



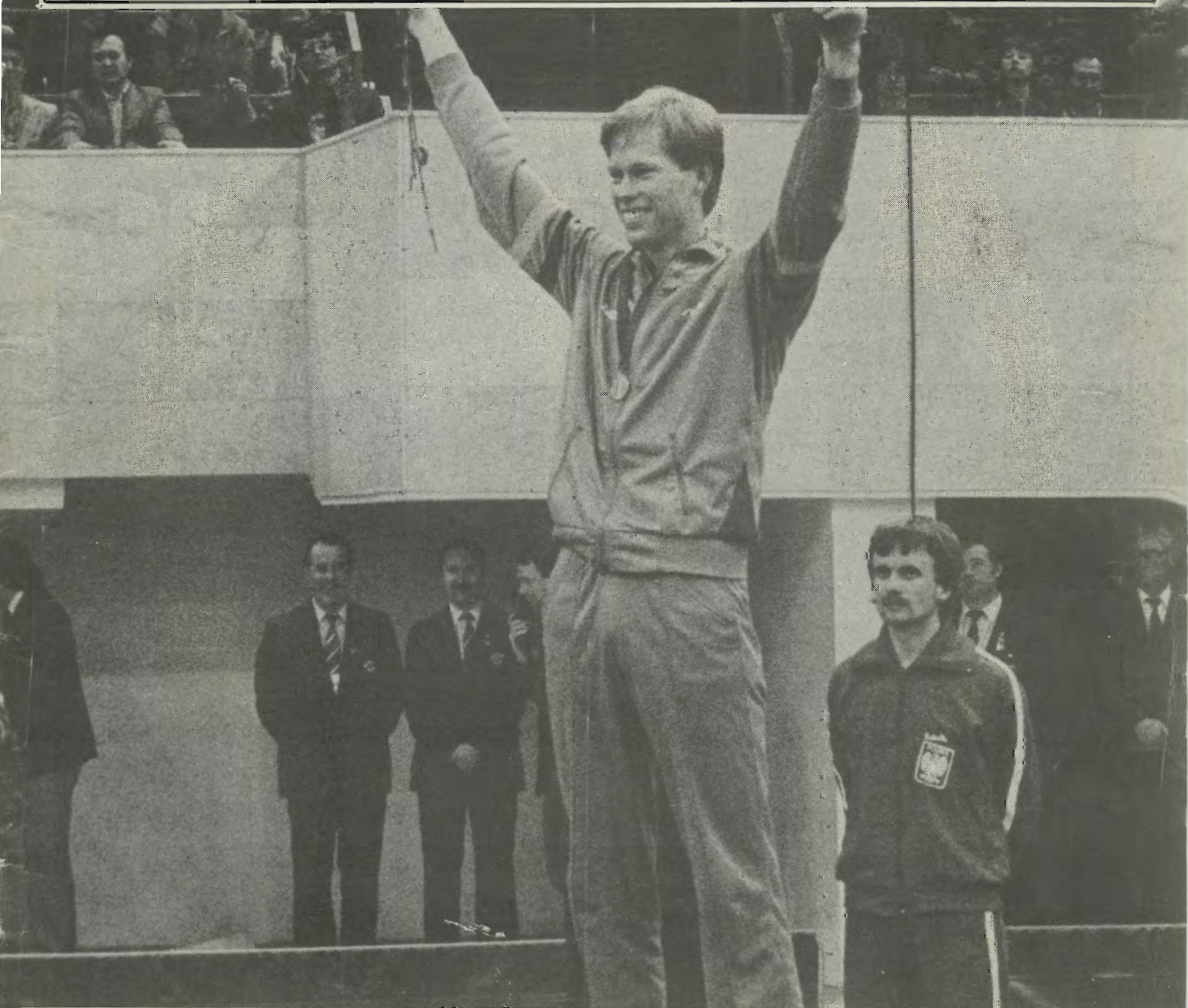
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# 14th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## RETREAT FROM MOSCOW

by George R. Yates



### SPARE A THOUGHT

Inevitably with the close of a season stalwarts who have devoted themselves to the administration of our game - some for a great many years - decide to call it a day. It was ever thus, of course, and can sympathise with match secretaries in particular for they are the **ones** most often con-fronted with frustration.

Last minute cry-offs and refusals to play, allied to the door to door transportation often demanded, do not make for an easy life. Small wonder "the the cry goes Lip enough is enough. One reads from letters to the Editor the need for more professionalism from administrators, more particularly in the hierarchy bracket.

But they too are unpaid devotees travelling the country most weekends and otherwise applying themselves to the day to day functioning of the national body just as, at a lower level, others, just as devoutly, apply themselves equally **vigorously**.

It is a players' game to be sure, but without the back-up needed, and this in the case of the ETTA is provided by professionals, there would be a sorry **state** of affairs prevailing. Spare a thought then for the amateurs, those people who keep the clubs, leagues, and counties going. Few bouquets come their way but brickbats are plentiful and often thrown without regard to a personal undertaking which is simply motivated by a desire to see our game prosper in all its facets.

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### ROLL OF HONOUR

Men's Singles  
ULF BENGTTSSON  
(Sweden)

Women's Singles  
VALENTINA POPOVA  
(Soviet Union)

Men's Doubles  
ZORAN KALINIC and  
DRAGUTIN SURBEK  
(Yugoslavia)

Women's Doubles  
NARINE ANTONYAN and  
VALENTINA POPOVA  
(Soviet Union)

Mixed Doubles  
JACQUES SECRETIN and VALENTINA POPOVA  
(France) (Soviet Union)

Men's Team  
FRANCE

Women's Team  
SOVIET UNION

No less successful than either Napoleon or Hitler in their assaults on the Soviet capital, England's efforts to prise reward from the seven events making up the 14th European Championships in Moscow, over the period April 14/22, 1984, also met with abject failure.

Indeed, for the first time ever, England failed to win a single medal and suffered the further ignominy of being relegated to Category Two in the men's team event - again for the first time.

Their only win in seven matches was by a nail-biting 5-4 against Bulgaria suffering defeats by Sweden (5-2), Hungary (5-2), France (5-3), Norway (5-2) (!), Federal Germany (5-3) and finally, by fellow demotees, Italy also by 5-3!

Of the 20 sets won in these seven matches Desmond Douglas claimed 13, Carl Preanfour, and Graham Sandley, Alan Cooke and Kenny Jackson one each. Nor did England's fortunes change much in the individual events with Sandley withdrawing completely with a back injury and Prean ousted on his first encounter in the men's singles by Francois Farout of France.

Both Cooke and Jackson had first round wins against Scotland's Dave Hannah and Peter Stellwag of Federal Germany respectively, subsequently losing to Tibor Klampar and Zsolt Kriston of Hungary.

Douglas, England's only real hope, had a win over Ron van Spanje of the Netherlands but then fell to yet another Hungarian, Gabor Gergely, being beaten 3-1 after winning the first game.

### CONSOLATION

What consolation there was came from England's women who finished sixth in their Category One encounters, three places down on that obtained in Budapest two years previously, as opposed to the men's slide from fifth to twelfth.

Both Alison Gordon and Joy Grundy carried England's colours into the last sixteen of the women's singles before losing, respectively, to Kirsten Krüger of Federal Germany and Gordana Perkucin of Yugoslavia.

For the record France won the men's team event, beating Poland 5-3 in the final, and in the women's team event final the Soviet Union beat Yugoslavia 3-0. Russia's Valentina Popova had the distinction of winning four gold medals, three in the individual events and one in the **team** championships.

But what of the men's singles won by Sweden's fifth-ranked player Ulf Bengtsson in succession to his compatriot Mikael Appelgren, the winner in Budapest, and an absentee in Moscow because of injury.

Ulf, born on Jan. 27, 1960, and Swedish junior champion both in 1977 and 1978, was the thirteenth seed in Moscow and yet he was the one to come through and win the gold medal. His fellow countryman, Jan Ove-Waldner, the top seed and beaten finalist in Budapest, failed to live up to his Top 12 triumph, when beaten by "The Guardsman", Josef Dvoracek of Czechoslovakia in a gripping third round encounter which had Nils Bergström, the Swedish Association's General Secretary, unable to look.

Two other higher ranked Swedes, Erik Lindh and Ulf Carlsson, also fell by

the wayside, the former to Bengtsson in the quarters and the latter seen off by the beaten finalist Andrzej Grubba of Poland.

#### JOOLA AWARDS

French ace Jacques Secretin who had done so much in spearheading his country to the men's team championship which earned him the Joola Award - Sweden's Marie Lindblad was the counterpart women's winner - fell to Bela Mesaros of Yugoslavia in his first encounter.

But, still full of fight, Yugoslavia's battler supreme, Dragutin Surbek, fought his way through to the semis there to lose in straight games to Grubba after ousting the likes of Gergely and Dvoracek, the latter John Hilton's final victim in Berne.

Andrei Mazunov, Russia's 16-year-old counterpart to England's Prean, really excelled in reaching the semis from an unseeded position his victims being Engelbert Hugging, of Federal Germany, Jonny Akesson of Sweden (25-23 in the 5th!) and Yugoslavia's giant penholder Zoran Kalinic prior to losing to Bengtsson having in his opening gambit seen off Stefan Renold of Switzerland.

Many fancied Grubba in the final against Bengtsson especially after his exploits in winning the Federal Republic of Germany's men's singles title with wins over Appelgren, Carlsson and Douglas en route to beating Waldner in the final.

But it was not to be although, like a pendulum, fortunes swayed first to the Swede and then to the Pole and when it came to the fifth and decisive game it was Bengtsson, cool calm and collected, who made it against the nervous and agitated Grubba.

No English player was called upon to qualify in this event and Jackson, little used in the team event, began smartly enough with a -19, 19, 11, 20 victory over **Stellwag** but thereafter found his way effectively blocked by Kriston who won in straight games.

Douglas met with little resistance in disposing of van Spanje, Ron of that ilk, but after blasting his way to a first game win over Gergely fell away to three successive submissions when the Hungarian took over the dominating role.



Hand in hand, the youngsters approach the Minor Arena venue in Moscow.

#### STRUGGLE

Young Cooke came out on top of a five game struggle with Anglo/Scot Hannah and stood at one game all with Klampar who subsequently took the next two for victory whilst Prean, in receipt of a first-round bye, fell to the French No.5 Farout.

What then of **our** girls in the Minor Arena of the Lenin Stadium complex? Could they do any better? Why, yes, they could and did with both Alison Gordon, our most successful player and Joy Grundy, no less overawed, reaching the last sixteen.

Alison began with the dismissal of Denmark's Charlotte Polk, 15 in the 5th, to be followed with another 5th game success over the Soviet Union's Elena **Vecherok** but sadly failed to reach the quarters when beaten by **Krüger**. Joy's victories were accomplished against Sandra de Kruiff of the Netherlands, Edit Urban of Hungary, beaten -19, 17, 15 and 20, and Italy's Alessandra Busnardo losing out to Perkucin.



General view inside the Minor Arena.

Lisa Bellinger, like Alison, was in receipt of a first round bye and, in the second, beat Carinne Bogaerts of Belgium before losing to Eva Malmberg of Finland who won -19, 17, 22 and 17. Karen Witt, without a win in her two team matches, was no more successful in the singles losing in her first encounter to Flera Khasanova of the Soviet Union.

And it was the host country which provided the two finalists in the persons of Popova and Flura Bulatova with the former taking the title as she did in Berne in 1980 and as her compatriot Zoya Rudnova had done when last the championships were played in Moscow in 1970.

Valentina's two other individual golds were obtained in the women's and mixed doubles when partnered by Narine Antonyan and Secretin. World men's doubles champions Kalinic and Surbek retained the European title

with a final win against the Swedes, Lindh and Waldner.

#### SCRATCHING

In this latter event Sandley's scratching left Cooke sitting on the bench whilst Prean and Jackson were unceremoniously despatched by Gergely and Istvan Jonyer of Hungary 7 and 9. Douglas, in harness with Ralf Wosik of Federal Germany, progressed to the quarters there to be beaten by Bengtsson and Carlsson having ousted the Scots Hannah and Richard Yule, and the two K's, Klampar and Kriston.

Karen, in the counterpart women's event, at last tasted success when, partnered by Alison, the English pair qualified for the first round proper in beating Elisabeth Maier and Elisabeth Deistler of Austria but their joy was short lived when beaten 15 and 9 by the Russians Khasanova and Raisa Timofeeva. Joy and Lisa, in Round 1, fell to qualifiers Beatrice Abgrall of France and Ivana Masarikova of Czechoslovakia who won 16, -18, 18.

And so to the mixed, our last chance to make any impact! Both Jackson, in partnership with Barbro Wiktorsson of Sweden, and Cooke, paired with Joy, came through two qualifying rounds unscathed. But there the success story ends with respective defeats by Michael Daugaard and Dorte Hauth of Denmark and by Yule and Carole Dalrymple of Scotland.

Prean and Lisa beat Ron van Spanje and de Kruiff in their first round meeting but then fell to Jorgen Persson and Pia Eliasson of Sweden whilst our top pairing of Des and Alison, after beating Japp van Spanje and Ellen Bakker of the Netherlands, took their dismissal at the hands of Igor Solopov and Bulatova two stout defenders, and there it was, all over and without a medal.

Playwise, on the first day of the team events, perhaps the die was cast when in two engagements, both for the men and the women, we suffered four losses. For the men, especially, this cast gloom and despondency in the camp and, although we scraped home 5-4 against Bulgaria - recovering from a 2-4 deficit for Cooke to beat Stefanov 24-22 in the third game of the 9th set - matters otherwise went wholly awry.

#### KNOCK

The biggest knock was inflicted by Norway who beat us 5-2 with Douglas, of all people, losing to Eric Rasmussen who went on to also account for Cooke and Prean. Our two victories in this entanglement were recorded by Prean and Douglas, **both** beating Gierr Gustavsen.

In the crossover encounter with Federal Germany, when our Category One status was really at stake, it was the old enemy who banged the nails in the English coffin, five of them being sunk against the three hammered in by Douglas who, in turn, beat H Uging, the "old man" Wilfried Lieck and Stellwag.

Douglas was rested for the academic meeting with Italy, our companions in distress, but it was the Italians who had the last laugh beating us 5-3, our meagre return being two for Preat and one for Jackson leaving "Cookie" with much to ponder on for his future progress.

Indeed, it would appear that it is a case of back to the drawing board for Donald Parker, who succeeds Peter Simpson as Trainer/Coach. Just how could this happen after our successes in Tokyo - 4th in the World yet 12th in Europe! Truly an amazing turnabout and one which the selection committee must carefully consider.

#### BLUSH

Conversely our girls need not blush at all, especially Alison and Joy, the former's only loss in single combat in the team event being to Zsuzsa Olah of Hungary. But how about her scalps comprising those of Marie Lindblad, Mirjam Kloppenburg, Eva Malmberg and Charlotte Polk?

Joy too can take credit for her successes against Sonja Grefberg, Dorte Hauth and Otilia Badescu. Lisa has cause to re-develop her game whilst Karen can, perhaps, be forgiven for she was desperately short of match practice having been plagued with a back injury for most of the season as was Sandley in Moscow itself.

All credit to France for winning the men's team event in which Patrick Renverse, the new French champion, played a full part in support of Master Jacques and Patrick Birocheau. And credit too to the girls of the Soviet Union who won the counterpart women's event much to the delight of the home spectators, some 8,000 being present when the finals session was played on the Sunday afternoon.

Three English Umpires, Tony Chatwin, Brian Lamerton and Pat Archdale added colour to the proceedings with their blue jackets and all in all the championships ran smoothly with hotel, food and transport not to be faulted. And the free day taking in the Kremlin, Red Square and the Moscow State Circus will remain memorable as indeed will the results, although for a very different reason.

#### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Men's **Singles**: Round 3:  
 J. Dvoracek (TCH) bt J-O. Waldner (SWE) -13, -10, 17, 11, 19;  
 Z. Kristan (HUN) bt S. Stefanov (BUL) 17, 20, 13;  
 D. Durbek (YUG) bt A. S. Moles (ESP) '8, . 7, 15;  
 G. Gergely (HUN) bt D. Dougl.s (ENG) -2, . 6, 17, '17;  
 I. Podnosov (URS) bt B. Mesáros (YUG) 14, 8, 9;  
 T. Kl.mp.r (HUN) bt M. 8rod. (TCH) 5, 9, '9;  
 U. C.dsson (SWE) bt J. M. p.les (ESP) '9, . 6, -20, 20;  
 A. Grubba (POL) bt V. Schevchenko (URS) 18, 16, 14;  
 E. Lindh (SWE) bt I. Minkevich (URS) 16, 8, -9, 10;  
 P. Birocheau (FRA) bt K. A. Fejer (ROM) 18, -15, -12, 15, 15;  
 U. Bengtsson (SWE) bt C. Pero (ITA) 18, 17, 15;  
 J. Pansky (TCH) bt V. Dvorak (URS) 20, 18, 15, 18;  
 Z. Kalinic (YUG) bt M. Loukov (BUL) 17, -11, 8, 17;  
 W. Lieck (FRG) bt P. Aenverse (FAA) 17, -20, 20, 9;  
 J. Akesson (SWE) bt F. Farout (FAA) 19, 17, 22;  
 A. Mazunov (UAS) bt E. Hucing (FRG) 16, 20, -7, -17, 16.

Round 4:  
 Dvoracek bt Kriston -18, 20, 14, 9;  
 Surbek bt Gergely 18, 11, -16, -21, 10;  
 Klampar bt Podnosov 7, 15, 15;  
 Grubba bt Carlsson 10, 8, -19, 13;  
 Lindh bt Birocheau 15, 13, -19, -21, 12;  
 Bengtsson bt Pansky 19, -16, -13, 11, 16;  
 Kalinic bt Lieck -19, 11, 15, 4;  
 Mazunov bt Akesson -18, 19, -9, 20, 23.



Patrick Renverse holds the men's team trophy following the French victory over Poland in the final.



Russia's Valentina Popova, Narine Antonyan, Anita Zakharyan and Flura Bulatova line up with their captain Mikael Vartanyan after the presentation of the women's team trophy.



English Umpires in Moscow, (l to r) Brian Lamerton, Pat Archdale and Tony Chatwin.



Graham Sandley must be playing as England's male squad look on with their Russian interpreter, Irena.

**Quarter-finals:**

Surbek bt Dvoracek 7, 14, 10;  
Grubba bt Klampar 14, -20, -20, 14, 17;  
Bengtsson bt Lindh 15, 19, -18, -17, 20;  
Mazunov bt Kalinic -12, 18, 19, 10.

**Semi-finals:**

Grubba bt Surbek 9, 19, 17;  
Bengtsson bt Mazunov 5, -18, 15, 19.

Final: BENGTSOON bt Grubba 16, -15, 12, -14, 19.

**Women's Singles: Round 3:**

M. Hrachova (TCH) bt C. Risch (LUX) 15, 7, 12;  
D. Guergueltcheva (BUL) bt A. Zakharyan (UAS) 18, 10, 14;  
K. Krijger (FAG) bt K. Calinska (POL) 16, 10, 20;  
A. Go'don (ENG) bt E. Vecherok (UAS) 18, 24, -15, -18, 15;  
F. Bulatova (URS) bt E. Maier (AUT) 11, 18, 8;  
E. Malmberg (FIN) bt L. Bellinger (ENG) -19, 17, 22, 17;  
M. Lindblad (SWE) bt I. Tyler (WAI) 14, 7, 8;  
M. Kloppenbu'9 (HOL) bt 2. Olah (HUN) 13, -11, 17, 21;  
V. Popova (VAS) bt J. Jansma (HOL) 16, 10, 14;  
S. Wenzel (FAG) bt C. Oal'Ymple (SCO) -16, 12, 19, 11;  
G. Perkucin (YUG) bt J. Szatko (POL) -11, 14, -19, 22, 17;  
J. Grundy (ENG) bt A. Busnardo (ITA) -13, -19, 13, 7, 9;  
G. Szabo (HUN) bt 8. W. Itsehe (AUT) 16, 9, 16;  
M. Alboiu (ROM) bt F. Khasanova (URS) -18, -21, 10, 9, 11;  
N. Antonyan (UAS) bt B. Thiriet (FAA) 16, 21, -1, 5, 10;  
B. Vriesekoop (HOL) bt A. Pelikanova (TCH) 18, 13, 16.

**Round 4:**

Hrachova bt Guergueltcheva -16, 15, -15, 18, 18;  
Kruger bt Gordon 19, 17, -15, 19;  
Bulatova bt Malmberg 10, 7, 15;  
Lindblad bt Kloppenburg 13, 20, -20, 13;  
Popova bt Wenzel 13, 20, 9;  
Perkucin bt Grundy 18, -19, 1, 12;  
Szabo bt Alboiu 15, 14, -17, 16;  
Vriesekoop bt Antonyan -19, 18, 16, 16.

**Quarter-finals:**

Hrachova bt Krüger 1, 15, 14;  
Bulatova bt Lindblad 18, -22, 9, 12;  
Popova bt Perkucin -1, 7, -17, 13, 6, 8;  
Szabo bt Vriesekoop 13, -11, 19, 10.

**Semi-finals:**

Bulatova bt Hrachova -11, 20, 19, -1, 6, 17;  
Popova bt Szabo -12, 10, 19, 13.

Final: POPOVA bt Bulatova -15, 15, 17, 16.

**Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:**

Kalinic/Surbek bt Akesson/J. Persson (SWE) 15, 11;  
Bengtsson/Carlsson bt Douglas/R. Wosik (FRG) -19, 17, 11;  
Birocheau/Secretin bt Grubba/L. Kucharski (POL) 17, -10, 19;  
Lindh/Waldner bt Mazunov/Minkevich 19, 15.

**Semi-finals:**

Kalinic/Surbek bt Bengtsson/Carlsson 14, -18, 11;  
Lindh/Waldner bt Birocheau/Secretin 14, 17.

Final: KALINIC/SURBEK bt Lindh/Waldner 19, 1, B.

**Woman's Doubles: Quarter-finals:**

B. Batinic (YUG)/Perkucin bt Bulatova/I. Kovalenko (URS) 17, -7, 13;  
Szabo/E. Urban (HUN) bt Khasanova/R. Timofeeva (URS) 21, 15;  
Antonyan/Popova bt B. Abgrall (FAA)/I. Masarikova (TCH) 14, 13;  
Hrachova/Vriesekoop bt P. Germain (FRA)/Thiriet 20, 20.

**Semi-finals:**

Batinic/Perkucin bt Szabo/Urban 19, 17;  
Antonyan/Popova bt Hrachova/Vriesekoop 9, -18, 20.

Final: ANTONYAN/POPOVA bt Batinic/Perkucin 10, 15.

**Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:**

Grubba/Vriesekoop bt Mesaros/Thiriet 13, -19, 16;  
Pansky/Hrachova bt Fejer/Alboiu 20, 11;  
Secretin/Popova bt Lindh/Lindblad 10, 17;  
Surbek/Batinic bt J. Molnar (HUN)/Olah 16, 11.

**Semi-finals:**

Pansky/Hrachova bt Grubba/Vriesekoop 20, -14, 13;  
Secretin/Popova bt Surbek/Batinic 12, -15, 12.

Final: SECRETIN/POPOVA bt Pansky/Hrachova 14, 19.

**Men's Consolation Singles: Quarter-final:**

A. Jakubowicz (POL) bt Toma (ROM) 9, 19;  
V. Florea (ROM) bt H. van Spanje (HOL) -22, 13, 19;  
S. Crisan (ROM) bt S. Aenold (SUI) 17, 15;  
J. Javurek (TCH) bt R. Potton (HOL) 19, 15.

**Semi-finals:**

Jakubowicz bt Florea 1, B, 10;  
Javurek bt Crisan 1, B, 20.  
Final: JAKUBOWICZ bt Javurek -1, 7, 14, 1, B.

**Women's Consolation Singles: Quarter-final:**

Abgrall bt M. Sanahuja (ESP) 13, 14;  
O. Badesu (AOM) bt N. Sapes (ESP) 14, 15;  
Timofeeva bt A. Godes 1, -1, 14;  
M. Monteux (FAA) bt E. Aobb (SCO) 10, 18.

**Semi-finals:**

Abgrall bt Badesu 18, 14;  
Monteaux bt Timofeeva 16, -19, 19.

Final: MONTEUX bt Abgrall 1, B, 18.



"Hard luck feller" would seem appropriate as Ulf Bengtsson shakes hands with his final victim Andrzej Grubba

**Cover Photo:**

Ulf Bengtsson surprise winner of Men's Singles in Moscow.

Photo by Jens Fellke of Sweden.

**PATHS OF GOLD**

**Men's Singles: Ulf Bengtsson (Sweden)**

Rd.1 Bye  
Rd.2 bt I. Stojanov (BUL) 21, 23, -6, -22, 14;  
Rd.3 bt C. Pe'o (ITA) 18, 17, 15;  
Ad.4 bt J. Pansky (TCH) 19, -16, -13, 11, 16;  
O-F: bt E. Lindh (SWE) 1, 19, -18, -17, 20;  
S-F: bt A. Mazunov (URS) 15, -18, 15, 19;  
Final: bt A. Grubba (POL) 16, -15, 12, -14, 19.

**Women's Singles: Valentina Popova (USSR)**

Rd.1 Bye  
Ad.2 bt I. Masarikova (TCH) 20, 16, -17, B;  
Ad.3 bt J. Jansma (HOL) 16, 10, 14;  
Ad.4 b. S. Wenzel (FAG) 13, 20, 9;  
Q-F: bt G. Perkucin (YUG) -17, -1, 7, 13, 6, B;  
S-F: bt G. Szabo (HUN) -12, 10, 19, 13;  
Final: bt F. Bulatova (URS) -15, 15, 17, 16.

