group A

|                | CHN | HUN | PRK | KOR | TCH | POL | USA | HKG | Matches | Place |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|
| China          | CHN | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-4 | 5-0 | 5-1 | 5-0 | 5-1 | 7-0     | 1     |
| Hungary        | HUN | 0-5 | -   | 2-5 | 5-2 | 4-5 | 5-4 | 4-5 | 2-5     | 7     |
| Korea DPR      | PRK | 0-5 | 5-2 | -   | 5-1 | 1-5 | 2-5 | 5-0 | 5-2     | 4     |
| Korea R        | KOR | 4-5 | 5-2 | 1-5 | -   | 5-2 | 2-5 | 5-1 | 3-4     | 5     |
| Czechoslovakia | TCH | 0-5 | 2-5 | 5-1 | 2-5 | -   | 5-4 | 5-4 | 5-3     | 3     |
| Poland         | POL | 1-5 | 5-4 | 5-2 | 5-2 | 4-5 | -   | 5-1 | 5-3     | 2     |
| USA            | USA | 0-5 | 4-5 | 0-5 | 1-5 | 4-5 | 1-5 | -   | 5-4     | 8     |
| Hong Kong      | HKG | 1-5 | 5-4 | 2-5 | 5-2 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 4-5 | -       | 2-5   |

### Group B

|            | SWE | ENG | JPN | FRA | YUG | ITA | DEN | IND | Matches | Place |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|
| Sweden     | SWE | -   | 5-1 | 5-2 | 5-1 | 5-1 | 5-0 | 5-2 | 5-1     | 7-0   |
| England    | ENG | 1-5 | -   | 4-5 | 4-5 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 5-1 | 5-2     | 3-4   |
| Japan      | JPN | 2-5 | 5-4 | -   | 5-4 | 5-0 | 5-1 | 5-0 | 5-0     | 6-1   |
| France     | FRA | 1-5 | 5-4 | 4-5 | -   | 5-3 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-3     | 5-2   |
| Yugoslavia | YUG | 1-5 | 5-3 | 0-5 | 3-5 | -   | 5-0 | 5-3 | 5-0     | 4-3   |
| Italy      | ITA | 0-5 | 3-5 | 1-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | -   | 5-4 | 2-5     | 1-6   |
| Denmark    | DEN | 2-5 | 1-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | 3-5 | 4-5 | -   | 4-5     | 0-7   |
| India      | IND | 1-5 | 2-5 | 0-5 | 3-5 | 0-5 | 5-2 | 5-4 | -       | 2-5   |

### Category 2 - Group C

|                | FRG | NOR | FIN | HOL | SCO | PAK | SUI | BEL | TPE | Matches | Place |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|
| FR Germany     | FRG | -   | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-1 | 5-2 | 5-1 | 5-0 | 2-5 | 7-1     | 2     |
| Norway         | NOR | 0-5 | -   | 2-5 | 1-5 | 5-4 | 2-5 | 5-4 | 5-4 | 0-5     | 3-5   |
| Finland        | FIN | 0-5 | 5-2 | -   | 5-0 | 5-2 | 3-5 | 5-4 | 2-5 | 5-4     | 4     |
| Netherlands    | HOL | 1-5 | 5-1 | 0-5 | -   | 5-4 | 5-3 | 5-4 | 3-5 | 1-5     | 4-4   |
| Scotland       | SCO | 1-5 | 4-5 | 2-5 | 4-5 | -   | 5-4 | 3-5 | 0-5 | 1-5     | 1-7   |
| Pakistan       | PAK | 2-5 | 5-2 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 4-5 | -   | 3-5 | 0-5 | 0-5     | 2-6   |
| Switzerland    | SUI | 1-5 | 4-5 | 4-5 | 4-5 | 5-3 | 5-3 | -   | 3-5 | 3-5     | 0-5   |
| Switzerland    | SUI | 1-5 | 4-5 | 4-5 | 4-5 | 5-3 | 5-3 | -   | 3-5 | 0-5     | 2-6   |
| Belgium        | BEL | 0-5 | 4-5 | 5-2 | 5-3 | 5-0 | 5-3 | -   | 1-5 | 5-3     | 3     |
| Chinese Taipei | TPE | 5-2 | 5-0 | 4-5 | 5-1 | 5-1 | 5-0 | 5-1 | -   | 7-1     | 1     |

### Group D

|           | URS | NGR | INA | AUS | ISR | AUT | WAL | BRA | Matches | Place |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|
| USSR      | URS | -   | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-1 | 5-0 | 5-2 | 7-0     | 1     |
| Nigeria   | NGR | 0-5 | -   | 5-0 | 5-1 | 5-0 | 5-4 | 5-0 | 6-1     | 2     |
| Indonesia | INA | 0-5 | 0-5 | -   | 1-5 | 2-5 | 1-5 | 5-4 | 1-5     | 1-6   |
| Australia | AUS | 0-5 | 1-5 | 5-1 | -   | 4-5 | 1-5 | 5-3 | 4-5     | 2-5   |
| Israel    | ISR | 0-5 | 0-5 | 5-2 | 5-4 | -   | 3-5 | 3-5 | 5-2     | 3-4   |
| Austria   | AUT | 1-5 | 4-5 | 5-1 | 5-1 | 5-3 | -   | 5-0 | 5-0     | 5-2   |
| Wales     | WAL | 0-5 | 0-5 | 4-5 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 0-5 | -   | 3-5     | 1-6   |
| Brazil    | BRA | 2-5 | 3-5 | 5-1 | 5-4 | 2-5 | 0-5 | 5-3 | -       | 3-4   |

## MEN'S TEAM: CATEGORY 1

### Group A-B: April 1 (Monday): Places 1-16: Stage 2

| Places          | Time  | Match No | Table | ASSOCIATION   | Score |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|---------------|-------|
| 1-4             | 18.00 | 1273     | 3     | A1 CHN B2 JPN | 5-0   |
| Bulletin no 135 | 18.00 | 1274     | 4     | A2 POL B1 SWE | 3-5   |
| 5-8             | 11.15 | 1275     | 4     | A3 TCH B4 YUG | 3-5   |
| Bulletin no 121 | 11.15 | 1276     | 5     | A4 PRK B3 FRA | 5-3   |
| 9-12            | 11.15 | 1277     | 6     | A5 KOR B6 IND | 5-0   |
| Bulletin no 121 | 11.15 | 1278     | 13    | A6 HKG B5 ENG | 1-5   |
| 13-16           | 11.15 | 1279     | 14    | A7 HUN B8 DEN | 5-0   |
| Bulletin no 122 | 11.15 | 1280     | 15    | A8 USA B7 ITA | 5-4   |

### Category 2: Group C-D: April 1 (Monday): Places 17-34: Stage 2

| Places          | Time  | Match No | Table | ASSOCIATION   | Score |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|---------------|-------|
| 17-20           | 13.15 | 1289     | 9     | C1 TPE D2 NGR | 5-2   |
| Bulletin no 129 | 13.15 | 1290     | 10    | C2 FRG D1 URS | 5-4   |
| 21-24           | 13.15 | 1291     | 11    | C3 BEL D4 ISR | 2-6   |
| Bulletin no 129 | 13.15 | 1292     | 12    | C4 FIN D3 AUS | 2-5   |
| 25-28           | 13.15 | 1293     | 16    | C5 HOL D6 AUT | 5-4   |
| Bulletin no 130 | 13.15 | 1294     | 17    | C6 NOR D5 BRA | 3-5   |
| 29-32           | 13.15 | 1295     | 18    | C7 SUI D8 WAL | 5-0   |
| Bulletin no 130 | 13.15 | 1296     | 19    | C8 PAK D7 INA | 5-1   |

### Category 1: Group A-B: April 2 (Tuesday): Places 1-16: Stage 3

| Places          | Time  | Match | Table | ASSOCIATION         | Score |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| 1-2             |       |       |       | Winner              |       |
| Bulletin no 160 | 18.30 | 1288  | 2     | A1/B2 CHN A2/B1 SWE | 5-0   |
| 3-4             |       |       |       | Loser               |       |
| Bulletin no 155 | 13.15 | 1287  | 15    | A1/B2 JPN A2/B1 POL | 3-5   |
| 5-6             |       |       |       | Winner              |       |
| Bulletin no 155 | 13.15 | 1286  | 14    | A3/B4 YUG A4/B3 PRK | 4-5   |
| 7-8             |       |       |       | Loser               |       |
| Bulletin no 155 | 13.15 | 1285  | 13    | A3/B4 TCH A4/B3 FRA | 5-2   |
| 9-10            |       |       |       | Winner              |       |
| Bulletin no 155 | 13.15 | 1284  | 12    | A5/B6 KOR A6/B5 ENG | 5-0   |
| 11-12           |       |       |       | Loser               |       |
| Bulletin no 147 | 11.15 | 1283  | 3     | A5/B6 IND A6/B5 HKG | 0-5   |
| 13-14           |       |       |       | Winner              |       |
| Bulletin no 147 | 11.15 | 1282  | 2     | A7/B8 HUN A8/B7 USA | 5-1   |
| 15-16           |       |       |       | Loser               |       |
| Bulletin no 147 | 11.15 | 1281  | 1     | A7/B8 DEN A8/B7 ITA | 5-2   |



Majorettes in blue



Milan Orlowski and Jindrich Pansky congratulate Ulf Carlsson and Mikael Appelgren on their victory in the men's doubles final.



Swaythling Cup medallists (l to r) Sweden, China (winners), Poland and Japan.

Photos by Denis George, Helensburgh, Scotland.

### Category 2: Group C-D: April 2 (Tuesday): Places 17-34: Stage 3

| Places          | Time  | Match No | Table | ASSOCIATION         | Score |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| 17-18           |       |          |       | Winner              |       |
| Bulletin no 148 | 11.15 | 1305     | 11    | C1/D2 TPE C2/D1 FRG | 4-5   |
| 19-20           |       |          |       | Loser               |       |
| Bulletin no 148 | 11.15 | 1304     | 10    | C1/D2 NGR C2/D1 URS | 0-5   |
| 21-22           |       |          |       | Winner              |       |
| Bulletin no 148 | 11.15 | 1303     | 9     | C3/D4 ISR C4/D3 AUT | 0-5   |
| 23-24           |       |          |       | Loser               |       |
| Bulletin no 148 | 11.15 | 1302     | 8     | C3/D4 BEL C4/D3 FIN | 3-5   |
| 25-26           |       |          |       | Winner              |       |
| Bulletin no 149 | 11.15 | 1301     | 7     | C5/D6 HOL C6/D5 BRA | 5-2   |
| 27-28           |       |          |       | Loser               |       |
| Bulletin no 149 | 11.15 | 1300     | 6     | C5/D6 AUS C6/D5 NOR | 2-5   |
| 29-30           |       |          |       | Winner              |       |
| Bulletin no 149 | 11.15 | 1299     | 5     | C7/D8 SUI C8/D7 PAK | 2-5   |
| 31-32           |       |          |       | Loser               |       |
| Bulletin no 149 | 11.15 | 1298     | 4     | C7/D8 WAL C8/D7 INA | 5-2   |
| 33              |       |          |       | C9 SCO              |       |

## ENGLISH RESULTS (MEN)

### v France (lost 4-5)

Douglas lost to P. Renverse 13, -17, -20; bt P. Brocheau 12, 16; w.o. J. Secretin (scr).  
Prean bt Brocheau 19, -16, 13; lost to Secretin -12, -18; lost to Renverse -18, 19, -19.  
Cooke lost to Secretin -14, -17; bt Renverse 19, -20, 13; lost to Brocheau -15, -16.

### v India (won 5-2)

Douglas bt C. Vaidyanathan 11, 20; bt S. Srinivasan -18, 9, 12; bt K. Mehta 6, 12.  
Prean bt Mehta 9, 16; bt Vaidyanathan 7, 12.  
Cooke lost to Srinivasan 16, -17, -18; lost to Mehta 17, -17, -18.

### v Denmark (won 5-1)

Douglas bt J. Harkamp 12, 14; bt L. Hauth 20, 20.  
Prean lost to C. Pedersen -17, 17, -18; bt Harkamp 12, 15.

### v Japan (lost 4-5)

Douglas bt S. Ono -17, 17, 13; bt H. Gotch -16, 15, 17; lost to K. Saito -20, -19.  
Prean lost to Saito -20, -14; bt Ono 19, -19, 17; bt Gotch 25, 16.

Andrew lost to Gotch -19, 18, -8; lost to Saito 17, -18, -15; lost to Ono -13, -14.

### v Italy (won 5-3)

Douglas bt G. Bisi 7, 8; bt L. Nannoni 18, -16, 16; bt M. Costantini 13, 16.  
Prean lost to Costantini -20, -13; bt Bisi 19, 12; bt

Nannoni 8, 10.

Cooke lost to Nannoni -17, -20; lost to Costantini 18, -14, -10.

### v Sweden (lost 1-5)

Prean bt J-O Waldner 14, 19; lost to M. Appelgren 14, -12, -14.

Andrew lost to Appelgren 13, -10, -18; lost to E. Lindh -19, -19.  
Sandley lost to Lindh -13, -13; lost to Waldner -14, -16.

### v Yugoslavia (lost 3-5)

Douglas lost to I. Lupulescu 14, -14, -14; bt Z. Kalinic 14, -17, 7; bt D. Surbek 14, 12.  
Prean lost to Surbek -18, -15; bt Lupulescu 17, 29; lost to Kalinic 23, -19, -18.  
Andrew lost to Kalinic -12, -13; lost to Surbek 19, -8, -11.

### v Hong Kong (won 5-1)

Douglas bt Lo Chuen Chung 15, 16; bt Chan Kong Wah -17, 17, 17.

Prean bt Vong Lu Veng 12, -20, 15; bt Lo Chuen Chung 19, -18, 19.

Cooke lost to Chan Kong Wah 14, -12, -15; bt Vong Lu Veng 16, 11.

### v Korea R (lost 0-5)

Prean lost to Kim Wan -18, -21.

Andrew lost to Kim Ki Taek -19, -13; lost to Ahn Jae Hyung 12, -12, -14.

Sandley lost to Ahn Jae Hyung -12, -14; lost to Kim Wan -15, -16.



Carl Prean and Jackie Bellinger

## Category 3 - Group E

|                | LUXZ | YAR | MLT | LBA | BUL | IRL | NGU | TUR | Matches | Place |     |   |
|----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|-----|---|
| Luxembourg     | LUX  | -   | 5-1 | 5-0 | 5-2 | 0-5 | -   | 5-3 | 5-0     | 2-5   | 5-2 | 3 |
| Yemen AR       | YAR  | 1-5 | -   | 5-1 | 5-2 | 0-5 | -   | 5-2 | 5-0     | 2-5   | 4-3 | 4 |
| Malta          | MLT  | 0-5 | 1-5 | -   | 2-5 | 0-5 | -   | 1-5 | 5-0     | 0-5   | 1-6 | 7 |
| Libya          | LBA  | 2-5 | 2-5 | 5-2 | -   | 0-5 | -   | 4-5 | 5-0     | 0-5   | 2-5 | 6 |
| Bulgaria       | BUL  | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-0 | -   | -   | 5-0 | 5-0     | 5-2   | 7-0 | 1 |
| Ireland        | IRL  | 3-5 | 2-5 | 5-1 | 5-4 | 0-5 | -   | 5-0 | 3-5     | 3-4   | 5   | 5 |
| Papua N.Guinea | NGU  | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | -   | 0-5 | -       | 0-5   | 0-7 | 8 |
| Turkey         | TUR  | 5-2 | 5-2 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 2-5 | -   | 5-3 | 5-0     | -     | 6-1 | 2 |

## Group F

|              | MAL | NZL | SAU | ISL | ZIM | ECU | JER | PAL | Match | Place |   |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|---|
| Malaysia     | MAL | -   | 2-5 | 5-1 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-2 | 5-0 | 5-1   | 61    | 2 |
| New Zealand  | NZL | 5-2 | -   | 5-1 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-1 | 5-0 | 5-0   | 7-0   | 1 |
| Saudi Arabia | SAU | 1-5 | 1-5 | -   | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-3 | 5-0 | 5-0   | 5-2   | 3 |
| Iceland      | ISL | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | -   | 5-0 | 2-5 | 5-1 | 5-3   | 3-4   | 5 |
| Zimbabwe     | ZIM | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | -   | -   | 1-5 | 3-5   | 0-7   | 8 |
| Ecuador      | ECU | 2-5 | 1-5 | 3-5 | 5-2 | -   | -   | 5-1 | 5-0   | 4-3   | 4 |
| Jersey       | JER | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | 1-5 | 5-1 | 1-5 | -   | 5-3   | 2-5   | 6 |
| Palestine    | PAL | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 0-5 | 3-5 | -     | 1-6   | 7 |

## Group G

|            | EGY | CAN | TRI | COL | CHI | CRC | GRE | JAM | Matches | Place |   |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|---|
| Egypt      | EGY | -   | 0-5 | 5-2 | 5-0 | 0-5 | 5-0 | 4-5 | 5-1     | 4-3   | 4 |
| Canada     | CAN | 5-0 | -   | 5-0 | 5-0 | 1-5 | 5-0 | 5-1 | 5-0     | 6-1   | 2 |
| Trinidad   | TRI | 2-5 | 0-5 | -   | 5-0 | 3-5 | 5-4 | 0-5 | 5-4     | 3-4   | 5 |
| Colombia   | COL | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | -   | 0-5 | 3-5 | 0-5 | 0-5     | 0-7   | 8 |
| Chile      | CHI | 5-0 | 5-1 | 5-3 | 5-0 | -   | 5-0 | 2-5 | 5-2     | 6-1   | 1 |
| Costa Rica | CRC | 0-5 | 0-5 | 4-5 | 5-3 | 0-5 | -   | 2-5 | 0-5     | 1-6   | 7 |
| Greece     | GRE | 5-4 | 1-5 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-2 | 5-2 | -   | 3-5     | 5-2   | 3 |
| Jamaica    | JAM | 1-5 | 0-5 | 4-5 | 5-0 | 2-5 | 5-0 | 5-3 | -       | 3-4   | 6 |

## Group H

|               | SIN | ESP | VEN | LIB | BER | CYP | FAR | POR | PUR | Matche | Place |   |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------|---|
| Singapore     | SIN | -   | 0-5 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-3 | 5-1 | 7-1    | 2     |   |
| Spain         | ESP | 5-0 | -   | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 8-0    | 1     |   |
| Venezuela     | VEN | 0-5 | 0-5 | -   | 2-5 | 5-2 | 4-5 | 5-0 | 0-5 | 2-6    | 7     |   |
| Labanon       | LIB | 0-5 | 0-5 | 5-2 | -   | 5-1 | 5-2 | 5-0 | 1-5 | 5-3    | 4     |   |
| Bermuda       | BER | 0-5 | 0-5 | 2-5 | 1-5 | -   | 1-5 | 4-5 | 1-5 | 1-5    | 9     |   |
| Cyprus        | CYP | 0-5 | 0-5 | 5-4 | 2-5 | 5-1 | -   | 5-0 | 0-5 | 4-5    | 6     |   |
| Faroe Islands | FAR | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | 5-4 | 0-5 | -   | 0-5 | 1-5    | 8     |   |
| Portugal      | POR | 3-5 | 0-5 | 5-0 | 5-1 | 5-1 | 5-0 | 5-0 | -   | 5-0    | 3     |   |
| Puerto Rico   | PUR | 1-5 | 0-5 | 5-2 | 3-5 | 5-1 | 5-4 | 5-1 | 0-5 | -      | 4-4   | 5 |

## Category 3: Group E-H: April 1 (Monday), Places 35-70: Stage 2

| Places           | Time  | Match No | Table | ASSOCIATION   | Places |
|------------------|-------|----------|-------|---------------|--------|
|                  | 13.30 | 1306     | 20    | E1 BUL F2 MAL | 5-3    |
| 35-42            | 13.30 | 1307     | 21    | E2 TUR F1 NZL | 5-0    |
|                  | 16.45 | 1312     | 20    | G1 CHI H2 SIN | 5-2    |
| Bullentin no 131 | 16.45 | 1313     | 21    | G2 CAN H1 ESP | 5-3    |
|                  | 13.30 | 1308     | 22    | E3 LUX F4 ECU | 5-2    |
| 43-50            | 13.30 | 1309     | 23    | E4 YAR F3 SAU | 0-5    |
|                  | 16.45 | 1314     | 22    | G3 GRE H4 LIB | 5-0    |
| Bullentin no 132 | 16.45 | 1315     | 23    | G4 EGY H3 POR | 5-0    |
|                  | 13.30 | 1310     | 24    | E5 IRL F6 JER | 5-1    |
| 51-58            | 13.30 | 1311     | 25    | E6 LBA F5 ISL | 5-3    |
|                  | 16.45 | 1316     | 24    | G5 TRI H6 CYP | 5-0    |
| Bullentin no 133 | 16.45 | 1317     | 25    | G6 JAM H5 PUR | 5-0    |
|                  | 20.00 | 1318     | 20    | E7 MLT F8 ZIM | 5-0    |
| 59-66            | 20.00 | 1319     | 21    | E8 NGU F7 PAL | 0-5    |
|                  | 20.00 | 1320     | 22    | G7 CRC H8 FAR | 5-2    |
| Bullentin no 136 | 20.00 | 1321     | 23    | G8 COL H7 VEN | 5-4    |



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## Category 3: Group E-H: April 2 (Tuesday): Places 35-70: Stage 3

| Places          | Time  | Match No | Table | ASSOCIATION                           | Score |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| 35-38           | 08.00 | 1324     | 2     | Winner E1/F2 (BUL) Winner G1/H2 (CHI) | 5-1   |
| Bulletin no 139 | 08.00 | 1325     | 3     | Winner E2/F1 (TUR) Winner G2/H1 (CAN) | 3-5   |
| 39-42           | 08.00 | 1326     | 4     | Loser E1/F2 (MAL) Loser G1/H2 (SIN)   |       |
| Bulletin no 139 | 08.00 | 1327     | 5     | Loser E2/F1 (NZL) Loser G2/H1 (ESP)   | 5-3   |
| 43-46           | 08.00 | 1328     | 6     | Winner E3/F4 (LUX) Winner G3/H4 (GRE) | 4-5   |
| Bulletin no 140 | 08.00 | 1329     | 7     | Winner E4/F3 (SAU) Winner G4/H3 (EGY) | 4-5   |
| 47-50           | 08.00 | 1330     | 8     | Loser E3/F4 (ECU) Loser G3/H4 (LIB)   | 5-3   |
| Bulletin no 140 | 08.00 | 1331     | 9     | Loser E4/F3 (YAR) Loser G4/H3 (POR)   | 5-2   |
| 51-54           | 08.00 | 1332     | 10    | Winner E5/F6 (IRL) Winner G5/H6 (TRI) | 5-3   |
| Bulletin no 141 | 08.00 | 1333     | 11    | Winner E6/F5 (LBA) Winner G6/H5 (JAM) | 0-5   |
| 55-58           | 08.00 | 1334     | 12    | Loser E5/F6 (JER) Loser G5/H6 (CYP)   | 0-5   |
| Bulletin no 141 | 08.00 | 1335     | 13    | Loser E6/F5 (ISL) Loser G6/H5 (PUR)   | 4-5   |
| 59-62           | 08.00 | 1336     | 14    | Winner E7/F8 (MLT) Winner G7/H8 (CRQ) | 3-5   |
| Bulletin no 142 | 08.00 | 1337     | 15    | Winner E8/F7 (PAL) Winner G8/H7 (COL) | 4-5   |
| 63-66           | 08.00 | 1338     | 16    | Loser E7/F8 (ZIM) Loser G7/H8 (FAR)   | 5-2   |
| Bulletin no 142 | 08.00 | 1339     | 17    | Loser E8/F7 (NGU) Loser E8/F7 (VEN)   | 0-5   |

## Category 3: Group E-H: April 2 (Tuesday): Places 35-70: Stage 4

| Places          | Time  | Match No | Table | ASSOCIATION                               | Score |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|---|-------|
| 35-36           |       |          |       | Winner match no 1324 Winner match no 1325 |       |
| Bulletin no 156 | 13.15 | 1357     | 19    | (BUL) (CAN)                               | 5-1   |
| 37-38           |       |          |       | Loser match no 1324 Loser match no 1325   |       |
| Bulletin no 156 | 13.15 | 1356     | 18    | (CHI) (TUR)                               | 2-5   |
| 39-40           |       |          |       | Winner match no 1326 Winner match no 1327 |       |
| Bulletin no 156 | 13.15 | 1355     | 17    | (MAL) (NZL)                               | 2-5   |
| 41-42           |       |          |       | Loser match no 1326 Loser match no 1327   |       |
| Bulletin no 156 | 13.15 | 1354     | 16    | (SIN) (ESP)                               | 2-5   |
| 43-44           |       |          |       | Winner match no 1328 Winner match no 1329 |       |
| Bulletin no 154 | 13.00 | 1353     | 25    | (GRE) (EGY)                               | 5-1   |
| 45-46           |       |          |       | Loser match no 1328 Loser match no 1329   |       |
| Bulletin no 154 | 13.00 | 1352     | 24    | (LUX) (SAU)                               | 4-5   |
| 47-48           |       |          |       | Loser match no 1330 Winner match no 1331  |       |
| Bulletin no 154 | 13.00 | 1351     | 23    | (ECU) (YAR)                               | 4-5   |
| 49-50           |       |          |       | Loser match no 1330 Loser match no 1331   |       |
| Bulletin no 154 | 13.00 | 1350     | 22    | (LIB) (POR)                               | 0-5   |
| 51-52           |       |          |       | Winner match no 1332 Winner match no 1333 |       |
| Bulletin no 157 | 13.30 | 1349     | 21    | (IRL) (JAM)                               | 3-5   |
| 53-54           |       |          |       | Loser match no 1332 Loser match no 1333   |       |
| Bulletin no 157 | 13.00 | 1348     | 20    | (TRI) (LBA)                               | 3-5   |
| 55-56           |       |          |       | Winner match no 1334 Winner match no 1335 |       |
| Bulletin no 157 | 16.00 | 1347     | 25    | (CYP) (PUR)                               | 5-4   |
| 57-58           |       |          |       | Loser match no 1334 Loser match no 1335   |       |
| Bulletin no 157 | 16.00 | 1346     | 24    | (JER) (ISL)                               | 2-5   |
| 59-60           |       |          |       | Winner match no 1336 Winner match no 1337 |       |
| Bulletin no 158 | 16.00 | 1345     | 23    | (CRC) (COL)                               | 5-1   |
| 61-62           |       |          |       | Loser match no 1336 Loser match no 1337   |       |
| Bulletin no 158 | 16.00 | 1344     | 22    | (MLT) (PAL)                               | 5-2   |
| 63-64           |       |          |       | Winner match no 1338 Winner match no 1339 |       |
| Bulletin no 158 | 16.00 | 1343     | 21    | (ZIM) (VEN)                               | 4-5   |
| 65-66           |       |          |       | Loser match no 1338 Loser match no 1339   |       |
| Bulletin no 158 | 16.00 | 1342     | 20    | (FAR) (NGU)                               | 5-1   |
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## WOMEN'S TEAM

### Category 1: Stage 1

| Group A        | JPN | PRK | TCH | HOL | FRG | ROM | FRA | HKG | Matches | Place |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|
| Japan          | -   | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 4-3     | 4     |
| Korea DPR      | PRK | 3-0 | -   | 3-0 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 7-0     | 1     |
| Czechoslovakia | TCH | 3-0 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 2-3 | 3-0 | 3-2 | 3-1 | 5-2     | 3     |
| Netherlands    | HOL | 3-0 | 1-3 | 3-2 | -   | 3-0 | 3-1 | 2-3 | 3-0     | 2     |
| FR Germany     | FRG | 0-3 | -3  | 0-3 | 0-3 | -   | 0-3 | 1-3 | 0-3     | 0-7   |
| Romania        | ROM | 0-3 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 3-0 | -   | 0-3 | 3-0     | 2-5   |
| France         | FRA | 0-3 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 3-2 | 3-1 | 3-0 | -   | 0-3     | 3-4   |
| Hong Kong      | HKG | 0-3 | 0-3 | 2-3 | 0-3 | 3-0 | 0-3 | 3-0 | -       | 2-5   |

| Group B    | CHN | URS | KOR | ENG | HUN | SWE | YUG | BEL | Matches | Place |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|
| China      | CHN | -   | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 7-0     | 1     |
| USSR       | URS | 0-3 | -   | 0-3 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 4-3     | 4     |
| Korea R    | KOR | 0-3 | 3-0 | -   | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 6-1     | 2     |
| England    | ENG | 0-3 | 2-3 | 0-3 | -   | 0-3 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 3-4     | 5     |
| Hungary    | HUN | 0-3 | 3-1 | 0-3 | 3-0 | -   | 3-2 | 3-2 | 3-0     | 5-2   |
| Sweden     | SWE | 0-3 | 1-3 | 0-3 | 2-3 | 2-3 | -   | 3-0 | 3-0     | 2-5   |
| Yugoslavia | YUG | 0-3 | 1-3 | 0-3 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 0-3 | -   | 3-0     | 1-6   |
| Belgium    | BEL | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 2-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-7     | 8     |

### Category 2

| Group C     | AUT | USA | INA | NZL | IND | AUS | SUI | Matches | Place |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|
| Austria     | AUT | -   | 3-1 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 1-3 | 3-0 | 5-1     | 2     |
| USA         | USA | 1-3 | -   | 2-3 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 1-3 | 3-3     | 3     |
| Indonesia   | INA | 1-3 | 3-2 | -   | 3-0 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 3-0     | 3-3   |
| New Zealand | NZL | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | -   | 0-3 | 0-3 | 3-2     | 1-5   |
| India       | IND | 3-1 | 0-3 | 3-1 | 3-0 | -   | 3-1 | 3-0     | 5-1   |
| Australia   | AUS | 0-3 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 1-3 | -   | 0-3     | 3-3   |
| Switzerland | SUI | 0-3 | 1-3 | 0-3 | 2-3 | 0-3 | 3-0 | -       | 1-5   |

| Group D        | FIN | POL | CAN | DEN | SIN | LUX | MAL | TPE | Matches | Place |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|
| Finland        | FIN | -   | 3-1 | 0-3 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 2-3 | 5-2     | 4     |
| Poland         | POL | 1-3 | -   | 3-2 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-2 | 3-0 | 1-3     | 5-2   |
| Canada         | CAN | 3-0 | 2-3 | -   | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 1-3     | 5-2   |
| Denmark        | DEN | 1-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | -   | 3-1 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 1-3     | 2-5   |
| Singapore      | SIN | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 1-3 | -   | 0-3 | 1-3 | 0-3     | 0-7   |
| Luxembourg     | LUX | 0-3 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 3-0 | -   | 3-1 | 0-3     | 3-4   |
| Malaysia       | MAL | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 1-3 | -   | 0-3     | 1-6   |
| Chinese Taipei | TPE | 3-2 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | -       | 7-0   |



Karen Witt



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## Category 1: Group A-B: April 1 (Monday): Places 1-16: Stage 2

| Places          | Time  | Match No | Table | ASSOCIATION       | Score |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 1-4             | 18.30 | 2166     | 1     | A1 (PRK) B2 (KOR) | 3-1   |
| Bulletin no 134 | 18.30 | 2167     | 2     | A2 (HOL) B1 (CHN) | 0-3   |
| 5-8             | 14.30 | 2168     | 3     | A3 (TCH) B4 (URS) | 2-3   |
| Bulletin no 125 | 14.30 | 2169     | 4     | A4 (JPN) B3 (HUN) | 1-3   |
| 9-12            | 14.30 | 2170     | 5     | A5 (FRA) B6 (SWE) | 3-1   |
| Bulletin no 125 | 14.30 | 2171     | 6     | A6 (ROM) B5 (ENG) | 1-3   |
| 13-16           | 14.30 | 2172     | 7     | A7 (HKG) B8 (BEL) | 3-1   |
| Bulletin no 126 | 14.30 | 2173     | 8     | A8 (FRG) B7 (YUG) | 3-2   |

## Category 2: Group C-D: April 1 (Monday): Places 17-31: Stage 2

| Places          | Time  | Match No | Table | ASSOCIATION       | Score |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 17-20           | 11.15 | 2182     | 9     | C1 (IND) D2 (CAN) | 1-3   |
| Bulletin no 118 | 11.15 | 2183     | 10    | C2 (AUT) D1 (TPE) | 1-3   |
| 21-24           | 11.15 | 2184     | 11    | C3 (AUS) D4 (FIN) | 0-3   |
| Bulletin no 118 | 11.15 | 2185     | 12    | C4 (INA) D3 (POL) | 1-3   |
| 25-28           | 11.15 | 2186     | 16    | C5 (USA) D6 (DEN) | 2-3   |
| Bulletin no 119 | 11.15 | 2187     | 17    | C6 (NZL) D5 (LUX) | 1-3   |
| 29-31           | 11.15 | 2188     | 18    | C7 (SUI) D8 (SIN) | 3-2   |
| Bulletin no 119 |       |          |       | D7 (MAL)          |       |

## Category 1: Group A-B: April 2 (Tuesday): Places 1-16: Stage 3

| Places          | Time  | Match | Table | ASSOCIATION               | Score |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| 1-2             |       |       |       | Winner A1/B2 Winner A2/B1 |       |
| Bulletin no 159 | 17.30 | 2181  | 1     | (PRK) (CHN)               | 0-3   |
| 3-4             |       |       |       | Loser A1/B2 Loser A2/B1   |       |
| Bulletin no 150 | 14.30 | 2180  | 6     | (KOR) (HOL)               | 3-1   |
| 5-6             |       |       |       | Winner A3/B4 Winner A4/B3 |       |
| Bulletin no 150 | 14.30 | 2179  | 5     | (USR) (HUN)               | 3-1   |
| 7-8             |       |       |       | Loser A3/B4 Loser A4/B3   |       |
| Bulletin no 150 | 14.30 | 2178  | 4     | (TCH) (JPN)               | 2-3   |
| 9-10            |       |       |       | Winner A5/B6 Winner A6/B5 |       |
| Bulletin no 144 | 11.15 | 2177  | 15    | (FRA) (ENG)               | 2-3   |
| 11-12           |       |       |       | Loser A5/B6 Loser A6/B5   |       |
| Bulletin no 144 | 11.15 | 2176  | 14    | (SWE) (ROM)               | 1-3   |
| 13-14           |       |       |       | Winner A7/B8 Winner A8/B7 |       |
| Bulletin no 144 | 11.15 | 2175  | 13    | (HKG) (FRG)               | 3-1   |
| 15-16           |       |       |       | Loser A7/B8 Loser A8/B7   |       |
| Bulletin no 144 | 11.15 | 2174  | 12    | (BEL) (YUG)               | 0-3   |

## Category 2: Group C-D: April 2 (Tuesday): Places 17-31: Stage 2

| Places          | Time  | Match No | Table | ASSOCIATION               | Score |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| 17-18           |       |          |       | Winner C1/D2 Winner C2/D1 |       |
| Bulletin no 151 | 14.30 | 2195     | 3     | (CAN) (TPE)               | 0-3   |
| 19-20           |       |          |       | Loser C1/D2 Loser C2/D1   |       |
| Bulletin no 151 | 14.30 | 2194     | 2     | (IND) (AUT)               | 3-1   |
| 21-22           |       |          |       | Winner C3/D4 Winner C4/D3 |       |
| Bulletin no 151 | 14.30 | 2193     | 1     | (FIN) (POL)               | 1-3   |
| 23-24           |       |          |       | Loser C3/D4 Loser C4/D3   |       |
| Bulletin no 145 | 11.15 | 2192     | 19    | (AUS) (INA)               | 3-2   |
| 25-26           |       |          |       | Winner C5/D6 Winner C6/D5 |       |
| Bulletin no 145 | 11.15 | 2191     | 18    | (DEN) (LUX)               | 3-2   |
| 27-28           |       |          |       | Loser C5/D6 Loser C6/D5   |       |
| Bulletin no 145 | 11.15 | 2190     | 17    | (USA) (NZL)               | 2-3   |
| 29-30           |       |          |       | Winner C7/D8 D7           |       |
| Bulletin no 145 | 11.15 | 2189     | 16    | (SUI) (MAL)               | 3-0   |

## ENGLISH RESULTS (WOMEN)

### v Soviet Union (lost 2-3)

Witt lost to N. Antonian -12, -18; lost to F. Bulatova -16, -15.  
L. Bellinger bt Bulatova -17, 18, 18; lost to Antonian -19, -17.

L. Bellinger/Witt bt Antonian/V. Popova 10, 19.

### v Belgium (won 3-2)

Gordon bt K. Bogaerts -19, 20, 18; bt N. Higuet 17, 13.

L. Bellinger bt Higuet 20, 15; lost to Bogaerts -16, -23.

L. Bellinger/Witt lost to Bogaerts/Higuet -19, 11, -20.

### v Sweden (won 3-2)

Gordon lost to M. Lindblad -17, -18; bt M. Svensson 12, 14.

L. Bellinger bt Svensson 16, -11, 9; bt Lindblad 14, -15, 15.

L. Bellinger/Witt lost to P. Eliasson/Lindblad -14, -14.

### v China (lost 0-3)

Gordon lost to Geng Lijuan -6, -18.

Witt lost to Tong Ling -14, -16.

J. Bellinger/L. Bellinger lost to Lai Lili/Geng Lijuan -11, -13.

### v Yugoslavia (won 3-2)

Gordon lost to B. Batinic -14, -20; bt G. Perkucin -19, 20, 18.

L. Bellinger lost to Perkucin -17, -15; bt Batinic 19, 4.

Bellinger/Bellinger bt Batinic/Perkucin -14, 18, 18.

### v Korea R (lost 0-3)

Goron lost to Yang Young Ja -13, -10.

L. Bellinger lost to Yoon Kyung Mi -11, -20.

Bellinger/Bellinger lost to Yang Young Ja/Yoon Kyung Mi 16, -19, -17.

### v Hungary (lost 0-3)

Gordon lost to Z. Olah -7, -8.

L. Bellinger lost to C. Batorfi -16, -11.

Bellinger/Bellinger lost to Batorfi/Olah 18, -16, -16.

### v Romania (won 3-1)

Witt lost to M. Alboiu 15, -14, -5.

L. Bellinger bt O. Badescu 17, 8; bt Alboiu 9, 19.

Bellinger/Bellinger bt Alboiu/Badescu 9, 22.

### v France (won 3-2)

Gordon lost to B. Thinet -12, -20; bt N. Daviaud 16, -15, 14.

L. Bellinger bt Daviaud 18, -19, 21; bt Thinet 19, 12.

Bellinger/Bellinger lost to Daviaud/Thinet -10, -15.

## Category 2: Stage 1

| Group E  | NOR | LIB | ZIM | MLT | NGR | TUR | Matches | Place |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|
| Norway   | NOR | -   | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 1-3 | 3-1     | 4-1   |
| Lebanon  | LIB | 0-3 | -   | 3-0 | 1-3 | 0-3 | 0-3     | 1-4   |
| Zimbabwe | ZIM | 0-3 | 0-3 | -   | 1-3 | 0-3 | 0-3     | 0-5   |
| Malta    | MLT | 1-3 | 3-1 | 3-1 | -   | 0-3 | 0-3     | 2-3   |
| Nigeria  | NRG | 3-1 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | -   | 3-2     | 5-0   |
| Turkey   | TUR | 1-3 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 2-3 | -       | 3-2   |

| Group F   | IRL | COL | VEN | GRE | POR | WAL | Matches | Place |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|
| Ireland   | IRL | -   | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 5-0     | 1     |
| Colombia  | COL | 0-3 | -   | 3-0 | 0-3 | 3-2 | 1-3     | 2-3   |
| Venezuela | VEN | 0-3 | 0-3 | -   | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-3     | 0-5   |
| Greece    | GRE | 0-3 | 3-0 | 3-0 | -   | 3-1 | 3-2     | 4-1   |
| Portugal  | POR | 0-3 | 2-3 | 3-0 | 1-3 | -   | 0-3     | 1-4   |
| Wales     | WAL | 1-3 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 2-3 | 3-0 | -       | 3-2   |



Lisa Bellinger



Desmond Douglas, winner of the Fair Play Award

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| Group G     | ESP | ISR | BUL | ISL | PUR | JAM | Matches | Place |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|
| Spain       | ESP | 1-3 | 0-3 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-2     | 3     |
| Israel      | ISR | 3-1 | 0-3 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 4-1     | 2     |
| Bulgaria    | BUL | 3-0 | 3-0 | -   | 3-0 | 3-0 | 5-0     | 1     |
| Iceland     | ISL | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | -   | 0-3 | 0-5     | 6     |
| Puerto Rico | PUR | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 3-0 | -   | 2-3     | 4     |
| Jamaica     | JAM | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | -   | 1-4     | 5     |

| Group H   | ITA | SCO | BRA | JER | SRI | ECU | Matches | Place |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|
| Italy     | IAT | 3-0 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 5-0     | 1     |
| Scotland  | SCO | 0-3 | -   | 0-3 | 3-2 | 3-0 | 3-2     | 3     |
| Brazil    | BRA | 1-3 | 3-0 | -   | 3-0 | 3-0 | 4-1     | 2     |
| Jersey    | JER | 0-3 | 2-3 | 0-3 | -   | 2-3 | 0-5     | 6     |
| Sri Lanka | SRI | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 3-2 | -   | 2-3     | 4     |
| Ecuador   | ECU | 3-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 3-0 | 2-3 | -       | 5     |

| IRELAND | Stevin | Kelly | Meneally | F  | A  | Opponents     |
|---------|--------|-------|----------|----|----|---------------|
|         | 0-2    | 0-2   | 0-1      | 0  | 5  | Bulgaria      |
|         | 2-0    | 0-3   | 0-2      | 2  | 5  | Yemen A.R.    |
|         | 3-0    | 0-2   | 0-3      | 3  | 5  | Luxembourg    |
|         | 3-0    | 0-3   | 0-2      | 3  | 5  | Turkey        |
|         | 2-0    | 1-1   | 2-0      | 5  | 1  | Malta         |
|         | 3-0    | 1-2   | 1-2      | 5  | 4  | Libya         |
|         | 2-0    | 1-0   | 2-0      | 5  | 0  | Papua G.      |
|         | 2-0    | 2-0   | 1-1      | 5  | 1  | Jersey        |
|         | 3-0    | 2-1   | 0-2      | 5  | 3  | Trinidad & T. |
|         | 20-2   | 7-14  | 6-13     | 33 | 29 |               |

## Category 3: Group E-H: March 31 (Sunday): Places 32-55: Stage 2

| Places          | Time  | Match No | Table | ASSOCIATION | Score        |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| 32-39           | 16.00 | 2196     | 10    | E1 (NGR)    | F2 (GRE) 0-3 |
|                 | 16.00 | 2197     | 11    | E2 (NOR)    | F1 (IRL) 3-1 |
|                 | 18.30 | 2198     | 9     | G1 (BUL)    | H2 (BRA) 3-0 |
| Bulletin no 105 | 18.30 | 2199     | 18    | G2 (ISR)    | H1 (ITA) 0-3 |
|                 | 20.30 | 2200     | 19    | E3 (TUR)    | F4 (COL) 3-1 |
| 40-47           | 18.30 | 2201     | 19    | E4 (MLT)    | F3 (WAL) 0-3 |
|                 | 18.30 | 2202     | 20    | G3 (ESP)    | H4 (SRI) 3-0 |
| Bulletin no 109 | 18.30 | 2203     | 21    | G4 (PUR)    | H3 (SCO) 3-0 |
|                 | 18.30 | 2204     | 22    | E5 (LIB)    | F6 (VEN) 1-3 |
| 48-55           | 18.30 | 2205     | 23    | E6 (ZIM)    | F5 (POR) 0-3 |
|                 | 18.30 | 2206     | 24    | G5 (JAM)    | H6 (JER) 1-3 |
| Bulletin no 106 | 18.30 | 2207     | 25    | G6 (ISL)    | H5 (ECU) 0-3 |

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| Hannah | Yule | Mcllroy | Broe | F  | A  | Opponents      |
|--------|------|---------|------|----|----|----------------|
| 2-1    | 1-2  |         | 0-2  | 3  | 5  | Switzerland    |
| 1-2    | 1-1  | 0-2     |      | 2  | 5  | Finland        |
| 2-1    | 1-2  |         | 1-2  | 4  | 5  | Netherlands    |
| 1-1    |      | 0-2     | 0-2  | 1  | 5  | Chinese Taipei |
| 1-1    | 0-2  |         | 0-2  | 1  | 5  | Fed Germany    |
| 0-2    | 0-1  |         | 0-2  | 0  | 5  | Belgium        |
| 3-0    | 1-2  | 0-3     |      | 4  | 5  | Norway         |
| 3-0    | 1-2  | 1-2     |      | 5  | 4  | Pakistan       |
| 13-B   | 5-12 | 1-9     | 1-10 | 20 | 39 |                |

## WALES

| Griffiths | N. Thomas | Tyler | M. Thomas | F  | A  | Opponents    |
|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|----|----|--------------|
| 3-0       |           | 2-1   | 0-2       | 5  | 3  | Israel       |
| 0-2       |           | 0-2   | 0-1       | 0  | 5  | Austria      |
| 0-1       | 0-2       | 0-2   | 0-2       | 0  | 5  | Nigeria      |
|           | 0-1       | 0-2   | 0-2       | 0  | 5  | Soviet Union |
|           | 0-3       | 2-1   | 2-1       | 4  | 5  | Indonesia    |
| 2-1       |           | 1-2   | 0-2       | 3  | 5  | Australia    |
| 1-2       | 0-2       | 2-1   |           | 0  | 5  | Brazil       |
| 0-2       | 0-1       | 0-2   |           | 0  | 5  | Switzerland  |
| 3-0       |           | 2-0   | 0-2       | 5  | 2  | Indonesia    |
| 9-8       | 0-9       | 9-13  | 2-10      | 20 | 40 |              |

## Group E-H: April 1 (Monday): Places 32-55: Stage 3

| Places          | Time  | Match No | Table | ASSOCIATION        | Score              |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 32-35           | 11.15 | 2208     | 19    | Winner E1/F2 (NGR) | Winner G1/H2 (BUL) |
| Bulletin no 127 | 14.30 | 2209     | 13    | Winner E2/F1 (NOR) | Winner G2/H1 (ITA) |
| 36-39           | 14.30 | 2210     | 14    | Loser E1/F2 (GRE)  | Loser G1/H2 (BRA)  |
| Bulletin no 127 | 14.30 | 2211     | 15    | Loser E2/F1 (IRL)  | Loser G2/H1 (ISR)  |
| 40-43           | 14.30 | 2212     | 1     | Winner E3/F4 (TUR) | Winner G3/H4 (ESP) |
| Bulletin no 128 | 14.30 | 2213     | 2     | Winner E4/F3 (WAL) | Winner G4/H3 (PUR) |
| 44-47           | 11.30 | 2214     | 20    | Loser E3/F4 (COL)  | Loser G3/H4 (SRI)  |
| Bulletin no 128 | 11.30 | 2215     | 21    | Loser E4/F3 (MLT)  | Loser G4/H3 (SCO)  |
| 48-51           | 11.30 | 2216     | 22    | Winner E5/F6 (VEN) | Winner G5/H6 (JER) |
| Bulletin no 120 | 11.30 | 2217     | 23    | Winner E6/F5 (POR) | Winner G6/H5 (ECU) |
| 52-55           | 11.30 | 2218     | 24    | Loser E5/F6 (LIB)  | Loser G5/H6 (JAM)  |
| Bulletin no 120 | 11.30 | 2219     | 25    | Loser E6/F5 (ZIM)  | Loser G6/H5 (ISL)  |

## MARCEL CORBILLON CUP

| ENGLAND | Gordon | Witt | L. Bellinger | LB/Witt | J. Bellinger/JB | F  | A  | Opponents    |
|---------|--------|------|--------------|---------|-----------------|----|----|--------------|
|         | 0-2    |      | 1-1          | 1-0     |                 | 2  | 3  | Soviet Union |
|         | 2-0    |      | 1-1          | 0-1     |                 | 3  | 2  | Belgium      |
|         | 1-1    |      | 2-0          | 0-1     |                 | 3  | 2  | Sweden       |
|         | 0-1    | 0-1  |              |         | 0-1             | 0  | 3  | China        |
|         | 1-1    |      | 1-1          |         | 1-0             | 3  | 2  | Yugoslavia   |
|         | 0-1    |      | 0-1          |         | 0-1             | 0  | 3  | Korea R.     |
|         | 0-1    |      | 0-1          |         | 0-1             | 0  | 3  | Hungary      |
|         | 0-1    | 0-1  | 2-0          |         | 1-0             | 3  | 1  | Romania      |
|         | 1-1    |      | 2-0          |         | 0-1             | 3  | 2  | France       |
|         | 5-6    | 0-4  | 9-5          | 1-2     | 2-4             | 17 | 21 |              |

## IRELAND

| Leonard | Cheevers | Cheevers/Leonard | F  | A | Opponents |
|---------|----------|------------------|----|---|-----------|
| 2-0     | 0-1      | 1-0              | 3  | 1 | Wales     |
| 1-0     | 1-0      | 1-0              | 3  | 0 | Greece    |
| 1-0     | 1-0      | 1-0              | 3  | 0 | Portugal  |
| 1-0     | 1-0      | 1-0              | 3  | 0 | Venezuela |
| 1-0     | 1-0      | 1-0              | 3  | 0 | Colombia  |
| 0-2     | 0-1      | 1-0              | 1  | 3 | Norway    |
| 0-2     | 0-1      | 1-0              | 1  | 3 | Israel    |
| 6-4     | 4-3      | 7-0              | 17 | 7 |           |

## SCOTLAND

| Smith | Johnston | Johnston/Smith | Conceded | F  | A  | Opponents   |
|-------|----------|----------------|----------|----|----|-------------|
| 0-1   | 0-1      | 0-1            |          | 0  | 3  | Brazil      |
| 1-0   | 1-0      | 1-0            |          | 3  | 0  | Ecuador     |
| 1-1   | 1-1      | 1-0            |          | 3  | 2  | Jersey      |
| 1-0   | 1-0      | 1-0            |          | 3  | 0  | Sri Lanka   |
| 0-1   | 0-1      | 0-1            |          | 0  | 3  | Italy       |
|       |          |                | 03       | 0  | 3  | Puerto Rico |
| 1-0   | 1-0      | 1-0            |          | 3  | 0  | Malta       |
| 4-3   | 4-3      | 4-2            |          | 12 | 11 |             |

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

### Swaythling Cup

| ENGLAND | Douglas | Prean | Cooke | Andrew | Sandley | Conceded | F  | A  | Opponents  |
|---------|---------|-------|-------|--------|---------|----------|----|----|------------|
|         | 1-1     | 1-2   | 1-2   |        |         | 1-0      | 4  | 5  | France     |
|         | 3-0     | 2-0   | 0-2   |        |         |          | 5  | 2  | India      |
|         | 2-0     | 1-1   | 2-0   |        |         |          | 5  | 1  | Denmark    |
|         | 2-1     | 2-1   |       | 0-3    |         |          | 4  | 5  | Japan      |
|         | 3-0     | 2-1   | 0-2   |        |         |          | 5  | 3  | Italy      |
|         |         | 1-1   |       | 0-2    | 0-2     |          | 1  | 5  | Sweden     |
|         | 2-1     | 1-2   |       | 0-2    |         |          | 3  | 5  | Yugoslavia |
|         | 2-0     | 2-0   | 1-1   |        |         |          | 5  | 1  | Hong Kong  |
|         |         | 0-1   |       | 0-2    | 0-2     |          | 0  | 5  | Korea R.   |
| 15-3    | 12-9    | 4-7   | 0-9   | 0-4    |         | 1-0      | 32 | 32 |            |

## WALES

| Tyler | Cain-Williams | Cain-Williams/Tyler | F  | A | Opponents   |
|-------|---------------|---------------------|----|---|-------------|
| 1-1   | 0-1           | 0-1                 | 1  | 3 | Ireland     |
| 2-0   | 0-1           | 1-0                 | 3  | 1 | Colombia    |
| 1-0   | 1-0           | 1-0                 | 3  | 0 | Venezuela   |
| 1-1   | 0-2           | 1-0                 | 2  | 3 | Greece      |
| 1-0   | 1-0           | 1-0                 | 3  | 0 | Portugal    |
| 1-0   | 1-0           | 1-0                 | 3  | 0 | Malta       |
| 2-0   | 0-1           | 1-0                 | 3  | 1 | Puerto Rico |
| 9-2   | 3-5           | 6-1                 | 18 | 8 |             |

## SWAYTHLING CUP

### Final Positions

(Previous positions in brackets)

1. CHINA (1)
2. Sweden (2)
3. Poland (12)
4. Japan (5)
5. Korea DPR (6)
6. Yugoslavia (9)
7. Czechoslovakia (10)
8. France (8)
9. Korea R (7)
10. England (4)
11. Hong Kong (17)
12. India (18)
13. Hungary (3)
14. U.S.A. (13)
15. Denmark (14)
16. Italy (11)
17. Federal Germany (15)
18. Chinese Taipei (-)
19. Soviet Union (16)
20. Nigeria (19)
21. Austria (27)
22. Israel (26)
23. Finland (22)
24. Belgium (34)
25. Netherlands (23)
26. Brazil (33)
27. Norway (20)
28. Australia (24)
29. Pakistan (28)
30. Switzerland (29)
31. Wales (30)
32. Indonesia (21)
33. Scotland (25)
34. Bulgaria (-)
35. Canada (41)
36. Turkey (-)
37. Chile (-)
38. New Zealand (37)
39. Malaysia (31)
40. Spain (38)
41. Singapore (35)
42. Greece (-)
43. Egypt (32)
44. Saudi Arabia (44)
45. Luxembourg (36)
46. Yemen A.R. (43)
47. Ecuador (-)
48. Portugal (-)
49. Lebanon (55)
50. Jamaica (-)
51. Ireland (-)
52. Libya (53)
53. Trinidad & Tobago (-)
54. Cyprus (-)
55. Puerto Rico (-)
56. Iceland (-)
57. Jersey (-)
58. Costa Rica (-)
59. Colombia (52)
60. Malta (48)
61. Palestine (-)
62. Venezuela (46)
63. Zimbabwe (-)
64. Faroe Islands (-)
65. Papua New Guinea (-)
66. Bermuda (-)

The following countries which Participated in Tokyo did not do so in Gothenburg:

- Dominican Republic (39)
- Cuba (40)
- Thailand (42)
- Argentina (45)
- Philippines (47)
- Macao (49)
- Guatemala (50)
- Morocco (51)
- El Salvador (54)

## MARCEL CORBILLON CUP

### Final Positions

(Previous positions in brackets)

1. CHINA (1)
2. Korea DPR (3)
3. Korea R (5)
4. Netherlands (8)
5. Soviet Union (4)
6. Hungary (9)
7. Japan (2)
8. Czechoslovakia (6)
9. England (7)
10. France (14)
11. Romania (11)

12. Sweden (12)
13. Hong Kong (17)
14. Federal Germany (10)
15. Yugoslavia (13)
16. Belgium (18)
17. Chinese Taipei (-)
18. Canada (22)
19. India (25)
20. Austria (16)
21. Poland (19)
22. Finland (15)
23. Australia (29)
24. Indonesia (21)
25. Denmark (24)
26. Luxembourg (28)
27. New Zealand (23)
28. U.S.A. (20)
29. Switzerland (33)
30. Malaysia (30)
31. Singapore (27)
32. Bulgaria (-)
33. Italy (31)
34. Norway (35)
35. Nigeria (-)
36. Brazil (-)
37. Israel (39)
38. Ireland (32)
39. Greece (-)
40. Turkey (-)
41. Wales (-)
42. Spain (38)
43. Puerto Rico (-)
44. Scotland (42)
45. Colombia (41)
46. Sri Lanka (-)
47. Malta (-)
48. Portugal (-)
49. Jersey (-)
50. Ecuador (-)
51. Venezuela (45)
52. Jamaica (-)
53. Iceland (-)
54. Lebanon (43)
55. Zimbabwe (44)

The following countries which participated in Tokyo did not do so in Gothenburg:

- Macao (26)
- Thailand (34)
- Cuba (36)
- Dominican Republic (37)
- Philippines (40)
- Guatemala (46)
- Argentina (47)

## TRANSATLANTIC 1985 WORLDS

### By Malcolm R. Anderson

The U.S. men were in Group A, Category 1 - not an easy group! We lost to China 5-0, to the People's Republic of Korea 5-0, to the Republic of Korea 5-1 (Ricky Seemiller d. Park Ji Hyun 17, 14), to Poland 5-1 (Eric Boggan d. Kucharski -5, 15, 24). We did have some close matches.

#### Czechoslovakia

Rick Seemiller lost to Pansky -19, -17.  
Eric Boggan d. V. Broda 19, 9.  
Dan Seemiller lost to Orlovski 18, -19, -15.  
Boggan lost to Pansky -19, -19.  
R. Seemiller lost to Orlovski -19, -10.  
D. Seemiller d. Broda 14, 10.  
Boggan d. Orlovski 19, 19.  
D. Seemiller d. Pansky 13, 19.  
R. Seemiller lost to Broda -16, -14.

#### Hungary

Brian Masters d. Takacs 22, -9, 19.  
Boggan lost to Kriston -18, 19, -15.  
Semiller lost to Klampar -9, -20.  
Boggan d. Takacs 14, -20, 6.  
Masters lost to Klampar -8, -7.  
Seemiller d. Kriston 16, -11, 19.  
Boggan d. Klampar 18, 8.  
Seemiller lost to Takacs -19, 19, -19 (The last game was 12-all, then 13-20. Dan missed his own serve at 19-20!)  
Masters lost to Kriston -15, 20, -8.

#### Hong Kong

Sean O'Neill lost to Chan Kong Wah -9, -18.  
R. Seemiller lost to Vong Lu Veng -14, -13.  
Masters lost to Lo Chuen Chung -14, -15.  
Seemiller d. Chan 16, -15, 18.  
O'Neill lost to Lo -9, -15, (4-1 down)  
Masters d. Vong 20, -15, 15.  
Seemiller d. Lo -11, 16, 19.  
Masters d. Chan 21, -18, 18.  
O'Neill d. Vong 14, -11, 16.

We won one!!! Hong Kong had wins over Hungary and Republic of Korea, so they finished 7th in the group, we were 8th.

Our first crossover opponent, to determine who would stay in Category 1, was Italy:

D. Seemiller d. Bisi 17, 15.  
Boggan d. Nanonni 17, 18.  
Masters lost to Costantini 23, -13, -15.  
Boggan d. Bisi 14, 13.  
Seemiller lost to Costantini 18, -15, -15.  
Boggan d. Bisi 14, 13.  
Seemiller lost to Costantini 18, -15, -15.  
Masters d. Nanonni 13, 19.  
Boggan lost to Costantini -12, -8.  
Masters lost to Bisi 18, -20, -9.  
Seemiller d. Nanonni 12, 12.

We stayed up!!!!

In the final match we lost to Hungary (who had to beat Denmark to stay up!) 5-1, finishing 14th - same as 1983.

The U.S. women were in Group C, Category 2. We lost to Austria 1-3, Indonesia 2-3 and to Australia 1-3, and won 3 matches beating Switzerland (3-1) New Zealand (3-0) and India (3-0).

We ended in a three way tie with Australia and Indonesia for 3-5th, so we finished 5th.

