

CONRAD JASCHKE ELECTED E.T.T.A. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

At the meeting of the Management Committee on February 4, the Chairman, Ivor Eyles, announced the result of the national ballot for Deputy Chairman of the E.T.T.A. as follows:

Conrad Jaschke 100 votes.
Geoff James 72 votes.
Keith Watts 68 votes.

Conrad Jaschke, the Hon. International Secretary, has therefore been elected as the new Deputy Chairman of the Association. He will, however, continue to carry out his other duties as before.

'SHOT-IN-THE-ARM' FOR ENGLAND

Johnny Leach reports on the Scandinavian Tour

CHESTER BARNES, Denis Neale and Stuart Gibbs gave a shot in the arm to English table tennis by their 2-1 defeat of Sweden, the reigning European champions, in a three-tier series.

Twenty-year-old Chester Barnes, playing much better than he did in the English Closed championships, was the outstanding player of the whole series. Such was his brilliance in the first two matches that knowledgeable Swedish critics compared his play with that of the invincible Chinese world champions, while Lollo Hammarlund, Sweden's respected captain, rated Chester the best player in Europe today. Believe me, these extravagant claims were not far wrong, as results show.

In the first match at MOLNDAL on January 10, which resulted in a comfortable 5-2 win for England, Chester defeated in turn Christa Johansson, Karl-Johan Bernhardt and Hans Alser.

19-year-old Stuart Gibbs, playing his first big senior international abroad, gave us a good start, showing that he has good nerve for the

big occasion by beating the experienced No. 3 Swede, Karl Bernhardt 29-27, 21-19 in the opening game.

Denis Neale, although handicapped by a badly bruised left-foot, fought hard and played exceptionally well to beat Christa Johansson, Sweden's No. 4, in straight sets.

Alser, Sweden's No. 2, and former European singles champion, defeated Neale and Gibbs respectively to win Sweden's only victories.

The second match at SKARA on January 12 developed into a close struggle. England nosed home 5-4 against what Sweden rated their strongest side.

At Skara, Chester was again invincible defeating in grand style Kjell Johansson, the reigning European singles champion, Hans Alser and Bo Persson. Although not in top form, Denis Neale played well enough to beat Persson in straight sets. Stuart Gibbs had the nerve-racking task of facing Persson when the score stood

level at 4-4. This vital game was tense and close throughout, with both players fiercely attacking every ball. The climax came at 17-17 in the third and deciding game when Stuart scored four consecutive winners to give England a well-earned victory.

The final match at HUSKVARNA on January 14 resulted in a 5-2 win for Sweden. England having already won the series this was a bit of an anti-climax, but all credit to the Swedish team who fought hard and played well.

Karl Bernhardt was Sweden's hero. Surprisingly he won all three of his games.

Chester Barnes, after playing brilliantly to beat Kjell Johansson in straight sets, seemed to get overconfident. As a result he then lost to both Alser and Bernhardt.

Stuart Gibbs, having lost to Bernhardt, made ample amends. He played the game of his life to defeat Kjell Johansson. Denis Neale was well below form, losing to both Alser and Bernhardt.

All in all England's men can be proud of their results. After all, we are the first European country to have won a series against Sweden since they became European champions in 1964.

England scored an easy 5-0 victory over Norway, in their first ever international clash, at Oslo on January 15.

Although a very sporting match with our opponents fighting for every point England's men were really never extended.

January 10, 1967, at Molndal

ENGLAND 5, SWEDEN 2
C. BARNES bt C. Johansson -8, 16, 17; bt K. Bernhardt 18, -11, 13; bt H. Alser -18, 20, 19.
D. NEALE lost to Alser -13, -19, bt C. Johansson 15, 17.
S. GIBBS bt Bernhardt 27, 19; lost to Alser -21, -21.

January 12, 1967, at Skara

ENGLAND 5, SWEDEN 4
BARNES bt Persson 13, 19; bt K. Johansson 13, -19, 15; bt Alser 16, 19.
NEALE lost to Alser -14, -12; bt Persson 13, 17; lost to K. Johansson -17, -18.
GIBBS lost to K. Johansson -16, -15; lost to Alser -16, -11, bt Persson 19, -14, 17.

January 14, 1967, at Huskvarna

ENGLAND 2, SWEDEN 5
BARNES bt K. Johansson 15, 18; lost to Alser -19, 13, -6; lost to Bernhardt 14, -17, -16.
NEALE lost to Alser -19, -5; lost to Bernhardt -14, -18.
GIBBS lost to Bernhardt -16, -16; bt K. Johansson -16, 11, 17.

	W.	L.
Barnes	7	2
Gibbs	3	4
Neale	2	5
	12	11

January 15, 1967, at Oslo

BARNES bt K. Havag 19, 18.
NEALE bt Sehl -12, 19, 10; bt Havag -19, 19, 15.
GIBBS bt Stelle 18, 13, bt Sehl 11, 20.