**MEDALS TABLE**

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
U.S.S.R.	4	1	1	6
France	2	0	1	3
Yugoslavia	1	2	2	5
Sweden	1	1	2	4
Poland	0	2	1	3
Czechoslovakia	0	1	3	4
Hungary	0	0	3	3
Netherlands	0	0	3	3

**Stage 2**

A6 England 3 85 F.R. Germany 5  
A5 Bulgaria 6 B6 Italy 4  
A4 Norway B3 Yugoslavia 5  
A3 Hungary 3 B4 U.S.S.A. 5  
A2 France 5 B1 Czechoslovakia 2  
A1 Sweden 3 82 Poland 5

**Stage 3**

For Positions 11 and 12  
Italy 5 England 3  
For Positions 9 and 10  
F.R. Germany 5 Bulgaria 4  
For Positions 7 and 8  
Hungary 5 Norway 0  
For Positions 5 and 6  
Yugoslavia 5 U.S.S.A. 3  
For Positions 3 and 4  
Sweden 5 Czechoslovakia 3  
For Positions 1 and 2  
FRANCE 5 Poland 3  
Secretin lost to Grubba -14, -13;  
Reverse lost to Kucharski -15, 24, -12;  
Birocheau bt Dryszel 19, 17;  
Secretin bt Kucharski 15, 17;  
Birocheau lost to Grubba -13, -17;  
Reverse bt Dryszel 17, 19;  
Birocheau bt Kucharski -15, 16, 17;  
Secretin bt Dryszel 12, 19.



The Russian winner of four gold medals - Valentina Popova.

**Stage 2**

A6 Wales 3 85 Luxembourg 5  
A5 Spain 5 B6 Portugal  
A4 Scotland 5 B3 Switzerland 3  
A3 Denmark 5 B4 Belgium 2  
A2 Finland 3 B1 Austria 5  
A1 Rumania 5 B2 Netherlands 1

**Stage 3**

Positions 25 - Ireland  
For Positions 23 and 24  
Wales 5 Portugal 1  
For Positions 21 and 22  
Spain 5 Luxembourg 2  
For Positions 19 and 20  
Switzerland 5 Belgium 2  
For Positions 17 and 18  
Denmark 5 Scotland 4  
For Positions 15 and 16  
Netherlands 5 Finland 1  
For Positions 13 and 14  
Rumania 5 Austria 1



Men's doubles line-up (from l to r) Jan-Ove Waldner and Erik Lindh (runners-up), Dragutin Surbek and Zoran Kalinic (winners) and beaten semi-finalists Ulf Bengtsson and Ulf Carlsson and Patrick Birocheau and Jacques Secretin.

**Stage 1**

**Category 2 - Group A**

	DEN	FIN	WAL	ESP	SEO	AOM	IAL	PTS.	SETS	PLACE
OEN		2:5	5:0	5:0	5:3	4:5	5:1	4	26:14	3
FIN	5:2		5:4	5:0	5:4	0:5	5:1	5	25:16	2
WAL	0:5	4:5		1:5	2:5	0:5	5:2	1	12:27	6
ESP	0:5	0:5	5:1		3:5	3:5	5:1	2	16:22	5
SEO	3:5	4:5	5:2	5:3		1:5	5:1	3	23:21	4
AOM	5:4	5:0	5:0	5:3	5:1		5:0	6	30: 8	1
IAL	1:5	1:5	2:5	1:5	1:5	0:5		0	6:30	7

**Stage 1**

**Category 2 - Group B**

	AUT	HOL	SUI	8EL	LUX	POA	PTS.	SETS	PLACE
AUT		5.4	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.0	5	25: 6	1
HOL	4:5		5:1	5:1	5:0	5:0	4	24: 7	2
SUI	0:5	1:5		5:1	5:3	5:0	3	16:14	3
8EL	1:5	1:5	1:5		5:1	5:2	2	13:18	4
LUX	1:5	0:5	3:5	1:5		5:0	1	10:20	5
POA	0:5	0:5	0:5	2:5	0:5		0	2:25	6

ENGLISH TEAM RESULTS  
MEN

**v Sweden (lost 2-5)**  
G. Sandley lost to E. Lindh 20. -14. -10;  
D. Douglas bt U. Carlsson 16. -18. 19;  
C. Preen lost to J-O. Waldner -14. -14;  
Douglas bt Lindh 18. 16;  
Sandley lost to Waldner -15. -20;  
Preen lost to Carlsson -11. -5;  
Douglas lost to Waldner -17. 13. -15.

**v Hungary (lost 2-5)**  
Preen lost to I. Jonyer 17. -6. -13;  
Sandley lost to T. Klampar -20. -15;  
Douglas lost to Z. Kristen 15. -16. -16;  
Preen lost to Klampar -9. -11;  
Douglas bt Jonyer 18. 12;  
Sandley bt Kristan -14. 19. 8;  
Douglas lost to Klampar -12. 14. -13.

**v Bulgeri. (won 5-4)**  
Douglas bt S. Stefanov 12. 17;  
A. Cooke lost to M. Loukov -22. -18;  
Preen lost to I. Stojanov -16. -21;  
Douglas bt Loukov 10. 14;  
Preen lost to Stefanov -8. -22;  
Cooke lost to Stojanov -18. -12;  
Preen bt Loukov 16. -18. 12;  
Douglas bt Stojanov -17. 10;  
Cooke bt Stefanov 12. -18. 22.

**v France (lost 3-5)**  
K. Jackson lost to P. Birocheau -17. -13;  
Douglas bt P. Renverse 14. 21;  
Cooke lost to J. Secretin -19. -12;  
Douglas bt Birocheau 11. 15;  
Jackson lost to Secretin -9. -10;  
Cooke lost to Renverse -13. -18;  
Douglas bt Secretin 18. -20. 9;  
Cooke lost to Birocheau -8. -7.

**v Norway (lost 2-5)**  
Cooke lost to T. Johansen -22. -16;  
Preen bt G. Gustavsen -2. 9;  
Douglas lost to E. Rasmussen -8. -16;  
Preen lost to Johansen -19. 10. -21;  
Cooke lost to Rasmussen -16. -20;  
Douglas bt Gustavsen 13. 8;  
Preen lost to Rasmussen -19. -19.

**v Federal Germany (lost 3-5)**  
Sandley lost to W. Lieck -14. -19;  
Preen lost to P. Stellweg -3. -12;  
Douglas bt E. Hucing -5. 10. 17;  
Sandley lost to Stellweg 19. -12. -14;  
Douglas bt Lieck 13. 8;  
Preen lost to Higing -19. -15;  
Douglas bt Stellweg 11. 19;  
Sandley lost to Hucing -7. -14.

**v Italy (lost 3-5)**  
Cooke lost to G. Bisi -13. 1'. -12;  
Preen bt C. Pero 19. 20;  
Jackson lost to M. Costantini -15. -17;  
Preen lost to Bisi 18. -17. -14;  
Cooke lost to Costantini -12. 18. -19;  
Jackson bt Pero 8. 17;  
Preen bt Costantini 17. 20;  
Jackson lost to Bisi -18. -14.



Women's singles line-up (from l to r) Flura Bulatova, winner Valentina Bulatova, Gabriella Szabo and Marie Hrachova.

DOUGLAS	SANDLEV	PREAN	COOKE	JACKSON	F	A	OPPONENTS
2-1	0-2	0-2			2	5	Sweden
1-2	1-1	0-2			2	5	Hungary
3-0		1-2	1-2		5	4	Bulgaria
3-0			0-3	0-2	3	5	France
1-1		1-2	0-2		2	5	Norway
3-0	0-3	0-2		1-2	3	5	F.R. Germany
		2-1	0-2		3	5	Italy
13-4	1-6	4-11	1-9	1-4	20	34	

FINISHING POSITIONS  
(Previous position in brackets)

MEN'S TEAM							
1	FRANCE	FRA (8)	14 +	AUSTRIA	AUT (12)		
2	POLAND	POL (7)	15	NETHERLANDS	HOL (18)		
3	SWEDEN	SWE (4)	16	FINLAND	FIN (15)		
4	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TCH (2)	17	DENMARK	DEN (11)		
5	VUGOSLAVIA	VUG (3)	18	SCOTLAND	SCO (23)		
6	USSR	URS (9)	19	SWITZERLAND	SUI (17)		
7	HUNGARY	HUN (1)	20	BELGIUM	BEI (20)		
8	NORWAY	NOR (13)	21	SPAIN	ESP (22)		
9	FRG	FRG (6)	22	LUXEMBOURG	LUX (21)		
10	BULGARIA	BUL (10)	23	WALES	WAL (19)		
**	ITALY	ITA (14)	24	PORTUGAL	POR (28)		
12'	ENGLAND	ENG (5)	25	IRELAND	IRL (-)		
13 +	RUMANIA	ROM (-)					

-Demoted +Promoted

Turkey (18) and Greece (24) who competed in Budapest did not compete in Moscow.  
In Berne Rumania finished 10th. and Ireland 25th.

TEAM EVENT  
MEN

Stage 1  
Category 1 - Group A

HUN	SWE	ENG	FAA	BUL	NOR	PTS.	SETS	PLACE
HUN		2:5	5:2	2:5	5:1	5:1	3	19:14
SWE	5:2		5:2	5:4	5:1	5:0	5	25: 9
ENG	2:5	2:5		3:5	5:4	2:5	1	14:24
FRA	5:2	4:5	5:3		5:2	5:0	4	24:12
BUL	1:5	1:5	4:5	2:5		5:4	1	13:24
NOR	1:5	0:5	5:2	0:5	4:5		1	10:22

Category 1 - Group B

TCH	YUG	FRG	POL	URS	ITA	PTS.	SETS	PLACE
TCH		5:1	5:4	5:4	2:5	5:0	4	22:14
YUG	1:5		5:3	1:5	5:1	5:0	3	17:14
FRG	4:5	3:5		2:5	1:5	5:3	1	15:23
POL	4:5	5:1	5:2		5:0	5:0	4	24: 8
URS	5:2	1:5	5:1	0:5		5:0	3	16:13
ITA	0:5	0:5	3:5	0:5	0:5		0	3:25

Stage 1  
Category 1 - Group B

FRG	ROM	URS	YUG	POL	PTS.	SETS	PLACE
FRG		1:3	0:3		3:0	3:0	7
ROM	3:1		0:3		0:3	3:2	3
URS	3:0	3:0			3:0	3:0	4
TCH	3:0	1:3	3:2		2:3	3:2	3
YUG	0:3	3:0	0:3	3:2		3:1	3
POL	0:3	2:3	0:3	2:3	1:3		0

**Stage 2**  
A6 Denmark 85 F.R. Germany 3  
AS Finland 3 86 Poland 0  
A4 England 3 83 Rumania 0  
A3 Sweden 3 84 Czechoslovakia 2  
A2 Netherlands 0 B1 U.S.S.R. 3  
A1 Hungary 1 82 Yugoslavia 3

Finland 3 F.R. Germany 0  
For Positions 7 and 8  
Czechoslovakia 3 Rumania 0  
For Positions 5 and 6  
Sweden 3 England 0  
For Positions 3 and 4  
Hungary 3 Netherlands 0  
For Positions 1 and 2  
U.S.S.R. 3 Yugoslavia 0  
Popova bt Perkucin -20. , 4, 10;  
Antonyan bt Batinic -19, 19, 22;  
Antonyan/ Popova bt Batinic/Perkucin 9. , 5.

**Stage 3**  
For Positions 1 and 12  
Poland 3 Denmark 1  
For Positions 9 and 10



Andrei Mazonov of the Soviet Union who, at 16, reached the semi-final of the men's singles event.

Stage 1  
Category 2 - Group A

	FRA	LUX	NOR	ESP	WAL	POR	PTS.	SETS	PLACE
FRA							5	15: 1	1
LUX	1:3						3	11: 7	3
NOR	0:3	3:1					4	12: 5	2
ESP	0:3	1:3	0:3				2	7:10	4
WAL	0:3	0:3	1:3	1:3			1	5:13	5
POR	0:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	1:3	3:1	0	1:15	6

Stage 1  
Category 2 - Group B

	BUL	BEL	AUT	SCA	ITA	IRL	PTS.	SETS	PLACE
BUL							5	15: 5	1
BEL	1:3						3	11:10	3
AUT	1:3	3:1					4	13: 5	2
SCA	1:3	1:3	0:3				1	5:13	5
ITA	1:3	2:3	1:3	3:0			2	10: 9	4
IRL	1:3	1:3	0:3	1:3	0:3	3:0	0	3:15	6

Stage 2  
O  
A6 Portugal B5 Scotland 3  
A5 **Wales** 1 B6 Ireland 3  
A4 Spain 1 B3 Belgium 3  
A3 Luxembourg 3 B4 Italy 1  
A2 Norway 1 B1 Bulgaria 3  
A1 France 3 B2 Austria 2

Stage 3  
For Positions 23 and 24  
Wales 3 Portugal 1  
For Positions 21 and 22  
Scotland 3 Ireland 2  
For Positions 19 and 20  
Italy 3 Spain 0  
For Positions 17 and 18  
Luxembourg 3 Belgium 2  
For Positions 15 and 16  
Austria 3 Norway 0  
For Positions 13 and 14  
France 3 Bulgaria 1

ENGLISH TEAM RESULTS  
WOMEN

v Sweden (lost 1-3)  
A. Gordon bt M. Lindblad 9. -24, 20;  
K. Witt lost to M. Weizades -17. -18;  
L. Bellinger/J. Grundy lost to Lindblad/Weizades 20, -9, -19;  
Witt lost to Lindblad -13. -12.

v Netherlands (lost 1-3)  
Witt lost to B. Vriesekoop -20, -12;  
Gordon bt M. Kloppenburg -19,12,20;  
Bellinger/ Grundy lost to Kloppenburg/Vriesekoop -12, 15, -19;  
Witt lost to Kloppenburg -18, -11

v Finland (won 3-0)  
Gordon bt E. Malmberg 19, 20;  
Grundy bt S. Grefberg 14, 15;  
Bellinger/ Grundy bt Grefberg/Malmberg 19, 12.

v Denmark (won 3-0)  
Grundy bt D. Hauth 10, 13;  
Gordon bt C. Polk 9, -16, 5;  
Bellinger/Grundy bt K. Kruse/Polk 15, 19.

v Hungary (lost 0-3)  
Gordon lost to Z. Dlah -1, 14, -19;  
Grundy lost to E. Urban -12, -11;  
Bellinger/ Grundy lost to G. Szabo/Urban -12, -15.

v Rumania (won 3-0)  
Grundy bt O. Badescu 13, 19;  
Bellinger bt M. Alboiu 20, 15;  
Gordon/ Grundy bt Alboiu/Badescu 20, -10, 20.

v Sweden (lost 0-3)  
Grundy lost to Lindblad -20, -13;  
Bellinger lost to Weizades -15, -16;  
Gordon/Grundy lost to Lindblad/Weizades -13, -14.

Witt	Gordon	Grundy	Bellinger	Bellinger/ Grundy	Gordon/ Grundy	A	Opponents
0-2	1-0			0-1		1 3	Sweden
0-2	1-0			0-1		1 3	Netherlands
	1-0	1-0		1-0		3 0	Finland
	1-0	1-0		1-0		3 0	Denmark
	0-1	0-1		0-1		0 3	Hungary
	1-0	1-0	1-0		1-0	3 0	Rumania
		0-1	0-1		0-1	0 3	Sweden
0-4	4-1	3-2	1-1	2-3	1-1	11 12	

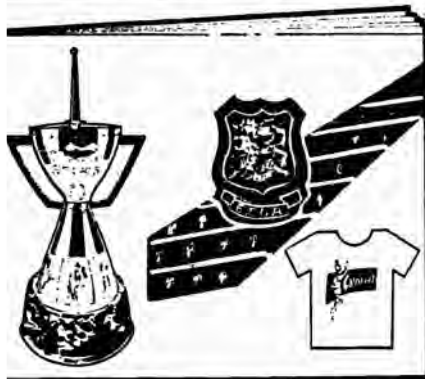


Flura Bulatova, gold in Russia's women's team and silver in the women's singles.  
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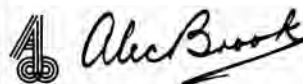
FINISHING POSITIONS  
(Previous positions in brackets)

WOMEN'S TEAM		
1	USSR	URS (5)
2	YUGOSLAVIA	YUG (9)
3	HUNGARY	HUN (1)
4	NETHERLANDS	HOL (10)
5	SWEDEN	SWE (6)
6	ENGLAND	ENG (3)
7	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TCH (7)
8	RUMANIA	ROM (4)
9	FINLAND	FIN (8)
10	FRG	FRG (2)
11	POIAND	POL (13)
12	DENMARK	DEN (14)
13	FRANCE	FRA (12)
14	BULGARIA +	BUL (11)
15	AUSTRIA	AUT (18)
16	NORWAY	NOR (17)
17	LUXEMBOURG	LUX (16)
18	BELGIUM	BEL (15)
19	ITALY	ITA (24)
20	Spain	ESP (22)
21	SCOTLAND	SCO (19)
22	IRELAND	IRL (-)
23	WALES	WAL (-)
24	PORTUGAL	POR (-)

Greece (20) and Switzerland (21) who competed in Budapest did not compete in Moscow.  
In Berne Ireland finished 12th and Wales 26th.



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# European Table Tennis Union

## NANCY STEPS DOWN

By George R. Yates

Mrs. Nancy Evans, after being associated with the European Table Tennis Union since it was first thought of in 1957, and became its first Hon. Secretary/Treasurer in Zagreb in April, 1960, finally called it a day at the Union's BGM held in Moscow on April 19, 1984.

Mrs. Evans remained in that dual office until 1972 when Henk van Dilst took over the Treasurership. Her period of office has therefore been over a period of 24 years, during which time the Union has set up European Championships, European League, Europe Club Cup of Champions, Europe Top 12, European Youth Championships, Coaching Schemes for Trainers and Young Players, and exercised control over the Fairs Cities Cup (to be renamed the ETIU Nancy Evans Cup) and International Open Championships.

Prior to the elections in Moscow, the President, Dr. Gyorgy Lakatos, took the opportunity to announce that Mrs. Evans would be the Union's first Honorary Personal Member, an announcement the Meeting greeted with a standing ovation of long duration.

At a subsequent reception for Nancy in the Metropol Hotel many were the tributes paid and with Henk van Dilst acting as M.C., spokesmen from member associations were introduced, one by one, when gifts were handed over and due acknowledgement paid following which Nancy responded in understandably hesitant terms.

### ELECTIONS

Dr. Lakatos, the President, Lollo Hammarlund, the Vice-President, and Henk van Oilst. the Hon. Treasurer, were all returned to office unopposed whilst a ballot was conducted in respect of the vacated position of Hon. General Secretary.

There were two contestants, the ETIA's Deputy Chairman George Yates and Werner Schnyder, the General Secretary of the Swiss Association with the former elected by 18 votes to 12.

In the election for members of the Management Committee only one change was effected with Frenchman Jean Devys filling the vacancy created by the elevation of Mr. Yates. The voting was:-

Mrs. Ella Constantinescu (Rumania) 24 votes  
Mr. Michael Kapetanic (Yugoslavia) 24 votes  
Dr Peter von Pierer (F.R. Germany) 22 votes

Mr Esa Ellonen (Finland) 21 votes  
Mr. Jerzy Dachowski (Poland) 20 votes  
Mr. Jean Devys (France) 14 votes  
Mr. Vito Penna (Italy) 14 votes

Successful for the six places afforded the ETIU on the ITTF Council were:-

Mr. Henk van Dilst (Netherlands) 18 votes  
Mr. Lollo Hammarlund (Sweden) 17 votes  
Mr. M. Kapetanic (Yugoslavia) 17 votes  
Dr. V. Palacek (Czechoslovakia) 17 votes  
Mr. H. Giesecke (F.R. Germany) 16 votes  
Mr. E. Ellonen (Finland) 15 votes

The total number of member associations represented at the BGM was 30, the thirtieth being San Marino which brought the total membership up to 34 associations. The Treasurer's proposals to increase the annual subscription from 300 to 500 SWISS Francs and to increase the levy on Associations participating in the European Championships by a similar amount were adopted.

### FUTURE OPTIONS

Future options in respect of the European Championships were noted as: Czechoslovakia (1986), France (1988) and Finland (1990) European Youth Championships: Netherlands (1985), Belgium (1986) and Greece (new application) (1987). Europe Top 12: Spain (Barcelona) (1985), Sweden



Nancy Evans, the retiring Honorary Secretary, responds to tributes whilst holding the gift presented to her from ETTU Colleagues.

(1986), Switzerland (1987), Yugoslavia or Belgium (1988), F.R. Germany (1989) and either Italy or Luxembourg (1990).

### EUROPEAN LEAGUE

In support of the Executive Committee's proposal that all European League matches should be played at weekends a vote was taken, division by division, with the following results. Super Division: 1 for 7 against. Division 2: 8 for 1 against and for Div. 2 a majority for. Super Division matches will therefore remain as mid-week fixtures as before.



Newly-appointed Hon. Sec. **George Yates** gives a hug to his long serving predecessor, Nancy Evans.



A compromise decision was reached in respect of the composition of Div. 1 with Belgium, the bottom country after the withdrawal of the Soviet Union, being retained and both Norway and Luxembourg promoted giving a division of 9 teams but two to be relegated next season. Fixtures for the Super and Div. 1 for next season are:-

Sept 19	Czechoslovakia v Yugoslavia Netherlands v F.R. Germany England v Poland Sweden v Hungary
Oct 10	England v Hungary Netherlands v Sweden Czechoslovakia v F.R. Germany Yugoslavia v Poland
Nov 7	Hungary v Czechoslovakia Yugoslavia v Netherlands Sweden v England F.R. Germany v Poland
Dec 12	Poland v Sweden England v Czechoslovakia Hungary v Netherlands F.R. Germany v Yugoslavia
Jan 9	Sweden v Czechoslovakia Yugoslavia v England v F.R. Germany Poland v Netherlands
Feb 20	Poland v Hungary Netherlands v Czechoslovakia Sweden v Yugoslavia England v F.R. Germany
Mar 6	Netherlands v England Yugoslavia v Hungary F.R. Germany v Sweden Czechoslovakia v Poland

#### DIVISION I

Sept 22	Austria v France Belgium v Italy Denmark v Finland Norway v Luxembourg
Oct 6	Denmark v Austria France v Norway Luxembourg v Belgium Spain v Finland
Oct 13	Belgium v Spain Denmark v Luxembourg Italy v Finland Norway v Austria
Nov 10	Belgium v Spain Denmark v Luxembourg Italy v Finland Norway v Austria
Dec 15	Austria v Italy Denmark v Spain France v Belgium Luxembourg v Finland
Jan 12	Finland v Belgium France v Denmark Italy v Luxembourg Spain v Norway
Feb 9	Belgium v Denmark Luxembourg v France Norway v Italy Spain v Austria
Feb 23	Austria v Luxembourg Finland v France Italy v Spain Norway v Denmark
Mar 9	Austria v Belgium Finland v Norway France v Italy Luxembourg v Spain

With Bulgaria promoted from last season's Div. 3 round-robin the composition of Div. 2 stands only at 5 teams namely: Bulgaria, Ireland, Scotland, Switzerland and Wales. Replies are awaited from Turkey, who withdrew last season, Portugal and Greece in an endeavour to make up the division to a standard eight teams. Meantime a fixture list is in abeyance.

### EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION COMMITTEES

#### EXECUTIVE:

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Mr. George R. Yates (Hon. General Secretary)

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### ETTU CALENDAR 1984/85

#### June 1984

1/3 French Junior Open (Dijon)  
15/17 Hungarian Junior Open (Szolnok)  
22/24 Italian Junior Open (Venezia)

#### July 1984

17/25 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (Linz, Austria)

#### September 1984

19 European League - Super Division (1)  
22 European League - Other Divisions  
29 Europe Club Cup of Champions and ETTU Cup

#### October 1984

4/7/21 st Balkan Championships (Sallonica)  
6 European League - Division 1 only.  
10 European League - Super Division (2)  
13 European League - Other Divisions  
19/21 NETHERLANDS OPEN (Rotterdam)  
27 Europe Club Cup of Champions and ETTU Cup

#### November 1984

1/4 ITALIAN OPEN (Venice)  
7 European League - Super Division (3)  
10 European League - Other Divisions  
15/18 YUGOSLAV OPEN (Ljubljana)  
24 Europe Club Cup of Champions and ETTU Cup

#### December 1984

2 FRENCH OPEN (Rennes)  
12 European League - Super Division (4)  
15 European League - Other Divisions  
29 Europe Club Cup of Champions and ETTU Cup

#### January 1985

9 European League - Super Division (5)  
12 European League - Other Divisions  
16/19 WELSH OPEN (Cardiff)  
26 Europe Club Cup of Champions and ETTU Cup

#### February 1985

1/3 EUROPE TOP 12 (Barcelona)  
9 European League - Division 1 only.  
14/17 CZECH OPEN (Ostrava)  
20 European League - Super Division (6)  
23 European League - Other Divisions

#### March 1985

1/3 RUMANIAN OPEN (Craiova)  
6 European League - Super Division (7)  
9 European League - Other Divisions  
23 \*Europe Club Cup of Champions (Finals) and ETTU Cup (Semi-finals)

#### April 1985

Mar WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Goteborg, Sweden)

#### April

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#### May 1985

3/5 Scandinavian Junior Open  
11/12 English Junior Open  
24/26 Federal German Junior Open (Marburg)

\* Provisional

### LINZ SELECTIONS

England's selections for the 27th European Youth Championships being played in Linz, Austria from July 18/25, 1984 are:-

Boys:- Carl Prean, Andrew Syed, Chris Bartram and Jimmy Stokes  
Girl:- Lisa Bellinger

Cadet Boys:- Matthew Syed and Bradley Billington

Cadet Girls:- Andrea Holt, Claire Potts and Kerry Hall

Captains:- Don and Jill Parker.

Joyce Love, Bill Moran, Peter Thorne and Terry Vance are the English umpires making the trip.

# IS THIS PROGRESS?

Asks E.T.T.A. Chairman, Tom Blunn



Having spent 23 hours sat in various trains during one week last April, I sat down (in a comfortable armchair) and reflected, was it always like this? First, I thought, the seats in British Rail trains are far less comfortable than in the old days or is my rear portion wearing out? Next, why so much travel, is it really necessary? It is a direct result of progress! When I became a national officer about 30 years ago the obligations of an officer were very limited, particularly as regards travelling around. All three officers at that time had full time jobs and I know mine required me to work until 1 p.m. each Saturday. Just reflect and see how less demanding it was then.