Our first crossover match was against Denmark:

Lisa Gee d. Susanne Pedersen -15, 17, 17.  
Lan Vuong lost to Charlotte Polk -16, -16.  
Vuong/Gee lost to Dorthe Hauth/Polk 11, -11, -14.  
Vuong d. Pedersen -19, 16, 14.  
Gee lost to Polk -14, -15.

Our final match was against New Zealand, again. This also happened in 1981, when we beat them the first time, lost the second time. History repeats:

Lisa Gee lost to Jan Morris -23, 18, -13.  
Takako Trenholme d. Kadia Rice 13, 10.  
Trenholme/Jin Na d. Morris/Rice 8, 15.  
Trenholme lost to Morris -17, 14, -14.  
Gee lost to Rice -16, 16, -18.

Our girls finished 28th, down from 20th last time - quite good for 4 girls all playing in their first World Championships.

### Individual Results

#### Men's Singles Qualifications:

Masters d. Ulloa (ECU) -10, 19, 18; lost to Teekavirakit (THA) -19, -10.  
R. Seemiller d. Helmy (EGY) 8, 15; d. Vong Lu Veng (HKG) 19, 14; d. Kovac (YUG) 12, -16, 10 to reach the first round.

#### Men's Singles

D. Seemiller d. Parietti (FRA) 5, 18, 14; lost to Kim Ki Taek (KOR) -17, -12, -21.  
O'Neill lost to Rosskopf (FRG) -20, -18, -13.  
R. Seemiller lost to Kucharski (POL) -10, 15, -15, -14.  
E. Boggan d. Grman (TCH) 17, -18, 13, -13, 15; lost to Musa (NGR) -18, -10, 16, -8.

#### Women's Singles Qualifications:

Trenholme d. Davy (JER) 7, 9; lost to Wiktorsson (SWE) -20, -14.  
Gee d. Fernandes (POR) 11, 16; lost to Kohno (JAP) -12, -11.

#### Women's Singles:

Jin Na d. Louka (GRE) -15, 11, 20, 8; lost to Popova (URS) 7, 13, 9.  
Lan Vuong lost to Baura (IND) -18, 12, 11, -20, -18.

It was a very nicely run World Championships in every way except for the weather - it either rained or snowed every day.

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## ITTF RULE CHANGES 1985

By Colin Clemett,  
Chairman ITTF Rules  
Committee

Vice Chairman (Competitions)  
ETTA

With so many rule change proposals on the Agenda of the BGM it is, perhaps, surprising that such a small proportion of them were successful. Of those that were accepted, many concern solely the organisation and management of the ITTF and there are only a few that will have any direct effect on play. Furthermore, the most important of these does not come into operation until 1st July 1986 so that in the coming season it may be difficult to detect that any significant changes have occurred.

I am referring here, of course, to the new regulation concerning the colour of racket coverings. From the start of the 1986-87 season the existing regulation will be modified so that only two colours will be allowed, black and bright red. Although the present rule has worked reasonably well there have been some problems through varying interpretations of the requirement for the two sides of the racket to be "of clearly different colours". The directives issued by the ITTF Council a year ago went some way towards ensuring a more consistent application but the new principle should be much simpler for everyone. The year's delay that has been allowed, to enable existing stocks of rubber to be used up, will also allow the Equipment committee to establish a proper definition of the permitted range of reds, based on some internationally accepted standard such as the Munsell or CIE systems. The current view

is that, if the colour can be controlled properly at the manufacturing stage, it should not be necessary for umpires and referees to be supplied with colour charts to check rackets in the playing area. However, should some control be found necessary, it is hoped that a very simple colour card could be produced that would allow officials to determine quickly whether or not a particular colour is within the acceptable range. Like the present colour regulation, this will apply mandatorily to World, Continental and Open International Championships and it will be for each Association to decide how far the rule is extended to other event under its control.

There are also to be modifications of the clothing regulations, where the BGM clearly wished to see some liberalisation of the present restrictions. The difficulty lies in devising regulations which will allow some individuality in design without detracting from the presentation of the sport and without introducing any features which could affect an opponent unfairly. Although the details of the wording have not yet been finally agreed the general principles have been established. There will still be a single background colour but it will be allowed to include very fine stripes in a contrasting colour other than white; there will be limits on the width of the stripes and on the distance between them so that the apparent uniformity of the background colour is not unduly disturbed. At the same time the opportunity is being taken to clarify the definitions of "trimming" on collars and sleeves and to specify the limited extent to which white can be used on these parts of a playing shirt.

There is to be a change to the seeding regulations for open

tournaments, where the requirement to separate in the draw all players from the same Association is to be extended through all rounds. At present, only the top eight singles players from each Association are so separated and all other players from that Association are protected only against meeting in the first round. This will give tournament organisers slightly more work in carrying out the draw but will eliminate the risk of two players from an Association travelling a long way to an international tournament only to find that they have to play against each other in, say, the second round. In many Associations this rule is already applied, often to separate players from the same district or club, so that there should be ample experience of applying the principle. If necessary, the ITTF will review the Technical Leaflet on the conduct of a draw to reflect the new requirement and it is hoped that it will soon be possible to publish a new version of the Handbook for Competition Organisers dealing with all the complexities of the draw procedure.

The final change, as far as tournament players are concerned is that the former limit of 1250 Swiss francs on the prize money that can be won has been removed altogether, and prizes may be of any value in money or goods. Those who are interested in retaining their Olympic eligibility should note, however, that a proposal to raise the limit of prize money that can be accepted without specific ITTF recognition of a competition was defeated and the level up to which automatic recognition is given remains at 1250 Swiss francs. What this means is that, where an organiser wishes to offer prizes above this value, he should apply to the ITTF

Secretary-General for the event to be formally recognised; if permission is granted, as it normally will be, a small percentage fee is payable. Under the terms of IOC recognition players may then accept prizes up to the agreed value without in any way prejudicing their eligibility for events held under the auspices of the IOC or of any National Olympic Committee. It should be noted that it is not compulsory for an organiser to seek ITTF recognition of his tournament, whatever the value of the prizes, and it is entirely the responsibility of players to make sure that any prizes they accept above the value of 1250 Swiss francs have been properly authorised.

The next BGM is due to be held in 1987, in New Delhi, and that will be the last opportunity for rule changes before the 1988 Olympic Games. It will be interesting to see whether the desire to avoid contentiousness will discourage the submission of drastic changes in the season immediately before the Games. Considering how few of this year's many proposals were successful, it could be that table tennis is about to experience a long period of stability in Laws and Regulations. If so, it will be even more important than before for players and officials to work together to ensure that the Laws and Regulations that we have are consistently and fairly applied for the benefit of the sport.

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## NEWS FROM HUNGARY

### EUROPE CLUB CUP OF CHAMPIONS

**AZS Gdansk** of Poland became the champion men's club of Europe when, on April 13, 85 in Budapest they beat the Hungarian club champions, Vasutas SC 5-3, in front of 500 spectators.

Leszel Kucharski led the way for

Gdansk winning his three sets supported by Andrzej Grubba whose only loss was to Janos Takacs. Scores:

Kucharski bt Nozicska 19, -20, 17; bt Takacs 21, 13; bt Gergely 10, -19, 17.  
Grubba bt Nozicska 2, -18, 10; lost to Takacs 8, -19, -19; bt Gergely -22, 18, 14.  
Jakubowicz lost to Takacs -16, -14; lost to Gergely 11, -18, -19.

On April 19 **Statisztika Petofi**, for the 15th time, won the

counterpart women's championship with a 5-1 win over Tolnai Voros Lobogo in an all-Hungarian final but due to the lack of interest in women's play in Budapest only 150 people witnessed what was prior considered to be an easy ride for the champions. Scores:

Z. Olah bt I. Bolvari 19, 6; bt K. Bolvari 10, 18.  
Fazekas bt K. Bolvari 7, 18; bt Balogh 9, 12.  
G. Szabo bt I. Bolvari 17, 14; lost to Balogh -14,

-18.

## HONOUR

In recognition of his 40 years as an officer of the Hungarian TT Association, **Dr. Gyorgy Lakatos**, President of the ETTU and Deputy President of the Hungarian TTA, was the recent recipient of an award presented by the Hungarian Sport and Physical Education Office.

## COVER PICTURE

**Derbyshire's Alan Cooke, winner of the top 2-Star men's singles prize (£300) at the Newcastle Evening Chronicle Northumberland Open at Cramlington Leisure Centre on April 27/85.**

Photo by Neil T. Houghton,  
ETTA Diploma Coach, Hathersage, Derbyshire.

## IRISH AFFAIRS

### INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Tony Martin

Ulster had a clean sweep at the Inter-Provincial Championships in Galway winning the Senior, U-21 and Veterans' titles beating Leinster in all three finals.

In the senior event Ulster had a comfortable 6-3 win over the holders Leinster with Mervyn Kelly, Hilton Meneally and Liz Cheevers winning their sets. With Colum Slevin and Anne Leonard unavailable for Leinster, their task was enormous to tame the well-balanced Ulster team. But Anna Kelly and Helen Walsh had good wins over Mary McMullen while Aidan Walsh beat Jimmy Robinson.

In the U-21 final between two evenly balanced sides a tremendous battle was fought out before Ulster won 6-5, the last doubles set deciding the issue. Ulster went into a 3-1 lead with wins for Colin Inglis,

Gary O'Hara and Mandy Dunleavy over Alan Slevin, Niall Burke and Denise O'Connor respectively.

Leinster replied with three wins to lead 4-3. John Fall (Ulster) with a win over Slevin levelled the score but Ann Marie Reilly had a win over Mandy Dunleavy to re-establish Leinster's lead. But Inglis turned out to be the hero beating Kevin Mackey to level once again and in the deciding doubles he dominated proceedings with Fall to beat Burke/Mackey -17, 15 and 18. It was a nail-biting finish which retained their title.

Ulster's veterans dominated their event winning 6-1. Usher Watson and Roy Copes accounted for Leinster's Ken O'Reordan and John Bridgeman to set the seal on a convincing win. Terry Dolan of the home Connaught province had a great win over international Mervyn Kelly (Ulster) to record the only win in their 8-1 defeat. Connaught's Ann Ryan had impressive wins over Leinster's Anna Kelly and Helen Walsh in their 8-3 victory.

Positions:

|                       | P | W | L | Pts |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| <b>Senior Ulster</b>  | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6   |
| Leinster              | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4   |
| Munster               | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2   |
| Connaught             | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0   |
| <b>U-21 Ulster</b>    | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6   |
| Leinster              | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4   |
| Munster               | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2   |
| Connaught             | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0   |
| <b>Veteran Ulster</b> | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4   |
| Leinster              | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2   |
| Connaught             | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0   |

### LEINSTER LEAGUE v BELFAST LEAGUE

While Leinster finished with a comfortable 7-2 win in the senior event this proved to be one of the most competitive matches witnessed for some time. Leinster's hero was undoubtedly Dara Melinn who was a revelation on the day, his wins over Jim Dill and Jimmy Hamill must have given much satisfaction. Not that Kathleen Copeland and Brian Larrigan were overshadowed, it was a real team effort. Brian had the unenviable task of playing first

and last and found a worthy opponent in Ivor Barton who is a much improved player since he last played in Dublin.

I am sometimes convinced that the ladies have the harder task in this type of event, but Kathleen was her usual efficient self in teaming up with Dara to take a close mixed, and had little difficulty in overcoming Mandy Dunleavy who lacked the experience and appeared nervous. I am certain the Belfast team will look back and remember how well they played, and wonder how they lost 2-7.

The junior match was more closely contested and, at one stage, Leinster were 2-4 down but a great come-back saw them win 5-4. None contributed more to this success than 'super sub' Pat Kinsella who replaced Sean Hayes. Pat won his two sets and teamed up with Kevin Mackey to win the doubles. Cathal McGee got Leinster off to a good start with a win in the opening set and Mackey took the penultimate one to level the match score at the vital stage.

## HEART OF ENGLAND CADET LEAGUE FINAL SESSION

by Brian Aston

In the last session of the league held at Automotive Products, Leamington Spa on March 30, after a marathon number of matches, **Birmingham Schools** emerged as winners with Leamington A as runners-up.

Birmingham had an easy 10-0 win over Northants Schools and then played Leamington A in what would have been the decider. However, Leamington depleted through injury and illness could only manage a draw with Evesham and so played Birmingham Schools one point adrift.

Haroon Rashid and Rajinder Singh both had maximums and Steven McDonald chipped in with one to give them a 7-3 result. Leamington gained two singles wins over McDonald by Kate Ryan and Barry Dalby who also teamed up for a fine doubles victory over Rashid and Singh. Ewen Huc for Leamington, on his debut, tried hard but was outclassed in this match. However, the experience will stand him in good stead for next season.

Last season's winners, Walsall, came 3rd with a 10-0 win over Rugby and a 9-1 win over Northants Schools. Evesham with wins over Leamington B and two draws against Northants and Leamington A were 4th and are a greatly improved team than when

the season started. Marcus Bolton, Stefan Mytton and Jane McLean take a bow! Northants had a very busy day playing 4 matches, winning 1, drawing 1 and losing 2.

The draw between Bromsgrove and Birmingham Youth Service provided both sides with their 1st league point of the season. For Bromsgrove David McNaught won his 3, Andrew Smith won 1 and McNaught and Simon Coates teamed up to take the doubles. In reply Birmingham's Spencer Leach won 2, Wendy Jeffrey 1 and Alan Sale 2. The Birmingham side have taken some beatings this season and were at last rewarded for their efforts.

A mention must be made for 9-years-old Simon Coates who is the league's youngest player. He has played in 8 matches without winning, yet remains cheerful and enjoying his table tennis. He is a credit to Bromsgrove and the league and success must come his way in the future.

In the knock-out singles competition held on the same day, **Robert Till** (Walsall) emerged as champion beating his teammate James Dufty in the final 16 and 14. In the semis Till defeated Paul Sidwell (Coventry) 11 and 16 and Dufty beat Bolton -20, 14, 19. The league's average winner was Rashid with 100% from 9 matches followed by Till on 100% from 5 matches. Till gained his revenge for this by defeating Rashid in the quarters of the singles competition. Trophies were

presented by Mr. Stan Bailey, Chairman of the A.P. Sports & Social Club, who provided an

excellent venue, and with the league now firmly established we now look forward to next season.

### FINAL TABLE

|                           | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Birmingham Schools</b> | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 82 | 8  | 18  |
| Leamington A              | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 67 | 23 | 15  |
| Walsall                   | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 70 | 20 | 14  |
| Evesham                   | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 59 | 31 | 12  |
| Northants                 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 49 | 41 | 11  |
| Coventry                  | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 40 | 50 | 8   |
| Leamington B              | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 37 | 53 | 6   |
| Rugby                     | 9 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 18 | 72 | 4   |
| Bromsgrove                | 9 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 19 | 71 | 1   |
| Birmingham Y.S.           | 9 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 9  | 81 | 1   |



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## The Chairman writes . . .



**AU REVOIR –  
BUT NOT GOODBYE...  
writes Tom Blunn,  
ETTA Chairman**

My early memories of our official magazine are from the mid-thirties when, as a young and enthusiastic league secretary, I used to deliver personally my league's purchase of about 25 copies each month. The magazine, or to give it its official and very proud title *Table Tennis News*, has been part of table tennis life for most of the existence of the ETTA. It has always been regarded as a necessary service to the members.

The magazine has changed drastically and for the better and the most effective changes have taken

place under the editorship of George Yates who has decided to call it a day after nineteen years devoted service. One year would drain the enthusiasm of most of us but nineteen is almost beyond belief. Surely a life sentence! The crime - a passionate desire to serve the members by attempting a task which many at the time thought to be beyond any one person.

To produce a magazine each month whilst at the same time earning his daily bread, travelling from Bolton to Manchester and back each working day. Also to continue to give loyal and very effective service to his local Bolton league where he has been Match Secretary since 1950 and local press correspondent for over 25 years. Add to this a continuous service over 25 years to the Lancashire County where he has reached the top as President and it will be seen very clearly how the job of editor could easily have been refused.

George not only has a passion to write but also a talent and he uses this with his distinctive style which is recognisable all over the world, and will be sadly missed in the future. On his retirement from business George was delighted, and so were his friends, when he was elected as a full member of the

National Union of Journalists. No better tribute could have been made and it is doubtful if anyone could have worked harder than George to obtain this well deserved reward.

The contributors to the magazine have not all been possessed of journalistic talent and George has struggled into the early hours on many occasions to rewrite the contributions submitted by writers who had confidence in his ability to make their little bit look much better at the finish than it was at the start. In the process he has become an undoubted expert at reading all sorts of handwriting. Very few contributors submit their copy on single sheets, typed double-spaced - not even me!

George brought an international atmosphere to the magazine which has made it very popular abroad. Whilst his name is well known now all over the world the benefit has come directly to the ETTA as the reputation of the ETTA has been enhanced by the quality of the magazine. Many foreign associations envy us our ability to go on year after year producing a magazine which, in their view, has improved with each year.

Having retired from business over two years ago, George now faces the experience of retiring once more from a full time job, but this time

there will be no pension, only memories. I know George has experienced bad times as well as good but the latter have been well in excess of the former. The happy memories will stay with him for ever, the unhappy ones, like bad dreams, will be forgotten in the morning.

George continues as Deputy Chairman of the ETTA and also as Hon. General Secretary of the European Table Tennis Union, which is a further recognition of his ability and a great boost for the ETTA. On a personal note, George has been a personal friend of mine since our early days together on the Lancashire committee about 35 years ago. His loyalty and dry sense of humour has brought me back to reality on more than one occasion and thankfully I know he will be working alongside me for the final years of my service to the ETTA.

On behalf of all our members and many friends abroad, I thank you, George, for your devoted service expressed in a talent to which many of us can never hope to aspire. Best wishes also to your wife, Doreen, who has been your partner in caring for your "baby" by finishing off the monthly task with a hectic rush to meet the deadline in her capacity as C.I.C. distribution - a very unglamorous though very necessary task.

### IVOR MONTAGU

**You will know that the Hon. Ivor Montagu, the Life Vice-President of the Association and founder President of the International Table Tennis Federation, passed away on the 5th November, 1984.**

**As Ivor was mainly responsible for founding the English Table Tennis Association and guiding us through the first forty years, we wish to establish a permanent memorial to him.**

**From humble beginnings the game has grown with universal appeal to its present eminent position in the world of sport and is a lasting tribute to his long and devoted service unstintingly given. During his lifetime he was ten times President, thirty times Chairman, a dozen times Referee of the English Open Championships, eleven times non-playing captain of the Swaythling and Corbillon Cup teams in the World Championships.**

**For forty-one years he was President of the International Table Tennis Federation and his inspiring leadership entered into every aspect of the English and International game.**

**So as to preserve his name the English Table Tennis Association has created a fund, the proceeds of which will be used to assist, where necessary, junior players to attend major events within England.**

**The English Table Tennis Association has made the first annual donation of £2,000 to the Ivor Montagu Fund for Juniors and we would welcome support from other sources. The names of donors without specifying the amount will be recorded in the magazine *Table Tennis News*.**

**If you would like to be associated with this proposal we should be pleased to receive your contribution. Cheques should be made payable to the E.T.T.A.**

**Yours sincerely  
TOM BLUNN  
Chairman**

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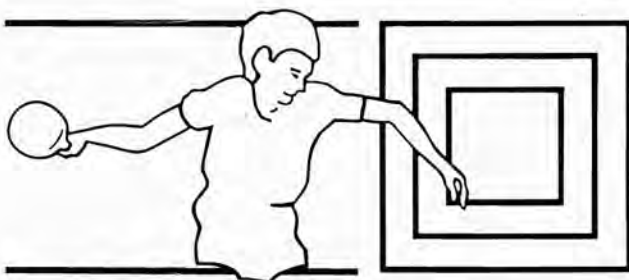
### NEW ROLE FOR PETER

After 14 years as a National Coach with the ETTA, Peter Hirst left these shores in late May to take up a new role as Director of Coaching with the New Zealand TTA.

Father of three, Peter commented: "Obviously with a young family to consider the decision to take up this offer has been a tough one but it is such a fabulous opportunity that I would always regret it if I did not face up to the challenge.

During his time with the English Association, Peter has coached every grade of player, from the beginner to international, and has played a vital role in the development of the Centres of Excellence network.

Renowned for his jovial, quick-witted personality, he will certainly be missed by players and coaches nationwide but all will wish him success in this new venture.



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## BENEFICIAL ESSEX JUNIOR 'SELECT'

### MARKED CONTRAST

by Alan Shepherd

Over the weekend of April 13/14 at Harlow, there was a marked contrast between the weather conditions which prevailed on the opening morning with that which we all had to endure three months earlier at the Senior 3-Star, when a blizzard caused a large number of scratchings. Accordingly the Cadets got off to a good start.

There were no surprises in the boys' groups but Leigh Jeffries and Dale Saunders departed in round 2. Adrian Thorpe another emerging star from Wolverhampton had a great run before losing to the eventual champion. He fought his way through Group 23, won a qualifying match against Darryl Sneyd, then successively beat Surrey's Matthew Pernet and Jeffries. However the top four seeds contested the semis where Bradley Billington, whose participation had been made uncertain until the last minute due to a back injury, defeated Neil Pickard and Michael O'Driscoll beat his County colleague Chris Oldfield. So it was to be Billington v O'Driscoll on Finals Night.

Consolation for Pickard came in the Cadets Boys' Doubles, where, paired with the redoubtable 'Brad' and seeded No. 1 he reached the final, played on Saturday evening. Their opponents were, as indicated by the seedings, Damian Holland and O'Driscoll. Neither pair had dropped a game en route to the final. After a closely-contested match Neil and Brad took the title.

The Cadet Girls' Singles saw the leading four seeds reach their allotted places in the semis. Andrea Holt won all her matches without loss of a game, even handing out that treatment in the semi to Julie Billington. Kerry Hall, stablemate of Julie, had a battle-royal with Claire Potts in her semi and only just prevailed. Thus it was a Holt v Hall final.

It was again a steam-rolling progress to the final of the Cadet Girls' Doubles for top seeds Holt/Potts and Billington/Hall. However, the final itself was very close and exciting, with Andrea and Claire just sneaking it by the traditional "deuce in the third".



Boys single's winner Jimm Stokes with Tom Blunn and Mr. Andy Dawes the Regional Manager of Beneficial Trust.



General view of the Final with Jimmy Stokes serving to Andy Cunningham.



Damian Holland (Essex) and Michael O'Driscoll (Yorkshire) runners-up in the Cadet Boys Doubles with Tom Blunn and Mr. Peter Collenge, Manager of Beneficial Trust's Harlow Branch.

The entry for the Boys' was so massive (164) that groups had to be split between Saturday and Sunday. Major non-arrivals were Rodney Thomas, Thomas Blackman and Jonathan Goode. The last-named seems to enter more tournaments than he plays in.

Cadet Oldfield was the beneficiary of the place which Rodney Thomas was supposed to occupy, he almost made it to the semi-final stage, only to be ousted by Andy Cunningham in a fierce quarter-final. In the last quarter of the draw No. 11 seed O'Driscoll took out fellow cadet Billington but was then himself beaten by Adrian Dixon. There were three excellent efforts in defeat by Essex players. The best was possibly by 12-years-old Damian Holland, who lost to Cunningham 19 in the third. Tony West and James Griffiths also took Billington and Paul Savins the full distance. However, to their credit the top four seeds, namely Jimmy Stokes, Dixon, Matthew Syed and Cunningham, reached the semis, with Stokes and Cunningham going on to the final.

There were some unexpected results in the Girls' Singles, much to the delight of the neutrals. Foremost, perhaps, was the victory of Tanya Holland over Juliet Houghton. Although it must be said that Juliet was going through a bad patch, this was still a magnificent result for Tanya. Jill Powis the No. 3 seed, was at the same stage, Round 2, ousted by fellow Staffs player Angela Sanders, but next round out she went -20, 20, -21(!) to local heroine Lisa Hayden. Meanwhile the clash of the Nos. 4 and 5 seeds, Holt and Debbie Soothill, had ended in victory for Debbie, who then got past Lisa to the final, which stage No. 1 seed Joanne Shaw had reached with no alarms.

In the top half of the Boys' Doubles there was a fine win for Billington/Sean Gibson (seeded No. 6) over Matthew Syed/Savins (a pairing devised when Blackman and Thomas failed to appear). Also upsetting a higher seeded pair were Nick Newton/Clive Guest in ousting Richard Hayward/Mark Randle and it was they who went on to the final. There they were to meet Dixon/Murray Dukes, whose hardest match en route was a Round 2 tussle with John Holland/Robert Fearn, the Notts duo, won only by -16, 20, 17.

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The Girls' Doubles saw the demise of the No. 1 seeded pair, Powis/Shaw at the semi-final stage at the hands of Soothill/Houghton, seeded No. 3. In the other half Julie Billington/Hall gained consolation for their defeat the previous evening at the hands of Holt/Potts by seeing that pair eliminated by Melonie Carey/Helen Perrott and then beating that combination to reach the final.

The staged finals were watched by about 150 people at the beginning but most of these had departed by the time the last two contests were being played. As the finals started promptly at the advertised time of 6.30 p.m. and ended at about 8.30 p.m. one really does not know what can be done to encourage people to support what is supposed to be the high-point of the proceedings. What the sponsors think about the sight of officials out-

numbering the crowd I do not know.

The two cadets events were played first, and despite M.C. Mike Watts calling for Andrea Holt and Kerry Hall, the very boyish figures of Bradley Billington and Michael O'Driscoll emerged! Michael triumphed to give Yorkshire its first title of the week-end. Andrea and Kerry then really did play and Kerry gained a surprisingly easy win over the England No.1.

In the hope of keeping some sort of audience the Boys' final was played next and Stokes came out on top after two very close and hard-fought games. The Girls' final between Shaw and Soothill was equally well contested, with Joanne just getting the edge in a deciding game.

The two Junior Doubles events were rather disappointing, although certainly not to the splend

Yorkshire pair of Newton and Guest, seeded No. 7, but champions after disposing of Dixon/Jukes. The Cadet pairing of Julie Billington/Kerry Hall, who had been unable to annex the cadet title had no problems in lifting the Junior one!

Trophies were presented by Mr. Andy Davies, the Regional Manager for sponsors Beneficial Trust, Mr. Peter Collinge, the Manager of their Harlow Branch, and Mr. Graham Moon, first holder of the ETTA merit award, and one of the hardest workers for the game in Essex.

## RESULTS

**C.B.S. s-fs:** B. Billington (Dy) bt N. Pickard (Nk) 18, 14.  
**M. O'Driscoll (Y)** bt C. Oldfield (Y) -9, 18, 11.  
**Final: O'DRISCOLL** bt Billington 15, 20.  
**C.G.S. s-fs:** A. Holt (La) bt. Billington (Dy) 14, 18.  
**K. Hall (Dy)** bt C. Potts (Ch) -22, 22, 17.  
**Final: HALL** bt Holt 8, 15.  
**C.B.D. s-fs:** Billington/Pickard bt M. Laughlin/J.

Collins (Ca) 9, 15.  
**O'Driscoll/D. Holland (E)** bt N. Simms (Y)/Oldfield 17, 20.  
**Final: BILLINGTON/PICKARD** bt O'Driscoll/Holland 20, -14, 15.  
**C.G.D. s-fs:** Holt/Potts bt J. Brior/J. Norman (Bk) 10, 11.  
**Billington/Hall** bt J. Wright (Dy)/J. Forster (Dy) 9, 15.  
**Final: BILLINGTON/HALL** bt Holt/Potts 15, -12, 21.  
**B.S. q-fs:** J. Stokes (Bk) bt M. Randle (Wa) 14, 14.  
**M. Syed (Bk)** bt C. Guest (Y) 19, 16.  
**A. Cunningam (K)** bt Oldfield -14, 18, 15.  
**A. Dixon (St)** bt O'Driscoll 15, 11.  
**s-fs:** Stokes bt Syed 11, 12.  
**Cunningham** bt Dixon 23, -16, 17.  
**Final: STOKES** bt Cunningham 21, 19.  
**G.S. q-fs:** J. Shaw (S) bt C. Potts 13, 13.  
**Hall** bt T. Holland (E) 16, 9.  
**L. Hayden (E)** bt A. Sanders (St) 20, -20, 21.  
**D. Soothill (Cu)** bt Holt 17, 15.  
**s-fs:** Shaw bt Hall 10, 13.  
**Soothill** bt Hayden 15, 16.  
**Final: SHAW** bt Soothill -19, 15, 13.  
**B.D. s-fs:** N. Newton (Y)/Guest bt Billington/S. Gibson (La) -19, 8, 19.  
**Dixon/M. Dukes (W)** bt O'Driscoll/Holland 18, 11.  
**Final: NEWTON/GUEST** bt Dixon/Jukes 15, 18.  
**G.D. s-fs:** Soothill/J. Houghton (K) bt J. Powis (St)/Shaw -17, 11, 14.  
**Billington/Hall** bt M. Carey (So)/Perrott (Av) 15, 12.  
**Final: SOOTHILL/HOUGHTON** bt Billington/Hall 15, 10.

# Beneficial Trust Grand Prix

## HINCKLEY REPEAT by Malcolm Allsop

The Beneficial Trust Derby Junior Select on March 16/17 at the Moor Lane Sports Centre, Derby created a lot of interest with a high standard of entry from England, Canada and Ireland and Derbyshire competitors well to the fore in all events.

Michael O'Driscoll of Mirfield, Yorkshire provided the shock of the tournament by beating England No. 5 Matthew Syed in the quarters of the Boys' Singles in a match of exciting class which was a real crowd-pleaser. Jimmy Stokes of reading beat O'Driscoll in the semi.

Chris Oldfield defeated Adrian Dixon in another quarter but then lost to Chesterfield's Bradley Billington in their semi.

The final was a repeat of the Beneficial Trust English Closed with Stokes a worthy winner, despite some brilliant shots from Billington especially early on when he took a 10-5 lead with a superb attacking display.

The Girls' event went according to the rankings with Joanne Shaw a worthy and popular winner. Joanne dropped one game in her quarter-final with Debbie Soothill, but then beat Jill Powis and Andrea Holt in straight games to take the title.

Bradley Billington also reached the final of the Cadet Boys' Singles and won the opening game against O'Driscoll. Michael fought back to win the second and lead 12-1 in

the third and deciding game. Bradley fought back brilliantly but the Yorkshire boy kept his nerve to take the title 22-20.

Bradley also reached the final of the Cadet Boys' Doubles with Norfolk's Neil Pickard but were narrowly beaten by Oldfield and Mark Ward.

Chesterfield's Kerry Hall reached the semi-final of the Cadet Girls' Singles before going out to Claire Potts - who defeated Debbie Toole in the final. Toole had surprisingly beaten England No. 1 Andrea Holt in their semi.

Derbyshire gained their only title of the tournament when Julie Billington and Kerry Hall combined to win the Cadet Girls' Doubles against Holt and Potts - the England No. 1 and 2.

## Results:

**B.S. q-fs:** J. Stokes (Bk) bt A. Bassano (Y) 11, 8.  
**M. O'Driscoll (Y)** bt M. Syed (Bk) 12, -18, 22.  
**B. Billington (Dy)** bt J. Mah (Can) 12, 15.  
**C. Oldfield (Y)** bt S. Gibson (La) 14, 19.  
**s-fs:** Stokes bt O'Driscoll 9, 11.  
**B. Billington** bt C. Oldfield 18, 18.  
**Final: STOKES** bt Billington 12, 13.  
**G.S. q-fs:** J. Shaw (Y) bt D. Soothill (Cu) 15, -16, 19.  
**J. Powis (St)** bt C. Chu (Can) 16, 18.  
**C. Potts (Ch)** bt J. Houghton (K) 4, -21, 14.  
**A. Holt (La)** bt H. Bedard (Can) 17, 18.  
**s-fs:** Shaw bt Powis 15, 17.  
**Holt** bt Potts 16, 12.  
**Final: SHAW** bt Holt 16, 15.  
**B.D. s-fs:** M. Syed/Stokes bt N. Newton/J. Bult (Y) -18, 19, 14.  
**M. Jukes (Wo)/A. Dixon (St)** bt R. Thomas (Do)/P. Savins (Bk) 9, -14, 20.  
**Final: JUKES/DIXON** bt M. Syed/Stokes 18, 15.  
**G.D. s-fs:** Powis/Shaw bt L. Davis (Wo)/A. Sanders (St) 20, 12.

Soothill/Houghton bt H. Perrott (Av)/C. Brooks (Sy) 12, -18, 6.  
**Final: Powis/Shaw** bt Soothill/Houghton -18, 21, 17.  
**C.B.S. q-fs:** Billington bt D. Holland (Ex) 8, 8.  
**Oldfield** bt A. Houghton (K) 9, 13.  
**M. Ward (Y)** bt N. Pickard (Nk) 12, -18, 18.  
**O'Driscoll** bt D. Saunders (Gs) 15, 10.  
**s-fs:** Billington bt Oldfield 16, 19.  
**O'Driscoll** bt Ward 9, 14.  
**Final: O'DRISCOLL** bt Billington -14, 16, 20.  
**C.G.S. q-fs:** Holt bt J. Norman (Bk) 5, 20.  
**D. Toole (Y)** bt Chu 15, 15.  
**K. Hall (Dy)** bt E. Meddings (Y) -13, 12, 10.  
**Potts** bt J. Billington (Dy) 2, 19.  
**s-fs:** Toole bt Holt -15, 15, 16.  
**Potts** bt Hall 16, -17, 18.  
**Final: POTTS** bt Toole -13, 12, 10.  
**C.B.D. s-fs:** Billington/Pickard bt Saunders/M.

Perrott (Sy) -19, 13, 10.  
**Ward/Oldfield** bt G. Cook/J. Krzystyniak (M) -20, 17, 6.  
**Final: Ward/Oldfield** bt Billington/Pickard -12, 17, 19.  
**C.G.D. s-fs:** Holt/Potts bt C. Bateman (Sy)/K. Gower (Ex) 17, 15.  
**Billington/Hall** bt N. McGrath/Smallwood (La) 9, 20.  
**Final: Billington/Hall** bt Holt/Potts 11, -9, 19.

The Derby and District League wish to thank Beneficial Trust for their sponsorship and support: Stuart Sherlock who did an excellent job of Referee, and Mary Sherlock who gave such wonderful support.



Beneficial Trust Derby Manager, Paul Jaruszewski, presents the trophy to Boys' Cadet winner Michael O'Driscoll of Yorkshire. Photo by Stephen Booth of Derby.

**BENEFICIAL TRUST ENGLISH JUNIOR OPEN  
NO JOY FOR CARL OR ENGLAND**

by **George R. Yates**

England's Carl Preat, the defeated boys' singles finalist twelve months previously at the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth, had far from a happy time over the weekend of May 11/12 when this season's Beneficial Trust Grand Prix was brought to a conclusion at the same venue.

In the boys' singles the Isle of Wight teenager was ousted at the quarter-final stage by Josef Braun of Czechoslovakia whilst, in the boys' doubles, partnered by Andrew Syed, the English pair were the quarter-final victims of Sweden's Peter Andersson and Magnus Kilander.

And, in the mixed, with Hungary's Csilla Batorfi, the Anglo-Hungarian pair lost in the final to Nam Jyu Yoo and Jung Wha Hyun of the Republic of Korea — all this after a boys' team final defeat by the Koreans.

In the strongest ever entry for the English Junior Open the European stars to emerge winners comprised Hungary's Batorfi and Kristina Nagy who won the girls' team event, Olga Nemes of Federal Germany, winner of the girls' singles, and Ivana Masarikova and Alena Safarova of Czechoslovakia who had a final girls' doubles win over Nemes and Katja Nolten of Federal Germany.

Players of the Republic of Korea captured the other four titles winning the boys' team, boys' singles and doubles and the mixed with Nam Kyu Yoo — he lost his singles crown — the recipient of three gold awards!

The boys' singles final was a cracker in which Kyung Ho Kim, the South Korean No. 2, slugged it out with Belgium's Jean-Michel Saive conqueror of the holder in the semis. And yet, looking back at the boys' team event Preat registered a win over Saive in the 3-1 win.

Dorset's Rodney Thomas had a tournament to remember in reaching the third round of the boys' singles and, with Paul Savins of Berkshire achieving a semi-final place in the doubles with a notable victory over Ralf Dooley and Rudiger Klein of Federal Germany en route.

Jimmy Stokes, the Grand Prix boys' points winner, fell to the title defender, Nam Kyu Yoo, whilst Andy Syed fell to Klein in the second round.

What then of our girls? Well the spotlight fell on England's second string team of Andrea Holt and Claire Potts who, all credit to them, began with a 3-0 victory over Sweden I and gave Austria a run for their money before being eliminated 3-2 thanks to the efforts of Elisabeth Maier.

No English girl reached the quarter-final stage of the singles

and only Tanya Holland of Essex succeeded in reaching the third round, the girls' Grand Prix points winner, Joanne Shaw, succumbing to Nemes the eventual winner.

In the girls' doubles cadets Julie Billington and Kerry Hall achieved the quarters losing to Nemes and Nolten after a tremendous battle against Mirielle Sloomans and Sophie Thirion of Belgium in the previous round.

But, despite the lack of English successes, the tournament was most well organised with ex-England and Spurs footballer, Jimmy Greaves, taking a hand in the presentations along with the Deputy Lord Mayor of Portsmouth and Geoff Geary the Financial Director of Beneficial Trust.

In addition to the £400 each towards travelling and training expenses the two points winners of the Grand Prix, Joanne Shaw and Jimmy Stokes, are also to be further rewarded with a fortnight in Sweden on a training camp similar to the one previously afforded Susan Collier and Andy Syed who went to Seoul, South Korea last year.

**Final Points Table**

| Boys                      | Pts       |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1 Jimmy Stokes (Bk)       | £400 (80) |
| 2 Adrian Dixon (St)       | £300 (32) |
| 3 Bradley Billington (Dy) | £200 (30) |
| 4 Clive Guest (Y)         | £150 (28) |
| 5 Andrew Cunningham (K)   | £100 (22) |
| Michael O'Driscoll (Y)    | £100 (22) |
| Matthew Syed (Bk)         | £100 (22) |
| Rodney Thomas (Do)        | £100 (22) |

| Girls                 | Pts       |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1 Joanne Shaw (Y)     | £400 (76) |
| 2 Kerry Hall (Dy)     | £250 (32) |
| Andrea Holt (Lg)      | £250 (32) |
| Claire Potts (Ch)     | £250 (32) |
| 5 Juliet Houghton (K) | £100 (28) |
| Debbie Soothill (Cu)  | £100 (28) |

**BOYS' TEAM**

**Round 1**  
France I 3, Scotland 2

**Round 2**  
**England I** 3, France II 0  
Preat bt Basquin 10,11, A. Syed bt Chaplain 19,21;  
Preat/Syed bt Basquin/Chaplain 14,16.  
Belgium 3, Sweden II 1  
Korea II 3, Czechoslovakia 1  
Federal Germany I 3, **England III** 0  
Fetzner bt M. Syed 15,16; Roskopf bt Billington 8,17;  
Fetzner/Roskopf bt Billington/Syed 11,19.  
Sweden I 3, Wales 0  
Austria 3, Ireland 1

**England II** 3, France I 0  
Stokes bt Bourget 13,15; Dixon bt Roger -20,16,18;  
Dixon/Stokes bt Bourget/Roger 15,11  
Korea I 3, Federal Germany II 0

**Quarter-final:**  
**England I** 3, Belgium 1  
A. Syed lost to Saive 12,-12,-15;  
Preat bt Christophe 11,5; bt Saive -21,14,13  
Preat/Syed bt Christophe/Saive 15,17  
Federal Germany I 3, Korea II 0  
Sweden I 3, Austria 1  
Korea I 3, **England II** 0  
Kim bt Dixon 14,19; Yoo bt Stokes 16,16;  
Kim/Yoo bt Dixon/Stokes 13,12.

**Semi-final:**  
**England I** 3, Federal Germany I 0  
A. Syed bt Roskopf 14,-19,19; Preat bt Fetzner -18,7,11;  
Preat/Syed bt Fetzner/Roskopf 19,-12,11  
Korea I 3, Sweden I 0  
Kim bt Andersson 18,11; Yoo bt Millbert 11,14;  
Kim/Yoo bt Andersson/Millbert 17,15.



**Paul Savins of Berks and Rodney Thomas of Dorset who reached the semi-final stage of the boys' doubles before losing to Nam Kyu Yoo and Kyung Ho Kim of South Korea.**



**Csilla Batorfi of Hungary and England's Carl Preat having to be content with the runners-up awards in the mixed doubles after presentation by the ETTA's Deputy Chairman, George Yates and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Portsmouth.**



**Jimmy Greaves, the former England and Spurs footballer, takes this central position after presenting the cup to Miss Nemes with ETTA Chairman Tom Blunn in line.**



**The line-up after the presentations for the boys' singles (from l to r) between the hostesses:- Mr. Geoff Geary, Financial Director of Beneficial Trust, Nam Kyu Yoo (semi-finalist), Jean-Michel Saive (runner-up), Jimmy Greaves and Kyung Ho Kim (winner).**



**Olga Nemes of the Federal Republic of Germany, winner of the girls' singles title at Portsmouth.**

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**Final:**  
**KOREA I 3, England I 1**  
 Yoo bt A. Syed -18,15,18; Kim lost to Prean -17,-17;  
 Kim/Yoo bt Prean/Syed 20,26; Yoo bt Prean 18,-18,16.

## GIRLS' TEAM

**Round 1**  
 Federal Germany I 3, Wales 0  
 Sweden II 3, Ireland 1

**Round 2**  
 Korea I 3, France I 0  
 Federal Germany II 3, Scotland 0

**England II 3, Sweden I 0**  
 Holt bt Enochsson -14,13,8; Potts bt Teravuo 20,-15,21;  
 Holt/Potts bt Enochsson/Teravuo 17,21  
 Austria 3, Belgium 0  
 Czechoslovakia 3, France II 0  
 Korea II 3, **England I 0**  
 Lee bt Hayden 19,10; Jung bt Shaw 17,-17,13;  
 Jung/Lee bt Hayden/Shaw 13,13;  
 Federal Germany I 3, Sweden II 1  
 Hungary 3, **England III 0**  
 Batorfi bt Billington 7,13; Nagy bt Hall 9,10;  
 Batorfi/Nagy bt Billington/Hall 20,17.

**Quarter-final:**  
 Korea I 3, Federal Germany II 0  
 Austria 3, **England II 2**  
 Maier bt Holt 10,8; Zillner lost to Potts -18,-19;  
 Maier/Zillner bt Holt/Potts 19,-9,14;  
 Holt bt Zillner 16,23; Potts lost to Maier -16,-14  
 Czechoslovakia 3, Korea II 0  
 Hungary 3, Federal Germany I 0

**Semi-final:**  
 Korea I 3, Austria 0  
 Park bt Zillner 14,17; Hwa bt Maier 8,10;  
 Hwa/Park bt Maier/Zillner 18,12.  
 Hungary 3, Czechoslovakia 0  
 Nagy bt Masarikova 10,-18,17; Batorfi bt Safarova -21,19,22;  
 Batorfi/Nagy bt Masarikova/Safarova -17,18,18.

**Final:**  
**HUNGARY 3, Korea I 2**  
 Batorfi bt Park 17,8; Nagy lost to Hwa -16,20,-11;  
 Batorfi/Nagy lost to Hwa/Park -13,-14;  
 Batorfi bt Hwa -18,13,17; Nagy bt Park 17,-19,15.

**Boys' Singles: Round 3:**  
 C. Prean (ENG) bt P. Andersson (SWE) 10,19;  
 J. Braun (TCH) bt B. Billington (ENG) 13,8;  
 S. Fetzner (FRG) bt R. Thomas (Do) 17,13;  
 Kyung Ho Kim (KOR) bt A. Dixon (ENG) 18,-13,15;  
 J-M. Saive (BEL) bt T. Janci (TCH) 14,14;  
 R. Klein (FRG) bt Bong Soo Kim (KOR) 16,-13,17;  
 J. Roskopf (FRG) bt J-F. Roger (FRA) 17,16;  
 Nam Kyu Yoo (KOR) bt J.Stokes (ENG) 15,18.

**Quarter-final:**  
 Braun bt Prean 13,19; Kyung Ho Kim bt Fetzner 11,15; Saive bt Klein 15,7; Nam Kyu Yoo bt Roskopf 18,15.

**Semi-final:**  
 Kyung Ho Kim bt Braun 17,12; Saive bt Nam Kyu Yoo 19,-17,20.

**Final:**  
**KYUNG HO KIM** bt Saive -9,19,14.

**GIRLS' Singles: Round 3:**  
 O. Nemes (FRG) bt S. D'Arras (FRA) 11,4;  
 Tae Jo Lee (KOR) bt U. Rottmann (FRG) 12,8;  
 K. Nagy (HUN) bt M. Sloomans (BEL) 17,10;  
 Kyo Soon Park (KOR) bt P. Drevegard (SWE) 11,18;  
 Jung Wha Hyun (KOR) bt T. Holland (E) 11,6;  
 E. Maier (AUT) bt S. Thirion (BEL) 15,9;  
 A. Safarova (TCH) bt K. Nolten (FRG) 15,14;  
 C. Batorfi (HUN) bt Yun Hee Jung (KOR) 13,11.

**Quarter-final:**  
 Nemes bt Tae Jo Lee 14,16;  
 Kyo Soon Park bt Nagy 18,18;  
 Jung Wha Hyun bt Maier 13,10;  
 Safarova bt Batorfi 20,-19,13.

**Semi-final:**  
 Nemes bt Kyo Soon Park 14,17;  
 Jung Wha Hyun bt Safarova 19,10.

**Final:**  
**NEMES** bt Jung Wha Hyun -15,17,15.

**Boys' Doubles: Quarter-final:**  
 Nam Kyu Yoo/Kyung Ho Kim bt Dixon/Stokes 11,19;  
 P. Savins (Bk)/Thomas bt Billington/M. Syed (ENG) 17,-16,18;  
 Fetzner/Roskopf bt Braun/Janci 15,18;  
 Andersson/M. Kilander (SWE) bt Prean/A. Syed (ENG) 18,-5,18.

**Semi-final:**  
 Nam Kyu Yoo/Kyung Ho Kim bt Savins/Thomas 12,12;  
 Fetzner/Roskopf bt Andersson/Kilander 9,18.

**Final:**  
**NAM KYU YOO/KYUNG HO KIM** bt Fetzner/Roskopf 16,22.

**GIRLS' Doubles: Quarter-final:**  
 L. Enochsson/K. Teravuo (SWE) bt R. Knight (Mi)/Rottmann 14,12;  
 I. Masarikova (TCH)/Safarova bt M. Filiner (AUT)/Maier 16,19;  
 Nemes/Nolten bt J. Billington/K. Hall (ENG) 13,14;  
 Batorfi/Nagy bt Drevegard/N Ebkar (SWE) 17,12.

**Semi-final:**  
 Masarikova/Safarova bt Enochsson/Teravuo 12,21;  
 Nemes/Nolten bt Batorfi/Nagy 18,12.

**Final:**  
**MASARIKOVA/SAFAROVA** bt Nemes/Nolten 7,-11,18.

**Mixed Doubles: Quarter-final:**  
 Prean/Batorfi bt Kyung Ho Kim/Kyo Soon Park 10,14;  
 Jae Hyun Park (KOR)/Tae Jo Lee bt Roskopf/Nolten 16,-13,14;  
 Bong Soo Kim/Yun Hee Jung bt Fetzner/Nemes 16,-13,12;  
 Nam Kyu Yoo/Jung Wha Hyun bt Janci/Masarikova 16,-12,17.

**Semi-final:**  
 Prean/Batorfi bt Jae Hyun Park/Tae Jo Lee -17,11,13;  
 Nam Kyu Yoo/Jung Wha Hyun bt Bong Soo Kim/Yun Hee Jung 7,8.

**Final:**  
**NAM KYU YOO/JUNG WHA HYUN** bt Prean/Batorfi 15,12.

## The Grand Prix winners.



Jimmy Stokes (Berkshire)



Joanne Shaw (Yorkshire)



Olga Nemes (Federal Germany) winner of the girls' singles.



Jean-Michel Saive (Belgium) the beaten boys' singles finalist.

Apologies are hereby tendered to Rea Balmford and Aubrey Drapkin whose write-ups of the Yorkshire Junior Select and Northumberland Open have gone astray in the post between Bolton and Trowbridge.



Photos by Stephen Line, Shoreham-by-Sea.

Carl Prean, Donald Parker and Paul Day applaud Andrew Syed.



Boys' doubles winners Nam Kyu Yoo and Kyung Ho Kim of South Korea.



South Korea win the boys' team event 3-1. Donald Parker and Paul Day in contemplative mood.



Prean performs last minute adjustments to his bat at the referee's request.

# COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND-UP

by Murray Corbin



## The End of the Season

Thank you one and all for the help and encouragement you gave to me again this season, in what I can only describe as yet another successful outcome. From the many letters I receive monthly, either for advice or sounding me out on some issue, I have realised that I am influencing you in many a way. It is also clear that a growing majority of players and officials now take note of what I say, and where possible, try to appropriate.

## Praise ... Praise ... Praise

I am always looking for opportunities to praise, which I do quite often. Unfortunately, not all that leaves me as praise, is interpreted that way. On other occasions, which are few, I have to point out a few truths based on knowledge or observations and observations. These make life interesting by the feedback, and I am sure that by now you gather that I am not the sort of chap to create a 'swell and not expect a storm'.

## Moving to Staffordshire??

I do not know who started this rumour, but it is not true. Much as I like the County and its players, for me, there is nothing like my home town of Wimbledon. No, I will not be moving to Staffordshire. By the way, I do not yet know if anyone I know has been affected, but I am sorry for the families who have lost loved ones in the recently dreaded outbreak of Legionnaire's Disease.

## Your Rights .... Your Duty

Let it be known that should anyone ever feel or disagree strongly enough with anything I say in this round-up, the proper course of action to take would be to write to the Chairman of The County Championship Committee, who should raise the matter with the Committee at the next convenient meeting. I, personally, will only respond to written matter, in this respect. I wish more people would make their points of view known.

## Promotion and Demotion

Since this is the last issue of this season, I have looked at the games in which the promotees have played recently. To those teams who have been demoted, I do hope that they will find life a little easier next season. Perhaps they will even bounce back by this same time next year. Let us now lift our hats to the Officials and also to the good people who prepared the refreshments and also to those who drove

teams to away matches. To them we say, "Thanks and Well Done!" **These important folks generally go unnoticed by too many, too often.**

**SENIORS 2A: Cheshire 2 WARWICKSHIRE 8: LEICESTERSHIRE 7 Yorkshire 2nd 3: LANCASHIRE 7 Staffordshire 2nd 3: Buckinghamshire 4 SUFFOLK 6**

**LEICESTERSHIRE**, in spite of beating Warwickshire on their previous outing, could not harbour complacency and therefore approached this game with the intention to crush Yorkshire, by the biggest margin, and assert themselves as winners of this division. In doing so, they have moved back to the prestigious Premier Division, after relegation from the same, last season. The scoresheet did not show the details that would motivate me to comment further on this match, but 'Well Done' Leicestershire!

**SENIORS 2B: HAMPSHIRE 7 Gloucestershire 3: DEVON 5 SUSSEX 5: Essex 2nd 1 KENT 9: WILTSHIRE 5 DORSET 5.**

**KENT**, in joining **LEICESTERSHIRE** in the Senior Premier Division, crunched a weakened **ESSEX** outfit with Kim Mudge, Yvette Brown, John Dennison, Richard Darnell and the promising Steve Dorking. The **KENT** Showstoppers, led by NPC Man About Town **CLIFF CARDER**, composed of **JULIET HOUGHTON, TINA STEWART, DAVID & ANDREW DODD** and the industrious **JOHN 'Head of Hair' BURLETON**, who lost one of his sets, at the hands of **RICHARD DARNELL**, I look forward to seeing this Team perform in the Premier.

**SENIORS 3A: NORTHUMBERLAND 10 Northamptonshire 2nd 0: DERBYSHIRE 9 Clwyd 1: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 8 Clwyd 2: Lincolnshire 3 NORTHUMBERLAND 7: DURHAM 8 Cheshire 2nd 2: Northamptonshire 2nd 2 LINCOLNSHIRE 8: NORTHUMBERLAND 6 Nottinghamshire 4: CHESHIRE 2nd 7 Northamptonshire 2nd 3.**

Much to the relief of **JACKIE & MAURICE 'Mo-Mo' BILLINGTON**, who were anxious to hear the result of this **DERBYSHIRE/CLWYD** clash, while with the Derbyshire Juniors at the final Junior Premier Weekend, this Senior Team of **JULIE FORSTER, MARILYN O'SULLIVAN, MARTIN KINSELLA, STEPHEN YALLOP & PHILLIP**

**VICKERS**, pulled out the stops against Karen Buckle, Ann Walker, Paul Griffiths, Justin Evans & Terry Turner of Clwyd, whose lone success came from Terry's defeat of Vickers.

**SENIORS 3B: Glamorgan 4 CORNWALL 6: SOMERSET 2nd 4 CORNWALL 6: SOMERSET 1st 8 Somerset 2nd 2: DORSET 2nd 6 Isle-of-Wight 4: AVON 5 GLAMORGAN 5.**

I did not believe **BECKY RUSSE** when she informed me at the South of England 3-Star at Farnborough, that she and her **SOMERSET 1st Teammates - JUDY CRAIG, BRIAN REEVES, DAVID LEE & LEE SADLER**, were going to sail away with honours in this division, from contenders **AVON**. Well, by gum and all-of-that-there cyder, she was right. Somerset 2nd were Shirley Dark, Kirsty Withyman, Tony Murrell, Mark Bryant - who beat ace defender Reeves, and the one and only Tony Russe, I note that in the Girls' Doubles, Shshirley and Kirsty polished off Becky and Judy fairly comfortably 13 and 14, Referee **JOHN REAKES**, who was assisted by Umpire **RICHARD GREGORY**, reports that this was an outstanding match of the highest quality play with the First Team members winning the big important points, and that the set of the day was **LEE SADLER'S -22, 19, 14** defeat of Bryant, who obviously had a mixed day.

**SENIORS 3C: Worcestershire 2nd 2 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 8: HUNTINGDONSHIRE 5 BEDFORDSHIRE 5: HERTFORDSHIRE 5 OXFORDSHIRE 5: BERKSHIRE 2nd 6 Avon 2nd 4: Avon 2nd 1 WORCESTERSHIRE 1st 9: OXFORDSHIRE 5 HUNTINGDONSHIRE 5: BEDFORDSHIRE 10 Worcestershire 2nd 0: NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 1st 7 Berkshire 2nd 3. Bravo WORCESTERSHIRE 1st:** This is an outstanding result against Avon 2nd. Perhaps your Team Captain will ensure that your christian names be written on the scoresheet when you next play in the Second Division. **This was slack of Simon Claxton, on this occasion.**

**SENIORS 3D: KENT 2nd 5 NORFOLK 5: Essex 3rd 2 CAMBRIDGESHIRE 2nd 8: NORFOLK 2nd 5 SUFFOLK 2nd 5: Sussex 2nd 2 MIDDLESEX 2nd 8: NORFOLK 1st 6 Sussex 2nd 4: MIDDLESEX 2nd 10 Norfolk 2nd 0: SUFFOLK 2nd 5 ESSEX 3rd 5: SURREY 2nd 6**

**Cambridgeshire 2nd 4.** We must shower **MIDDLESEX'S NPC GEOFF WOOLMORE** with lots of praise for getting his team out of the third, but I personally admire him for motivating Angela and Mark Mitchell, David Tan, Nigel Tyler and a few others that, on the surface showed no interest previously in playing at this level, unless of course they were not asked properly. Good on you, Geoff!

**JUNIORS 2A: Cleveland 4 STAFFORDSHIRE 2nd 6: WARWICKSHIRE 6 Leicestershire 4: YORKSHIRE 2nd 8 Cleveland 2: LANCASHIRE 5 CHESHIRE 5: Northumberland 4 STAFFORDSHIRE 2nd 6.** Referee **ALEC HEAD**, this time at the Hermits Club, Bradford, saw his very good **YORKSHIRE Warriors** finish off the rounds with a convincing victory over **CLEVELAND'S** Anne Pashley, Susan Richmond, David Fewsdale, Jabal Hoque and Stuart Miller, Yorkshire's **CAROLINE DADA, KATHRYN BRAY, ALARIC BASSANO, TONY MILLER & MATTHEW CONNELL** have proved a very consistent unit. Their losses on this meeting were caused by Caroline's defeat by Anne in the third, and also in the Girls' Doubles when Caroline & Kathryn went under to Anne & Susan.

**JUNIORS 2B: SUSSEX 10 Northampton 0: Dorset 4 SUSSEX 6: Essex 2nd 1 DEVON 9: WILTSHIRE 7 Northamptonshire 3: Hertfordshire 2 SUSSEX 8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S** Maxine Shears, Joanna Abbott, Richard Elliott, Stephen Rogers and Lee Fraser travelled down to Hollington Youth & Community Centre, to engage the combined skills of the mighty **DEBBIE HOYLAND, JUNE LAWRENCE**, the talented **PAUL ELPHICK, PATRICK STREET & SCOTT GREENBROOK**. These Sussex Hotshots came out with guns blazing, and after the last shell and debris were cleared, Referee **COLIN HYLAND** and Umpire **DEREK ELPHICK** realised that not one of the sets had gone to three. In the earlier stages of the Championships, young Martin Packham had contributed to the

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Sussex attack, at number two. Unfortunately, in the last few months, Martin has been dogged by one misfortune after the other. He is just getting over a twisted knee injury. I wish him and his parents, John and Roz, well.

## JUNIORS 3A: Cheshire 3 DERBY 2nd 7: Cleveland 2nd 3 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 7: LINCOLNSHIRE 9 Huntingdonshire 1 (amended)

Up to the Second Division go KAY MAYALL, CLAIRE OLDHAM, ADRIAN BOLTON, JOHN HOLLAND & TIM SHEPHERD of Nottinghamshire. While away to Cleveland at Ormesby TTC, they proved too strong for Susan Lawton, Clare Metcalfe, Andrew McKeown, James Nicholson & David Pashley, who won the Girls' Doubles and then the two Singles, when Clare and David outfought Claire and John, respectively. The umpire was the observant HARRY ROBINSON.

## JUNIORS 3B: WORCESTERSHIRE 8 Oxfordshire 2: GLAMORGAN 6 Worcestershire 4: Oxfordshire 1 WARRICKSHIRE 2nd 9: BEDFORDSHIRE 10 Gwent 0.

Super GLAMORGAN! End of Season Greetings to JOANNA LEE, THERESA PETTY, KELVIN ROBERTS, ANTHONY JONES & RICHARD HARRY, in holding off the very good BEDFORDSHIRE squad for the title. This result over third placed LINCOLNSHIRE - Lisa Hunt, Jenny Burgess, Mark Roden, Tim Holder and Dean Kloos, was the clincher, because falling at this last hurdle may have created a few problems for you. Bravo! The officials at DILWYNLEWLLYN, Swansea, were Referee TONY JOHNSON and umpire PETER ANDREWS. By the way, JOANNE LEE'S 21-10, 21-16 over Lisa Hunt should not go unnoticed. This is a good one for Joanne.