English Closed

by Ken Mathews



E.T.T.A. Treasurer, Tom Blunn, presents the Men's Doubles awards to Ian Harrison and Chester Barnes.

Photo by Michael MacLaren

Harrison: Champion Again

THE very firm grasp that Chester Barnes had on the English men's singles title was dislodged last year by Denis Neale. Many felt that this was probably only a temporary setback and that Chester would regain the title this year. He has not fared particularly well at home however and one had the feeling that a determined assault by any of the others in the running might just result in an upset—and so it happened. Chester did not have the answer to Orville Haslam, who literally hit him off the table in the third round.

This let "Les" through to a semi-final meeting with Ian Harrison and a dose of his own medicine against an opponent who has developed a very fine attacking game.

In the other half "Connie" Warren dealt out a severe caning to an uninspired Brian Wright and proceeded to do the same to Denis Neale in the other semi-final.

The first round saw the exit of Roy Morley, Roger Chandler and Ralph Gunnion, the latter to Malcolm Sugden. One-time holder Bobby Stevens lost to Wright and Mike Johns went out to Neale. In the quarters Neale put paid to our

Scottish friend Sugden. Haslam, who in the past has had trouble with Tony Piddock, seems now to have overcome his difficulties and only dropped the third game.

Harrison, tuning up for his subsequent victory also dropped the third game to Stuart Gibbs.

It is perhaps ironical that at the half-way stage in the season, during which the Selectors' highly controversial Youth Policy has been operating, the Closed final should be between two veterans of 25 and 27 years! But what a set it was!

Ian Harrison was playing probably better than he has ever played before and it seemed that no matter how hard Connie Warren hit the ball Ian managed to get it back. For the loss of the first game though, Connie only had himself to blame as he had held a 20-14 lead and lost at deuce. Harrison went on to take the next two games for the title 17 and 15. This match was one of the most exciting men's finals we have seen for a long time and despite the fact that Connie lost, his reputation was greatly enhanced by the sporting and spirited fight he put up.

BEST WIN OF THE TOURNAMENT?

In the women's singles perhaps the best win of the tournament was one which happened over in a far corner of the arena when most people were out at tea. The news soon got around however that the No. 2 seed, Lesley Radford, was out to Judy Williams: a win which did much to bring Judy back to the England No. 4 ranking.

This result perhaps made Karenza Smith's path to the final a little easier as she had less trouble with Judy than might have been expected from Mrs. Radford. Mary Wright came through

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INTERNATIONAL

Peter F. Cruwys (Chairman of the Cheltenham T.T. Association), 20 Salisbury Avenue, Warden Hill, Cheltenham, is the Organising Secretary of an international match ENGLAND v CZECHOSLOVAKIA to be played on Sunday, March 5th, in Cheltenham Town Hall at 4 p.m. Further details can be had from Mr. Cruwys at Cheltenham 27563 (home) or Gloucester 21511 (business).

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FANATICISM

SOME administrators there are whose lives are devoted to the furtherance of amateur sport be it in the sphere of table tennis or what have you.

Do not believe that it is for personal glory that such people strive, for there must be less exacting—and certainly more financially rewarding—ways of making a name for one's self other than the sheer slog that a table tennis season entails.

Most clubs and most leagues have such a person and it would not call for any great mental stress for one to think of the name though it might for the glory!

Contrary to the supposed belief held by players, it is not the fairies that bestir themselves from the bottom of the garden to carry out the humdrum tasks that have to be undertaken during a season.

They do not clear arenas, erect tables and lighting, arrange seating and, as likely as not, see to refreshments as well before reversing the proceedings.

No such sprites exist, but our fanatic does, for who else, season after season, would carry on knowing full well, at heart, that human nature being what it is will not change but will continue to step aside without let or hindrance for the provision of services so much taken for granted.

All too often such persons find themselves caught up in the higher echelons of administration so that the burden becomes nigh intolerable.

It is inevitable that a good club secretary makes a good league secretary, but why stop there?

Counties too carry their share of dead wood and so our "Jack of all Trades", whose enthusiasm knows no bounds takes on more and more.

Why not now, in the approaching twilight of the present season, resolve to lend a hand?

The last few miles of a marathon are reputedly the toughest and assistance can be rendered in many ways—even a wet sponge can be refreshing at times.

Many hands make light work and the fanatic, alas, has but two.

INTERNATIONAL ROUND-UP

By CONRAD JASCHKE

Hon. International Secretary of the E.T.T.A.