There was no English Closed, English Junior Open, English Junior Closed, National League, European League, special televised events, Junior Select Tournaments, 3-Star Open Tournaments, Carter Cup and Bromfield Trophy and the County Championships were completely independent. There was national administration by a national executive council with the three officers meeting to discuss various matters prior to the N.E.C. meetings, which were held about six times each year. There was an office staff of two people and a voluntary coaching scheme run by Jack Carrington. There were no junior or cadet teams. Abroad there was no European Championships or European Youth Championships or Commonwealth Championships, though the World Championships were still run annually. There were much fewer sub-committees, panels and working parties in operation. There were no meetings with the Sports Council, sponsors or television companies.

To answer my own question, "Is this progress?", of course it is. It is progress of which every member should be proud, as it has been made in the interests of the game as a whole. This progress has been matched by an increase in activity at many levels; from the formation many years ago, with the support of the E.T.T.A., of the English Schools' T.T.A. at one end of the scale to the recent formation of the Veterans' English T.T.S., at the other

end. The Coaching scheme has produced thousands of coaches and the Umpires scheme hundreds of umpires and referees. The office staff has grown from two to nine whilst the technical staff has grown from one volunteer to six professionals. The current trend is now producing full time regional administrators and full time professional regional coaches.

The national administration now consists of a National Council of 48 people meeting four times each year and a Management Committee of nine people meeting ten times each year, both supported by two or three staff members.

The back up of sub-committees, panels and working parties now absorbs about 150 people working regionally as well as nationally.

The work involved generates a tremendous amount of paperwork resulting in the E.T.T.A. falling into line with most business organisations and now using a computer. The annual level of expenditure has increased from £3,000 to £300,000.

Such progress inevitably makes greater demands upon the participation of the officers and, of course, of the Chairman in particular, hence the 23 hours on British Rail. It is difficult to see how anyone engaged in full time employment could now carry out his functions to his own satisfaction, so perhaps we could reduce the number of unemployed by one or two! It is obvious that the term voluntary official is something of a misnomer as there are now so many obligations and duties to perform. As the E.T.T.A. grows older so we now have many leagues, counties, tournaments and competitions celebrating their jubilees, all wanting to do something special and to involve a national official.

It all makes for a full life and I am explaining rather than complaining. I cannot say with any degree of honesty that I enjoy every minute, just as I did not enjoy every minute of my 43 years earning my living, but it is very rewarding and satisfying to see the progress that has been made. It is very easy to sit back and imagine the E.T.T.A. has done nothing over the past twenty-five years. Progress there has been and it has crept up on us slowly rather than spectacularly. We must never be satisfied but at least we can acknowledge that the efforts of all members has not been in vain.

## REIGATE, REDHILL RIBALDRY

Correspondence has passed between Frank Goodhind, Hon. Sec. of the Reigate, Redhill & Dist. TTL, and Derek Bunday, Hon. Sec. of Lloyd's Register TTC, a member club.

Mr. Goodhind wrote:- "As you know we always take letters of complaint seriously, and so the committee has asked me to write to you about a complaint received from a Lingfield player concerning the conduct of one of your players in a recent Division 1 match. John Britten has written to Alec Smith saying:- "I would like to complain about Ritchie Venner:- 1) He's too quick; 2) He spins the ball too much; 3) He hits it too hard. I wonder if the committee could make him play with his left hand next time he plays me". I look forward to your comments!!"

Mr. Bunday replied:- "Thank you for your letter of the 15th March regarding the complaint made against Ritchie Venner- what a pity it didn't arrive on the 1st April!!! My committee have met and considered the matter and requested Ritchie to put his side of the story. He was given a hard time with a lot of questioning but the outcome of it all was - that he is naturally left handed and when playing this way he 1) is much quicker; 2) spins the ball much more; 3) hits the ball twice as hard. It would appear that when he played John Britten he took pity on him and held the bat in the right hand!!! I hope that your committee will be satisfied that I have answered the complaint and trust that no further action will be taken against my Club."

Ritchie Venner is the son of former English International and Surrey county player Harry. Ed.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

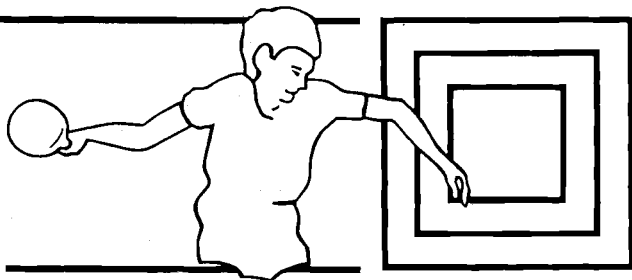
The Hon. Ivor Montagu, Hon. Life Vice-President of the E.T.T.A. and Founder President of the I.T.T.F., acknowledges with thanks the many good wishes bestowed upon him on the occasion of his 80th birthday on April 23rd, 1984.

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## BENEFICIAL TRUST ESSEX JUNIOR 'SELECT

WELSH TRIUMPH AT HARLOW  
by Ron Fosker.

Joanne Shaw scored the first win of her career over Sue Collier to jump to the top of the Grand Prix table at the Beneficial Trust Essex Junior Select held at Harlow on 14/15 April.

In the boys' event, there was no one to match the majestic skills of Nigel Tyler once No. 1 seed Andrew Syed had made a surprise exit to Andrew Dodd.

For Joanne it was the end of a mental block which she has long had against Sue Collier.. At first she appeared reluctant to mix it and tended to stray away from the table too much. And she could justifiably claim that the net was not on her side as she lost the first at 15.

In the second her play took on a more determined appearance, her opponent relaxed a bit and she was through 21-11.

She kept up the barrage in the third and after taking six consecutive points from 8-6 up, she looked to have the match won. But Collier, almost in desperation, hit her way back and with the help of some superb heavy topspin backhands pulled up to within two points at 17-15. But Shaw was determined not to give it away and lost only one more point.

In the semi, Joanne beat her close rival Jill Powis, whose place she has just taken at No. 3 on the junior ranking list.

Top cadet Andrea Holt had an excellent run to the other semi-final. She beat Amanda Hegarty and Lesley Popkiewicz, conqueror of No.4 seed Teresa Moore, before stretching Sue Collier to three.

The boys' singles went largely to form with the major exception of No.1 seed Andrew Syed who went out at 23 in the third to Andrew Dodd.

The only unseeded player to make a mark was Philip Logsdon who beat No.8 seed Adrian Dixon a stunning 10, 9 then No.10. Mark Randle 19, 16 before falling to Chris Bartram in three in the quarters.

Bartram went on to lose to Tyler in the semi while the other semi-finalist was Jimmy Stokes who had put an end to Andrew Dodd's hopes.

It was a good tournament for Logsdon. After knocking out two seeds in the singles he gave a repeat

performance in the doubles when he and Richard Darnell, seeded 8, comfortably beat the No.2 seeds Andrew Syed and Jimmy Stokes and No 6 seeds Matthew Syed and Richard Hayward, to reach the final.

The presence of Darnell, the Essex No.1, gave the Sunday evening crowd their only chance of partisanship in the finals but sadly the No.1 seeds Tyler and Dodd proved too much. They had to come from behind in both games but made it.

Joanne Shaw was denied a double triumph when she and Laura Goldsmith found No. 3 seeds Collier and Popkiewicz much too strong in the final.

Juliet Houghton and Claire Brooks removed No.1 seeds Jill Powis and Debbie Soothill 16, 13 before stretching the eventual winners to 20 in the third in the semi-final.

The cadet boys' events on the Saturday proved a double triumph for Bradley Billington who beat top seed Matthew Syed 17, -14, 14 and joined Sean Gibson to do it again in the doubles, this time over Syed and Michael Rutherford.

Andrea Holt failed to celebrate her new No. 1 ranking by winning the cadet girls' title. Kerry Hall got the better of her in the final after Melanie Carey had done the hard work by removing No.2 Claire Potts.

Tanya Holland, knocked out by Andrea Holt in the singles semi-final, gave Essex their one title - or at least half a title - when she and Amanda Shufflebotham beat Kerry Hall and Julie Billington in the final of the girls' doubles after an excellent win over the top seeds Holt and Potts 19, in the third in the semi.

Organiser was Dick Roffe, assisted by Clive Oakman, and the referee was Val Roffe, assistant Len Pilditch. Once again a number of compliments were sent the county's way. Colin Wilson, who was watching, said Essex events were always the best organised, and Nigel Taylor was overheard saying the same thing to a fellow player. Beneficial Trust, who are after all the people we have got to please, wrote in with similar sentiments.

### Results:-

Boys' Singles: Quarter-final:  
C. Bartram (K) by P Logsdon (Nk) -18, 17, 11  
N Tyler (Mi/Wales) bt D Rook (V) 14, -18, 14  
J Stokes (Bk) bt A Dodd (K) 19, 15  
A Cunningham (K) bt D Goode (Mi) 14, -16, 20  
Semi-final:  
Tyler bt Bartram 14, 13  
Cunningham bt Stokes 17, 20  
Final:  
Tyler bt Cunningham 14, 16

Girls' Singles: Quarter-final  
S Collier (Bk) bt To Thuy Dung (Dy) 16, 16  
A Holt (La) bt L Popkiewicz (Sy) 19, -20, 6  
J Powis (St) bt S Weston (Sx) -17, 19, 11  
J Shaw (V) bt D Southall (Cu) 15, -14, 11  
Semi-final:  
Collier bt Holt 15, -19, 15  
Shaw bt Powis 19, 19  
Final:  
Shaw bt Collier -15, 11, 16

Boys' Doubles: Semi-final  
Tyler/Dodd bt T West/D Cole (E) 17, 14  
R Darnell (E)/Logsdon bt M Syed (Bk)/R Hayward (St) 12, 17  
Final:  
Tyler/Dodd bt Darnell/Logsdon 16, 18

Girls' Doubles: semi-final:  
Collier/Popkiewicz bt J Houghton (K)/C Brooks (Sy) 13, -11, 20  
Shaw/L Goldsmith (Mi) bt T Moore (Sx)/A Hegarty (St) 3, 18  
Final:  
Collier/Popkiewicz bt Shaw/Goldsmith 15, 14

Cadet Boys' Singles: Quarter-final:  
M. Syed bt M Rutherford (K) 13, 10  
M O'Driscoll (V) bt A Ball (V) -11, 13, 9  
S Gibson (La) bt C Oldfield (V) 19, 19  
B Billington (Dy) bt R Feam (Ng) 14, 13  
Semi-final:  
Syed bt O'Driscoll -11, 12, 13  
Billington bt Gibson 15, 20  
Final:  
Billington bt Syed 17, -14, 14

Cadet Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:  
Holt bt L Robins (Bd) 10, 8  
T Holland (E) bt A Shufflebotham (Ox) 8, 12  
K Hall (Dy) bt J Billington (Dy) 17, 11  
M Carey (So) bt C Potts (Ch) 19, 16  
Semi-final:  
Holt bt Holland -18, 9, 15  
Hall bt Carey 18, -13, 19  
Final:  
Hall bt Holt 18, 18

Cadet Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:  
Gibson/Billington bt D Thomas/R Todd (Wa) 7, 15  
Syed/Rutherford bt A Bolton (Ng)/N Pickard (Nk) 17, -14, 18  
Final:  
Billington/Gibson bt Syed/Rutherford 7, 15

Cadet Girls' Doubles: Semi-final:  
Holland/Shufflebotham bt Potts/Holt -22, 18, 19  
Hall/Billington bt Carey/Robins 21, -18, 16  
Final:  
Holland/Shufflebotham bt Hall/Billington 20, 8

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# BENEFICIAL TRUST YORKSHIRE JUNIOR SELECT

by Rea Balmford

## NORTHERN TAKEOVER

The Yorkshire Junior Open, last of the four 'Selects' to form part of the Beneficial Trust Grand Prix, was again staged at the magnificent North Bridge Leisure Centre in Halifax on the final weekend of April, and it proved a fitting venue in which to welcome senior officials of the sponsors, Beneficial Trust, important local personalities in the shape of the Mayor of Halifax, Calderdale Amenities and Recreation Chairman Councillor Scott and members of his Department, to whom the County is indebted for the use of the Centre, and E.T.T.A. officers Tom Blunn, George Yates, Aubrey Drapkin and Mike Watts.

Referee Lewis Ward and his team kept play molting on a busy, though never crowded schedule and once the effects of a late start on the first morning - the result of a human error which should have been spotted by yours truly - had been cleared, the event ran well to time.

Saturday was the day of the younger players and a takeover by Northern youngsters who came good as, in a thrilling finals session, they took all six titles, all but one of which had left the area twelve months previously.

Spotlight fell on 12-years-old Dewsbury cadet Micky O'Driscoll who took over the Under-12 Boys' title vacated by Matthew Syed with a win over White Rose team-mate Chris Oldfield (Sheffield) and then reversed last season's Under-12 defeat by toppling No.1 seed Syed in the Cadet final.

After dropping the first, O'Driscoll changed his game to level matters before running away with the third against a bewildered opponent who was completely unable to break down the Yorkshire boy's ice cool control of the match.

All 16 seeds came through their groups, the first two to fall going in Round 1 were Nicky Felton and Michael Harrison were beaten by two of the 'non - E.T.T.A.' players, John Ellis (Wales) and Brian O'Gorman (Ireland).

Lee Brown (v Michael Rutherford), Andrew Houghton (v Neil Pickard) and Andrew Bolton (v Andy Ball) all overturned higher-ranked players, and Ellis put out Oldfield, but the top four seeds came through to their allotted semi-final places before the biggest upset of all came in that memorable final.

Among the Cadet Girls' Debbie Toole, another homespun product, came past Julie Billington in her group, while Kristina Cox took the place set aside for Lisa Robins, who failed to arrive, but, come the finals, it was old rivals Claire Potts and Andrea Holt,

who lined up against each other, with the result going the way of the former.

Andrea and Claire joined forces to collect the Cadet Girls' Doubles trophy, while in the Boys' Doubles Bradley Billington and Sean Gibson came through.

Fourth title to go the way of the favourite was the Under-12 Girls', in which Kerry Hall took over from the now ineligible Claire Potts, to whom she lost in the semis twelve months ago.

On the Sunday interest focussed not only on the titles themselves, but also on the battle for the final sixteen placings in the two singles events which carry points in the Beneficial Trust Grand Prix Points Table. At the end of the season the five leaders in each of the Boys' and Girls' tables will receive generous bursaries from the sponsors to help towards the cost of furthering their table tennis career.

Leader Andrew Syed stretched his advantage at the top of the Boys' table, taking full reward for a win over Nigel Tyler - not eligible for points as a Welsh player - and, with nearest rivals Chris Bartram and David Goode both going out in the quarters, the Berkshire lad has opened a 14 point gap.

Nine of the top ten boys in the table - Billy Gleave did not compete - were all among the points with beaten semi-finalists Jimmy Stokes and Adrian Dixon both moving up, the former into that all-important fifth place.

Lisa Bellinger, heroine of Tokyo, took the Girls' title and the ten points take her into second place alongside Joanne Shaw, who suffered a shock defeat at the hands of Angela Sanders. Losing finalist Susan Collier, on level terms with Joanne at the beginning of the tournament, now goes into a six point lead.

The top six, well clear of their challengers, were all among the points and, unless there are some very surprising results in the final event of the series, the English Junior Open, the five winners will come from among these six girls.

All but three of the top seeded boys took their allotted places in the final pool, with Paul Savins coming into the slot left vacant by the absent Paul Amos, Gibson ousting Murray Jukes and O'Driscoll again getting the better of Matthew Syed in a repeat of the previous evening's Cadet final.

The last sixteen was the end of the road for all three, however, Stokes, Dixon and David Goode administering the chop in a Round in which all results followed the seeding pattern before two more upsets saw Stokes and Dixon move into the semis with thrilling wins over Andrew Cunningham and Chris Bartram.

Neither, however, could halt the progress of Syed and Tyler, who continued their progress to a final in which the London Welsh boys' fightback after losing the first at 13 was not quite enough to force a decider.

In the parallel Girls' event Angela Sanders, currently ranked at 21, indicated that she will soon be moving up the charts, following her shock defeat of Miss Shaw at 20 in the third with another victory, again in three, over Claire Mouzon, before giving best to second seed Susan Collier.

In the other half Miss Bellinger had a comfortable passage, putting out first Lisa Hayden, who came through a strong group which contained the seeded Elaine Wright from Wales, then Cadet champion Claire Potts and, in the semi, Teresa Moore, who had accounted for the losing 1983 finalist, Jill Powis one round earlier.

The final went the way of the senior international, who put the pressure on at the vital time in the opening game, and was then always in control in the second.

Lisa had previously clinched the Doubles title in partnership with Teresa over the third seeded Collier-Amanda Hegarty team who had put out Shaw/Laura Goldsmith in the semi, while the Boys' Doubles brought a number of surprise wins, including those of Mark Land/Alaric Bassano over Yorkshire colleagues David Rood/Martin Firth, and Bradley Billington/Gibson, who beat the Goode brothers David and Jonathan, as well as the rousing defeat of top seeds Andrew Syed/Stokes by the Midland pairing of Dixon/Jukes, who succumbed to Tyler/Andrew Dodd in the final.

### Results:

#### Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:

A. Syed (Bk) bt D. Goode (Mi) 15. 19;  
N. Tyler (Wal) bt D. Rook (V) 7. 17;  
J. Stokes (Bk) bt A. Cunningham (K) -13. 20. 19;  
A. Dixon (St) bt C. Bartram (K) 17. -11. 17.

#### Semi-finals:

Syed bt Stokes 16. 9; Tyler bt Dixon 17. 9.  
Final: SYED bt Tyler 13. 22.

#### Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:

L. Bellinger (Bd) bt L. Hayden (E) 16. 17;  
S. Collier (Bk) bt D. Soothill (Cu) 21. -14. 11;  
T. Moore (Sx) bt J. Powis (St) 9. -19. 9;  
A. Sanders (St) bt C. Mouzon (Nd) 15. -14. 12.

#### Semi-finals:

Bellinger bt Moore 12. -20. 23; Collier bt Sanders 15. 11.  
Final: BELLINGER bt Collier 18. 11.

#### Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

A. Dodd (K)/Tyler bt Bartram/P. Huggon (La) 17. -19. 6;  
Dixon/M. Jukes (Wo) bt A. Syed/Stokes 16. 19.  
Final: DODD/TYLER bt Dixon/Jukes 15. 19.

#### Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Bellinger/Moore bt Powis/E. Wright (Wal) 18. 16;  
Collier/A. Hegarty (St) bt L. Goldsmith (Mi)/J. Shaw (V) 15. -22. 18.  
Final: BELLINGER/MOORE bt Collier/Hegarty -20. 12. 8.

### CADET EVENTS

#### Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:

M. O'Driscoll (Y) bt A. Houghton (K) 20. 18;  
M. Syed (Bk) bt L. Brown (La) 15. 18;  
B. Billington (Dy) bt A. Bolton (Ng) 12. 12;  
S. Gibson (La) bt J. Ellis (Wal) 17. 8.

#### Semi-finals:

O'Driscoll bt Billington -15. 19. 15;  
Syed bt Gibson 10. 12.  
Final: O'DRISCOLL bt Syed -13. 16. 10.

#### Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:

C. Potts (Ch) bt K. Cox (La) 9. 10;  
H. Lower (St) bt A. Shuffebotham (Ox) -14. 15. 17;  
A. Holt (La) bt D. Toole (V) 9. 13;  
K. Hall (Dy) bt T. Holland (E) 13. 12.

#### Semi-finals:

Potts bt Lower 17. 10; Holt bt Hall 17. -17. 19.  
Final: POTTS bt Holt 17. 23.

#### Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Billington/Gibson bt M. Harrison (K)/Houghton 17. 18;  
M. Syed/M. Rutherford (K) bt Bolton/N. Pickard (Nk) 15. 20.  
Final: BILLINGTON/GIBSON bt Syed/Rutherford 14. -16. 19.

#### Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Holt/Potts bt H. Kavanagh (V)/S. Richmond (Cv) 17. 19;  
J. Billington (Dy)/Hall bt Holland/Shuffebotham 17. 17.  
Final: HOLT/POTTS bt Billington/Hall -16. 17. 17.

### UNDER-12 EVENTS

#### Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:

O'Driscoll bt D. Holland (E) 12. 14;  
C. Oldfield (Y) bt R. Birchall (Dy) 9. -19. 12.  
Final: O'DRISCOLL bt Oldfield 9. -18. 11.

#### Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

Hall bt Toole -16. 13. 13;  
Billington bt J. Forster (Le) 13. 10.  
Final: HALL bt Billington -18. 17. 13..

# BENEFICIAL TRUST ENGLISH JUNIOR OPEN

## KOREAN INVASION OF POMPEY

by Geo. R. Yates

In taking six of the seven titles at stake in the Beneficial Trust English Junior Open at the palatial Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth, over the weekend of May 12/13, players from the Republic of Korea really stamped their authority on affairs.

The only title to escape them was that of the boys' team event won 3-1 by England when two singles successes by Carl Preat, plus the doubles with Andrew Syed, got us home to tumultuous applause.

But come the Sunday evening finals session for the individual events and only Preat stood between South Korea and the rest of Europe, the Republic providing no less than 15' of the 16 players involved.

And, sadly, from England's point of view, the blue riband event - the boys' singles - found Nam Kyu Yoo, the Korean and Asian champion, superlative form and well as Preat fought, Nam was intent on avenging his team final defeat and this he did in truly impressive style.

Overall, pride of place, must be accorded Jung Hwa Hyun who won all three titles at stake in the female category not forgetting her other gold medal picked up in the team event. Quite a player this lass!

Twelve countries participated at the naval base and England did well in comparison to other European countries in having two teams in the semi-final of the boys' team event and one at the same stage of the girls', with Federal Germany proving the other challenge to the all-conquering Koreans.

It was good to have third teams in English shirts, these comprising cadets, and two teams from the Jill Hammersley-Parker under the banner of England IV, the former duos being Matthew Syed and Bradley Billington and Claire Potts and Andrea Holt. The Foundation sponsored David Rook, Adrian Dixon, Claire Mouzon and Juliet Houghton.

The cadet boys did well to beat John Ellis and Nigel Tyler, representing Wales, and fought all the way before going down 3-2 to Norway whose female counterparts went down to the Foundation's pair. England's cadet girls had a great win over Sweden's first team albeit 3-2 but in the end it was the Koreans who stole the show.

Apart from Preat in the boys' singles, his team partner Andrew Syed and Chris Bartram must also be congratulated in reaching the last eight. Bartram fell to Didier Mommessin of France and Syed to Nam Kyu Yoo, the eventual winner.

In the girls' singles only Sue Collier reached the last eight, Lisa Bellinger going out in the previous round to the "gold digger" Jung Hwa Hyun, 11 in the third. Sue fell to another Korean Tae Jo Lee, also 11 in the 3rd.

Claire Mouzon had a splendid tussle with Tae Jo Lee losing -15,21, -20 in the best of the third round matches. Preat and Andy Syed reached the semis of the boys' doubles having beaten brother Matthew paired with Federal Germany's Marko Tuve in the quarters.

Also involved in the semi-final stage were Teresa Moore of Sussex and Jill Powis of Staffs whose excellent run in the girls' doubles was halted like that of Preat/A. Syed by the Koreans who were also responsible for the quarter-final elimination of Miss Moore and Andrew Dodd of Kent in the mixed.

The event brought to a conclusion this season's Beneficial Trust Grand Prix and following the Sunday night finals, Jimmy Greaves ex-England, Tottenham and West Ham striker, presented prizes totalling £2,300 to ten winners. Andrew Syed (Reading) and Susan Collier (Maidenhead), as overall winners, collected £450, and a dream trip to South Korea for three weeks' training with their conquerors at Portsmouth.

Plans are now taking place for next season with a similar format to this season's Grand Prix which began at Hinckley with the English Junior Closed and took in the 'Select' tournaments of which there were four - The Cleveland, Cotswold, Essex and Yorkshire at Thornaby, Gloucester, Harlow and Halifax.

Without doubt this newly acquired sponsorship by Beneficial Trust - a company with a national network of branches offering a range of banking services - has given juniortable tennis a tremendous boost for which the ETTA is extremely grateful to Jack France, the Managing Director, and all his more than friendly colleagues who have supported the various events with enthusiasm and more than a passing interest.