## JUNIORS 3C: Avon 3 CORNWALL 7: BERKSHIRE 2nd 7 Avon 3: HAMPSHIRE 10 Wiltshire 2nd 0: Surrey 2nd 2 SOMERSET 8: CORNWALL 1st 9 Cornwall 2nd 1 (amended) CORNWALL 1st

finished their programme with a convincing victory over their second team. This 9-1 result was amended from 8-2, because Rachel Plummer and Tracey Logg of the second team, played in reverse order. The very successful first team was the 'spirited' ESME STEVENSON, SANDRA HUNT, GRAHAM REED, MALCOLM PETERS and the up-and-coming ANDY HUNT. Tracey played at number two and defeated Sandra - this was reversed, and the legitimate result for the second team was that of Kevin and Neil, in the boys' doubles, beating Graham and Malcolm 21-18, 15-21, 21-17. The Referee was ROGER BUNT.

## JUNIORS 3D: KENT 2nd 7 Essex 3rd 3:

SUFFOLK, the winners of this division, have already ended their season, because most of the Teams played their matches over two weekends. Suffolk must have been pretty pleased with themselves, knowing that, when Kent and Essex did meet, the outcome could not affect their promotion - it was already in the bag. Suffolk had already spanked Kent 8-2 earlier in the season; the only loss Kent had experienced. However, when SARAH HOLLINGSWORTH, RACHEL PAFFETT, GREG BARDEN, ANDREW HOUGHTON & DARREN BOYCE of Kent met Essex, they found the Essex girls too good. JOANNE COOK and KATE GOWER set about their clean sweep by taking the doubles and the two singles. The Referee was the cool BILL LAVIS, who gets about quite a lot.

## VETERANS PREMIER: KENT 6 Cheshire 3: ESSEX 8 Nottinghamshire 1: MIDDLESEX 7 Huntingdonshire 2: LINCOLNSHIRE 6 Hertfordshire 3.

I extend admired congratulations to LINCOLNSHIRE for pipping CHESHIRE at the post, to reign as Champions for the coming year; they must, however, buy the KENT 'lads' a couple of rounds the next time they meet, because while Lincolnshire were engaging Hertfordshire, Kent were putting paid to Cheshire's last title challenge. The position is this. In October, Essex beat Lincolnshire 5-4; in December, Lincolnshire punished Cheshire 6-3, but then in January, Kent, who had lost to Cheshire back in November, 4-5, smashed Essex 7-2. By this time, these four had lost one each, but Cheshire had the advantage of games for and against. All they then had to do to win the honour yet again, was to thrash Kent, who put their resources together, and finished three sets ahead of Cheshire at this meeting. I note that after TOM ADAMS had put Kent 4-3 up after allowing Eddie Griffiths to stretch him to three, my man HENRY BUIST came out and drove the final nail in Cheshire's coffin, by taking the last two legs of the 8th set 21-5, 23-21, after losing the first leg 21-23. TERRY FARLIE then pulled out the stops to beat Peter D'Arcy in the last set of the match to give Kent their sixth rubber of the afternoon at Downham.

To get back to the Lincs/Herts match, DAVID SEAHOLME took the first set off Brian Allison, but Herts did not win another one until the sixth and seventh sets, when MARGARET HARRIS and DAVID WILSON, both in the third, put paid to the advances of Connie Moran and Allison. Then, in the last two sets, MATT SHEADER and BRIAN EDLINGTON finished well for Lincs when they, with com-



The victorious Kent Junior Premier team partnership of Captain Alan Rutherford, Paul Amos, Karl Ball, Andy Cunningham, Tracey Ashdown, and far right Juliet Houghton - the new Kent Junior and Senior Lady Champion.

parative ease, dispatched Seaholme and Derek Somers, respectively.

## VETERANS 2A: WORCESTERSHIRE 5 ESSEX 2nd 5: BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 8 Bedfordshire 1: ESSEX 2nd 10 Leicestershire 0 (W/O): Hertfordshire 2nd 2 WORCESTERSHIRE 7: CHESHIRE 2nd 6 Oxfordshire 3.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, with SYLVIA COOMBS, ALEC WATSON, FRANK EARIS and LEN PRATT, knocked the stuffing out of BEDFORDSHIRE at BUCKSNALGO, Aylesbury, on April 6. JIM WOLLISCROFT, the Bedfordshire No. 1, mastered the robust Earis in the first set. After this, however, the representatives of Bucks pulled themselves together and took the remaining seven. It is worthy to note that, WATSON, in outclassing both Wolliscroft and Cutting of Beds, finished the season without a blemish to his record, after fourteen visits to the table. Yes, he is a cunning artist, and I love watching him play. Beds move down to Div. 3. MARY WILLIAMS, their County's Press Officer, informed me that she got no feedback or reports from this Team during the season. Let us hope that they will realise their responsibility by next season and co-operate with her, in this respect.

## VETERANS 2B: Wiltshire 2 BERKSHIRE 7: BERKSHIRE 5 Hampshire 4: DORSET 9 Wiltshire 0: SUSSEX 9 Surrey 0: AVON 5 Middlesex 2nd 4.

This SUSSEX outfit - VALERIE GILLIAM, ROBIN STACE, GERRY BATT-RAWDEN and ALAN ROWDEN, is a cut above the other Teams, and I anxiously wait to see the results of their performances in the Premier.

SURREY'S Vera Beelsy, Gordon Chapman, Frank Hams and Brian Simmonds travelled across to Hove's Civil Service Club, but as we can see, civility was the last thing on the Sussex players' minds. Chap-

man was brought in to give Surrey a boost, but so far, he has not yet won a set. His tournament play has been reasonable and I cannot understand why he has been so unsuccessful for the County. Some believe that the pressure of playing in the Team is too much for him. I do hope that he will come good.

## SENIORS 3A: HUNTINGDONSHIRE 9 Cheshire 3rd 0 (W/O): Northamptonshire 3 YORKSHIRE 6.

YORKSHIRE topped ESSEX for promotion because of a better sets average, after both Teams finished the season on six points. It is therefore reasonable to assume that when Yorkshire went to Wellingborough to face Northamptonshire, they had this all worked out - not only to win, but to do their very best, which turned out to be 6-3. This was a good showing from CARROL JUDSON, GEOFF BROOK, IAN WALMSLEY & CLEVE JUDSON. Good stock from an ambitious go-ahead County. I like to hear the enthusiasm of which nice hard working County folks like MIKE HANLEY, ALEC HEAD, ERIC HILL and many others speak, in relation to plans that are in progress or being made in Yorkshire. May God Bless Them All.

The Northants Team was not fully named. They finished bottom of this division, which was depleted by the unexpected and unfortunate withdrawal of Cumbria and Clwyd, just before the season got on its way.

## SENIORS 3B: Hampshire 2nd 2 SUSSEX 2nd 7: Sussex 3rd 3 BERKSHIRE 2nd 7: Hertfordshire 3rd 1 KENT 2nd 8: WILTSHIRE 2nd 7 Dorset 2nd 2.

BERKSHIRE did not lose a match in their seven outings and in so doing, finished two points clear of Sussex 2nd, whose only loss was to Berkshire, in January. This time when Sussex 3rd confronted them at BACS CLUB in Hove, Berkshire proved too strong, and by doing so,

moved into the second division. Neither Bert Fretwell nor the Team Captains could write the names of the players at least once, fully, on the score sheet. I therefore have less to write about. Perhaps Bert will oblige during next season.

## GOOD COUNTY WINS

**PHIL ASPINALL & STEVEN BEVAN** over Bill Bridgeman and Dave Hanney, respectively....**DARREN GRIFFIN** punished Graham Toole 7 and 16....**JANET PARKER/BRENDA LEE** made it the third against Leanne Harman/Samantha Scott-Pawson.... Ray Hughes stretched **RODNEY THOMAS** to three....The magnificent **PAUL WHITING** scalped Adrian Moore and Phil Smith....In the Kent/Essex Seniors 2A match, the lovely **TINA STEWART** and **ANDREW 'Engaged' DODD**, outmanoeuvred Yvette Brown and John Dennison of Essex in the singles....**JULIE FORSTER** and **MARTIN KINSELLA** very punishing against Ann Walker and Paul Griffiths, respectively....**MELONIE CAREY** must have been very sharp in her 11 and 9 treatment of Alison Clemens....**JOY BATTEN** finally landed Pat Baldwin in the third, in the Dorset/I.O.W. spectacle....**JOHN TAYLOR** chopped to pieces both Neil Harris, 7, 16 and Arthur Chilvers of Oxfordshire, 12 and 18....**KEITH SAMUELS** made Ian Doughty and David Sharp look rather dull....Lewis Sikett experienced great difficulty with **AIN RANDELL & GRAEME McKIM** of Northants....I understand that the lovely **JULIE DIMMOCK** pushed off Lynda Reid....Trevor Bunn nearly topped Paul Amos, but **MARTIN STEVENSON** did....The adorable **ANGELA MITCHELL** excelled herself by 9 and 8 over Linda 'The Legs' Kowalski....**RICHARD & MARTIN STEVENSON** of Norfolk read Richard Venner's combination bat like a book....**JULIAN WHEEL** of Cambridgeshire was magnificent in finishing against Steve Holloway and Farhat Rasul of Surrey....**DAVID CARSE** struggled against Andrew Taylor....**JULIE HOPE**, a fine result over Lynne Harnden, but it was not easy....**PAUL PESCE'S** victory over Adrian Sainsbury was the only success for Essex 3rd Juniors

against **DEVON**. Well done, Paul....**TIM HOLDER** of Worcestershire was successful against Dominic O'Flynn and Paul Knight of Oxfordshire on 23rd March, when the match was supervised by **DOUG 'The Dapper' MOSS, with assistance from Umpire STUART RICHARDSON**....**GAVIN BLACK** made it in the third against both Jeff Turner and Mark Farrow, when Bedfordshire crushed Gwent Juniors 10-0....The too-shy looking **SIMON PHILLIPS** and the little more extroverted **PETER BURGESS-ALLEN**, were the only victors for Surrey when they were shown a few tricks in **SOMERSET'S 8-2** win....**HENRY BUIST'S** despatching of **Derek Schofield** and **Peter D'Arcy** must have been a great spectacle....**WALLY ALLANSON** lost to **RAY LUSH** of Hampshire, but shortly afterwards, he simply crushed Fred Kershaw 9 and 9. **IVY KERSHAW** then brought back a little smile on Fred's face, after she defeated Pam Spooner of Berkshire in straight games. In this match at Sonning Common, **ROBIN LOCKWOOD, JOHN FREEMAN & PETER PARBERY** were the officialdom....**JOYCE COOP** - a multi-talented lady, appears to have been instrumental in Dorset's "white-washing" of Wiltshire, and also refereeing in the same match....In a Veterans 3B **TED CRAMER** did well to beat John Harvey 9 and 14, while in the Mixed, **PAT PEARCE/DAVE DEVINE** fought off Ann Abraham/John Harvey with -20, 18, 18. Unfortunately, in this Hampshire/Sussex meeting at Portsmouth, in the last set, Ted Cramer had a walkover as Ken Giles of Hampshire retired hurt. We hope that Ken is now O.K....**MIKE OXLEY & BASIL THOMPSON** triumphed over Dennis Joyce....**JOHN BRIGHT** outshone Bunny Ellis by 7 and 14. In fact, it was so bright, did Bunny not see the light? **By the way, folks, rumour is strong that the National League is losing its grip. If this proves factual, expect a big return to the County Championships, eventually.** As a matter of additional interest, as I have not yet been able to finalise my plans for August onwards, I do not know if I will be able to write for you next season. Keep well and Good Luck!

| Division 2A       | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Leicestershire    | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 48 | 22 | 13  |
| Warwickshire      | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 51 | 19 | 11  |
| Yorkshire 2nd     | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 36 | 34 | 8   |
| Cheshire          | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 34 | 36 | 6   |
| Lancashire 2nd    | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 32 | 38 | 6   |
| Buckinghamshire   | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 32 | 38 | 6   |
| Suffolk           | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 31 | 39 | 4   |
| Staffordshire 2nd | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 16 | 54 | 2   |

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(77-87)

| Division 2b     | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Kent            | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 52 | 18 | 12  |
| Sussex          | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 49 | 21 | 12  |
| Devon           | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 23 | 11  |
| Dorset          | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 39 | 31 | 8   |
| Wiltshire       | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 34 | 36 | 5   |
| Hampshire       | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 24 | 46 | 4   |
| Essex 2nd       | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 21 | 49 | 4   |
| Gloucestershire | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 14 | 56 | 0   |

| Division 3A          | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Derbyshire           | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 55 | 15 | 13  |
| Northumberland       | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 45 | 25 | 11  |
| Lincolnshire         | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 41 | 29 | 9   |
| Durham               | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 41 | 29 | 7   |
| Nottinghamshire      | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 35 | 35 | 6   |
| Ciwyd                | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 30 | 40 | 6   |
| Cheshire 2nd         | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 23 | 47 | 4   |
| Northamptonshire 2nd | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 60 | 0   |

| Division 3B   | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Somerset      | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 51 | 19 | 13  |
| Avon          | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 44 | 26 | 9   |
| Cornwall      | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 39 | 31 | 9   |
| Glamorgan     | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 40 | 30 | 8   |
| Dorset 2nd    | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 38 | 7   |
| Somerset 2nd  | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 29 | 41 | 4   |
| Isle of Wight | 7 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 28 | 42 | 4   |
| Wiltshire 2nd | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 53 | 2   |

| Division 3C        | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Worcestershire     | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 62 | 18 | 15  |
| Huntingdonshire    | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 51 | 29 | 13  |
| Hertfordshire      | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 40 | 40 | 9   |
| Berkshire 2nd      | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 41 | 39 | 8   |
| Oxfordshire        | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 40 | 40 | 7   |
| Bedfordshire       | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 38 | 42 | 7   |
| Avon 2nd           | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 36 | 44 | 5   |
| Northamptonshire   | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 32 | 48 | 5   |
| Worcestershire 2nd | 9 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 20 | 60 | 3   |
| Division 3D        | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
| Middlesex 2nd      | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 15 | 16  |
| Surrey 2nd         | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 55 | 25 | 14  |
| Kent 2nd           | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 47 | 33 | 10  |
| Cambridgeshire 2nd | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 43 | 37 | 9   |
| Essex 3rd          | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 35 | 45 | 8   |
| Norfolk            | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 39 | 41 | 7   |
| Sussex 2nd         | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 41 | 39 | 6   |
| Norfolk 2nd        | 8 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 19 | 61 | 1   |
| Suffolk 2nd        | 8 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 64 | 1   |

## VETERANS

| Premier Division | P | W | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Lincolnshire     | 7 | 6 | 1 | 43 | 20 | 12  |
| Cheshire         | 7 | 5 | 2 | 46 | 17 | 10  |
| Essex            | 7 | 5 | 2 | 40 | 23 | 10  |
| Kent             | 7 | 5 | 2 | 40 | 23 | 10  |
| Middlesex        | 7 | 3 | 4 | 26 | 37 | 6   |
| Nottinghamshire  | 7 | 2 | 5 | 22 | 41 | 4   |
| Hertfordshire    | 7 | 2 | 5 | 22 | 41 | 4   |
| Huntingdonshire  | 7 | 0 | 7 | 13 | 50 | 0   |

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(55-90)  
(54-93)

| Division 2A       | P | W | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Buckinghamshire   | 7 | 7 | 0 | 39 | 24 | 14  |
| Cheshire 2nd      | 7 | 6 | 1 | 47 | 16 | 12  |
| Worcestershire    | 7 | 4 | 3 | 37 | 26 | 8   |
| Leicestershire    | 7 | 4 | 3 | 33 | 30 | 8   |
| Essex 2nd         | 7 | 3 | 4 | 36 | 27 | 6   |
| Hertfordshire 2nd | 7 | 3 | 4 | 27 | 36 | 6   |
| Oxfordshire       | 7 | 1 | 6 | 23 | 40 | 2   |
| Bedfordshire      | 7 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 53 | 0   |

| Division 2B   | P | W | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Sussex        | 7 | 7 | 0 | 45 | 18 | 14  |
| Middlesex 2nd | 7 | 5 | 2 | 37 | 26 | 10  |
| Dorset        | 7 | 4 | 3 | 36 | 27 | 8   |
| Hampshire     | 7 | 4 | 3 | 36 | 27 | 8   |
| Berkshire     | 7 | 3 | 4 | 33 | 30 | 6   |
| Avon          | 7 | 3 | 4 | 31 | 32 | 6   |
| Surrey        | 7 | 2 | 5 | 28 | 35 | 4   |
| Wiltshire     | 7 | 0 | 7 | 6  | 57 | 0   |

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(78-66)

| Division 3B       | P | W | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Berkshire 2nd     | 7 | 7 | 0 | 46 | 17 | 14  |
| Sussex 2nd        | 7 | 6 | 1 | 41 | 22 | 12  |
| Kent 2nd          | 7 | 5 | 2 | 41 | 22 | 10  |
| Hampshire 2nd     | 7 | 3 | 4 | 34 | 29 | 6   |
| Hertfordshire 3rd | 7 | 3 | 4 | 28 | 35 | 6   |
| Wiltshire 2nd     | 7 | 2 | 5 | 23 | 40 | 4   |
| Sussex 3rd        | 7 | 1 | 6 | 23 | 40 | 2   |
| Dorset 2nd        | 7 | 1 | 6 | 16 | 47 | 2   |

## ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Final Tables Season 1984/85

#### SENIORS

| Premier Division | P | W | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Middlesex        | 7 | 6 | 1 | 49 | 14 | 12  |
| Lancashire       | 7 | 6 | 1 | 38 | 25 | 12  |
| Yorkshire        | 7 | 5 | 2 | 39 | 24 | 10  |
| Staffordshire    | 7 | 4 | 3 | 28 | 35 | 8   |
| Surrey           | 7 | 4 | 3 | 27 | 36 | 8   |
| Berkshire        | 7 | 2 | 5 | 30 | 33 | 4   |
| Essex            | 7 | 1 | 6 | 23 | 40 | 2   |
| Cambridgeshire   | 7 | 0 | 7 | 18 | 45 | 0   |

# Counties Round-Up

## JUNIORS

### Premier Division

|               | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Kent</b>   | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 47 | 23 | 12  |
| Yorkshire     | 7 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 48 | 22 | 11  |
| Staffordshire | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 43 | 27 | 10  |
| Derbyshire    | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 36 | 34 | 7   |
| Essex         | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 38 | 7   |
| Middlesex     | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 28 | 42 | 5   |
| Berkshire     | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 25 | 45 | 3   |
| Surrey        | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 49 | 1   |

### Division 2A

|                      | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Yorkshire 2nd</b> | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 57 | 13 | 13  |
| Lancashire           | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 45 | 25 | 10  |
| Northumberland       | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 42 | 28 | 9   |
| Staffordshire 2nd    | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 35 | 35 | 9   |
| Warwickshire         | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 32 | 38 | 6   |
| Cheshire             | 7 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 31 | 39 | 5   |
| Cleveland            | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 22 | 48 | 4   |
| Leicestershire       | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 16 | 54 | 0   |

### Division 2B

|                  | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Sussex</b>    | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 47 | 23 | 12  |
| Wiltshire        | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 45 | 25 | 11  |
| Hertfordshire    | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 38 | 32 | 7   |
| Northamptonshire | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 33 | 37 | 7   |
| Middlesex 2nd    | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 38 | 7   |
| Devon            | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 38 | 32 | 6   |
| Essex 2nd        | 7 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 31 | 39 | 4   |
| Dorset           | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 54 | 2   |

### Division 3A

|                        | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Nottinghamshire</b> | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 42 | 18 | 11  |
| Lincolnshire           | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 41 | 19 | 8   |
| Cumbria                | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 31 | 29 | 7   |
| Derbyshire 2nd         | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 31 | 29 | 6   |
| Cheshire 2nd           | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 26 | 34 | 5   |
| Cleveland 2nd          | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 23 | 37 | 5   |
| Huntingdonshire        | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 16 | 44 | 0   |

### Division 3B

|                  | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Glamorgan</b> | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 15 | 12  |
| Bedfordshire     | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 43 | 17 | 10  |
| Worcestershire   | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 34 | 26 | 8   |
| Warwickshire 2nd | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 28 | 5   |
| Gloucestershire  | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 24 | 36 | 5   |
| Gwent            | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 21 | 39 | 2   |
| Oxfordshire      | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 49 | 0   |

### Division 3C

|                 | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Cornwall</b> | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 13 | 14  |
| Somerset        | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 53 | 17 | 12  |
| Surrey 2nd      | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 43 | 27 | 9   |
| Berkshire 2nd   | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 34 | 36 | 8   |
| Hampshire       | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 37 | 33 | 6   |
| Avon            | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 24 | 46 | 4   |
| Cornwall 2nd    | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 20 | 50 | 2   |
| Wiltshire 2nd   | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 58 | 1   |

### Division 3D

|                    | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Suffolk</b>     | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 56 | 14 | 13  |
| Kent 2nd           | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 48 | 22 | 12  |
| Cambridgeshire     | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 50 | 20 | 10  |
| Essex 3rd          | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 45 | 25 | 9   |
| Norfolk            | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 36 | 34 | 6   |
| Hertfordshire 2nd  | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 50 | 3   |
| Cambridgeshire 2nd | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 19 | 51 | 3   |
| Norfolk 2nd        | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 6  | 64 | 0   |

### COUNTY TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Final Leading Averages 1984/5  
(Qualification: 4 matches)

Compiled by Doug. Moss

### SENIOR PREMIER DIVISION

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| SENIOR 2A            | W  | L | AV% |
|----------------------|----|---|-----|
| Philip Bradbury (Bu) | 7  | 1 | 88  |
| Steve Sharpe (Yll)   | 7  | 1 | 88  |
| John Kitchener (Sk)  | 12 | 2 | 86  |
| Chris Rogers (Le)    | 12 | 2 | 86  |
| Barry Johnson (Wa)   | 11 | 2 | 85  |
| David Gannon (Le)    | 10 | 4 | 71  |
| Derek Munt (Yll)     | 8  | 4 | 67  |
| Stuart Palmer (Sk)   | 8  | 4 | 67  |
| Les Wooding (Bu)     | 2  | 4 | 67  |

|                      |   |   |     |
|----------------------|---|---|-----|
| Jill Harris (St.Ill) | 5 | 0 | 100 |
| Karen Groves (Wa)    | 6 | 1 | 86  |
| Karen Smith (Le)     | 6 | 1 | 83  |
| Sandra Peakman (Wa)  | 4 | 1 | 80  |

| SENIOR 2B          | W  | L | AV% |
|--------------------|----|---|-----|
| David Dodd (K)     | 13 | 1 | 93  |
| Paul Whiting (Dv)  | 12 | 2 | 86  |
| Tony Clayton (Do)  | 11 | 3 | 79  |
| Stephen Moore (Sx) | 10 | 4 | 71  |
| Andy Dodd (K)      | 9  | 3 | 75  |
| Gary Lambert (Dv)  | 10 | 4 | 71  |
| Keith Satchell (W) | 10 | 4 | 71  |

|                            |   |   |    |
|----------------------------|---|---|----|
| Claire Butler (Dv)         | 6 | 1 | 86 |
| Juliet Houghton (K)        | 5 | 1 | 83 |
| Janet Parker (W)           | 5 | 1 | 83 |
| Samantha Scott-Pawson (Do) | 3 | 1 | 75 |
| Tracey Stewart (K)         | 3 | 1 | 75 |
| Teresa Moore (Sx)          | 5 | 2 | 71 |
| Sally Weston (Sx)          | 5 | 2 | 71 |
| Claire Maisey (W)          | 4 | 2 | 67 |

| SENIOR 3A               | W  | L | AV% |
|-------------------------|----|---|-----|
| Martin Kinsella (Dv)    | 11 | 1 | 92  |
| Bradley Billington (Dv) | 7  | 1 | 88  |
| Ian Robertson (Nd)      | 7  | 1 | 88  |
| Neil McMaster (Nd)      | 10 | 2 | 83  |
| Trevor Manning (Cw)     | 10 | 2 | 83  |
| Peter McQueen (Nd)      | 10 | 2 | 83  |
| David Skerratt (Li)     | 10 | 2 | 83  |
| Trevor Kerry (Ng)       | 8  | 2 | 80  |

|                      |   |   |     |
|----------------------|---|---|-----|
| Stephen George (Du)  | 9 | 4 | 69  |
| Jane Wingad (Li)     | 5 | 0 | 100 |
| Susan Rudley (Li)    | 6 | 1 | 86  |
| Pauline Simpson (Ng) | 4 | 1 | 80  |
| Sue Roberts (Cw)     | 4 | 2 | 67  |

| SENIOR 3B         | W  | L | AV% |
|-------------------|----|---|-----|
| Carl Preen (IOW)  | 10 | 0 | 100 |
| Andrew Creed (Av) | 12 | 2 | 86  |
| David Lee (Sol)   | 11 | 3 | 79  |
| Lee Sadler (Sol)  | 11 | 3 | 79  |
| Jeff Morgan (Gn)  | 7  | 3 | 70  |

|                       |   |   |     |
|-----------------------|---|---|-----|
| John Robinson (Doll)  | 8 | 4 | 67  |
| Melanie Carey (Sol)   | 4 | 0 | 100 |
| Judy Craig (Sol)      | 5 | 1 | 83  |
| Michel Cohen (Av)     | 4 | 1 | 80  |
| Jayne Sully (Gn)      | 4 | 1 | 80  |
| Tracey Watkins (WIll) | 4 | 1 | 80  |
| Regina Stevens (IOW)  | 3 | 1 | 75  |
| Sarah Webb (Sol)      | 3 | 1 | 75  |
| Rebecca Russe (Sol)   | 5 | 2 | 71  |

### SENIOR 3C

|                      | W  | L | AV% |
|----------------------|----|---|-----|
| Murray Jukes (Wo)    | 15 | 1 | 94  |
| David Sharpe (Bd)    | 12 | 2 | 86  |
| Simon Claxton (Wo)   | 12 | 2 | 86  |
| Simon Rowland (BkIl) | 6  | 2 | 75  |
| Keith Samuels (Hu)   | 12 | 4 | 75  |
| Chris Hooley (AvIl)  | 10 | 4 | 71  |
| Barry White (He)     | 7  | 3 | 70  |
| Neil Harris (Ox)     | 11 | 5 | 69  |
| John Taylor (He)     | 10 | 5 | 67  |

|                       |   |   |     |
|-----------------------|---|---|-----|
| Jenny Collins (BkIl)  | 6 | 0 | 100 |
| Helen Bardwell (Hu)   | 7 | 1 | 88  |
| Sandra Roden (Wo)     | 7 | 1 | 88  |
| Louise Davis (Wo)     | 6 | 2 | 75  |
| Mary Denbow (Ox)      | 3 | 1 | 75  |
| Mary Hefferman (AvIl) | 4 | 2 | 67  |
| Alison Hillard (Hu)   | 4 | 2 | 67  |

### SENIOR 3D

|                        | W  | L | AV% |
|------------------------|----|---|-----|
| David Goode (Mxl)      | 11 | 1 | 92  |
| Michael Hammond (Syll) | 13 | 3 | 81  |
| Steve Holloway (Syll)  | 11 | 3 | 79  |
| David Harding (Syll)   | 7  | 3 | 70  |
| Dipak Topinalla (Mxl)  | 7  | 3 | 70  |
| Martin Stevenson (NK)  | 8  | 4 | 67  |
| Ray Tilling (Kil)      | 8  | 4 | 67  |
| Richard Stevenson (NK) |    |   |     |

|                          |   |   |     |
|--------------------------|---|---|-----|
| Angela Mitchell (MxIl)   | 4 | 0 | 100 |
| Mandy Reeve (MxIl)       | 4 | 0 | 100 |
| Jill Farthing (Kil)      | 6 | 1 | 86  |
| Hilary Finch (Call)      | 6 | 1 | 86  |
| Michelle Hams (Syll)     | 6 | 2 | 75  |
| Alison Edge (Call)       | 6 | 2 | 75  |
| Sandra Aldborough (EIll) | 3 | 1 | 75  |
| Maggie Pavitt (EIll)     | 4 | 2 | 67  |

### VETERANS PREMIER

|                      | W  | L | AV% |
|----------------------|----|---|-----|
| Matt Shearer (Li)    | 14 | 0 | 100 |
| Derek Schofield (Ch) | 13 | 1 | 93  |
| Henry Buist (K)      | 12 | 2 | 86  |
| Babs. Adedayo (Mx)   | 11 | 3 | 79  |
| Peter D'Arcy (Ch)    | 11 | 3 | 79  |
| Brian Edlington (Li) | 9  | 3 | 75  |
| Terry Farlie (K)     | 7  | 3 | 70  |

|                       |   |   |     |
|-----------------------|---|---|-----|
| Doreen Schofield (Ch) | 7 | 0 | 100 |
| Shelagh Hession (El)  | 4 | 1 | 80  |
| Margaret Dignum (K)   | 5 | 2 | 71  |

### VETERANS 2A

|                      | W  | L | AV% |
|----------------------|----|---|-----|
| Alec Watson (Bu)     | 14 | 0 | 100 |
| Brian Belcher (Wo)   | 7  | 1 | 88  |
| Keith Powell (ChIl)  | 10 | 2 | 83  |
| Terry Donlon (ChIl)  | 11 | 3 | 79  |
| Colin Truman (Le)    | 9  | 3 | 75  |
| Alan Timewell (ChIl) | 10 | 4 | 71  |

|                     |   |   |     |
|---------------------|---|---|-----|
| Janet Hunt (Wo)     | 7 | 0 | 100 |
| Sylvia Coombes (Bu) | 5 | 2 | 71  |

### VETERANS 2B

|                        | W  | L | AV% |
|------------------------|----|---|-----|
| Tony Brown (Av)        | 12 | 2 | 86  |
| Robin Stace (Sx)       | 10 | 2 | 83  |
| Tony Taylor (MxIl)     | 8  | 2 | 80  |
| Gerry Batt-Rawden (Sx) | 11 | 3 | 79  |
| Alan Rowden (Sx)       | 9  | 3 | 75  |
| Don Smith (MxIl)       | 7  | 3 | 70  |

|                  |   |   |     |
|------------------|---|---|-----|
| Joyce Coop (Do)  | 7 | 0 | 100 |
| Ivy Kershaw (Ha) | 6 | 1 | 86  |

### VETERANS 3A

|                   |   |   |    |
|-------------------|---|---|----|
| Geoff Brook (Y)   | 7 | 1 | 88 |
| Joyce Porter (Np) | 3 | 1 | 75 |

### VETERANS 3B

|                           | W  | L | AV% |
|---------------------------|----|---|-----|
| Bob Pittard (SkIl)        | 11 | 1 | 92  |
| Bob Holliday (BkIl)       | 12 | 2 | 86  |
| Stuart Walker (SkIl)      | 10 | 2 | 83  |
| Dave Jones (BkIl)         | 11 | 3 | 79  |
| Dave Wilson (HeIl)        | 7  | 3 | 70  |
| Trevor Wiramanaden (SxIl) | 6  | 3 | 67  |

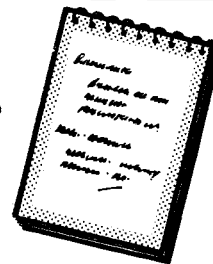
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|----------------------|---|---|-----|
| Pam Butcher (Kil)    | 4 | 0 | 100 |
| Sylvia Bruton (BkIl) | 5 | 1 | 83  |
| Ann Abraham (Hall)   | 4 | 2 | 67  |
| Pat Wales (SxIl)     | 4 | 2 | 67  |

### JUNIOR PREMIER

|                         | W  | L | AV% |
|-------------------------|----|---|-----|
| Paul Amos (K)           | 12 | 2 |     |
| Adriana Dixon (St)      | 12 | 2 | 86  |
| Bradley Billington (Dv) | 6  | 2 | 75  |
| Andrew Cunningham (K)   | 10 | 4 | 71  |
| Karl Ball (K)           | 7  | 3 | 70  |
| Bernie Lazarus (E)      | 8  | 4 | 67  |
| Julie Billington (Dv)   | 6  | 1 | 86  |
| Juliet Houghton (K)     | 6  | 1 | 86  |



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Mary Williams reports from....

## BEDFORDSHIRE

### SOME YOU WIN - SOME YOU DRAW

The Senior County team away to Hunts drew and then at home to Worcs II had a fine 10-0 win.

Not to be outdone the Juniors also had a fine 10-0 win over Gwent but the Veterans lost 8-1 to Bucks.

The Bedford Modern School U-16 team of Andrew Trott, Gavin Black, Nick Apps and Richard Field has won the National Schools team Championship.

In the Bedford Closed held on April 13 the results were:

- M.S:** K. Samuels bt K. Lakin 17. -19. 17.  
**W.S:** A. Hillard bt A. Copperwheat 15. 16.  
**M.D:** G. Black/A. Trott bt R. Beard/K. McConell 15. -19. 15.  
**W.D:** Hillard/D. Wakefield bt Copperwheat/J. Baldwin 16. -17. 10.  
**X.D:** L. Saywell/Hillard bt D. Hyde/Wakefield 15. -19. 12.  
**V.S:** A. Kirsop bt Saywell 17. 19.  
**V.D:** Kirsop/Baldwin bt D. Folds/C. Gill 9. 17.

This last event the first for the W. F. James Memorial Shield was donated by Mr. and Mrs. B. Copperwheat in remembrance of Frank, their father.

The biggest surprise of the tournament was a fine win by Alan Kirsop over Len Saywell in the Veterans' singles.

In the Bedford Open held on April 14, D. Hyde and K. Samuels did extremely well to beat the favourites K. Richardson and M. Harper -19, 19, 11 in the men's doubles. Julie Dimmock from Dunstable won the Women's singles from an unseeded position beating E. Sayer (Essex) -18, 15, 16. The other results were:

- M.S:** C. Wilson (M) bt Richardson (Ca) -19. 16. 21.  
**W.D:** K. Mudge/E. Sayer bt H. Finch/J. Palmer 11. 19.  
**X.D:** Mudge/M. Livermore bt S. Palmer/J. Palmer 12. -16. 13.

## Dunstable

With three of the four divisional titles settled, Delco Products T.T.C. has shown its strength by winning all three, and also being undefeated.

The first team was in command for most of the season. After suffering relegation last season the B team stormed back to take the Div. 3 title, and the C team represented by the Fourmy brothers took all before it in winning the junior division.

Still to be decided is the destination of the second division title with the contestants Bedford Trucks A and D.T.T.C. B.

The finals of the league individual tournament resulted:

- M.S:** D. Cartwright bt M. Hussain.  
**W.S:** J. Mitchell bt D. Campbell.  
**J.S:** M. Sharpe bt M. Beaumont.  
**C.S:** M. Wilkin bt S. Graham.  
**V.S:** G. Sharpe bt L. Jones.  
**X.D:** K. Thompson/Campbell bt N. Jarvis/R. Forrester.

In the Rose Bowl Dunstable's Jackie Bellinger, Julie Dimmock and Dawn Campbell had an unexpected 5-4 win over Wolverhampton. Jackie won all her sets against Fiona Elliot, Jill Powis and Jill Harris, with Julie and Dawn taking the other two defeating Jill Powis. Their opponents in the next round - Leicester.

It was literally pack up and go when Jackie was called up the day before to accompany her sister Lisa to replace Joy Grundy who had to withdraw from the World Championships.

- Div. 1.** Gossard Wonderbras  
Hall Club Lions  
**Div. 2.** St. Christophers C  
Brooklands A  
**Div. 3.** B4 Club C  
Hall Club Bears  
**Div. 4.** Eggington Trundlers  
St. Christophers F

| Leading percentages |             |      |
|---------------------|-------------|------|
| <b>Div. 1.</b>      | I. Doughty  | 97%  |
|                     | G. Giles    | 93%  |
|                     | A. Conquets | 92%  |
| <b>Div. 2</b>       | M. Wilson   | 100% |
|                     | P. Dawson   | 95%  |
|                     | B. Murphy   | 87%  |
| <b>Div. 3.</b>      | A. Skeggs   | 90%  |
|                     | P. Maunders | 89%  |
|                     | J. Chambers | 83%  |
| <b>Div. 4.</b>      | D. Vaughan  | 96%  |
|                     | F. Dawson   | 93%  |
|                     | L. Beaumont | 90%  |

Finals night held at the Brooklands Club saw the two main titles going to players from the Gossard team. Janet Banks won the women's singles title beating Lorna Clarke in the final, these two having beaten Judith Montague and Mandy Willis in the semis.

Geoff Giles won the men's singles title against Alan Chandler. Semi-finalists were Peter Edwards and Andy Conquest. Janet and Geoff also had a share in three other titles.

Janet and Conquest won the mixed, beating Lorna Clarke and Geoff in the final, and in the women's doubles Janet and Lorna joined forces to beat Ivy Cooper and Joyce McSweeney. Geoff then partnered Dave Gilbert and took the men's doubles beating Chandler and Pete Dawson.

## Luton

Final top positions in the league:

- Div. 1.** Lea Manor  
Delco Products  
**Div. 2.** Hunting Eng. A  
Vauxhall B  
**Div. 3.** D.T.T.C.  
Lewsey Centre  
**Div. 4.** Bedford Trucks  
Wrest Park A  
**Div. 5.** St. Mary's D  
Vauxhall F  
**Div. 6.** Stopsley Community College  
Bury Lions B  
**Div. 7.** Electrolux D  
Marlborough C

### Leading percentages:

|                |              |      |
|----------------|--------------|------|
| <b>Div. 1.</b> | C. Luscombe  | 95%  |
|                | L. Wooding   | 91%  |
|                | L. Holmes    | 90%  |
| <b>Div. 2.</b> | J. Seckerson | 100% |
|                | S. Griffiths | 92%  |
|                | C. Smith     | 88%  |
| <b>Div. 3.</b> | K. Thompson  | 100% |
|                | P. Bowler    | 91%  |
|                | B. Fetigan   | 83%  |
| <b>Div. 4.</b> | A. McDiarmid | 97%  |
|                | A. Weston    | 77%  |
|                | C. Hillan    | 76%  |
| <b>Div. 5.</b> | J. McCree    | 100% |
|                | T. Broadhead | 94%  |
|                | L. Gresham   | 78%  |
| <b>Div. 6.</b> | A. Wakefield | 93%  |
|                | R. Figgins   | 92%  |
|                | F. Bossis    | 87%  |
| <b>Div. 7.</b> | I. Day       | 100% |
|                | Z. Hussain   | 98%  |
|                | D. Winter    | 85%  |

Finals night was held at the Lewsey Centre on April 18.

Apart from trophies presented to the tournament winners, trophies were also presented to the winners of each division. This was ably done by Ricky Hill, Emeka Nwajobi and Brian Stein three of Luton Town Football Club's well known players.

The following finals resulted:

- O.D:** L. Jones/C. Major bt D. Foster/M. Lyons 15. 17.  
**W.S:** J. Dimmock bt L. Robins 12. 15.  
**M.S:** D. Sharpe bt N. Jarvis -16. 16. -14. 13. 14.

Many times this season I have reported the achievements of Caroline Buckley. This time is no exception, once again we congratulate Caroline on winning the U-12's at Tunbridge Wells. She was knocked out in the quarters of the U-14's, and in the doubles of the U-14's reached the semis. We all say well done to this up-and-coming youngster on all her achievements this season.

Les Wooding reports from....

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

### Promotion Gained

In their final match the Veteran's side of Alec Watson, Frank Earis,

Len Pratt and Sylvia Coombs thrashed Bedfordshire 8-1 to carry of the Div. 2A championships, and gain promotion to the Premier Division of the County Championships. Pride of place must go to captain Watson who convincingly beat Jim Wooliscroft to retain his unbeaten record. Jim had earlier demonstrated what a good player he is by beating Earis in the opening set.

The Senior side, denied the services of Phil and Jon Bradbury although the match was arranged in their home town, retained their 2nd Division status despite losing 4-6 to strugglers Suffolk. Dawn Robbins, Sylvia Coombs, Alec Watson and Karl Bushell each won a set but Les Wooding failed to beat either Stuart Palmer or John Kitchener in his final senior match after a successful 1st team career that started 24 years ago against Herts again in Aylesbury.

At the May Executive Council meeting the league representatives voted overwhelmingly for 2 senior, 2 Veterans and 1 Junior County teams next season. It is understood that sponsorship is forthcoming for 2 of the teams from SUNNEX (U.K.) LTD. and CHALFONT PRESS by the kind courtesy of Len Pratt and Ron Hedley to whom a very special thank you is extended.

## National League

I understand that Cippenham will be concentrating on developing their new Haymill headquarters next season and have reluctantly decided to request leave of absence from the National League. As one of the most popular teams with an excellent venue they will be sorely missed so I hope it is not too long before they return. It would have been great to record a win for them in their final match but they met an in-form DSC Rams side determined to secure the runners-up prize money. Earis did extremely well to beat Pandus Ademakinwa but Richard Beckham was the only other Slough player to secure a victory.

The future of the County's only other National League side, A.H.W. Pioneers of Milton Keynes is also in doubt. Disillusioned with the lack of commitment of some of his youngest players cumulating in playing with only 3 players against Erreys Print 84, secretary Wooding has expressed doubts about his willingness to run the side next

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season. Hopefully, the return of No. 1 David Sharpe and the added experience of Bushell together with the excellent support accorded to him by Colin Luscombe and Ken Muhr may make him change his mind.

In their final match they secured a creditable 4-4 draw with Ashford with Luscombe playing brilliantly for the Pioneers to win both his sets a feat emulated by Ashford's Bucks County player Daryl Windsor.

## Inter League

As last season, the competitions were played throughout the season. The Men's Division A team with only 4 teams was disappointing, and it seems more difficult each year to get all the top players to compete. In the event Milton Keynes took the pole positions proving too strong for High Wycombe and Maidenhead. For the 3rd year running Wooding of Milton Keynes won the "Sewell Cup" with 100%.

Div. B saw 6 teams locked in a closely-fought battle with Milton Keynes D being the winners on sets average over Slough A.

Div. C also had 6 teams and once again Slough were pipped at the post when their 2 teams finished behind Chiltern.

It was an unhappy season for Chalfont with James Johnson being forced to give up as their Inter-League Secretary due to illness. A replacement was found, but further problems arose and they were unable to complete their fixtures forcing the Management Council to take the painful decision to expunge their records from Div. C and the Veterans' Group A.

The Women's and Junior Division titles were retained by holders Maidenhead and Milton Keynes respectively.

The Veterans' competition as usual was keenly fought with 10 teams competing in 2 groups. Unluckiest team were Leighton Buzzard led by Gordon Pepper who failed to get to the play-offs which they were ultimately entitled to play in due to the fact that the decision to expunge Chalfont's records was not taken until the Championship had been decided. For the record Aylesbury took the title with their win over Chiltern. Still Leighton Buzzard have expressed a wish to be invited to put a Senior side and a Junior side as well as a Veteran's side next season and knowing the strength this should help to retain a high Inter-League standard and achieve Secretary Peter Avenell's wish to run an enthusiastic and keenly fought competition. Keep up the good work, Peter.

## County Cup Competitions

County Arms Chisels narrowly won the Intermediate Cup Final by beating arch Milton Keynes rivals Telephone Rentals Telex 5-4 in the

final held at the A.H.W. Youth Club. Alan Bolding of Telex was the man-of-the-match winning all his games but unfortunately still finished on the losing side.

Aylesbury won their first County Cup title when Haddenham overcame High Wycombe side Bucks Free Press 5-2 in the final of the Subsidiary Cup staged at Little Missenden TTC with hard work put in by Ron Washington. Russell Fincher played his heart out to win three sets each going to the deciding game to help his side to victory.

The Premier Division Challenge Cup between Apollo of High Wycombe and A.H.W. Comets of Milton Keynes has still to be staged.

## High Wycombe

Simon Douglas added the High Wycombe title to his Chiltern Championship, when he defeated Mark Curtis in the final. Gill Knightley retained her Women's title at the expense of Anne Catchpole. Best performance was the victory of young Mark over defending champion Alec Watson in the semi-finals.

## Slough

The Slough Championship resulted in the first ever Championship win for Dave Poutney but he only just made it after being 19-20 down in the 3rd game to Paul Morris. Steve Dorrell the Div. 3 champion did extremely well to reach the semis including Earis and Peter Leckie (Senior) in his scalps.

## Milton Keynes

On Sunday Sept. 1st, Milton Keynes will be staging their 1st ever 'Open' Tournament staged by EASY JEANS. It will be an Under-21 tournament staged at the English Closed venue of Bletchley Leisure Centre. Bucks County Gen. Sec. Tony Wickens will be the Assistant Referee with John Jermyn the Referee. Entry forms can be obtained from the Tournament Organiser Ken Muhr, 23 York Road, Stony Stratford, MILTON KEYNES MK11 1BJ.

Geoff Waters reports from....

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE

### TWO IN A ROW FOR JULIAN

The county season ended on Easter Saturday with the second senior team losing 6-4 to Surrey II at New Malden.

Julian Wheel, who completed his first double at senior level in his previous match against Norfolk II, made it two in a row with excellent wins over Steve Holloway and Farhat Rasul. despite Julian's fine effort, the visitors were never in the lead, but at 2-2 there were hopes of

perhaps a point against the division runners-up.

The women picked up the other two sets to climax a super season for Alison Edge and Hilary Ginch.

Alison beat Hazel Lowe in the singles and also partnered Hilary to victory in the doubles. Hilary fell at the last hurdle after winning her previous six singles. Her 100% record went against Michele Hams, whom she had beaten in the corresponding match last season.

Four wins and a draw from eight matches is easily the county's best performance in this division and fourth place against the second teams of the metropolitan counties is very creditable indeed.

Results (Cams names first):

P. Holliday lost to M. Hammond -13, -20; lost to S. Holloway -10, -16.  
J. Wheel bt Holloway 17, -17, 17, bt Farhat Rasul 17, -19, 17.  
M. Livermore lost to Farhat Rasul -17, -16; lost to Hammond -15, -17.  
H. Finch lost to M. Hams -17, -12.  
A. Edge bt H. Lowe 9, -18, 15.  
Wheel/Livermore lost to Holloway/Hammond -19, -14.  
Finch/Edge bt Hams/Lowe -16, 15, 15.

Cambridge were beaten 5-4 by Birmingham in the third round of the Wilmott Cup. Cambridge started in great style going 2-0 up against the strong Midlands team. New county champion Geoff Davies beat Barry Johnson in straight games in the opening set and then Keith Richardson won just as comfortably against Ian Gunn. However Birmingham took the next four sets to take a firm grip on the tie. Richardson raised hopes with his first win against Carl Morgan, but Barry Johnson's win over Martyn Livermore saw Birmingham home.

Results (Cams names first):

G. Davies bt B. Johnson 13, 19; lost to C. Morgan -6, 12, -19; bt I. Gunn -19, 19, 15.  
K. Richardson bt Gunn 14, 19; lost to Johnson -18, -20; bt Morgan 18, 17.  
M. Livermore lost to Morgan -15, -14; lost to Gunn 11, -18, -16; lost to Johnson -18, -13.

Brian M. Hudson provides....

## CHESHIRE CHAT

### UNSTUCK IN KENT

So another season draws to its end, and for the first time since its introduction, Cheshire have failed to win the Vets Championship. With the title depending on the very last match, Derek and Doreen Schofield, Peter D'Arcy and Eddie Griffiths made the long journey to Kent, only to come unstuck 3-6. Having somewhat struggled to 3-4, with wins for Derek, Doreen and Peter/Doreen, Derek played what proved to be the crunch set against old friend and rival Henry Buist and unbelievably lost from 20-13 in the 3rd! A result that will haunt him for some time! Our congratulations, however to Lincs, who are worthy successors. Let's hope they are only keeping it warm for us!

The best performance from our other teams came from the Juniors in drawing 5-5 with Lancs. Although I have no details, Lancashire were confidently expected to win this, and the draw is a fine result. The 2nds lost their local derby v derbyshire 2nds 3-7, with Steve Rushton winning 2 and Martin Thomson 1.

The Seniors ended a slightly disappointing season with a 2-8 loss to a solid Warwickshire team. Brian Johns won 1 singles, and with Tony Taylor the MD. We hoped for better things next season! Meanwhile, the 2nds continued our policy of bleeding promising youngsters by palying one, D. Schofield, against Northants 2nd, and he obliged by winning his 2 singles and doubles (with Keith Deaville) in a 7-3 win! Two wins from Keith, 1 from Ann Dakin and the L.D. (Ann/Karen Tonge) ensured the win.

The Vets 2nds completed their season with a 6-3 victory over Oxfordshire. Although conceding the 2 women's events, the win was meritorious as the first 3 singles were all lost! Alan Timewell, Terry Donlon and Keith Powell each won their singles, and the doubles, to end the season on a high note.

The Northern Vets event at Macclesfield featured Cheshire players in all but 4 of the finals, with the Schofields being to the fore again. Derek found 'young' Ralph Gunnion just too strong in the over-40's losing -12, 21, -15, but gained some consolation in beating old rival Matt Sheader 20-14 in the over-50's. No success, however, in the doubles partnering Matt for they lost 17, -18, -17 to D'Arcy and Gunnion in the over-40's and lost -19, 12, -19 to Macclesfield's Mike Tew and Griffiths in the over-50's. Tew also reached the final of the restricted singles where he lost 19, -20, -19, to Kent's Ron Etheridge.

On the female side, Doreen Schofield won the over-40's beating Di Johnson 10, 15, and then joined Lincs. Connie Moran to win the doubles 16, 15, against Kent's M. Dignum and P. Butcher. Di won her other two finals however, beating Worcs. L. Reid -19, 13, 21, in the restricted and partnering R. Norton to beat B. Allison and J. Hut -8, 12, 19, in the mixed. A very successful tournament, well staged and well run, and followed by a very enjoyable dinner.

Finally, details of the honours in the Stockport League. A good spread of clubs involved, with Weston Hyde **not** winning anything!

Div. 1 Civil Service  
2 Davenport  
3 Cheadle Sports 2nd  
4 gatley  
5 Davenport 4th  
6 Police  
7 T.S.B.

Three team Cup Handford Hall 3rd  
Brown Cup Poyton 3rd  
Three Team Shield Police

Nice to see Poynton's success in their Centenary Year, and congratulations to Police on their return to the Association, and Davenport on their 'double'.

Enjoy your summer, your tennis, or bowls, or whatever - recharge your T.T. batteries for next season. See you then!

Jeremy Williams reports from....

## CORNWALL

### ASTONISHING UPSETS

The Cornish Closed held over the weekend of March 30/31 at Camborne School will be best remembered in years to come for the astonishing upsets that occurred.

A healthy entry from the men and boys once again reflects the keenness amongst male players in Cornwall at present. It's a pity the same cannot be said for Cornwall's women with a sparse entry while the response from the girls can only be described as pathetic. Cornwall too is faced with this Nationwide problem.

Really good games were hard to come by with players battling from 10 a.m. to 11.30 p.m., but nevertheless it is now becoming increasingly apparent that the youngsters are beginning to threaten the established seniors.

The Boys' events were dominated by four players: Mark James and Graham Reed in the U-17's and Neil Bevan and Mark Bawden in the U-14's and U-12's. The continuing battle between James and Reed is sure to go on into their senior days but this was the last time they will meet at Junior level as both will be Seniors next season. Both players made it through their respective halves of the draw safely, but last year's finalist Malcolm Peters, seeded 3, became a casualty of Bude joker Martin Stanley in the quarters. The excellent final which was perhaps the best set of the whole week-end was won by Reed who retained his title at 19 in the third. The two teamed up to take the new Junior doubles event.

At 11 years of age Bevan became the youngest ever winner of the Cadet boys' event adding this to his U-12 title. His victim in both finals, Bawden pushed him very close in the two sets which were of an incredible standard for two players so young.

Predictably, Esme Stevenson won the Girls' singles very easily and even the very promising runner-up Rachel Plummer could only extend Esme to 4 and 9. Rachel had the consolation of winning the Cadet girls' event from Tracey Logg.

It was the Senior events that caused the biggest stir on the Sunday when eager youngsters fresh from the previous day's play wanted a crack at the Seniors. First seed to go in the Men's singles was

No. 6 Malcolm Peters who went out to out to Truro chopper Martin White but this was soon overshadowed when another Truro player, Roger Jacobs put out the No. 2 seed and favourite John Bassett. It was a clash that attracted a mammoth audience and with previous defeats against the former champion playing on Bassett's mind, he was subsequently beaten 2-straight. Bassett, clearly disappointed, must have been unaware of an occurrence at the other side of the hall where No. 5 seed Ian James had been beaten by young Bevan. James who has performed brilliantly for Cornwall all season, was not on form on this occasion. Bevan played out of his skin and won 2-straight in the biggest upset of the championships. He eventually bowed out in the quarters to the holder Jeremy Williams but not before taking the first end.

As the day progressed the damp atmosphere began to take its toll. Mark James and Reed had worked their way through to the semis with little trouble at all. Junior champion Reed played some inspired table tennis to defeat fellow Falmothian Williams and then recorded an almost identical win in the Intermediate final. Mark had meanwhile accounted for the in-form Jacobs in the other semi to reach an all-Junior final - for the first time ever.

In the final, Reed had his chance and looked to be heading for a straight games win but the more daredevil James went for his shots to become the first junior to win the Men's singles since 1956!

But what about Barbara Rapsey's triumph in the Women's singles? Barbara is a fair player with match practice but not having played seriously for 2 years her entry was mainly for fun. But a victory over top seed Alison Clemens raised a few eyebrows and, when she beat Esme Stevenson as well, an opportunity was there. Her final opponent Gail Davey, the holder, played superbly but eventually succumbed to the consistency of Rapsey at "deuce" in the third to complete a good day for Truro.

Bassett gained some consolation by easily beating Martin White in the Veterans' final and teamed up with Williams to take the Men's doubles from the holders James and Reed.

### RESULTS:

**M.S. q/f:** J. Williams (Fal) bt N. Bevan (Bude) -15, 9, 13.  
 G. Reed (Fal) bt A. Hunt (Laun) -14, 19, 17.  
 M. James (Cam) bt R. Prendergast (Red) 9, 15.  
 R. Jacobs (Truro) bt A. Chapman (Red) 20, 15.  
**s/f:** Reed bt Williams 20, 12.  
 James bt Jacobs 14, 12.  
**Final:** James bt Reed -19, 18, 13.  
**W.S. Final:** B Rapsey (Truro) bt G. Davey (Truro) -19, 18, 20.  
**I.S. s/f:** J. Williams bt M. James 14, -14, 20.  
 Reed bt M. Peters (Fal) 17, 22.  
**Final:** Reed bt Williams 20, 16.  
**V.S. s/f:** J. Bassett (St. Ives) bt D. Williams (Fal) 15, 17.  
 M. White (Truro) bt R. Smith (St. Ives) -20, 14, 12.  
**Final:** Bassett bt White 9, 10.

**M.D. Final:** Bassett/J. Williams bt M. James/Reed 19, 17.

**W.D. Final:** E. Stevenson (Bude)/A. Clemens (Cam) bt S. Rapsey/B. Rapsey (Truro) -13, 11, 15.

**X.D. Final:** M. James/Davey bt I. James/Stevenson 17, -19, 17.

**B.S. s/f:** Reed bt Hunt 10, -16, 17.  
 M. James bt M. Stanley (Bude) 19, 12.

**Final:** Reed bt James 22, -20, 19.

**G.S. Final:** Stevenson bt R. Plummer (St. Ives) 4, 9.  
**C.B.S. Final:** Bevan bt M. Bawden (Laun) 12, -17, 20.

**C.G.S. Final:** Plummer group winner, T. Logg (Laun) runner-up.

**U-12 B.S. Final:** Bevan bt Bawden 13, 20.

**U-12 G.S. Final:** Plummer group winner, L. Clarke (Fal) runner-up.

**J.D. Final:** Reed/M. James bt A. Hunt/K. Stevenson (Bude) 15, 15.

### HALEX NATIONAL LEAGUE

With only one win and one draw all season, Launceston Kernow are firmly anchored at the foot of Div. 3 West of the National League. They look likely to stay there and seek re-election after finishing fourth last season, and to make matters worse, rumour has it that Grove II have claimed the points after a vehicular breakdown prevented Launceston from reaching Market Drayton.

One recent result saw Launceston face an awkward task away to Wolverhampton Ladies although under the circumstances the 5-3 defeat was not too bad at all. Fiona Elliot must have been disappointed to lose to both Reed and Williams whilst Malcolm Peters beat Jill Powis to collect the three sets. The debut for Neil Bevan was also encouraging and he was not overawed.

### COUNTY MATCHES

Glamorgan 4, Cornwall 6.  
 Cornwall 10, Wiltshire II 0.  
 Cornwall Jun. 19, Cornwall Jun II 1.  
 Avon Jun. 3, Cornwall Jun. 17.

A superb end to the season has seen four fine victories to bring about one of the most successful County Championships ever for Cornwall. The Junior first team won all seven of their matches to walk away with Div. 3C and congratulations are in order to Graham Reed, Mark James, Malcolm Peters, Andy Hunt, Esme Stevenson, Karen Broczek, Sandra Hunt and Rachel Plummer who are the first Junior team to gain an honour. The Seniors too were impressive and finished equal second in Div. 3B and were without John Bassett for the difficult away tie at Glamorgan. However, undaunted Cornwall recorded a vintage 6-4 win to finish their best season for many years.

### TEAM KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS

#### Results and Fixtures

**Senior Event (semi-finals)**  
 Falmouth Docks A 5, Redruth A 0.  
 St. Ives A 5, Doreham (Truro) 2.  
**Intermediate Event (semi-finals)**  
 Truro B v St. Ives B  
 Sutcombe v Metherell  
**Junior Event (final)**  
 Falmouth Docks v Bude Central or  
 Launceston White Hart

### Cornish Inter-Town League

**Series 6:** Helston 0, Truro 8.  
 Bude 3, St. Ives 5.  
 Redruth 2, Falmouth 6.  
**Series 7:** Helston 1, Launceston 7.  
 Truro 8, Bude 0.  
 Redruth 5, St. Ives 3.

The late withdrawal of Camborne from the Inter-Town League recently has caused a few mix-ups but has had little bearing on the eventual finalists.

Falmouth clinched a final place when beating league leaders Redruth on their home table in series 6. The inclusion of Ian James boosted Falmouth and his two wins over Melvin Starkie and Steve Lobb gave them the two points. Redruth hit back with wins from Lobb and Chapman over Malcolm Peters.

Redruth were involved in another humdinger in series 7 when they had to beat St. Ives to reach the final, and a 5-3 victory with Austin Chapman beating Bill Symes 21 in the third of the final rubber proving just enough for Redruth! They now meet Falmouth in the final play-off at the White Hart, Launceston on April 28.

Colin Taylor reports from....

## CUMBRIA

### CLARICE CALLS IT A DAY

Clarice Rose has given notice that she would like to retire from her position of County Secretary at the end of this season for a well earned rest. This leaves the County Committee with the not so slight problem of replacing her. Any offers?

At the latest County meeting it was decided to enter a Senior together with a Junior team in next season's County Championships, a decision taken in view of the impressive form shown by the Juniors this season.

The recently held Whitehaven Closed was dominated by Stephen Crosby who won the men's singles, men's doubles, with Keith Birkett, and the Handicap singles. Crosby beat Jimmy Cummings 18, 13 in the men's final. Iris Herbert won the women's singles in a round robin contest. The Boys' title was taken by David Rickerby (Berkermet) beating Tony Martin (Kells Meths C) -8, 19, 15.

The new BNFL trophy for the most promising junior was also awarded to David. The trophies were kindly presented by Karen Norris and Cheryl Black of Information Services BNFL. The Whitehaven League is not quite completed but it is almost certain that YMCA Aquarians (Alan Dixon, Carl Farrer and Harry Bowman) will be the new champions with Kells Methodists A (Crosby, Birkett and John Gaffney) relegated to runners-up, after being champions for the past 7 years.