WE in England are well known for our national trait of playing down our achievements, but I think for a change it would do no harm to point to the great improvement in our playing results this season. On our first foreign tour of the season Chester Barnes won the men's singles in the Netherlands Open from a field containing most leading European men, and when the Czechs came here immediately afterwards we lost the series 1-2 which was no disgrace considering we took the opportunity to include several youngsters. Next, in the Austrian Open we drew a blank with the Czechs conquering all, but immediately afterwards came a big success when Mary Wright and Karenza Smith took the women's doubles and the women's team championships in the Yugoslav Open. Then another great triumph when England beat Roumania—just back from an Asian tour—by 6-1 at Edmonton, followed by a 4-4 draw with Germany (West) against whom we had to start at Crystal Palace without Barnes who was unable to play. This was closely followed by a 7-2 win over Netherlands at Borehamwood in a match in which we fielded our youngest ever team. Then another big surprise: our men's team of Chester Barnes/Denis Neale/Stuart Gibbs, led by Johnny Leach, did what no other European country had done since Sweden became champions in 1964, in winning our series in Sweden by 2-1. In the process Chester beat European champion Kjell Johansson twice, and Stuart did it once, to earn highest praise. Then, on the way back, a 5-0 victory over Norway. A great pity Barnes has had to cry off from the tour of Czechoslovakia and Germany (East) thus greatly reducing our chances of success there, but on the other hand it gave an opportunity to Connie Warren.

STOCKHOLM RESULTS VITAL

Nobody will deny that these results show a tremendous advance from those achieved by our players last season, and overall we must surely now be rated as one of Europe's top three countries. But what really counts this season are our results in Stockholm in April. They will decide where England stands in ITTF ratings for the next two years. Our players are dedicated to success, and under the direction of their captains and Jack Carrington they are training and practising harder than I have ever known them to do in the past. Their immediate aim is to capture titles in the English Open Championships at Brighton first week in March. Then the next aim is to finish ahead of most, if not all, European countries in the World Championships in April. But the fruition of our short-term plans could come next season, when England will be making a determined bid for European League and European Championships honours.

Long-term, we must lead the way in lessening the gap between European and Asian strength. This could be a long road ahead, but make no mistake about it, unless we can narrow this gap, Europe is in danger of becoming a backwater of international table tennis.

NEW ZEALAND MATCHES ALL FIXED

The demand to stage matches against the New Zealand touring side has been most gratifying, and all dates are now fixed. The Scottish T.T.A. will be looking after the New Zealanders until they enter the North East of England Open and then immediately afterwards Yorkshire will be playing two matches against New Zealand on March 28 (at Barnsley) and 29. On March 30 there is a match against Lancashire, probably at Bolton, and then our New Zealand friends compete in the Cambridge Open on April 1-2. Philip Reid has arranged matches for the New Zealanders in Leicester (April 3), Loughborough (men only, April 4) and Melton Mowbray (women only, April 4), and Ken Mathews has arranged a match in London on April 5. Then New Zealand play Buckinghamshire on April 6, and Kent on April 7, after which they compete in the Stevenage Open on April 8-9 and then depart for Stockholm. May I thank most sincerely all those who have helped me put together this programme.

SIDO OUT

The Hungarian T.T.A. and Ferenc Sido have parted company. Sido, a very popular world champion who has paid many visits to this country, had acted as trainer/captain for the Hungarian national team since his retirement from competitive play. It is believed there were differences of opinion about training methods.

NETHERLANDS BEAT BELGIUM

Shortly after their visit to Borehamwood Netherlands scored a convincing 5-2 win over Belgium. There were some surprising results in the recent tournament between Netherlands' top players, with Bert van der Helm coming out top, in front of Bert Schoofs and Bert Onnes—the first times Onnes was invited to take part since the disciplinary action taken

As a result of the appeal in last month's issue, Mr. Len Tolvin of the East London League has very kindly offered to donate two very old bats to the table tennis museum which is being started by the Netherlands T.T.A. These bats are hollow, and covered in vellum. There are very few of these in existence now, and we are very grateful for Mr. Tolvin's kind gesture.

against him after Ljubljana. Frans Schoofs could finish no higher than 7. Amongst the girls Ursula Stulemeyer came top, followed by Anne Marie Wijnants and Ellen Kort.

Netherlands' international secretary H. van Dilst writes that the big surprise for the Dutch team in their match against us was the progress made by Stuart Gibbs. The following glowing remarks made about Gibbs by Jupp Schlaf in the German magazine—"this young player has certainly got important admirers abroad."

CHINA WITHDRAWS FROM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The I.T.T.F. has been officially notified that China will not be sending a team to compete in the World Championships in Stockholm. This news has been followed by reports from Hong Kong that many of the leading players have been arrested in the political upheaval.

FIRST GANEFO GAMES

I mentioned last month the victory of Li Fy Jung over the world champion Chuang Tse Tung in the "Games of the emerging nations" in Cambodia in December. Full results have now been received and it transpires that Chinese players monopolised all individual finals, as winners and runners-up. Women's singles was won by Cheng Min Chih, men's doubles Chuang Tse Tung/Li Ching Kuang, women's doubles Lin Hui Ching/Cheng Min Chih, mixed doubles Chang Hsieh Lin/Lin Hui Ching. In both team events China was first and North Korea second.