Another highlight of the weekend at Portsmouth was the raffle for a Cornilleau Secretin Competition Table Tennis Table donated to the Jill Hammersley-Parker Foundation by Cornilleau (UK) Ltd., of 21 Bramley Road, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey. It was won by Keir Donaldson, the ETTA's sales promoted Results:-

### TEAM EVENTS

BOYS  
Round 1  
Norway 3 Ireland 1  
F. Grini bt C. Inglis 17, 17; T. Hansen 10sttoA. Dennison 18, -15, -25;

Grini/Hansen bt Dennison/Inglis 18. 13; Grini bt Dennison 12, -20,11.  
England III 3 Wales 2  
B. Billington bt N. Tyler 19. 18; M. Syed bt J. Ellis 14. 15;  
Billington/Syed lost to Ellis/Tyler -20. -13;  
Syed lost to Tyler -14, 20. -20; Billington bt Ellis 16, 18.  
Round 2  
England I 3 Italy 1  
A. Syed lost to F. Manneschi 18. -14. -20; C. Preat bt L. Nannoni 5.7;  
Preat/Syed bt Manneschi/Nannoni 10. -16. 17; Preat bt Manneschi 5. 10.  
Sweden II 3 France II 2  
Korea II 3 Federal Germany 0  
Czechoslovakia 3 England IV 1  
R. Krmaschek lost to A. Dixon 19, -22, -13; J. Bruan bt D. Rook 17, -22, 24;  
Braun/Krmaschek bt Dixon/Rook 16, -20, 11; Braun bt Dixon 13, -19, 14.  
Sweden I 3 Switzerland 2  
England II 3 France I 0  
J. Stokes bt J.-C. Coubat 13, 17; C. Bartram bt D. Mommessin 13, 23;  
Batram/Stokes bt Coubat/Mommessin 21. 15.  
Norway 3 England I 112  
Grini bt Billington 14. 14; Hansen lost to Syed -20. -19;  
Grini/Hansen bt Billington/Syed 15, 18;  
Grini lost to Syed -17, -22; Hansen bt Billington 19, 17.  
Korea I 3 Scotland 0  
Nam Kyu Yoo bt M. Burke 11. 18; Mun Kyu Min bt M. Crawford 13, 13;  
Mun/Nam bt Burke/Crawford 15. 11.  
Quarter-finals:  
England I 3 Sweden II 1  
A. Syed lost to J. Fallby 19, -14, -16; Preat bt P. Karlsson 15, 11;  
Preat/Syed bt Fallby/Karlsson 14, -14, 14; Preat bt Fallby 8, 17.  
Korea II 3 Czechoslovakia 2  
England II 3 Sweden I 2  
Batram bt G. Wrana 15,20; Stokes lost to C. Sturesson -12, -13;  
Batram/Stokes bt Sturesson/Wrana 16. 20;  
Stokes lost to Wrana -15, -18; Batram bt Sturesson 19. 11.  
Korea 13 Norway 0  
Semi-finals:  
England I 3 Korea II 1  
A. Syed lost to Kim Bong Soo -15. -13; Preat bt Park Jae Hyun 12,26;  
Preat/Syed bt Kim/Park 19. 13; Preat bt Kim 15, 11.  
Korea I 3 England II 0  
Nam bt Bartram 14. 13; Mun bt Stokes 19. 21;  
Mun/Nam bt Bartram/Stokes 17, 11.  
Final:  
ENGLAND I 3 Korea I 1  
A. Syed lost to Nam Kyu Yoo-8, -14; Preat bt Mun Kyu Min8. 12;  
Preat/Syed bt Mun/Nam -14. 18, 23; Preat bt Nam 9, 20.

### PLATE COMPETITION

Rd. 1  
Wales bt Ireland 3-0  
Q-F's:  
Italy bt France II 3-1;  
Federal Germany bt England IV 3-1;  
France I bt Switzerland 3-2;  
Wales bt Scotland 3-0.  
S-F's:  
France I bt Wales 3-1;  
Federal Germany bt Italy 3-1  
Final: Federal Germany 3 France I 2  
GJRLS  
Round 1  
Czechoslovakia 3 Italy 0  
England II 3 Ireland 0  
S. Collier bt N. McEvoy 10, -18,15; D. Soothill bt E. McManus 6, 15; Collier/Soothill bt McEvoy/McManus 16, 20.  
Round 2  
Korea I 3 Sweden II 0  
England IV 3 Norway 0  
J. Houghton bt M. Skarpenes-12, 16, 18; C. Mouzon btA. Skulte 18, -13,13;  
Houghton/Mouzon bt Skarpenes/Skulte 15, -17,22.  
France I 3 Scotland 0  
I. Delepine bt L. Johnston 10. -20, 15; I. Courtade bt S. Hurry 13, 12;  
Courtade/Delepine bt Hurry/Johnston 13, -18, 17.  
England I 3 Switzerland 0  
L. Bellinger bt S. Busin 12, 4; J. Shaw bt B. Hoefliger-12, 10, 11;  
Bellinger/Shaw bt Busin/Hoefliger 16, 17.  
Federal Germany 3.Wales 0  
K. Nolten bt E. Wright 16. 16; A. Greisinger bt H. Cotter 10, 15;  
Greisinger/Nolten bt Cotter/Wright 15, 15.  
England III 3 Sweden I 2  
C. Potts lost to L. Erlman -12. -20; A. Holt bt M. Petterson 10, 19;  
Holt/Potts bt Erlman/Petterson 15, 9; lost to Petterson -14, -17; Holt bt Erlman 17. 16.  
Czechoslovakia 3 England II 1  
Z. Valentova btSoothill-16, 15,17; R. Zatkova losttoCollier-21, -16; Valentova/Zatkova bt Collier/Soothill-1 9, 14, 11; Valentova bt Collier 12, 13.  
Korea II 3 France II 0  
Quarter-finals:  
Korea I 3 England IV 0  
Jllng Hwa Hyun bt Houghton 6. 8; Soon Hwa Hong bt Mouzon 1. 7; Jung/Soon bt Houghton/Mouzon 8. 8.  
England I 3 France I 1  
Shaw lostto Delepine -17, 14, -16; Bellinger bt Courtade 15. -1 0, 10; Bellinger/Shaw bt Courtade/Delepine -19.16.14; Bellinger bt Delepine 14, 17.  
Federal Germany 3 England III 0  
Greisinger bt Potts 7, 11; Nolten bt Holt .13, 8;  
Greisinger/Nolten bt Holt/Potts 20, 19.  
Korea II 3 Czechoslovakia 1  
Semi-finals:  
Korea I 3 England I 0  
Jung Hwa Hyun bt Bellinger 12,17; Soon Hwa Hong bt Shaw 11. 7; Jung/Soon bt Bellinger/Shaw 16. 16.  
Korea II 3 Federal Germany 1  
Cha Ok Hong bt Nolten -16, 21, 21; Tae Jo Lee lost to Greisinger -15, -13; Cha/Tae bt Greisinger/Nolten 20.11; Cha bt Greisinger 12, -19,11.  
Final:  
KOREA I 3 Korea" I  
Soon Hwa Hong bt Tae Jo Lee 17. -22, 11; Jung Hwa Hyun lost to Cha Ok Hong 15, -19, -12; Jung/Soon bt Cha/Tae 23, 11; Jung bt Tae 14, 15.

PLATE

Rd. 1: Italy bl Ireland 3-1.

**Q-Fs:** Sweden II bt Norway 3-1; Scotland bl Switzerland 3-1; Sweden I bl Wel\_ 3-1; France II bl Italy 3-2.  
**S-Fs:** Sweden II bl Scotland 3-1; Sweden I bt France II 3-1.  
**Final:** Sweden I bt Sweden II 4-1.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Boys' Singl.: Round 3:

C. Prean (ENG) bt P. Karlsson (SWE) 12, -19, 13;  
 J. Bruan (TCH) bt Park Jae Hyun (KOR) 15, 19;  
 G. Wrana (SWE) bt R. Rossignol (FRA) 19, 15;  
 M. Tuve (FRG) bt L. Nannoni (ITA) 18, -10, 19;  
 C. Bartram (ENG) bt R. Krmaschek (TCH) 14, 23;  
 D. Mommessin (FRA) bt Kim Bong Soo 18, -16, 16;  
 A. Syed (ENG) bt H. Wirkner (FRG) 11, 18;  
 Nam Kyu Yoo (KOR) bt F. Grini (NOR) 15, 13.

Quarter-finals:

Prean bt Bruan 9, 14; Wrana bt Tuve -17, 11, 8;  
 Mommessin bt Bartram 14, 13; Nam Kyu Yoo bt Syed 13, 18.

**Semi-finals:**

Prean bt Wrana 9, 10; Nam Kyu Yoo bt Mommessin -20, 17, 16.  
**Final:** HAM KYU YOO bt Prean 14, 17.

**Girls' Singles: Round 3:**

Jung Hwa Hyun (KOR) bl L. Bellinger (ENG) 15, 20;  
 Z. Valentova (TCH) bl I. Courtade (FRA) 12, 15;  
 Cha Ok Hong (KOR) bt J. Powis (ENG) 12, 9;  
 I. Delepine (FRA) bt A. Greisinger (FRG) 22, 19;  
 Tae Jo Lee (KOR) bl C. Mouzon (ENG) 15, -21, 20;  
 S. Collier (ENG) bl M. Petterson (SWE) 15, 14;  
 R. Zatkova (TCH) bt J. Shaw (ENG) 14, -16, 13;  
 Soon Hwa Hong (KOR) bt C. Potts (ENG) 10, 5.

Quarter-finals:

Jung Hwa Hyun bl Valentova -20, 12, 11; Delepine bl Cha Ok Hong 17, 16; Tae Jo Lee bt Collier -1, 18, 1; Soon Hwa Hong bl Zatkova -13, 14, 2.

**Semi-finals:**

Jung Hwa Hyun bt Oetepine 16, 19; Soon Hwa Hong bl Tae Jo Lee 17, 17.

**Final:** JUNG HWA HYUN bl Soon Hwa Hong 16, 20.

Boys' Double: Quarter-final:

Prean/A. Syed bt M. Syed/Tuve 15, 11;  
**Kim Bong Sao/ Park Jae Hyun (KOR) bl F. Manneschi/L. Nannoni (ITA) -14, 16, 18;**

S. Fetzner/H. Wirkner (FRG) bl Bartram/J. Stokes (ENG) 8, 16;  
 Nam Kyu Yoo/Mun Kyu Min (KOR) bl RissignoVF. Valensi (FRA) 18, 13.

Semi-final:

Kim Bong Sao/Park Jae Hyun bl Prean/Syed 17, 11;

Nam Kyu Yoo/Mun Kyu Min bl Fetzner/Wirkner -19, 13, 17.  
**Final:** HAM KYU YOO/MUN KYU MIN bl Kim Bong Soo/Park Jae Hyun 23, 17.

**Girls' Doubles: Quarter-finals:**

Cha Ok Hong/Soon Hwa Hong bl Shaw/D. Soolhill (ENG) 11, 12;  
 Greisinger/K. Nolten (FRG) bt Collier/S. Hegarty (SI) 9, 19;  
 Jung Hwa Hyun/Tae Jo Lee bl A. Holt (ENG)/Potts 8, 13;  
 T. Moore (Sx)/J. Powis (SI) bt M. Skarpenes/A. Skulle (NOR) 19, 14.

Semi-finals:

Cha Ok Hong/Soon Hwa Hong bl Greisinger/Nolten 11, 10;  
 Jung Hwa Hyun/Tae Jo Lee bl Moore/Powis 16, 7.  
**Final:** JUNG HWA HYUN/TAE JO LEE bl Cha Ok Hong/Soon Hwa Hong 15, 17.

**Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:**

Park Jae Hyun/Jung Hwa Hyun bt F. Valens (FRA)/Delepine 15, 17;  
 Mun Kyu Min/Cha Ok Hong bt Krmascheki/Valentova 17, 17;  
 Kim Bong Soo/Tae Jo Lee bl A. Holt (ENG)/Potts 8, 13;  
 Nam Kyu Yoo/Soon Hwa Hong bl A. Dennison/N. McEvoy (IRE) 9, 12.

**Semi-finals:**

Park Jae Hyun/Jung Hwa Hyun bl Mun Kyu Min/Cha Ok Hong 11, -18, 13;  
 Nam Kyu Yoo/Soon Hwa Hong bt Kim Bong Soo/Tae Jo Lee 19, 18.

**Final:** PARK JAE HYUN/JUNG HWA HYUN bt Nam Kyu Yoo/Soon Hwa Hong 12, 12.



The all-conquering South Koreans line up for the Sunday evening photo call with England's Grand Prix winners, Andrew Syed and Sue Collier, brought into the line by Mr. Park, the Korean leader.



The South Korean haul with appropriate background.



Keir Donaldson, winner of the Cornilleau table, being congratulated by the company's David Taber flanked by Jill Parker and ETTA Deputy Chairman George Yates, who made the draw.



Jimmy Greaves, the former England, Tottenham and West Ham striker holds the all-important cheque before passing it over to Grand Prix winner Sue Collier of Maidenhead.





Kent's Chris Bartram looking apologetic after an edge ball.



Carl Prean in action against Nam Kyu Yoo in the boys' singles final.



England's Carl Prean and Andrew Syed winners of the boys' team event.



The Lady Mayoress of Portsmouth accompanied by ETTA Chairman, Tom Blunn, greet England captain Don Parker.

## STOP PRESS

### TABLE PURCHASE SCHEME

We are pleased to announce the addition of two types of foldaway tables to the range available under this scheme; the Dunlop Super Rollaway and the Jaques Match Foldoroll. The tables are available either for outright purchase at £170 plus V.A.T. (£195.50) or four annual instalments of £50 plus V.A.T. (£57.50). Full details are available from the E.T.T.A. office.

### SPECIAL OFFER

A number of old tables that were in use at a coaching centre were taken in by the Jaques factory and completely renovated. All except one have been sold and this last table is on offer at an ex-works price of £285. Mr. Christopher Jaques was particularly pleased at the outcome of the renovation and feels that the renovated table

is better than most of the top quality models on the market costing nearly twice the price. Full details available from Albert Shipley at the E.T.T.A. office.

### DRAW FAVOURS PREAN

The draw for the Norwich Union Masters which will be held at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Hong Kong from May 30 - June 2 resulted in the following groupings:-

Group A: A. Grubba (POL), He Zhiwen (CHN). P. Renverse (FRA).

Group B: U. Carlsson (SWE), Chen Longcan (CHN), Chen Kong Wah (HKG).

Group C: J-O. Waldner (SWE), P. Birocheau (FRA), C. Prean (ENG).

Group D: Xie Saike (CHN), U. Bengtsson (SWE), L. Kucharski (POL).

England's Carl Prean has avoided meeting any of the Chinese in his

group matches and if playing to his true potential should reach the quarter-final stage at least.

### THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT

In reply to Mike Lewis' question in the April issue "why one very attractive young lady was standing at the table on one leg?" Thank you very much Mike for the compliment. Having had three children, one now a teenager, it does one good to get a compliment now and again.

Perhaps you should ask Peter why I was standing on one leg, as he was coaching me at the time. I enjoyed the coaching session very much and look forward to the next one.

My thanks to Peter for changing the wheel on my car. I now have four perfectly good tyres, but still no jack!

MARGARET PLUMB

79 Queensfield,  
Swindon, Wilts.

# Spotlight on Dave Wens

By John Oakley of the Press Association

Dave Wells, the quiet and unassuming Middlesex left hander, could be described, without fear of contradiction, as the unluckiest player of the season.

Hardly had the the English team for the European championships in Moscow been finalised then Wells struck tremendous form. He best Graham Sandley in the National League - for the second time this season - and then beat both Carl Prean and Kenny Jackson in the South of England Three-Star Open at Woking.

It was like shutting the stable door after the horse had bolted. Wells had personal glory and satisfaction but instead of "to Russia With Love" it was back to work in Bletchley.

Then, to rub salt into the wound, Wells was placed fifth in the latest English ranking list. Most players would have been elated at such a high position but Wells had been certain that his points total had taken him to what would have been his best-ever position of fourth.

As he said: "I didn't really mind missing out on Moscow. After all the selectors had laid down when they were going to pick the team and what events you had to do well in.

"It was just too bad that I beat three members of the English team after they had been chosen to make the trip.

"But to be honest I was a bit sick at the rankings. I thought I was fourth, Kenny Jackson fifth and Alan Cooke sixth and both Kenny and Alan thought the same as me.

"So I've written to Bryan Merrett about the computer. I know I should have at least another 20 points because I always work out my total on the least possible number I could have got".

And when 24-year-old Wells talks about computers the English table tennis officials should sit up and listen. After all he makes his living as a computer operator.

Yet despite missing Moscow and the disappointment of the rankings rumble Wells can look back upon another season of advance.

He started at number nine in the rankings, went up to seven, briefly dropped back to nine and then soared to five.

Wells reached the finals of the

Midlands and South of England Three-Star Opens, and the South Yorkshire 2-Star, won the Kent Two-Star, captured the Essex and Midlands Three-Star doubles with buddy Ian Kenyon, won 18 out of 28 National League games and was picked to represent England at the English Open at Brighton.

Not bad for a chap who less than three years ago was considering giving up the game because of constant back trouble.

During the 1980-81 season Wells had to pack up playing for three months. The following season he was out for two months and last season he had several bad moments.

But now he is hopeful that the worst is behind him for he says: "This season is the first time I've not had to quit.

"It has been a problem in the past yet the odd thing is that I play golf, tennis and squash and have no back trouble. It only seems to be affected by table tennis".

Indeed it is remarkable that Wells has done so well for, apart from back problems, he also works full time in a job with unsociable hours.

As a computer operator he works two weeks of days, one week of evenings and one week of nights in recurring cycles and a year ago his firm moved from London to Bletchley.

Not only is he often too tired to go for practice sessions he has one other major difficulty. In Milton Keynes, where he now lives, he has no-one to practise against.

He says: "Phil Bradbury and Dave Sharpe are the only players who live anywhere near me at all and I have to drive at least 25 miles to get a knock.

"I try to get most of my practice in when I'm on day shifts because after working through the night I don't often feel like playing".

So how does Wells maintain such a high standard of play? Most of his friends put it down to his magnificent temperament, his speed of foot and a superb, if unspectacular, technique.

Certainly his coolness is the envy of many of his rivals, especially of the more excitable characters.

Wells is not a player to stamp, shout and bellow or throw his bat when things go wrong nor does he let an

occasional poor shot put him off his game.

If he does make a really bad error the most spectators can expect to see is a shrug of the shoulders or a tiny smile as if he is telling himself: 'Dave, don't be such a dope'.

Despite what his friends say Wells believes that his temperament can sometimes be more of a hindrance than a help. "I'm very relaxed" he says, "but occasionally I'm too relaxed. Maybe it would be better if I had more of a killer instinct?"

This season his most pleasing moments were going to two week-long training camps and being selected for England at the English Open.

"Going to the training camps made it so easy for me to play", he says. "I didn't have to rush around to arrange things. It really did me good".

As for his international selection he adds: "It was the first real time I had played for England. A couple of years ago I went to Norway with Max Crimmins and Dave Barr but that wasn't quite the same sort of thing.

"At Brighton I only played in the Plate event for England Two but I enjoyed myself. I lost my two singles against Sweden but took games off both Jorgen Persson and Ulf Bengtsson and won the doubles with Skylet.

"I'm always pleased when I take games off foreigners. I have taken a game off Surbeck, Orlovski and Gergely in the past but perhaps my best performance was at home when I beat Denis Neale in the English Closed in 1979 when I was 18."

Apart from his table tennis triumphs Wells plays a tricky game of chess and can often be seen at tournaments sitting in quiet corners battling with Ian Kenyon over pawns, queens and bishops.

But he hopes his biggest battles next season will be on the table tennis table. As he says: "I have improved in one respect every season, like doing better in tournaments or having a higher ranking.

"My aim now is to keep on improving to see how far I can go".

## ESTTA AGM EDDIE STEPS DOWN

by David Lomas

Eddie Mitchell, CORTipetitions Secretary, stepped down at the ESTTA AGM on May 13, after holding that post since 1971. He was elected as the third Life Member of the Association and happily stays on as a member of the Executive Council and is organiser of the International Schools TT

Championships to be held at Birmingham Athletic Institute on July 6/8.

Taking over the responsibility for the Dunlop National Schools Team Championships is Geoff Gardiner of Lancashire. Paul Birch of Bedfordshire will be organiser of the Dunlop English Schools Individual Championships.

John Arnold (West Yorkshire) and "Chuck" Henry (Derbyshire) continue as Chairman and General Secretary respectively. Affiliation fees and com-

petition entry fees have NOT been increased. Dates for 1984-85 Team Championships:-

Area Finals: Sat/Sun Jan 26/27, 1985

Regional Finals: Sun Feb 24/85

National Finals: Sat Mar 23/85

Dunlop English Schools Individual Championships will take place on Saturday, May 4th, 1985.

# GWENT HOST POLICE

by Stephen Gibbs

The British Police Athletic Association held their National Indoor Sports at Pontypool Leisure Centre during the week preceding Easter with Table Tennis being one of the major disciplines contested. This season saw the Gwent Police force in conjunction with officers from both the Gwent and the Eastern Valley promoting the six table tennis events.

From the outset there seemed to be little doubt that P.C. K. Rodger (West Midlands) better known as Keith Rodger, Scottish International player, would take the men's singles title. True to form Rodger did just that with his most difficult opponent being Ian Johns (Cheshire) in the very opening set. Rodger's vicious sidespin service pressured all his opponents into weak service returns that were generally dealt with severely although the Scots player also showed a number of deft touches. Former men's singles winner John Hawkins (Strathclyde) had an easy passage to the semis where he was quite surprised by the improvement shown by Paul Bathard (Avon & Somerset). Bathard beat Hawkins 14 and 15 for a place in the final against Rodger. The final was another clinical performance from Rodger who dominated winning 11 and 13.

The Women's Singles was also quite one-sided as Sally Dickerson (West Yorkshire) took all her opponents apart with some severe forehand loop-

drives that the lesser player just could not cope with. Miss Dickerson also possessed a fierce spin serve and her game was of such high quality that many men would have envied her powerful play. In the final Dickerson beat Julia Stevenson (Metropolitan) 7 and 10. However, in the doubles Miss Dickerson was to be a losing finalist as the steady pushing style of the Merseyside pairing of E. Faragher and S. Anderson forced Miss Dickerson into errors as she tried to win points too quickly. Nevertheless Faragher and Anderson worked hard at their task throughout the tournament and were worthy winners at 18 and 15.

Gwent's only representative in the whole of the Championship was Inspector Roger Tuck (Cwmbran). He reached the quarters of the Veteran Singles with a very impressive win over Scotsman, Arnott 4 and 8. In the quarters against Walter Thorne (Cheshire) Tuck was outclassed but he had played well. Thorne eventually reached the Veteran final where he faced Inspector David Bulley of Devon & Cornwall. Thorne opened well and after a long first game seemed to be on his way to a two set win. However, Bulley pulled back to 18-18 in the second when Welsh umpire Martin Evans called time and Expedite was put into force. Thorne was the better attacking player and should have won under expedite conditions but Bulley

stole the second game 22-20. In the decider Thorne panicked as he tried to win his service points too quickly. While on Bulley's service points he again tried to force the pace instead of waiting for Bulley to use up his twelve shots. Bulley opened a commanding lead and Thorne saw the title that he had almost won slip away.

Despite Cheshire's disappointment at Thorne's defeat they were to be rewarded in the Men's Doubles. Johns and his partner C. Dewison always looked likely to take the title but they did it the hard way being involved in three game events in the quarters and the semis. Their semi-final win was quite a heart stopper as they beat J. Hawkins and F. Duffy (Strathclyde) -20, 15, 20. In the final they faced the awkward pair of B. Birkett and C. Jacob (Essex) but by this time the Cheshire partnership were more determined and took the title that they had held before 17 and 18.

Although beaten in the Men's Singles final Bathard did not go back to Avon empty handed. Partnered by Michelle Holt, Bathard took the Mixed title when they beat Miss Anderson and G. Jones of Merseyside -23, 15, 7.

At the end of the two day tournament spectators had been treated to table tennis of a high quality from players of top league, county and International standard.

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## BRIEF REFLECTIONS

by Teddy Grant

Fifty years' to the ever fascinating and changing game of table tennis should be the appropriate time to hang up one's bat and reflect on all the happy years, successes and disappointments which have prevailed.

During this past 1983/84 season I have read in every monthly edition of Table Tennis News the controversy which has befallen the Prean family.

One thing is for certain, the Preans have certainly put the Isle of Wight well and truly on the international scene much better than when I attempted to do so over twenty-five years ago when my elder son Derek became the island's first junior international.

In 1981 the Island County Association, gave me an opportunity to re-visit with my family and present the Island's closed championships trophies. Carl

Prean, then 13, was just emerging as a junior force. John and Erica Prean were excellent hosts to us and we have corresponded ever since.

Thanks to his father and island players who rendered Carl with unlimited practice, he quickly used a modern scientific approach to the game and gained early recognition as an international much sooner than many of his contemporaries would have thought possible.

A bright dedicated lad of sixteen years still requires a great deal of encouragement when emotions can be unstable and it well beholds everyone in official ETIA circles to remember for England's sake as an international contender the next two years are vital for Carl. Island folk generally are proud and rightly so of their heritage, the very reason for them seeking county status. They will remain loyal and sincere to the Prean family.

When I left the Island for Southampton in 1957 there were only two coaches in Hampshire, Jack Randall and myself. Fourteen later there were fifty. Brian Jamerton, national

umpire, remarked on Solent Radio as I moved to Somerset "Ted Grant has much to offer."

Now that my bat is finally hung up I am satisfied that my humble contribution to table tennis over fifty years has given me much pleasure, as it must have done to the many, many pupils and players who came my way.

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Ted, now in his 67th year after retiring from the National Health Service in 1982, was a former chairman of the I.O.W. T.T.L. and Hampshire and Southampton Coaching Officer. He is President of both the Mendip and Avon Leagues and Life-Member of Hants and Soton Associations and the Mendip League. Ed.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The venue for this year's AGM of the ETTA is the Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury Street, London, Wc1. The meeting is scheduled to start at 2 p.m., on Saturday, July 7th, 1984.



# RACKET COLOURS

by Colin Clemett  
Hon. Sec. N.U.R.C.

The introduction of the so-called "two-colour rule" for rackets has, like most innovations, led to some argument over the way in which it should be applied. To decide the proper interpretation it is necessary to consider the purpose of the rule, which is to enable the receiver to determine which striking surface of the racket is used by the server on each occasion. It follows that he must be able to do so when he is viewing the racket from the far end of the table, under normal match lighting and in the short period for which the racket is visible to him during the service action.

The relevant regulations say that the two surfaces of the racket must be of "clearly different" colours and emphasise that it is the player's responsibility to ensure that his racket meets this requirement. This means that it is not enough simply to rely on the fact that two coverings are described as different colours in the

maker's catalogue; dark red or dark blue, for example, may be very difficult to distinguish from black in normal playing conditions.

Although ideally the regulations would include an objective specification of the minimum allowable difference in colour the methods of determining such a difference require complicated measuring equipment and it would not be practical to carry out such measurements at a tournament. Equally, the wide range of colours available, and the many possible combinations make it impractical to produce a simple comparison chart such as the one to use to check darkness of colour. It is, unfortunately, necessary to make the decision on a subjective basis but some guidance can be given on how the decision should be reached and this should help to ensure an acceptable degree of consistency.