Second division champions are Mirehouse SC (George Bell, Joe



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O'Prey, Colin and Bill Vaughan), Kells Meths C (Billy Manford, Jimmy Clifford, Tony Martin and Jackie Ray) finished runners-up pipping YMCA Cobras who had been in second place until the last few matches.

| AVERAGES |                        |      |
|----------|------------------------|------|
| Div. 1   | S. Crosby (K.M. A)     | 97%  |
|          | J. Cummings (Marchon)  | 92%  |
|          | B. Hand (Windsdale)    | 86%  |
| Div. 2   | G. Bell (Mirehouse)    | 100% |
|          | J. O'Prey (Mirehouse)  | 94%  |
|          | I. Herbert (YM Cobras) | 94%  |

The Westmorland League's 1st Division title will go either to Queen Katherine A or Natland A who are level on points with one match left. Dave Hillbeck (Q.K. A) has a 100% record which includes a -16, 13, 16 win over Debbie Soothill. In Div. 2 Cartmel have finished their fixtures and can only be passed by Natiand C who have only Natland D to play! In the handicaps Natland D beat their C team in the Div. 2 final.

Queen Katherine A also beat their own C team in the Div. 1 final. The League Closed provided plenty of upsets with the boys' title being the only one not to change hands. This was retained by Mark Tadross (Q.K.) with Gordon Dwane (Q.K.) the runner-up. Gordon also came second in the handicap singles to Hillbeck.

Carl Stebbing took the veterans' title beating Bob Gale (Natland) 18, -15, 1B. Bob had earlier beaten Carl's team-mate and title holder Ray Carr (M.O.B.). But Ray gained the prestigious Open Singles title by beating holder and favourite Hillbeck in the best contest of the day, -12, 19, 11. It was a case of a good defender wearing down a good attacker for while Dave had beaten Ray in the handicap singles earlier his strenuous efforts in that match finally took its toll. Carr and Stebbing also took the Men's Doubles with a comfortable win over Andrew Dawson and Charles Usher.

In the Barrow and Dist League Vickers A proved they were the best team of the season by winning the 1st division title. Undefeated until their final match they were led by Neil Smith and Alan Manson both of whom had impressive results as can be seen in the averages. Stan Halesworth also contributed his fair share of wins.

Vickers 1st team finished in 2nd place just ahead of Millom F.P. who finished the season unbeaten but didn't score enough maximum points wins to give them the title. At the bottom end of the 1st division both Millom F.P. and Vickers lose a team. Roose Cons and Gleaston take their places next season. Pat Thomas (Gleaston) and Mark Cresswell (Roose Cons) proved to be the best Div. 2 players. The young players of Vickers E and Vickers G took the Div. 3 and 4 titles respectively and Roose Cons C gained the Div. 5 title.

| AVERAGES |                      |      |
|----------|----------------------|------|
| Div. 1   | N. Smith (VSC A)     | 95%  |
|          | A. Pachul (MFP)      | 89%  |
|          | A. Manson (VSC A)    | 87%  |
|          | T. Pachul (MFP)      | 85%  |
|          | A. Fay (VSC)         | 83%  |
|          | N. Yardley (VSC)     | 82%  |
| Div. 2   | P. Thomas (Gleaston) | 92%  |
|          | M. Cresswell (Roose) | 85%  |
|          | D. Southam (GPO)     | 85%  |
| Div. 3   | D. Holmes (VSC E)    | 90%  |
|          | W. Fellows (Dalton)  | 83%  |
|          | K. Backhouse (VSC E) | 79%  |
| Div. 4   | J. Lowes (VSC G)     | 98%  |
|          | S. Watt (VSC G)      | 95%  |
|          | S. Warner (Wach A)   | 83%  |
| Div. 5   | M. Rogerson (Thorn)  | 100% |
|          | J. Staunton (RC C)   |      |
|          | J. Staunton (RC C)   | 92%  |

Malcolm Allsop reports from....

## DERBYSHIRE

### BILLINGTON DOMINATION

Bradley and Julie Billington dominated the Dunlop Derbyshire Closed at the Lea Green Sports Centre. Bradley's name followed father, Maurice, onto the Men's Singles Trophy; and Julie's name almost following mother, Jackie, onto the Women's Singles trophy.

Fourteen-years-old Bradley won a hat-trick of titles. In addition to the Men's Singles he retained the U-17 and U-14 Boys' Singles titles. Together with his sister Julie, Bradley was runner-up in the Mixed.

Twelve-years-old Julie also won three titles - despite losing in the final of the Women's Singles and the Mixed; taking the U-17 and U-14 Girls' Singles and combining with Pat Thorley to win the Women's Doubles.

**M.S. q-fs:** M. Kinsella bt M. Simpson; S. Yallop bt P. Vickers 7, -17, 17; I. Warner bt G. Gill 16, 17; B. Billington bt N. Marples 11, 14.

**s-fs:** Kinsella bt Yallop 14, 1B; Billington bt Warner 17, 17.

**Final:** Billington bt Kinsella -17, 13, 12.

**W.S. s-fs:** To Thuy Zung bt L. Forster 15, 14; J. Billington bt J. Forster 10, 1B.

**Final:** To Thuy bt Billington 20, -10, 17.

**M.D. Kinsella/Warner** bt Simpson/Yallop 7, 11.

**W.D. Billington/P. Thorley** bt J. Forster/L. Forster -16, 13, 1B.

**X.D. Vickers/J. Vickers** bt Billington/Billington -17, 20, 13.

**V.S. T. Hunt** bt M. Thorley 19, 15.

**C.S. S. Brooks** bt Thorley 18, 20.

**B.S. Billington** bt G. West 10, 16.

**G.S. Billington** bt L. Forster 18, 15.

**C.B.S. Billington** bt R. Scott-Birchall 18, 13.

**C.G.S. winner Miss J. Billington** after a round-robin.

A convincing 9-1 victory over Ciwyd at Marpool U.R.C. clinched the championship of Senior Div. 3A. Martin Kinsella was devastating.

Thirteen-years-old Julie Forster played very well on her senior debut to easily win her singles and combine with Marilyn O'Sullivan to win the doubles.

**Scores:** Martin Kinsella bt Justin Evans 11, 1 (yes ONE); bt Paul Griffiths 9, 8.

Stephen Yallop lost to Griffiths -17, -16; bt Terry Turner 17, -9, 19.

Philip Vickers bt Turner 9, 14; bt Evans -20, 12, 12.

Kinsella/Vickers bt Griffiths/Evans 11, 20.

Marilyn O'Sullivan bt Karen Buckle -20, 13, 17.

Julie Forster bt Ann Walker 9, 8.

O'Sullivan/Forster bt Buckle/Walker 17, 19.

Derbyshire are grateful to Jackie and Maurice Billington who took the Junior team to the second Premier Weekend. Neither Bradley Billington nor Andrew Henry were available to play due to injuries and Gavin West and Chris Glossop stepped into the team.

A 5-5 draw with Surrey was followed by 3-7 defeat by Kent, and 4-6 against Surrey. No doubt match reports will be elsewhere in *T.T. News*, but mention must be made of Paul Harvey winning 3 of his 6 sets from the No. 1 position, and the girls Kerry Hall and Julie Billington winning all 6 girls' singles and 2 of their 3 doubles.

The Junior 2nd team travelled to Holmes Chapel to play Cheshire 2nd with Lesley Plater making her debut. The boys' singles were shared but Penny and Lesley managed to win all the girls' sets in a 7-3 victory.

#### Scores:

Robert Scott-Birchall bt John James 20, 13; lost to Martin Thompson -16, -20.

William Hoilingsworth bt Thompson -19, 10, 15; lost to Steve Rushton -11, 16, -18.

Paul Knowles lost to Rushton 12, -20, -21; bt James 16, 14.

Scott-Birchall/Knowles bt James/Thompson 17, 13.

Penny Corden bt Angela Tickle -16, 16, 8.

Lesley Plater bt Heidi Arrowsmith 18, 11.

Corden/Plater bt Tickle/Arrowsmith 14, -19, 9.

Congratulations to National Umpire Colin McLean who got married on Saturday, April 6, and best wishes from all his friends in Derbyshire. Also congratulations to Paul Druce who got engaged on the same day.

## DERBYSHIRE INTER-TOWN LEAGUE

### Division One

Burton 1st clinched the Div. 1 Championship with a 7-3 win over Eastwood 1st with junior Paul Harvey winning his 3 singles without loss of a game. Tony Holland had 2 wins for Eastwood.

|              | P | W | D | L | Sets  | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|-------|-----|
| Burton 1st   | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 43-17 | 12  |
| Derby 1st    | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 30-30 | 6   |
| Matlock 1st  | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 30-30 | 5   |
| Eastwood 1st | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 17-43 | 1   |

### Division Two

Derby 2nd kept the lead in Div. 2 with a convincing win over Alfreton 1st; with Eastwood 2nd maintaining their unbeaten record with a 6-4 win over Matlock 2nd thanks to 3 wins for John Mabbitt.

|              | P | W | D | L | Sets  | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|-------|-----|
| Derby 2nd    | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 44-6  | 9   |
| Eastwood 2nd | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 35-15 | 9   |
| Alfreton 1st | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 30-20 | 7   |

### Veterans' Division

|         | P | W | D | L | Sets  | Pts |
|---------|---|---|---|---|-------|-----|
| Matlock | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 43-7  | 10  |
| Burton  | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 30-20 | 7   |
| Derby   | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 30-20 | 5   |

### Junior Division

|                  | P | W | D | L | Sets  | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|-------|-----|
| Chesterfield 1st | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 38-22 | 9   |
| Derby            | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 34-16 | 8   |
| Eastwood         | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 30-20 | 7   |
| Buxton           | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 27-23 | 6   |

## BURTON LEAGUE

The Burton League were very pleased with the entry for their Championships, despite Mark

Harvey being unable to defend his Men's Singles title.

#### SCORES:

**M.S. s-fs:** P. Harvey bt D. Stills 9, 13; N. Adams bt S. Brooks 19, 19.

**Final:** Harvey bt Adams 18, -18, 17.

**M.D. Harvey/Adams** bt S. Brooks/Stills -15, 19, 16.

**W.S. J. Vickers** bt R. Hagger -21, 6, 15.

**J.S. Harvey** bt D. Brightman 13, 8.

**V.S. Stills** bt A. Haynes -20, 14, 16.

**Div. 2 & 3: R. Ridge** bt I. Stewart 15, 21.

**Div. 4 & 5: S. Claxton** bt R. Smith -19, 19, 18.

**X.D. Brooks/Vickers** bt Adams/C. Smith 16, 15.

The Burton League organised a visit to their Twin Town in Northern Germany, Lingen over the Easter holiday.

The local players entered one of the largest tournaments in Germany with 670 competitors. Nigel Adams reached the final of his section beating two of the favourites on the way.

Stuart Brooks, Pat Hall, Dave Stills, Terry Gadsby and Charlie "Legs" Kyles all acquitted themselves well.

Heidrun Bower took third prize in the Ladies' Section. Heidrun is German and took advantage of knowing the tactical talk of the local players.

Spondon brothers, Andrew and Paul Stills did well in the Junior Section and were unlucky not to reach the final stages.

In a further tournament arranged between Derbyshire representatives and their hosts, Brooks and Dave Stills fought their way to the final with Stuart being the successful winner. Stuart and Dave made such an impression upon their Lingen hosts that they were invited to join local Clubs.

It was not all table tennis however, with a trip to Holland, a boat trip down the Emms Canal, dinner parties and visits to local discos - where Dave Stills again impressed the locals with his footwork.

The Derbyshire party attended a civic reception at the Rathaus along with other international teams.

A number of players from the Olympia Lingen-Laxton Club are to visit Burton on Friday June 14 until Monday June 17. This will be followed by a visit from members of the German ESU Club in September.

The top newspaper this season for table tennis coverage in Derbyshire has, once again, been the *Burton Daily Mail* and my congratulations go to Bryan Holmes who has continued his good work.

Harry Black reports from....

## DURHAM

### FINAL HOME VICTORY

Durham completed their County fixtures on April 6 with an 8-2 victory at home to Cheshire II. Durham made two changes from their previous match, David

Godbold coming in for Tony Gelder, while Lynne Yarnell replaced Shirley Gelder.

Durham opened their account with a win by Stephen George over Keith Deaville and the lead was quickly extended to 4-0 following victories for Godbold and David Blackburne and the women's doubles. The men's doubles was lost but George redeemed himself by beating Paul Hanson. Debbie Maguire secured the other Cheshire win by beating Linda Spensley.

## DURHAM COUNTY LEAGUE

Sunderland A, the champions of the Senior Division, completed their fixtures with a 9-1 win over Durham whilst Peterlee finished off with a 10-0 home win over Bishop Auckland with Bill Reay, Norman Hunt and Paul Smith bringing off Peterlee's first win in three matches. Philadelphia A were held to a 5-5 draw by Darlington whose Allan Thompson beat John Crawford, Tony Langley and Mike Darkes and further combined with Don MacIvor to win the doubles. Sunderland C went down 1-9 to Philadelphia B represented by Dale Aitkenhead, James Cowler and Colin Eltringham, the latter making his seasonal debut. Shirley Gelder was Sunderland's only winner beating Eltringham 15 and 10.

The only match played in the Junior Division saw Peterlee defeat Sunderland 7-3 to retain the title. Dermot Ledwith, Ian Dagg and Edward Coxon gained the home sets all beating Garry Collins. Final lead positions:

### SENIOR DIVISION

|                | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Sunderland A   | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 31  |
| Sunderland B   | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 24  |
| Peterlee       | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 23  |
| Philadelphia A | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 21  |

### Leading Averages

|                        | P  | W  | L | Average |
|------------------------|----|----|---|---------|
| A. Gelder (Sund A)     | 23 | 22 | 1 | 95.6%   |
| R. Reed (Sund A)       | 14 | 13 | 1 | 92.8%   |
| P. Stafford (Sund A)   | 23 | 18 | 5 | 78.2%   |
| N. Herrington (Sund B) | 24 | 18 | 6 | 75.0%   |
| T. Bainbridge (Sund B) | 24 | 17 | 7 | 70.8%   |

### JUNIOR DIVISION

|                | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Peterlee       | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 14  |
| Philadelphia A | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 13  |
| Philadelphia B | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8   |

### Leading Averages

|                    | P  | W  | L | Average |
|--------------------|----|----|---|---------|
| P. Young (Plee)    | 11 | 11 | 0 | 100.0%  |
| M. Roughley (Ph A) | 12 | 11 | 1 | 92.5%   |
| N. Thornley (Plee) | 9  | 8  | 1 | 88.8%   |
| P. Swift (Ph A)    | 12 | 10 | 2 | 88.3%   |
| M. Chang (Ph A)    | 12 | 9  | 3 | 75.0%   |

## HALEX NATIONAL LEAGUE

Washington returned to winning ways when Ormesby III travelled to Sulgrave CA on April 21 and were beaten 7-1. Tony Gelder, Philip Stafford and Chris Blake gained

maximums with Don MacIvor chipping in with a win over Jimmy Nicholson.

## NORTHERN REGION LEAGUE

The race for the league title is between three teams - North Ormesby Pavilion, Redcar Insurance Services and Washington and all have to meet each other although Washington stake their claim with recent victories over ICI Cassel Works (8-0) and Redcar I.S. (7-1). Positions:

|               | P  | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Redcar I.S.   | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 59 | 29 | 17  |
| N. Orms. Pav. | 8  | 8 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 8  | 16  |
| Washington    | 9  | 7 | 0 | 2 | 53 | 19 | 14  |

## AROUND THE LEAGUES

In Peterlee, the Community Centre have won the Div. 1 title from Whitbread A whilst Yohden Hall School B denied their A team the Div. 2 title. In the closed championships Bill reay was the winner of the Open Singles, the Open Doubles being won by Norman Hunt and Alan Jenkins. Other results:

**B.S:** Paul Young;  
**G.S:** Judith Grant  
**U-15 B.S:** Garry Collins;  
**U-15 G.S:** Grant;  
**V.S:** Jenkins;  
**Div. 2:** Angela Wiffen; C.S: Jenkins  
**Team of 3:** Collins, Peter Hewitson and Hunt.

Consett SC A remained unbeaten to record a fine title success in the **Stanley and District League** 33 points ahead of Stanley DHSS. The Individual Handicap tournament was held on March 18 sponsored by Neil Cranston, Insurance Broker of Stanley. John Russell was the winner off scratch beating Sam Thurston -23, 19, 13 in the final. Russell picked up another two titles in the Stanley Closed held on March 31 at Consett with another victory over Thurston in the men's singles adding the doubles with J. Jackson. Thurston came into his own by winning the Youth Singles and doubles with Paul Shield.

Northumbria Centre A won the 1st Division title in the **Sunderland & District League** with Dunlop SC A (Div. 2), General Hospital (Div. 3) and St. Gabriel's Coaching Centre A (Div. 4). St. Gabriel's achieved a remarkable double for, in addition to their Div. 4 title success, they also won the Team Handicap Cup by defeating Div. 4 rivals Southwick Centre B by 690 points to 617. The Individual Handicap Singles was won by 11-years-old Jonathan Goss who defeated clubmate Chris Smith by 100 points to 92.

Presentation Night was on April 12 at the Barnes Hotel where League President Harold Coombs and Simon Woods, the representative of Sun Alliance Insurance Group, presented the trophies.

First Division title in the **South Shields League** was won by Tyne Dock YC A and, in Div. 2, Brinkburn CA A were the champions.

Washington TTC C won the Team

Handicap Cup when they defeated Shiney Row CA by 699 to 652 in the **Philadelphia League**. George Parkin and Joe Young who represented Washington C in the Handicap Cup contested the Individual Handicap final which Parkin won by three points, 120 to 117. Tony Gelder won the open singles title in the closed championships and also the Div. 1 singles.

Hetton Meths A are 1st Division champions, 3 points ahead of Washington A with Great Lumley a further point behind. Washington C won Div. 2.

## SUN ALLIANCE SUNDERLAND CLOSED

Played at Crowtree Leisure Centre on March 30, **Peter McQueen** won the men's singles title in which only one seed failed to make the quarters, namely Robert Reed who lost to David Bissett.

Brilliant attacking play by Phil Stafford resulted in him beating Cliff Olsson at this stage in which Stephen George ousted Tom Robson, Bissett lost to Tony Gelder, and McQueen overcame David Godbold. George had the more difficult semi but beat Gelder (-16, 12, 17) whilst McQueen romped home 10, 11 against Stafford. In the final McQueen totally outplayed George in the first game, lost the second, but recovered to take the decider.

Neither of the top seeds in the women's singles reached the final both going out at the penultimate stage, defending champion, Shirley Gelder, losing to Lynne Yarnell, and Lynne Bainbridge playing second fiddle to Linda Spensley. **Lynne Yarnell** was the eventual winner.

Paul Smith, the defending veterans' singles title holder, and No. 1 seed, was beaten in the first round by Larry Cartmel. The event was won by **Tom Bainbridge**. **Michael Roughley** won both the boys' and U-15 boys' titles whilst **Jeanette Roberts** won the girls' title.

### Results:

**M.S:** P. McQueen bt S. George 10, -18, 15.  
**W.S:** L. Yarnell bt L. Spensley 21, 11.  
**M.D:** D. Godbold/C. Olsson bt D. McIvor/A. Thompson -17, 15, 16.  
**W.D:** L. Bainbridge/Yarnell bt S. Gelder/Spensley 19, 11.  
**X.D:** MacIvor/Bainbridge bt A. and S. Gelder 15, 16.  
**V.S:** T. Bainbridge bt G. Bissett 16, 19.  
**B.S:** M. Roughley bt N. Thornley 17, 17.  
**G.S:** J. Roberts bt C. Woods 3, 11.  
**U-15 B.S:** Roughley bt P. Swift 14, 19.

Alan Shepherd reports from....

## ESSEX

### COMPETITION TOO GREAT

As you can see, our regular scribe John Holland, finding that the competition from that man in the Isle of Wight was too great, has retired from the scene, and left

matters in my hands. I cannot promise the in depth reporting from the tournament circuit that John gave us, but I will do my best!

I must start by recording the tragic outcome of the County Premier week-end on our own hallowed soil at Wanstead, namely the relegation of our senior team to Division 2. As far as I can tell we have not been there since pre-Chester days. Throughout the week-end Skylet Andrew was superb and remained unbeaten. Unfortunately our back-up squad of David Newman, Kevin Caldon, Desmond Chanlery and Tony Penny were unable to support him with any singles wins at all, which really made our chances of staying up slim. Added to that Lisa Hayden and Elaine Sayer, our girls, found the going very tough.

The position might have been very different had we beaten Lancashire in our opening match, as perhaps we deserved to do. At 4-4, Newman, normally unbeatable in these situations, faced Shaun Browne, but the fates decreed that the young Lancastrian should emerge the winner of a heart-stopping encounter. After that everything went wrong, and we even lost to a Surrey team which even their most ardent supporter could only class as weak, lacking as it did Max Crimmins and David Hannah.

Now we must look to our younger brigade for the future, and I am thinking particularly of Steve Dorking, son of the legendary Ray, Richard Darnell, and further ahead Damiam Holland, that scourge of the tournament referees.

This brings me to much more pleasant tidings. I was absolutely delighted with the performances of our junior squad in the second stage of the Junior Premier matches at St. Neots. Considering their collective lack of experience it was a great effort to finish level fourth with Derbyshire. I was rather surprised that Murray Corbin said that our team "played reasonably well". He did not even mention Bernie Lazarus, who must be one of the most under-rated players around. At the first week-end he reduced Paul Savins to near speechlessness and only lost to Cunningham and Dixon. Here he gained a priceless point for us against Middlesex by beating Philip Szekeres at the last gasp when we were 4-5 down and an even more priceless win against Derbyshire when he took the final singles after we were 5-4 up!

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Although I was referee of the Essex Junior Open at Harlow recently, I will still say that the Tournament was a great success, and ran perfectly to schedule, with the Finals commencing when they were supposed to. No small credit for all this was due to our Organiser, Mr. Barry Grainger. There were some fine performances by Essex players, some of which I have mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Perhaps the greatest achievement was by 11-years-old Alison Gower, who had a win over Julie Brion (Berks) No. 45 on the Ranking List and thus joins that august company, leapfrogging over her older sister Kate, who, to date, is only No. 20 on the Cadet list! Then there was the almost unknown Rachel Reid (13) from Brentwood who had a win over the ranked Lisa Coulson (Berks).

Our three delightful girls, Tanya Holland, Lisa Hayden and Gillian Patten, all had good victories. Tanya and Lisa have been mentioned in my Tournament Report but not Gillian who did herself no harm at all by having a win over higher ranked Helen Broomhead (Yorks).

The microphone resounded throughout the week-end with plaintive requests for Damian Holland to report to one table or another, and deputations had to be sent to various quarters to find him (once as far as Macdonalds!). Despite all this his partnership with

Michael O'Driscoll flourished in both the Cadet and Junior Doubles. Finally I am sure everyone will join me in our happiness at seeing our popular County Secretary back in action and in good health, after the operation she underwent immediately after leaving Harlow, where she performed as diligently as usual as Umpires Controller.

Alf Peppert reports from....

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

As our sport advances well into the 80's the time has surely come for the E.T.T.A. and high ranking County Administrators to realise that hanging on to old dogmas and ideas in a rapidly changing environment is not really on, simply because modern problems require modern outlooks. Critics of our sport (and there are many) are always asking questions and the answers of ten or so years ago are perhaps no longer valid.

The E.T.T.A. and workers in our sport are not magicians - there is no magic wand to wave - but this should not debar us from seeking new ideas.

Take County matches as one example. I think most enthusiasts would agree, they are poorly attended. Why then do we not make more use of our Leisure Centres instead of some out of the way draughty Village Halls. Run them at one set date all over the Country in Leisure Centres, where perhaps this would bring in more genuine enthusiasts (both players and administrators). If this were done a similar situation would be created that already exists at most 1- and 2-star Tournaments, thus giving the true enthusiasts the opportunity to meet socially.

Our final County match of the season v Hampshire presented us with rather treacherous weather conditions for most of the way to Hambleton Village Hall, but once there Keir Donaldson and his team made us very welcome and, prior to leaving, hot bangers and beans certainly prepared us well for the journey home.

Yes we lost again, nothing new, we haven't won one yet, and now that we shall be back in the 3rd Division next season it seems only sensible to me that our County teams, Senior and Junior, should get down to some serious practice this summer. Not too early - not too late, BUT WELL IN TIME TO BE PREPARED.

## PROVIDENCE CAPITOL COUNTY PREMIER LEAGUE

The last three rounds brought an exciting climax, with the winners and runners-up being decided by the last two points of the very last game. Indeed, with so many factors contributing to this thrilling final, it

would have been impossible to plan it deliberately, but, first let's set the scene for the final round of the matches.

After 7 rounds Neil Taylor's team were unbeaten and they had a lead of 4 points over Darren Griffin's team, and 5 points over Graham Slack's team, but they had to play Griffin's Tornados twice, both matches being crucial. Then Neil Taylor took a job in Dorset and was unavailable, his place being taken by Gloucester Junior Dale Saunders in the 8th round. Dale did well to win 2 sets, but his elder brother Craig, for the very first time, lost all his and they went down 5-4 to Andrew Golding's team. Meanwhile Griffin's team were in sparkling form and beat Steve Moreman's team 7-2, while Slack's team chalked up 6 points v Richard Russell's side, this reduced the lead of Taylor's team to one point over Griffin's team and to three points over Slack's side.

In the 9th round, Griffin's team beat Taylor's team 6-3, while Slack's team ran up seven against Andrew Golding's team: so at the start of the last round Griffin's team had 47 points, Slack's 46 and Taylor's 45. For the final round Mark Owen, the Hereford County player, was available and he took over Taylor's position.

Slack's team beat Golding's team 7-2 to give them 53 points. On the next table Griffin's team were leading 4-3 so, if they won their last two sets, they too would have 53 points (in the event of a tie there would be a count back of games won and lost) but cards of previous matches were not available at the venue and no one quite knew what result a count back would produce.

In the battle of the number 2's between Alan Giles (Taylor's Pommies) and Martyn Lane (Griffin's Tornados) the score reached deuce in the third. Twice Alan had set point, but Martyn drew level then took advantage of his first set point to win 24-22, so all depended on the clash of the number 1's Griffin and Owen. Mark won the first 15 but Darren levelled with 19. In the vital third both players had leads but lost them, until the score reached 19-all, but amid high tension Mark won the last 2 points, thus restricting Griffin's team to a 5-4 win and to a total of 52 points.

## Final League Table

|                           | P. | W. | L. | Pts. |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|------|
| Slack's Savages           | 10 | 7  | 3  | 53   |
| Griffin's Tornados        | 10 | 7  | 3  | 52   |
| Taylor's Pommies          | 10 | 7  | 3  | 49   |
| Golding's Goldiggers      | 10 | 4  | 6  | 41   |
| Moreman's Muppets         | 10 | 3  | 7  | 41   |
| Russell's Razzle-dazzlers | 10 | 2  | 8  | 32   |

## Leading Point Scorers:

Nol's N. Taylor played 21 won 21, Griffin 27-24, G. Slack and S. Moreman 27-22, A. Golding 24-19, No 2's, D. Smith 30-16, S. Callum 27-14, P. Wood 30-14, M. Lane 24-13, No 3s, C. Saunders

30-13, G. Greening 27-12, A. Vale 30-11.

It is very gratifying that the Sponsors, Providence Capitol, have agreed to sponsor the League yet again next season.

And finally upon the County Premier League, very grateful thanks to its Chairman John Boyd for supplying the above information.

clubs in Cheltenham", writes Dave Shill, "based at the St. Mark's Community Centre."

During their long history, St. Mark's have never been fortunate enough to win the Cheltenham 1st Division, often finishing runners-up as they have done for the past three seasons.

The Club has two County-ranked players, Richard Russell (Avon) and Frank Jones (Glos), who both deserve medals for outstanding service.

Opponents became accustomed to Richard Russell travelling up from Bristol during his University days, but they thought they had seen the last of him when he took up employment in London much earlier this year. Such is the player's Character however that he recently undertook a 200 mile round trip after a day's work to boost the Saints challenge for that elusive title.

Meanwhile Frank Jones is renowned for his heroics in the face of sustained injury and has achieved some amazing results whilst hopping about on one foot, when at full fitness he is fully capable of beating any player in the County. Last season he beat the County No 1 Darren Griffin, also Steve Moreman and Martyn Lane.

Another St. Mark's 'crock', is long-serving club Secretary, Dave 'Tennis Elbow' Shill, nowadays restricted to playing left-handed in Div 4. Dave's place in the 'A' team squad has been filled by Peter Slack, who is very well known in Midland League Veteran circles.

St. Mark's 'B' team of Godfrey Browning, Dave Vye, Ben Boulton and Charlie Carter, have been leading Div 2 for most of the season, but after recent setbacks it looks as if they too may have to be satisfied with the runners-up spot.

Captain of St. Mark's 'C' is John Boyd who contributes so much to the sport as an administrator. Super-Veteran Reg Jenkins, still

going strong at the age of 80, is in charge of the 'D' team.

Most of the members have been with the club for a number of years, and it must be admitted that the average age is on the high side. This season has seen the launch of a new

team, comprising Mike Brown, Steve Chandler and Joe Hefter who have succeeded in winning promotion from Div 4 at their first attempt.

The fact that St. Mark's players seldom move elsewhere is indicative of the contentment within the club. There is an overriding concern that the game should be played in the right spirit, and the lack of a 'Win at all costs' approach has probably made the difference between finishing first and second on at least one occasion, BUT DOES IT REALLY MATTER.

## NEWS FROM STROUD

October 1985 will be a real milestone in the history of the Stroud and District League. 'Fifty years ago a small band of enthusiasts organised the starting of our League'

administration has always depended on common-sense and good sound judgement.

It would be fair to say that for the past 25 years the backbone of Stroud's management Committee has been two ever-presents, Les Smith has been the League Secretary for that period and also, for most if it, has been doing the combined job of Sec-Treasurer. Dave Lewis has been the Match Secretary for the same period, and between them they have given a record service for which the League

Junior team. Alan also mentions not to forget the Cadets who finished third in the West Midland League behind very strong Launceston and Pontesbury sides. Well done - Keith Rodway, Andrew Stratford, John Pobjoy and Steve Rodway. Well done Lads.

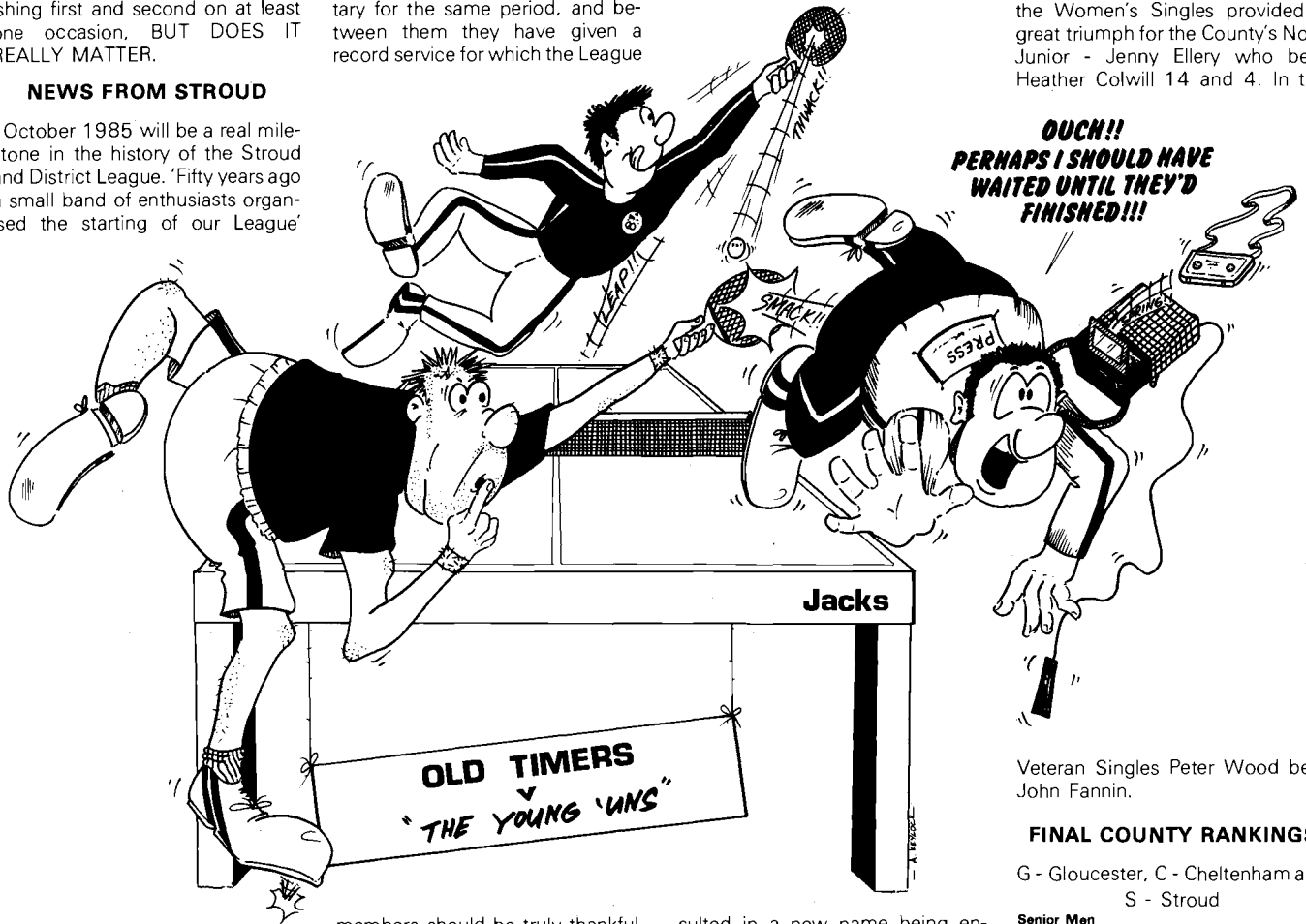
## STROUD SCHOOLS

**Senior:** These Championships were held at Marling School and re-

ing Richard Russell, 11, 15, 18. Russell now working in London came down specially for the event.

The Mixed was won by Heather Colwill/William Dawe who beat Jenny Ellery/Griffin, 19, 15.

The Boys' Singles was won by Dale Saunders who beat Lawrence Symonds -19, 12, 20. Open Doubles title went to William Dawe/Griffin who beat Peter Wood/David Smith 15, 12, and the Women's Singles provided a great triumph for the County's No 1 Junior - Jenny Ellery who beat Heather Colwill 14 and 4. In the



Veteran Singles Peter Wood beat John Fannin.

## FINAL COUNTY RANKINGS

G - Gloucester, C - Cheltenham and S - Stroud

### Senior Men

1. Darren Griffin (G)
2. Neil Taylor (S)
3. Andrew Golding (S)
4. Graham Slack (C)
5. Steve Moreman (G)
6. William Dawe (G)
7. Sylvester Callum (C)
8. David Smith (G)
9. Martyn Lane (G)
10. Frank Jones (C)
11. Peter Wood (G)
12. Craig Saunders (G)

### Boys

1. Saunders
2. Dale Saunders (G)
3. Lawrence Symonds (G)
4. Tony Wilson (G)
5. Howard Williams (S)
6. Adam Peck (C)
7. Keith Rodway (S)
8. Neil Gingell (S)
9. Gary Thomas (G)
10. Steven Hodges (G)
11. Adrian Stalley (C)
12. Steven Rodway (S)

### Senior Women

1. Cathy Robb (C)
2. Christine Iacopi (G)
3. Jenny Ellery (G)
4. Heather Colwill (G)
5. Julia Evans (C)
6. Julie Bearcroft (C)
7. June Hall (C)
8. Julie Phillips (S)
9. Clare Symonds (G)
10. Suzanne Webley (S)

writes Ray Westbury, and adds 'it would be well to remember that the many hours of pleasure, enjoyed by countless numbers of participants, are indeed thanks to their forethought and enterprise'.

The present Chairman of the League, John Bunn, is compiling a booklet on the League's long history, and he has uncovered many fascinating facts about those very early days. It would be most interesting to speculate how today's leading players would have fared then, without the technological advances of today's specialist rubbers. John hopes to have his booklet ready for the 50th Anniversary, and it's sure to be good reading, a reflection of all the hard work and time that he is putting into the project.

The League has always been blessed by having good management Committees, many of its participating clubs come from outlying villages - well away from the centre of Stroud, and the League ad-

members should be truly thankful.

The attitude of the League has always been to look forward, and the recent venture of a News Letter has proved to be very successful. It has created much interest and open discussion, and although the Editor (Dave Pobjoy) often complains about the lack of contributors from the rank and file, he can be well pleased with his efforts.

Stroud has not confined its activities to its own Parish. It has been a strong supporter of the County Association, and has provided many Officers for that body and there is no reason to fear that the next 50 years will not be as successful as the past.

Thank you Ray Westbury for that report.

Still with the Stroud League: A report from 007½ My special Stroud Agent, Alan Lardner, who only naturally sings the praises of the Juniors (Williams, Gingell and Rodway) who between them won the Midland Junior League Div 4, a first ever success for any Stroud

sulted in a new name being engraved on the Trophy.

Marling School defeated last year's champions Highwood by an aggregate score of 14-6 with Ian Pooler and Steve Rodway being unbeaten for the Champions.

**Junior:** Here again a new name will appear on the Trophy with last year's runner-up Minchinhampton, this year taking pole position. The Minchinhampton trio of Andrew Thompson, Matthew Payne and Andrew Cluer dropped only one set in achieving their success.

## STROUD'S FINALS RESULTS

J.D. Suzanne Webley/Howard Williams bt Neil Gingell/Keith Rodway 17, -9, 13.  
O.S. S.F.s: Peter Harris bt Tracy Watkins 12, -17, 16.  
Steve Davies bt Alan Giles 19, 24.  
O.D. John Bright/Watkins bt Harris/John Bunn 12, 15.  
B.S. Williams bt Paul Vick 14, 16.  
X.D. Alan Duke/Watkins bt Harris/Suzanne Webley 19, 10.  
V.S. Ray Poole bt Bright 21, 16.  
W.S. Watkins bt Webley 17, 15.  
O.S. Final: Harris bt Davies 15, 15.

## GLOUCESTER FINALS

A capacity crowd saw Darren Griffin retain his singles title by beat-

# County Notes

## Girls

1. Ellery
2. Symonds
3. Webley
4. Dawn Bowles (C)
5. Nikkie Clarke (C)
6. Jenny Egan (C)
7. Cheryl Fannin (G)
8. Caroline Stainer (S)
9. Elizabeth Turner (C)
10. Leila Abdulla (C)
11. Caroline Thompson (S)
12. Lystra Maisey (C)

## Severn-Sound Independent Local Radio

This season I have recorded 29 regular weekly broadcasts, one live Broadcast lasting 5 minutes from the Gloucester Leisure Centre on the Beneficial Cotswold Junior Select and in conclusion have had the pleasure of 14 individual Radio Interviews - with Players and Administrators all of which have been heard over the air. My thanks to everyone for their co-operation.

## BITS AND PIECES

At last year's County A.G.M. I proposed that the Warner Shield Tournament should be shelved. My proposition fell flat on its face and a decision to retain it yet again for season 1984-85 held good.

Now will some kind person anywhere in the County please inform me why, this season, has NOT ONE WARNER SHIELD MATCH BEEN PLAYED?

At the time of writing Nina Tsakarisanos is convalescing in Greece after her major operation for back disorders. She has not played at all this past season, but we wish her well upon her return to normal health and table tennis.

In conclusion may I take this opportunity to thank the many kind friends who have helped to keep this Gloucestershire Column alive - Alan Lardner and Ray Westbury from Stroud, Peter Slack, John Boyd and Dave Shill from Cheltenham, and Bryan Merrett from Gloucester. Have a lovely summer and hopefully see you next October.

David Cosway reports from....

## HAMPSHIRE RELEGATION AVOIDED

Hampshire Senior team reserved their best performance for their last match and their 7-3 win over Gloucs. was sufficient to keep them above Essex II on sets average and avoid relegation. While Kier Donaldson's coaching and captaincy may have worked in the end, his management must still be suspect. Doubts about Kathy Ridgard's availability led to Cheryl Buttery - Kierans, being recalled on the day as standby and being needed. Kathy has not had the best of times with the County team since being recalled following her county tournament win. Her sets in the first match were negated

because she had not been ranked in time and now in this match a shambles over travelling arrangements. Hardly the way to treat your county champion! Ramish Bhalla - yes he does play for Hampshire not Surrey as suggested in the last *Table Tennis News* - was again on song and won both his singles, while Graham Toole and Derek Holman each lost to Darren Griffin and combined to lose to Griffin and Steve Moreman at 'deuce' in the third in the doubles. The women's events were won comfortably with Cheryl and Jill Green winning a singles each and combining for the doubles. The Junior team and both Veteran teams finished in the middle of the table. There is talk about the need for a second county team to be entered next season. Certainly it is unfortunate players of the ability of Cheryl, Kathy, Jill, Sara Hammond and Barbara Clark on the female side cannot be guaranteed regular county play. Also on the male side there is a wish to use a second team as a stepping stone between the Junior and Senior teams. However, the stumbling blocks are the costs and finding a team captain.

The revised ranking list for the Juniors issued on March 1 is:

1. Paul Hudless (Ald)
2. Sean Pickin (Bas)
3. Paul Lawrence (Ald)
4. Paul Whyton (And)
5. Richard Mandair (So)
6. Mark Thorne (So)
7. Stuart Ottley (Bas)
8. Jason Hickee (Bas)
9. Baljinder Gill (So)
10. Jason White (Bas)
11. Martin Johnstone (So)
12. Robert Kinnison (Bas)
13. Matthew Crammond (Ald)
14. Philip Davenport (Bas)
15. Dominic Giles (Ald)

Clearly this list is composed after the Hampshire Junior closed and while it is difficult to criticise I did wonder about Luang La who lost in the Southampton Junior final. He had a difficult draw in the Hampshire and is not ranked at all despite four other Southampton players appearing. Luang came over as one of the 'Boat People' from Vietnam and has impressed not only with his play but his temperament and personality. Unfortunately this was his last season as a Junior. While on the subject of juniors I must refer again to the regrettable situation regarding Michael Auchterlonie. Michael was born in Hampshire, lives in Hampshire, plays club table tennis in Hampshire and is coached in Hampshire. Despite these factors Wiltshire insist on calling him theirs. The ETTA ranking list class him as Wiltshire despite the fact that the Wiltshire appeal against Hampshire's refusal to release him was turned down. All very unfortunate and a slight against the people in Hampshire who have done so much

to help Michael on his path to the National Cadet Rankings. I hope now all will be forgotten and he will take his rightful place in the Hampshire Junior team next season.

I am afraid I have received no information from the HTTA League Secretary on the inter-town leagues and can only report on the junior division where Gen. Sec. Harold Aldbury has sent me the tables after the second set of matches, which read:

### DIVISION I

|               | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Aldershot     | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 10 | 8   |
| Bournemouth A | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 16 | 5   |
| Southampton A | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 18 | 5   |
| Southampton B | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 29 | 2   |
| Basingstoke   | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 27 | 0   |

### DIVISION II

|               | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Portsmouth A  | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 33 | 17 | 8   |
| Bournemouth B | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 23 | 27 | 5   |
| Portsmouth B  | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 29 | 3   |
| Winchester    | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 17 | 2   |

Jaques Generation of Fareham followed their excellent draw with the champions Ellenborough with a sad 'whitewash' at the hands of Ormesby. The poor match, the first time I can remember saying that of the Jaques team, was due to them being forced to field two reserves. The only tight sets involved Kevin Satchell. I felt sorry for Jaques for they were forced to postpone the original fixture for, I thought, pretty thin reasons, when Ormesby had 'star' players involved elsewhere. Ormesby, however, being a big club have the strength to find good reserves while Jaques fulfilled the new fixture date with two very weak players.

I will finish my season's reporting with a round-up of the local Leagues from whom I have received information. From **BOURNEMOUTH** I am indebted as usual to the 21 Up magazine from Harold Pearce. I note that Elsie Carrington, resident in Bournemouth, is to be honoured by the award of the Geoff Harrower trophy at the ETTA AGM. I am sure all her friends in the county will join me in congratulating her on this well-deserved honour. In the individual championships the evergreen Trevor Smith of Merton won the men's singles beating Steve Davies of North in the final 19 & 7. Harold rates Tracey Scott-Pawson as his 'player of the tournament' and with a win over Debbie Applin in the women's singles, a win over Trevor Smith in the Div. 1 final and combining with Sarah Thomas to win the women's doubles, I think he is right. M. Toole of New Milton won the veterans' title after an 'expedite' final against Bunny Ellis. Leanne Harman and Rodney Thomas won the mixed against Paul and Debbie Applin. Rodney Paul and Debbie Applin. Rodney Thomas also took the premier title with a win over Ellis and the junior event beating Jason Hegarty. The U-15 Juniors went to Debbie

Applin while Paul Bignall won the U-13 title.

The **GOSPORT AND FAREHAM** League Div. 1 finished in the same order at the top as last year with the Fareham 'Blue' team of Alan Long, Peter Parsons and Andy Whitcher, with reserve Bob Cox, winning the championship from Generation II, 'Galaxies' and Fareham 'Amber'. Phil Wheaton of ARE Amazons finished top of Div. 1 averages with 92%. Central Sports Tornados took the Div. 2 title. Generation II 'Meteors' the third and Knowle 'hawks' the fourth. In the Closed only two of last season's winners retained their titles. In the men's singles none of the top four seeds reached the final. Whitcher, the holder, lost in the semi to Keith Childs -10, 13, 14 who in turn lost in the final to Long who had beaten John Dubber 15, -16, 17 in the other semi. The holder of the women's singles, Jan Turley, failed to arrive for her semi against Wendy Lewis. Ann Abrahams beat Junior Laura Savaka 14 & 9 in the semi that was played and went on to beat Wendy in the final 7 & 14. In the Juniors Adrian Walton beat Richard Gorman -9, 12, 21 in the semi, while Ian Jones beat James Mortimer 14 & 14. In the final Jones won 19 & 14. The veterans' title was retained by Brian Pitcher with a final win over Paul Wilding. Whitcher and Parsons retained the Men's doubles title. The mixed went to Parsons and Laura Savaka who beat Dave James and Betty Shaw in the final 15 & 8. Keith Davies, the Gosport Vice-Chairman, was in charge of a well organised and smooth

New champions of the **PORTSMOUTH** Div. 1 are the Cowplain 'Blue' team of Mark Bleakley, Ken Burton, Ray Lush and Pete Woodacre just pipping champions Generation II Aces at the post. A surprising defeat for Generation to third team Hambleton 'Swallows' ended their hopes of retaining the title. Held for the first time at the prestigious Mountbatten Centre the Closed was not without its problems. The awaited clash in the Men's singles between Toole and Bleakley failed to materialise when Mark did not arrive. He thought the tournament was the following week! Graham beat Graham Pointer 10 & 7 to reach the final where he met Andy Bugdon who had beaten Mike Gurney in the semi -17, 13, 15. A tight first game in the final but Toole retained his title 21 & 15. In the Women's singles Jan Turley arrived this time for the semi against Wendy Lewis and won -13, 15, 12 while in the other semi Laura Savaka beat Mary Warren 19 & 17. In the final Jan was taken close by the promising Junior Laura before

winning the title 14, -19, 14. Laura had her revenge when she joined fellow Junior Lisa Rice to win the Women's doubles final over Jan and Wendy Lewis 17, 15. In the corresponding Men's event Lush and Woodacre beat Gurney and Norman Stagg, 18, -14, 12. Ray added another veterans' title to his collection with a -21, 16, 8 final win over Stagg. In the Juniors Philip Watson beat Laura Savaka 13 & 15. Stagg had some success when he joined Mary Barren for a mixed victory over Charlie Charles and Jan Turley 18, -14, 11.

In **SOUTHAMPTON** Snobs A again comfortably won the premier division title with their team of Chris Wilshire, Terry Bruce, Jeff Mitchell and Ken Giles. Four T's A finished runners-up and with a team of Toole, Thomas, Mark Wilding and Nick Frost had the players to beat Snobs but lack of commitment and inability to field their top players against the top teams meant the Snow team were not pushed as they should have been. Guess who managed the Four T's team! Veteran Don Cartridge led his Alpha C team to the Div. 1 title by a single point from Romsey A.

In the **SOUTH EAST HANTS** end of season tournament the shock defeat was of leading player Bleakley by Gurney in the Men's singles but the championship went to Woodacre who beat Mike in the final. Mark Wilding and Bugdon won the open doubles defeating Portsmouth champions Lush and Woodacre in the final. The Cowplain 'Royals' team of Woodacre, Ken Burton and Lush added the South East Hants first division title to their Portsmouth championship with an unbeaten record. Bleakley chalked up a 100% average. Denmead won the second division from Civil Service 'Brown' while Eastney Cherokees took the third division championship from Marconi. A new innovation in South East Hants instigated by Paul Wilding is the Hard Bat Summer League. I will look forward with interest to the result of this experiment - I hope they have supplies of two colour pimple rubber.

So on to my own favourite league **WINCHESTER** who next season celebrate their Golden Jubilee. The IBM A team of Mark Walmsley, who only lost one set to record a 98% average. Andy Ely, Andy Whitcher with support from Colin Easton and Tony Burbridge retained the first division title. King George's A with Dave Hall returning a 94% average won the second division and Kathy Ridgard's 100% record helped Worthy Down A to the Div. 3 title. Kathy won the Arthur Richards Cup for the "performance of the season", the first time this has gone to a female. Winchester Chairman, Des Hall, in describing why they had given her the award, pointed out that not only is Kathy in the National computer rankings and

County Champion, she has helped youngsters in playing in a lower division and giving her team mates encouragement. She refused to enter the Div. 3 tournament which she obviously could have won, and would not accept the Owen Booker Cup for the top average because she was playing below her standard. Well done Kathy! In the Closed Ely convincingly retained his Men's singles title with a semi-final win over Jeff Mitchell and a final victory over Mark Holt. Kathy Ridgard predictably won the Women's singles but was taken by surprise and to a third game by some excellent hitting by Celia Patterson. Kathy gained a further title combining with her Worthy Down Junior team mate Jeff Giles to win the mixed over Eddie Milsom and Dorrie Barnes. Mitchell and Rowe Bennett took the Men's doubles with a win over Nigel Lidders and Milsom. Rowe added the veterans' title with another victory over Eddie. The Junior champion was Trevor Collins who beat Simon Harding. Trevor had earlier narrowly lost the Div. 3 title Steve King. Steve Hatch won the Div. 2 final against Dave Hall.

Well that's about all for this season. I am sorry if I have not reported on your league but the answer is in your own hands.

Harry Stevens reports from...

## HERTFORDSHIRE POINTS SHARED

The Senior team were home to Oxfordshire and shared the points with a draw.

Oxons established a 2-0 lead. John Taylor opened the Herts score. Karen Morton and Linda Walters lost their doubles at 16 in the third. Taylor and Perry Somers had a comfortable win in the men's doubles and Somers, after a close second game at 19, brought the score to 3-all. Karen was unfortunate to lose at 19 in the second game. Taylor's win brought the score to 4-4 and Linda put Herts ahead for the first time at 5-4. John McCance played hard, but unsuccessfully for the last set: 19, -21, -16. A fair ending to an excellent match.

## HERTS DIARY DATES

A.G.M. Friday June 21, Community Centre, Allum Lane, Elstree. Club Competition: Sunday May 19, Barnet Centre.

## HERTFORD LEAGUE

Creasy Cup: M.S.D. I bt Cheshunt II, 5-3.

M.S.D. Trophy: Hatfield Poly I bt Hertford Eagles 7-2.

**Finals:** Clifford Troll Trophy and Hertford Builders Trophy was held

on Wednesday 24th April. Richard Hale School.

**A.G.M.** 22nd May, Richard Hale School.

| Leaders             | pts | pts             |
|---------------------|-----|-----------------|
| Premier M.S.D. I    | 20  | Hertford I 17   |
| Div 1 Police I      | 21  | Huddesdon II 21 |
| 2 Eagles I          | 22  | M.S.D. II 22    |
| 3 Haileybury B.C. I | 25  | Cheshunt IV 24  |
| 4 Consumers Assn.   | 27  | Fairview 24     |

## ST ALBANS LEAGUE

After a gap of two seasons the closed tournament was held over the weekend 12th-14th April at De Havilland's Sports and Social Club's table tennis hall.

| Leaders          | pts | pts              |
|------------------|-----|------------------|
| Div 1 Napsbury   | 23  | St Albans 18     |
| 2 D.H.C.         | 32  | St Michaels B 25 |
| 3 Cottonmill     | 30  | Napsbury A 26    |
| 4 Mar. Baptist   | 24  | Post Office 28   |
| 5 Mar. Baptist B | 25  | Brit. Tel. 24    |

|                  |      |              |      |
|------------------|------|--------------|------|
| Div 1 S. Greep   | 95   | G. Tyler     | 87.5 |
| 2 M. Lyons       | 98   | M. Patterson | 94   |
| 3 D. Holmes      | 93.3 | P. Styles    | 89.9 |
| 4 Rose           | 90   | Coleman      | 84   |
| 5 Carolyn Martin | 91   |              |      |

John Prean looks....

## BEYOND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

### A FAREWELL TO ARMS (With apologies to Ernest Hemingway)

My postbag has been fuller than usual. Many of my pen friends wanted to know whether my 'ban' was total or partial. The question is academic. While my county notes appeared as usual, an article on the state of the English Professional Player was banned. It had some hard hitting and interesting things to say, but it was not published. These notes are therefore the last thing of mine you will read in this magazine and, until the banned article is published, that will remain the situation. *(As a parting gesture, John, you will find your article published. Ed.)*

Editor Yates too will depart at the end of the season. For 19 years he has done a magnificent job. I respected his liberalism, tolerance and humour. Some years ago there was a move to present the magazine to a commercial company (which later went bankrupt - as things turned out). I did my duty then. I stood up to be counted. When I was under pressure, I did not get the same support and the forces of censorship won. Civilisations may be judged by their treatment of minorities. The E.T.T.A. must judge how *it* emerged from this test.

### What of the future?

I live not far from a local sports centre and often see young chaps who once played league table tennis, passing my window with their snooker cues - a symbolic sight which tells much of the story of English Table Tennis. The Island's

leading player is off to Germany, but at least HE will continue to play table tennis. That too tells in starker terms the story I have tried to unveil in these columns. The whole thing is so ridiculously sad...mass defections at the grass roots and departures at the top. That is how low this fabulous sport of ours has sunk. There must be better ways to run things than this.

### Now to the local news...

I proved a better prophet in respect of the World Championships (dominated by penholder players with short pimples) than in my own land where I had confidently predicted that Ryde would keep their 1st Division Title, but Sandown beat them 6-4 thanks to a Roger Hookey hat-trick. I saw this excellent match. No Roger next season as he has left us - as I wrote in my previous notes. Andy Coughlan too is off - back to Wales - and Sandown will have to start building a team again, but, wherever they are, this will be a night to remember.

### More entries than the Closed...

That is what our annual 'Hard Bat' continues to attract. It is, of course, a fun event, as few still play with 'Barnas', but has given us some tremendous evenings. C.P. became the first 'sponger' to break the grip of the 'professionals', particularly Graham Brimson who has won in 3 of the last 4 seasons. That was the Final and the International lost the first game, but gradually clawed his way back with some good backhands in the course of an entertaining match.

That was part of our End-Season Festival of Table Tennis.

### Other Highlights

Father Pete and Son Ian Urry winning the Handicap Doubles Title just as they did last year. They really ARE a very good pair. Pete and brother Keith won the HardBat Doubles. Sharon Urry (13) Pete's daughter nearly won the Championship of Divisions 4 and 5, but Graham Hughese pipped her in the final. As Murray Corbin MIGHT have said, she already pushes well on both wings, now she has to get some dynamite into her forehand and then the sparks will really fly... Roger Merry won the title for Division 2 to 5, beating Kevin Williams in the final. Richard Skinner won the Under-17 for Players in their first year of league table tennis. He is a product of Cowes High School, the only school entering teams in our League these days and no praise can be too much or too great for the effort of John Featherstone and his team put into the sport. This was just another reward and well deserved.

# County Notes

## Last County Match - we lose 6-

4.

Both the Island and our hosts Dorset II were well below strength. Ours was in effect a B Team with C.P. at the World Championships, Jim Daly working, Regina on holiday and so forth. However, our Joy Batten and Sharon Urry won three between them. It was Sharon's debut and Joy's first ever singles win for the County. She played with anti-loop both sides a her own hard bat is illegal (same colour both sides). As she loves it and has played with it for 20 years and it is 'legal' in our league, she does not want to change it or risk putting boot polish on one side which would, I am told, make it 'legal' again. Such are the facts of life. Words fail me - for once.

## Super Cup

Wroxall won the Peach 'Super' Cup by beating Columbia 6-3 in their final. It was a tactical as well as palying triumph. The rules of this competition are that no team must field players with an averages totla of more than 160% (achieved in the previous season). Wroxall's answer wasto field some improving players whose averages are certainly much higher THIS season. They were Veterans Bill Kittle and Alan Hulbert, whilst Keith Taylor always does get his name on a lot of cups! Bill as taken to 'expidite' by Maurice and Chris Fenn and these were the two Columbia had to win. They did not and only a C.P. solo went on the score sheet.

## 'Expidite' Reflections

I certainly share reader Bruce McKenzie's views that, whilst we all want to see 'rallies', we want them to be good ones. A higher net would produce longer rallies of both kinds. I have always favoured an earlier call to 'expidite'. I regard 10 minutes as about right. I speak with feeling as I went the distance on 20 occasions in one fast-moving season. It was also a memorable time for my team mates, as they departed to a neighbouring pub whenever I strode to the table. My guilt feelings never left me. Yes, 10 minutes is enough.

## Hello and Good-bye

Though you will not see my name in these columns, I shall still be around. With Carl mainly in Germany I shall not go to quite so many tournaments, but I shall continue to take an active part in the sport. My faith in Table Tennis remains. Two decades ago Snooker was quite insignificant. When the 35-year-old Ray Reardon turned professional, after his first season he had £8 in the bank. Today Snooker is the darling of the media and a growth industry. Things happen as quickly as that. Tomorrow it could be our turn - and

why not? Yesterday may be a catalogue of missed opportunities, of chances bungled and public relations disasters. Tomorrow may be another story and this fabulous sport of ours may find its place in the sun. We can all be part of this. We can make it happen.

Terry Bown reports from....

## LEICESTERSHIRE 'PREMIER BOUND'

The County Senior squad duly secured their return to the Premier Division next season when they beat Yorkshire II 7-3 in their last fixture to take the Div 2A Championship.

In a match that was always going Leicestershire's way Dave Gannon, Phil Smith and Chris Rogers got the county off to a flying start with straight game wins ove D. Illingsworth, P. Longstone and D. Munt respectively. The first reversal came in the Women's Doubles which saw Karen Smith and Julie Revill lose a tight two-ender to M. Seaton and L. Broomhead. Rogers and Gannon restored the three set advantage with a workman-like job to take the Men's Doubles. Premier status was assured when Gannon overcame Longstone to win Leicestershire's much needed fifth rubber. With the pressure off, the last four rubbers were shared when Rogers and Karen Smith beat Illingsworth and Seaton respectively. So, there's everything to look forward to next season when, hopefully, the Seniors start their extended run in the higher strata.