FIFTH ASIAN GAMES

In the 5th Asian Games in Bangkok later in December, the Japanese won all individual titles except the men's singles which went to South Korea's Kim Chung Yong, with Japan's Nobuhiko Hasegawa runner-up. Noriko Yamanaka won the women's singles and with Naoko Fukatzu the



Nobuhiko Hasegawa, champion of Japan for the last two years, using the orthodox grip and watched by Ogim Ura, former world champion, L. Foldy and Victor Barna.

women's doubles. Koji Kimura won the men's doubles with Hasegawa, and the mixed with Fukatzu. Team rankings were: MEN—1 Japan, 2 Taiwan, 3 South Korea, 4 South Vietnam, 5 Iran, 6 Hongkong. WOMEN—1 Japan, 2 South Korea, 3 Taiwan, 4 Thailand, 5 Indonesia, 6 Iran. No country played in both championships, so direct comparison is not possible. But no really serious challenge to the Chinese seems possible this time.

EUROPEAN CLUB CUP

MEN. Round Two:

CSM (Roumania) beat CS Union Paris 5-0
LEKSBERGE (Sweden) beat STK Bosna (Yugoslavia) 5-0
BUDAPESTI VASUTAS SC beat Tusa DJK Dusseldorf 5-3
SLAVIA PRAGUE beat Spartak Plevn (Bulgaria) 5-2
SF. CMS v Leksberge, and Vasutas v Slavia

WOMEN. Round Two:

DTC KAISERBERG (DTTB) beat La Palette Brussels 5-0
SPARTA PRAGUE beat Novi Sad SKT (Yugoslavia) 5-2
TSC BERLIN (DTTV) beat Ferencvarosi Torna (Hungary) 5-4
PROGRESUL BUCHAREST beat Polizei Vienna 5-0
SF. Kaiserberg v Sparta, and Berlin v Progresul

ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Draw for the 40th English Open will be made on Monday, February 13 at Shell Mex house, with the Hon. Referee, John Wright, in charge of proceedings, and George Yates arranging the accompanying press reception. The Roumanians should now be added to the list of likely participants, but the Swedes are unable to come. Even so, with the Czechs, German, Hungarians, Yugoslavs, etc., in attendance, we shall have one of the strongest entries ever at Brighton. The Czechs, now generally regarded as the strongest European country, are sending Stanek, Miko, Miss Luzova and Miss Pauknerova, the Roumanians will include Giurguica and Miss Alexandru, and Scholer will defend his men's singles title. Immediate application for finals tickets is advisable—a sellout is on the cards. Tickets can be had from the E.T.T.A. office or from Charles Wyles, 48 Eversfield Place, St. Leonards on Sea, Sussex, or from the Brighton Box Office.

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

To those thinking of making their own way to Stockholm, may I draw your attention to the advertisement of the Swedish Travel Bureau on the opposite page? They will gladly advise you on all your travel problems.

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Vital Date—February 25

LEICESTERSHIRE improved their chances of the Eastern Division Championship with a 6-4 win over Suffolk. The match on February 25 at Norwich will decide whether we or Norfolk are to be champions.

The Y.M.C.A. tournament once again attracted a very large entry. Ivor Billson took all three junior events winning the Junior Singles against a much-improved Alan Wain, the Under-15 Singles against Andy Holdsworth and partnered John Oxbrough to beat Alan Wain and Terry Hall in the Junior Doubles.

Ernest McLeish, who has appeared in the last eleven local tournament finals beat John Corral in the Men's Singles final. Rita Beith—who beat Marjorie Purser in the final of the Ladies' Singles has a record almost as good. Charlie Jacques and Gordon Murray played well to beat the left-handed pair of Colin Truman and Steven White. Colin's cup of woe was overflowing when he reached another final—the Mixed with Rita Beith—but lost to Steven White and Jose Rogers. For good measure Colin also reached the semi-final of the Men's Singles.

The Rose Johnson Bowl has reached the semi-final stage with Grieves, Spinney Hill W.M.C. II and two teams from Barwell Constitutional still in the competition.

In the Melton Mowbray League Championships John Brunning proved too strong for all opposition, beating Tony Hopkins for the third time in succession. The Handicap Singles was won by former Durham player Ron Hunter who beat Dennis Smith in the final. The Handicap Doubles went to Rabjohn and Hopkins whose final opponents were Nelson and Mrs. Scanes.

Congratulations to the Loughborough Junior team on reaching the last 8 of the Carter Cup at their first attempt. Ivor Billson, John Palmer, Terry Hall and Ken Lomas have all turned in some excellent performances.