The ITTF Equipment Committee has suggested that the difference in colour should be easily distinguishable at a distance of 10 metres in a lighting level of 400 lux, which is the minimum lighting level over the playing surface that is permitted by the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions. When the racket is checked under such conditions the difference in colour of the two surfaces should be sufficient for the viewer to be able to decide immediately which side he is looking at. If he has to make several comparisons, or has to stop and think about his decision, the difference is not clear enough to satisfy the intention of the rule.

If there is any doubt about the acceptability of a racket under this rule the matter should be reported to the referee by the umpire, whether it is the umpire himself who is doubtful or whether the question has been raised by an opposing player or captain. The decision of the referee on the legality of the racket is final, as it is on any other question of rule interpretation, and it applies throughout the event for which he has been appointed.

## ST. NEOTS WINTER LEAGUE

By Leslie Constable

In the men's section of the St. Neots League, Wellingborough succeeded in winning the title comfortably after beating R.A.F. 5-4 and then disposing of St. Neots by a 5 sets margin. By reason of an odd set in nine victory over Northampton, R.A.F. became the runners-up heading St. Neots by 3 pts.

Ely had a good 5-4 win over Cambridge which enabled them to pip

Kettering who surprisingly lost to bottom-placed Peterborough in their final fixture. Bedford did not turn up for the last session and so forfeited the points against Ely and Kettering. Final table:-

	Pts.
Wellingborough	62
R.A.F.	54
St. Neots	51
Ely	48
Kettering	40
Northampton	37
Bedford	36
Cambridge	31
North Herts	28,
Peterborough	18

### PLAYER'S REPRESENTATIVE

Warwickshire county player, Barry Johnson of 64 Willow Drive, Cheswick Green, Shirley, Solihull, Birmingham B90 4HW (Phone: 05646 2978) has again been elected as the players' representative for the 1984/85 season with the right to attend National Council Meetings of the E.T.T.A.

### JOHNNY'S MOVE

Twice former world champion Johnny Leach, MBE., has changed his address to 15 Manor Links, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM23 5RA. His telephone number is Bishop's Stortford (0279) 508106.

### OBITUARY - PATRICK ARKELL

Patrick Arkell, Vice-Chairman of the Table Tennis Association of Wales, Chairman of the Abergavenny League, and President of the Gwent County Association, died at the Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny in the early hours of Friday, May 11th, 1984.

Pat had been far from well for some time, and was making regular visits to hospital, but twelve months ago he had to undergo a serious operation, from which he was making slow but seemingly steady recovery. He even went back to work for a short time, and indeed made one or two visits to table tennis events, the last being to the Welsh Closed on March 10th.

Regrettably he had to go **back** into hospital for further surgery, from which he did not recover.

Pat was **one** of the mainstays of Gwent and Welsh table tennis. He has managed to keep the Abergavenny League in operation despite all sorts of problems, and it is to be hoped that those who **have** come to the rescue in recent months will continue to work for Abergavenny as a tribute to Pat.

He, too, encouraged the Gwent County Association to enter a team in the National League, and took pride in the accomplishments of the Cranfield Colours team.

In his work for table tennis, Patrick spanned many years, from the time when his brother Clive played as a junior for Wales. Unfortunately Clive, too, is now dead,

missing from an aircraft flight in Northern Canada. Patrick himself spent some years in Canada, there pursuing his interest in table tennis, and helping official's there.

As an Officer of the Table Tennis Association of Wales, Pat was a deep thinking and rational legislator, showing a sense of judgement which he also brought to his duties as a member of the Selection Committee.

He will be sadly 'missed by us all, **and** it is sure that the Table Tennis Association of Wales, and the many other organisations which knew Pat will feel deep sympathy for Rosemary, and her two children, who are at Monmouth School. We all **pray for** strength for them at this tragic moment.

Goodbye Pat!



### CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to all those Teams who have gained promotion, and to the demoted, I offer heart-felt sympathies. Let us hope that next season the fun of competitive play will prevail and everyone will have an even better time. Regarding 'Yours Truly', it was certainly a pleasure for me to follow the progress of the Teams and Players and to report on matches whenever the encouragement and information was forthcoming. I understand that the majority of you now read this 'Round-up' and I am extremely pleased about this. Should I not be in a position to offer my services next season, Thank You One and All for your help and kindnesses.

### I WAS THERE!!!

I was there at the finish of the JUNIOR PREMIER DIVISION Play-off at St. Neots recently from where the result of the very last match of the day between MIDDLESEX and YORKSHIRE, would decide which of these two teams would become the outright 'winner or the runner-up'. This showdown turned out to be a most exciting and competitive confrontation between two teams who were better prepared and led than the others. As a tribute to them, many of the other players remained to watch the spectacle. They were awarded with an exhibitional display of skill, determination and bravery. Perhaps I should explain that at this stage, there could have been another two teams fighting for supremacy - Kent and Berkshire. However, during the first play-off, BERKSHIRE did not field their better side and therefore faltered badly. As a result, they had quite a lot of ground to make up at the latter stage. KENT, on the other hand, should have been there pitching at the end, but with defeats by Middlesex, a draw with Berkshire and a 2-8 roasting by YORKSHIRE, they found themselves sitting and wondering what had gone wrong. Personally, I observed that Dodd, Bartram and Cunningham played more often like individuals, rather than as a team. One therefore has to congratulate STAFFORDSHIRE for finishing just above Kent. Before the last session started, I think it is fair to say that from the atmospheric excitement in the hall, many believed that MIDDLESEX might just pull it off.

# COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND-UP

by Murray Corbin

I could not jump to this conclusion easily. You see, one player had caught my eyes continually, and I had a suspicion that he could be the secret success of YORKSHIRE. Should he also be played in the Doubles, I would then have **leaned towards** his team succeeding. I am talking about CLIVE GUEST. He is **not 'flash'** but for a No. 3,1 found him to be solid, yet uncluttered about his **logical** approach to the game and tasks at hand: cool, mean, calculating and devious, deadly and very skilful around the table.

### SET BY SET

In came DAVID GOODE of Middlesex to face DAVID ROOK of Yorkshire: Goode chopped, **blocked** and moved well; he had to because Rook's topspins were constant and venomous. Goode won the first at 23 after a heated moment at 21 -all. Rook returned to the table in a more determined mood and took the other two at 18 and 17. JONATHON GOODE then played well to force CLIVE GUEST to three. During this set I heard two observers saying, "Doesn't Jonathon play well when his father is not around?" He certainly seems to concentrate better. This lad is quick; skilful, brave and much could be expected of him later. Firstly, he would have to act on my advice to him two years ago when I was helping him. He has to untangle his feet, which are not on the ground as often as they should be when he is playing his big shots. He therefore loses power and the success of consistency. Recovery is also hampered. However, he has **a heart** of gold. NIGEL TYLER glued-up and quickly dished out a pair of thirteens to the bemused MARTIN FIRTH, to get Middlesex off to a **start**. With the Girls' Doubles next, could LAURA GOLDSMITH/LESLEY SOUTER of Middlesex level the match score at 2-2 by defeating JOANNE SHAW/ALISON EVANS? Yes, they surely did by 14; -19, 19, but Yorkshire immediately regained the lead when ROOK/GUEST beat Tyler/David Goode 14 and 16. DAVID GOODE and Guest returned to the table and after a very good tactical game by David, Clive fell at 17 and 9. The lovely Rachel Knight then found ALISON EVANS a little difficult to handle and lost -13, 19, -20, giving Yorkshire a 4-3 lead. This brought us to the set of the match between NIGEL TYLER and ROOK. Believe me, the sparks did fly. "Rookie" handled himself well, but Nigel's fire-power was the more penetrative. The other difference here being Nigel's ability to flat-hit after spinning effectively, while David depends on spinning

and then spinning past his opponents, which is simply not good enough if one is to survive in the Seniors. Nigel took this one 20, -18 and 14, to level 4-4. Laura Goldsmith then tried to take the initiative from the ambitious and industrious JOANNE SHAW, but failed 21, -17, -14 after a very brave attempt. With the score 5-4 in favour of Yorkshire, even the staunchest of Middlesex supporters could not have expected Jonathon Goode to defeat FIRTH to clinch an honourable 'draw'. He did however, try his best but (ost -9, -18.

YORKSHIRE, therefore, winning by 6-4. Bravo to them! They were magnificent.

The Referee for the weekend was GERALD HAMMOND, who was ably supported by Umpires PAT O'BRIEN, TONY CHATWIN, COLIN MACLEAN, ARTHUR MORGAN, DIANA MOORS and BARRY GRANGER. who I must thank, along with Leslie Smith, for meeting me at Huntingdon station.

The ST. NEOTS TTC has a fine setting and should be a credit to table tennis in that area. The staff, including catering, were excellent and much is owed to them for the successful conclusion of the weekend. I was disappointed to see so many ashtrays in the hall. As a result, this **was** an inducement for the smokers to excel in this dirty habit. These very selfish people have no respect or consideration for the players nor the non-smokers. They puffed and coughed all through the weekend. I returned home smelling like an ashtray. Something has got to be done about this. I do not particularly mind people smoking, once it does not affect the game or me.

### GOOD WINS

ANTHONY WAITIS beating Richard Hayward..... JULIET HOUGHTON just getting her spectacles and nose ahead of Joanne Shaw, in the third.... MURRAY JUKES demoralising Mick Harper 10 and 8.... ANDY WITHERS also scraped home in the third against the ever-improving Trevor Washington..... Soul & Reggae-man LESTER BERTIE, after dancing around Stuart Palmer, then whipped John Kitchener 9 and 6..... The amiable RICHARD TANNER did not mess around with Mick Palmer.....

SUE WELHAM also in the third against Joan Harden.... Adrian Moore lost to GARY LAMBERT, but big-brother STEVEN 'Kath' MOORE immediately redeemed family honour, but in the same SUSSEX/DEVON match, the gracious CAROL BUTLER just held off the lively offence of Teresa Moore... ANDY WELLMAN 21-9 in the third

against Andy Creed. This could be classified as a 'Heavy-Weight Performance..... KEVIN SATCHELL'S business like performances did not keep Martin Abbott nor Tony Clayton at the table for very long. At this DORSET/WILTSHIRE dust-up. STEVE McBEAN also conquered Martin, while the exciting CLAIRE MAISEY proved too sharp and consistent for the lively Cheryl Skevington.... JANET DEAKIN took full command over Debbie Maguire.... CHERYL BUTIERY/ PAULINE SIMPSON worked well together for their doubles victory over Karen Buckle/Joyce Jones. It was also a clean sweep for Cheryl and Pauline in the Singles. when SIR CLWYD met NOTTINGHAMSHIRE in Div. 3A.... PETER McQUEEN and "BENNY" ROBERTSON seemed to have punished Dave Skerratt considerably in their last meeting..... SUSAN RADLEY attacked Claire Mouzon relentlessly.... JILL GREEN victorious by 18.-18.10 over the long-promising Jenny Collins..... Nice Ones! DAVID LEE'S successes against John Crabtree and Steve Hunt... BECKY RUSSE is still in winning form; this time Shirley Dark was the sufferer..... ALISON CLEMENS impressive against Alison Boyce.... MIKE TURNER'S debut for The Isle of Wight resulted in him scalping Martin Jerome and Martin Hughes of Dorset. Yes. Mike taking two the first time out 'takes some doing'. The man in charge of this match-JOHN BROOKS, quite faultless as ever, would be a greater asset to the Umpiring Profession. nationally. if he were not also a busy qualified umpire at Snooker and Cricket. I also understand from John Prean that Brooks is also a former 1.0.W. Table-tennis Champion. He must be 'some terrific guy... Fantastic! MICHAEL OWEN'S' emphatic defeats of Paul Jackson and Graham Slack. Paul also went down to MARK OWEN. in the Herts/Glos 5-5 Div. 3C result.... I am continually being impressed with LES WOODING of Bucks; this time he dispatched Burton and Chilvers of Oxon. quite comfortably. I also noticed that in this match. LINDA PHELPS recorded a good win over the skilful Mary Denbow of Oxfordshire..... Kent lads-ANDREW CUNNINGHAM and ANDREW DODD played well to beat brothers Andrew and Matthew Syed. respectively.... ADRIAN DIXON was magnificent in his defeat of Nigel Tyler -9. 18. 19.... Wow! HELEN BARDWELL must have inflicted great pain on Julie 'The Push' Dimmock with a 2 and 7 result.... LEWIS SIKET of Worcs. was good against Snelling of Northants. but then lost the next to Hawes.... RICHARD BECKHAM must have motored to beat Phi Logsdon. Well done. Richard... MARTYN LIVERMORE was successful against Mark Taylor. but he could not overcome the talented and polite PAUL SAYER of Essex..... MATI SHEADER struggled but kept Geoff Aldwinckle at bay.... JANET HUNT and BRIAN

BELCHER of Worcs. were very good individually against Muriel Lewis and Roy Smith of Avon.... DON SMITH served up a pair of seventeens to Wally Allanson. but lost in the third to the cunning BOB HOLIDAY.... Both ROY NORTON and GUS ALBON proved too good for Dennis Millman.... ALAN ROWDEN of Sussex did such a nice job on Jim Bromley. that Jim was also slapped-off by MIKE WATIS. Hello Hilda! Mike completed the double in this Sussex/Kent Vets 2B clash by beating Chris Lanning of Kent 9 and 11. Mike has a mean interior.... Magnificent! BRIAN PARISH and SHIRLEY CAROL of Essex in lashing Cyril Bush and Joyce Coop. respectively. of Dorset.... TIM ASHMAN landed John Bult in the third.... JAYNE SULLY of Glamorgan should be pleased with her victory over Lisa Hayden.... So should JOHN COLLINS of Cambs in overcoming Mark Roden of Worcs.... JOHN HOOK of Wilts. had a fine day against Lance Testa and James Fletcher of Avon... LORRAINE COX came out tops even after losing the first to Caroline Jenvy.... NEIL PICKARD of Norfolk proved too clever and skilful for David Hodson and Richard Jones of Surrey; but MARTIN LOWE was magical against Chris Rayment and David Reeson of Norfolk.... VICKY MARGERRISON cruised to victory over Julia Mortimer.... Thank You.

#### AN APOLOGY

In the Round-up in the April issue. two photographs were published without being captioned. I can only assume that this was an oversight by the printers. It has. however. caused me much embarrassment. particularly since an apology has not been sent via The Editor. I take extreme pride in any and everything that I undertake. With this in mind. I now apologise to every-

one concerned and should therefore explain that the first photograph showed The STAFFORDSHIRE SENIOR PREMIER TEAM in their PATRICK clothing. and the second shows MARK MITCHELL the playing Captain of MIDDLESEX - The Senior Premier Champions. receiving the Cup from GLYNNE STOHR. while her husband GUNTER L. STOHR looks on. Gunter is General Manager of the WOODFORD MOAT HOUSE at Oak Hill. Woodford Green. Essex. whose generous sponsorship of the last Senior Premier Weekend at Waltham Forest YMCA. enabled Essex County TTA to organise and promote this event in great style and comfort. I reiterate my sincere apologies for this oversight by the printers.

#### Results and Tables as at 10th April, 1984 SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesex	7	7	0	48	15	14	
Essex	7	6	1	40	23	12	
Lancashire	7	5	2	40	23	10	
Surrey	7	3	4	27	36	6	
Yorkshire	7	3	4	26	37	6	
Staffordshire	7			<b>3425386</b>			
Leicestershire	7	1	6	21	42	2	
Warwickshire	7	0	7	25	38	0	

DIVISION 2 Final Results and Table:  
 Cambridgeshire 9 Worcestershire 1  
 Staffordshire 2nd 2 Lancashire 2nd 8  
 Yorkshire 2nd 10 Derbyshire 2  
 (Walkover)  
 Suffolk 4 Warwickshire 2nd 6.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridgeshire	7	5	1	1	47	23	11
Warwickshire 2nd	7	5	1	1	43	27	11
Yorkshire 2nd	7	4	2	1	44	26	10
Suffolk	7	4	1	2	45	25	9
Lancashire 2nd	7	2	2	3	33	37	6
Staffordshire 2nd	7	2	0	5	26	44	4
Worcestershire	7	1	1	5	23	47	3
Derbyshire	7	1	0	6	19	51	2

DIVISION 2B  
 Sussex 6 Devonshire 4  
 Avon 1 Berkshire 9  
 Kent 9 Middlesex 2nd 1  
 Dorset 3 Wiltshire 7  
 Berkshire 8 Devonshire 2



A very happy YORKSHIRE JUNIOR TEAM after winning the Junior Premier Division. JOANNE SHAW in front of CLIVE GUEST. PAUL ROOK - Road Manager. BEVAN WALKER the Captain. ALISON EVANS. DAVID ROOK and MARTIN FIRTH. Bottom: The still smiling MIDDLESEX TEAM who were just beaten into second spot - JONATHON GOODE. RACHEL KNIGHT. Captain MIKE CLOSE. LESLEY SOUTER, DAVID GOODE. LAURA GOLDSMITH and NIGEL 'The Glue' TYLER.





David Wells (Mx)	12	2	86
Skylet Andrew (E)	10	4	71
Kenny Jackson (E)	10	4	71
Joy Grundy (La)	6	0	100
Jill Harris (St)	6	1	86
Karen Smith (Le)	5	2	71
Andrew/Jackson (E)	6	1	86
Gunn/Johnson (Wa)	3	1	75
Parker/Turner (La)	3	1	75
Mason/Crimmins (Sy)	4	2	67

#### JUNIOR PREMIER

Nigel Tyler (Mx)	13	1	93
Andrew Syed (Bk)	7	1	88
Clive Guest (Y)	12	2	86
David Goode (Mx)	11	3	79
David Rook (Y)	11	3	79
Adrian Dixon (St)	10	4	71
Andrew Dodd (K)	10	4	71
Martin Firth (Y)	10	4	71
Matthew Syed (Bk)	10	4	71
Amanda Hegarty (St)	7	0	100

Claire Brooks (Sy)	5	2	71
Alison Evans (Y)	5	2	71
Laura Goldsmith (Mx)	5	2	71
Juliet Houghton (K)	5	2	71
Rachel Knight (Mx)	5	2	71
Joanne Shaw (Y)	5	2	71
Tyler/D. Goode (Mx)	4		80
Goldsmith/Knight (Mx)	4	0	100
Shaw/Evans (Y)	6	1	86
Houghton/James (K)	5	2	71
Powis/Hegarty (St)	5	2	71

Mixed Doubles - no qualifiers.

## COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

Mary Williams reports from ....

### BEDFORDSHIRE IMPRESSIVE DEBUT

The last County match of the season was held at A.C. Delco, Dunstable on March 31. Bedfordshire were at home to Huntingdonshire. This match saw the debut of Marc Lyons who, after a nervous start, captured both his sets in a 6-4 win for Beds. Scores:-

Andy Conquest lost to Keith Willett -23,-12. Marc Lyons bt Steve Fisher 18,-15,18. Ian Doughty bt Keith Lakin 20,19. Julie Dimmock/Dawn Campbell/Iostto Allison Hillard/Heleen Bardwell 14,-9,-9. Doughty/Conquest bt Willett/Lakin -18,14,14. Conquest bt Fisher 12,-15,10. Campbell lost to Hillard -9,-9. Doughty bt Willett 19,18. Dimmock lost to Bardwell -12,-7. Lyons bt Lakin -9,19,13.

In the Luton & Dist. League as the season nears its close, Delco Products Div. 1 hold a creditable 9 points lead over Vauxhall, Lea Manor with 4 matches in hand are in 3rd place, 13 points behind the leaders.

Div.2 sees Marlborough top with an 8 points lead over Vauxhall 'B'. Thirteen points behind the leaders with 1 match in hand are Vauxhall 'C'.

Two matches in hand but currently in the lead by 5 points in Div. 3 are Hunting Engineering 'B'. Postels 'B' lie in 2nd place, 14 points ahead of their nearest rivals Vauxhall'D'.

The following positions are currently held in:

Div. 4 - 1. St. Mary's 'B'. 2. Postels 'B'. 3. Kents.  
Div. 5 - 1. Lewsey. 2. St. Mary's 'D'. 3. Lewsey 'A'.  
Div. 6 - 1. Harpenden George 'D'. 2. St. Mary's 'E'. 3. E. G. Chilterns.  
Div. 7 - 1. Lea Manor Sports. 2. D.T.T.C. Junior. 3. Kents 'A'.

Competing in the National Schools team finals at Lea Green, were three Luton Schools teams, Ramridge (U-11's), Stopsley (U-13's) and Putteridge (U-16's). All finished a respectable third.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Dunstable & A.H.W. entertained Lansdown Medway(Gillingham) in the first National league match to be held in Bletchley. David Sharpe, Ian Doughty, Les Wooding and Jackie Bellinger were the home team and Andy Mitchell, Ray Namdjou, Tony Spain and Mike Ling played for the visitors.

The results were as follows:-

Sharpe bt Namdjou 11, 21. Doughty lost to Mitchell -16, 16, -16. Wooding lost to Ling 16, -20, -19. Bellinger lost to Spain -15, -16. Sharpe bt Mitchell 18, -15, 14. Doughty bt. -14, 18, 17. Wooding bt Namdjou 8,23. Bellinger lost to Ling 13, -15, -17.

This was the last match of the season for Dunstable & A.H.W. who, in their first season have gained valu-

able experience and before this game held a creditable fourth place in Div. 3 South.

Jackie Bellinger was the only player for Dunstable & A.H.W. to have recorded at least one victory in each match she had played. Unfortunately Jackie lost that record after this match having lost to both Spain and Ling.

However, congratulations must go to Jackie for she has adapted well to the challenge of the male-dominated National League.

The Dunstable League held their annual Tournament at A. C. Delco on April 2 with the following results:-

Cadet Final: P. Bowler bt M. Wilkin 18, 19;  
Div. 4 Singles: C. Bowler bt B. Thomas 16, -13, 14;  
Junior: L. Holmes bt R. Pratley -21, 21, 9;  
Handicap Singles: M. Porter bt C. Giles 14, 18;  
Div. 2 Singles: Pratley bt P. Bowler 10, -9, 12;  
Mixed Doubles: D. Campbell/K. Thompson bt A. Robinson/E. Hanratty 16, -13, 18;  
Div.3 Singles: R. Bowler bt Giles -18, 21, 21;  
Div. 1 Singles: Holmes bt Thompson 18, 15;  
Ladies' Singles: Campbell bt Robinson 16, -16, 15;  
Handicap Doubles: Wilkin/P. Bowler bt S. West/L. Alderson 18, -18, 18.

The Luton Handicap competition, the Marguerite Cunningham Cup Final between Dunstable Table Tennis (Juniors) and Lewsey was held at the Regional Sports Centre, Luton on April 19.

Gavin Taylor, Richard Bowler, Steven Graham and Mark Wilkin (DTTC) whose ages range from 11-14 years put up a fierce struggle but lost to the Lewsey opposition of Karl Hagger, Darren Keane, Caroline Buckley and Jack Foster 11, -5.

With the exception of Foster Lewsey also played a fairly young team, Caroline who has just had her 11th birthday is already making a name for herself and was recently runner-up in the U-11's in the Beneficial Trust Cleveland "Select".

Having seen the young players in the D.T.T.C. side whose manners both on and off the table were impeccable, I'm sure we shall see future stars emerging from this team.

Caroline Buckley got through to the semis of the U-12's in the Griesevon Grant Tournament at Tunbridge Wells. She was beaten by Kerry Hall (No.1 seed) who then beat the No.2 seed Julie Billington in the final.

After winning through the groups she beat Sarah George in the first round proper before being knocked out in the second.

The inaugural County Challenge Cup, Team Knock-out competition, culminated in the final being staged on April 25 at Bedford Trucks, Dunstable. Hall Club 'A' (Leighton Buzzard) won the right to challenge St. Neots

(Bedford) with both teams turning out County representatives. Hall Club fielded Andy Conquest and Gordon Pepper who have both represented Bedfordshire this season, the team being completed by Alan Chandler. Regular Huntingdonshire players, the three Keiths, - Samuels, Lakin and Willett - made up the St. Neots team.

After losing the first two sets, Chandler appeared to have taken the initiative by taking the first rubber from Lakin but, victory was denied and St. Neots went on to win the first Premier Competition by a resounding 5-0.

The full results were:-

Conquest lost to Samuels -18, -13;  
Pepper lost to Lakin -13, -9;  
Chandler lost to Willett 12, -15, -10;  
Pepper lost to Samuels -12, -10;  
Conquest lost to Willett -21, -15.

Les Wooding reports from.....

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST FOR YEARS

Completing their best season for many years both the County Senior team and the Veterans' team finished 2nd in their respective divisions.

The Senior side beat Oxfordshire 6-4 in Didcot with Steve Brindle coming in at the last minute as substitute for Philip Bradbury and recording two excellent victories. They followed this up a week later with a disappointing 5-5 home draw against Glamorgan. The Veterans' side of Alec Watson, Frank Earis, Len Pratt and Sylvia Coombs made the long journey to Clywd but were rewarded with a 7-2 victory securing promotion next season as champions Cheshire III already have a team in the higher division.

The County must now seriously consider entering a Junior side next year especially as Juniors figured prominently in the local Leagues' championships.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Both the County's National League sides will be competing again next season but they could only secure 1 point between them in their last 4 matches.

Dunstable & AHW lost 3-5 away to Third Division South runners-up Nittaku Bourne and drew 4-4 at home to Lansdown Medway to secure a creditable 4th position. Cippenham also lost to Bourne but were especially disappointed to lose to bottom team Jolliffe Poole by 2-6.

NIITAKU BOURNE 5 DUNSTABLE & AHW 3  
David Sharpe Iostto John Burtleton -17, -19; bt Les Eadie -19,20, 20.

Lisa Bellinger lost to Burleton 19, -18, -15; lost to Richard Beckham 15, -16, -13.  
Ian Doughty lost to Eadie -19, -17; lost to Martin Les -, 3, 18, -16.  
Jackie Bellinger bt Beckham '16, 18; bt Les 20, -19, 17.

**JOLLIFFE POOLE 6 CIPPENHAM 2**  
Ray Tilling lost to Rodney Thomas -16, -18; bt John Robinson -18, 17, 14.

Frank Earis lost to Thomas -18, 17, -16; lost to Jason Creasey -15, -14.