The Juniors saved their best performance for their last match, going down 4-6 away to Warwickshire. Loughborough's Paul Bumpus opened the match with a best of three win over Verendar Chauhan only to see the advantage lost when Ian Brown and Richard Grimley lost their opening rubbers. Tracey Clark and Gail Chapman squared the match, winning a close Girls' Doubles over Dawn Bromley and Tracey Green. Bumpus and Brown lost the Boys' Doubles but the proceedings were squared yet again when Brown overcame Chauhan in the most exciting rubber of the day. Tracey Clark, with a fine win over Dawn Bromley, gave the Juniors a chance of their first point of the season at 4-5, however it wasn't to be as Grimley found the talents of Steve Swallow too much to bear.

With Veterans conceding their match against Essex II, the results were as follows:

**LEICESTERSHIRE 7 YORKSHIRE II 3**  
D Gannon bt Illingsworth 18, 10; bt Longstone 13, 14.  
P Smith bt Longstone 5, 12; lost to Mun -16, -15.  
C Rogers bt Munt 10, 9; bt Illingsworth 9, 20.  
K Smith/J Revill lost Seaton/Broomhead -17, -19.  
Rogers/Gannon bt Illingsworth/Munt 19, 15.  
Revill lost Broomhead -15, -10.  
Smith bt Seaton 8, 14.

## WARWICKSHIRE 6 LEICESTERSHIRE 4

(Leicestershire names first)  
P Bumpus bt Chauhan -13, 10, 15; lost Randle -16, -8.  
I Brown lost Swallow 19, -13, -15; bt Chauhan -19, 20, 18.  
R Grimley lost Randle -8, -10; lost Swallow -15, -11.  
T Clark/G Chapman bt D Bromley/T Green 13, -12, 15.  
Bumpus/Brown lost Randle/Swallow -19, -19.  
Chapman lost Green -10, -17.  
Clark bt Bromley 13, 15.

## ROSE JOHNSON

### MEMORIAL TROPHY

There was disappointment for organiser Audrey Watson when an entry of only 21 players took part in the 24th staging of the above, ladies only, handicapped competition.

Glenys Odams, who has had such a good season, found herself giving away more points than she would have liked, but still managed to get to the final of a competition she has won on four previous occasions. Karen Smith paid the penalty for being just too good - she won her 2nd round match against Joanne Murray, having to give Joanne 14 points start, but in the next round found giving 13 start to Tracey Clark just too much. All credit to Karen for entering and giving some of the league's more lowly competitors a chance to play against her.

Jose Rogers had a very good tournament, reaching the semi before coming up against Liz Bryant, and Tracey Clark, the holder of the trophy also reached the semi before losing a close match against Glenys. One person very pleased with her handicap was Knighton Park's Liz Bryant. A 12-year-old who has improved over the last few weeks of the season, it was obvious from the start that she would be hard to beat. To reach the final Liz won against Anne Thomas's long pimped rubber, then conquered Jane Heath's spin, followed by Jose Rogers's hard bat! In the final she had 11 start against Glenys, but when Glenys pulled back to 10-14 it looked as if the youngster would crack. To prove what a good temperament she has, she took the next few points to put herself back into a commanding lead and went on to take the first game. She lost the second at 20-22 but with great concentration, a good range of shots and a cool head, she took the Trophy.

### RESULTS

**SEMI-FINAL** Tracey Clark lost Glenys Odams (+2) - 15, 20, -18; Liz Bryant (+11) bt Jose Rogers 18, 15.  
**FINAL** Liz Bryant (+11) bt Glenys Odams 17, -20, 13.

## LEICESTER CLOSED

The Leicester League's Closed Championships of Sunday 17th March were held for the first time ever at the Granby Hall Leisure Centre where facilities available were generally an improvement to the Leicester University sports hall.

The entry list of nearly 300 saw many fine matches of a high standard with lots of enthusiasm and

commitment displayed. There were many fine rallies and matches like Phil Smith getting the better of Maurice Newman in the Men's Singles semi, the excellent Mixed between Tony Kinsey/Julie Revill and Newman/Jane Heath which saw the former progress to the final. There were lots of close matches - P. Lad defeated R. Ahmed 30-28 in the third; S. Amin beat Graham Imlay 29-27 in the second; Mike James lost to Steve Day 20-22, 22-24; Mike Steeples beat Joanne Heath 21-18, 19-21, 21-19; Keith Bramhall beat D. Gohel 20-22, 21-19, 21-18; Tony Kinsey lost to Maurice Newman 25-27, 22-24. All this and the ladies provided some excitement too, how about Janet Panters' performance against Julie Revill going down 21-17, 10-21, 16-21 and Liz Bryant's 9-21, 22-20, 21-18 versus Joanne Heath.

A successful day then, which was achieved by the people who volunteered their help and are too numerous to name.

### RESULTS

**MS:** Graham Hall bt Phil Smith 14, 15; **WS:** Karen Smith bt Julie Revill 14, 13.  
**CS:** Chris Kinsey bt Graham Imlay 13, 21; **BS:** Paul Bumpus bt Andrew Clark 16, 3.  
**IS:** Martin Pickles bt Bumpus 20, 17; **VS:** Geoff Aldwinkle bt Brian Mayfield -17, 19, 15.  
**UNDER 100** Craig Watt bt Vaughan Allington -19, 19, 13; **UNDER 150** C. Kinsey bt Alex Mason 20, 19.  
**UNDER 200** Dave Clawson bt Michael Steeples 17, 17; **UNDER 250** Tim Odams bt Terry Highton 16, 12.  
**UNDER 300** Martin Simpson bt Steve Day 18, -19, 14.  
**MD:** Hall/Maurice Newman bt Smith Steve Kenney 19, 16.  
**XD:** Simon Grew/Smith bt Tony Kinsey/Revill -16, 23, 9.

Kath Fisher reports from....

## LINCOLNSHIRE

### THREE CHEERS FOR THE VETS

Congratulations to our Vets team who are the new champions of the Premier Division. Everything depended on the matches between Lincs v Herts and Cheshire v Kent. Lincs won theirs 6-3 and had decided, thinking Cheshire would beat Kent, that they would be runners-up on games difference. But Kent had other ideas and pulled off a great win also 6-3.

A little later a 'phone call to Lincs gave them the great news that they were the winners by 2 clear points. This win was thoroughly deserved. The team (Matt Sheader, Brian Allison, Brian Edlington and Connie Moran) have played well all season and only lost one match to Essex 5-4 when they had a reserve in as Edlington was not available.

In the Grimsby Closed, Pauline Hale pulled off the surprise of the season by winning her first singles title. Pauline, who has been entering for about 30 years and has

won doubles titles, always found the singles eluded her, often getting to the semi or the final but not clinching the title until this year when she beat Linda Thompson in the final of the women's singles. Sharon Harvey also did well in this event, beating Mrs. Moran before losing in the semi to Pauline. Other events went more or less as expected.

## Results:

**M.S: s-fs:** M. Sheeder bt G. Moran 9, 12; B. Allison bt I. Walker 13, 17.  
**Final: Sheeder** bt Allison 14, 20.  
**W.S: s-fs:** P. Hale bt S. Harvey 13, 15; L. Thompson bt K. Fisher 18, 17.  
**Final: Hale** bt Thompson 21, 11.  
**M.D: s-fs:** Allison/Sheeder bt W. Noon/P. Taylor 20, 12;  
 R. Blow/W. Moran bt G. Moran/Walker -21, 19, 14.  
**Final: Allison/Sheeder** bt Moran/Walker 18, 13.  
**W.D: s-fs:** Fisher/C. Moran bt A. Baker/H. Wilmore 19, 18; Harvey/Thompson bt E. Blastland/Hale 16, -11, 19.  
**Final: Fisher/Moran** bt Harvey/Thompson 21, 16.  
**M.V.S: s-fs:** Sheeder bt T. Marland 5, 12; W. Moran bt Allison 16, -16, 18.  
**Final: Sheeder** bt Moran 10, 9.  
**W.V.S: s-fs:** Moran bt Hale 19, 9; Fisher bt Wilmore -12, 18, 17.  
**Final: Moran** bt Fisher 18, 15.  
**X.D: s-fs:** Walker/Harvey bt Taylor/Thompson 21, 11; Sheeder/Moran bt G. Moran/Hale 17, 11.  
**Final: Sheeder/Moran** bt Walker/Harvey 9, 16.  
**B.S: Final: Noon** bt J. Whattam 12, 9.  
**G.S: Final: Thompson** bt Harvey 13, 19.

Logsdon available beat Sussex II 6-4 even with the twins having an off-day. Sue Allen weighed in with a two-straight beating of Sue Hafenden and Wendy Hogg had a rare battle with the very steady Sheila King losing 19 in the third. All in all it makes one wonder what we could have done had our best team been available for all matches. Norwich and District has had a busier time than usual this year with the 50th Anniversary celebrations on March 29, which I was invited to attend together with Tom Blunn but that evening I was on my way to Macclesfield with my wife for a VETS tournament. Associated with these celebrations the league held a special competition for Divs 1 to 4 and another for Divs 5 to 10. These were very well attended and possibly will become a regular feature of the season. The premier divisions were to have their own competition as the highlight of the week but only 8 players entered so it was cancelled, I say no more. Another innovation this season was a pairs championship limited to 32 pairs and after a slow start for entries was played off with a full complement of players most of whom would like it repeated.

Sunday, March 24 was the date of the Norwich closed championships. Entries poured in then Norwich beat Ipswich in the Milk Cup semi-final at Carrow Road to reach Wembley - Sunday March 24! Many players then withdrew as this doesn't happen very often. The championships carried on, only a little reduced, but some seeded players were absent. Phil Logsdon was present and carried all before him in the Singles, as expected.

His team have won Premier A Division, Readwin Cup, and even the handicap cup with Phil off minus a hell of a lot. Another happening was the Richard Morley Memorial Trophy for which eight players are nominated for their services to the game, not necessarily their playing excellence. Gothics' Tony Hipperston was a most popular winner of this trophy, and as a veteran player I hope to see him in action next season with the County team. Presuming we have one or two.

A special meeting of all interested in the future of the County Association has been called to discuss among other important matters, such as finance or the lack of, what in the way of teams should we enter next season. It has been mooted that two veteran teams be applied for as there seems to be plenty of players of the right age and interest. Should this happen and there are players out there in the other parts of Norfolk who read this and are interested please contact me.

One final thing, I was looking hopefully for World Championship results in the papers and the *Daily Mail* said it all - T.T. World individual results - Chinese except where stated.

Pauline Long reports from....

## NORTHUMBERLAND CANADIAN VISIT

The Northumberland County junior teams were privileged to play hosts to the Canadian National junior side when they made a short tour of this country prior to participating in the Commonwealth Championships in the Isle of Man.

The boys' team were victorious in their match with Thomas Blackman and Peter Curry each winning a singles and combining to win the doubles set for a 3-2 win: The girls, however, were well beaten and failed to record a single success as they slumped to a 0-5 defeat.

### RESULTS

**Boys**  
 Blackman lost to John Mah -19, -20; bt Lam Tan 13, 9.  
 Curry lost to Mah -18, -16; bt Tan 18, -18, 17.  
 Blackman/Curry bt Mah/Tan 19, 19.

### GIRLS

Clare Mouzon lost to Cathy Chu -19, 14, -15; lost to Helene Bedard -11, -14.  
 Denise Wilkinson lost to Chu -11, -14; lost to Bedard -12, -15.  
 Mouzon/Wilkinson lost to Chu/Bedard -17, -12.

The Byker Newcastle first team had an excellent win in the Halex National League when they won 7-1 away to South Yorkshire II. Neil McMaster, Eddie Smith and Blackman won two sets each and Stephen George one. McMaster is having a particularly good spell at the moment and is unbeaten in the second half of the season at the time of writing. The second team, however, crashed to yet another defeat when they lost 3-5 at home to South Yorkshire III.

In the National Team Knock-out Competitions, the Northumberland League Wilmott Cup team beat Bradford 5-0 and were due to meet Liverpool in the next round. The Carter Cup side, however, after beating Sunderland 5-0, fell 1-8 at the quarter-final stage to Sheffield. The Bromfield Trophy team were due to play Ormesby, but were unfortunately forced to forfeit the match owing to first Northumberland then Ormesby being unavailable to play on the suggested dates - by which time the closing date had passed.

Northumberland players performed well in the recent South Yorkshire tournament. Peter McQueen added another class 2 singles title to his name and also reached the men's singles final by beating the highly-ranked Nigel Eckersley in the semis, but losing out to Steve Mills at the final stage. Ian Robertson, partnered by Brian Johns of Cheshire, won the men's doubles title when they defeated Kevin Satchell and Steve Brunskill in the final. McQueen and McMaster reached the semis but after losing the first end they were forced to pull out because of an injury to McMaster. Eddie Smith reached the quarter-finals of the men's singles and McMaster got to the same

stage of the Class 2 event, while Stephen George reached the semi-finals of the latter event where he came up against McQueen.

Most of the Northumberland League promotion and relegation positions have now been decided. Tyne Dock Y.C. having led the way in the Premier Division nearly all season, slipped up at the finish and were pipped at the post by Byker C.C. 'A' for the championship. Byker's team of McMaster, Smith and Keith Patterson clinched the title when they defeated North Shields YMCA 'A' in their final match. Tyne Dock's downfall came about when they were beaten by North Shields YMCA 'A' and Reyrolle 'A' as well as being held to a draw by Newcastle YMCA 'A' - the latter result being the most surprising of all considering that the YMCA team, together with North Shields YMCA 'B' are doomed to relegation.

The Wansbeck squad of Charles and Clare Mouzon, Derek Williamson and Alan Hill have already won the Div. 1 title and they will be joined in the Premier Division next season by either Electrics 'B' or Lemington C.C., who were due to meet each other in their final match. At the other end of the table, Whitehouse Lane 'B', Blyth Town 'A', Reyrolle 'B' and BSRA 'A' all drop into the second division.

The Boldon C.A. squad of John Burke, Ken Bowman, Ronnie Bell and Doug Cole were runaway winners of Div. 2A, with Northumbria Fire Brigade 'A' finishing in second spot. A very closely fought Div. 2B was eventually settled with Electrics 'B' (Ron and Kevin Shakesheff, Jonathan Miller and Andrew Beattie) winning the championship and Ashington YMCA 'A' taking second place equal on points with Tyne Gas Welfare 'A', but with a slightly better sets average.

Dunston Hill Hospital 'B' were clear winners in Div. 3A with North Shields YMCA 'D' seven points behind them. Div. 3B was won by Shanklea 'A', who remained undefeated all season, while Woodlands Park Old Boys were the runners-up. Shanklea 'B' and John Boste Y.C. 'B' are still fighting for the top place in Div. 4, although both teams are assured of promotion. The former needed two points from their last two matches to go up as champions.

Byker C.C. 'A' also had the chance of a League and Cup double, as they were due to meet Revac in the semi-final for a place in the final against Tyne Dock.

The Tyneside Summer League season was due to commence the second week in May and will run until approximately the second week in August.

Ray Hogg reports from....

## NORFOLK

### EARLY START LATE FINISH

At the middle of April all our County commitments are honoured and all local leagues are finishing off the odds and ends and preparing for the AGM's and how to entice people to them. Then I find out that there are no less than 3 more National League matches still to play - the last one on May 19. I complained about the early start to the N.L. and I now complain about the late finish. I would like to see the season condensed between October and April but my sympathies go to the persons who have to work out the calendar. Norwich Foxwood N.L. team have some sorting out to do before next season as the retirement of Doug Bennett has left a bigger hole than was thought at the time. Maybe Stephen Howlett could become anchor man at 4 and also a steadying influence on a fairly young team. Also Coach/Manager John Vaughan is finishing at the end of this season only because he publicly stated that he would do the job for two seasons if required but then wanted to get back to normality. Having known John for many years when he takes on a task, be it playing or administration, he gives his all and he must have been slightly disenchanted with the attitude of some of his players at practice sessions.

Our senior 1st team is finishing on a high note by taking a point off Kent II with our Stevenson twins scoring all five, and then with Phil



# County Notes

Michael Tunningley reports from....

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE TITLE CLINCHED

On a happy note, I am pleased to report that Notts Juniors have clinched the Div. 3A title following an excellent unbeaten season.

The squad comprising Adrian Bolton, John Holland Robert Fearn, Tim Sheppard, Kay Mayall, Claire Oldman and Michelle Tomlinson have proved they have the talent and ability to go far during the coming years.

The crucial fixture which decided the County Championship came when they faced the strong Lincolnshire team who were also unbeaten at this time.

Holland, Fearn and Bolton gave Notts a flying start by defeating Chris May, Wayne Noon and Mark Arnold respectively. The two Notts girls Mayall and Oldman fought hard in the doubles before eventually losing a thrilling third set 27-25 to Linda Thompson and Joanne Mole. However wins in the boys' doubles and by Holland over Noon brought the score to 5-1 and it was left to Bolton and Kay Mayall to leave Notts with a 7-3 victory.

Having already achieved their goal Notts travelled to Cleveland for their final fixture and again recorded a 7-3 win to put the icing on the cake. Wins for Bolton (2) Sheppard (2) Holland (1) Mayall (1) plus the boys' doubles left Notts looking forward with optimism to next season in the higher league.

## LATEST COUNTY RANKINGS

### MEN

1. Trevor Kerry
2. Ransford Scott
3. Mark Pearson
4. Mark Edwards
5. Lee Neil
6. Richard Tilford
7. Gordon Fearn
8. Mike Bishop
9. Cecil Davis
10. Paul Clarke
11. Barry Taylor
12. John Holland
12. Tim Sheppard
12. Pete Colbrook
12. Robert Fearn

### WOMEN

1. Pauline Sirmppson
2. Jackie Bull
3. Angela Brettell
4. Kay Mayall
5. Alison Taylor
6. Susan Everatt
7. Michelle Tomlinson
8. Claire Oldman
9. Andrea Tunningley

### BOYS

1. Adrian Bolton
2. John Holland
3. Tim Sheppard
4. Robert Fearn
5. Robert Yong
6. Stephen Taylor
7. Gary Sheppard
8. Adrian Elson
9. Richard Stokes
10. Tommy Oldham
11. Ashley Hewes
12. Kevin Flynn

### GIRLS

1. Mayall
2. Tomlinson
3. Oldman
4. Tunningley

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CLOSED

15-year-old Kay Mayall has reason to be proud of herself following the Notts T.T.A. Closed held at Mansfield Leisure Centre.

Not only did she win the Girls' Singles title but she went on to achieve the Women's Open Singles title by defeating the Notts No 2 ranked Jackie Bull in the final.

Ransford Scott took the Men's Singles title defeating Richard Tilford in the final.

### OTHER RESULTS

**OD:** M. Pearson/T. Bramford bt R. Tilford/L. Neil  
**BS:** A. Bolton bt John Holland  
**BD:** R. Fearn/J. Holland bt A. Bolton/T. Sheppard  
**CS:** R. Yong bt A. Hewes  
**GS:** K. Mayall bt C. Oldman  
**Mixed Doubles winners:** B. Taylor/A. Taylor  
**Veterans:** A. Jesson bt J. Ellis

## WORKSOP LEAGUE

Unbrako 'A' have clinched the Div One Title for the fourth time in five years after a season's struggle with runners-up Genefax. Unbrako's team of Paul Clarke, Dale Ajeto, Ian Bailey, Paul Mitchell, Mick Riley and Ron Whitehead have really done well considering the absence of Ajeto who has been working in Australia on the QE2 and Paul Clarke through injury and work commitments. Both players were missing at length during the season but their squad provided an excellent back-up when required to do so.

CWS 'B' convincingly won promotion from Div 2 and at the time of writing Gerhard Moellers appear to be in a good position to go up with them despite their shock defeat by Batchelors 'C' recently.

The Div 3 championship is still undecided with Sports Centre currently holding a 1 point lead over their close rivals Glass Bulbs and with both sides due to play each other in the last match of the season an exciting finale is envisaged.

Worksop played Retford in their Annual Inter-Town Competition over two legs and ran out overall winners 21-15.

Following the 1st leg when Worksop 'A' beat Retford 'A' 6-3 and Worksop 'B' went down 5-4 to Retford 'B' Worksop held a slender two set advantage for the return. Retford 'A' reversed the scoreline of 6-3 when they defeated Worksop 'A' but Worksop 'B' gained a decisive 8-1 victory over Retford 'B' to ensure the F. E. Holdings trophy for 1985. A total of over 150 people watched the event which proved to be a total success.

Despite a reduction of industrial closures in the Worksop area the hard-working coaches have gained a large number of juniors for their Sunday afternoon coaching sessions. Some 30 players now attend the four hour course on a regular basis and the league are hopeful all the hard work will bear fruit to increase the number of teams next season. Many thanks to Mick Bar-

trop, Pete Colbrook, Paul Clarke and Dale Ajeto for all their efforts.

The league's chairman Mr. Norman Davison soon acted on the league's behalf when he saw a new youth club opened in his village of Carlton-in-Lindrick. He immediately made contact with the youth leader and organised a junior tournament and unbelievably acquired 60 entrants, of which 45 turned up on the day. The venture was a huge success and it will now be an annual event.

Following discussions between the league, Bassetlaw District Council and the officials of the Bassetlaw Sports Centre the league look set to have their own table tennis headquarters during 1986. Although a number of points still have to be ironed out it is a step in the right direction as the Centre can cater for up to 800 spectators and there is talk of the offer of the Centre staging County and International matches.

The Council have already acquired 6 table tennis tables for the summer league and have virtually promised a £20,000 grant for roof repairs. A good liaison between all parties followed by frank discussions seem to be the order of the day as the league's committee try to bring table tennis in the area into the 1990's.

In closing my first report, I would be most grateful if all leagues in information giving news items of their area in order that they can be printed in the **Table Tennis News**.

Following the tragic death of **Gerry Chapman, the Notts County reporter, Mike Tunningley, the Hon. Sec of the Worksop and District TTL, has taken over yet another role. Ed.**

Gerald Green reports from....

## SHROPSHIRE

### SHROPSHIRE 'CLOSED'

Top seeds Malcolm Green and Alison Gibson, both of Grove TTA., duly won the men's and women's singles titles at the Shropshire 'Closed' held at the Grove School, Market Drayton.

Green demonstrated his superiority by beating all the opposition in straight games - Gary White (Telford), John Holding (Telford), Ian Baker (Shrewsbury), Colin Wilson (Grove), and in the final Keith Sillitoe (Grove) 21-9, 21-8, could not counter the top spin play of the defending champion.

Alison Gibson won her women's title after beating Vicky Boyd (Grove) in the final.

Green and Sillitoe combined to win the men's doubles and predictably, Alison and Vicky gained the honours in the women's doubles.

Runners-up in the men's event were Terry Jones and Malcolm Langford of Telford and second in the women's event were Caroline Ashcroft and Tara Hanley of Grove.

The boys' singles title went to Justin Goodall (Pontesbury) with team-mate, David Morris runner-up.

Vicky Boyd won the girls' title with Cheryl Jones of Oswestry runner-up.

The boys' doubles final was claimed by Morris and Goodall and the girls' doubles title by Boyd and Audrey Barnett. Morris won the cadet boys' singles title at the expense of clubmate, Matthew Jeffrey.

Richard Brown (Pontesbury) is under-12 boys' title-holder and Gail Ottolini posted her intentions in the under-12 girls' event, beating Claire Marshall and Sasha Talbot before extending Tara Hanley.

Caroline Ashcroft fought her way to the final with wins over Claire Hand, Laura Talbot and Anne-Marie Williamson. The final saw Ashcroft beat Hanley in three.

Shrewsbury's Mike Beaman was a well deserved winner of the veterans' competition at the expense of Bill Herbert of Telford.

## GRADED SINGLES

In the Grove School graded singles Justin Goodall upset the form book by beating clubmate Colin Wilson in the final of the R and R Roofing grade A singles having lost to his ultimate adversary in the preliminary group matches.

The much travelled Anthony Elliott from RAF Shawbury won the IMC grade B event beating Paul Brown of Grove in the final.

The Roofrite grade C competition saw a Telford player winning for the first time in the two year history of the event.

Peter Jones underlined his recent rapid improvement with a final win against Richard Brown of Pontesbury.

A resolute Claire Marshall emerged winner of the Salop Roofing grade D event. In the final she narrowly beat Alan Hendy in an all Grove clash.

Claire Holland won the Wylie and Holland grade E competition after meeting Michael Pigram in the final.

## COUNTY LEAGUE (4-A-SIDE)

Grove of Market Drayton, who finished their season unbeaten, are the winners of the Shropshire County League in its inaugural year.

Grove clinched the title beating Fitzalan of Oswestry 6-2.

Grove Juniors progressed up the table as they beat Telford B in a hard fought match.

Shrewsbury secured third place with a resounding 5-2 win over Telford A.

## TELFORD LEAGUE

In Div 1 Shifnal A finished their remaining matches by beating Tarmac C 8-2 and narrowly beating Broseley A 6-4.

They must now wait and see if Albrighton A can win their three remaining matches. P. Coulson won her two sets for Tarmac against Shifnal while M. Beaman won his three for the Broseley team.

GPO B are doomed to relegation as they narrowly lost 6-4 to fellow strugglers Tarmac C. J. Wooton winning three and P. Coulson two. They then lost to Tarmac B 10-0.

Tarmac A beat Tel Dev A 8-2, M. Evans winning his three for the Tarmac A side.

## MIDLAND LEAGUE

Telford veterans travelled to Leicester to play their last Midland League fixture in Div 1 hoping for their first win of the season. But Leicester had other ideas as they ran

Leicester had other ideas as they ran out 6-4 winners. Holding won two for Telford.

## SHROPSHIRE RANKINGS

Malcolm Green of Grove retains his position at the top of the Shropshire NMW ranking list.

His successes in the English and Shropshire Closed all count in his ranking.

Alison Gibson of Grove retains her top spot in the women's list following her successes for Grove II in the Shropshire County League.

Justin Goodall of Grove and teammate, David Morris, head the boys' list. Victoria Boyd of Grove holds top position in the girls' list.

## RANKINGS

(Grove unless stated)

### MEN

1. Malcolm Green
2. Keith Sillitoe
3. Justin Goodall
4. Tim McGill
5. Chris Edwards
6. David Morris
7. Ian Baker (Shrew)
8. Darrell Corfield (Pontes)
9. Gerry Owen (Oswes)
10. Colin Wilson

### BOYS

1. Goodall
2. McGill
3. Norris
4. Corfield
5. David Williams
6. Robert Holding (Tel)
7. Simon Cooper
8. Nigel Holding (Tel)
9. Matthew Jeffret
10. Paul Brown

### CADET BOYS

1. Morris
2. Cooper
3. Jeffrey
4. Brown
5. Paul Corfield (Pnt)
6. Chris Day (Pnt)
7. Paul Ainsworth
8. Richard Brown (Pnt)
9. Adrian Phillips (Pnt)
10. Neil Martin

### WOMEN

1. Alison Gibson
2. Victoria Boyd
3. Audrey Barnett
4. Alison Barker
5. Julie Ballard
6. Colette Soan
7. Cheryl Jones (Osw)
8. Carol Wickstead
9. Dawn Wickstead
10. Caroline Ashcroft

### GIRLS

1. Boyd
2. Barnett
3. Barker
4. Jones
5. D. Wickstead
6. Ashcroft
7. Nicola Thorneycroft
8. Tara Hanley
9. Claire Marshall
10. Louise Townsend

### CADET GIRLS

1. Boyd
2. Barnett
3. Ashcroft
4. Hanley
5. Marshall
6. Townsend
7. Johanna Dyke
8. Gail Ottolini
9. Laura Talbot
10. Sarah Pigram

## NATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Superb displays by Tara Hanley of Grove School U-13 girls, and Claire Marshall, of Market Drayton Junior School U-11 girls, were not enough to lift titles when they took part in the finals of the national schools team competition at Matlock.

In both sections the Market Drayton sides finished third.

Grove School fought a tense 4-4 draw with Longsands School, St. Neots, with Tara unbeaten and Johanna Dyke and Caroline Ashcroft adding one win each.

Archbishop Cranmer School from Leeds proved too strong for Grove, who fell 7-1. Tara beat Emma Harrison.

Market Drayton Junior School must regard themselves as the most unfortunate team of the day as their players lost five close three-game sets.

The Drayton team fell 5-3 to both Buttersby Junior School (Billericay) and Highfield School (Chorley).

Claire Marshall was the most outstanding player on duty, being unbeaten against Highfield and only losing to the highly-rated England starlet Tanya Holland in a close match against Buttersby.

Claire Hand gave an impressive performance, winning one in each fixture, with Laura Talbot fighting hard to record one win against Buttersby.

Tony Carey reports from....

## SOMERSET

### WHAT IS A WEEKEND

Highlight in Somerset has been the achievement of the Senior team in winning the 3B Division thus

gaining the long-sought promotion, which will bring the fresh challenge of playing against different players at different venues. And talking of challenges, we have seen the emergence of some of our good juniors as prospective good seniors which has given this county a senior squad to be proud of, a fact which I am sure the future will confirm. Players in this category are Mark Bryant, Philip Payne and Melonie Carey. Well played Somerset and good luck next season, and keep yourselves fit as I am sure Tony Russe will be calling squad training sessions early. 'Balance', that is the key word.

## CORNISH JUNIOR 2-STAR OPEN

Down amongst the pixies and the friendly folk again.

Somerset's cadets and juniors travelled to Redruth to complete this long-standing tournament which, over the years, has provided good competition, this year being no exception with Somerset prominent. The host county also were in prominence especially in the cadet section. I was quite impressed by their young starlet Rachael Plummer from St. Ives. I don't think I have ever seen a player as young as her who is so light and fast on her feet, this should enable her coach to build power and variety into her play the basis of which she showed best in the final of the U-12's against another fine player, the youngest of the Wright family, Helen, who with an older sister to follow and a Two-Star coach as a father will, I predict shake a few established cadets and juniors next season. This final finished in Rachael's favour. The corresponding boys' final also emphasised the depth of talent emerging from the south west, with Michael Auchterlonie (Wilts) making a great recovery to defeat his rival Neil Bevan (Bude) who in the cadet event had got the better of Michael, but it wasn't to be Neil's day, as another fine prospect Matthew Pownet (Thames Valley) won an exciting final. In the cadet girls' event another good prospect in Tracey Scott-Pawson (Dorset) came good against Sarah Kettle (Bristol).

Who were the Somerset heroes you may ask? Well they were creating upsets with some of the younger ones showing signs of confirming their potential and some causing a few eyebrows to be raised. The older juniors featured prominently, with Payne in a nail-biting boys' semi with Paul Savins who just headed Philip 20 in the third. But there was some consolation for Philip in the doubles when, in partnership with Murray Barter, they beat Paul and Darren Smith of Warks. Melonie reached the final of the girls' singles to meet her close rival and doubles partner Helen Perrott of Avon, Mel winning and then doubling with

Helen in the doubles final beating Michelle Cohen (Avon) and Sarah Webb. These two wins of Melonie's follow in the footsteps of that other fine junior Juliet Houghton of Kent.

This was not the end of the weekend as after an early return on Sunday, (2.30 a.m.!) three young ladies, two from Bridgwater and one from Yatton, travelled to Reading to play an afternoon match in the Bromfield, returning home tired but satisfied with another 5-1 win. The team was Melonie, Sarah and Kirsty Withyman.

The following weekend there were two local events which attracted the diehards, the Yeovil and Bristol Closed. I know that Bristol is in Avon but there are some Somerset players who compete in other leagues to gain greater experience. In this context I mention Melonie, Lee Sadler and John Smeeton. Unfortunately, Lee was committed to his home championships which he duly won, but John and Melonie competed very well at Bristol, Melonie progressing to four finals winning two, the U-15 girls' singles and doubles then losing in the girls' singles to Michelle Cohen and to the same opponent in the women's final. This indeed was Michelle's weekend and very much deserved after past disappointments and a nice way to end her junior career.

## SOMERSET II v CORNWALL (Yeovil) March 16

This match was another pointer to the depth of the Somerset senior squad, the team being John Crabtree, Philip Payne, Tony Murrell, Melonie and Shirley dark, and they performed extremely well against what I would consider was one of Cornwall's strongest teams of John Bassett, Ian James, Jeremy Williams, Alison Clements and Gail Davey. The match went to Cornwall 6-4 but they had some shocks for the hero of the day for Somerset being Payne winning both his singles against Bassett and James. The other sets won were the women's doubles by Shirley and Melonie and Melonie beating Alison Clements.

## SOMERSET SENIOR AND JUNIOR CLOSED (Bridgwater) March 17

Once again all the enthusiasm and determination associated with keen rivalry were in evidence. This atmosphere generated some exciting contests, the most memorable from the men's event being the battles that Sadler had with Brian Reeves in the semi and against David Lee who had won his semi against Murrell, but found Lee too sharp and so Sadler took his second Senior title in 3 years.

The next most important crown to be contested was the women's singles, with only Kirsty Withyman absent from the line-up due to flu. This proved to be a true cham-

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pionship with a fitting final between No. 1 seed Rebecca Russe and No. 3 Melonie Carey, a repeat of the Bridgwater final with Melonie again emerging the winner and capturing her first Senior title. This, for her, was the climax of a memorable day being the fourth win in five finals, her other successes being the U-15 girls', U-17 girls' Women's Doubles, with Rebecca, and only missing a grand slam at 'deuce' in the third in the Mixed, with Murrell, against Rebecca and Lee. There were some disappointments, the biggest being the eclipse of Payne by Barter in the boys' final but without taking anything away from either player it was a great final, lads.

## BRIDGWATER AND DISTRICT JUNIOR CLOSED (Chilton Trinity School March 24

Another interesting day's play especially amongst the U-12 and U-14 boys' and girls'.

The U-17 events went more or less to form except in the boys' event where once more Barter put the evil eye on Payne to win a fine final. The girls' event was marred by the absence of No. 3 seed Kirsty who was still stricken with the 'flu, which unbalanced the draw and prevented what could have been an exciting semi between her and the No. 2 seed Sarah Webb which I know Sarah was looking forward to. The other semi went to form with No.1 seed Melonie beating No. 4 Fiona Stiert. The final allowed the same lines with Melonie retaining her title for the third year running. Both finalists then teamed up to win the doubles which is played between either mixed teams or boys v girls. A well-deserved pat on the back for Mike Williams and his team who kept the tournament to time and sent us home early.

## SOMERSET I v SOMERSET II (Yeovil) April 6

This match would appear to be a cruncher between the established first team members and their heirs apparent in the seconds. But a different combination was tried in second team both to give the selectors some idea of player's potential and to enable the junior team who were playing Surrey II away to be at full strength, taking Philip, Melonie and Sarah to join Barter and David Wooldridge, a match which they duly won 8-2 to finish runners-up to Cornwall. But back to the Senior match and there were some surprises and welcome signs from newcomers to the seconds. Big upset was the win by Bryant over Reeves which must rank as Mark's finest.

A different women's pairing of Shirley dark (Yeovil) and Withyman combined well to beat Rebecca Russe and Judy Craig. Kirsty also

showed growing maturity in her singles with Judy only losing 'deuce' in the third, an indicator to the challenge there will be for the women's positions in the second team next season. Well played Somerset. Not forgetting team coach Tony Russe who also had a go for the seconds, and I have it on good authority made his opponents sweat a bit, which I hear they duly restored to their systems at the celebrations afterwards. Final result: First 8, Seconds 2.

## BROMFIELD TROPHY Bridgwater v Plymouth (away) April 7

Our girls did the town proud by recording a fine 5-1 victory. The first stroke of luck going our way was when Sarah pulled off a shock win in the first set over Susie Butler. This was followed by Melonie beating Helen Wright with Jane Wright then beating Kirsty. Melonie then beat Susie to put Bridgwater 3-1 up. Sarah then won against Jane and Kirsty beat Helen to give us the winning margin.

## ESSEX JUNIOR SELECT (Harlow) April 13/14

Once again a Somerset squad sallied forth to compete hopefully for more computer points against tough opposition. We only had one resolute entrant in the Cadets in Paul Smith and I hear he played well to win his group but then lost to Dale Saunders of Gloucester. Paul also competed in a junior group in which he did as well as expected although not progressing. Our juniors comprised Melonie and Sarah, Philip and Murray with the boys winning their group but hitting tough opposition thereafter. The same, to some extent, was the fate of the girls except that Melonie won her group, beating Helen Broomhead who, to my knowledge, she has never met before. The next round match was against Angela Saunders, an opponent who usually gives Melonie a good match and on the day was the better. This proved to be the end of Somerset involvement except for the girls' doubles, in which Melonie, partnered by Helen Perrott, reached the semi where they were beaten by Julie Billington and Kerry Hall. Well coached, Maurice.

## BROMFIELD TROPHY SEMI-FINAL (Brentwood) April 20

Once again Bridgwater's Melonie, Sarah and Kirsty set off early to face a 200 mile journey by car to compete against a formidable line-up of Lisa Hayden, England's newest junior selection to play Norway, and may I say that the news of her selection was one of the best pieces of news I have heard

this season. She has, in my opinion, been one of the truest ambassadors I have seen who reflects all that is good about the sport with her considerable skill, competitiveness and sportsmanship born out of years of hard work and determination, and I am sure that England teams of the future will be benefiting from her presence. It is a true saying "that the player is the most important person" and I would agree entirely but I would like to add a well played Sheila and Gordon.

Back now to the teams, the other players for Brentwood were Tanya Holland who on her day can upset the best, and at No. 3 a player who I have not noticed quite as much in tournaments but who has a reputation of also creating upsets. I refer of course to Joanne Cook.

So the stage was set for a tough tie. The first set featured Melonie v Tanya who had not met in competition since the Cadet Top 12 last season which Melonie won, and it proved the same this time. But Brentwood hit back with Lisa beating Sarah. Then came the clash of the No. 3's between Joanne and Kirsty. This proved to be a great set with Kirsty winning in three. Then came the crunch between Melonie and Lisa who had not met in competition before, and what a turn up for the book with Melonie emerging the winner. This win really lifted our spirits, but Brentwood did not let this deter them as Tanya proceeded to win the next against Kirsty to bring them within a grasp of levelling the scores and what a fight the next set proved to be between Sarah and Joanne with Bridgwater needing to gain a further lead knowing that Lisa and Tanya still had to play and Brentwood striving to level the score at 3-3. The atmosphere was electric both on and off the table with both girls giving their all. This set culminated in a nail-biting finish in the third with Sarah just getting the edge at 23-21. But Lisa came back for Brentwood with a win over Kirsty. Joanne put up stiff resistance to Melonie in the next set in which both girls were tense, but Melonie managed to find another gear to emerge the winner to ensure Bridgwater a place in the final. A marvellous match and a wonderful team performance. Thank you Brentwood for your good wishes.

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS 2-STAR JUNIOR OPEN April 21

No rest after the journey and exertion of the previous day for Melonie or myself as we had to head east once more. Payne and Barter also travelled with us and Helen Perrott completed the party. Once again the journey proved to be worth it with Philip reaching the quarters of the U-17's after an inspired win over Andrew Trott then competing well with Paul Amos but having to bend the knee.

Murray played well to win his group but then lost to Paul Savins.

Melonie and Helen started their challenge in the singles and doubles, Helen beating Kelly Bennett (Essex) then she had a blistering match against Lesley Souter which was a repeat of the previous week's contest which Helen won, but luck was not with her today as Lesley was having a good day when everything she hit scored. In the other half of the draw Melonie was steadily progressing, beating Cheryl Bateman, then recording her first win ever over Sarah Hammond in the quarters. Then a surprise coincidence in the semi as her opponent was again Lisa Hayden, Melonie winning the first but Lisa fought back to win 25-23. The third was a ding-dong to the turn when Melonie pulled ahead to win and book her place in the final against Juliet Houghton. A repeat performance of that in the South of England was in prospect but it was not to be with Juliet winning in two. But Somerset still figured on the winner's rostrum when Melonie and Helen won the doubles final against Lesley Souter and Sarah Hammond. This helped to partly offset the disappointment of missing the big one and to make our long journey home less tiring.

Jack Chalkley reports from...

## STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE FOR JILL

Although entries were about 10% down in the County Closed, only three of the top players were absent this year - Fiona Elliot, Adrian Dixon and Jill Powis attending the Commonwealth Championships. Main surprise was the defeat of top seed Jill Harris who gave an out-of-form performance in losing to junior Helen Lower in the semi-final. This opened the way for Janet Dunning to retain the Women's title which she has won on five occasions in the last nine years. Helen, top junior seed, also lost the junior final going down to Angela Sanders. The surprise in the men's singles was the defeat of the holder and second seed Craig Bakewell by fellow - Potter Stephen Slater, whose progress was then halted by Tony Isaac, winner of the title in 1971 and 1977. Tony went on to meet Andy Rich in a tactical semi, losing 17 in the third. The other semi was one of the highlights of the day. Top seed Andrew Bellingham met Mark Evans who, spurred on by enthusiastic support from the north of the County, stretched the County No 1 to give a sparkling display of fast, hard-hitting table tennis before fading in the third game 21-10. Rich has yet to beat Bellingham in these Championships, and once again Bellingham had little difficulty in

overcoming his friend and rival to take the men's final.

Stephen Slater had a good day, taking two junior titles, the top seed in the singles. Kevin Lawrence from Walsall, falling in an early round.

The other highlight of the day was the men's doubles final. Again, Evans and Bellingham were involved, holders Evans and John Hancock against 1983 winners, Bellingham and Rich. The score could not have been closer. The first two games were shared 24-22, 26-28, and Evans and Hancock led 20-14 in the third. Bellingham and Rich pulled back to deuce and to lead 21-20, only to succumb 23-21 against some courageous hitting by the Potteries pair.

The south of the County took 6 titles, the north 5 and Stafford took the remaining one when Bill Bridgeman won the Intermediates. Veteran John Riley regained the trophy which he first won in 1981, and his daughter, Natalie, gained her first County honour taking the cadet girls'. The cadet boys' saw the fast improving Adrian Thorp overcome Gary Knights in three, but we will hear a lot more of both these names over the coming years.

## Details:

**M.S:** Semi-finals: A. Bellingham (W'ton) bt M. Evans (Pott) 19, -16, 10.

A. Rich (W'ton) bt A. Isaac (W'ton) 12, -15, 17. Final: Bellingham bt Rich 14, 16.

**W.S:** Semi-finals: H. Lower (W'ton) bt J. Harris (Wal) 22, 11.

J. Dunning (W'ton) bt A. Sanders (W'ton) 19, 17. Final: Dunning bt Lower 13, -15, 15.

**M.D:** Final: Evans/J. Hancock (Pott) bt Bellingham/Rich 22, -26, 21.

W.D: Final: Sanders/Harris bt Dunning/J. Chubb (W'ton) 19, 16.

**X.D:** Final: Bellingham/Harris bt Rich/Sanders 13, 17.

**I.S:** Final: W. Bridgeman (Staff) bt Martin Harvey (W'ton) 14, -16, 16.

**V.S:** Final: J. Riley (Pott) bt P. W. Smith (Pott) 13, 15.

**B.S:** Final: S. Slater (Pott) bt N. Tongue (Staff) 15, 19.

**G.S:** Final: Sanders bt H. Lower 19, 14.

**J.D:** Final: Slater/I. Miller (Pott) bt G. Knights/S. Hanks (Lich) 16, 16.

**C.B.S:** Final: A. Thorp (W'ton) bt Knights-19, 15, 15.

**C.G.S:** Final: N. Riley (Pott) bt S. Hawkes (Tam) 14, 13.

Despite his disappointment in the County Closed, Craig Bakewell had the pleasure a week earlier of winning the Potteries Closed Finney Cup for the men's singles. He beat the holder Stan Deakin in the semi and then defeated the Sussex County player, Adrian Moore, in the final by 19 in the third. Newcomer Carrie Filmer took the Baker Cup for the women's singles, beating holder Tricia Brookes in the final.

## Details:-

**M.S:** (Finney Cup) Bakewell bt Moore 22, -17, 19.

**W.S:** (Baker Cup) Filmer bt Brookes 20, 17.

**M.D:** (Leeding Cup) Hancock/Evans bt Moore/Deakin 15, -18, 20.

**W.D:** (Upton Cup) Filmer/J. Blair bt K. Rogers/J. Callaghan -17, 19, 18.

**X.D:** (Proctor Cup) Brookes/Hancock bt Filmer/T. Turner 10, -14, 18.

**V.S:** J. Riley bt P. Smith 13, 10.

**J.S:** (Beryl Broad Trophy) S. Slater bt I. Miller 19, 11.

Jenny Callaghan, losing doubles finalist, had on the previous day won the English deaf singles title in London - congratulations, Jenny!

The Walsall Closed included a new 'hard bat' singles event - in preparation for the County Hard Bat Tournament. The event was well supported, and the indications are, from Don Pritchard's report, that Walsall will have a strong entry for the County competition. (It was pleasing to see a good entry from Walsall in the County Closed this year, following last year when the local and County competitions clashed on the same date.) A new name appears on the Walsall men's singles trophy, Steve Taylor defeating Keith Baker 19 and 10 in the final. As expected, Jill Harris took the women's singles title, beating Grete Willacy 10 and 10 in the final, and the same two ladies also figured in the mixed final, Jill, partnered by Danny Jordan, taking it from Grete and Phil Pearce, -18, 13, 10.

## Other Results:-

**V.S:** John Beresford bt Phil Canning -15, 19, 13.

**J.S:** Mark Stretton bt Andy Till 14, 11.

**I.S:** Andy Stokes bt Martin Harvey 6, 11.

**M.D:** Stretton/Pearce bt Beresford/Jeff Wilcox 17, -18, 12.

**J.D:** Roger Brissett/James Dufty bt Andy Gale/Andy Irons 9, 12.

**H.B.S:** Sid Parker bt Gordon Woodhall 12, 19.

**U-13:** Darren Stokes bt Scot Piper 13, 14.

Completing the Staffs. Schools individual results from last month - U-16 winners Stephen Slater and Louise Sherratt, runners-up David Gamble and Jane Winter; U-19

boys' winner Steven Meigh, runner-up C. Wilson; U-11 winners Wayne Nash and Joanne Foxall, runners-up R. Wilson and J. Bickerton.

The County League programme has virtually been completed. Potteries A retain the Div 1 title on sets difference from West Bromwich A. Wolverhampton B and Walsall B were runaway winners of Divisions 2 and 3 respectively, but Wolverhampton D had to beat Stafford Vets to take Div 4. Although Stone were easy winners of Div 5, it was heartening to see Tamworth Juniors as runners-up.

The last two events of the County calendar are the Malcolm Scott Memorial Restricted Tournament, staged by the Woodfield Club in Wolverhampton, and the Hard Bat competition, staged in Stafford on May 11 along the lines of the event successfully run by the local league. We are anticipating a very interesting day. Will the top sponge players be able to adapt? Will the games overrun, necessitating the use of the expedite rule? Will it prove popular and successful? Well, we must wait and see, but already it has been suggested that we run a hard bat league next year as an alternative alongside the current leagues, thus opening the way for one possible solution to the affliction now being suffered by table tennis.

activity during the past month, particularly a top ten National competition. Unfortunately I have no firm details of the results but I understand that Richard Jones and Cheryl Bateman (Cadets) were Surrey's only representatives in the events. The Juniors have have been relegated from the premier division. Mike Kercher says he's not unduly worried as in his experience junior results go in cycles. Two years ago, you'll remember, they actually won the premier division.

## The Veterans

### Sussex Snakes swallow Surrey

On April 6 Surrey Vets visited Sussex, at Brighton, to play their last game of the season. The match was significant because we had to win to save ourselves from being relegated. Because, although not everyone seems to agree, 2 teams **do** get relegated from Div 2. With this in mind it did not help that we were playing a team who had not been beaten all season, and were, of course, top of the division.

The match was like playing snakes and ladders. When occasionally we did land on the ladders we found them short and unsteady, like a step ladder with one short leg. Usually we found ourselves landing in the wide open throats of the many snakes.

Gordon Chapman, Frank Hams, Brian Simmonds and Vera Beesley (Surrey) played against Robin Stace, Gerry Batt Rawden, Alan Rowden and Valerie Gillan (Sussex 1). Unfortunately we lost 9-0 which means we are now relegated.

## AROUND THE LEAGUES

The Wandsworth League celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year. It was formed immediately after the 2nd World War and began with an organisation called the Wandsworth League Association. This association comprised of 7 other sports, among them were Football, Darts, Snooker, Ladies Hockey. These sports gradually dropped out one by one, or went their own way, but Table Tennis continued to flourish. For the whole period of its life the League's Treasurer and Assistant Secretary has been Harry Smith. Harry is now 73 years old and has kept the records of all the league and cup matches that have been played. He has a copy of every handbook published.

With Harry on the League Committee was another Surrey stalwart, Fred Joyce. The committee used the clubroom of the Aluminium Plant and Vessel Company (A.P.V.). This company still exists but we think they are now based in Crawley, Sussex. Mr. Seligman, a director of the Company, became President of the League in the early days.

Some players who have played in the League have been Johnny

## DETAILS

| Division 1       | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Potteries A      | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 36 | 14 | 8   |
| West Brom A      | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 33 | 17 | 8   |
| Stafford A       | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 17 | 5   |
| Wolverhampton A  | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 21 | 4   |
| Walsall A        | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 27 | 23 | 3   |
| Leek A           | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5  | 45 | 0   |
| Division 2       |   |   |   |   |    |    |     |
| Wolverhampton B  | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 15 | 10  |
| Stafford B       | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 21 | 6   |
| Lichfield A      | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 28 | 5   |
| Wolverhampton C  | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 20 | 30 | 4   |
| Potteries B      | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 23 | 27 | 3   |
| Leek B           | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 19 | 31 | 2   |
| Division 3       |   |   |   |   |    |    |     |
| Walsall B        | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 5  | 10  |
| Tamworth A       | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 26 | 24 | 6   |
| Stafford C       | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 27 | 6   |
| Walsall C        | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 27 | 4   |
| Potteries C      | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 28 | 4   |
| Potteries Ladies | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 39 | 0   |
| Division 4       |   |   |   |   |    |    |     |
| Wolverhampton D  | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 12 | 8   |
| Stafford Vets    | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 11 | 6   |
| Lichfield B      | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 18 | 22 | 4   |
| Lichfield C      | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 28 | 1   |
| Tamworth B       | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 28 | 1   |
| Division 5       |   |   |   |   |    |    |     |
| Stone            | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 4  | 8   |
| Tamworth Juniors | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 23 | 17 | 4   |
| Stafford D       | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 17 | 23 | 4   |
| West Brom B      | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 25 | 2   |
| Lichfield D      | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 9  | 31 | 2   |

Frank Hams reports from....

## SURREY NO PROMOTION

### Senior II

The team which played Cambs. comprised Steve Holloway, Mike Hammond, Farhat Razul, Michele Hams and Hazel Lowe. Hazel made her debut, replacing Lesley Pop-

kiewicz who was injured. Surrey won 6-4 which means they finished 2nd in the division. However only 1 team is promoted. Steve (1) Raz (1) Hazel and the girls doubles were our only losers to Peter Holliday, Martin Livermore, Julian Wheel, Hilary Finch and Alison Edge.

### The Juniors/Cadets

I believe there has been some

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Leach, Harry Vennor, Jack and Elsie Carrington.

1st Division winners Larkhall A r/u Abeng Hotshots. 3rd Earlsfield. 4th Abeng Warriors.

So for the first time in the last 3 or 4 years Earlsfield have not won the League; and Steve Holloway who plays for them did not finish top of the averages. This honour goes to Brian Garroway of Larkhall A with 93.3%. Steve finished joint 2nd with Neville Miller with 83.3%.

## The Closed

**Men's Winner:** Steve Holloway bt Brian Garroway.  
**Men's Doubles:** Brian and Alun Garroway bt Steve and Paul Holloway.

**Veterans:** Frank Hams bt Mike Holloway.

**Restricted:** Winner Richard Townier.

**Team Event:** Earlsfield bt Larkhall.

In the President's Cup Earlsfield A will play Vale A.

In the Chairman's Cup (Team Handicap) Argyle D will play Larkhall B.

## Croydon

Hartley Down are now definitely champions but Woodmansterne are offering a late challenge to Sandstead for who finishes 2nd.

The League celebrates their 50th anniversary this year and are thinking of ways to celebrate. Suggestions please to John Somerville.

## Dulwich

This league runs a competition which involves the top eight players from each division or age group and listed below are the winners of the various categories.

**Div 1:** Winner John Burleton r/u Tony Grant.

**Div 2:** Winner Lee Nguyen r/u K. Orhevba.

**Div 3:** Winner C. Crawford r/u R. Milton.

**U-17:** Winner Lee Nguyen.

**U-14:** Winner Trevor Brookes r/u Paul Pooron.

In the 1st Division Championship Irving A appear to be certain to retain the title.

## Thames Valley

The league programme is now over and Graham Spicer II having completed their fixtures on time, now have to wait for Chessington I to complete 4 remaining matches. Chessington I have also been favourites to win, but with this added advantage knowing how many points they require, (remember 1 point for each set won), they seem certain to retain their title. Spicer I will finish 3rd and Elmbridge I 4th.

## Epsom and Leatherhead

It is with sadness that I report the death of John Denman. Our condolences go to his family and friends. John was the guiding force behind this league, in its heyday, when it had 400 players. It has, however, over the past 2 seasons declined dramatically and it now appears that Bob Green, the present secretary and his committee may have to disband the league.

## Dorking

The closed tournament was sponsored by the National Employers

Life/Britannia Group of Companies, who provided all the facilities and met the whole cost of the tournament. The preliminary rounds and finals night were held at their headquarters at Dorking. The Dorking League wish to thank them for their generosity.

**M.S. rfs:** Julian Daniels bt Richard Seymour. Clive Broomfield bt Peter Burrows.

**Final:** Daniels bt Broomfield -17, 18, 15.

**W.S:** Marion Rogers bt Thora Saunders.

**M.D:** Daniels/Rex Goldsmith bt Peter Bray/ Broomfield 10, -29, 15.

**X.D:** Louise Padgham/Rex Goldsmith bt Marion and David Rogers.

**V.S:** Peter Bray bt Dave Rogers 21, 13.

**Ravensbury Junior under 18's:** Tim Rogers bt John Menhenick.

In the league **Mole Valley** left it until the last game of the season before they retained the title. Needing to win or draw against **Abinger** they drew 5-5 and so pip **Friends Provident I** by one point. This was a good finish to the season for Mole Valley having in March lost a key player in Smithers, with a broken thumb.

**Nicky Mason** has now had an N.H.S. operation on his knee and should be fit for next season. The question of insurance will be discussed with the E.T.T.A. by the Surrey Committee.

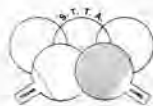
There will be a Summer Camp again at Littlehampton during the last 2 weeks of August. Please contact Peter Corner for details.

Surrey is still short of coaches. If there are any experienced or trainee coaches interested please contact Mike Kercher/Peter Corner.

**Ron Crayden**, just back from the Worlds, says that 7 out of 8 quarter finalists were penholder type players. Perhaps our coaches should encourage new players in this style.

**Norman Hooper** has said that he will not be organising Surrey's open tournaments next season. Not only is a new organiser required but someone who can persuade sponsors to part with their money.

A new ranking list for Surrey players will be published at the end of the current season.



## OLYMPIC GAMES IN SURREY?

**Surrey First Again!** - I won't bore you by telling when we were first before, but I hope to report in the next issue about the sensational news that the Table Tennis event, if the Olympic Games are hosted by London, may be held in Surrey. A top class venue is required so it is obvious that we will be the first choice.

During the summer a representative of the Olympic Organising Committee - Ms Jo King - will be

inspecting various locations in the County. Should any club have the necessary facilities which I can tell her about, please let me know.

Have a good holiday.

**PLEASE NOTE SURREY NOTES ARE COMPILED BY FRANK GREEN AND NOT MICHAEL GREEN AS PER APRIL MAGAZINE.**

## 'Find the Lady'

After the trophies had been presented at the Surrey Closed Tournament it was discovered by the girl winners that the figures on their trophies were men. Therefore at least two men winners could be accused of having a 'girl' in their bedroom. If this is so, please let me know, because I'll know where she belongs. If, however, the men can't 'find the lady' then presumably all the trophies presented were men. This wont do in these days of women's lib, so perhaps next time the person who buys the trophies will ensure that a lady figures predominantly on the ladies' trophies.

John Woodford reports from....

## SUSSEX

**BEXHILL BROTHERS ON TOP** ADRIAN MOORE, England no. 28 came on top of the pack when the three members of the Moore family attempted to sweep the board at the all-Sussex championships at Worthing Sports Centre on March 24.

Adrian had the best draw in the men's singles and carefully conserved his energy for his expected final round battleground with his brother Stephen who had to contend with surviving three match points against Phil Smith in the semi-finals.

The brothers have produced some brilliant and skilful finals in recent times. This one was the best but it showed that the Bexhill brothers are on top, in fact in the top branches of the Sussex tree and also that Phil Smith is the rightful No. 3 because after Smith there is a gap which six players are trying and at the moment failing, to bridge.

Adrian triumphed in the final round of the men's singles 10 and 19 giving him the title for the second time.

Shock of the event was the defeat of Graham Gillett by the evergreen Roger Chandler who is now toying with the idea of playing as a veteran next season but at the same time having second thoughts because he can still reach the semis against good players like Gillett.

For the record books, Adrian Moore took all three, the men's

doubles of course with his brother, and the mixed with his sister.

Sussex have a new women's singles champion, England No. 54 Sally Weston from Horsham, the second seed who created one of the few surprises of the tournament by up-ending England No. 27, Teresa Moore and spoiling the Moores' clean sweep.

I have always admired players who keep their heads when everything goes against them. Those who keep calm are often the ones who win because those who start shouting, shrieking and showing other unpleasant reactions to the happenings on court often lose.

Sally showed these qualities at Worthing. She battled quietly after losing the first game, whilst Teresa looked jaded and could do nothing right with her unorthodox game which hopefully has not been grooved permanently. Fighting, battling, scrambling, pace-changing are Teresa's qualities but there is so much more that could be achieved, rather like developing a bad habit at golf!

The irony is that should Sussex win promotion against Devon, Sussex will have to choose between Teresa and Sally in the premier division, as there is only one female spot.

Sussex, in most people's eyes, have got a fine venue, for their closed. A new organiser, Brian Spicer has already volunteered to run it in 1986, but the entries were down to 100. The Sussex TTA might do well to probe carefully to find out why.

## BLESSING IN DISGUISE

Missing promotion in any sport can be a blessing in disguise. This could be the case for Sussex when they failed to clinch promotion to the Premier division of the County Championships by only drawing with Devon at Plymouth.

It was almost as big a cliffhanger as Dennis Taylor's snooker victory over Steve Davis in the world final. Regrettably, this sort of thing as great as it is for snooker does table tennis no good at all.

The power of the Moores, plus fighter Phil Smith and the new Sussex champion Sally Weston was not enough against Devon's youngsters who certainly did not deserve to lose. Ironically, it is Kent who go up. The feature of the Plymouth stalemate was really that the new Sussex men's champion Adrian Moore failed to score. In Plymouth it really did look as though his life depended on the result, although that is how it always looks to unseasoned observers when Adrian is on court!

However, Sussex juniors have gained promotion and so have the veterans. Regrettably, almost all the present junior team are about to join the senior ranks, so the promoted side who it seems will be led by Crawley's Scott Greenbrook in

September, are in for a few canings in the top class.