Saracen Cup surprise team are Leicester Printers who beat Cottons, strongly fancied to win the cup, by six sets to three. Both R. Norman and G. Westhead were undefeated.

Leicester—and Leicestershire—have good reason to be grateful to Barwell's John Bryant. At short notice he took the town junior team to Wolverhampton, then the county team to Lowestoft and back—a round trip of some 300 miles—and played in the Y.M.C.A. Tournament the next day.

The visit of the new Zealanders is causing interest. They will be received by the Lord Mayor of Leicester at

the Town Hall for tea and will be watched by the Mayor of Loughborough the following day. They will play at Leicester on April 3 and Loughborough the following day. There will also be a ladies' match at Melton Mowbray.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

XD: Goby/Foch-Gattrell

FOCH-GATTRELL as a name will be French and Greek to Norfolk Table Tennis players. But I hear from Alan Coby, the East Anglian, Norfolk, Suffolk and Norwich Champion that, in March, he will be showing the Table Tennis world that it is not only at the small green table that he has made his conquests.

When the great day dawns, may we wish the new partnership many seasons of happiness and wedded bliss, and to the Coby family, who have done so much for the game in East Anglia, we offer our sincerest felicitations.

Norwich ran out 5-2 in their Zone final Wilmott Cup match against Boston. Then Boston added two more before the close.

This was the introduction to live Table Tennis of Jack Bowie, a former professional footballer, who is now helping to build the new University of East Anglia. Bowie played for the Army v. the West German army, then for Southampton in 1960-61, Aberdeen and Glasgow Celtic. Bowie commented on the first non-TV match he had seen: "Not being acquainted with the game, I was amazed at speed of foot, and ability to make very speedy and sound decisions. Even though opposed, the players always showed to each other that the game is really a sport."

Indeed, Jack could not have had a better match as a start to watching our game. Lincolnshire's captain, Brian Hill, fully justified his former E.T.T.A. ranking. He gave a masterly demonstration of deep thrust, short drop and decisive backhand which had Neville Graver, for one, struggling hard even to make a game of it. And Neville is no mean performer, as all in Norfolk know, if allowed to play his own way. That backhand of his must be strengthened.

For Boston, David Armstrong despite a touch of flu, and Michael East (who demolished an uninterested Phillip Graver after it was all over) both performed creditably, and for Norwich, David Skedge showed the greatest ability. Hill won all his three, of course.

Goodbye to Maurice Ewles, the Norfolk coach, who has left for Buck-



Plymouth Juniors Amaze

THE Christmas season generally brings with it a lull in activities in this part of the country, and this year has been no exception. The only Devon League match played was the much-anticipated clash between Exmouth and Plymouth "B" in Division 2. The game turned out to be more one sided than was expected, and the 8-2 result in Plymouth's favour gives them a commanding lead at the top of the table. With only three teams in Division 1, and four in Division 2, matches are indeed few and far between. It is hoped to remedy this by the formation, next season, of a Devon and Cornwall League, and perhaps by increased affiliation to the E.T.T.A. from the whole area.

Plymouth Women, as expected, are once again zone winners of the Rose Bowl competition after yet another convincing victory over Bristol. In the Carter Cup, Plymouth boys excelled themselves in an amazing 9-0 win over Southampton. All the Plymouth lads were in great form, but can count themselves as rather fortunate in one respect as Stuart Tannahill, the Southampton No. 1, was unwell and far from his best.

In the zone final of the Wilmott Cup, Plymouth went under to Gloucester 6-2, the two sets both coming from Cleve Judson, who had good victories over Roy Morley and Dennis Holland. In the Western League, Plymouth's hopes of winning both the men's and

women's divisions took a blow when the men went down at Cheltenham by the odd game in 9. Judson and Adrian Wright took two apiece, the match being dependant on the last event with Plymouth's Brian Bridgett just unable to clinch it after holding a convincing lead.

DEVON LEAGUE POSITIONS

Division 1	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Plymouth ...	2	2	0	0	14
Exeter ...	2	1	0	1	11
Torbay ...	2	0	0	2	5

Division 2	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Plymouth "B" ...	3	2	1	0	22
Exmouth ...	3	2	0	1	18
Exeter "B" ...	3	0	2	1	12
Torbay "B" ...	3	0	1	2	8

"Clots" Stop Circulation

by Louis Hoffman (O.M.S.)

BLOOD in the human body goes around and around in a steady flow, reaching out to every part to keep it in a healthy condition. Suddenly, calamity, a CLOT appears on the scene and lo and behold ere long flaws appear in the mechanism. This can't happen to me, says the healthy body and does nothing about it. All the signs of apathy are only too prevalent. One clot becomes two clots and before you can say T.T. News, your once thriving healthy body is back to dust. Let us therefore take warning. Liken the healthy body to the Table Tennis News, keep the circulation going smoothly. Let's get rid of those clots who loan their T.T. News to dozens of their friends to read, one after the other. We don't want to see our journal going back to ashes. A good injection of loyalty will do the trick. When asked to loan your journal by a friend or your family, and even though blood is thicker than water, say "I'm not a 'CLOT' . . . get your own."