Dave Poutney lost to Robinson 11, -13, -16; lost to Martin Hughes -18, 19, -14.

Alec Watson lost to Creasey 20, -15, -17; bt Hughes 9, -1 5, 19.

**DUNSTABLE & AHW 4 LANSDOWN MEDWAY 4**  
Sharpe bt Andy Mitchell 18, -1 5, 14; bt Ray Namdjou 11, 21\*  
Doughty lost to Mitchell-II, 16, -16; bt Tony Spain -14, 18, 17.  
Les Wooding bt Namdjou 8, 23; lost to Mike Ling 16, -20, -19.  
Jackie Bellinger lost to Spain -15, -16; lost to Ling 13, -15, -17.

**JOLLIFFE POOLE 2 NITTAKU BOURNE 6**  
Tilling lost to Burleton 7, -14, -13; bt Eadie 20, 17.  
Clive Young lost to Burleton -17, 16, -11; lost to Beckham -18, 18, -18.  
Steve Brindle lost to Eadie -11, -5; lost to Viv McCarthy -11, -1 0.  
Watson lost to Beckham 21, -14, -12; bt McCarthy 13, 15.

## NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cippenham's best ever run in the National Club Championships came to an end in Reading when they were well beaten 6-0 by a strong Omega side whose players were all ranked in the top 70 in the Country.

The highlight for Cippenham was Alec Watson's match with English junior champion Andrew Syed who needed three "deuces" to end the Bucks. Veterans' champion's challenge in the second game.

**CIPPENHAM 0 OMEGA 6**  
Dave Poutney lost to Andrew Syed -10, -8;  
Frank Earis lost to David Barr -16, -14;  
Alec Watson lost to David Reeves -5, -7;  
Poutney lost to Barr -1 6, -1 5;  
Watson lost to Syed -15, -23;  
Earis lost to Reeves -11, -10.

## COUNTY TEAM KNOCK-OUT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Both Apollo of High Wycombe and Cippenham 1 of Slough successfully reached the final of the Premier Division Challenge Cup. Apollo convincingly beat the last Milton Keynes survivor AHW Crusaders by 6-0 and Cippenham had a similar easy victory by 5-1 over their second team.

## LEAGUES AYLESBURY

13-years-old Julie Brion became the youngest ever winner of the Aylesbury Ladies' Singles title when she beat Ann Kirtland in the most exciting final of the evening. She also won the Girls' Singles and the Mixed with Jon Bradbury, overcoming Len Pratt and Ivy Cooper the champions for the last 4 years. Jon went even better, winning 5 events including the Handicap Singles.

MS: (Semi-finals): Jonathon Bradbury bt Nikky Hansell 17, 13.  
Len Rose bt Brian Allen -19, 13, 9.  
Final: BRADBURY bt Rose 19, 8.  
W.S: Julie Brion bt Ann Kirtland 17, -16, 16.  
MD: Stephen Boyd/Bradbury bt Rose/Mike Smith 12, 17.  
WD: Denise Sclanders/Alyson Rose bt Brion/Gabi Lehert 22, -17, 14.  
XD: Bradbury/Brion bt Len Pratt/Ivy Cooper -16, 12, 10.  
BS: Bradbury bt Paul Ludlum 5, 12.  
GS: Brion bt Michael Taylor 5, 6.  
VS: John Paul bt Pratt 19, 9.

## CHILTERN

Two titles for Nikky Hansell who regained his excellent form later in the season.

MS: Semi-finals: Brian Busbridge bt John Davey -17, 9, 12.  
Nikky Hansell bt Mike Atkinson 19, 17.  
Final: HANSELL bt Busbridge 20, 20.  
MD: Michael Bellamy/Atkinson bt Busbridge/Hansell 17, -18, 14.  
JS: Graham Rance bt Neil Hopkinson 7, 11.  
VS: John Davey bt Ivor Gough -18, 16, 18.

## MILTON KEYNES

Little 10-years-old Esther Baggallay won her first title when she partnered County Champion Sylvia Coombs to 24.

## victory in the Ladies' Doubles final.

MS: Semi Finals: Les Wooding bt Stuart Lines 14, 13.  
Ian Doughty bt Gary Hamilton 11, 16.  
Final: WOODING bt Doughty -19, 11, 15.  
W.S: Sylvia Coombs bt Kathy Cowley 14, -19, 15.  
MD: Geoff Giles/Dave Gilbert bt Wooding/Len Pratt 15, -19, 14.  
WD: Esther Baggallay/Coombs bt Barbara Lee/Cowley 20, -11, 17.  
XD: Giles/Coombs bt Anthony Gorman/Frances Beales 11, 17.  
BS: Richard Lines bt Anthony Gorman 15, 9.  
VS: Pratt bt Tony Haines (AHW) 12, -17, 18.

## SLOUGH

Gill Knightly reversed the result of the Maidenhead Championships to beat Mary Stafford in the Ladies' Singles final. Daryll Windsor captured a hat-trick of championships taking the Men's Singles, Doubles and Div. 1 Singles. Darren Butler became the new boy's champion after beating Patrick Creedon and Robert Kenny.

MS: Semi-Finals: Daryll Windsor bt Dave Poutney 16, 15.  
Mark Butler bt Steve Brindle -7, 20, 15.  
Final: WINDSOR bt Butler 18, 19.  
WS: Gill Knightley bt Mary Stafford 14, -15, 16.  
MD: Windsor/Butler bt Viv McCarthy/Richard Nelhams -19, 11, 12.  
WD: Jackie Thomas/Jacquie Farwell bt Eve Franey Knightley 13, 11.  
XD: McCarthy/Linda Phelps bt Frank Earis/Thomas 22, 18.  
JS: Darren Butler bt Patrick Creedon 8, 5.  
VS: Earis bt Colin Dyke 17, 18.

Masters Tournament (Gower & Blore Trophy - sponsor Thompson Sports)

1st Round:  
Dave Poutney (Cipp) bt Dick Smith (Burn) 9, 16;  
Peter Swinn (Cipp) bt Richard Nelhams (Lang) -10, 19, 20;  
Graham Trimming (Cipp) bt Frank Earis (Cipp) 19, 16;  
Steve Brindle (Calor) bt Martin King (Cipp) 15, 18;

Semi-Finals:  
Poutney bt Brindle 17, 16;  
Peter Swinn bt Trimming -16, 15, 15;  
Final: POUTNEY bt Swinn 14, 15.  
Peter Hillier and Brian Jerome were the hard working umpires.

## CHALFONT & HIGH WYCOMBE

It has proved very difficult to get news from the other two registered Buckinghamshire Leagues but I am able to congratulate Alec Watson for taking the High Wycombemen's title and Peter Leckie (Junior) and Mike Atkinson for taking the Men's and Veterans' titles respectively in the Chalfont championships.

Geoff Waters reports from

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE

### TARGET ACHIEVED

After several near misses over the last decade, Cambridgeshire have finally made it into the Premier Division of the County Championships.

What an 'exciting finish to the season it was too, with three counties still in with a chance on the last day of the season.

Cambridgeshire knew they had to win well against Worcestershire to have any chance of making top place, especially as Suffolk already had a three set advantage and a win for them against Warwickshire II would virtually have nullified anything but a 10-0 win for Cambridgeshire.

With two other home matches that day, officials were somewhat spread around the county and unable to attend the vital match at Soham. I was referee at Impington for the county senior two match against Essex III and Martyn Livermore and Trevor Smith came with the news that Mick Harper had been slaughtered in the opening set against Murray Jukes, but that Keith Richardson and Andy Withers

had won the next two. Well, we need the rest or we hope that Suffolk lose was the general thought as we proceeded with the second team match.

It was when a smiling Hilary Finch turned up at Impington that we knew we'd made it. Yes, they'd won the remainder to score a 9-1 victory and Mick Palmer had rung the Day's to let us know that Suffolk had gone down 6-4 to Warwickshire. So, we finished level on 11 points with the Midland county, but with a better sets average of four.

The terrible irony of it is that now Warwickshire II have failed to win the title and thus save their first team from relegation from the Premier, they themselves must now go down into Division 3.

The championship is just reward for a fine team effort, but for Richardson and Harper it will be all the sweeter after several disappointments in the past. Four times they went to the old promotion play-offs and failed each time, but now no matter what next season may bring, at least they can now say they made it.

This was the only win for the county on that last weekend, but at least it was the one that mattered.

The second team lost 8-2 to Essex III, with a Livermore singles and women's doubles success from Yvonne Driver and Helen Gipp.

Helen had dashed from Wisbech, where she had been playing in the junior match against Yorkshire II and had gained her first singles win for the county. Although relegated to Div. 3, the juniors went down with honour by gaining a 5-5 draw against the northern county.

In addition to Helen's singles, Peter Holliday and Tim Ashman both won theirs to end their period as Juniors in a blaze of glory.

The junior seconds who had won four of their six matches went down 7-3 to Worcestershire, but nevertheless finished in a very creditable fourth place.

Neil Burgess, Paul Oldroyd and Johnny Collins each won a singles. This has been junior two's best season since the halcyon days of 1975 when with the first team in the Premier Division, the second team won all their matches in the old junior East division against the first teams of the other Eastern counties.

Hassy Soham completed the season in the Halex National League unbeaten to retain the Premier Division championship. They had an excellent 7-1 win over Thorn EMI Ellenborough, with David Hannah and Kenny Jackson both beating Graham Sandley. In their final match they beat Jaques Fareham by the same score, although neither Alan Cooke or Carl Prean were in opposition.

The last series of matches for March Halex produced their worst performance of the season at Lincoln, a return to form at home against Salford, and

their best result of the season against Chan Construction in Birmingham.

In the match at Lincoln, March **crashed** 6-2 to Sincil Lincoln with no one really being able to look back upon the result with any pride.

For the record Stuart Palmer beat Martin Pickles and Andy Withers got the better of Phil Smith.

A draw would have been a fairer result at home to Salford, where some fine table tennis was played and where Withers was star of the show.

His game with Tony Boasman was one of the best seen at March since the League began. Andy also beat Steve Cowley, while Stuart Palmer also beat Boasman. Mick Palmer could count himself unlucky in not saving a point in the last set of the day with Cowley; losing -17 in the third after holding a big lead.

The March team, however, really found their form at Birmingham against Chan Construction. Having lost 7-1 at home, the March lads felt they had something to prove.

This they did with a fine all round performance, with all players gaining at least one win. Geoff Davies' beating of both Phil and Ian Gunn was the winning factor, but Stuart Palmer and Withers both beat Lester Bertie, while Mick Palmer also beat Ian Gunn.

This win not only costs Chan Construction, the runners-up spot but once again showed that on their day March are a match for the best.

The Newmarket Construction League had an exciting finish with holder Ely and Cambridge level on points and having to meet in the final match. Cambridge scraped home 5-4 to win the title thanks to three wins from Livermore. Sia and Kevin Gray also won one each against Joanne Palmer, while Trevor Smith and John Ashman won two each for Ely.

Jeremy Williams reports from.....

## CORNWALL

### FIELD DAY FOR DOCKS

After years in the doldrums, Cornwall's oldest club Falmouth Docks had a field day in the Cornwall County Closed with a hand in six of the titles, thus rounding off a highly successful season for the club. This year's Closed was held for the first time at the Walker Lines Gym, Bodmin over the weekend of March 17/18 and once again attracted a fine entry including 75 in the Men's Singles.

It was perhaps a vintage championships, with only one player managing to retain a title. There were scores of upsets in particular John Bassett losing all three of his county titles and the elimination of Mark James in the quarters of the Boys' Singles. Results:-

Men's Singles:  
O/F: J. Bassett 1st Ives) bt G. Reed (Falmouth) -12. 11. 17;  
J. Woollins (Launceston) bt M. James (Falmouth) 11, -23. 16;  
B. Cornelius (St. Austell) bt A. Prendergast (Redruth) 12, 17;  
J. Williams (Falmouth) bt I. James (Falmouth) 8, -16.13.  
S/F: Bassett bt Woollins 13. 2;  
Williams bt Cornelius 15. -17. 20.  
Final: WILLIAMS bt Bassett 20. -4. 17.

Women's Singles:

S/F: A. Clemens (Camborne) bt B. Rapsey (Truro) 11, 21;  
G. Davies (Truro) bt S. Rapsey (Truro) -, 0, 14, 19.  
Final: DAVIES bt Clemens -16, 18, 1.8.

Intermediate Singles:

S/F: M. James bt J. Williams -17. 13, 20;

G. Reed bt J. Woollins 18. 18;

Final: REED bt James -16. 11, 14.

Boys' Singles:

S/F: M. Peters (Falmouth) bt A. Hunt (Launceston) 14. 14;

G. Reed bt P. Rees (St. Austell) -15. 15, 14;

Fin": REED bt Peters 15, -16. 17;

Girls' Singles:

S/F: A. Clemens bt K. Broczek (Launceston) 8. 19;

E. Stevenson (Bude) bt L. Jewell (Falmouth) 17. 11;

Final: CLEMENS bt Stevenson -17. 18. 11.

Cadet Boys' Singles:

Final: D. LY (Launceston) bt N. Trewin (Launceston) 13. 11.

Cadet Girls' Singles:

Fi.al: K. BROCZEK bt S. Hunt (Launceston) 15. 10.

U-12 Boys' Singles:

Final: M. BAWDEN (Launceston) bt N. Trewin 17. 12.

U-12 Girls' Singles:

Final: T. LOGG (Launceston) bt R. Plummer (St. Ives) 17. 13.

Veteran Singles:

Final: R. SMITH (St. Ives) bt J. Bassett 20. 20.

Men's Doubles:

Final: M. JAMES/G. REED bt Williams/Cornelius 10, -16. 19.

Women's Doubles:

Final: S. RAPSEY/B. RAPSEY bt Clemens/Davies 18, 16.

Mixed Doubles:

Final: M. JAMES/G. DAVIES bt I. James/E. Stevenson 8, -16.

16;

Junior Team Event:

Final: Falmouth Docks 'A' 3 Redruth School 0

## CORNISH INTER-TOWN LEAGUE

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE AND AVERAGES:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	ts.
Falmouth	7	6	1	0	43	13	13	
St Ives	7	5	1	1	36	20	1	
St. Austell	7	4	2	1	34	22	10	
Redruth	7	3	1	3	30	26	7	
Camborne	7	2	2	3	26	30	6	
Truro	7	2	1	4	23	33	5	
Launceston	7	2	0	5	28	28	4	
Helston	7	0	7	4	5	20		

J. Bassett (St. Ives) 100%; J. Williams (Falmouth) 92.86%;  
M. Starkie (Redruth) 78.57%; G. Reed (Falmouth) 78.57%;  
N. Cock (St. Ives) 75.00%

Series 7 results:

Redruth 4, Camborne 4

Launceston 3 Falmouth 5

Helston 1 St. Austell 7

51. Ives 4 Truro 4

Camborne 3 Truro 5

The last series of matches in the Cornish Inter-Town League have been completed and the final play-off is to be between Falmouth and St. Ives at the White Hart, Launceston on Sunday, May 20 and with Ian James available, Falmouth must now be slight favourites.

## WEDDING BELLS

One of Cornwall's most successful ever table tennis players Sharon James was married to Mr. Neil Prowse at St. Elwyn's Church, Hayle on March 25. Sharon was County Women's Champion four times between 1979 and 1982 and Girls' champion six times. She first played for Cornwall at the age of 10 and at the same age won the Reading 'Select' under 11 championships in 1974, as the first of many tournament wins, and now plays for Penzance.



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Colin Taylor reports from.....

## CUMBRIA

### FEAT EQUALLED

In the 1984 Cumbria Closed, Debbie Soothill (Westmorland) equalled her feat of last season by taking five titles out of the ten events. But this time winning all events that she entered. Debbie showed the form that has taken her up to No. 6 girl in the country and No. 34 in the women's list.

The women's singles final was a repeat of last season, Miss Soothill beating Mary McPortland (Barrow) 13 and 15. The girls' singles final gave Debbie a comfortable win over Karen Backhouse (Barrow) 10 and 7. Her other wins came in the doubles, Mary McPortland partnered her to win the women's against Kath Willis and V. Heggie (Carlisle) 13 and 14. The mixed with Stephen Holland (Westmorland) produced another win, beating Tim Pachul and Claire May (Barrow) 16 and 13. The same pairing also won the junior doubles against Ian Sharp and Chris Brockbank (Barrow) 18, -18, 19.

Andrew Murphy (Barrow) won the men's singles beating Tim Pachul 19, -22, 12 in the final. In the semis Murphy accounted for Andrew Pachul (Barrow) 7 and 17 and Tim Pachul beat Roger Stewart (Carlisle) 17 and 17. The men's doubles went to Tim Pachul and Sharp who beat Alan Manson and Stan Halesworth (Barrow) 12 and 14.

Sharp gained his second title at the expense of Holland in the boys' singles, **winning** 17 and 13. In the semis Sharp beat John Griffiths (Barrow), 19, -21, 21 and Holland beat Brockbank 19, -16, 14. The veterans' final was a repeat of last season, but this time Peter Buxton (Barrow) beat Eddie O'Hara (Barrow) 10 and 19 to gain his revenge. The U-14 singles title went to Gavin Boyd (Barrow) who had a great win over John Backhouse (Barrow) 13 and 15.

In the latest county match the juniors lost to Cheshire 11-6. The girls, Karen Backhouse and Claire May, both won their singles, but let their doubles slip away after leading 2-0 17 in the third to lose -10, 21, -20. Chris Brockbank was in fine form to win both his singles.

The roll of honour in the Carlisle League reads:-

1Div. 1 Champions:- Scotby "C" (Brian Bell, Alec Craib and Paul Watson). Runners-up: Sportstyle. Averages Winner: Roger Stewart (2nd year running).

Div. 2: Dumfries, Runners-up: Chapel-cross "B". Averages: Tom Stevenson.

Div. 3: Salvation Army. Runners-up: Aglionby 14. Averages: Raymond Steel.

## CARLISLE CLOSED

Roger Stewart took the men's singles title for the 3rd successive year and Josie Dymond won the women's singles. Stewart Sayer completed a marvellous run of victories in winning both the U-15 and U-17 singles for the

4th year running. It's nice to see George lapping's name on the winners' list. He beat Barry Dymond to take the vets' title. Keith Dymond and Andrew Endredy won the men's doubles, and the Dymonds kept sparkling in the mixed with Josie and son Keith taking the title.

Melling are Div. 1 champions of the Westmorland League, their only defeat being with a weakened team against Natland and Oxenholme "B" in their final match. Their success has been mainly due to their two 15-years-old starlets Debbie Soothill and Stephen Holland. Debbie was the only playerto finish with a 100% record, beating all the top-ranked men. Runners-up were Queen Katherine "A" led by Dave Hilbeck who lost only twice, to Debbie.

Hilbeck retain'ed his men's singles title at the Closed as did Ray Carr (Morecambe D.B) in the vets. Mark Tadross won the boys' singles and Anna Holland (Melling) took both the girls' and the handicap singles. Jared Winder (Natland) won the U-13 mixed event.

Millom League champions are Millom C.C. who clinched the title in their last match defeating runners-up Millom R.U. 7-3. M.C.C.'s total was 173 pts from 21 matches against Millom R.U.'s 163 pts. In a great climax to the season the same two teams contested the final of the K-O competition, kindly sponsored by P.S.M. Fasteners (Millom), with Millom C.C.'s Ian Sharp, Jeff Smith and Paul Sowerby beating Millom R.U.'s James Adams, Neil Robertson and Alan Fallows 5 (13) - 5 (11). Sharp topped the averages with a 100% record from 49 sets played.

Vickers retained their Div. 1 title in the Barrow League but were given a stiff challenge by runners-up Millom F.P. Both teams finished with 91 pts from 24 matches, but Vickers lost only 26 sets to Millom's 35. Glaxo were 3rd with 70 pts. With Vickers "D" being promoted from Div. 2 there will be five Vickers teams and three Millom F.P. teams in the top flight next season. This out of a total of 13 teams. Leading averages:- Andrew Murphy (V) 92.7%, Alan Fay (V) 91.6%, Tim Pachul (MFP) 91.3% and Andrew Pachul (MFP) 86.9%.

News from Whitehaven is that Kells Meths "A" (Stephen Crosby, Keith Birkett and John Gaffney) are on target to retain their Div. 1 title, but are being hard-pressed by Telecom "A" (Carl Farrer, Alan Dixon and Harry Bowman). Crosby leads the averages with 97% followed by Jimmy Cummings (Marchon) on 96%, both players having lost one out of 30 and 22 sets respectively.

YMCA Aquarians look certain Div. 2 champions. George Bell, Sean Nelson and Ron Rigg hold a strong lead over Windscale "B" and DHSS. Bell has won 33 sets without loss so far. Iris Herbert lies second in the averages with 92% for Windscale "B". Beckermet lead a 6..team junior division in which D. Rickerby and A. Gray lead the averages with 100% and 94% respectively.

Malcolm Allsop reports from.....

## DERBYSHIRE ROCK-BOTTOM

Derbyshire Table Tennis hit rock-bottom when we conceded the final County senior match against Yorkshire because of a failure to find a team!

The task of running the team this season was hot easy, but there can be no excuses for performances this season which stemmed from very low morale and the team not pulling together. If we run a senior team next season, a greater sense of determination and loyalty must be in evidence. For too long the County has taken second-place to Leagues in the players' loyalties, and the County body must rectify this before we go forward once more.

The County Juniors maintained their unbeaten two year run with victory by 6-4 in their final match against Bedfordshire. With the Championship already secure, Junior Captain Keith Weightman used the match to give experience to younger players in anticipation of running a Junior 2nd team next season only to run foul of parents who felt the team was not strong enough!

Bradley Billington and Kerry Hall were withdrawn from the team at short notice, so the team was even weaker?

Paul Harvey won both his singles and combined with Adrian Weightman to win the doubles; whilst sisters Louise and Julie (on debut) Forster won their singles and combined to win the doubles. Debut boys Weightman and Robert Scott-Birchall lost their singles but must have gained from the experience. What would the result have been with the No.1 boy? It would appear that the captain's view was correct and the parents' wrong, but I do not expect them to admit that!

Thanks must be extended to the Burton League for the use of the facilities of the Hill St Club for many County matches this season. Refreshments for all county matches at Hill Street are provided by a group of lady supporters organised by Joan Walker. All preparations for these matches are carried out by Ray Harrison and Brian Fern with the help of the caretaker. Sponsors are used when available, but otherwise all expenses are borne by the Hill Street club. Thank you Hill Street.

In the County Challenge Cup Final Activity Centre 'B' (Chesterfield) met RoUs Royce 'A' (Eastwood) on April 11 at South Normanton Miners Welfare, with the Chesterfield team running out 8-1 victors.

A study session for new coaches starts at Langley Mill on Thursday, May 24 and will continue for 5 weeks on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. An advancement/refresher course for coaches will be held at Lea Green on June 9/10.

## DERBYSHIRE INTER-TOWNS LEAGUE:

Eastwood 2nd completed the double when they beat Derby 2nd 9-1 to win the Div. 2 Championship.

	P	W	D	L	SETS	Pts.
Eastwood 2nd	6	5	1	0	51-9	11
Derby 2nd	6	4	1	1	35-25	9
Chesterfield	6	2	2	2	33-27	6
Alfreton 2nd	6	3	0	3	26-34	6
Buxton	5	1	1	3	19-31	3
Matlock 2nd	6	1	1	4	17-43	3
Burton 2nd	5	1	0	4	19-31	2

Derby won the Junior Division for the second consecutive season when they defeated Chesterfield 2nd 10-0, whilst Chesterfield 1st are runners-up.

	P	W	D	L	SETS	Pts.
Derby	6	6	0	0	57-3	12
Chesterfield 1st	5	4	0	1	32-18	8
Buxton	5	2	1	2	27-23	5
Burton	5	2	1	2	21-29	5
Chesterfield 2nd	5	1	1	3	19-31	3
Matlock	5	0	2	3	11-39	2
Eastwood	5	0	1	4	13-37	1

## BURTON LEAGUE:

Congratulations to Gary Knight on winning the Staffordshire Schools Under-11 for the third year running, and to Emma Carlton who did well in the Girls' U-13 event.

Also congratulations to Graham Carlton and Ray Harrison who recently qualified as County Umpires.

Bass Specials (Jim Farrington, Colin Sabine and Fred Summers) have won the Div. 3 Championship, whilst Granville Diamonds (S. Harding, S. Hanks and D. Kite) are Div. 5 Champions.

A coaching course for schoolchildren will start on Sept. 11 in the Blythe Room at the Town Hall and will run for 8 weeks. Details can be obtained from Ray Harrison.

## CHESTERFIELD LEAGUE:

Alan Cooke won the Chesterfield Men's Singles title, as expected, with victory over Martin Kinsella in the final.

### Other Results:

W.S: Jackie Billington bt Kerry Hall  
M.D: A. Cooke/John Barton bt Eric Hall/Maurice Billington  
W.D: Hall/Julie Billington-winners  
X.D: Cooke/Mrs. J. Billington bt Neil Marples/Andrea Wood  
H.S: Steve Copeland bt Dave Allison

Activity 'A' have won the Chesterfield Div. 1 title for the third consecutive season from Bryan Donkin 'A' and T. I. Chesterfield 'A'. In Div. 2, YMCA 'A' are the Champions ahead of AGD 'A' and YMCA 'A'.

Dronfield Sports Centre won the first round of the Sports Council-sponsored Star Centre Competition against Weavers Sports Centre from Northampton. The Dronfield team lost the relay and basketball competitions, but won the hockey and two "bankers" - table tennis and badminton.

## DERBY LEAGUE:

Doug Foulds won the Men's Singles title at the Derby Championships for a record ninth time, and added the Veterans' Singles title at his first attempt. Doug's first MS Title was in 1964, and his eighth in 1975, having won 6 out of 7 attempts between 1967 and 1973. In addition, he has won the Men's Doubles on 6 occasions and the Handicap Singles 7 times.

Martin Simpson beat top-seed



Stephen Yallop in their semi-final but could not match the consistency or experience of Foulds in the final.