The Seaman and Nicholls Cups, at one time for the top eight men and women in the county were won by Phil Smith and Sally Weston in the absence of the Moores. Sally had a struggle to beat the sisters Carol Hewett and Christine Wicks, but just came through.

Bernard Rowley, national councillor for Sussex will not seek reelection this time. He has other plans in the coaching administration. He has served Sussex loyally on the council for seven years or more and has served the E.T.T.A. well by landing the Charles Church sponsorship, or at least pointing the way to the target.

His successor could be Brian Spicer, whose reputation as a marathon runner is steadily growing with two more 26-mile journeys recently, London and Jersey. Breaking three hours by 2 minutes 58 seconds time was another sterling achievement in London.

Mary Rose reports from...

## WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE COMPETITION

The 3rd Sunday play-off matches of the Warwickshire League Competition were held at the Phoenix Club, Coventry, on Sunday, 10th March.

### Results as follows:

|             |   |   |             |   |
|-------------|---|---|-------------|---|
| Coventry    | 4 | v | North B'ham | 5 |
| Nuneaton    | 1 | v | Rugby       | 8 |
| Stratford   | 1 | v | South B'ham | 8 |
| Rugby       | 7 | v | South B'ham | 8 |
| North B'ham | 6 | v | Nuneaton    | 3 |
| Coventry    | 7 | v | Stratford   | 2 |
| Coventry    | 4 | v | North B'ham | 5 |
| Nuneaton    | 1 | v | Rugby       | 8 |
| Stratford   | 1 | v | South B'ham | 8 |
| Rugby       | 7 | v | South B'ham | 2 |
| North B'ham | 6 | v | Nuneaton    | 3 |
| Coventry    | 7 | v | Stratford   | 2 |

### TABLE

|                | P | W | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1. Rugby       | 6 | 5 | 1 | 39 | 15 | 10  |
| 2. North B'ham | 5 | 5 | 0 | 32 | 13 | 10  |
| 3. South B'ham | 5 | 4 | 1 | 32 | 13 | 8   |
| 4. Coventry    | 6 | 3 | 3 | 28 | 26 | 6   |
| 5. Nuneaton    | 6 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 36 | 4   |
| 6. Stratford   | 6 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 39 | 2   |
| 7. Leamington  | 6 | 0 | 6 | 16 | 38 | 0   |

The important and deciding fixture between the North and South Birmingham teams will be played at a date to be arranged at the West Warwickshire Club.

## COUNTY RESULTS

### Seniors, Division 2A

After the disappointment of losing to Leicestershire our Senior side represented by Barry Johnson, Ian Gunn, Phil Gunn, Karen Groves and Sandra Peakman were back to form in the away fixture against Cheshire winning 8-2.

Karen and Sandra both won their singles and paired up to win the

doubles. The County were 4-0 in the lead before Cheshire won the men's doubles against Barry and Phil 18 in the third. The only singles defeat was I. Gunn's set against B. Johns but this also went to three.

### Junior 2A Division

Warwickshire's Juniors represented by Verandar Chauhan, Steve Swallow, Mark Randle, Dawn Bromley, and Tracey Green had a close 6-4 win over Leicestershire. The result being decided in the last set when Steve beat Richard Grimley. Mark and Steve were in fine form winning both their singles and then pairing up for the boys' doubles beating Paul Bumpus and Ian Brown. Tracey won her singles against Gail Chapman to complete our win.

### Junior 3B Division

Our Junior 3B team completed a very successful week-end by defeating Oxfordshire 9-1 away at Banbury. The side, represented by Darren Smith, Lee Jeffries, Dave Thomas, Lisa Spilsbury and Lynn Fitzpatrick, were too strong for the home team. Our only set-back was in the set between Dave Thomas and D. O'Flynn but this was a very close encounter.

### Champion Ralph

Warwickshire and Ex-England International Ralph Gunnion's career seems to have begun all over again as since reaching Veteran status he has won four Veteran Titles, including the National held at Bletchley in February. Congratulations Ralph, I am sure that these are the first of many.

### County Umpires

Warwickshire have two new fully qualified County Umpires, C. Leach and J. Azam. M. Swann and G. Truman have still to take the practical test.

### National Club Competition (Birmingham)

The Redhill Club, Birmingham's ladies' representatives in the National Club Competition have reached the final beating Bourne-mouth 5-1 in the semis. Redhill's team was Karen Groves, Sandra Peakman and Di St. Ledger. Best of luck in the final girls.

### Wilmott Cup

Birmingham were due to play Leicester in a Wilmott Cup quarter-final in April. Birmingham's side of Barry Johnson, Alan Fletcher and Carl Morgan is a very strong line-up but a tight match was expected.

### Birmingham Individual Championship results

Three-a-side League Champs played at Astra on March 17.

## BIRMINGHAM INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Three-a-side League Champs played at Astra on March 17.

| OS       | Winners                             | Runners-up                                 |
|----------|-------------------------------------|--|
| L Bertie | C Colebridge                        | M. Browne                                  |
| C/S      | T. Stevens                          | S. P. Phillips                             |
| Dbls     | I. Gunn/P. Gunn<br>(Handsworth Vic) | P. Machin/<br>D. Rudge<br>(Handsworth Vic) |

Birmingham League Champs played at Astra on March 10.

| OS      | Winners                               | Runners-up                     |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| P. Gunn | H andsworth Vic                       | D. Rudge<br>(Handsworth Vic)   |
| C/S     | R. Gammons<br>(West Warwick)          | N. McMillan                    |
| Dbls    | P. Gunn/P. Machin<br>(Handsworth Vic) | D. P. Armer/A. H. are<br>(BAI) |

North League Champs played at Broadway on March 31.

| OS         | Winners                         | Runners-up                    |
|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| M. Wootton | (Gen Accident)                  | P. Waite<br>H. Barber         |
| C/S        | S. Fogarty<br>(BCA Pathfinders) | J. P. Eakman<br>(Westminster) |
| Dbls       | K. Chan/R. J. J. J. J.          |                               |

Women's League Champs Hobs Moat on February 2.

| OS             | Winners                                | Runners-up                        |
|----------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Alison Ledwith | (Southalls)                            | Pauline Earp<br>(Hatchford Brook) |
| Inv.           | Julie Hill                             | Fiona Sutton<br>(Longacre)        |
| Sgls           | (Longacre)                             |                                   |
| Dbls           | Sue Culbertson/Wendy Spindlow (Jaguar) |                                   |



## Welsh Corner

by H. Roy Evans

### THE COMMONWEALTH

Sixth was our best ever finishing position in the Commonwealth Championships, and we owed this satisfying result to an unexpected success against Australia.

Alan Griffiths set us on the winning road with a fine win over Bob Tuckett, and he eventually beat both Haberl and Tepper. Nigel Tyler had set point before losing to Haberl, but both he and Nigel Thomas beat Tepper.

Although we lost 1-5 to England, who eventually carried off the Championship, Tyler beat Alan Cooke in this match. In the play-offs we lost to India and Nigeria, both too strong for us.

Our women - Lesley Tyler and Shirley Cain-Williams, struggled against the strong sides, but they finished in 9th place, above Northern Ireland, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jamaica, Jersey and Zimbabwe.

England won both men's and women's team events, but the opposition put up by Hong Kong in both finals was surprisingly poor.

In the Individual events, Griffiths did best, losing to Carl Preat in the third round, taking a game and only losing at 19 in the fourth. Nigel Tyler deservedly won the Consolation Singles, beating some very strong players. We had six umpires there - Roy Williams, Harry Maddison and Malcolm Buckle from the North, and Len Jones, Peter Wilson and Greg Jones from the South.

## THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

With a good Commonwealth result behind them, the Welsh teams, joined by Mark Thomas, who had missed the Isle of Man event through a car accident in Germany, went off to Gothenburg. The team was accompanied by Chairman Eddie Thomas, Betty Gray, Gerald Watkins and our three on duty umpires, Len Jones, Roy Williams and Clive Wheatley.

Playing conditions at The Scandinavium were good, the hotels good, and the organisation good, but many found the food less satisfying, although it did improve. Unfortunately the weather was worse than we had left, and we were treated to rain, snow, gale force winds and fog. Just like home!

Our men got off to a great start - a 5-3 win over Israel, in which Griffiths won his three, Tyler two, but Mark Thomas failed twice. Against Nigeria we had no chance, only Alan going to a third game, and that against their No.1 Musa.

We had experienced a similar fate against Austria, whose players are undistinguished, but always too good for us. Alan, in one match, and Nigel Tyler in two, went to the third game.

It was the same story against USSR, and with Alan not playing, the two Nigels and Mark Thomas didn't get into a third game.

We felt we had a good chance against Indonesia, but now the full unfortunate fact of Alan Griffiths's commitment in Germany took effect. His club had an important play-off match on the Saturday night, and Alan found himself in the position that if he didn't play in that match, his job was in jeopardy. The Welsh Association had therefore to arrange for Alan to travel back to Germany late on the Friday, returning on Sunday morning for the important match against Australia. It was during his absence that we lost to Indonesia, Nigel Thomas losing the ninth set, although he held two match points.

Alan returned for the all-important match with Australia. We don't know whether his frantic journeys took their toll, but his form was not up to Isle of Man standard and this time he lost the vital set with Tuckett. He did beat Tepper and Haberl, but Tyler could only beat

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Tepper, whilst Mark Thomas lost both his comfortably.

Then we played Brazil and lost 3-5. Nigel Tyler won two. Alan won one, but Nigel lost two.

In the first match in the second stage we met Switzerland, and disaster. For some unaccountable reason, Alan, who has beaten Renold quite easily before, lost two-straight in the opening set and the rot set in. Nigel Thomas who beat Miller in the European League at Barry, lost to him, as did Alan, whilst Nigel Tyler lost to Miller and Renold.

And so we met Indonesia again, but this time with Alan, and we had a comfortable 5-2 win, Alan winning three, Nigel two, but Mark Thomas losing both his. This result, earlier, could have given us a higher position.

## With the Women

Lesley Tyler and Shirley Cain-Williams opened their campaign against Ireland. Lesley won the opening match against Cheevers, but Shirley found Ann Leonard too strong for her. We lost the doubles, and although Lesley took the first game against Leonard, she lost the next two.

We then beat Colombisa 3-1. Lesley winning two and combining well with the nervous Shirley to take the doubles.

We had a very easy win against Venezuela, who scored so few points that it was almost an embarrassment.

We lost to Greece, Shirley losing to Louka and Spandau, Lesley losing to the latter, but repeating her European League victory over Louka. We won the doubles.

A comfortable win 3-0 against Portugal followed, although both singles went to three. Our girls accounted for Malta in the first match of Stage 2, two easy singles wins and a three game win in the doubles.

Another win came our way in Stage 3, when we accounted for Puerto Rico 3-1, Lesley winning two, and she and Shirley taking the doubles.

Our last match was against Turkey, and an exciting climax it turned out to be. Lesley beat Turbut in the opening set, and Shirley just lost to Dogan. Our girls had a good third game win in the doubles, but Lesley went down surprisingly badly to Dogan. It was left to Shirley to retrieve the situation, and although she took the first game at 23-21 against Turbut, she fell away and lost the next two.

However, it was all good experience for the first women's team we have sent for some years. We beat the teams we expected to beat, and went near enough to Greece and Turkey to have won with a little bit of extra application. Except for one or two poorish displays, Lesley played well

throughout. Shirley was certainly nervous but settled down to some good wins in singles and a valuable partner in the doubles.

## The Individuals

Nigel Tyler played very well in his qualifying group. He beat the Spanish No. 1 Pales, the first time the latter has lost to a Welshman, then accounted for Luxembourg's Stebens before failing in the last match against Bulgarian No. 1 Stojanov. Mark Thomas beat Bouschet of Luxembourg in the qualifying round, but also lost to a Bulgarian Loukov.

Alan Griffiths lost in his first round proper to the Hong Kong player Chong Kong Wah, whilst Nigel Thomas, one of the many cold victims, scratched against Srini-vasan. To add to Nigel's misery, the score was recorded as 21-0, 21-0, 21-0(!) to his opponent, an indignity suffered by far more illustrious scratchers - Soretin, Birocheau, and van Spanje amongst others. Unfortunately for Nigel - this mistake made headlines at home, even on Cefax! One wonders if a similar humiliation greeted Soretin at home!

Neither of our girls survived the qualifying rounds in singles and fell to the eventual Chinese winners in the first round of the doubles.

Alan and Mark Thomas beat a Venezuelan pair in the men's doubles qualifying, but then lost to the Germans Lieck and Wosik, whilst the two Nigels went out in the first round proper to the Japanese Ono and Seiji.

Nigel and sister Lesley lost to Surbek and Batinic in the first round of the Mixed, but Nigel Thomas and Shirley scratched on account of Nigel's sickness.

Laurie Selby reports from...

## WILTSHIRE

### SHARP SHOOTER MICHAEL

The "Table Tennis Kid" shot his way into Wiltshire's sporting history books when he rode off with three top trophies in the County Championships.

Bang...11-years-old **Michael Auchterlonie** became the youngest ever winner of the Boys' event. Bang...the dead-eyed sharp shooter potted the Under-14 title. Bang...The Kid picked off the Under-12 crown as easily as hitting a barn door with a shot-gun.

Wiltshire table tennis had never seen anything like it as the youngster from Fordingbridge left a posse of fallen seeds in his trail.

Favourite Paul Tuck from Swindon fell to Michael in the first round of the Boys' singles.

Then he gunned down No. 3 seed Ian Neate, another Swindon player, in the semis.

Martin Edwards became his third Swindon victim as Michael swept through the final to take the trophy.

Jenny Neale of Swindon scored a double in the only two events for girls.

But she had a big scare before taking the Girls' singles.

In the final she came up against Julie Mills who hit top form and sneaked away with the opening game.

But Jenny rode out the storm and hit back to win the next two.

Jenny partnered Raymond Powell to the Mixed title in an all-Swindon final against Edwards and Lorraine Cox.

The Boys' doubles served up a big surprise. Raymond Powell and Tuck, winners of the Swindon junior and senior doubles, were odds-on favourites.

But Mark Powell - Raymond's brother - and Lee Godbold were not impressed and upset the appercart by winning the final in the deciding game.

## Results:

**B.S. s-fs:** M. Auchterlonie bt I. Neate 13, 15; M. Edwards bt R. Powell 16, 13. Final: **Auchterlonie** bt Edwards 11, 15.

**G.S. s-fs:** J. Neale bt S. Vowles 7, 15; J. Mills bt L. Cox 13, -12, 13. Final: **Neale** bt Mills -20, 16, 2.

**C.B.S. s-fs:** Auchterlonie bt C. Morgan 8, 10; M. Nelson bt P. Timmis 18, -23, 18. Final: **Auchterlonie** bt Nelson 5, 20.

**U-12 B.S. s-fs:** Auchterlonie bt P. Fry 5, 9; N. Pickett bt A. Collar 14, 15. Final: **Auchterlonie** bt Pickett 8, 11.

**B.D. s-fs:** M. Powell/L. Godbold bt J. Singh/Nelson 14, 10; P. Tuck/R. Powell bt Timmis/K. Meaden 13, 13. Final: **M. Powell/Godbold** bt R. Powell/Tuck -19, 17, 14.

**X.D. s-fs:** P. Powell/Neale bt Neate/Vowles 11, 14; Edwards/Cox bt M. Colver/Mills 19, 16. Final: **Powell/Neale** bt Edwards/Cox 13, 10.

Just in case anyone had any doubts about why Kevin Satchell dominates Wiltshire table tennis he spelled it out in one word in their senior championships. The word - CLASS. No other player came remotely near him for speed, power or flair.

You might have expected the England No. 15 to cruise to his sixth singles title.

The men's doubles, which he won with Wiltshire No. 4 John Chandler, could also be predicted with some certainty. But it was in the mixed where the West Wiltshire player really showed his extraordinary talent.

His partner, Wiltshire No. 1 Claire Maisey, pulled out and at the last minute Satchell teamed with Devizes teenager Karen Richards whois not in the county's top ten.

But with Kevin's patient guidance she played like a champion. And a champion she became when they defeated the favourites Andrew Oxley (Calne) and Claire Hunter (Swindon) in a three game thriller.

Against Chandler in the men's singles final, Satchell's anticipation and awesome attack gave him a comfortable victory.

It was the same story in the men's doubles when he and Chandler

destroyed the holders Terry Bruce and Bill Moulding of Salisbury in the final.

With Claire Maisey out of the reckoning, Jane Parker took full advantage of her chance to clinch her second women's singles title. Swindon's Helen Wilson came through the half of the draw left vacant by Miss Maisey who was in Sweden to watch the world championships.

After Miss Wilson let an early lead slip she had no answer to the consistent all-round game and experience of Mrs. Parker. But Miss Wilson had some consolation in the women's doubles which she won with Claire Hunter. They easily defeated Brenda Lee and Jenny Neale in the all-Swindon final.

The veterans' singles trophy changed hands. Michael Oxley added that title to the one he won in the Swindon championships. But he had to battle before defeating the holder, John Ford (West Wilts) in the deciding game.

Wiltshire TTA president, Roy Hazell presented the trophies for both the junior and senior tournaments staged at the Christie Miller Sports Centre, Melksham.

They were organised by the West Wilts League as part of their 50th Anniversary celebrations and sponsored by Airsprung Ltd.

## Results:

**M.S. s-fs:** K. Satchell bt W. Moulding 12,9; J. Chandler bt T. Bruce -15, 16, 18. Final: **Satchell** bt Chandler 13, 15.

**W.S. s-fs:** J. Parker bt J. Neale 14,20; H. Wilson bt J. Mills 17,15. Final: **Parker** bt Wilson 15, 8.

**H.S. s-fs:** M. Oxley bt D. Morris 15,14; J. Ford bt P. Harford 11,12. Final: **Oxley** bt Ford 18, -16, 10.

**M.D. s-fs:** Satchell/Chandler bt P.Tuck/R. Powell 11,15; Moulding/Bruce bt T. Lloyd/S. Gregory -14, 11, 13. Final: **Satchell/Chandler** bt Moulding/Bruce 14,11.

**W.D. s-fs:** C. Hunter/Wilson bt N. Chambers/M. Plumb 6, 17; Neale/B. Lee bt Parker/P. Cleverly 17, 18. Final: **Hunter/Wilson** bt Neale/Lee 13, 8.

**X.D. s-fs:** Satchell/K. Richards bt D. Richards/Mills 17, 15; A. Oxley/Hunter bt M. Oxley (jun)/Wilson -19, 13, 18. Final: **Satchell/Richards** bt Oxley/Hunter -12, 9, 14.

Wiltshire's junior team are playing the toughest game of all - the waiting game. They are waiting to see if they will be elevated to the elite Premier Division of the County Championships for the first time in the county's history.

But, having won their final match, they face an agonising wait to see if Sussex will pip them at the post. At the time of writing, Sussex needed to win both their remaining games to beat Wiltshire to top spot.

The tension against Northamptonshire who were also in the promotion race - told early on in their match. Wiltshire were always struggling until they pulled level at 3-3. Then Julie Mills beat Joanne Abbott to put the home side into the lead for the first time. This gave Wiltshire the confidence to take the remaining sets.



Keeping the score... Janet Parker who has twice won the Wiltshire championships, and Kevin Satchell who chalked up his sixth win.

But it was tough with all the last four sets going to final games. Wiltshire girls again laid the foundations for victory and ended the day undefeated.

The senior side were also in action against Dorset. The mid-table clash produced a ding-dong struggle before the points were shared in a 5-5 draw. Both Satchell and Janet Parker were unbeaten.

### Results:

**Juniors:** Raymond Powell lost to Andrew Trott 20, -15, -17, Ian Neate bt Richard Elliott 15, 19; Paul Tuck lost to Raymond Jacobs -15, -21.  
 Jenny Neale/Julie Mills bt Maxine Shears/Joanne Abbott 6, 18; Tuck/Powell lost to Trott/Jacobs -18, 20, -16. Powell bt Elliott 10, 18; Mills bt Abbott 16, 13; Tuck bt Trott -14, 19, 13; Neale bt Shears -15, 15, 10; Neate bt Jacobs 16, -15, 11.  
**Seniors:** Kevin Edwards lost to Tony Clayton -10, -10; Ray Hughes lot to Rodney Thomas -16, 16, -15; Kevin Satchell bt Martin Abbott 12, 10.  
 Janet Parker/Brenda Lee bt Leanne Harman/Samantha Scott-Pawson -15, 18, 17; Satchell/Edwards bt Clayton/Abbott 15, 15.  
 Edwards lost to Thomas -17, -13; Lee lost to Scott-Pawson -16, -12; Satchell bt Clayton 10, 15; Parker bt Harman 15, 18; Hughes lost to Abbott -13, -19.

Youth and experience took a double top billing when the Swindon League's handicap finals were decided. Youth took the star role in the Bill Robey Shield individual event which was won by 15-years-old Jasvinder Singh. And the experience came from St. Saviours, - founder members of the league in 1925 - who notched up their first trophy when they won the Geoff Pickett Shield team competition.

Singh, nicknamed "Jazzy", hit a high in both his matches which he won without losing a game. In the final he beat the holder, Brian Powell. The fast-improving junior, who had a handicap of plus two ran away with the opening game 21-7. But Powell - struggling against his handicap of minus 16 and a heavy cold - made a determined bid for the second game but couldn't hold Singh who won 21-12.

In the semis Singh, who has only been playing two years, beat another Div. 1 player, Alan Duke (-9) 12, 16. Powell beat Claire

Hunter (-7) in straight games.

There was bound to be a new name on the Pickett Shield for both teams were in the final for the first time.

Although St. Saviours romped home 4-0 it was not all one way traffic but the Shrivenham team, Civilian Staff Social Club, couldn't clinch vital deciding games.

Veteran Basil Thompson (-11) put St. Saviours on the victory trail with a tough victory over John Field (+5) -13, 14, 10. Then Sandy Steele-Davies (scratch) who has been playing in the league for 25 years without winning a trophy made it 2-0 with a 15, 18 win against Lee Hemingway (+5).

Vic Miles (-8) who won the Robey Shield back in 1970 scraped home 19, 20 against Peter Hearn (+6). Hemingway battled valiantly to keep his side in the match. He forced his way to a final game against Thompson but the Swindon player won 17, -19, 14 to give his side an unbeatable lead.

Trophies were presented by Gordon Townsend, president of the Swindon League.

Swindon's young players have been hitting top form in the Schools Championships. Six of the eight winners in the Wiltshire individual rounds came from Swindon. The winners now go on to the national finals at Mansfield.

The winners were: Boys: Alex Coltar (U-11), Nathan Pickett (U-13), Mark Powell (U-16), and Andrew Oxley (U-19) of Calne.

Girls: Nichola Murray (U-11), Tina Mills (U-13) of Calne, Lorraine Cox (U-16) and Claire Hunter (U-19).

Ferndale swept the board at the Wiltshire Boys' Clubs Festival of Sport at Colerne.

The winners were: Alex Collar (boys' singles), David Bellamy and Peter Fry (boys' doubles), Neil Everden (junior singles), Kevin Quick and James McCormick (junior doubles), Paul Tuck (senior singles), Martin Bell and Paul

Michael (senior doubles).

These players will go on to the Regional Festival of Sport at Bristol later this month.

Eleven players from Wiltshire and others from Avon, Somerset, Devon and Wales went for a four-day training session at Lilleshall National Sports Centre. The coaches were Bryan Merrett, Adrian Wright, Tony Carey and Val Clack from Wiltshire.

"It can't help but benefit us all," said Mrs. Clack who added that Wiltshire hoped to make it an annual event.

Doug Moss reports from...

## WORCESTERSHIRE

### DISTINCTION AT EVESHAM

The remainder of the League Championships throughout the County have continued and results are available for Evesham and Kidderminster.

In Evesham their Finals Night was distinguished by the fact that all 5 of the Mytton family played in the finals programme. Nick Mytton was quite dominant in the Men's Singles beating Steve Gough 15, 18 in the Final. The Women's Singles event saw Mandy Mytton in sparkling form and Lynda Reid was unable to contain her the scores being 17, 16 in Mandy's favour. Bob Price held on to the Veterans' title when he beat John Mytton 18, 19. John had previously played well, to beat Lynda Reid in this event. The Men's Doubles final saw Nick and Stefan Mytton playing against one another. Nick and Paul Taylor beat Stefan and Neil Betteridge -14, 16, 11. The junior pair played very well and it was a good achievement to reach the final. Betteridge rather surprisingly had another defeat in the Junior Singles final when Darren Smith beat him at 18 in the third. The Myttons' success continued in the Mixed final when Nick and Mandy beat Betteridge and Lynda Reid 15, 11. Lynda Reid held on to one championship when with Mandy they beat Peggy Mytton (Mum!) and Shirley Betteridge 20, 14 in the Women's Doubles Final.

In the Kidderminster Championships it was good to see Jeremy Duffield back in action. He would obviously again be an asset to the County teams if he was keen. He was unable to compete in the Men's Singles event because of a football injury. The Men's Singles final was between two defensive players - Steve Horton and Charles Reen. The expedite rule had to be introduced in the third game which Horton won at 18 to take the title. The Women's Singles final was an excellent match with the two top County team girls contesting. The result was close with Louise Davis beating Sandra Roden -21, 15, 18.

Louise also won the Junior Singles title beating Steve Scott 2-straight in the final. She joined with Steve to win the Junior Double title. Yet a fourth Championship was taken by Louise when in partnership with Jeremy Duffield they beat Eric Calver and Sandra Roden, but only at 18 in the decider of the Mixed. Duffield also won the Handicap Singles when he met Brett Davis - Jeremy was on Owe 6 and Brett on Rec. 1. Duffield won 11 in the third. Brett retained the Veterans' Singles title. He played Charles Reem in the final winning 18, -12, 14. Jeremy featured again in the Men's Doubles final with Rod Gethins. However Paul Osman and Ken Burton fought tenaciously and won 15, -13, 19.

The County 1st team won very convincingly against Avon II in their last match of the season. They finished up clear winners of Div. 3C of the County Championships. The situation is not new! The title has been won before and unfortunately relegation from Div. 2 has followed. The team has then immediately gained promotion as in this season. Certainly our ladies are very much improved and have more experience. The team should do well next season. It will depend to a large extent who will be available. Will Trevor Washington return to regular County team play? Will Jeremy Duffield be keen to fight again? With Hereford without a County team would Mark Owen, a regular player in the Hereford/Worcester administrative area, be a prospect for Worcestershire? Bill Dawe (Gloucester) who played regularly in Worcester League this season and won the Worcester Men's Singles title, beating Simon Claxton in the final, has expressed interest - is he of the standard for Div.2? Will Simon Claxton be available as regularly as this season - he was second in the Divisional averages? I daren't pose any questions regarding Murray Jukes, who was top of the Div. 3 averages. Without him the other answers would be likely to be irrelevant! However "no panic" it will "all come out in the wash".

The County Draw organised by Vera Royal and Barbara Jukes was quite a success. It provided for Leagues to retain half of the profit on the tickets they sold. The County Association made over £250 and some of the Leagues with good sales made as much as £50. It was a co-operative effort which went well.

Worcester played their Veterans Championships in the extension of the Perdiswell Sports Centre. The entry was not too good but those who played thoroughly enjoyed it. Brian Thompson was most impressive playing his modern game. He beat John Rowe (Crowle) in the Straight event final and he gave his opponent 14 start in the Handicap event final which he won. There were some good contests in the



# County Notes

Veterans' Doubles in which the pairings were decided by Draw from lists of stronger and weaker players. The ultimate winners were Graham Meredith and Tim Snee who beat Lynda Reid and John Davis in the final.

The County Team Knock-Out Competitions have proceeded to the finals stage thanks again to the enthusiasm and determination of Peter Bird. In the Straight Final I.M.I X beat Ledbury Lions 5-4. There promises to be a good final of the Handicap competition with Four Pools, Evesham (accompanied we hear by a coachload of supporters) playing Catshill Youth Club B, Bromsgrove. It is to be held on Sunday May 5 at St. Gilberts, Hartlebury.

P.S. Brief details of the Dudley Finals have come to hand:

- M.S:** Trevor Washington bt Steve Dunning.
- M.D:** Dunning/Pete Baker bt Washington/Mervyn Wood.
- W.S:** Wendy Bagott bt Jenny Burgess.
- V.S:** Ray Dixon bt Trevor Wharton.
- R.S:** Steve Robinson bt Julian Wootton.
- R.D:** Robinson/Lyndon Cartwright bt Tony Jephcott/Dave Whittingslow.
- I.S:** Mark Roden bt his sister Sandra.

Les D'Arcy reports from....

## YORKSHIRE

### ALAS, NOT ENOUGH

In spite of a tremendous team effort backed up by some magnificent individual performances, the very young Yorkshire Junior Premier side of Clive Guest, two 13-year-olds, Chris Oldfield and Michael O'Driscoll, Ruth Bray and Alison Evans, just missed taking the Junior Premier title which Yorkshire won in 1983.

Having dropped three points at the first Premier Week-end and without Joanne Shaw, who crowned an outstanding year of achievement by winning a bronze in the women's doubles at the Commonwealth, Yorkshire were up against it. They responded magnificently, defeating Middlesex 10-0, Essex 9-1 and Kent 6-4. Alas, it was not enough. Kent, who had won all their matches at the first week-end did not drop another point after losing to Yorkshire to take the Championship, with their conquerors a gallant second.

Although final tables are not yet to hand it looks highly probable that two county teams will have won their respective divisional titles. The Junior 2nd team: Alaric Bassano, Tony Miller, Chris Oldfield, Matthew Connell, Ruth Bray and Caroline Dada in Junior 2A; and the Veterans Geoff Brook, Ron Jackson, Carol Judson and your scribe, Veterans 3A. Although Steve Mills, 88%, Kevin Beadsley, 79% and Melody Hill, 75% finished in the top five places of the Premier Division individual averages and

along with Alan Fletcher combined to take seven out of eight doubles sets, the team has to be content with third place which also looks like being the final destination of the senior 2nd team.

Several players have distinguished themselves in recent weeks with pride of place going to Mills on his achievement of reaching the semi of the men's singles at the English Closed after accounting for Graham Sandley in the quarters. Steve also captured the Yorkshire Closed men's title and then the Open at Halifax when he accounted for Steve McQueen 18, 17 in the final. Melody Hill - Women's Singles and Doubles with Cheryl Buttery (Lincs) and Tony Bottomley mixed class 3 singles winner were also on top form. Joanne Shaw, Oldfield and O'Driscoll have also had a very successful time in recent tournaments with relative newcomer to the top section, Mark Ward (Sheffield) placing well.

At local level perhaps the best performance of the season was registered by David Indriks of Bradford who also plays in the top division of the Leeds League and the Airedale/Wharfedale League. David has the unique distinction of winning the 1985 Men's Singles in all three Championships.

Three veterans who deserve a special mention: Len Browning who defeated the current Yorkshire Closed Veterans' Champion, Ian Walmsley 6 and 17 to take the Harrogate Veterans' title; Don Kelly, for coming back from 18-12 down against Mick Burton in the Leeds Vets' final to win in the decider, and Jim Summerscales, the Barnsley League Chairman and Yorkshire Coaching Secretary, who still found the time and energy to win the Barnsley Vets' Championships. Had the pleasure of watching Jim, Frank Wesson and Brian Isam representing Barnsley Vets in a vital match against Yorkshire League rivals for the Vets 2nd Division title, Pontefract/Castleford. (Alan Hanson, Rowden Fullen and Don Kelly). It was a fine match keenly and sportingly contested with plenty of reminiscing afterwards on what the game was and what it is becoming. Barnsley won 7-3, but both teams were winners in the things that matter. Thank you gentlemen for an enjoyable and instructive contest.

Three schools from the Yorkshire and Humberside area have been outstanding this season with their efforts culminating in National E.S.T.T.A. Team Championships: Archbishop Cranmer Middle School, Leeds, U-13 girls; Battyford Middle School, Mirfield, U-13 boys (for second year in succession) and Sidney Smith High School, Hull, U-16 girls. With such strength in depth, Yorkshire players should figure prominently in the English Schools Dunlop Individual Championships at Mansfield on May 5.

## Local Leagues Championships

### Harrogate

- M.S:** M. Emmerson bt R. Whiteley -10, 17, 22.
- M.D:** N. Pennock/R. Whiteley bt K. Bell/Emmerson -22, 13, 20.
- U-17's:** A. Whiteley bt N. Wakefield 12, 15.
- U-14's:** A. Whiteley bt M. Nuttall 11, 14.
- V.S:** L. Browning bt I. Warmisley 6, 17.
- W.S:** Mrs. J. Whiteley bt Miss J. Whiteley.

### Wakefield

- M.S:** S. Sharpe bt A. Ball 14, 13.
- W.S:** J. Speight bt K. Burrows 18, 14.
- M.D:** T. Watson/P. Tomlinson bt N. Cafferty/M. Land 15, 20.
- U-17's:** Ball bt M. Connell 16, 22.
- V.S:** D. Townend bt G. Cooper.
- Div. 1:** C. Inman bt Cooper.
- Div. 2:** I. Exley bt M. Armstrong.

### Leeds

- M.S:** D. Indriks bt P. Sanderson 16, -15, 20.
- W.S:** R. Baxter bt C. Howard 18, 17.
- M.D:** T. Dyson/K. Mkandla bt Sanderson/C. Renner 17, 17.
- U-17 Singles:** M. Connell bt T. Miller 14, -17, 17.
- U-17 Doubles:** Connell/Miller bt J. Chew/P. Brown 8, 14.

Other Winners:

- C.G.S:** J. Roberts (also U-14 Girls' doubles with J. Harrison).
- C.B.S:** M. Conroy.
- U-12 Boys:** T. Stanton.

## HULL & DISTRICT CLOSED

Three players retained their crowns at the Hull and District T.T. A's Handicap Divisional Championships finals held at Reckitts.

Second ranked Hull man, Joe Naser extended his tenure in the Premier Division to a third year with a magnificent win after giving opponent Trevor Pitts eight points start in each game.

Coming back for a second successive championship were the two youngsters from Hull Boys' Club, Colin Hamilton and Shaun Carter, ranked in the city's Junior list at four and seven respectively.

And, with Steve Spicer (1), Paul Gill (8), and Terry Hawkins (10) also picking up winners' awards, the Boys' Club brought their total to five - an achievement of which coaches Phil Rogers and Allan Barrett will be justifiably proud.

Ian Hazell, rated at seven among the Juniors, was also among the winners, edging out Martin Fisher in Div. Six. While, after a break of a year, David Temple returned to Dansom Lane to claim the Div. Two honours, thus making the huge step-up from Div. Nine, where he was champion in 1982/83 after opening his account in Div. 13 a season earlier.

Completing the tally of winners were Norman Baynes (Fish Trades) and Bryan Crombieholme (Reckitts), each of whom brought a second title to their club, and Brian Addey, who stretched an undefeated run which goes back to the start of the season.

## CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Hull veteran, and former junior international, Ron Jackson, one of our game's sporting ambassadors, must be wondering what a player has to do to hold down a place in a county team. At the beginning of the season Ron came second in a well attended county trial for the

veterans. He went on to put a great deal of time and effort into two more Yorkshire tournaments: the Open and the Closed. He also entered the Pontefract Open 1\* and came runner-up in the veterans' event. In the meantime he registered 8 out of 9 wins (5 singles out of 6 and 3 out of 3 doubles) in three county matches - including two against the strongest sides in the division. For the final match against one of the weaker sides, which Yorkshire need to win to take the Championship, Ron has been left out and, although he has not complained he must be more than a little concerned at the treatment he has received.

Once again we draw near to the end of another season so may I take this opportunity of thanking all who have contributed in any way to 'Yorkshire Report' and the many friends I have met round the 'table tennis scene' and about whom I will be keeping you all informed next season.

## ST. NEOTS WINTER LEAGUE

Wellingborough, with 64 points from 9 matches, topped the Senior Division of the St. Neots Winter League, with Ely (57pts) the runners-up. Bedford with 73 pts. championed the Junior Division with Northampton (56pts) in second place whilst, in the Veterans' Division, St. Neots A with 57 pts. just pipped Cambridge with 56 pts. from their 9 match sequence.

## WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

| Sept  |   |
|-------|---|
| 1     | National League (1)   |
| 7/8   | Lewisham 2-Star   |
| 8     | Coventry Junior 1-Star  |
| 13/14 | Quadrangular (Coatbridge, Scotland)   |
| 14    | County Trials   |
| 15    | National League (2)   |
|       | Milton Keynes U-21 Open   |
| 21    | Wiltshire 2-Star Junior Open  |
| 22    | Wiltshire 2-Star Open (Swindon)   |
| 25    | European League - Division 1 - ENGLAND v AUSTRIA North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax |
| 28    | North of England 2-Star (Stretford, Manchester) County Championships (Junior) (1)     |
| 29    | National League (3)   |
| Oct   |   |
| 5/6   | Sussex 2-Star (Hastings) Calderdale 2-Star Junior                                     |
| 12/13 | Lambeth 2-Star Grove Junior 2-Star (Market Drayton)                                   |
| 13    | National League (4)   |
| 19    | County Championships (2)  |
| 19/20 | Junior County Weekend   |
| 25/27 | Polish Open (Olstzyn)   |
| 27    | Junior Regional Trials  |

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## NATIONAL LEAGUE

By Fiona Brown

### ELLENBOROUGH EDGE HOME

Despite Peter Charters' desperate claims that it was still theoretically possible for Thorn EMI Ellenborough to be pipped at the post, there were no signs of nerves when Graham Sandley lead the Enfield heirs to their second Premier division title with an authoritative 8-0 win over Grove Market Drayton completing a memorable season in which they headed every official league table.



**A Silver Trophy and a Pot of Gold go to high flying Ellenborough who line up L to R: Graham Sandley, Mark Mitchell, David Wells, Colin Wilson, Nigel Tyler and Manager Lloyd Lewis.**

Rivals Omega reading must now reflect upon the early season sets which slipped away for these have proved to be their undoing, level on points at the end of the day but well adrift on sets average, and with leading players John Souter and Phillip Bradbury likely to move on in order to further their professional ambitions next season's challenge will hinge upon Mr. Charters' ability to attract a much needed sponsor.

With his team finishing in third spot England No. 3 Alan Cooke must surely reflect on the season with mixed feelings as it has been one of personal success, heading the individual averages with 90% he will surely be in great demand should he decide that a move south is in order.

### TIME OUT FOR BATH TOYOTA

As Bath No. 1 Carl Prean says farewell and moves on to a new challenge with German Bundesliga side GW Bad Hamm he must be well satisfied with his season's effort on behalf of the West Country club. Having carefully carved an international career for himself Carl has been the 1st Division player that everyone wanted to beat this season. His decision to play in the first division perhaps put him under greater pressure to succeed than if he had remained with the premier side.

A single slip in losing to fellow junior Jimmy Stokes prevented him achieving a 100% record but full credit must go to Jimmy for this was indeed a vital set as Omega captured the match and consequently the title by the narrowest possible margin of one rubber from South Yorkshire.

### TARGET GOLD - TARGET ACHIEVED

After five tough seasons in Division 2 North, Tony Boasman has finally

lead the Salford squad to the title which so narrowly eluded them in 1984. Having made the leap he is relieved that No. 1 Tony Taylor will be staying with the club, "Tony was offered an attractive coaching post in Bergen, Norway, but thankfully we have convinced him that he should put his skills to the test in the 1st Division and he is prepared to stay on here for at least another twelve months", said Tony Boasman.

The Salford team have been receiving tremendous support from the City Council but with plans afoot to strengthen the squad in preparation for the coming season, Boasman is looking for a new sponsor and already has an indication of interest from a leading brewery.

### MONEY TALKS

Having captured two titles in as many seasons Holts Carpet manager Alan Holt is currently reviewing his table tennis objectives, "I know that I could win the Premier title in two years. My management record already speaks for itself, it is simply a matter of deciding whether the investment needed to strengthen our squad is economically viable." Whatever the outcome one player must be confident of staying with the team is

Dave Constance who has just completed his second year without defeat. With maximum points from the season's fixtures the Wiltshire wonder's will surely be a strong force in their opening first division venture whether or not new faces are introduced.

### THE TECHNOLOGY TO REBUILD

After a major restructuring operation Unity Bradford are heading back to happier times having captured the Third Division North title with a convincing 5 point advantage over Yorkshire rivals Unity Leeds. Bradford's No. 1 Steven Sharpe, having survived the season without defeat, must be looking forward to leading the team to further success.

### THE BRIDE AT LAST

After finishing as runners-up for the past two seasons Pengeley Sports, Torbay are now celebrating their title triumph in the 3rd Division West, and manager Brian Pengeley's comments should hearten the smaller clubs, "We have won through with a small squad against

In the South Lansdown Medway provide a similar success story. As a truly League representative team their support comes mainly from the Medway League and the Halex team must operate within a pretty tight budget. Manager and leading player Mike Ling is optimistic of their chances in the Second Division, "We have been there before but inexperience was our undoing. I think we are ready to tackle this division with much more confidence now." Mike believes that it was the difficult early season programme which paved Medway's path to the title, "Beating DSC Rams in the opening fixture was a vital result for us and when with four consecutive wins under our belt we faced and defeated Nittaku Ruislip, who were on paper the strongest side in the Division, we really began to believe that we could do it!"

Congratulations must go to Medway's 16 year old England ranked Junior Paul Amos who has finished his first season in the National League with an impressive 68% average, well done, Paul!



**PENGELEY SPORTS TORBAY WHO FINALLY BEAT THEIR JINX L to R Back Row: Mark Ellett, Paul Giles, Paul Whiting. Front Row: Malcolm Francis, Carol Butler and Manager Bryan Pengeley.**

opponents who had many more players to choose from but I think that this has been an advantage because it has helped to create a vital team spirit throughout the season, hopefully we shall make our mark in the Second Division, enthusiasm is running so high that we have applied to enter another team in 1985/86, and having signed up with equipment manufacturers, Banda, our financial situation is looking favourable."

### LOFTY LOGSDON

Second in last season's 3rd Division East averages EAE Waveney No. 1 Phil Logsdon has a double reason to celebrate in 1985, not only has he topped his personal pyramid, but his performances have been the backbone of Waveney's League success.

### ENTER THE WHEELER DEALERS

Although no dramatic transfer deals



**Medway Marvels – L to R – back row: Andy Mitchell, Mike Ling, Bobby Brown; front: Tony Spain, Paul Amos.**

Photograph: Chatham News

have been unveiled as yet. speculation centres around the possible National League future of England's idol, Desmond Douglas.

Desmond has finally ended his long association with German Bundesliga side Borussia Dusseldorf. He has enjoyed an illustrious career on the continent and finishing the 1984/85 season on top spot with a 58% average, heads a host of leading Europeans. He has certainly bowed out in style.

But what of the future? While we wait patiently the back room boys are already at work chasing Douglas's signature, perhaps the first five figure offer will clinch a deal or maybe our travel weary star will put distance before finance and settle for a club nearer to home.

## THE YEAR AHEAD

What we can be sure of is that the Halex National League is a thriving concern and another season of sizzling competition lies ahead.

I am pleased to reveal that in addition to their existing support, Halex are to sponsor a National League Player of the Month competition. Seven awards will be made during the season although full details of criteria and nomination procedures will be circulated in due course and you may like to know that players from every division stand an equal chance of being selected.

Farewell until October and congratulations to all those who have tasted success in 1984/85.

## TABLE TOPPERS

| Premier |                        | P  | W  | %    |
|---------|------------------------|----|----|------|
| 1.      | Alan Cooke (Orm)       | 20 | 18 | 90.0 |
| 2.      | Graham Sandley (TEE)   | 20 | 16 | 80.0 |
|         | Colin Wilson (TEE)     | 20 | 16 | 80.0 |
| 4.      | Kevin Satchell (JF)    | 24 | 18 | 75.0 |
|         | Phillip Bradbury (OR)  | 24 | 18 | 75.0 |
|         | John Souter (OR)       | 20 | 15 | 75.0 |
| 7.      | David Wells (TEE)      | 22 | 16 | 72.7 |
|         | Steven Scowcroft (GKN) | 22 | 16 | 72.7 |
| 9.      | Mark Mitchell (TEE)    | 18 | 13 | 72.2 |
| 10.     | Nicky Mason (JF)       | 20 | 13 | 65.0 |
| 11.     | Nigel Eckersley (Orm)  | 24 | 15 | 62.5 |
| 12.     | Skylet Andrew (GKN)    | 20 | 12 | 60.0 |

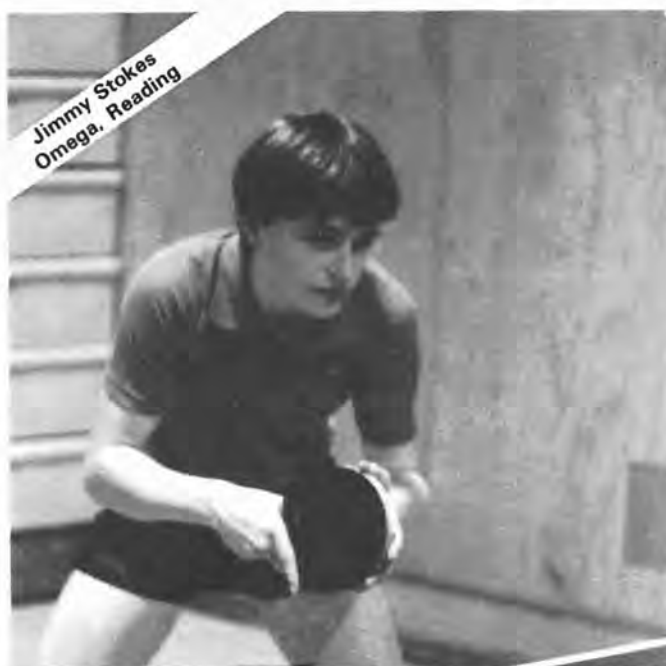
  

| 1st Division |                    | P  | W  | %    |
|--------------|--------------------|----|----|------|
| 1.           | Carl Prean (BT)    | 28 | 27 | 96.4 |
| 2.           | Chris Bartram (OR) | 28 | 26 | 92.9 |
| 3.           | Steven Mills (SY)  | 28 | 25 | 89.3 |
| 4.           | Chu Van Que (SY)   | 24 | 20 | 83.3 |
|              | Dave Gannon (SY)   | 18 | 15 | 83.3 |
| 6.           | Jimmy Stokes (OR)  | 28 | 21 | 75.0 |
|              | Adrian Moore (BT)  | 28 | 21 | 75.0 |
| 8.           | Carl Morgan (BO)   | 28 | 18 | 64.3 |
|              | Matthew Syed (OR)  | 28 | 18 | 64.3 |
| 10.          | Chris Rogers (SY)  | 28 | 17 | 60.7 |

| 2nd Division North |                          | P  | W  | %    |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----|----|------|
| 1.                 | Tony Taylor (PTGS)       | 26 | 24 | 92.3 |
| 2.                 | Stuart Palmer (M)        | 28 | 23 | 82.1 |
| 3.                 | Adrian Dixon (GKN)       | 16 | 13 | 81.3 |
| 4.                 | Brian Johns (PTGS)       | 28 | 22 | 78.6 |
| 5.                 | Adrian Pilgrim (CC)      | 24 | 17 | 76.8 |
| 6.                 | Murray Jukes (CC)        | 22 | 16 | 72.7 |
| 7.                 | Andy Withers (M)         | 28 | 20 | 71.4 |
| 8.                 | Steven George (BN)       | 28 | 18 | 64.3 |
| 9.                 | Bradley Billington (HSL) | 16 | 10 | 62.5 |
| 10.                | Lester Bertie (CC)       | 26 | 16 | 61.5 |
| 11.                | Steve Dunning (GKN)      | 18 | 11 | 61.1 |

## "Youngsters Going Up"



| 2nd Division South |                        |    | P  | W    | % |
|--------------------|------------------------|----|----|------|---|
| 1.                 | Dave Constance (HCS)   | 28 | 28 | 100  |   |
| 2.                 | Tony Clayton (HCS)     | 28 | 27 | 96.4 |   |
| 3.                 | Gary Lambert (HCS)     | 25 | 24 | 96.0 |   |
| 4.                 | Richie Venner (TCBD)   | 28 | 23 | 82.1 |   |
| 5.                 | Andrew Dodd (JF)       | 22 | 16 | 72.7 |   |
|                    | Ramish Bhalla (JF)     | 22 | 16 | 72.7 |   |
| 7.                 | Graham Gillette (TCBD) | 28 | 20 | 71.4 |   |
|                    | Brian Garraway (TSPL)  | 14 | 10 | 71.4 |   |
| 9.                 | Chris Shetler (JF)     | 26 | 17 | 65.4 |   |
| 10.                | Michael Hammond (SNM)  | 22 | 14 | 63.6 |   |
| 11.                | Andrew Evans (CCH)     | 26 | 16 | 61.5 |   |
|                    | Phil Smith (TCBD)      | 26 | 16 | 61.5 |   |
| 13.                | Brian Jeanes (CCH)     | 28 | 17 | 60.7 |   |

| * 3rd Division North |                         |    | P  | W    | % |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----|----|------|---|
| 1.                   | Steve Sharpe (UB)       | 28 | 28 | 100  |   |
| 2.                   | Matthew Connell (UL)    | 16 | 14 | 87.5 |   |
| 3.                   | Tony Gelder (W)         | 14 | 12 | 85.7 |   |
| 4.                   | Julian Gittens (UL)     | 20 | 16 | 80.0 |   |
| 5.                   | Michael O'Driscoll (UB) | 14 | 11 | 78.6 |   |
| 6.                   | Paul Sanderson (UL)     | 22 | 16 | 72.7 |   |
| 7.                   | Neil Smith (VB)         | 22 | 14 | 63.6 |   |
| 8.                   | John Hopkins (SY)       | 16 | 11 | 68.8 |   |
| 9.                   | Keith Mkandla (UL)      | 22 | 14 | 63.6 |   |

\*Excluding result of SY III v Unity Leeds 19.5.85

| 3rd Division South |                      |    | P  | W    | % |
|--------------------|----------------------|----|----|------|---|
| 1.                 | John Buzleton (NR)   | 24 | 21 | 87.5 |   |
| 2.                 | Junior Facey (DSCR)  | 18 | 15 | 83.3 |   |
| 3.                 | Andy Mitchell (LM)   | 28 | 22 | 78.6 |   |
|                    | Mike Ling (LM)       | 14 | 11 | 78.6 |   |
| 5.                 | Bobby Brown (LM)     | 26 | 20 | 76.9 |   |
| 6.                 | Richard Beckham (C)  | 26 | 19 | 73.1 |   |
| 7.                 | Tony Spain (LM)      | 24 | 17 | 70.8 |   |
|                    | Les Wooding (AHWP)   | 24 | 17 | 70.8 |   |
| 9.                 | John Dennison (DSCR) | 28 | 19 | 67.9 |   |
|                    | Rupert Bole (NR)     | 26 | 17 | 65.4 |   |
| 11.                | Paul Amos (LM)       | 20 | 13 | 65.0 |   |
| 12.                | David Goode (A)      | 28 | 18 | 64.3 |   |

| 3rd Division East |                        |    | P  | W    | % |
|-------------------|------------------------|----|----|------|---|
| 1.                | Phil Logsdon (EAEW)    | 26 | 25 | 96.2 |   |
| 2.                | John Kitchener (BD)    | 28 | 23 | 82.1 |   |
| 3.                | Richard Stevenson (NF) | 26 | 21 | 80.8 |   |
| 4.                | Trevor Bunn (EAEW)     | 22 | 16 | 72.7 |   |
|                   | Paul Gooding (BD)      | 22 | 16 | 72.7 |   |
| 6.                | Douglas Bennet (NF)    | 14 | 10 | 71.4 |   |
| 7.                | Richard Darnell (EAEW) | 18 | 12 | 66.6 |   |
| 8.                | Julian Wheel (HS)      | 26 | 17 | 65.4 |   |
| 9.                | Robin Lang (WT)        | 20 | 13 | 65.0 |   |
| 10.               | Graeme McKim (PN)      | 28 | 18 | 64.3 |   |
|                   | David Honor (NF)       | 14 | 9  | 64.3 |   |
| 12.               | Terry Dowsett (WT)     | 22 | 14 | 63.7 |   |
| 13.               | M. Stevenson (NF)      | 16 | 10 | 62.5 |   |
| 14.               | Brian Hill (HCL)       | 18 | 11 | 61.1 |   |
| 15.               | Andy Edmonds (PN)      | 20 | 12 | 60.0 |   |

| 3rd Division West |                               |    | P  | W    | % |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|----|----|------|---|
| 1.                | Graeme Hall (OSH)             | 28 | 26 | 92.9 |   |
| 2.                | Paul Giles (PST)              | 26 | 24 | 92.3 |   |
| 3.                | Jean Parker (GKN) (only lady) | 14 | 12 | 85.7 |   |
| 4.                | Paul Whiting (PST)            | 28 | 23 | 82.1 |   |
| 5.                | Malcolm Francis (PST)         | 20 | 16 | 80.0 |   |
| 6.                | Mark Ellett (PST)             | 18 | 14 | 77.7 |   |
| 7.                | Gary Wilson (GSP) *           | 20 | 15 | 75.0 |   |
| 8.                | Maurice Newman (OSH)          | 28 | 20 | 71.4 |   |
| 9.                | Darren Griffin (HT)           | 26 | 17 | 65.4 |   |
| 10.               | Mark Owen (HT)                | 28 | 18 | 64.3 |   |
| 11.               | Stan Deakin (GMD)             | 16 | 10 | 62.5 |   |
| 12.               | Ph I Smith (OSH)              | 26 | 16 | 61.5 |   |
| 13.               | Rodney Thomas (JPI) *         | 18 | 11 | 61.1 |   |

\* Played additionally for PST

| 3rd South              |   |                    | P | W | % |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|---|---|---|
| EAE Waverley           | 4 | Norwich Foxwood    | 4 |   |   |
| Playrite Northampton   | 7 | Witham FC          | 1 |   |   |
| MBS St. Neots          | 1 | Halex Lincoln      | 7 |   |   |
| Hassy Perfection Soham | 4 | Britannia Deepsure | 4 |   |   |

| 3rd West        |   |                        | P | W | % |
|-----------------|---|------------------------|---|---|---|
| Pengeley Torbay | 8 | Launceston Kernow      | 0 |   |   |
| Hereford Times  | 1 | Olivers Shoes Hinckley | 7 |   |   |
| GKN Ladies      | 3 | Jolliffe Poole         | 5 |   |   |
| Global Plymouth | 5 | Grove                  | 3 |   |   |

## ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION HALEX NATIONAL LEAGUE

### Final League Table - Season 1984-85

| PREMIER DIVISION |                              |    |   |   |    |    |     |    |  |
|------------------|------------------------------|----|---|---|----|----|-----|----|--|
|                  | P                            | W  | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |    |  |
| 1.               | Thorn EMI Ellenborough       | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2  | 71 | 25  | 19 |  |
| 2.               | Omega Reading I              | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2  | 64 | 32  | 19 |  |
| 3.               | Ormesby I                    | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3  | 62 | 34  | 17 |  |
| 4.               | GKN Steelstock Wolverhampton | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4  | 50 | 46  | 13 |  |
| 5.               | Jaques Fareham I             | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4  | 43 | 53  | 11 |  |
| 6.               | Grove Market Drayton I       | 12 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 27 | 69  | 4  |  |
| 7.               | Tibbar London                | 12 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 19 | 77  | 1  |  |

| FIRST DIVISION |                    |    |    |   |    |    |     |    |  |
|----------------|--------------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|----|--|
|                | P                  | W  | D  | L | F  | A  | Pts |    |  |
| 1.             | Omega Reading II   | 14 | 11 | 3 | 0  | 86 | 26  | 25 |  |
| 2.             | South Yorkshire I  | 14 | 11 | 3 | 0  | 85 | 27  | 25 |  |
| 3.             | Bath Toyota        | 14 | 9  | 3 | 2  | 71 | 41  | 21 |  |
| 4.             | Birmingham Optical | 14 | 8  | 0 | 6  | 64 | 48  | 16 |  |
| 5.             | Dagenham F.C.      | 14 | 4  | 2 | 8  | 51 | 61  | 10 |  |
| 6.             | MBS St. Neots I    | 14 | 3  | 2 | 9  | 40 | 72  | 8  |  |
| 7.             | Butterfly-Cardiff  | 14 | 1  | 3 | 10 | 30 | 82  | 5  |  |
| 8.             | Ormesby II         | 14 | 0  | 2 | 12 | 21 | 91  | 2  |  |

| SECOND DIVISION NORTH |                                 |    |    |   |    |    |     |    |  |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|----|--|
|                       | P                               | W  | D  | L | F  | A  | Pts |    |  |
| 1.                    | Patsun Target Gold              | 14 | 12 | 1 | 1  | 75 | 37  | 25 |  |
| 2.                    | March                           | 14 | 6  | 6 | 2  | 69 | 43  | 18 |  |
| 3.                    | Chan Construction               | 14 | 5  | 5 | 4  | 64 | 48  | 15 |  |
| 4.                    | GKN Steelstock Wolverhampton II | 14 | 5  | 5 | 4  | 62 | 50  | 15 |  |
| 5.                    | Byker Newcastle I               | 14 | 6  | 3 | 5  | 59 | 53  | 15 |  |
| 6.                    | Sincil Lincoln                  | 14 | 3  | 7 | 4  | 52 | 60  | 13 |  |
| 7.                    | South Yorkshire II              | 14 | 2  | 2 | 10 | 34 | 78  | 6  |  |
| 8.                    | Kingsbro' Insurance Services    | 14 | 2  | 1 | 11 | 33 | 79  | 5  |  |

| SECOND DIVISION SOUTH |                         |    |    |   |    |    |     |    |  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|----|--|
|                       | P                       | W  | D  | L | F  | A  | Pts |    |  |
| 1.                    | Holts Carpets Salisbury | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0  | 87 | 25  | 28 |  |
| 2.                    | TCB Dolphins            | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3  | 73 | 39  | 21 |  |
| 3.                    | Jaques Fareham II       | 14 | 7  | 3 | 4  | 60 | 52  | 17 |  |
| 4.                    | Cranfield Colours Halex | 14 | 6  | 2 | 6  | 61 | 51  | 14 |  |
| 5.                    | TSP Larkhall            | 14 | 4  | 3 | 7  | 50 | 62  | 11 |  |
| 6.                    | Gunnersbury Triangle    | 14 | 4  | 2 | 8  | 46 | 66  | 10 |  |
| 7.                    | Omega Reading III       | 14 | 4  | 1 | 9  | 45 | 67  | 9  |  |
| 8.                    | Spicer New Malden       | 14 | 0  | 2 | 12 | 26 | 86  | 2  |  |

| THIRD DIVISION NORTH |                     |    |    |   |    |    |     |    |  |
|----------------------|---------------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|----|--|
|                      | P                   | W  | D  | L | F  | A  | Pts |    |  |
| 1.                   | Unity Bradford      | 14 | 13 | 1 | 0  | 87 | 25  | 27 |  |
| 2.                   | Unity Leeds         | 14 | 11 | 0 | 3  | 77 | 35  | 22 |  |
| 3.                   | Vickers Barrow      | 14 | 7  | 1 | 6  | 61 | 61  | 15 |  |
| 4.                   | South Yorkshire III | 14 | 7  | 0 | 7  | 53 | 59  | 14 |  |
| 5.                   | Washington          | 14 | 5  | 2 | 7  | 56 | 56  | 12 |  |
| 6.                   | Ormesby IV          | 14 | 5  | 1 | 8  | 48 | 64  | 11 |  |
| 7.                   | Ormesby III         | 14 | 4  | 1 | 9  | 49 | 63  | 9  |  |
| 8.                   | Byker Newcastle II  | 14 | 1  | 0 | 13 | 26 | 86  | 2  |  |

| THIRD DIVISION SOUTH |                         |    |    |   |    |    |     |    |  |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|----|--|
|                      | P                       | W  | D  | L | F  | A  | Pts |    |  |
| 1.                   | Medway                  | 14 | 12 | 2 | 0  | 83 | 29  | 26 |  |
| 2.                   | DSC Rams                | 14 | 9  | 1 | 4  | 70 | 42  | 19 |  |
| 3.                   | Nittaku Ruislip         | 14 | 7  | 5 | 2  | 67 | 45  | 19 |  |
| 4.                   | Cippenham               | 14 | 7  | 3 | 4  | 62 | 50  | 17 |  |
| 5.                   | Ashford                 | 14 | 2  | 5 | 7  | 45 | 67  | 9  |  |
| 6.                   | Erey's Print '84        | 14 | 4  | 1 | 9  | 41 | 71  | 9  |  |
| 7.                   | AHW Pioneers            | 14 | 2  | 3 | 9  | 44 | 68  | 7  |  |
| 8.                   | Abeng Warriors (Stigal) | 14 | 2  | 2 | 10 | 36 | 76  | 6  |  |

| THIRD DIVISION EAST |                         |    |    |   |   |    |     |    |  |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----|----|---|---|----|-----|----|--|
|                     | P                       | W  | D  | L | F | A  | Pts |    |  |
| 1.                  | EAE Waverley            | 14 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 78 | 34  | 26 |  |
| 2.                  | Norwich Foxwood         | 14 | 8  | 5 | 1 | 70 | 42  | 21 |  |
| 3.                  | Witham Town F.C.        | 14 | 5  | 5 | 4 | 59 | 53  | 15 |  |
| 4.                  | Britannia Deepsure      | 14 | 4  | 6 | 4 | 54 | 58  | 14 |  |
| 5.                  | Playrite Northampton    | 14 | 4  | 5 | 5 | 59 | 53  | 13 |  |
| 6.                  | MBS St. Neots II        | 14 | 3  | 2 | 9 | 45 | 67  | 8  |  |
| 7.                  | Hassey Perfection Soham | 14 | 3  | 2 | 9 | 45 | 67  | 8  |  |
| 8.                  | Crusaders Lincoln       | 14 | 2  | 3 | 9 | 38 | 74  | 7  |  |

| THIRD DIVISION WEST |                        |    |    |   |    |    |     |    |  |
|---------------------|------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|----|--|
|                     | P                      | W  | D  | L | F  | A  | Pts |    |  |
| 1.                  | Pengeley Sports Torbay | 14 | 12 | 2 | 0  | 86 | 26  | 26 |  |
| 2.                  | Olivers Shoes Hinckley | 14 | 11 | 2 | 1  | 76 | 36  | 24 |  |
| 3.                  | Hereford Times         | 14 | 5  | 6 | 3  | 57 | 55  | 16 |  |
| 4.                  | Jolliffe Poole         | 14 | 5  | 2 | 7  | 51 | 61  | 12 |  |
| 5.                  | GKN Steelstock Ladies  | 14 | 4  | 2 | 8  | 53 | 59  | 10 |  |
| 6.                  | Grove Market Drayton   | 14 | 3  | 4 | 7  | 52 | 60  | 10 |  |
| 7.                  | Global Sports Plymouth | 14 | 5  | 0 | 9  | 45 | 67  | 10 |  |
| 8.                  | Launceston Kernow      | 14 | 1  | 2 | 11 | 28 | 84  | 4  |  |

While every effort is made in the calculation of these players' averages, the author would wish to apologise to anyone affected by any errors which might occur.