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES by Roger Morris

Leamington Delighted

FOLLOWING on the successful schools league championship in Birmingham when 386 entrants were received. The Leamington Association were delighted with the response to a tournament organised by their local paper for school players. Peggy Evans tells me that 137 boys and girls have entered and most of these will now be drawn into the coaching network. Coventry are now producing juniors of high standard. Altogether the competition between the three towns should provide us with many

first class players, in the next few years.

The open tournament scene is being dominated by our junior players particularly in the North where almost every final is graced with the presence of Derek Munt, Paul Judd, Pat Glynn and Roger Clarke or their friend and rival from Staffordshire Brian Keates.

The County congratulate Munt and Judd on their fine performances against the West German team.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES by Leslie Constable

City Improve

IN the South-East Midlands League, Cambridge City have acquitted themselves somewhat better since they were beaten by St. Neots early in the season. With victory over Hunts Central and a closely fought match against champions Northampton they have renewed the selectors faith in them.

The Juniors, and Ladies too, have met with success and both are so far unbeaten in the League. Carol Chapman has a 100% record both in County and League and is playing very well. Her victories over Doreen Youngs (Suffolk) and Betty Cassell (Norfolk) were noteworthy as was her win over Mrs. Beith of Leicestershire.

CAMBS CREDITABLE DRAW

Cambridgeshire's creditable draw against Leicestershire followed their dismal defeat against Norfolk but John Thurston's absence was largely responsible for that.

Brian Jones, who made his County debut against Leicestershire, performed well and with Margaret Cornwell won the mixed comfortably. This was an extraordinary victory for a first time partnership. Alan Ponder beat McLeish in this fixture.

University Press I lead Division 1 of the Cambs League and look likely to retain their title being much more consistent than rivals YMCA 1 and Soham Meths. The Press team of Keith Chapman, Ron Nunn and Tony Littlechild is well balanced and only one point has escaped them this season.

Three players have "taken the eye" during recent representative matches and they are Keith Chapman, sister Carol and Keith White. White displayed impressive form against Norfolk Juniors.

Coaching proceeds at the new Sea Scouts Club and it is hoped that there will emerge players of high calibre, especially amongst the girls.

BROMLEY & DISTRICT T.T. ASSOCIATION

COMMENDABLE indeed is the monthly publication of a composite set of League tables, including news and views on Bromley table tennis, by Hon. Secretary, Albert Shipley.

These are sent out to all Team Captains with the intention that same are passed round to team members who, in the first issue, were urged to be early for matches, punctual and of good behaviour.

As at January 7 leaders of the seven divisions (544 registrations) were:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Division 1							
Sedgehill "A"	11	9	1	1	87	23	19
Division 2							
Sedgehill "C"	10	9	1	0	77	23	19
Division 3							
O. Elthamians "A"	11	8	2	1	74	36	18
Division 4							
Petts Wood "D"	12	12	0	0	89	31	24
Division 5							
St. Paul's Cray "B"	11	11	0	0	92	18	22
Division 6							
R.S.A. Staff Assn.	11	11	0	0	86	24	22
Division 7							
Bromley Juniors	12	7	0	0	106	14	24

A FACT TO BE PROUD OF

Out of the 314 Affiliated Leagues in England listed in the E.T.T.A. Handbook, only 22 have a larger declared membership of players than the Bromley. Amongst the 22 are the large London League and such places as Birmingham, Hull, Leeds and Manchester. Incidentally, the Birmingham League has 170 Clubs, which should keep Maurice Goldstein pretty busy.

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PIDDOCK RETAINS TITLE

AT the Essex Open played at Harlow on January 14-15, Tony Pidcock came through a tournament of surprises to beat Ian Harrison, two-straight, in the final.

First shock came when Derek Basden, now out of the Kent team, defeated a below form Brian Wright 20 and 18, meanwhile Keith Lawrence was getting through to the semis with wins over Brian Brumwell and Bobby Stevens. David Brown beat the new England No. 8, Mike Johns, who has lost form since his new ranking.

To the semis where Harrison won handsomely against Lawrence and gained revenge for his loss at the Middlesex. Pidcock also gained a comfortable win over Basden. The final was very good with Harrison moving the ball around giving Pidcock the opportunity to show his all-round skill.

The women's singles had some surprises also. Judy Heaps won at 18 in the third against Lesley Radford, No. 2 seed, but then could not hit through Shelagh Hession. In the other half, Pauline Hemmings showed a return to form beating Judy Williams at 23 in the third and then only just going down to Mary Wright in the semis.