Louise Forster put out top-seed Marilyn O'Sullivan in the Women's Singles, but fell to To Thuy Dung in the Women's and Girls' Singles finals.

Another shock came in the Boys' when Garry Knights put out County Junior Nigel Adams, but he too met his match in the final against Paul Harvey.

#### Scores:

M.S: D. Foulds bt M. Simpson 6, 8;  
W.S: To Thuy bt L. Forster 16, 17;  
M.D: R. Albutt/C. Francis bt S. Yallop/Simpson -19, 19, 20;  
X.D: Yallop/To Thuy bt P. Harmer/M. O'Sullivan 14, -19, 19;  
H.S: Albutt bt P. Druce (+2) 17,22;  
V.S: Foulds bt D. Stills 8, 13;  
B. S: P. Harvey bt G. Knights 9, 15;  
G.S: To Thuy bt Forster 18, 21;  
C.B.S: G. West bt A. Grimmett 15, 13;  
U-12 B.S: R. Scott-Birchall won on Group Basis  
J.D: Harvey/M. Allsopp bt Grimmett/M. Whitehall 15, 12.

#### EASTWOOD LEAGUE:

Susan Bowers provided a shock for Div. 3 leaders, Aldercar Youth Club, when she became the first player to win all 3 sets against them, and helped Rolls Royce 'C' to a 5-5 draw.

Adrian and Joanne Weightman dominated the Eastwood Junior Championships being on the winning side of all four finals, with Adrian winning three titles.

U-17 Singles: A. Weightman bt J. Weightman  
U-17 Doubles: J. Weightman/Mark Pacey bt A. Weightman/ Michael Smith 20, 16.  
U-14 Singles: A. Weightman bt M. 18, 11;  
U-14 Doubles: A. Weightman/Pacey bt Darren Webster/Darren Pacey 14, 13.

With this final County Notes of the season, I would like to thank everyone, especially Bryan Holmes, who have contributed information for the Derbyshire Notes. Without information there would be no County Notes and I hope they will continue next season and encourage others to put pen to paper.

Joyce Coop reports from

## DORSET DOWN TO EARTH

After considerable success in the last few years for county sides we have come down to earth, with only the Juniors managing a win in the last round of matches. This against a good Middx. 2nd team. However, all our teams have finished about midway in their leagues.

The annual Dorset Championships, staged at Winton Y.M.C.A. brought a treble success for Martin Abbott with victories in the Men's singles, doubles and mixed. In the men's singles Martin defeated John Robinson (Lytchett) and then was joined by Rodney Thomas (Lytchett) to beat Robinson and Jason Creasey (Barclays) in the doubles. He and Joyce Coop (Broadstone) beat Thomas and Leanne Harman (Lytchett) for the mixed title. It was also a good day for Rodney Thomas who combined with Jason Hegarty (B.D.H.) to take the Junior Doubles over Suzanne Hegarty (B.D.H.) and Samantha Scott-Pawson. Rodney also beat Jason Hegarty for the boys' singles. Cherry Skevington (Barclays)

defeated Joyce Coop for the ladies singles before the pair combined to take the doubles against Leanne Harman and Suzanne Hegarty. Suzanne won the girls' singles against Samantha. Dave Woodcock won the Veteran singles over Bunny Ellis and was then joined by Mike Toole to take the doubles against Dennis Joyce and Joyce Coop.

A week earlier Thomas did well to win the boys' U-18 singles in the Exeter Junior open. He made it a double when joining Gloucester's David Smith for the Doubles. Rodney, having a good season, also reached six finals in the Bournemouth Individuals. He is also in the top 20's of the England Ranking list together with Samantha Scott-Pawson in the same position in the Girls. Her sister Tracy in the Cadets was invited to the Top 10 Tournament.

The Poole Divisional Championships were held at Longspee School. It is such a pity that more do not enter although for some match dates do clash. There were entries in Div. 1, nineteen in Div. 2 and eight in Div. 3. Thomas won all three events in Div. 1 over I. Swarbrick (Police) in Scratch Singles. A. Johns (Parkstone YMI) in Handicap Singles and with T. Beevers (Ashhurst) the Doubles against A. Johns and K. Elborn (Police).

In Div. 2 S. Robinson (Ferndown) bt A. Russell (Crown) in Scratch Singles, G. Platt (Broadstone) beat D. Robinson (Lytchett) in Handicap Singles. The Doubles was won by A. Russell and R. Abbott (Gas Sports) over T. Fleming & T. Smyth (Broadstone). In Div. 3 S. McClean (Lytchett) won the Scratch Singles over C. Coppard (Berndown), S. McClean also won the Handicap Singles over M. Denman (Barclays) and combined with D. Bransgrove (Barclays) to take the doubles over C. Coppard & M. Denman).

Just a note for all those who complain that items are not included, or that nothing was in for Dorset last month, instead let me know all the details, what I don't know I cannot include.

Please don't forget the Dorset A.G.M which is being held in Dorchester on May 15th. The venue will be in the Bournemouth Echo.

John Holland reports from.....

## ESSEX HIGH SUCCESS

Essex have enjoyed a season of high success in the County Championships, sufficient to suggest that the halcyon days of the early sixties (when our seniors and juniors led the pack) may soon be relived. The senior first team again finished runners-up to Middlesex in the premier. Our senior 2nd team have gained promotion as champions of Div. 3D. In their final match they entertained Surrey 2nds at Fellows Cranleigh and finished victors by 7-3.

The jubilant squad were Tony Penny, Des Charlery, John Dennison, Yvette Brown and Sandra Alborough. Sandra (nee Sutton), former England junior No.4, has had an excellent comeback season. The senior 3rd team also more than kept their heads above water in this division, finishing the campaign with a flourish by winning 7-3 at Cambridgeshire. David Solman and Maggie Pavitt were making debuts and Solman chopped his way to two wins.

Our junior 1st team scored two more emphatic wins, over Glamorgan and Gloucestershire to clinch their promotion to the premier from 2B. Gordon and Sheila Hayden chaperoned our unbeaten champions in their weekend in the west. The hospitality from our hosts was magnificent. Thank you very much Mrs. Golding and the Gloucestershire T.T.A. and Miss Beer and her colleagues in Glamorgan. Our team for both matches was Richard Darnell, Steve Dorking, Neil Sweeting, Lisa Hayden and Tanya Holland. Unfortunately, all the boys are seniors next season but the girls are both eligible again and should do well in the top bracket.

Junior 2nd team sealed their championship 'of 3D by defeating our 3rd team 6-4. This was an excellent result for the 3rds with both Steve Wayland and Simon Woods defeating Tony West. Sarah George also upset the form book against Helen Mawbey and then combined with Joanne Cook to win the doubles. Had Joanne clinched her chance to beat Gill Patten two-straight the 2nds would have been embarrassed by a 5-5 draw - but Gill hung on to win in the third.

Both our vets' teams finished on a high note. The 1st team won 8-1 at Notts and the 2nds clinched the 2B championship by hammering Dorset by the same score. Unfortunately, the rules of the C.C. ensure that 2nd teams cannot compete in the premier, so 2nd-placed Herts will gain the promotion. Our 1st team against Notts was Stan Battrick, Fred Lockwood, Alan Stallard and Maureen Pemberton. The champions are John Holland, Brian Parrish, Ray Murray (6 in Essex, 8 in England!) and Shirley Carroll.

On the tournament front the consistent Kenny Jackson has continued to do well. In the South of England 3-star he avenged his Essex final defeat by Dave Hannah, but finally lost to Dave Wells in the semi. Warmest congratulations to Kenny for his Moscow selection. Commiserations to Skylet Andrew who just missed out on this occasion.

We have been getting some good late season results in the junior tournaments. In the Derby Junior 2-Star Lisa Hayden and Steve Dorking were each (narrowly) defeated singles finalists, both leaving a trail of notables in their wake. Lisa's victims included Louise Davis, Heidi Cotter of Wales and Amanda Hegarty in the semi. In

the final Lisa succumbed 16 in the third to Joanne Shaw. Dorking's run included excellent wins against Howard Leigh and Murray Jukes in the semi, before being squeezed out 19 in the third by Andrew Cunningham. Lisa also did well in the Kent senior 2-Star where she reached the women's singles final before losing to Kenfs Carol Spain.

I'm writing these notes mid-stream of the Beneficial Trust Essex Select. The big talking point is Bradley Billington's brilliant win in the Cadet Boys' Singles over top-seeded Matthew Syed. The powerful Derbyshire red-head may now have taken the top ranking spot too. This came a week after the top twelve junior and cadet trials at Shotley where Bradley was the only unbeaten player in the tournament - an exceptional achievement of concentration and applied talent - though Matthew had opted for the junior event on that occasion. Our own players, Tanya and Damian Holland, found the going hard at Shotley and finished 9th and 10th respectively in the cadet events.

Back to the Essex Junior Select. Tanya had her best Grand Prix singles result when she reached the cadet girls' semi; she defeated her doubles partner, Amanda Shufflebotham in the quarters 8 and 12, having lost two-straight to the same player at Shotley the week before. The variation of Andrea Holt was too much for her in the semi, which she lost at 15 in the third. In the doubles, Tanya and Amanda clinched their second successive Grand Prix title as they beat Kerry Hall (the singles winner) and Julie Billington 20 and 8! Kerry's singles win was her first on the Grand Prix and it is good to see a youngster with such an advanced game establishing her credentials among the push and counter-hit brigade. Congratulations to Kerry (and her dad!).

Organisation of this Essex Select was well up to the usual high standard. Well done Val Roffe and a tremendous team. We've had the bonus of glorious weather to sun-bathe on the grass or, for the more adventurous, hurtling down the ski slope!

On the administration front, the County Association is looking for several officers to complete the team. Dick Roffe is resigning as Senior Match Secretary after many years' sterling service, culminating in the organisation of a splendid premier weekend at Walthamstow YMCA in February. Many thanks are due to him and Ron Fosker, our Press and Publicity Officer, who is resigning too. The role of Tournament Secretary is vacant again this year.

The March Exec Meeting recommended a change in the teams entered for the C.C. next season. After difficulties in raising a third senior team, including the humiliation of having to concede one match owing to late withdrawals, it is recommended that we have only two senior teams in 84-

85. The Vets, stimulated by the formation of the Veterans' English Table Tennis Society, and the general upsurge of enthusiasm for Vets' table tennis in the county, will have three teams next campaign. Both these decisions are subject to ratification by the AGM in May.

It's time to end the brouhaha over the tables formerly based at Beauchamps School in Wickford and owned by the Sports Council. There have been a number of discussions with Peter Hirst about the way in which such decisions are taken and I should like to thank him for clarifying both the decision-making process and the lines of consultation for the future.

Perhaps I can end on a personal note. Now the 'battle of the ball' appears to be won (and Hallelujah!) despite abundant denunciations of the protagonists - including John Preat's discipline. You may be interested in my two newest campaigns. The first concerns the C.C. where I should like to see the rules changed so that a county can, if they're good enough, field two teams in the premier division. This would improve the quality of competition at the top in some cases (e.g. the Vets where my team would be up there next season! No disrespect to the beneficiaries, Herts, who whipped us 5-4).

The second campaign is more fundamental and concerns standardisation. Now that the balls are to be standardised material-wise, let us turn our attention, again, to bats. Let the regs on blades stay as they are because there doesn't seem to be clear evidence that ultra fast or combination blades confer special advantages. With rubber the case is different. We have had an obsession, to a Peter Charters word, with combination bats, culminating in the ITTF ruling in 1983. This has certainly had its effects in making combi players much less effective on the world and domestic scene but has done nothing, in my view, to enhance the spectator value of the sport. This may seem strange since the main argument for the changes in service rules and instigation of two colours was that it would make ping pong better to watch. The question is 'what would achieve that desired result?' My answer is a slowing down of the pace and reduction of the spin factor. This would give us RALLIES. Developments in manufacture have gone too far for us to return to hard bats but two simple reforms could be brought in swiftly. (i) reduce the total thickness of the sandwich to a max. of 3.2mm (ii) ban bike glue.

There is a case for other reforms too, in the same direction; reduce the frictional co-efficient of rubbers and raise the net but I am less convinced of these remedies. These, Peter, will be my new obsessions. O.K?

Alf Pepperd reports from.....

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE' I DID IT MY WAY

As Lorraine Chase of - "The other arf" fame would say, - 'Well that's it in-if, meaning of course the end of yet another season, and the temporary end of having the pleasure of writing these notes well at least for a short interim period.

Prior to reporting the tail-end activities and goings-on in Glo'shire I pause to reflect. Maybe, my Joe Blunt way of writing what I see and hear has not gone down very well with some, but I make no apologies. At all times I try to report basic fundamentals and that includes the truth. For example, if a player cuts up rough at a tournament or uses bad language repeatedly, then most certainly it will not go unnoticed. As long as the Gloucestershire officials require me to represent the County through the medium of these columns I shall continue much in the same trend that I've used for the past three years. Already I hear mumbblings like, - Don't think I'll be standing for next year's committee. Well that's up to the individual isn't it? I do not agree that people should be coerced into joining committees. I've seen this happen often and it never really works out. My own thoughts on committees are that far too many people serve on them and the general onus of work is usually carried out quite successfully by one third of the overall membership. This applies at all levels, but there is usually a percentage of absenteeism about when the BIG LOCAL TOURNAMENT is staged, and because the old theory that big (on a committee) is beautiful and necessary, these days just does not apply.

I well recall the words of Les Smith, our National Councillor, some time ago he said to me, "The day will come when one or two officials plus a computer will take over from the 13 or so strong Committee. If and when that day comes it will be a highly impersonal venture and I do not think I'll be around to see it." Despite the possibility of occasional driftwood on some committees I, for one, do appreciate the friends that one meets here and there at meetings and all that could indeed vanish.

I have noted a considerable upsurge of enthusiasm this season among many hard working persons within the precincts of our County. All our Leagues are well served by excellent Newsletters, The Stroud Block edited by Dave Pobjoy, has provided the League with both interesting and ample news. I understand that next season it will appear as:- The Stroud Point-Maker. Gill Smith's "Net & Edge" continues to be circulated in Cheltenham, this newsletter is really the forerunner of all newsletters in Gloucestershire. Andy Browett's effort in Gloucester City aptly named, "Bat-Chat" goes

from strength to strength and all a credit to those who edit them.

Another well known Gloucester member in the news business has been Mike Maxwell, whose job has been distributing Table Tennis News. This he has done well and I'm sure that as a result of his efforts many more T.T. enthusiasts have had a chance to read our National magazine, thanks Mike. Sorry to hear that you may not be with us for next season.

Stop Press News on Finals within Gloucestershire starting with Stroud- One of the shortest Final's Nights I have ever attended. There were seven events on the programme, five went two-straight and one was scratched owing to the inability of one player to contest.

Alan Giles beat Eric Watts 19 and 15 to regain the Veterans' Singles, Howard Williams not only showed much promise for the future in beating Keith Rodway 13 and 11 to win the Boys' Singles, but determination as well.

The Doubles final was won by the defending Champions:- Andrew Golding and Peter Harris who beat Alvin Thomas and Alan Giles, 13 and 14. In the semis of the Open Singles Peter Harris beat Giles 15 and 17, while Andrew Golding beat Alvin Thomas 12 and 16. In the Final, incidentally the only event to go to three - Golding beat Harris -22, -19, 18 to retain the title. Suzanne Webley won women's singles for the first time in a round Robin event.

Other events:- Nailsworth "B" outright winners of the Albert Mann Team Championship. Their team comprised:- Paul Vick, Greg Day and Steve Rodway. Runners-up:- Nailsworth "A". The Stroud and District League have embarked on two new projects this season:-

(1). A Schools League has been set up at both Junior and Senior levels, The Junior League has been well received and Chalford H look to be emerging as the title winners.

**Table**

	P	W	L	Pts
Chalford	3	3	0	23
Minchinhampton	3	2	1	14
Nailsworth B.C.	4	0	4	11
Parliament Street	2	1	1	11

(2). The progress of the Senior League has not fared quite so well, with one of the original entrants dropping out and acute problems with transport difficulties thus making fixture arrangements somewhat haphazard.

In this section each school has two teams one in the 11-14 age group and the other in the 14+ bracket.

**Table**

	P	W	L	Pts.
Highwood	3	3	0	29
Sir W. Romney	3	1	2	11
Archway	2	1	1	9
Manor	2	0	2	1

**GLOUCESTER CITY CLOSED**

The above took place at C.E.G.B., Barnwood. In the semis were William Dawe (defending champion) v club-mate Darren Griffin and Graham Slack

faced Steve Moreman, Darren beat Bill 15 and 19, and Graham took Steve 22 and 15, to result in a Griffin v Slack final, Darren, last year's runner-up, this time proved his mettle and beat Graham -1 3, 14, 12.

Other events played were:- The Mixed final was won by Christine Iacopi and Moreman, they beat Dawe and Heather Colwill-18, 20. The junior Singles was won by Arron Beckett who beat David Smith 12, 19. The Men's Doubles went to Moreman and Slack who beat Dawe and Griffin, 7 and 12.

The Women's Singles title was retained by Christine Iacopi who beat Jenny Ellery 10 and 15. The Bryan Merrett Award went to 12-years-old Dale Saunders, one of the most promising youngsters that Gloucester has lined up for the future. The John Cooper Award was won by Jenny Ellery, a mild form of recompense for being runner-up in the Women's Singles.

Finally, the Handicap K.O. Cup Team final was won by Cinderford "A", congrats to:- Graham Slack, John Freeman, Ernie Pemberton and Craig Saunders.

**WARNER CUP SHIELD FINAL**

Gloucester (Holders) faced Cheltenham at the Sarcens Club at Cheltenham. Result City 6 Cheltenham 3.

Playing for Cheltenham Frank Jones did exceptionally well to beat Martin Lane 17 and 15 and then to go on against the County's No.5 Moreman and beat him -13, 12, 18. Cheltenham's other win came from Slack who beat Griffin -14, 15, 16. So yet again Gloucester took the title.

**FINAL COUNTY RANKINGS**

The County Secretors have issued the following rankings:- G=Gloucester, S=Stroud, C=Cheltenham.

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| <p><b>Senior Men</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Darren Griffin (G)</li> <li>2. Paul Jackson (G)</li> <li>3. Andrew Golding (S)</li> <li>4. Graham Slack (C)</li> <li>5. Steve Moreman (G)</li> <li>6. Martin Lane (G)</li> <li>7. William Dawe (G)</li> <li>8. Frank Jones (C)</li> <li>9. Sylvester Callum (C)</li> <li>10. Paul Tsakarisianos (C)</li> </ol> | <p><b>Senior Women</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nina Tsakarisianos (G)</li> <li>2. Christine Iacopi (G)</li> <li>3. Cathy Robb (C)</li> <li>4. Jenny Ellery (G)</li> <li>5. Heather Colwill (G)</li> <li>6. Julia Evans (C)</li> <li>7. Suzanne Webley (S)</li> <li>8. Julie Bearcroft (C)</li> <li>9. June Hall (C)</li> <li>10. Clare Symonds (G)</li> </ol> |
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| <p><b>Junior Boys</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. David Smith (G)</li> <li>2. Arron Beckett (G)</li> <li>3. Craig Saunders (G)</li> <li>4. Dale Saunders (G)</li> <li>5. Howard Williams (S)</li> <li>6. Tony Wilson (G)</li> <li>7. Martin Stephenson (C)</li> <li>8. Alister Black (C)</li> <li>9. Atul Patel (G)</li> <li>10. Neil Gingell (S)</li> </ol> | <p><b>Junior Girls</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Jenny Ellery (G)</li> <li>3. Julia Evans (C)</li> <li>3. Suzanne Webley (S)</li> <li>4. Clare Symonds (G)</li> <li>5. Carole Slack (C)</li> <li>6. Dawn Bales (C)</li> <li>7. Nikkie Clark (C)</li> <li>8. Heather Penfold (G)</li> <li>9. Jenny Egan (C)</li> <li>10. Elizabeth Turner (C)</li> </ol> |
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**COUNTY SENIOR TEAM WIN DIV. 3C**

After much trepidation, "We came," "We saw," "We conquered," and throughout the entire season we only dropped one point (to Herefordshire). Well done Griffin, Jackson, Golding, Slack, Callum, Nina Tsakarisianos, Christine Iacopi and Heather Colwill, Sound advice also from non-playing captain, Peter Cruwys.

The small village of Rudford & Highleadon would indeed be hard to

find on most maps, yet this village has one of the largest table tennis clubs in the County. Formed in 1953 the club has progressively gained in size and as a result has acquired new playing Headquarters for next season. These premises are to be declared open on June 22 this year by Tom Blunn, the E.T.T.A.'s Chairman. I am informed by the club's Secretary, Mr. Stenneth Salisbury that all members view Mr. Blunn's visit with great pleasure.

**PROVIDENCE CAPITOL COUNTY PREMIER LEAGUE**

The concluding rounds have now been played and it was only in the tenth and final round that the winners and runners-up were decided. By winning their last three matches, the "A" Team ended up comfortably winners, but the competition for the runners-up spot was much closer with "Specific Performance" going into the final round with a two point lead over "The Pioneers." The latter v "The Three Stooges" match got off to a sensational start with Frank Jones, who plays for Cheltenham in the Midland League BEATING "Specific Performance's" No. 1 Gloucester City Singles Champion and the County's No.1 Darren Griffin -16, 17, 13. This was Darren's first defeat in the Premier League and an upset looked possible. But led by The County's Junior No.1 David Smith, who scored his first maximum in the competition (including a fine win over Frank Jones 19 in the third) Specific Performance hit back to win 7-2 and so deprive The Pioneers, who also won 7-2 of the second place.

**Final Table:-**

	P	W	L	Pts.
The "A" Team	10	9	1	56
Specific Performance	10	8	2	50
The Pioneers	10	8	2	50
The Mojo's	10	4	6	42
Three Stooges	10	2	8	40
The Challengers	10	1	9	34

The leading individual point scorers were:- Slack 25 out of 30, Moreman 24/30, Jones 19/30, Golding 18/24 and Lane, 16/24. Trophies, donated by The Providence Capitol Insurance Company, were to be presented at the County T.T.A. Disco on April 27.

The winning team was Callum, Slack and Paul. Tsakarisianos. The Runner's Up:- Griffin, Paul Glead and David Smith.

This new venture proved a great success in its first season and fears that it would clash with local league programmes proved unfounded: The format of both teams and matches proved largely correct- more matches ended up 5-4 than any other suchlike and many of these were decided in the final set. The enthusiasm of players was obvious and the experience gained from so many close and keenly-contested games will obviously help them in the future - it may even have helped our County Team, who this year won their County Divisional Championship. A total of 34 players played in the League and it is indicative of their attitude that many were willing to step

in at the last minute, when a regular player was not available.

Another pleasing aspect of the competition was the publicity it generated, local papers carried full reports in many instances supplemented by photographs, and one paper, having agreed to accept a detailed report on the Monday rang up on the Saturday so that the results could be published as soon as possible ahead of the report.

Severn - Sound Radio agreed to put back the recording of my broadcast on match weeks so that Premier League reports could be included. But, as with all such ventures, the crucial factor was finance: There can be no doubt that the decision to stage three matches simultaneously at the same venue was the correct one, but this meant hiring a large hall and hire charges are considerable.

We could not have run this event without the support of our sponsors, who paid 50% of our venue hiring charges and provided a Cup and Trophies, thus everyone involved owes a considerable debt of gratitude to Providence Capitol.

Providence Capitol having noted the publicity the competition generated (and being appreciative of the amount of work put in by County Officials to produce that publicity) and realising the great success of the event and the enthusiasm for it, have asked to sponsor the Premier League next season, this in-effect means the County Premier League WILL DEFINITELY CONTINUE with of course minor adjustments and players allocated to different teams to ensure that teams are as evenly matched as possible. It is anticipated that most players will be keen to participate and so a knock-out competition will be run for those players in contention for the No. 3 slots. That report was tendered by John Boyd, Chairman of the County Premier League. Thanks John.

#### BITS AND PIECES

Congrats to Andy Seward on becoming Cheltenham's new Chairman, thanks to retiring Graham John Robb for six years in the hot seat.

I'm convinced that a season in the County Premier League would do Stroud's Peter Harris the world of good. Perhaps the difference of winning the Stroud Closed instead of the usual runners-up position. (Don't tell Andy Golding)!

Congrats to all Gloucestershire Players Senior/Junior/Cadet upon attaining Lentec Rankings this past season.

Commiserations to ALL County and League officials whose telephone bills seem to get larger every year.

Congrats to our Editor for producing a wonderful 60p's worth of distinctly different views, by distinctly different people, it all makes for good reading.

Sincere thanks to Graham Gardner (Head of Radio Severn - Sound Sports)

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for turning almost all table tennis reporting over to yours truly, including most interviews.

I shall miss the presence of The English Schools T.T.A. this summer, in Gloucester. Good luck and all the very best in your summer venue for '84.

And finally, may I personally thank ALL kind people everywhere who have sent me news, helped in other matters, and generally made my job that little bit easier. Have a lovely summer, Plastic Balls and all!

David Cosway reports from.....

## HAMPSHIRE

### SO THEY SHOULD!

I am pleased to report Hampshire senior team remaining unbeaten and champions of Division 3B - but really so they should! Hampshire should be a lot better than third division standard. It is not that long ago that they were verging on premier division class! Still, it is to see us winning something at last. A good all round team effort with virtually the same team of Graham Toole, Chris Shetler, Derek Holman, Jill Green and Barbara Clarke going through the season. In their clash with the Isle of Wight at the excellent venue of the Hambledon Village Hall a 6-4 win was predictable. The Hampshire women were much too good for the Island while Carl Preat was much too good for us, although the men's doubles did go to two close games. Jim Daley gained a good win over Holman in the only set to go to three. Jill Green was deservedly awarded her County badge in her first excellent season for the County. Against Berkshire second an easy 9-1 win but surprisingly the set lost was by County No.1, Toole.

The Juniors, in season best forgotten, gained some consolation with draws in their final two matches against the Cornwall and Wiltshire second strings. What makes the season the more disappointing is the fact that the County are in the lowest division and they still finish near the bottom.