### RESULTS - ROUND UP

| Premier Division       |   |                 |   |
|------------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Thorn EMI Ellenborough | 8 | Grove           | 0 |
| Jaques Fareham         | 7 | Tibbar Larkhall | 1 |
| Omega Reading          | 6 | GKN Steelstock  | 2 |

| 1st                |   |             |   |
|--------------------|---|-------------|---|
| Birmingham Optical | 2 | Omega II    | 6 |
| Bath Toyota        | 4 | Dagenham FC | 4 |
| South Yorks        | 8 | Ormesby II  | 0 |
| Ormesby II         | 0 | Omega       | 8 |

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| 2nd North          |   |                      |   |
|--------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| March              | 8 | South Yorks II       | 0 |
| Kingsbro Insurance | 1 | Patsun Target Gold   | 7 |
| GKN Steelstock II  | 4 | Chan Construction    | 4 |
| Byker              | 4 | Halex Sincil Lincoln | 4 |

| 2nd South         |   |                      |   |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Holts Carpets     | 6 | Omega III            | 2 |
| TSB Dolphins      | 7 | Gunnersbury Triangle | 1 |
| Spicer New Malden | 2 | TSP Larkhall         | 6 |
| Cranfield Colours | 4 | Jaques Fareham       | 4 |

| 3rd North       |   |                |   |
|-----------------|---|----------------|---|
| Ormesby III     | 8 | Byker          | 0 |
| Washington      | 1 | Unity Bradford | 7 |
| South Yorks III | 6 | Unity Leeds    | 2 |

## JOOLA TROPHY

### By Zlatko Cordas

At the 38th World Championships in Gothenburg, the JOOLA Trophy was presented for the third time.

The JOOLA Trophy was introduced by JOOLA Tischtennis GmbH & Co. KG and International Sport Press Association and is presented to the player with the best score in the Team Competition of the World and European Championships. We think that the players who are fighting more for their team, for the country which they represent, who consider team events more important than the individual competition, do not receive sufficient recognition from the press and from all of us generally, which they deserve. In recognition of this special human quality, JOOLA Tischtennis GmbH & Co. KG and the International Sport Press Association have introduced the JOOLA Trophy.

As you know, the first JOOLA Trophy has been presented on the 37th World Championships in Tokyo, the second on the 14th

European Championships in Moscow. We received very positive response from the players, officials and the press about our idea to recognise the player with the best score in Team Competition.

The JOOLA Trophy is the sculpture made by a famous German sculptor, Mrs. Edith Peres Lethmate. The trophy is made from bronze, dimensions are 24 x 10 x 13 cm.

In addition to the JOOLA Trophy which was awarded to the players, the prize-money Men's Team DM 3.000, Ladies' Team DM 1.000) was awarded to the Association, the player is representing.

The winners of the JOOLA Trophy 1985 are:

Ladies' Team Competition:

**1. Li Bun Hui (DPR Korea)** 12:1 score 56 points.

Men's team Competition:

**1. Andrzej Grubba (Poland)** 18:7 score 84 points.

The presentation of the JOOLA Trophy '85 was made by Mr. Roy Evans, President of ITTF, Mrs. Nancy Evans, Chairman of ITTF Press Committee, Mr. Michael

Bachtler, Managing Director of JOOLA Tischtennis GmbH & Co. KG, Mr. Stojan Protic, President of

A.I.P.S. Table Tennis Section and Mr. Mihaly Kozak, Secretary of A.I.P.S. Table Tennis Section.



(from left: Mr. Protic, Mr. Bachtler, Miss Li Bun Hui, Mr. Evans, Mr. Grubba, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Kozak.

## Western Counties 'Mini' County Team Tournament

### KEEP THEM PLAYING!

Fourteen 'county' teams of junior school age players took part in this first ever event. Seven boys' and seven girls' teams competed, playing up to five matches each.

Avon A and Somerset A were the boys' groups winners. Cornwall A and Avon A were runners-up. Girls' groups winners were Devon and Cornwall A with Somerset and Avon runners-up.

Semis: Cornwall beat Somerset 5-4 in the boys' competition, with Tim Courtney and Simon Barrett winning two each. Two wins by Robert Fearn for Somerset who fought back from 1-4 to 4-4. Avon A saw off their B team 5-1 in the other semi. Somerset also lost 4-5 in the girls' semi, again, to Cornwall. Kay Dorrett won all three for Somerset. In the other semi Devon beat Avon 6-0.

Finals: Boys' event - Cornwall 6 Avon 3. A surprising comeback by Cornwall who lost 5-0 to Avon in their group. Courtney won three of Cornwall's 6, Mike Jackson won two for Avon. Girls' - Devon 5 Cornwall 4. Helen Wright far too

good for all the other junior school-girls. 16 by Kathy Cloke was the best against her.

A special award was made to the "player of the day" by Pat Archdale (who refereed with much authority and common sense). Robert Fearn of Somerset was the worthy winner. He fought hard at all times "came back from the dead" three times to win and played quality strokes in all situations.

Thanks are also due to Peter Hancock and the Launceston League who staged the event and to Les Bridges for the idea of a junior school age county team tournament. All we have to do is keep them playing.

### Finals Teams:

#### Boys

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Avon 3</b>  | <b>Cornwall 6</b> |
| M. Jackson (2) | S. Barrett (2)    |
| D. Willie (1)  | S. Baverstock (1) |
| J. Hopkins     | T. Courtney (3)   |

#### Girls

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>Cornwall 4</b> | <b>Devon 5</b> |
| T. Rowe (2)       | C. Pengelly    |
| L. Harvey (1)     | H. Wright (3)  |
| K. Cloke (1)      | H. Berry (2)   |

## FESTIVAL OCCASION

### by George Yates

Nestling in the foothills of the Pennines lies the township of Mossley in the Metropolitan Borough of Tameside where, on May Day, in conjunction with the town's Centenary festival, an international friendly match took place between England and the Netherlands.

It was the first ever International table tennis match to be staged within the borough and the brainchild of David Kinder, the driving force behind the Advanced Training Centre at the George Lawton Centre which operates under the further direction of coach John O'Sullivan of Liverpool.

Graced by the Mayor of Tameside, Cllr. J. Brierley and the Mayoress, together with David J. Redfearn, Chairman of the Festival Committee and in front of 300 spectators an English quartet comprising Carl Prean, Alan Cooke, Andrew Syed,

and Joy Grundy, under the non-playing captaincy of Donald Parker, plugged their way to a 6-1 win.

Only Cooke suffered a reverse when narrowly beaten 24-22 in the third when opposed by the former Romanian, Paul Haldan, in the second set. Otherwise only a further two sets needed a deciding game, those between Gerdie Keen and Miss Grundy and the mixed with the latter and Prean against Haldan and Miss Keen.

The final two sets were emphatically won by Carl and Cookie but the victory in no way compensated for the European League disaster when in 's-Gravendeel the Dutch, in winning 4-3, relegated England from the top strata of continental competition.

### Scores:

A. Syed bt E. Noor 18, 15  
 A. Cooke lost to P. Haldan 18, -17, 22  
 J. Grundy bt G. Keen -21, 12, 9  
 C. Prean/Syed bt Haldan/Noor 12, 13  
 Prean/Grundy bt Haldan/Keen -19, 17, 13  
 Prean bt Haldan 11, 11  
 Cooke bt Noor 12, 14

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# Dunlop English Schools Individual Championship



## DUNLOP ENGLISH SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

by David Lomas

There were five new names amongst the winners at the conclusion of the Dunlop English Schools Championships which were held at Mansfield Leisure Centre on Sunday, May 5.

Unseeded **Philip Logsdon** became Norfolk's first winner since the inaugural Championships in 1974 when he lifted the Boys' U-19 title. He disposed of No. 3 seed Murray Jukes (Hereford and Worcester) in the quarters, No. 1 seed David Blackburne (Durham) in the semis and No. 2 seed Mark Randle (Warks) in the final.

There were also shocks for the top two seeds in the Girls' U-19 event. No. 1 seed To Thuy Zung (Derbys) lost in the second round to Kathryn Bray (Humberside) whilst No. 2 seed Alison Boxall fell to Katrina Baker (Middx) also in Round 2. But then these two winners made a quick exit as Kathryn was beaten by Lynne Harrison (Gtr Manchester) and Katrina lost to Samantha Scott-Pawson (Dorset) in the quarters. **Sarah Hammond** (Hants) was the eventual winner.

The U-16 events were more predictable. **Bradley Billington** (Derbys) confirmed his No. 1 seeding in winning a close final over unseeded Mark Ward (South Yorks).

It was a good day for sisters **Claire** and **Helen Potts** (Ches). Claire shot her fourth ESTTA title in five years in winning the Girls' U-16 event by ousting Cumbria's Debbie Soothill whilst Helen retained her Girls' U-11 title with an impressive display. Two 8-year-olds caught the eye in this category. Sally Marling (Humberside) lost narrowly to Maria Thornley (Lancs) in the semis and the diminutive Nicola Deaton (Derbys) went out to Maria in the quarters after two encouraging wins.

**Damian Holland** (Essex Cty) dropped a game to Michael Auchterlonie (Hants) in the Boys' U-13 semi but went on to an impressive straight games win over Nicky Ryder (W Yorks). **Kerry Hall** (Derbys) added the Girls' U-13 title to her U-11 win in 1984 after quite a struggle with West Yorkshire's Debbie Toole.

**Jason Blake** (Surrey Metro) became Croydon's first-ever winner in taking the Boys' U-11 title by defeating Julian Ryder (W Yorks).

The Championships attracted an entry of almost 300 players. Only five of the Association's 50 County Associations were not represented. Competition Secretary Paul Birch -

taking over in this role after eleven previous Eddie Mitchell productions - got off to a good start. Tony Chatwin was again Referee assisted by an experienced team of helpers.

### Results:

**Boys U-19: s-f:** Philip Logsdon (Norfolk) bt David Blackburne (Durham) 20, 15.  
Mark Randle (Warwickshire) bt Nicholas Newton (S. Yorks) 17, 16.  
**Final: LOGSDON** bt Randle 13, 6  
**Girls U-19: s-f:** Sarah Hammond (Hampshire) bt Lynne Harrison (Gtr Manchester) -11, 22, 19.  
Samantha Scott-Pawson (Dorset) bt Esme Stevenson (Cornwall) -18, 10, 15.  
**Final: HAMMOND** bt Scott-Pawson 18, 16

**Boys U-16: s-f:** Bradley Billington (Derbyshire) bt Peter Harris (Hertfordshire) 15, 6.  
Mark Ward (South Yorkshire) bt James Griffiths (Inner London) 17, 12.

**Final: BILLINGTON** bt Ward 19, 19.  
**Girls U-16: s-f:** Debbie Soothill (Cumbria) bt Rachel Knight (Surrey Met) 11, 17.  
Claire Potts (Cheshire) bt Alison Evons (Humberside) 19, -19, 12.  
**Final: POTTS** bt Soothill 16, 15.

**Boys U-13: s-f:** Damian Holland (Essex County) bt Michael Auchterlonie (Hampshire) 14, -17, 16.  
Nicky Ryder (West Yorkshire) bt Lee Jeffries (West Midlands) 17, 14.

**Final: HOLLAND** bt Ryder 17, 14.  
**Girls U-13: s-f:** Kerry Hall (Derbyshire) bt Caroline Buckley (Bedfordshire) 11, 7.  
Debbie Toole (West Yorkshire) bt Susanne Lawton (Cleveland) 12, 14.  
**Final: HALL** bt Toole 18, -23, 17

**Boys U-11: s-f:** Julian Ryder (West Yorkshire) bt Alexander Collar (Wiltshire) 8, 10.  
Jason Blake (Surrey Metropolitan) bt Gavin Yates (Oxfordshire) 13, 9.

**Final: BLAKE** bt Ryder 5, 19.  
**Girls U-11: s-f:** Helen Potts (Cheshire) bt Helen Wright (Devon) 12, 17.  
Maria Thornley (Lancashire) bt Sally Marling (Humberside) -17, 18, 19.  
**Final: POTTS** bt Thornley 9, 13.

### CONSOLATION WINNERS

**B19** Simon Jones (Cheshire)  
**G19** Susan Brame (Kent County)  
**B16** John Holland (Nottinghamshire)  
**G16** Tanya Holland (Essex County)  
**B13** Robert Yong (Nottinghamshire)  
**G13** Alison Gower (Essex County)  
**B11** Nicholas Hayman (Derbyshire)  
**G11** Sophie Hendin (Suffolk)



### BOYS' U16

**Julie Kenworthy** (Dunlop Sports) with l to r: Peter Harris (s.f.), Bradley Billington (1st), Mark Ward (2nd), James Griffiths (s.f.).



### GIRLS' U16

**Tom Matthews** (ESTTA President) with (l to r) Rachel Knight (s.f.), Claire Potts (winner), Debbie Soothill (2nd), Alison Evans (s.f.).



### GIRLS' U13

**Fiona Brown** (ETTA Development Officer) with (l to r): Caroline Buckley (s.f.), Kerry Hall (1st), Debbie Toole (2nd), Caroline Buckley (s.f.), Susanne Lawton (s.f.).



### BOYS' U11

**Mr. Gordon Cunningham**, Chairman of the National Council for Schools' Sports, with (l to r) Jason Blake (1st), Julian Ryder (2nd), Gavin Yates (s.f.).

## LANCASHIRE 2-STAR JUNIOR OPEN

By Stuart Sneyd

The OLDHAM AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE, for the second successive year, hosted Lancashire's only Junior Open but this time at a new venue. Privileged indeed to be the first public users of Oldham's new Sports Centre - a superb facility with due consideration for the spectator element and built as an extension of the existing Swimming Stadium making a complex which must rank with the country's best. The OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH not only provided sponsorship by allowing free use of the venue but then went on to ensure the right atmosphere by dressing the place up with considerable quantities of flowers and shrubs. Image to Oldham is important and rightly so - it does much for the proper presentation of table tennis.

And so to the tournament itself - 18 tables, 10 events, 419 matches - quite a programme. The inclusion of four consolation events, provided much more involvement but alas at the expense of timing. The 10 p.m. finish, whilst within the regulations, was 1½ hours later than expected. Next year - fewer tables and a much simpler format, probably involving group play.

## JUNIOR BOYS' SINGLES

Two Canadians, John Mah and Lam Tam, did not justify their seeded positions of 1 and 3 and it was No. 2 seed CLIVE GUEST who eventually took the honours, dispensing with Rohit Khurana, Neil Inman, Andrew Eden, Alaric Bassano and Chris Oldfield on his way to the final against DAVID CARSE. Unseeded Carse was the typical dark horse - first and second round wins over Darren Hargreaves and Nicholas Felton then saw wins over a succession of seeded players - No. 8 Andrew Taylor, No. 10 Lee Brown, No. 4 Michael O'Driscoll and No. 5 Nicholas Newton to ensure his place against Guest. A very much in form Guest finally put paid to giant killer Carse by winning comfortably 13 and 15.

### Quarter Finals

Nicholas Newton (Y) bt John Mah (Can) 16, -16, 10.

David Carse (La) bt Michael O'Driscoll (Y) 13, 16.

Chris Oldfield (Y) bt John Butt (Y) -21, -16, 8.

Clive Guest (Y) bt Alaric Bassano (Y) 6, 14.

### Semi Finals

Carse bt Newton 19, -14, 19.

Guest bt Oldfield 17, 15.

### Final

GUEST bt Carse 13, 15.

## JUNIOR GIRLS' SINGLES

The two Canadians, Cathy Chu and

Helene Bedard seeded at 3 and 4, like their male compatriots, did not justify these positions. No. 2 seed Jill Powis fell in the 3rd round to Julie Billington and No. 1 seed Joanne Shaw went out to KERRY HALL in the semi finals. ANDREA HOLT proved too strong for Debbie Soothill in the opposite semi and it looked as though the Lancastrian seeded at 5 might triumph. But it was not to be so and the day belonged to 15th seed and much improving Hall who took the honours winning 19 and 14.

### Semi Finals

Kerry Hall (Dy) bt Joanne Shaw (Y) 12, 13.

Andrea Holt (La) bt Debbie Soothill (Cu) -18, 16, 7.

### Final

HALL bt Holt 19, 14.

## CADET BOYS' SINGLES

With the exception of Nicholas Ryder the semi final line up was as expected, with the 1st seed MICHAEL O'DRISCOLL taking on 4th seed David Morris and 2nd seed CHRIS OLDFIELD doing battle with 5th seed Adrian Thorp. The final result too was expected, O'Driscoll beating Oldfield 13 and 13.

### Semi Finals

Michael O'Driscoll (Y) bt David Morris (Sp) 18, 16.

Chris Oldfield (Y) bt Adrian Thorp (St) 12, 17.

### Final

O'DRISCOLL bt Oldfield 13, 13.

## CADET GIRLS' SINGLES

It was Debbie Toole who upset the predicted semi final line up by beating Kerry Hall in the quarters. With CLAIRE POTTS taking out No. 1 seed Cathy Chu of Canada in the semis and ANDREA HOLT beating Toole, the familiar Holt/Potts confrontation turned up yet again. It was Potts' turn this time, the Cheshire girl winning -17, 6, 17.

### Semi Final

Claire Potts (Ch) bt Cathy Chu (Canada) 15, 16.

Andrea Holt (La) bt Debbie Toole (Y) 15, 6.

### Final

POTTS bt Holt -17, 6, 17.

## OTHER RESULTS

### Junior Boys' Doubles

JOHN BULL/NICHOLAS NEWTON (Y) bt John Mah/Lam Tam (Canada) 14, 13.

### Junior Girls' Doubles

JULIE BILLINGTON/KERRY HALL (Dy) bt Andrea Holt (La)/Claire Potts (Ch) 15, -16, 19.

### Junior Boys' Consolation Singles

GARRY KNIGHTS (Dy) bt Tim Holder (Wo) 14, 21.

### Junior Girls' Consolation Singles

JULIE GLEGG (La) bt Helen Potts (Ch) 15, 12.

### Cadet Boys' Consolation Singles

PAUL KNOWLES (Dy) bt Michael Parker (Ch) 15, -18, 16.

### Cadet Girls' Consolation Singles

HELEN POTTS (Ch) bt Janine Harrison (Y) 20, 17,

-14, 13.

### Final:

HUANG HUEI-CHIEH/WU WEN-CHIA bt Chih Chin-Shui/Chu Chung-Yong 13, 22.

### Women's Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Chang Hsiu-Yu/Lin Li-Ju bt Cox/A. Holt (La) 8: 16: K. Burrows (Y)/S. Weston (Sx) bt Chen Yueh-Chen (TPE)/Sainsbury 13, -16, 18.

Grundy/J. Parker (La) bye.

Chuang Shu-Hwa/Huang Mei-Jen bye.

### Semi-finals:

Chang Hsiu-Yu/Lin Li-Ju bt Burrows/Weston 19, 12.

Chuang Shu-Hwa/Huang Mei-Jen bt Grundy/Parker -14, 14, 18.

### Final:

CHANG HSIU-YU/LIN LI-JU bt Chuang Shu-Hwa/Huang Mei-Jen 16, 4.

Mixed Class 2 Singles: Quarter-finals:

A. Dixon (St) bt P. Machin (Wa) 16, 10.

W. Percival (Ch) bt M. Dore (La) 20, 18.

D. Gannon (Le) bt S. Gibson (La) 19, 16.

I. Robertson (Nd) bt I. Guhn (Wa) 20, 13.

### Semi-finals:

Dixon bt Percival -19, 11, 16.

Gannon bt Robertson 12, -18, 10.

### Final:

GANNON bt Dixon 19:19.

### Veterans' Singles: Quarter-finals:

P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt W. K. Powell (Ch) 10, 22.

Norton bt Dixon 16, -15, 12.

E. Griffiths (Ch) bt M. H. Twe (Ch) 15, 18.

D. Schofield (Ch) bt J. Evans (La) 9, 14.

### Semi-finals:

Norton bt D'Arcy 10, -18, 15.

Schofield bt Griffiths 18, 11.

### Final:

SCHOFIELD bt Norton -19, 8, 20.

## DUNLOP LANCASHIRE 2-STAR OPEN

## TAIPEI TAKE-AWAY

by George R. Yates

Resplendent in lime green shirts the players of the Chinese Taipei Table Tennis Association ran rampant through the four major events in the Dunlop Lancashire 2-Star Open played for the 30th time at British Aerospace Dynamics, Lostock, nr. Bolton on April 20.

Some £750 in total was passed over to these green-shirted wizards from the Orient who left in their wake such English notables as David Wells, Stephen Scowcroft, Steve Mills, Stephen Turner, Carl Morgan and Kevin Beadsley as well as Joy Grundy, Mandy Sainsbury, Jean Parker, Jane Barella, Karen Burrows, Cathy Ridgard and Sally Weston.

Only Miss Grundy succeeded in reaching a final in which she lost to the top Taipei player **Chang Hsiu-Yu** whose male compatriots simply swamped the men's singles in which four of their number were concerned in the semis. The eventual winner was their No. 4 **Chih Chin-Long** who, in the semis, disposed of the No. 1 seed, the world-ranked Wu Wen-Chia.

Biggest cheer of the day came with the victory of local boy, Scowcroft, beating the Taipei No. 5 Chu Chung-Yong but it was a feat he could not repeat against Chih Chin-Long in the quarters. Wells,

seeded No. 5, fell to Hsu Long-Chien conqueror of Beadsley in Round 2.

Mercifully the Taipei players were debarred from the Class 2 mixed singles won by **David Gannon**, at the final expense of Adrian Dixon, whilst in the veterans' singles **Derek Schofield** registered his 8th success in these particular championships with a final win over Roy Norton.

This particular final, played in a deserted main canteen, incurred the displeasure of the two contestants, for it coincided with staged events in the adjoining concert hall which, of course, drew all the spectators barring two. But, as matters progressed, the prolonged battles in this event did not go to the anticipated schedule which, had they done so, would have provided the finalists with an audience. More's the pity but apologies were accepted finally.

Whether or not the inclusion of Taipei players frightened off a good many home players is debatable but Derek Schofield made the point that the E.T.T.A. spends hundreds of pounds in sending players abroad and yet, when substantial opposition from afar comes to one's doorstep no advantage is taken by a considerable number of would-be aspirants. Food for thought!

However, from a spectator point of view, the event drew spectators in abundance and local media coverage was of the highest order putting the sport on the map even if only locally.

## Results:

### Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:

Wu Wen Chia (TPE) bt Lin Wei-Chung (TPE)

15, 10.

Chih Chin-Long (TPE) bt S. Scowcroft (La) 14, 16.

Huang Hui-Chieh (TPE) bt S. Mills (Y) 12, 14.

Chih Chin-Shui (TPE) bt Hsu Long-Chien (TPE)

16, 14.

### Semi-finals:

Chih Chin-Long bt Wu Wen-Chia 17, 11.

Chih Chin-Shui bt Huang Hui-Chieh 12, -15, 19.

### Final:

CHIH CHIN-LONG bt Chih Chin-Shui 12, 19.

### Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:

Chang Hsiu-Yu (TPE) bt L. Harrison (Ch) 8, 11.

Lin Li-Ju (TPE) bt M. Sainsbury (Bk) 13, 12.

Huang Mei-Jen bt Chuang Shu-Hwa (TPE) -17, 18, 9.

J. Grundy (La) bt Chen Yueh-Chen (TPE) 13, 17.

### Semi-finals:

Chang Hsiu-Yu bt Lin Li-Ju -16, 17, 17.

Grundy bt Huang Mei-Jen 17, -15, 12.

### Final:

CHANG HSIU-YU bt Grundy 13, 24.

### Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Huang Hui-Chieh/Wu Wen-Chia bt K. Beadsley/A. Fletcher (Y) 15, 11.

Chih Chin-Long/Hsu Long-Chien bt A. Hare/D. Parmer (Wa) 13, -18, 14.

Mills/C. Rogers (Le) bt B. Johns (Ch)/Lin Wei-Chung (TPE) 16, -16, 18.

Chih Chin-Shui/Chu Chung-Yong bt R. Dixon (St)/R. Norton (Bu) 7, 11.

### Semi-finals:

Huang Hui-Chieh/Wu Wen-Chia bt Chih Chin-Long/Hsu Long-Chien 19, -20, 15.

Chih Chin-Shui/Chu Chung-Yong bt Mills/Rogers 18.



Chin Chin Long

## LANCASHIRE LIFE

### HIGHLIGHT AT LOSTOCK

by George R. Yates

Undoubtedly the high spot of the season in the Red Rose county was the visit of the Chinese Taipei team to British Aerospace Dynamics, Lostock - not only to participate in the Dunlop Lancashire 2-Star Open but to engage in a representative match against a North of England team on the eve of the championships.

But, as on the Saturday, it was the green-shirted Taipei players who proved the winners (5-2) with the North of England sets being won by Donald Parker - a solid performance this - and by Joy Grundy. Scores:

S. Turner (La) lost to Huang Hwei-Chieh -18, 15, -15.  
D. Parker (La) bt Chu Chung-Yong 17, -17, 15.  
Jean Parker (La) lost to Lin Li-Ju 18, -11, -14.  
S. Mills (Y) lost to Chih Chin-Long -18, -11.  
Joy Grundy bt Chang Hsiu-Yu 17, 17.  
N. Eckersley (Ch) lost to Chih Chin-Shui 18, -12, -13.  
S. Scowcroft (La) lost to Wu Wen-Chia -15, -15.

The latter stages of the Norman Cook Memorial Trophy competition brought a further trophy for Oldham's sideboard when they beat Sale 5-4 having accounted for Wirral in the semis. In the final Oldham were off scratch and Sale in receipt of 4 points start per game, having previously beaten Warrington.

Nigel Hallows won the Bolton League's closed men's singles title with a final victory over young David Carse, the county junior, and Bury inter-league player. Carse won the boys' singles title beating Andrea Holt who, in turn, took the women's singles title with a final win over Dorothy Scowcroft. Over in Bury, Scowcroft, who did not defend his Bolton title, was beaten in the final of the men's singles by Nigel Eckersley.

Bolton's inter-league player, Shaun Browne, has accepted a coaching engagement with the Cairns TTA, in Queensland, Australia leaving a gap to be filled both in Lancashire's first team and in Bolton's. We wish him well.



Wu Wen-Chia of Chinese Taipei, conqueror of Bolton's Stephen Scowcroft in the representative match at Lostock.

Photo by Malcolm Anderson, USTTA.

In the County Championships, Lancashire's first team are to be congratulated on their runners-up position to Middlesex and to the Junior team which gained promotion to the Junior Premier Division despite finishing second to Yorkshire II.

On the Lancashire and Cheshire League front Oldham became the champions of the men's first division as a result of beating the defending champions, Bolton 6-4. Two wins each for Phil Aspinall and Tim Hatton, plus one from Mark Hankey and the doubles, did the trick. Scowcroft recorded Bolton's two wins, over Hankey and Hatton, the last two sets being conceded by the visitors.

Susan Lisle, Caroline Hemming, Janet Deakin, Janet Le Page and Brenda Owen did remarkably well

to champion the women's first division dropping only one point, to Crewe, en route to the title. Bury, with a whole galaxy of teenagers, topped the Junior first division, the players mainly concerned being David Carse, Nigel Greenwood and Peter Holt. Winners and runners-up in all thirteen divisions were:

| MEN     | Winners        | Runners-up     |
|---------|----------------|----------------|
| Div. 1  | Oldham         | Bolton         |
| Div. 2N | Bolton A       | Bischoff       |
| Div. 2S | Liverpool A    | Bury           |
| Div. 3N | Sale           | Wirral B       |
| Div. 3S | Oldham A       | Blackburn A    |
| Div. 4N | Sale A         | Warrington A   |
| Div. 4S | Burnley A      | Macclesfield A |
| Div. 5  | Ellesmere Port | Wirral C       |
| WOMEN   |                |                |
| Div. 1  | Warrington     | Crewe          |
| Div. 2  | Southport      | Preston        |
| JUNIOR  |                |                |
| Div. 1  | Bury           | Wirral         |
| Div. 2A | Warrington     | Barrow         |
| Div. 2B | Preston A      | Hyde           |

John Barber reports from....

## MIDLAND LEAGUE

### TABLE TOPPERS

The A.G.M. has been fixed provisionally for Sunday, July 7, 1985 in Birmingham. This will be confirmed, together with the venue to League team Secretaries.

Results, League tables and leading scorers at time of going to press for this season's last edition of T.T. News are:

## MEN'S SECTION

### DIVISION 1

Results: Leicester 4 Potteries 6, Potteries A 8 Wolves B 2.

|              | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Potteries A  | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 15 | 10  |
| Glos. A      | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 35 | 25 | 7   |
| Wolves B     | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 24 | 26 | 5   |
| Wolves A     | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 13 | 4   |
| Leicester A  | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 27 | 23 | 4   |
| Chesterfield | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 22 | 38 | 4   |
| Birmingham A | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 20 | 40 | 2   |

M. Evans (Potteries) 13; D. Griffin (Glos.) 12. M. Owen (Glos.) 10, M. Bakevell (Potts) 10.

### DIVISION 2

Results: Stroud 4 Notts B 6; Coventry A 9 Cheltenham A 1; Notts A 9 Stroud 1; Coventry A 8 Stroud 2

|              | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Coventry A   | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 42 | 18 | 10  |
| Notts A      | 6 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 38 | 27 | 9   |
| Potteries B  | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 25 | 9   |
| Notts B      | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 31 | 29 | 7   |
| Stroud       | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 29 | 31 | 4   |
| Wolves C     | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 19 | 41 | 2   |
| Cheltenham A | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 16 | 44 | 1   |

A. Pilgrim (Cov. A) 15; X. Pignoni (Cov. A) 12. N. Jobling (Potts B) 12.

### DIVISION 3

Results: Leamington A 3 Derby 7; Burton 0 Derby 10; Loughborough 6 Leamington 4.

|              | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Nuneaton     | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 15 | 12  |
| Derby        | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 41 | 19 | 10  |
| Stafford     | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 33 | 27 | 7   |
| Loughborough | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 31 | 29 | 7   |

P. Muir (Nun) 17, P. McCabe (Nun) 13, B. Murray (Staff) 16, P. Vickers (Derby) 13.

### DIVISION 4

Result: Notts C 5 Bath 5

|         | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Notts C | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 55 | 15 | 13  |
| Bath    | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 20 | 11  |
| Glos. B | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 45 | 25 | 10  |

C. Ellison (Bath) 17, D. Bilton (Notts) 14, C. Davies (Notts) 13, B. Fawkes (East) 14.

## JUNIORS

### DIVISION 1

Results: Derby 10 Glos O; Notts 9 Leics 1; Glos 1 Wolves 9; Cov 9 Leics 1.

|                | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Nottingham A   | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 13 | 12  |
| Coventry A     | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 38 | 22 | 7   |
| Derby          | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 29 | 31 | 7   |
| Wolverhampton  | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 31 | 29 | 5   |
| Gloucester     | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 23 | 2   |
| Leicester      | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 40 | 2   |
| Loughborough A | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 40 | 0   |

T. Sheppard (Notts) 16, J. Holland (N) 14, R. Hayward (C) 13, J. Wootton (W) 13.

## DIVISION 2

Results: Bham 6 Pontesbury 4; Wals 4 Bham 6

|              | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Birmingham A | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 44 | 16 | 11  |
| Coventry B   | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 15 | 9   |
| Pontesbury   | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 32 | 28 | 6   |

D. Smith (Bham) 17, V. Chauhan (Bham) 13, R. Fearn (Notts) 13, D. Thomas (Cov) 13.

## DIVISION 3

Results: eastwood 6 Broms 4; Cov O Staffs 10.

|              | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Birmingham B | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 6  | 8   |
| Eastwood     | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 26 | 24 | 8   |
| Stafford     | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 10 | 6   |

T. Holder (Broms) 13, A. Hough (Staffs) 12, H. Rashid (Bham) 11.

## DIVISION 4

Results: Rugby 4 Stroud 6; Walsall 8 Worcs 2.

|           | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Stroud    | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 5  | 10  |
| Rugby     | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 42 | 8  | 8   |
| Walsall C | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 23 | 27 | 6   |

H. Williams (Stroud) 14; N. Griggell (S) 4, M. Harris (Rugby) 13.

## DIVISION 5

Result: W. Brom 7 Mansfield A 3.

|               | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Dudley        | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 2  | 10  |
| Kidderminster | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 40 | 10 | 8   |
| W. Bromwich   | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 26 | 24 | 6   |

P. Caravan (Dud) 15, P. Roltason (D) 14, P. Smith (D) 14.

## INTERMEDIATES SECTION

Results: Hinckley 1 Rugby 9; Nuneaton 3 Worcs. 7; Worcs. 6 Wals. 4; Rugby 5 Worcs. 5; Hinckley 7 Nuneaton 3.

|           | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Rugby     | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 53 | 17 | 12  |
| Hinckley  | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 34 | 36 | 9   |
| Worcester | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 37 | 33 | 8   |

M. Thomas (Rug) 19, M. Randle (R) 18, D. Grundy (H) 15.

## VETERANS

### DIVISION 1

Results: Notts B 2 Notts A B; Oxford A 6 Walsall 4; Notts A 8 Leam 2; Leam 7 Teild 3; Bham A 5 Leics 5; Oxford 5 Bham B 5; Leam 6 Wals 4; Leics 6 Teild 5; Teild 5 Notts B 5.

|              | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Nottingham A | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 65 | 15 | 15  |
| Birmingham B | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 53 | 27 | 13  |
| Oxford A     | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 42 | 38 | 10  |
| Birmingham B | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 39 | 41 | 9   |

A. Saunders (Notts A) 23, A. Vesson (Notts A) 18, T. Bache (Bham A) 17, G. Aldwinckle (Leics) 17.

### DIVISION 2

Results: Chelt 5 Kidd 5; S on A 5 Kidd 5; Cov 4 Stroud 6; S on A 6 Chelt 4; Stroud 1 Chelt 9.

|            | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Oxford B   | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 12 | 14  |
| S. on Avon | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 37 | 33 | 9   |
| Coventry A | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 38 | 32 | 8   |

L. Pratt (Ox B) 19; J. Paul (Ox B) 16, R. Thomas (Cov A) 17.

## LADIES SECTION

Results: Bristol 8 Bham A 2; Kidd 1 Bham A 9; Bham B 3 Bham A 7; Kidd 7 Bham B 3; Bham 3 Leics 7; Wolves B Kidd 2; Notts 10 Kidd 0 (conceded); Derby 10 Kidd 0 (conceded); Leics 10 Bristol 0 (conceded); Wolves 9 Bham B 1; Leics 5 Wolves 5.

|               | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Wolverhampton | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 54 | 16 | 13  |
| Leicester     | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 22 | 9   |
| Birmingham A  | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 39 | 31 | 8   |
| Bristol       | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 39 | 34 | 8   |

J. Harris (Wolves) 21, S. Peakman (Bham A) 13, P. Simpson (Notts) 14.



# No Ding-Dong at Ping-Pong

## NO DING-DONG AT PING-PONG

by Keith Soothill

Sport has become a familiar feature in our national and local newspapers. Up to eight pages in some popular newspapers are devoted exclusively to the coverage of sport. However, sport is certainly not restricted to the sports pages of our newspapers. Nowadays sports stories are often news stories. Also the peccadilloes - sexual or otherwise - of our sports stars are often fodder for the gossip writers and the diary columnists. The George Best saga, the Ian Botham drug trial, the John McEnroe and Tatum O'Neal love match and, inevitably, the social problem of football hooliganism are just a few recent examples which most readers - whether or not with a general interest in sport - will have noticed.

It is quite conceivable that the general image of a sport is likely to be constructed in the minds of the public much more by events which are reported in the news pages of the papers than by reports in the sports pages or by the specialist magazines, such as *Table Tennis News*, which serve the interest of the committed enthusiast. It is a sad fact that the extremely selective, perhaps distorted, probably exaggerated items which appear in the news pages of our national and local newspapers will be virtually the only information which the non-sporting public will receive about certain sports. So it becomes important to ask what are the images of sport which are being portrayed in the news pages? Is there a great variation from one sport to the next? In an attempt to begin to answer some of these questions, I began a small research programme in January of this year and I am now in a position to give some preliminary results of the study. I am now in the process of feeding back to individual sports how their own activities fared in this exercise. So, after indicating the general results I want to focus specifically on table tennis.

During 1985 I am carrying out a project financed by The Nuffield Foundation on the press coverage of sexual offences, so having a variety of newspapers available I decided to carry out as an additional study a detailed analysis on how sport is portrayed to the general public in the news pages of seven newspapers - four national dailies (*Daily Mail*, *Daily Mirror*, *Daily Star* and *The Sun*) and three local evening papers from different parts of the country (London's *Standard*, the *Coventry Evening Telegraph* and the *Lancashire Evening Post*). In addition, for the purpose of this article, I have also considered the amount of coverage of table tennis in the news pages of five national Sundays (*The Observer*, *Sunday Mirror*,

*Sunday People*, *News of the World* and the *Mail on Sunday*) and two local weeklies (*Lancaster Guardian* and the *Middlesex Chronicle*). For a three-month period (January - March) I identified every item in the news pages where sport was mentioned in some way. 'News pages' were defined as all the pages except sports pages; no notice, however, was taken of advertisements; similarly, any sporting items in the TV and radio programme lists were ignored. Combining all the seven daily newspapers on which I carried out the detailed analysis they appeared for a total of 500 days during the period and, interestingly, at least one football item appeared on 317 of these days. In short, one could expect something on football to appear rather more frequently than every other day. A wide range of sports was identified - 64 in all - but it soon became evident that a few sports tended to dominate the proceedings. Apart from football appearing on average at least every other day, something appears on athletics, horse-racing and cricket on average at least once a week, while rugby, boxing and tennis feature at least once a fortnight. The frequency of coverage of these particular sports is shown as Table 1 which indicates that these seven sports get a total of 800 mentions.

Perhaps surprisingly, it is the *Daily Mail* which has the most references to those seven sports in the news pages - to some extent this is accounted for by the necessity of finding gossip to fill the Nigel Dempster Mail Diary. *The Sun* has marginally fewer items than the other three national dailies, but one needs to remember that *The Sun* failed to appear on six days owing to an industrial dispute. Certainly, though, there are somewhat fewer items on sport in the local evening papers compared with the national dailies.

However, we are not concerned in this article with these top seven sports which get a fair amount of coverage in the news pages, but with the remaining 55 sports. These other sports are quite clearly 'also rans', for they can only muster a total of 554 mentions between them. For anyone expecting to see much mention of their favourite sport of table tennis in the news

pages and gossip columns would be severely disappointed. Some might heave a great sigh of relief at this news, for many might view the absence of a sport from the front pages as evidence that there are no scandals or corruption - in short, there is little amiss with the sport - while the greatest concern should be focused on any absence from the back or sports pages. This is a point to which we will return later.

Anyway, during the period of the study I only managed to identify **four** items of news or gossip which mentioned table tennis. Interestingly, badminton fared even worse - or better? - for there is no evidence of any mention at all of badminton in the news pages of these newspapers from January to March. There was no trace of any mention at all of table tennis in the news pages of any of the five national Sundays or two local weeklies included in the study. Perhaps - before being inundated with letters pointing out my errors - I should just make two qualifications. I noted the sports only when one or at the most two sports were mentioned in a particular item (Ian Botham, for example, may be described as both a Somerset cricketer and a Scunthorpe footballer). If more than two sports were mentioned, then this entry was categorised as 'general'. During the three-month

instance, a new sports centre is being opened, it is quite likely that table tennis - among many other sports - will be mentioned as being available at these new facilities. The other proviso is, of course, the problem of human error - I may have just missed the features on table tennis! Anyway, very few items mentioning table tennis could be traced.

To give some indication of the range of sports which are in a somewhat similar situation to table tennis, Table 2 provides some idea. They are grouped in multiples of seven for the reason that if there is just one story on a particular day which attracts all the newspapers in the sample, then this one story could account for the total score of seven. If, on the other hand, a sport manages to squeeze into the next category, then we know that there was coverage on at least two days in some newspapers, and so on.

There are, of course, problems in defining what should be counted as a sport and perhaps some of the activities included in Table 2 do not fulfil some people's idea of sport. There is always a difficulty of quite where to draw the line - in the present study, dwarf-throwing was not included and seemed beyond the pale of civilised sport! Perhaps even more contentious is how to group sports - should, for instance, billiards and snooker be regarded as separate sports, should the two rugby codes have been analysed separately, and so on. There is no end to this kind of academic debate. Nevertheless, however the sports are combined or separated, there is no getting away from the fact that table tennis provoked only very limited interest in the news pages of these national and local newspapers. Table 2 illustrates the considerable gap between the top seven sports in terms of coverage and the remainder of which swimming is the first of the chasing bunch. In contrast, table tennis comes way down the list.

TABLE 1  
Total Number of Mentions for Top Seven Sports  
in the News Pages of Seven Newspapers

|              | Daily Mail | Daily Mirror | Daily Star | The Sun | Coventry Evening Telegraph | Lancashire Evening Post | The Standard | Total | One Mention Every |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------|-------------------|
| Football     | 51         | 51           | 47         | 46      | 45                         | 41                      | 36           | 317   | 2 Days            |
| Athletics    | 23         | 14           | 17         | 16      | 14                         | 13                      | 19           | 116   | 4 Days            |
| Horse-Racing | 23         | 14           | 25         | 12      | 7                          | 11                      | 5            | 97    | 5 Days            |
| Cricket      | 13         | 14           | 13         | 14      | 13                         | 9                       | 18           | 94    | 5 Days            |
| Rugby        | 10         | 10           | 6          | 13      | 9                          | 10                      | 3            | 61    | 8 Days            |
| Boxing       | 15         | 9            | 12         | 6       | 4                          | 9                       | 4            | 59    | 9 Days            |
| Tennis       | 13         | 11           | 14         | 11      | 2                          | 5                       | 0            | 56    | 9 Days            |
| Table Tennis | -          | -            | -          | 2       | -                          | 2                       | -            | 4     | 125 Days          |

period, there were 95 such 'general' items in which the mention of table tennis may be buried away. If, for

TABLE 2  
Total Number of Mentions for each Sport  
Over a Three-Month Period

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 50 and over | Athletics; Boxing; Cricket; Football; Horse-Racing; Rugby; Tennis   |
| 43-49       | (Nil)   |
| 36-42       | Swimming (incl Water Polo)  |
| 29-35       | Golf; Mountaineering; Sailing; Snooker and Billiards  |
| 22-28       | Angling; Darts; Motor-Racing; Show-Jumping and Eventing   |
| 15-21       | Carriage-Driving; Skiing  |
| 8-14        | American Football; BMX Racing; Cycling; Field Sports; Hockey; Ice-Skating; Martial Arts; Motor-Cycling; Parachuting; Rowing; Water-Skiing; Weight-Lifting; Wrestling  |
| 1-7         | Archery; Atherstone's Ball Game; Australian Rules; Ballooning; Baseball; Basketball; Bowls; Canoeing; Croquet; Falconry; Fencing; Frisbee; Go-Cart Racing; Greyhound Racing; Gymnastics; Netball; Polo; Pool; Real Tennis; Roller-Skating; Shooting; Shrove Tuesday Ball Game; Skittles; Speedway; Squash; Stock-Car Racing; Street Hockey; Sub-Aqua Diving; <b>Table Tennis</b> ; Ten-Pin Bowling; Triathlon; Volleyball; Wind-Surfing |

Few they may be, but what sort of image of table tennis is being constructed in the minds of the general public through the news pages of our popular newspapers? Certainly considerable anxiety was expressed that the punch-up at our national championships ("Ding-dong at ping-pong") a couple of years ago would have a damaging effect on the image of the game, so what is happening now?

The four items traced suggest that on average one might reasonably expect to see something on table tennis in the news pages of these papers once every 125 days! This is a pitiful amount of coverage for what, after all using Sports Council figures, is one of the ten most popular sports in England and Wales (see *Digest of Sports Statistics*, The Sports Council, 1983, p.vii, table1). Anyway, what were the items? They fall into three categories - glamour, tragedy and local colour.

It is, of course, true that tragedy and disaster often attracts more publicity than good news and success. It is doubly sad when tragedy occurs to one of the family of table tennis:

## SPORT STAR DIES

Norwegian women's table tennis champion Tone Folkesson has died in a road crash in Spain. She was due to play in Wales on Wednesday.  
*(The Sun*  
*15 January)*

There were two local features identified:

## PING-PONG PUPILS PUT SCHOOL ON THE MAP

(Under a photo) these top Table tennis players are hoping to put the North West on the map in a national competition.

The boys and girls, all pupils of Bishop Rawstorne C of E School, Croston, near Chorley, are through to the last dozen in the country....

*Lancashire Evening Post*  
February 8

## SPORTING GESTURE

Four determined lads of Kirkham Grammar School played table tennis for 8½ hours at Ribby Hall leisure centre, Wrea Green, and, through sponsorship, raised £80.39 for the Ethiopian appeal.  
*Lancashire Evening Post*  
March 22

Similar examples from local newspapers could, no doubt, be given from many other areas in the country suggesting that our local coverage does not have quite the dearth of the national scene. The final item, however, is from the national press and brings a bit of show-biz to the game! It features two photos of Helen Williams - one in a glamour pose and one in action playing table tennis. The text reads:

## PING-PONG HELEN HAS A LOVELY TOP SPIN!

\*How's this for a ding dong of a ping pong girl?

\*Heavenly Helen Williams - one of Britain's top table tennis players - has decided to turn her hand to modelling.

\*The little smasher, from Enfield, Middlesex, said: "There isn't much money in pro table tennis, so I'm modelling to make ends meet."

\*Helen, 21, looks certain to net a fortune...all the fellas are just about batty about her!

*The Sun*  
January 22

Helen's appearance in *The Sun* raises many of the dilemmas of modern sport and for the women's movement in particular. In order to succeed in the modern world, do individual sports need to recognise much more self-consciously that

they are part of the entertainment business? In brief, is it the way forward for the spectator public to be attracted back to watch the game as much as to see the table tennis form of Desmond Douglas as the physical form of Helen Williams? Beauty, of course, is not simply an attribute of the female body and many may come to lust after the male charms of Carl Prean, Alan Cooke and Skylet Andrew, so it is not necessarily a sexist approach. I am not necessarily advocating this as a solution - and certainly not in this extreme form - but I do think we need to consider how to handle the publicity machine. At present, no one seems willing to grasp this nettle and it is left to the individual efforts of Helen to awaken the interest of the general public in the attractions of playing table tennis.

So the question which perhaps needs to be posed for and answered by the table tennis enthusiast in general and the table tennis establishment in particular - as indeed by other sports which are only rarely, if ever, featured in the news and gossip columns - is, "Does it matter that table tennis does not provoke the kind of interest of the top seven sports?"

There are the two extreme positions to this question - one of which is catered for by the present response of the media. One view could be that "everything in the garden is lovely" and that one should be grateful that the purity of the sport of table tennis is only rarely contaminated by gratuitous appearances in the news pages. The other extreme view is that "all publicity is good publicity" and that the development of the sport is being seriously hindered by the failure to impinge upon the consciousness of the general public at every conceivable opportunity and in every conceivable way. Perhaps those who adhere to the latter line may wish to modify their opinion in the light of the detrimental effect that the focus on football hooliganism is probably having on

the sport of football. Equally, those who almost welcome the dearth of gossip about table tennis and table tennis players on the news pages of our papers may perhaps wonder whether this could have an effect on the attraction of sponsorship money into the sport. Sponsor, though, are not attracted by all kinds of publicity as at least one well-known tennis player who came "out of the closet" and admitted a past lesbian relationship learned to the considerable cost of her individual pocket.

The truth seems to be that most involved in sport certainly court some publicity for their own particular sport. There is certainly a sense in which publicity puts the sport on the map. Much more problematic, however, is what is good and bad publicity. Are lurid divorce scandals good or bad for the sport, or are they totally irrelevant? While it is fairly evident that a guest appearance on, say, "A Question of Sport", can only be good for the sport - unless perhaps the sporting personality proves to be a complete idiot! - most other outcomes of the media machine are much less clear-cut. Certainly, it would be of interest - to this writer at least - to know what people interested in the development of the game of table tennis think of this issue. It is a question I am posing to a variety of sports which seem to attract only minimal publicity. What are your views? More specifically, which other sports are achieving the sort of publicity which you would think to be good for table tennis. Is Helen's rather attractive figure featured in *The Sun* an asset or a liability? What are the ingredients of publicity that you like... or, indeed, dislike? Certainly I feel that we could engage some copywriters to come up with some rather more original catch-phrases to replace the tedious "ding-dong and ping-pong"!

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## ON THE CARPET

by Malcolm Hartley

*of the Bradford Telegraph and Argus*

Yorkshire's Kevin Beadsley was on the carpet along with his Nemesis team-mate Mick Stephenson after high jinks in a Bradford League cup semi-final.

Beadsley had had a dislocated shoulder and Stephenson a

muscular problem in the chest and asked that the match be postponed.

But with the final also arranged for 48 hours later the dates could not be changed at short notice so in protest Beadsley turned out wearing dark glasses, a flat cap, stockings and suspenders, while Stephenson wore a hula hula skirt.

Beadsley, England No. 23, lost to Paul Sanderson 21-2 in one game, though four days later he had recovered sufficiently to master the England No. 6 Dave Wells, at the

South Yorkshire Open.

Bradford League secretary Arthur Bowers said: "The way they conducted themselves was an insult to the game and to the people who came to watch what should have been one of the best matches of the season."

The Nemesis/Hermits joint committee have terminated the membership of Beadsley and Stephenson for not following the correct procedure for the replacement of injured players or for the handling of protests and, by

attempting to ridicule the match, bringing the club into disrepute.

The committee also apologised to their cup opponents, Unity (who went on to win the cup) and the Bradford association.

The Bradford League management committee, acting on a letter of complaint from Unity, have invited the players to their next meeting to state their case.

Earlier in the season Beadsley was reprimanded by Yorkshire for turning out incorrectly dressed for a county match.

## FOR BETTER OR WORSE, FOR RICHER OR POORER?

### John Prean examines the lot of the Professional Player in England

A number of conflicting statements have produced a fascinating puzzle. Desmond Douglas was quoted as follows in the National Press: "...Some England Players are on the Dole...I don't think the ETTA is being run well enough as a business as it should be. More money should be coming into the Sport..." John Woodford, Table Tennis Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, which consistently gives our Sport a good break, concluded that even "the threat of a players' walk out for the third successive year cannot be ruled out...". Though this did not materialise in THIS year's English Closed, it did not point to a scene of contentment which IS reflected by Peter Charters who wrote in this Magazine: "Life for England's Top Players has been and is continuing to improve."

#### Something does not add up

They cannot all be right, though Des is our best player and he has been around long enough to know what is going on and John is a widely published writer on Table Tennis and Peter, a member of the ETTA's Inner Cabinet (the Management Committee) is already spoken of as a future Chairman of the ETTA.

#### The Search for the Facts

did not prove an easy one. Not only can figures be presented and interpreted in a number of ways, if one persists too long, one loses one's readers before the conclusions are reached. Let us get straight to the heart of the matter: I discovered that some years ago the total squad pool for that season was near to £25,000 which figure was shared by members of the England Squad of the day, perhaps 10 or 12 players, in the course of that season. That was 5 or 6 years ago. Today the total pool is no more than £15,000.

#### Only the Unemployed

Whichever way you look at this, it represents a massive cut. If you allow for inflation, as OUR subs. do, to the ETTA do, and if you speak of REAL money, England players get rather less than HALF of what they did 5 or 6 years ago. To be fair, levels in the current season were higher than in 83/84; both seasons represented very large reductions compared with 1979! Only those who went from good jobs into unemployment suffered similar cuts. I can think of no group of workers who earn less than half of what they did 6 years ago. Nevertheless that is the situation of the English professional player.

#### Bronze Medal Aftermath

Neither did the pay cuts coincide with diminished playing perfor-

mances. On the contrary: The biggest, cruellest cut came when our players were most successful. After the Golden Spring of Tokyo (as recent as 1983) when our men won the Bronze and our Ladies were 6th in the World, when our players reported after the Summer Break, that was when they were hit hardest. Their meagre allowances were cut to shreds, in a number of cases below dole levels. What made the massacre all the more sickening was that all this was done against a background of euphoria about our 'fine, young players' and followed what were quite stunning successes.

#### Scrooge as a Philanthropist

The grim reality was that what had been done made Scrooge look like a millionaire philanthropist. Much as I want to believe Selector Charters' often repeated sunny messages of good cheer, I cannot forget the Summer of '83 when everything looked so good and how quickly it turned sour. I remember the reactions of the players after they were given their typical daily allowances of £5 per day (and that only whilst on England duty). The dole seemed a positively luxurious alternative. I remembered one much praised member of the successful world championship side who got exactly nothing, but was still expected to be in regular attendance at all those long far-away training sessions.

#### Can we afford it?

The cry goes out that we cannot afford these things, even what in 1979 seemed a good idea. The ETTA has so many players to look after ... in the local leagues. Why should these subsidise those at the top? In their own petty way, these seem impressive arguments. The truth is that the membership has NEVER subsidised the elite. The traffic has all been the other way.

#### An Act of Faith

When last year the membership voted the ETTA vastly increased funds, it was a heartening gesture from the grass roots, a realisation that the Sport needed help, because it was in deep trouble. If it is to amount to something again, if it is to gain respect from the wider public and the media, there is only one route and that is via a strong National Team. A few hours on the 'Box' each year, as happened during 1977 (World Championships, Birmingham) and we would be on our way again; certainly the decline in membership figures would go in reverse. Every Public Relations and Advertising Man I speak to tells me that, as does the ETTA's own document (Table Tennis into the 1990's) which contained a lot of good sense. Herr Gab, the President of the German Association, tells his members the same thing. He is a former International, and has been a member of the

Board of both the German Ford and General Motors. Accept from him, or our own ETTA, if you cannot accept it from me, that our Sport needs a strong National Team, that this would benefit us all, that it would help bring new members to our clubrooms, which would enable us to do more to improve our clubs and enjoy the game.

#### Justice

But there is more to it than that: It is a matter of justice as well. The ETTA derives a large part of its income, up to £100,000 each year from T.V., Sponsorship and The Trade. Much, perhaps all, is attributable to the top players. Without them we would get little, perhaps nothing. Compare that with squad fees of £15,000 and the Scrooge links become clearer, stronger. The case is not only an economic one, it is a moral one. Do we want the sport to be run this way? Do we want to profit from the players' contribution to the ETTA budget and at the same time grind them into poverty?

#### Chariots of Fire

Sadly the days of the 'Chariots of Fire' have gone forever. Sportsmen today have to practise their sport full-time if they want to compete at international level. This means that the Sport should provide enough to live on and a little more for the rainy days when it is all over. If we say that the Sport should be all-amateur, it is a point of view I could understand and we might still beat Iceland and Malta. I have no sympathy with a governing body that makes professional demands on players, requiring their services so often that they cannot hold down a job outside the Sport, and yet rewards them like amateurs. We pocket - or put into the ETTA Treasury - what they bring, but give little back.

#### The Desmond Douglas Story

Many people have expressed astonishment to me that the ETTA, amidst pleas of poverty on so many other occasions, should have found £10,000 to keep Des in England next season. I cannot agree with these criticisms. If the ETTA can sell only one event to T.V. and a sponsor on the strength of the Douglas name, it will be an excellent investment. They will get their money back and show a profit. They have made a reasonable commercial decision and we must support them whenever they show initiative. One must hope too that they make the most of the great player's presence and do not waste him as a travelling target man in successive 3-Star Tournaments and wear him out as the Bundesliga never did.