Mary took all three titles beating Karenza Smith in a good but convincing final and winning the women's doubles, with Karenza against Elsie Carrington and Jackie Billington—the pair they lost to last season. Mary won the mixed with husband Brian. Karenza also took the Girls' Singles.

Keith Lawrence was also in two finals. The surprise one was the Men's Doubles with Paul Harmer. The two juniors beat Roger Hampson and Johns in the semi but lost to Harrison and Wright. Keith also lost in the junior final to Trevor Taylor where he got progressively worse and his opponent better.

Results:
Men's Singles—semi-finals: A. R. PIDDOCK (Kent) bt D. S. Basden (Kent) 17, 15; I. O. HARRISON (Gloucs.) bt K. Lawrence (Essex) 13, 13.
Final: PIDDOCK bt Harrison 19, 19.

Women's Singles—semi-finals: K. SMITH (Middx) bt S. Hession (Essex) 19, 16; M. WRIGHT (Surrey) bt P. Hemmings (Herts) 19, -17, 16.
Final: WRIGHT bt Smith 12, 10.

Men's Doubles—semi-finals: HARRISON / B. D. WRIGHT (Middx) bt D. Bowles/A. Campbell (Essex) 17, 9; P. HARMER (Herts)/LAWRENCE bt R. Hampson/M. Johns (Ches) -10, 19, 17.
Final: HARRISON/WRIGHT bt Harmer/Lawrence 9, 19.

Women's Doubles—Semi-finals: SMITH/WRIGHT bt L. Radford/B. Sayer (Essex) 15, 13; J. BILLINGTON (Berks) / E. CARRINGTON (Essex) bt Hemmings/ D. Simpson (Essex) 18, 7.

Final: SMITH/WRIGHT bt Billington/Carrington 14, 15.
Mixed Doubles—Semi-finals: WRIGHT/WRIGHT bt O. B. Haslam (Middx)/J. Williams (Sussex) 10, 13;

HARRISON/SMITH bt Pidcock/Hemmings 20, 7.

Final: WRIGHT/WRIGHT bt Harrison/Smith 14, -18, 13.

Boys' Singles: T. TAYLOR (Herts) bt Harmer 11, -19, 15; LAWRENCE bt M. Wald (Bucks) 10, -21, 14.

Final: TAYLOR bt Lawrence 20, 11.

Girls' Singles—semi-finals: SMITH bt L. Henwood (Essex) 7, 17; J. HEAPS (Ches) bt J. Shirley (Bucks) 10, 20.

Final: SMITH bt Heaps 15, 5.

PHYSICAL FITNESS IN TABLE TENNIS

Second Article

by David H. Stanley

WHEN physical training is first started, it may lead to stiffness and sluggish reactions on the table after the first few sessions. So with all forms of training you should build up slowly, don't start like a mad bull at a gate!

The ideal type of training for table tennis is similar to that of a boxer. Roadwork for building up stamina and skipping for improving your speed of footwork and agility.

Correct dress for roadwork is essential if it is to be used to the best advantage; an absorbent vest, thick sweater and track suit.

You can start your first night by walking and jogging over a distance of two miles, gradually increasing the distance up to anything around ten miles. If you build your training up slowly ten miles isn't half as bad as it sounds.

PROGRESS

As you progress, split your distance into periods of steady jogging and occasional fast short sprints, what athletes call fartlek* training, and this has many variations and degrees of intensity, which can be found in most books concerned with athletic training.

This is one of the best types of exercise for increasing stamina and conditioning your inner organs. If you are training with a few friends, you should arrange these periodical fast sprints, short spurts of 20 yards at maximum speed, when one of you gives the word "Go"—this is good for quickening your reaction as well as conditioning your legs.

This type of training is mostly for building up stamina and if you are aiming at winning tournaments, you need all the stamina that is going.

FOOTWORK

Skipping is the finest method for improving and quickening your footwork. Develop your skipping on the same lines as boxers train. As they skip, they bring in the appropriate footwork as if they are boxing against their future opponent.

You can do the same, bringing in correct footwork moves for all the various shots. Boxers also include shadow boxing in their training. When they are doing this, they really do imagine that they are boxing against an opponent.

* Swedish. Speed training

RECENTLY a dark-haired woman won the women's table tennis championship of the Australia State of Victoria—for the tenth year in a row.

In the same 10 years, Mrs. Suzy Javor, who came to Australia from Hungary in 1956, has won the Australian women's national title seven times.

She would have won it for the other three years but she was otherwise occupied; twice she was playing in the Maccabean Games and in the third year she was giving birth to her son, Robert.

Since the arrival of Mrs. Javor and her husband Karoly, table tennis in Australia has risen from a minor sport, played mainly in social clubs, to an important national event.

Although not all the credit for this goes to the Javor family, quite a lot of it does.