#### The other side of the coin

So suddenly all money difficulties seem to have melted away. £10,000 could be found for Douglas for one year, just as £3,000 was found for Grubba for one day (Charles Church). Among the rest of England's players £15 per day remained the top wage and that for, perhaps, 100 or so days each year. As one remarked to me, they labour for one year to earn from English Table Tennis what the Polish Champion received in half a day. One young player, who has won a lot of matches for England this season, actually has his allowance cut by a third this season compared with last, but, as they say, that's show business, at least as presented by our own ETTA.

#### Tolpuddle Martyrs

We all read of pockets of life in our modern society that remind us of Charles Dickens and the age of the Tolpuddle Martyrs. Sadly I have found another in which our England Team moves. Cushioned at times by a supportive family or sponsor, they battle on, but no one seems to for very long. That picture of the England Squad of 1982 tells the story. Half have stopped playing and no wonder! Yes, the players too are to blame. No one will ship THEM to Australia if they make a stand, often they are so much in love with the sport, that little else matters to them. Umpires and Referees are represented on the ETTA's Management Committee (not unreasonably), but players are not. Sometimes you have to fight as hard off the table as on. That is a fact of life for the professional sportsman and amateur officials are not always on the same wavelengths and until players take more interest and play an active part in the sport, they will have little say.

#### No personal axe to grind

I hope the next chapter will not be yet another batch of articles that tell the readership what an immoderate and flamboyant rotter I am or that I am getting it all up for 'my talented son'. If the hit squad and the sunshine boys come out in force, nothing but disappointment awaits them. I have no axe to grind except wanting to see the Sport where it belongs - in the sun instead of where it is. For the players it is more than a matter of money, but one of pride as well. The old bromide about shortage of money does not wash, because it was there for Douglas, for Grubba and various other things. That sufficient money was not found for the rest of the players is due, in my view, to only one thing: There was no will to do so. It was unjust and it was bad housekeeping.

## A PROFESSIONAL'S VIEWPOINT

By John Oakley  
(Press Association)

Desmond Douglas, despite losing early in the men's singles, is still the supreme player in England. But Carl Prean, 17, and Lisa Bellinger, 18, are now decidedly world class and should only improve in the future.

These were the thoughts that came most vividly to mind as I flew back with the England party from the World Championships in Gothenburg.

Alan Cooke, Alison Gordon, Skylet Andrew and Jackie Bellinger all had their moments but for Graham Sandley and Karen Witt the trip must have brought more frustration than joy.

Des was hit by a stomach complaint midway through the championships and was weary after his exploits in the Commonwealth event in the Isle of Man. Yet he won 16 of his 19 singles in the team event and proved that, at 29, his reflexes are still among the fastest in the game.

That England could finish only tenth after their fourth place in Tokyo was no fault of his as he made clear that, outside of China, he is one of the most formidable players in the world.

He was unbeaten in four of the seven matches in which he played and his victims included Seiji Ono and Hidio Gotoh of Japan, Dragutin Surbek and Zoran Kalinic of Yugoslavia and Lo Chuen Chung, the Hong Kong player who was a shock semi-finalist in the men's singles.

Des did not just beat Lo Chuen Chung. He virtually annihilated him 21-15, 21-16.

Of his three defeats in the team event only Kiyoshi Saito, the leading Japanese player, beat him comfortably. He lost 20 in the third to Frenchman Patrick Rense, a match he should have won, while he was still recovering from stomach trouble when he went down to young Ilija Lupulescu of Yugoslavia.

In the men's singles Des was a little apprehensive before his first round match with one of the lesser Swedes, Jonny Akesson, yet won 12, 10, 8 in a superb display.

Unfortunately his next match proved a disaster when he lost to Kim Song Hui, the 17-year-old junior champion of North Korea, after leading by two games to love and 14-10 in the third. Des was coasting to victory when Kim, taking his life in his hands, ran round his backhand, hit all out on his forehand and everything went on.

As Des said later: "The fellow just went for boomers and there wasn't much I could do about it."

He did have one last moment of glory when he and Andrzej Grubba beat the then reigning world cham-

pions, Surbek and Kalinic, -14, 13, 18 in the second round of the men's doubles. They trailed 10-7 at the third game changeover but then Des hit to Surbek, tied him down to his backhand, and he and Grubba romped through the closing points.

They might have gone all the way to the final on this form but ran into the inspired pairing of Mikael Appelgren and Ulf Carlsson who beat them 18, 18 and went on to win the championship.

It might seem a little ironic to suggest that Prean is now a world class player following his superb displays in the 1983 championships in Tokyo.

But in Japan Carl had his 'funny' black bat and though John Prean might be inclined to argue I always felt that deception played a large part in young Carl's success rather than sheer talent.

Then, during the past season, Carl generally played well but had some disappointing losses. He went down to Josef Bogan of Israel in the first round of the Welsh Open and later lost in five games to John Souter in the English Closed at Bletchley. At that time he did not appear to be a player likely to shake the world in Gothenburg.

Yet in Sweden, Des apart, Carl was the one English player who caused real apprehension in the ranks of the opposition. His game was considered 'awkward', 'difficult' and, in the words of one immortal, 'just a bloody nuisance'.

His finest hour came in the match with Sweden when, with Des missing, he beat Jan-Ove Waldner 14, 19, to save England from a 'whitewash'. Carl had already beaten Waldner in the European League earlier in the season and as one disgruntled Swedish journalist pointed out: "How do you say it in English? Waldner is now Prean's rabbit."

Carl also proved too good for Frenchman Patrick Birocheau, Ono and Gotoh of Japan, Lupulescu, who had beaten Des, and Lo Chuen Chung as well as gaining a few lesser victories.

He won 12 of his 21 sets in the team event and four of his defeats went to three games. Only Jacques Secretin, Surbek, Saito and, more surprisingly, Italian Massimo Costantini, could be said to have beaten him comfortably.

Then, when he was suffering from a sore throat, Carl went to five games with Fan Changmao, the seventh seed, in the first round of the singles and led by two games to one.

He lost 8 in the fifth which seems a poor finish but it was much better than it sounded. Carl led 3-2 in the final game but he should have been 5-0 for he missed an easy forehand and Fan also had an edge. The Chinese player was visibly nervous when behind, magnificent when in front, and had Carl won the first five points there could have been a

stunning upset.

Yet this match alone proved what a world class threat Carl has become, two-coloured bats notwithstanding.

Cooke, just turned 19, should have been reasonably happy with his first world championships. He played in five of the nine matches in the team event, had the worst of draws in the men's singles but always gave everything he had.

His problem in this class of company was not lack of effort but lack of a 'killer' shot. He had neither the real penetrating hit nor the best of defences when faced by world-class players.

Alan's two best wins of the four he achieved in the team event came against Patrick Rense of France, who beat both Des and Carl in the same match, and Claus Pederson of Denmark. Of his seven losses only Secretin, Birocheau and 16-year-old Italian Lorenzo Nannoni beat him in straight games.

In the singles he ran into Waldner in the first round and lost 11, 12, 19. It was a terrible draw, particularly with the Swedish crowd baying for more blood every time Waldner won a rally but Alan must have learnt a lot from the trip.

He has the dedication and temperament to go much further in the game, provided he can achieve more penetration and greater ideas in attack. If he is content with his present game he may still do well on the domestic front but will always be a little out of his depth in higher company.

Andrew, who celebrated his 23rd birthday during the championships, played in four matches in the team event and lost nine singles out of nine. That sounds pretty bad yet I am certain that Don Parker, the English captain, was not too disappointed.

"Sky" played against some of the toughest teams in Japan, Sweden, Yugoslavia and South Korea and his service and first forehand loop were a danger to the best of players.

Long rallies were generally his downfall but against Japan "Sky" won the middle game against Gotoh and actually led the top man Saito, by a game and 18-17 with his own service to follow. He also took Appelgren and Surbek to three and was the only English player to take a single game in the 5-0 drubbing by South Korea.

His greatest moment came in the first qualifying round of the men's singles when he beat the West German chopper, Engelbert Hugging 15, -11, 20.

Match point down at 19-20 in the third "Sky" had the crowd in hysterics when, after winning the next rally, he jumped over two barriers of the adjoining courts in a premature victory jig. Hugging was astounded, lost the next two points and the match and "Sky" fell on his back to celebrate his first win in the championships.

He was unlucky later, however, for after beating Joao Carlos Portela of Portugal in his next match he fell to Milan Orlovski who had been brought into the draw at the last moment in the last qualifying round.

For Sandley the trip was not an easy one. He has not been in the best of form this season and in the team event played in only two of the hardest games, against Sweden and South Korea. He lost his four singles and then, in the qualifying round of the men's singles, went down in straight games to Gottfried Bar of Austria.

Graham, I believe, has lost his motivation after so many years on the English circuit where, because of his high status, he has always been there to be shot at. A spell in the German League, against completely different opposition, might renew his enthusiasm and spur him on to greater heights.

Of our four women at the world championships Lisa Bellinger was our undoubted success story.

Ironically while Alison Gordon and Karen Witt went straight into the first round of the women's singles Lisa was forced to qualify. Yet in one way it was to her advantage, giving her three more matches though admittedly two of them were against inferior opposition.

But it was in the team event that Lisa, who told me she lived on bread rolls in Sweden, stood out with nine wins in 14 singles. Among her victims were world class players in Fiura Bulatova of Russia, Marie Lindblad of Sweden and Branka Batinic of Yugoslavia and her combination of chop defence with occasional backhand and forehand winners made her a feared competitor.

She virtually won the two play-off matches with Romania and France on her own, winning both her singles in each contest and also the doubles with sister Jackie in the Romanian match.

Alison Gordon had her ups and downs but should not be dissatisfied. Her finest moment came in the match with Belgium when, after beating Karine Bogaerts in three tight games to put England 2-0 up, she won the final rubber against Nathalie Higuette 17, 13 after the Belgians had fought back to 2-2.

Then, in the match with the all-conquering Chinese team, she almost caused a sensation when, after being hammered 21-6 in the first game by Geng Lijuan, runner-up in the women's singles, she led 9-1 and 13-6 with a burst of hitting in the second game before going down.

She won five and lost six matches in the team event and won her first round match in the singles before losing in five games to Russian Narine Antonian.

Karen Witt must have been disappointed with her form but she played only in two of the strongest

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matches in the team event, against China and Russia, and lost easily to Daniela Guergueltcheva of Bulgaria in the first round of the singles.

As for Jackie Bellinger she was always cheerful and, like Karen, a *gai* member of the team. She played only in doubles in the team

event but with Lisa won vital contests in the 3-2 wins over Yugoslavia and Romania.

Though she failed to qualify in the singles she and Carl had a good run in the mixed doubles, winning three qualifying matches and then two further matches in the com-

petition proper. Finally she and Carl were beaten in the last 16 by China's two chop experts, Chen Xinhua and Tong Ling.

Looking at the trip as a whole I think the England players, particularly Alan, "Sky" and Graham, now realise just how much they

must improve to break into real world class.

China's overwhelming standard may always be beyond us but there is no reason why we cannot regain our place among the top European nations if our younger players can move up just another gear.

## A VICTORY FOR COMMON SENSE - AND TABLE TENNIS

By Malcolm Brown

The World Championships in Gothenburg saw several high points for England, including superb victories for individuals in both our women's and men's teams. There were some very close defeats against much higher world ranking players as well.

But there was an even more significant victory for the future of the whole game - a victory for common sense.

All of the detrimental proposals for changes in equipment ruling which were put forward at the I.T.T.F. B.G.M. in Gothenburg seem to have been dismissed.

I must admit to a celebratory drink - of orange juice - when I first heard the news. And it came just in time for me to mention it to you before the end of this magazine's publication for the season.

I also admit to a little lack of faith while waiting for the outcome of the I.T.T.F. meeting, but in my defence I should point out that the governing bodies present at the meeting included some of the very same representative members that suggested the new rules in the first place.

So although you have put up with my obsession with the subject for quite a while, I will reward your patience by saying no more on the matter except that Table Tennis has recovered from a dangerous body blow. And, perhaps God doesn't just favour Welsh Rugby, as according to Max Boyce.

In any case, we should not dwell on the subject now, as there is so much to do and look forward to over the next few months. For a

start it's time for you to sacrifice a little of your summer holiday to work on your game.

LENTEC will be open for business all through the close season. If you have any questions concerning the articles in this magazine, questions and suggestions for anything at all to do with the sport, or questions about your involvement in Table Tennis, then please send them to the address at the end of this article where they will all be answered as quickly as possible.

In the meantime, anticipating some of those questions, look out for the LENTEC TABLE TENNIS MANUAL over the summer period. Whether you decide to use LENTEC equipment or not, the MANUAL will give details of **all** makes and types of combinations.

At last the information that has long been awaited by coaches and players alike will be provided. Even officials, as we have recently seen, are going to find their job that much easier.

The MANUAL will help show that technology, in this country at least, can keep up with the demands of mass production. It will also provide the answers to questions that advanced technology has raised at every level.

It is hoped that by publication date, the E.T.T.A. will have added its approval to the MANUAL, as it did in the past with the LENTEC COMPUTER RANKING SYSTEM.

The LENTEC 21-UP SERIES of bat rubbers and sponges will be launched this summer too. The 21-UP SERIES will, of course, be fully detailed in the MANUAL, as well as other literature which is usually available.

What each combination does will be explained as well as how the various combinations will affect shots played, depending on what

standard of play you have achieved so far.

Other collaborations with the E.T.T.A. are anticipated, LENTEC is hoping to contribute further to the game with such plans as sponsorships for exhibitions, coaching, tournaments and smaller events. It may even be possible to arrange sponsorships for players in the future.

This will take time to accomplish, but it is felt that after the results from the Gothenburg meeting the 'wheels' can really begin to move.

And, as you can see from the comments above, even if your own play this season has not been that much of an improvement on the last, there will be a lot of help available to aid next season's efforts so that improvements **will** be made.

LENTEC, as I have said in previous articles, is trying to aid the sport **overall**. It is hoped that everyone involved with Table Tennis will appreciate the impartiality of the

LENTEC approach, and the information the MANUAL and other publications will provide. If you have read this far, thank you for having an open mind.

As this is the last article of the season, I should like to take the opportunity to congratulate the England players on their recent successes and wish them even better results next season.

I would also like to congratulate every person who has stood by the sport through all the doom and gloom prophecies we have recently been subject to.

I look forward to writing more articles in the autumn but, in the meantime, have a good summer and work hard at improving your game.

Don't forget to send your questions to:

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Once again the Exeter League is indebted to the Trustee Savings Bank for the financial support given to their One-Star Junior Open Tournament. Our picture shows local Manager Mr. Andrew Marshall, holding the sponsorship cheque, with Mr. Stan Ford, Tournament Referee and the four Semi-finalists in the Under-17 events, Melonie Carey, Rodney Thomas, Helen Perrott and Philip Payne. The two young ladies are holding the new perpetual trophies for the event, also given by the TSB.

## PRESS CUTTINGS COMPETITION

Dunlop Sports Company report an encouraging response to their first ever press competition run in conjunction with the ETTA.

The object of the competition was simple: Try to achieve local newspaper coverage of results from the Dunlop sponsored schools

events then send cuttings to David Lomas, Press Officer of the ETTA.

The Judges were looking for accuracy in the report, contents and impact. With this in mind it was decided that Highfield County Primary School in Chorley were outright winners following a series of reports of consistently high standard submitted by their "journalist" Mr. J. R. Sumner.

Running a close second were reports by Chuck Henry, Head of Dronfield Junior High. The Judges were particularly impressed by the impact of the entry from Derbyshire.

Finally a prize for third place will be awarded to Archbishop Cranmer School in Leeds for events reported by Mr. R. J. Hudson who teaches at the school.

Alan Hydes, Sales and Marketing Manager at Dunlop said "We would like to offer our congratulations to the winners and at the same time thank all those who entered. Indeed we thank those who worked hard generating interest in the game and its events but didn't necessarily enter the competition - we really appreciate the help we get from the ESTTA members."

## THE NATIONAL COACHING FOUNDATION

### THE WAY AHEAD

By Sue Campbell

As the newly appointed Director of the NCF I welcome this opportunity to share our thoughts and ideas for the future with you and to invite your comments.

First of all I would like to bring you up to date with our progress. Over 10,000 copies of our introductory study packs have now been sold, and many of the National Governing Bodies of sport are 'adopting' the packs into their preliminary/intermediate level coaching awards. The production of videos has gone more slowly than we had hoped but 'Safety and Injury in Sport' is now available. This is in VHS and lasts 20 minutes. Thanks to sponsorship by Smith and Nephew Limited the video costs only £15 which includes VAT and postage and packing.

For more experienced club coaches or other interested individuals, there are 14 courses on offer at 21 centres across England and Wales. Each course lasts four hours and is self contained. The coach pays a £5 fee which includes a resource pack of information to take home. The courses cover a complete range of topics including: Role of the Coach, Prevention and Rehabilitation of Injury, Developing Endurance, Nutrition and Sports Performance, The Use of Video in Coaching, Mental Preparation for Competition and Presenting the Information. Recruitment was slow at first, but the majority are now running successfully. National Governing Bodies are 'locking' some of these courses into their own schemes at intermediate and senior levels. This means that coaches will have to attend NCF courses as well as sports specific courses before they can progress up the coaching ladder.

Our first allocation of research grants was made just before Christmas 1984. We were able to support seven projects and will be having two grants panel meetings each year, in March and October. There are two separate grant programmes - one to assist with joint research projects directly linking coaching and sports science, and the other for top level coaches.

The information services are developing rapidly and our subscription service for coaches was launched in April. This includes a twice-yearly magazine called 'Coaching Focus'. The first edition looked at 'Drugs and Sport' and the second will tackle the problem of 'Competitive Sport and Young Children'. We will also be producing occasional papers on a range of topics, such as 'Coaching Disabled People', which is now available from the NCF.

The way forward will largely be determined by coaches themselves. We have already received invaluable support from the British Association of National Coaches and Governing Body members in formulating our present services and we will continue to seek their advice and guidance.

One of the major structural developments we will be concerned with over the next few years will be the establishment of a network of centres across the United Kingdom to assist in the implementation of the Foundation's work. This has already begun thanks to the excellent co-operation we have received from Institutes of Higher Education. We hope to formalise these arrangements shortly with the approval of the Department of Education and Science. This will enable us to bring together personnel involved in coaching and performance-related knowledge and will open the door to many exciting possibilities including:

- the development of resource bases for coaches.
- the national co-ordination of coach education courses at different levels.
- the development of applied research programmes.
- the development of full time and part time coaching studies courses.
- the introduction of sports scholarships for coaches.

The challenge is enormous and the resources required almost limitless. We will be inviting commerce and industry to invest in this unique opportunity to develop British Sport as well as working closely with all voluntary and statutory bodies. Coaches need and deserve a comprehensive support service and we will be working tirelessly to ensure they have the right tools for the important job they have to do.

For full details, write for an information pack to:

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### COACHES FIRST — DIPLOMAS SECOND by Les Bridges

One requirement of our sport which everyone will agree about (even John Preen and those "ETTA people") is the need for more helpers in our sport. A proposal made at our last S.W. Region coaching meeting may be of interest to people concerned with getting youngsters playing. It was that a lower grade (possibly regional) coaching qualification should be introduced.

Experienced coaches will know that the basics, sufficient to run a beginners group (certainly a junior school or youth club one) can be absorbed by an intelligent adult in a matter of hours. Simple instruction and a certificate would give us the chance of a new helper or an established helper doing a better job.

Furthermore, this desirable situation would be attained without great expense of time and money. The short course would be less demanding than even the Teaching certificate. And, just as with present Diploma awards, successful coaching experience would not be a prerequisite. However, certificated coaches, or whatever, could on the evidence of the successful running of a scheme be advanced as a reward for work done rather than for their theoretical ability.

At present the emphasis seems to be on passing tests rather than proving yourself and it is possible to arrive at Diploma status without ever running a successful coaching scheme. We then have the possibility of the demotivating effect of an inexperienced Diploma coach offering gratuitous advice to successful working coaches.

If training Club or Diploma coaches costs £100 - £200, would it not be a better investment to provide a basic qualification to get people started on the coaching ladder, for about one tenth of the cost? They might then be progressed, according to workrate and success, to a higher status which would then in turn inspire others.

### E.S.T.T.A. NEWS

#### THIRTY STRONG By David Lomas

At the ESTTA's AGM held on May 12 it was decided to send an English Schools team of 30 players to participate in the Dunlop Schools International Championships which are due to take place at the National Training Centre at Largs, Scotland on June 22/23, 1985. The other countries involved are Scotland and Ireland.

The English Schools squad, involving Boys and Girls teams of five at Cadet, Intermediate and Senior level has not yet been announced but invitations have been issued. All the ESTTA Officers were re-elected at the meeting.

Congratulations to ESTTA Executive Council member Phil Burwell who clocked 2 hrs 20 mins in the London Marathon. I shall be sending him a Mars bar!

### TESTING THE ARGUMENT

by Ian Whiteside  
Vice-Chairman, Administration

At the AGM of the Association last

July, the cost of affiliating to the ETTA rose significantly, passed by a large majority of the membership. However, whilst the need for members to provide a greater proportion of the funds was recognised, there were predictions of massive reductions in affiliations. Did this happen?

By the end of February, there were still a few leagues, known to be operating, who had not paid their affiliation fees (thereby disfranchising themselves for this season), but with the vast majority of fees received, it is possible to test the argument about reduced levels of affiliation.

Nationally there has been a reduction of 8% in affiliated members, a figure not inconsistent with the trend of previous years. Of course, any reduction is a matter of concern and efforts must be made to halt and then reverse the decline. However, this is a subject for separate debate. Within this average reduction there are many fluctuations, with some Leagues showing an increase in membership and some experiencing a major decline. From the latter, the twelve showing the largest percentage drop were contacted and asked if they could pinpoint the reasons. Five replied - is this indicative of why the other seven are suffering reduced activity?

An analysis of the five replies throws up some interesting information. In not one instance was the increased ETTA affiliation fee given as anything other than a minor factor for declining numbers. By far the most common reason was lack of premises, caused partially by businesses ceasing or by local authorities being less keen for schools to be used. In addition, the cost of hiring premises and of purchasing equipment were mentioned as disincentives to play. Lack of administrators appeared to have caused some clubs to cease functioning, and in one case the League itself almost folded for the same reason.

One of the most interesting replies came from Eric Todd, Chairman of the Harlow League (membership loss 13%) and this is reproduced elsewhere. It will be noted that Mr. Todd's letter talks of a loss of 10% - this refers to playing members, whereas the loss of teams, upon which 'ETTA' membership is based, was 13%.

To summarise therefore, it does appear that the fears of those who predicted large reductions because fees were raised were groundless, and I am sure they would be happy to be proved wrong. I must repeat however, that there is no complacency: the Management Committee are concerned at the erosion of membership and the subject will continue to be uppermost in their minds.



## INDIVIDUAL CHOICE

How nice it was to see such a large Berkshire report in the March edition of *Table Tennis News*. Reports have been a bit inconsistent this year but like many of us Brian Halliday is a very busy man, especially at County and Club level.

The first thing I look for in my *Table Tennis News* is the County Notes to see if my town Maidenhead have got a mention and sure enough Brian once again congratulated us on the first class organisation, facilities and presentation of our closed championship. However, his next paragraph where he expressed his personal opinions about our points system really upset me. Sixteen years ago we broke away from the old fashioned two for a win and one for a draw and in that time we have grown from 37 teams to our present 89. In fact we are the only league in our area to increase its membership. All others are now much smaller with losses as high as 30%; so in my opinion players generally prefer the points per set method. In fact Mr. Halliday's club did propose, at the 1984 AGM, that we revert back to the old system, but as he well knows the proposition was defeated by 28 votes to 4. The part about our Premier Championship race being still open in March is the biggest load of rubbish I have ever read. Anybody who knows anything about Maidenhead's top Division knew that Cippenham would win the league as soon as the players signed on last September, no matter what point system was used.

Not content with knocking our points system, Brian then sees fit to criticise our venues. Certainly I agree we have some very poor ones compared with Reading, but I am quite sure we compare favourably with the rest of the country. Surely when the number of people playing is decreasing at such a rapid rate we should be encouraging more clubs to join rather than laying down restrictions which make it impossible for them to take part.

I headed my article Individual Choice. We all have that choice, if you don't like the system - don't join

in, but be careful, you might find the venues even worse and each year more and more leagues are turning to an alternative points system, rather than the old fashioned, outdated, two for a win and one for a draw.

Please Brian, keep on writing Berkshire Notes, on the whole you do a good job, but, in future, I suggest you express your personal opinions in the columns of Postbag.

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## COME OFF IT MR. AND MRS. P.

As the wife of the Editor I have always thought I should be like Caesar's wife and keep my mouth shut. However, even Caesar's wife, I am sure, would be incensed by Erica Preat's letter in the April issue of *T.T. News*.

I consider it insulting and cheap, in short, of no value at all as valid criticism. It is simply tripe. Yes, I repeat tripe.

Who are these Preats, who burst upon the scene and take it upon themselves to conduct a witch-hunt against men of integrity who have been democratically elected to run the E.T.T.A.? How many people had even heard of them before Carl started playing? Not many I'll be bound.

I think I can claim to know Tom Blunn and Aubrey Drapkin much better than Mrs. Preat and it is love of the game that prompted them to take office in the first place and I can assure all members that they do their utmost to promote the game in all spheres.

My husband has spent 40 years of his life in T.T. and 19 of them editing *T.T. News*, and I defy anyone to question his love of the game. After all "greater love hath no man than he abandon his wife and follow a little white ball and a piece of takky"!

Come off it Mr. and Mrs. Preat. If you really want to change the scene let me see your name or names on the next ballot paper and then perhaps I will believe that you are sincere. It's extremely easy to snipe at everyone from the comfort of your home - it's something else to be in the hot seat. In fact, Mr. Preat, why don't you jump in with both feet and become Editor of *T.T. News*? What an opportunity. But perhaps your passionate love of the sport doesn't extend that far?

I would like to say to the Preats that my husband has earned a respect over the years from friend and foe alike and I am immensely proud of him and his achievements and as a result I can walk tall in any T.T. company. No man can ask for more than that out of T.T.

In conclusion may I thank all the people who get their subscriptions in year after year - you are the salt of the earth. Please give your support to the new Editor and long may the magazine flourish.

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## DICTATORSHIP OR DEMOCRACY?

Although I have tried to keep away from the controversial matter of John Preat I see I have been challenged by Mrs. Preat, to answer her charge of dictatorship within the E.T.T.A. Mrs. Preat is following her husband by making unsubstantiated statements. To answer her charge she must now state the name of the great dictator, there can of course only be one and she must provide the evidence.

The E.T.T.A. is a democracy. At the recent meeting of the National Council, Mrs. Preat raised the question of censorship in the magazine and the council voted all but one to support the Editor. The council represents all 80,000 members, Mrs. Preat represents 240, but she is still able to make her points in council which is the place that really matters. Is this dictatorship or democracy?

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## KILLJOY?

While not always fully agreeing with John Preat's views on our beloved sport, it disappoints me and I am sure almost all readers of *Table Tennis News* to see that you find it necessary to put the block on his comments.

Personally it gives me great pleasure reading all his spicy blasts every month. I honestly say it adds to the enjoyment of reading your magazine, albeit he sometimes repeats his viewpoints. Your readers do not mind, why should you, take it like a man.

You even put the memorial lines round your notice. Be a devil 'have second thoughts'. Don't Kill J.R.

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## PROTEST

I wish to register a strong protest against the banning of John Preat from the pages of *Table Tennis News*. In my opinion, his were the only contributions that made an otherwise boring journal readable.

I myself suffered a similar fate after my article about Ireland's participation in the 1984 European Youth Championships in Austria. Because my views were adjudged "not to reflect those of my association". Mr. Yates was discreetly advised not to accept any more copy from me. Have you been reading the Irish column since? Fascinating, isn't it?

Long live freedom of speech and bring back John Preat!

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## MR. JOHN PREAN

We read with some misgivings the last sentence of the Editor's note on page 46 of the March issue. It appears to show that he has decided to operate some form of censorship by banning further contributions from Mr. John Preat. We do not know what the Editor may have written to Mr. Preat, but the latter appears to be expecting censorship according to the statements he makes on pages 22 and 46 when he says "The forces of censorship are massing." and "...it (the Isle of Wight column) may be nearing its end". The dangers of such a ban must be obvious. It gives the person banned the opportunity to complain of censorship, and is liable to lead otherwise uncommitted readers to wonder if there is more in the writer's case than they had previously thought, if the "establishment" is so concerned as to try to ban him. This applies more particularly in the case of an 'official' journal like *Table Tennis News*.

If Mr. Preat's contributions were unacceptable from an editorial point of view, anything which might carry the danger of action for defamation could be omitted to protect the Editor and the Association, and anything which abused the hospitality of the magazine could be removed by legitimate sub-editing. In our view a considerable amount of what has been published under Isle of Wight Notes could not be considered County material and should have been edited out, even if some of it was restored to another part of the magazine as being of general table tennis interest.

There are times when a certain amount of repetition should be allowed. When someone is conducting a campaign he is bound to put the same arguments time after time, as Mr. Preat does. We are not convinced that the best way to counter this is to deny him the opportunity; if material is repetitious and boring it may lose impact and even be counter-productive -

but that is a matter for Mr. Preat's judgement.

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The two contributors seem concerned only with J.P. expressing views on official matters. As professional men they may be concerned with the integrity of another professional. Aubrey Drapkin being personally attacked by the use of a "heads I win, tails you lose challenge". *Ed.*

## BEST INTERESTS

**Concerning the banning of John Preat:** Voltaire said it much better than I can. "I disagree with everything you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it." Surely there must be a better way of dealing with this whole question. Would it not be kinder and more statesmanlike to invite John to a private meeting to reach an amicable truce.

I am sure John will respond to that kind of approach providing it was well intended. I am full aware that destructive criticism can be harmful but a total ban is not the answer. Would it not be to the credit of the sport and its ruling body to be a little more magnanimous.

John is a good friend of mine, those feelings of friendship do not prompt this letter. I write in the best interests of the sport as I see it.

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Voltaire did not give a licence to print accusations without substantiation or to make personal attacks on other people. He was only concerned with opinions. The right to express opinions must be accompanied by responsible use of that right. *Ed.*

## WELCOME RELIEF

Your decision to exercise editorial judgement to put an end to the welter of correspondence from Mr. John Preat has brought welcome relief to myself and, I suspect many more of our fraternity who have grown weary of the constant repetition on the same themes spread over thousands of words, the reading of which eventually induced boredom to the point of nausea. The result has been overkill in a large measure, which I feel will prove counter productive to the no doubt laudable aims of Mr. Preat.

I accept that amongst those thousands of words there are nuggets of wisdom, and that there are valid criticisms of our ruling body which he is rightly pursuing, but surely there are better platforms

and avenues through which he is able to further his aims without punishing the less vocal readers of the Postbag.

Incidentally, and to balance, I found the lengthy rebuttals from Peter Charters equally enervating. Many members feel that for the Association to develop policies with an overwhelming bias towards using the majority of its time and resources to try to create a team of world beaters would be wrong, if in so doing they neglect the game at its lower and grass roots levels. The circumstances of Mr. Preat in relation to his involvement with his son's prowess within the game does not inspire confidence in his impartiality in these matters.

I have just read the letter from Mrs. Erica Preat in the April issue, which I regard as a diatribe, and in poor taste. I find it inconceivable that she should be unaware that in this country newspaper editors at all levels have for many years exercised their prerogative to terminate correspondence when in their judgement no useful purpose is served by permitting its continuance. The practice has not yet brought the country nearer to the ethics of a banana republic.

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## DISSATISFIED

With reference to the apparent "ban" on our correspondent John Preat.

This Association is dissatisfied with the Management of the E.T.T.A. The Sport is getting insufficient exposure on Television and in the National Newspapers. As a result we are losing members to other sports, including some which started from a much lower base than ours.

Last year we paid the sum of £414 to the E.T.T.A., several thousands of pounds over the years. We have not got the national publicity we need and my members often ask what they ARE getting.

With regard to John Preat your article was not clear. It is not unusual for an Editor to close correspondence on certain subjects. If that is your intention, what IS the subject? For instance, John's County Notes covered a number of subjects, eleven in the March issue which I list as follows:

1. Should there be censorship?
2. Should the E.T.T.A. pay such large sums to foreign players and such small ones to our own?
3. Was the Charles Church Schedule fair to Desmond Douglas?
4. Was the pre-match publicity (that he might not get there at all) good or did it keep spectators away?
5. Is J.P. a dangerous revolutionary or a busi-

nessman unhappy with the organisation of English Table Tennis?

6. Is Peter Charters right in his pleas that all is well?
7. Are there similarities between the E.T.T.A. and the Titanic which were first discovered by Dick Hopkins, a reader from Bristol?
8. What are we getting for our money? After all, we are providing a lot more than last year.
9. Are two very small funds of £2,000 each sufficient in relation to additional revenue of £40,000?
10. How much DOES it cost to take a junior to the desirable tournaments in the course of a season?
11. How far will £2,000 go? Is it not better to donate such a small sum to the Parker-Hammersley Foundation rather than set up a special committee (resulting in further overhead costs) to supervise it?

I cannot see anything "repetitive" in that.

Please tell us therefore which subject you regard as exhausted or whether the ban covers everything that J.P. may wish to contribute at a future date.

The members, including ours, have a genuine grievance in terms of what they pay to the E.T.T.A. and what they get back. That basic complaint cannot be answered by censorship without giving rise to further more serious questions.

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1. The national coverage has been improving in recent years.

2. There is no evidence that members are being lost because of television or newspaper coverage.

3. There is no evidence supplied of any costs to the E.T.T.A. in the supervision of the junior fund. In fact, apart from postage, etc., there is no cost to the E.T.T.A.

4. The two funds were set up following the decision of the AGM which represents all 80,000 members. The IOW has about 240 members and was not represented at the last AGM.

5. Why not put down on paper precisely what IOW does want from the E.T.T.A. instead of complaining about what they get.

6. John Preat raises points, asks questions and demands explanations, that is the right of every member. It is not his right to deny those answers and explanations by repeating his points without supplying any evidence.

7. John Preat knew when he submitted his article criticising the way the Charles Church money had been spent, that it was not E.T.T.A. money and the sponsor had given the money only for the purpose for which it was actually spent.

Tom Blunn  
Chairman

The Chairman of the E.T.T.A. has on one occasion visited the Isle of Wight and spent a very pleasant weekend amongst the officials. He freely discussed every point they raised. He is quite prepared to visit the island once again but would want an assurance that everyone speaking with him would accept his answers to questions and explanations as being truthful and any denial of that to be substantiated by relevant evidence. *Ed.*

## AGREE TO DISAGREE

I believe it is in the region of 18 months or so since I have last ventured into print and having taken a back seat I have been able to survey recent correspondence in the Magazine with great interest.

The bulk of the correspondence has of course emanated from John Preat and culminated in the last issue.

Those who have been following the letters printed would be aware that in the past I have crossed swords with John and at the end of our duel, agreed to disagree.

There have been many things that John has written that I have disagreed with and just as many that I have agreed with and the bottom line is as John pointed out in his last article headed "My Critics and I" and that is whether you agree or disagree with him, **he is fully entitled to air his views.**

I feel it would be a gross injustice to ban John from any more articles he should so wish to write for although Mr. Yates, the Editor indicated in the same issue, in effect, that he is still prepared to publish criticism of the Establishment, the fact is, in the same breath, he is saying he is not.

I have never met John Preat but it does come across through the articles that I have read from him that the man really cares about table tennis, albeit perhaps a little biased because of the exploits of Carl, but nevertheless the impression is of one who understands and cares for the game and for this I offer every support to John in the hope that the so called **Establishment** and the Editor will see fit to carry on publishing John's very enjoyable articles in the future.

Although I support John in having his letters and articles published, I don't always agree with what he is saying. His £1,000 Challenge to Aubrey Drapkin is of course silly and I think as an intelligent chap he probably realises this too. His criticism of Peter Charters is of course far more interesting and like John I do not feel that Peter is in any way answering the criticism of him in any respect as indeed he never answered the criticism I levelled at him also some while ago in correspondence.



A minor point that I would raise within John's articles, because it has hit me in the past and I have heard it uttered at a number of gatherings, is that John does of course tend to wander within the constraints of his article and offer us a mass of quotations when it would be more applicable to stick to tennis overall. One tends to miss the gist of the point John is making when he does this.

I should also make mention, with due respect to John, apart from him there are a great number of other people within this great sport of ours that have also been successful in business for that is the greatness of our sport that it encompasses all aspects of the social scale and I think it would do John the world of good if he stopped harping on this aspect.

The criticism is in no way intended as a personal criticism of John, it is intended to help him in the future for publication because one feels that if the aforementioned were cut out of some of his articles, then there would be more room for him to keep to the more specific points about table tennis and at the same time make it far easier for a great number of his readers to appreciate the points being made.

Of course, now having waited my period of exile before offering this latest essay for publication, I cannot let the opportunity go by without raising a number of points of my own.

I have been interested to note a great many more of the correspondents are beginning to suggest "Standardisation" and there are a great number of suggestions for trying to improve the spectator appeal of the game.

The standardisation aspect, I think, as I have made clear in the past, I would fully support in any form as long as it was logical and sensible and I do appreciate that it is not quite as easy as it sounds, but the fact of the matter is, as I have said before, it takes now a degree in rubber technology and to an extent, glue and wood technology, to play our simple game and this cannot be right. I was even delighted to see the word Standardisation appear in one of John Preat's more recent offerings.

How can we offer spectator appeal? Again, this question could be debated over and over again as indeed it has been, and at the end of the day, no one of course knows the real answer.

Recently I have given this some thought and feel the suggestions of a slightly higher net and the serving into one corner and the more ludicrous suggestion of only serving with the forehand side of the bat is not the total answer. The problem is the very fast attacking players will still benefit particularly with the different rubbers on the market.

A suggestion could be, not only to

**raise the net by a few inches**, but to take the drastic step of increasing the **size of the table by maybe 1'6" all round** and taking the even more drastic step of actually marking out the table the same as on a tennis court.

The same principle of **playing a tennis match** could then apply to our game. I am not suggesting that this is the total answer, because I don't know, but I just offer it as a suggestion.

My other bone of contention that I would wish to raise concerns the complete lack of money that exists within our game and in this respect I of course totally concur with John Preat, and the **apparent ineptness** of the E.T.T.A. in trying to attract the money through Sponsors.

In my opinion, one of the major disappointments within our game over the past few years has been the decline of **County Table Tennis**. I believe that the major reason for this has been the conception of the National League.

In my simplicity I would ask why on earth did the E.T.T.A. sit back and allow the National League to become established when all they had to do was channel the sponsors through to the Counties so that the **County matches could be sponsored**.

I feel most strongly the National League should be **banned** because apart from the Premier division, which obviously caters for very talented players, who at the end of the day should be playing in County matches. It is also catering for comparatively modest players to say to all and sundry "I am playing National League". In my day it was a great honour to play for the County and whilst in the less fashionable Counties there were comparatively modest players, the fact is the majority of players who represented their Counties were the elite, this does not happen overall in the National League.

I feel the E.T.T.A. if it were to ban the National League and channel the money into County matches, would then be in a far stronger position to argue with both sponsors and indeed the media to cover the game because a County match at any sport still has a much more majestic aura than a National League match.

I would add that, in my opinion, the National League is also to an extent killing local League standards because the better players tend to prefer the National League particularly as they are getting some small payment.

My final point concerns the computer rankings. I did have correspondence published on this some while ago and indeed Peter Charters also responded, although never in my opinion answered the point I was making.

At the present time there are players ranked in the top 100

whom, if it came to it, could not get in the top 200 in reality but are only ranked in the top 100 because they enter tournaments and have gained a number of so called computer points.

If, as Mr. Charters has suggested, the computer rankings are only there as a guide and are not there for him to choose and select players for representative matches, it is a misleading concept and **should be abolished**.

**What should actually occur is refinement of the old system with the ranking of a top 10 or 12 with area trials being re-established with tournament results being monitored, as well as county match results.**

I believe the current system gives certain players a false sense of superiority and does not in any way encourage a great number of players who play local League and indeed County matches still and who on natural ability should be ranked in the top 100 but are not because they do not do the rounds of the tournaments. It does not necessarily follow that those players would not be interested in representative matches simply because they do not attend 30 or 40 tournaments in a season.

I feel I have to end my outburst now by referring back to John Preat.

I believe in this latest offering of mine that I have offered both criticism and support of John but I wish to make it clear my over-riding message is one of total and utter support for John's ability to **air his views** whether I or any other person agree or disagree, it would be totally wrong and totally offensive for the Magazine to put a ban on John particularly if he offers **criticism of the Establishment**.

If he is banned, then there is no doubt in my mind that the E.T.T.A. and perhaps Mr. Yates must be feeling embarrassed about something that John has raised, for why else ban him?

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1 & 11. Attacking the integrity and the motives of other hardworking members is not a "view" or a particular opinion.

2. The establishment, whatever this is, does not interfere with the editor's rights.

3. You cannot be serious! This would increase the timber content of the table by 50%. What about (a) the cost (b) the small clubroom (c) the limited size of tournament halls requiring maximum number of tables (d) the X millions of tables, nets and posts throughout the world?

4. The game was played with lawn tennis scoring years ago but was not popular.

5. The current sponsorship contracts at national level amount to about £300,000 and this does not include considerable local sponsorship.

6 & 8. The current sponsor did not wish to sponsor the County Championships.

7 & 9. Two suggestions for drastic action - ban the National League and the ranking scheme but does not support ban on magazine contributor.

10. The players much prefer the current system - it is their game.

12. Criticism of ETTA policy and actions is not the issue, it is the persistent attacks on other people and the refusal to accept official truthful explanations without supplying any factual evidence to support his assertions.

T. BLUNN  
Chairman

## GONE TO THE DOGS

Many of your readers will know of my appearances at non table tennis venues such as Harringay, Hackney and Crayford, where my greyhounds have been known occasionally to win. I now wish to report that there will shortly burst on the scene at Walthamstow Stadium an animal named "Glenmore Rock", a syndicated beast owned by myself, David Wells (the famous semi-finalist) Lloyd Lewis (the famous coach and raconteur) and Malcolm Francis (Sussex's answer to Secretin). I will keep my contacts well briefed on the prospects.

Could I mention that I have a beautiful ex-racer named Ardmore Brave aged 3½, for which I would like to find a home. Greyhounds make marvellous pets, and if any reader would like to have him, will they please contact me. My office telephone number is 01-882-3713.

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## APOLOGY REQUESTED

In the last edition of the ETTA magazine, under the Surrey County notes, it was stated that I played with an illegal bat in the English Closed Championships. This statement is untrue and the person responsible I ask to make an apology in the magazine.

Paragraph 4 from the entry acceptable form (Ref: 121/DY/BD) signed by Doug. Young, Hon Referee, states:- "I would especially like to draw attention to the fact that the 'two-colour racket' regula-

tion applies to these Championships and I would stress that the rubber used must be clearly different colours. The ITTF regulation concerning approved racket coverings is not applicable. Umpires will be asked to check rackets including their general condition."

My racket was checked by the umpires and Mr. Simmonds (the person I played). The referee cleared my racket after an objection by Mr. Simmonds after he lost the first game. For those persons who did not do their homework, read the rules that apply to the tournament you are playing in before you put anything in writing and consult your County Umpires Sec. In due course I look forward to an apology which is the least I would expect from a fellow veteran player.

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## BEAUTIFULLY SUITABLE

Upon reading the latest issue of T.T.N. and all the changes in equipment which are proposed and rules etc....imagine my amusement when I stumbled across a beautifully suitable quotation:

"We trained hard - but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams we would be re-organised. I was to learn in later life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganising, and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralisation."

That quote is from Petroni Arbitri Satyricon AD 66; by God, did they even play T.T. then?

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## CLOSER EXAMINATION

I suppose I could be called one of the less controversial people in our sport, never having had the desire to make the headlines, or, for that matter, to see my name in print. However, sometimes things do crop up in our game which disturbs my normally placid nature, and makes me angry, and, on this occasion, compels me to put pen to paper.

Firstly, let me apologise to the Officers and fellow National Councillors for leaving the room at the last meeting of the Council. I did so to "cool off", after becoming very angry at what I considered to be an unwarranted personal attack on the Deputy Chairman by the Councillor from the Isle of Wight. During many years as a National Councillor, I have, thankfully,

seldom seen such acrimony displayed by one to another, and I hope it will be a long time before I do so again.

During my time in table tennis, I have noticed that people who cannot have their own way often resort to using words which need to be challenged, and, during the Prean family obsession in publicly criticising the E.T.T.A., three words I have seen and heard in particular need closer examination.

The words are

Censorship  
Dictatorship  
Fascist Regime

To deal with the first one, I find it incredible that the Preans of all people should complain about censorship. John Prean has been given more than his fair share of space in the magazine to express his views - far more than could reasonably be expected to one individual - so it is absolute nonsense to talk about censorship as far as he is concerned. No doubt many of us have written pieces or sent photographs to our local newspapers only to be disappointed when they do not appear in print, but we don't start "bleeping" about censorship, because we recognise that space is limited, other contributors have to be considered, and, above all, we recognise the Editor's absolute right to edit and produce a magazine or newspaper in the best interests of that particular publication and the organisation who employ him. In my view, not all the utterances from the Isle of Wight have been in the best interests of the E.T.T.A., particularly when we are fighting with so many other sports to attract sponsorship and television time, but, nevertheless, George Yates has allowed these opinions to be freely expressed, and no editor could possibly have been fairer.

And now to the second word - Dictatorship. Again, I am amazed to read the E.T.T.A. accused of this. In 37 years of close association with our sport it has always been my experience that all club committees are ELECTED by the members; all league committees ELECTED by the members; all county committees ELECTED by the members; all National Councillors who are the absolute governing body of our sport - not any individuals - are ELECTED by the members through their county committees; every set of E.T.T.A. committee minutes are received by National Councillors, who are at liberty to quote passages from them to their members; every member is entitled to read and study the accounts, and to ask any questions about them; every member is entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and to ask any questions they wish; every member is entitled to seek nomination for becoming an Officer, and can then seek election

and all Vice-Chairmen of departments are ELECTED by the National Council, who are quite free to consult their members about the names submitted by the Chairman. Dare I suggest that even Margaret Thatcher and Norman Tebbit would be quite impressed by that form of "dictatorship".

And now to the most repulsive words of the three - Fascist Regime. At one National Council meeting I heard Mrs. Prean describe the E.T.T.A. as a "Fascist Regime". Really, how low can you sink. As the E.T.T.A. are the members, I am one of them, and in addition I am a Life Member and also a member of the National Council responsible for determining the policies and decisions of the E.T.T.A., and I took that remark as a very great personal insult and deeply offensive, for which I will never forgive her. It is ironic that as I write, we in this country are preparing to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the end of the second world war, in which my father fought to help rid Europe of the fascism which was destroying it, and I cannot, for the life of me, understand the mentality of a person who compares the E.T.T.A. with those who perpetrated such outrageous evil upon mankind.

Finally, may I quote one of our best known proverbs, "Actions speak louder than words". It is easy to sit on one's backside and write insult and innuendo, and make offensive remarks at meetings - it costs nothing - but when we analyse the contribution to the game made by those so shamefully pilloried against those who criticise, there is no comparison. Even my own humble contribution, although considerable, is nothing compared to that of the Officers and Vice-Chairmen, who have given a lifetime of unselfish voluntary service to the game, not for any family or personal glory; not for any ego-trips; not for any vested business interests, but because they too have a deep concern for the sport of table tennis, and wish to make a worthwhile and valuable contribution.

Ah well, I have said my piece, so have a go at me. I can take it. At least the readers will have a change from Messrs. Blunn, Charters, Drapkin and Yates being crucified.

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## CAUSE FOR CONCERN?

Let me ask you a few questions. Is the number of teams in your league reducing year by year? Do you find that club rooms located in big organisations are getting smaller? "Because they play skittles (or snooker or darts) where we used to be." Does it seem a long time to you since we saw any Table Tennis on

T.V.? Have you heard anybody say "I stopped playing because of those funny bats"? Have you been into a local sports shop to be told "Sorry Sir we don't do Table Tennis here"? Do there seem to be more veterans than juniors in your league?

My guess is that you will have answered "yes" to most, if not all of these questions. In other words - signs of decay are clearly visible that while the roots of the game still sound the outside leaves, branches are clearly under attack from a virulent disease.

Thus the average club player is concerned to know what action is being taken by his national representatives to remedy the situation. The three essential problems constantly discussed at club level and the correspondence columns of *T.T. News* are; 1 standardisation, 2 net height and 3 restriction of service. These three basic aspects are recognised by most people to be the fundamental causes of the disease.

Solve these three problems and all others are solvable, or, to put it another way; restore the rally to Table Tennis and once again you have a sport which has spectator appeal and player appeal. From this will flow television coverage, better attendances at events, more members; hence then better premises etc., etc. The future could be so good.

Unfortunately there is so very little sign that the main issues for debate are under serious consideration by the E.T.T.A. For example, Peter Charters seemed to kill any ideas for increased net height and/or service restriction with a few dismissive words in the February issue of *T.T. News*. Though from Tom Blunn we now learn that "many experiments have taken place in Japan with higher net, amended service, less effective rubber, and in other ways". It seems sad to me that these experiments are taking place in Japan instead of in the country which originated the sport.

What is even sadder is that the only visible action being taken by the E.T.T.A. is to silence its chief goad, John Prean. Speaking personally I found his articles the brightest parts of the magazine; always informative, always highly readable, consistently entertaining and rightly provocative. Too provocative for some people it seems.

I am afraid that the obituary notice for John Prean's views which appeared in the March issue will do less than nothing to reassure those of us who believe the sport faces very serious problems. There are too many causes for concern and too few evidences of effective action to meet this concern.

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**UNSUNG CHAMPIONS**

Another World Championships and more empty spaces in the E.T.T.A. trophy cabinet. To be fair, other countries outside China have a similar problem, with some, like Sweden, who seem a little nearer to solving the problem than we do. Should it be that our players 'peak' rather later than the Chinese? The two world veterans' championships in England has been a bit of a problem. And we have to play in more than one tournament. It is suggesting that we set up the program at senior level and start on a long term policy of training our juniors to go for medals at veteran world championships because our players seem almost as far away from winning titles at senior level. No, I'm confident - as the Commonwealth results have shown - that under the leadership of Donald Parker, England can gradually make a bigger impact at top international level, but it will take time.

However, what is clearly brought into focus is the tremendous difficulty of achieving success at this level; equally, the magnificent achievement of our golden oldies: Ron Etheridge, (60 class) Singles gold in Gothenburg and in Helsinki; Phyllis Lauder, (70 class) Singles gold in Gothenburg and Mat. Shearer and Derek Schofield, World Doubles Champions 50+ group, Helsinki. These players and the rest of the English medal winners, as far as I am aware, received no official recognition from the E.T.T.A. for their self-financing endeavours. Media coverage was also non-existent.

It is ironic that four players who are recognised by others in many parts of the world are relatively unknown in their own country. At the recent Northern Veterans' Championships (Macclesfield) I pointed out to a chance acquaintance that three world champions were in attendance. He was amazed. Next season I would like to make good the omission by writing to you about some of the highlights in the table tennis careers of our veteran stars, commencing with Ron Etheridge for the October E.T.T.A. News. A little encouragement could go a long way and perhaps result in more gold medals at the next World Veterans' Championships in 1986 at Rimini, Italy.

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**MORE THAN COINCIDENCE**

There are coaches who say that class players only emerge every so often and that we must all wait in hope, there is little or nothing we can do to accelerate the process.

Others seem to think that schools' table tennis is something of a second-class area and that few top players are going to be developed within the system. At the TOP TWELVE recently held in Shotley two players from the Wakefield area of Yorkshire, Joanne Shaw and Debbie Toole won gold and silver medals respectively in the junior and cadets events. Two girls who were started off and introduced to table tennis by the same school set-up - Normanton Town Middle School. It would appear rather more than coincidence that two players, and even more so, two girls, should reach such a high standard within such a short period of time. It would appear to indicate that the school does have a system for producing class results and furthermore that this system works.

Both girls were brought on initially by the Deputy Head, R. Vasey, also a coach, who has a keen interest in running sessions during and after school hours. But equally important the Head, B. Greatorex, has been a consistent supporter and has promoted the game at school level. Visitors to the school include such illustrious names as Jill and Don Parker, and Nan Hydes and facilities have been readily made available for league and county coaches to come into school premises during and after school to coach players. It does seem that with the proper screening, attention and support good players can be brought on within the schools, the talent is there, it just needs to be channelled in the right direction.

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**PROMPTED TO COMMENT**

I read with particular interest the letter in the March edition of *T.T. News* headed Let's Set A Plan, from Karl Bushell, having had the pleasure of knowing Karl since he moved into what, as National Councillor I look upon as my T.T. patch, and I am prompted to comment on just some of the comments and points raised.

Firstly, "each county must have a purpose built table tennis centre", which in principle is fine, however, in a county such as Bucks the only likely site which would attract the very necessary official grant aid is in the Milton Keynes area. Does Karl seriously believe that with four of our six member leagues in the very south of the county that players would regularly be prepared to make a 100 mile-plus round trip to support such a centre. For the greater majority of the league playing membership an away league match is the very limit of their travelling aspirations, generally about a twelve-mile radius from home.

Many of the points raised in the letter from Karl are linked to finance, a subject which as a professional banker he knows something about. These days finance and sponsorship go together, find the second and hopefully you are in business. The problem is finding major sponsorship, this requires doors being opened. I've tried and indeed continue to do so, has Karl asked his employers (a leading High Street Bank); great oaks start as little acorns.

"County Matches along similar lines to the Premier Division", properly organised would no doubt attract considerable support with officials as well as the players, so find a suitable available cost effective venue with all the required facilities, best of all situated somewhere near enough for the competing counties to make it on Saturday morning and return home Sunday evening. However, regretfully, Karl, your Saturday Night Players Social is a very doubtful starter as this period would be required as a playing session.

"Television coverage", well we all want more of this but unfortunately our modern game makes poor viewing, where have all the rallies gone? Then where are all the star players that the public is prepared to spend time and money travelling to watch. I confidently assert that nobody in Bucks has seen more top class T.T. in the last decade than myself and I can count on my fingers the number of people from the sport that I know who regularly pay their way to watch the sport. Let us forget it is the paying public who basically finance professional sport and not the National Association, the product has to be commercial. Is ours?

Finally, as a proud Life Member of the High Wycombe T.T. League I would wish to make comment on the remarks which Karl makes about the weekly league match played apparently in utter silence.

(1) During my twenty years in High Wycombe this is not so in the divisions/matches in which I have played, this season the third division.

(2) It takes two to make a conversation, I find other teams talk to us, so, physician, examine yourself.

Perhaps the trouble is the age-old (High Wycombe?) problem of virtually all the best players playing in the same team, it's always been the same, TURNERS - EXILES - BROOM & WADES, to name but some and now its APOLLO; the last published league tables read:

Apollo A (Karl's team) pl. 12 won 12 drawn 0 lost 0. Sets: F. 113 A. 7 Pts 48.

Top of the first division with maximum points (48/48), can it perhaps just be that the majority of the other teams just turn up to endure the inevitable slaughter, one-sided. What they enjoy is a closely contested match with the result

always in doubt, this season I played in 17 High Wycombe league matches of which twelve finished in the 6/4; 5/5; 4/6 range, (no doubt a result of my incompetence) we enjoyed our season and consider we play at the correct level. During my long and happy association with High Wycombe I have always advocated that the top cliché should spread themselves out, equate the playing strength and hopefully improve the overall standard. In conclusion I would wish to acknowledge the efforts which Karl is making coaching youngsters each Saturday at Booker - if only I was 35 years younger!!

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## EUROPEAN CALENDAR 1985/86

**June**  
21/23 Italian Junior Open (Vicenza)

**July**  
13/20 **EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (Den Haag, Netherlands)**

**September**  
13/14 Quadrangular Championships (Coatbridge, Scotland) (England, Ireland Scotland and Wales)

**October**  
25/27 Polish Open (Olsztyn). ETTU EC and MC Meetings

**November**  
1/3 Belgian Open (Liege)  
15/17 Hungarian Open (Miskolc)  
28- Swedish Open  
Dec 1 (Landskrona)

**December**  
6/8 Finlandia Open (Helsinki)  
1986

**January**  
4/6 **EURO JUNIOR TOP 12 (Hungary)**  
23/25 **ENGLISH OPEN (Brighton)**  
31- EUROPEAN TOP 12  
Feb 2 (Sodertalje, Sweden)

**February**  
7/9 Irish Open (Dublin)  
13/16 Federal German Open

**April**  
5/13 **EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Prague, Czechoslovakia)**

**May**  
16/18 Czechoslovak Junior Open (Vlasim)  
30- French Junior Open  
June 1 (Amiens)

**June**  
2/7 **3rd VETERANS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Rimini, Italy)**  
20/22 Italian Junior Open

**December**  
6/8 French Open (Lyons)  
**EUROPEAN CLUB CUP OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE OF DATES SEASON 1985/86 (Men and Women)**

Round 1 Sept 21/85  
Round 2 October 12  
Round 3 November 9  
Q-F December 21  
S-F's February 8/86  
Finals April 26

## EUROPEAN LEAGUE FIXTURES SEASON 1985/86

### Super Division

Sept 25/85 Czechoslovakia v Hungary  
France v Sweden  
Netherlands v Yugoslavia  
Poland v F.R. Germany  
Oct 6/85 F.R. Germany v Netherlands  
Hungary v Sweden  
Poland v France  
Yugoslavia v Czechoslovakia  
Nov 20/85 Czechoslovakia v France  
Netherlands v Hungary  
Sweden v Poland  
Yugoslavia v F.R. Germany  
Dec 11/85 France v Netherlands  
Hungary v Yugoslavia  
Poland v Czechoslovakia  
Sweden v F.R. Germany  
1986  
Jan 15/86 Czechoslovakia v Netherlands  
F.R. Germany v France  
Hungary v Poland  
Yugoslavia v Sweden  
Feb 19/86 F.R. Germany v Czechoslovakia  
Hungary v France  
Poland v Yugoslavia  
Sweden v Netherlands  
Mar 12/86 F.R. Germany v Hungary  
France v Yugoslavia  
Czechoslovakia v Sweden  
Netherlands v Poland

### ALL DATES ARE FOR WEDNESDAY MATCHES

#### Division One

**September 28**  
Bulgaria v Norway  
**England** v Austria  
Finland v Denmark  
Italy v Belgium  
**October 19**  
Austria v Denmark  
Belgium v Bulgaria  
Finland v Italy  
Norway v **England**  
**November 23**  
Austria v Finland  
Denmark v Italy  
**England** v Bulgaria  
Norway v Belgium  
**December 14**  
Belgium v Austria  
Bulgaria v Italy  
Denmark v Norway  
Finland v **England**  
1986  
**January 18**  
Belgium v Finland  
Bulgaria v Austria  
**England** v Denmark  
Italy v Norway  
**February 22**  
Belgium v **England**  
Denmark v Bulgaria  
Italy v Austria  
Norway v Finland  
**March 15**  
Austria v Norway  
Denmark v Belgium  
Finland v Bulgaria  
Italy v **England**

All dates are Saturdays but matches can be played during the week ending on the above Saturday dates.



## TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS

As, at the time of going to press, no appointment of a Editor has been made, correspondents are asked to submit their copy to the ETTA Office at 21 Clarendon, Hastings East Sussex. TN34 1HF this to arrive no later at September 15, 1985.



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Watch this space!

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