Even now, Australia does not rank among the strong table tennis nations and the sport does not have the spectator following found in other countries. But, according to Mrs. Javor, the standard is steadily rising.

This has been helped by two main events. The influx of migrants from Europe, particularly from Hungary and the Baltic States brought top-class players and gave the game a tremendous boost.

Also Asian students, studying in Australia, showed local Australians new skill and techniques.



Suzy Javor

Photo by Australian News and Information Bureau

These overseas influences have inspired local Australians to take more interest in the game which is now on a well organised basis.

Of the 35,000 registered players in 8,000 clubs around Australia, Mrs. Javor is the best known.

WORLD CLASS

When she arrived in Australia she was among the top 15 women players in the world. She was a member of the team which won the Hungarian National Pennant six times, playing in the same team as Eva Koczian and Agnes Simon, both of whom won world titles.

Twice she was runner up in the Hungarian championship to Gizi Farkas who won the world championship several times.

She was playing with a Hungarian team in Vienna in 1956 when the Hungarian Revolution broke out. When it was over she decided not to return to Hungary.

She was joined by her husband some weeks later and the couple accepted an

invitation to go to Australia from the Victorian Table Tennis Association.

They arrived in their new homeland late in 1956. From that moment, the name of Suzy Javor became a household word among Australian table tennis enthusiasts.

She won the Australian and Victorian women's championship the first year. Each year since then, she has won both events every time she has entered them.

Other players were given a chance at the Australian title in 1961 and 1965 when Mr. Javor was in Israel competing in the Maccabean Games.

In 1961 she was runner up in the Games to the former Bulgarian player, Angelique Roseanu, now a resident of Israel. In 1965 she won the title.

Since 1956, Mrs. Javor has won 38 different Australian and Victorian titles, including singles, doubles, mixed doubles and seven team events.

CONSTANT PRACTICE

She attributes her success to one thing—practice and more practice.

A member of the Hakoah club in Melbourne, she spends at least 10 hours a week at the table, either in competition or in practice games against other high-ranking players, both male and female.

Each Monday she spends at least two hours practising with the State table tennis squad. On Wednesdays, she plays for Hakoah in a pennant competition and this is followed by two hours' practice each Saturday and Sunday.

TRAINING JUNIORS

While encouraging juniors to take up table tennis by her example, Mrs. Javor takes more concrete steps to encourage juniors to make the game their main sport.

Each Saturday she runs an under-16 club call Time. Using five of the 42 tables at the Albert Park table tennis centre—the largest in the world—Mrs. Javor, her husband, and other leading players show the youngsters the techniques of the game.

Among the most interested of her pupils is her son Robert, now aged nine, who is showing promise.

Constant practice has kept her so far on top of the other women players that she has seldom been beaten, only five times since her arrival in Australia.

Suzy Javor is the best woman table tennis player ever to live in Australia. And on her current form, according to officials of the Victorian Table Tennis Association, there is no reason why she cannot continue her reign for at least the next decade.

From the Editor's Postbag

SUGGESTION APPROVED

With reference to the article "New County Cup?" which appeared in last month's issue, I think the suggestion put forward by Conrad Jaschke is an excellent one and I hope it will be given favourable consideration by most of the Counties. I think the arrangements detailed would be quite satisfactory although possibly some might consider that four zones would be better than eight.

I do feel, however, that the idea should be extended to cater for a similar knock-out competition for Junior County teams. Such an event would go a long way towards bolstering up the enthusiasm of young players during the off-season, although in the case of the keener players I doubt if their enthusiasm ever wanes! It would also be of great assistance to the County selectors in building up their junior teams for the next season. There is one proviso which I would like to suggest and that is that full consideration be given to providing more opportunities for younger players and that more girls should be given team places. In order to provide for this, I suggest that there should actually be two separate competitions, which could be either—

One competition for Boys' teams and one for Girls' teams, or one competition for normal junior age and one for under 15.

Personally I favour the first suggestion. There are several counties in which the number of girl players is increasing rapidly and this would give more of them a chance. On the other

hand there are some counties where, unfortunately, there is a dearth of girl players and this suggestion would enable such counties to enter teams of boys only.

I don't think the problem of providing suitable trophies should be insuperable but even without trophies I think the events would receive great support.

Incidentally, now that the number of Junior Championships is increasing and many more of them include events for lower age groups, could the E.T.T.A. not be "with it" by including similar events in the English Closed and/or the English Open?

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NO POINT, Until...

Having read your December issue and the articles appertaining to the "Service Law", I should like to voice the opinion of my fellow clubmates together with my own which could be added to Mr. Carrington's suggestions on "How to Tame or Control" Part C of his "Current Service Situation".

The sole object of the "Service" is to put the ball into play therefore, NO point will be awarded to the "Server" until after the ball has been returned by his opponent—whereupon the game will continue as normal.

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