The veteran A team finished the season on a winning note with a 5-4 win over Berkshire II, due largely to two wins by Ray Lush. The veteran B team needing a win over Sussex II to win Div. 3B, were given two sets start when their opponents turned up without a woman. Sussex, however, won four of the six men's singles and the men's doubles to clinch the title. Eddie Milsom and Maurie Shave won the two sets for the county, decided on the table, while Ken Giles had the thankless task of winning the last game of the season with the score at 4-4.

In the inter-town matches the final league tables are as follows:-

Basingstoke	4	2	0	2	27	19	4
Gosport/Fareham	4	2	0	2	22	26	4
Aldershot	4	2	0	2	22	26	4
Southampton	4	0	0	4	12	34	0

#### MEN'S DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aldershot	5	4	1	0	39	11	9
Bournemouth	5	3	1	1	26	24	7
Southampton	5	3	0	2	32	18	6
Portsmouth	5	3	0	2	23	27	6
Andover	5	0	1	4	18	32	1
Basingstoke	5	0	1	4	12	38	1

#### VETERAN DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth A	5	4	1	0	31	19	9
Bournemouth C	5	3	1	1	28	22	7
Bournemouth A	5	3	0	2	30	20	6
Southampton A	5	1	2	2	20	30	4
Basingstoke A	5	1	0	4	22	28	2
Aldershot	5	1	0	4	19	31	2

#### VETERAN DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bournemouth B	5	4	1	0	32	18	9
South East Hants	5	4	0	1	33	17	8
Portsmouth B	5	3	0	2	25	25	6
Winchester	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Basingstoke B	5	1	0	4	17	33	2
Gosport/Fareham	5	0	0	5	17	33	0

#### JUNIOR DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bournemouth A	4	4	0	0	35	5	8
Southampton A	4	3	0	1	31	9	6
Aldershot	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Basingstoke	4	1	0	3	13	27	2
Bournemouth B	4	1	0	3	10	30	2

#### JUNIOR DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton B	6	4	2	0	45	15	10
Portsmouth A	6	2	2	2	34	26	6
Winchester	6	2	0	4	22	38	4
Portsmouth B	6	1	2	3	19	41	4

Little to report other than the final tables with many teams struggling to field teams especially at senior level. The junior divisions were successfully played in two blocks of matches at a central venue - Redbridge in Southampton, Bournemouth the convincing winners of the Junior A Division with their strong Dorset players. The second set of matches spoilt to some extent by the non-appearance of Basingstoke. The success of the young Southampton B team in the second division is encouraging for the future.

As I write these notes Brian Lamerton is departing to Moscow - no he is not defecting, it was before Southampton lost in the F.A. Cup semi-final to Everton! He has been selected to umpire in the European Championships. Congratulations Brian Hampshire are well blessed with umpires at the moment with Brian following Peter Thorne into the European Championships as well as having Reg Glover, Graham Quirk, Harry Spraggs, Bill Wilson and Di Winmill at National or International level.

Jaques Generation completed a successful first season in the National League Premier Division with a 7-1 win over Unity Bradford. I feel Generation are now at a crossroads' If they are to progress above their current mid-table position now only must they

#### MIXED DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bournemouth	4	4	0	0	35	13	8



retain the services of their two star players, Carl Preat and Alan Cooke, against the carrots no doubt being dangled in front of them by bigger, wealthier clubs, but they must improve the bottom half of their team. Ian Kenyon, Mark Oakley and Tony Clayton have served the club loyally and well but can they push Generation forward to become championship contenders?

Although the season is over for most of us there still remains a highlight to look forward to in the County with the Beneficial Trust English Junior Open to be played at the magnificent Mountbatten Sports Centre in Portsmouth. To add even more interest to this occasion, there was hope as I write these notes of a coaching session to be held at Redbridge involving some of the junior international players and coaches and even possibly including a junior international match during the week after the Junior Open.

I will as usual conclude my final report of the season by reviewing the events in the various leagues in the County who have sent information to me.

#### ALDERSHOT

Glad to hear from Mick Strode that as he says "there is life in the north-east of the County". I was surprised that there are 103 teams this season in this league - far more than I had envisaged. The first division had three main contenders:- R.C.T., Pyestock and R.A.E. and Social. although the latter team dropped out of contention leaving R.C.T. to pip Pyestock for the title. R.C.T. also won the knock-out cup. Four ladies for the first time in the Aldershot top division:- Jill Green, Barbara Clarke, Sue Webb and Andrea Seager. In the Junior closed all the winners came from Frimley, Andrew Davies (boys), Robert Maries (cadet boys), Joanne Parker (junior and cadet girls), Andrew Davies/Dominic Giles (junior doubles), Robert Maries/Peter Burgess-Allen (cadet doubles) were successful. In the senior closed, Andy Thomas, after three final defeats, at last won the men's singles with a final defeat of Dave Burnham. Andy gained his second title in the men's doubles when partnering Dave Phelps. Jill Green beat the winner for the past two years, Barbara Clarke, to take the women's singles for the first time. Barbara had some consolation when she partnered Sandra Green to beat Jill and Sue Webb in the women's doubles final. The mixed final produced the surprise winners Steve Hodder and Sandra Green who beat Andy Thomas and Sue Webb in two "deuce" games.

#### BOURNEMOUTH

I often wonder who is the Bournemouth champion, the winner of the Premier singles or the men's singles. No such problem this season with Rodney Thomas winning both! He also won the junior title, the handicap

singles, the men's doubles (with Bunny EHIS), the mixed (with Leanne Harman). Not a bad day! Other winners to receive their trophies from the Bournemouth president, Mr. R. Brook, were Cherry Skelvington (women's singles), Bunny Ellis (veteran singles), Suzanne Hegarty/Leanne Harman (women's doubles), Tracey Scott-Pawson (U-13), Jason Hegarty (U-15). A close tussle this season for the Premier League title with all to play for until the final games and Bournemouth YMCA eventually pipping the two North teams. North B had some consolation in winning the Times Directory handicap cup competition.

#### GOSPORT/FAREHAM

The unbeaten Fareham 'Blue' team of Peter Parsons, Alan Long and Andy Whitcher dominated the first division and ended Generation II 'Galaxies' long reign at the top. The three Fareham players head the leading averages. Provincial A won the second, Lee "Eagles" the third and Fleetlands "Whirlwinds" the fourth division titles. Sonie upsets in the men's singles of the closed tournament before Andy Whitcher beat Tony Holt 17 and 19 in an all-Fareham final. Jan Turley of Generation It beat the holder Ann Abraham in the women's final -16, 13 and 16. The holders also defeated in the open doubles final where Parsons and Whitcher beat Charlie Childs and John Dubber. The holders of the mixed, however, retained their title when Keir Donaldson and Ann Abraham beat Childs and Jan Turley -22, 16 and 19. Keir tells me that it was five 'ace' services from him at 16-19 down in the third that did it - must be his funny bat! Another reversal from last season was Brian Pitcher beating Brian West in the veterans' final.

#### PORTSMOUTH

Generation II 'Aces' fought off the challenge of De La Rue A to win the Div. 1 title. In the closed Graham Toole beat Miki Sinanan in the men's singles final 18 and 5. Anne Abraham beat Alison Billmore -16, 17 and 17 in the women's singles. Sinanan partnered Ged Holley to men's doubles success over Ray Lush and Pete Woodacre 17 and 18. The two finalists from the women's singles paired for the women's doubles success over Mrs. M. Barron and Mrs. J. Houghton 18 and 11. Ann gained her third title when she partnered Tony Holt in the mixed final to beat the Billmores, Steve and Alison, 19 and 18. County champion Mark Wilding won the junior singles beating Paul Smith 17 and 15. Holley inflicted a rare veteran defeat on Lush 19, -17 and 16.

#### SOUTHAMPTON

Predictably the only question in doubt in the John Jaques Premier 'A' Division was which of the Snows teams would win the Championship.



Southampton Closed Women's Singles winner Dina Sandford of the Four T's Club.

At the end of the day it was the 'C' team of Chris Wilshere, Terry Bruce and Ken Giles that won the title followed by their 'B' and 'A' teams, Wadhams Stringer A was the John Jaques Premier 'B' champions while Ordnance Survey A, provided they improve their playing conditions, win promotion from the first division as champions.

The delayed finals of the closed were held at Four Ts new premises, Rownhams Church Hall, which, although it provides perfect League conditions, was a bit tight for the doubles with the number of spectators present. Chris Shetler got the better of his Snows colleague Terry Bruce after two tight 21-19 games and his six men's singles titles are a tribute to his remarkable consistency for they are spread over 13 seasons. The women's singles, however, gave Avon's Dina Sandford of Four Ts, in the last of her three years at college in the City, her first championship. In the final she beat twice winner of the title, Ann Longland of Snows, 18 and 19 but she made life difficult for herself in the second, surrendering a 13-17 lead. Maurie Shave, an old veteran, if he will excuse the expression, won his sixth veteran title in eight years beating the newcomer to the veteran ranks and fellow Snows player, Ken Giles, 21, -22, 18. The Alpha pair contested the junior final with Alan Charles beating Christos Hannides 18, -13, 18. All Snows in the men's doubles with Shelter and Steve Snow beating Gary Longland and Simon Douglas -18, 17 and 16. Gary and Ann Longland won the mixed against Alan Charles and Dina Sandford -19, 18 and 19.

#### SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE

Cowplain 'Royals' gained a sets average championship of Div. 1 after finishing level on points with Sperry Vickers A. Adrian Lee and M. Bleakley topped the averages with 93%. Hambledon A won Div. 2 while Marconi won both Divs. 3 and 4. In the

closed at Hambledon Ray Lush took the singles for the first time since 1979 when he beat top seed Adrian Lee 19 and 21. Adrian had some consolation when he partnered Steve Billmore to a doubles win over Lush and Pete Woodacre 15, -11, and 21. P. Dolley beat S. Emery in the junior singles 16 and 12.

#### WINCHESTER

Main interest was the first championship' of the first division for the I.B.M. Club. Their team of Andy Ely, Colin Easton, Tony Burbridge and Andy Witcher deservedly wrenched the title from champions Hursley A. In the closed Ely beat Howard Phillips (Hursley) -19, 13 and 13 to win his first men's singles. The women's singles saw the re-appearance of Kathy Ridgard after her happy event and she had little difficulty in beating Jackie Smith 7 and 9 in the final. Eddie Milsom, reversed last season's veteran final result by beating Tony Nixon 18 and 17. The junior singles with Wiltshire's Howard Phillips in the field was never really in doubt with his 7 and 9 final win over Richard Healey an example. The I.B.M. pair of Ely and Witcher repeated their first division success over Hursley's Rowland Bennett and Phillips with an 11 and 16 win in the men's doubles final. In the mixed Bob Collins and Jackie Smith beat Geoff Giles and Kathy Ridgard 14 and 15.

So that's all for another season. I apologise as usual to the readers, if any, from the Andover and Basingstoke leagues, for the lack of reports but would like to express my thanks to Mick Strode (Aldershot), Harold Pearce (Bournemouth), Keir Donaldson (Portsmouth, etc.) and Doug Balchin (Winchester) for their help in compiling these notes. So we look forward to next season with a hope for an upturn in the fortunes of our game and more national publicity on the game and less on the problems of bats, rubbers, glues, plastic balls and players' walk-outs! How sad that Alison Gordon's fine first national title and Desmond Douglas' seventh gets' virtually no space but the John Hilton controversy even appeared in the national popular press!

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John Prean reports from.....

### THE ISLE OF WIGHT BEYOND THE ISLE OF WIGHT DOES MOSCOW MATTER

The season ended with two important events: Our team was relegated in the European Championships and Stan Teasdale got no biscuits in the 12th Division of the North Middlesex League! I propose to deal only with the former. It is a time for mature consideration rather than instant blood-letting. I have criticised our system for a long time and with it many of the

things we do year after year and the fiasco of Moscow is a symbol of the decline of the Sport.

Does it matter locally? Unfortunately it does. As Vice-Chairman of our local association I have no doubt that next season our membership figures will be down. We got next to no publicity this season. The little we got was almost all bad. Moscow, players' strikes, officials in conflict with players. How many young people will want to take up our Sport rather than another? Attendances at the English Open, in the National League were down. I thought: putting all the combination bat twiddlers in their place would restore the lost spectator. In the end all it did was to ruin our national team. Now, let's move forward.

We have now gone as low as we can. Surely we can only advance from now on, can't we? Let's pull together and get the Sport moving again. Let us not jump on the critics, because nothing will change, unless we accept that there is room for improvement. In that connection I read sadry Peter Charters' letters on John Holland and Pat Snoxell. Pat introduced himself to me at the Closed - a charming, intelligent and articulate man, just the sort our ETTA ought to be looking for to help put the Sport where it belongs. That is also how I would describe John. There is so much talent and goodwill at the grass roots as I find again and again in my travels, but none of it is enrolled or courted by the central body which continues to limp along with the same cast (more or less) year after year, rather like 'The Mousetrap', but not so' successfully. Dead Plastic Duck

I certainly will not cross swords with Peter over the famous plastic ball. I too in my life have produced products that seemed perfect to me, beautifully engineered, wonderful to manufacture, sensible and durable, only to be rejected by the consumer for reasons I could not understand. I applaud Dunlop for accepting the logic of the market place. What more can one say?

#### Good news at Home

Our County Team had its best season so far with 6 points which is as much as we got in the two previous seasons. Our last match gave us our biggest win ever- 9-1 against Dorset II who were still below strength. Still it was a splendid debut for Mike Turner who won two which I rate as a super performance. Our girls (Jill Fothergill and Sue Bruton) achieved a full house in the women's sets. Our only defeat was Jim Daly's against Jason Creasey at "deuce" in the third. It was an excellent performance all round, but the 'gate' was disappointing.

#### Island Table Tennis Festival

For my sins I was the moving spirit and leg-man behind the above which went on almost non-stop for 2Y2 weeks. On my one evening off I read Stan

Teasdale's new Herts column in which he writes 'I wish J.P. would stop making all the fuss over what is wrong with the game and start putting some help into promoting the sport'. Stan, whom I did not know till then', did visit us last summer with two youngsters when I chauffeured him around and provided daily and free table tennis at my club. None of which cost Stan a penny as I picked up the tab. I cannot recall a 'thank-you', letter, but nice to hear from you now, Stan. Hope your campaign for better lighting and biscuits in the 12th Div. of the North Middx League succeeds.

Back at the Festival the Hard Bat Tournament was again the big hit attracting more entries than the Island Closed. Graham Brimson won this again, the third time in four years. He beat Paul Oatley in semi. Paul leaves us to take up an appointment on the mainland next season. He always won more than he lost in our first division despite or because of his hard bat and was a great servant of his Sandown Club. We shall miss him - despite some late nights caused by numerous 'expedites'. Two 'spongers' Martin Mitchell and Mike Turner battled it out in the other S/F. Mike won 21 in the 3rd. Excitement was unbearable. I was full of admiration for the finalists of the Divisions 3 to 6 Championship Peter Rudd and Kevin Gattrell who fought out a 'they-shall-not-pass' battle in the final, inspired no doubt by Victor Barna's advice to keep the ball on the table longer than the other fellow. Kevin, the underdog, won that one which neither deserved to lose. I thank those who reminded me of my own record of 20 expedites in one season when my fellow players departed to the pub when I came on the table. The addiction only lasted for one season despite 18 victories. I look back on it as an aberration.

Ian Urry (13) won an awful lot, the championship of Divisions 5 to 6, singles as well as doubles (with 'Vaughn Urry) and then the Handicap Doubles with his father Peter who certainly meant to win this one as he flung himself all over the floor in search of points. I vividly remember Peter sliding head first into a corner and a piano in a club match with an awful thud that had us all rushing for our bandages, but his team mates were unconcerned. They had seen it all before. The piano would be alright. 'Peter really uses his head' said one of them. The Island Championships were dominated by two trebles, Jill Fothergill and Carl Prean. Jim Daly dominated the Veterans (of course), but life did not begin at 40 this time. The entry was poor.

I must mention Stephen Jarvis (14) who will be a very good player if he sticks it out on the road to fame which is a hard one.

On Tour again

I thought perhaps I was wrong to start on our travels again so soon after

Carl's return from Moscow, but our guardian angel was with us as we had a most enjoyable trip to Granville School near Swadlincote on the Derby/Staffs border. I was reminded yet again of the talent that exists in our Sport at local level when I met Ian Knights who did a superb job. Ian's wife Shirley looked after us wonderfully. Son Garry is already one of the best Under 11 and 12 players in the country. Soon he may be THE best.

An Exhibition drew well over 100 people - a big gate in Table Tennis. Apart from Carl we saw Jill Harris, Philip Gunn and Murray Jukes as well as local players. The first evening saw a seminar when Carl and I answered questions. I was pleased to learn how many people had read my articles and found them interesting. The combination bat still arouses passion and controversy, but few local leagues have accepted the two-colour-rule. Many wanted to know whether I felt 'long pimples' had a future. I wish I knew. I think they do - at local level and probably right up to the top places on the English scene. Internationally? Time alone will tell. Certainly it is much harder now.

I greatly enjoyed a few coaching sessions with local players, some of whom had travelled quite far to be there. They were (in order of age): Mark Harvey, Martin Allsopp, Murray Jukes, Darren Smith, Will Hollingsworth, Gavin West, Robert Scott-Birchall and Garry Knights. Despite some very warm weather over the two days they stuck to their task and there were heartening moments when new dimensions were coming together. Coaches will know the feeling when everything appears worthwhile.

No wonder people sometimes feel that I am a big sourpuss when at local level they have chaps like Ian Knights who make Table Tennis mean something. Surely there can't be much wrong with a Sport that commands such warm interest as we found in Burton-on-Trent? Quite right. Now let us translate and multiply all that into a big national effort and really promote the Sport. If we can't get the national plums that Television brings, then let us harvest the smaller ones at local level. It can be done, it has been done. There could be, there SHOULD be hundreds of events all over the country and if each draws a hundred people, we shall be on the way again towards a more dynamic, confident Sport. Have a good summer.

Philip Reid reports from.....

## LEICESTERSHIRE

### PREDICTABLE NOTE

Leicestershire finished their season on a predictable note, both the juniors and veterans losing but the 2nd team recorded a heartening win in excellent conditions at Washington, Co. Dur-

ham. The veterans, who had done remarkably well to achieve the dizzy heights of Premier Division, fought hard but were just not good enough in this exalted company. In the match against Lincolnshire only Colin Truman looked capable of challenging the visitors.

The juniors will probably avoid relegation and there is much to look forward to here. The two finds of the season have been Tracey Clark and David Grundy. Miss Clark, whose defensive push is rapidly improving, has played for the 2nd team but the result was the same as for the juniors - a handsome win. Grundy, gaining with experience in every match shows a pleasing maturity about his game and when he plays in the Leicester League first division next season I can see him getting a number of notable scalps.

The 2nd team travelled to Durham and were rewarded with a 7-3 win which keeps them more or less in the middle of the chart, but apart from Miss Clark's performance there was a magnificent display by Philip Smith which virtually turned the scales in the hunting shire's favour. With the first team - expectedly - being relegated from the Premier Division, Leicestershire look to have had a pretty poor season but I ask the question - could you honestly have expected them to do any better? I have been told Leicester lost 5-3 to Birmingham in the Wilmott Cup - but I don't have any details.

The Leicester Closed resulted in Philip Smith becoming the fifth winner of the men's singles in five years, the other winners previously being Paul Randell, David Gannon, Robert Watson and Martin Pickles. By contrast Karen Smith retained her women's singles title for the third year running and Geoff Aldwinckle took the veterans' title four times in a row. His son, David, took the boys' singles whilst the intermediate singles was easily annexed by Simon Griew. Grahame Imlay took the cadets' singles title, whilst the well-established partnership of Grahame Hall and Maurice Newman won the men's doubles. Griew and Karen Smith won the mixed.

Leicester lost 5-3 in the Rose Bowl to Wolverhampton, despite a magnificent maximum by Karen Smith.

Back on the Grundy-Woodhead-Bellot trio. David Grundy asks me to put in the "News" - "Marcus nearly always wins his matches but he never manages a smile - why?" Over to you Marcus.

Well that concludes my notes for this season. Now everyone can get down to relaxing or playing in the Summer Leagues, playing cricket or golf. Me? I'll be keeping my ulcer under wraps. Every day I go to Westcotes Health Centre but thanks to the careful attention given by the nurses it's improving - at last. If I can race up Holyhead mountain in July you'll know it's O.K.

Finally congratulations to George R. Yates and Frank A. Slugg & Co. Ltd., on their first season in partnership as editor and printer of 'Table Tennis News'. It has been a very good season on the publication front and I am sure the membership at large appreciate the tremendous amount of work which goes on behind the scenes to enable their favourite and informative magazine to be produced regularly on time.

### County Results:-

Leicestershire II 7 Durham 3  
P. Smith bt A. Gelder 21, -20, 16, bt D. Blackburne 10, -11, 19, S. Griew lost to Gelder 4, -16; bt C. Olsson 17, -16, 15, K. Fellows bt Blackburne 15, -15; lost to Olsson 12, -19, Y. Hall bt L. Bainbridge 15, 11, T. Clark bt S. Gelder 20, 19, Smith/Fellows lost to Gelder/Blackburne -17, -22, Hall/Clark bt Gelder/Bainbridge 11, 13.

Leicestershire Veterans 1 Lincolnshire Veterans 8  
J. Iliffe lost to M. Sheader 15, -12, lost to B. Allison -13, -9, G. Aldwinckle lost to Sheader 12, 17, -14; lost to B. Edington -14, 12, C. Truman 10 stto Allison 19, -9, -16; bt Edington 17, 16, Mrs. P. Kilsby lost to Mrs. C. Moran -13, -10, Iliffe/Truman lost to Sheader/Allison -10, -17, Aldwinckle/Mrs. Kilsby lost to Edington/Mrs. Moran -19, -18.

Leicestershire Juniors 3 Warwickshire Juniors 7  
P. Bumpus lost to M. Thomas -17, -21, bt N. Mayo -19, 9, 15, D. Grundy bt C. Geelan 16, -13, 9, lost to Thomas -17, 20, -19, I. Brown lost to Mayo 13, -17, -15, lost to Geelan 19, -14, -13, J. Murray lost to M. McHale -15, -18, T. Clark bt D. Bromley 11, 18, Bumpus/Grundy lost to Thomas/Geelan 13, -9, -15, Murray/Clark lost to McHale/Bromley -10, -15.

Don Pritchard... reports on

## THE MIDLAND LEAGUE

In MEN'S Division 1, Leicester "B" came from out of the blue to become champions beating Nottingham "A" 6 - 4, Chesterfield "A" 9 - 1, Coventry "A" 9 - 1, Leicester "A" 6 - 4 and drawing with Gloucester 5 - 5. Gloucester dropped three more points drawing with Chesterfield and losing to Birmingham "A" 7 - 3 but still finished in second place. Nottingham "A" had mixed fortunes in their last matches beating Birmingham "A" 6 - 4 but losing 9 - 1 to Leicester "A". M. Owen of Gloucester finished the season with most wins 18 out of 21.

Wolverhampton "B" won Div. 2 despite not playing their last match beating Potteries "B" 8 - 2 and Birmingham "B" 6 - 4. Wolverhampton "A" beat Potteries "B" 9 - 1 and Stroud beat Nottingham "B" 6 - 4. Adrian Dixon of Wolves "B" had the most wins 17 out of 18. In Div. 3 Stafford slipped up with their last match losing to Market Drayton 7 - 3 leaving Wolverhampton "C" as the champions. Martin Harvey (Wolves "C") and Bob Murray (Stafford) had the most wins 14 out of 15.

As reported in the last issue Nuneaton won Div. 4 being unbeaten and their Pete Muir had the most wins 17 out of 18. In the WOMEN'S Div. 1 Wolverhampton did not play their last match but finished the season beating Birmingham "A" 8 - 2, Leicester 7 - 3 and Market Drayton 7 - 3. Birmingham "A" were runners-up when beating Derby 6 - 4 and Market Drayton beat Nottingham 8 - 2. Jill Harris of Wolverhampton had the most wins 12 out of 12. Bristol won Div. 2 winning their last two matches beating Kidderminster 6 - 4 and Stratford 9 -

1. Birmingham "B" also won their last two matches to finish second, beating Kidderminster 9 - 1 and Leamington 8 - 2. Michele Cohen of Bristol had the most wins 19 out of 21.

In the VETERANS' Div. 1 Nottingham "A" won their last match convincingly against runners-up Birmingham "A" 9 - 1. Oxford drew with Walsall and had to be content with third place, Birmingham "A" beat Leicester 8 - 2, Walsall lost their last two matches 6-4 against Leicester and Leamington to be relegated with West Bromwich who lost to Leamington 8 - 2. Ron Bolton of Notts "A" had the most wins 22 out of 24. In Div. 2 Nottingham "B" completed the double when beating Kidderminster 8 - 2 to win the Division. Coventry "A" finished in third place after their draw with Kidderminster, but Kidderminster finished on a winning note beating Coventry "B" 6 - 4. Mike Beaman of Telford had the most wins 18 out of 21.

Coventry "A" in Junior Div. 1 remained unbeaten to win the Division beating Wolverhampton "A" 6 - 4 and slamming Market Drayton 10 - 0. Nottingham "A" finished in second place when beating Wolverhampton "A" 6 - 4 and Market Drayton 8 - 2 despite dropping a point in their draw with Gloucester. Chesterfield beat Gloucester 7 - 3 to finish third, Wolverhampton "A" trounced Leicester 9 - 1, and beat Market Drayton 6 - 4. A. Thomas of Coventry "A" had most wins 17 out of 21. Derby in Div. 2 finished unbeaten trouncing Coventry "C" 9 - 1, Wolverhampton "B" finished third with their draw with Pontesbury "A" who finished with an 8 - 2 win over Birmingham "B" and Nottingham "B" had a 6 - 4 win over Coventry "B" and a draw with Coventry "C". Paul Bumpus of Loughborough had the most wins 21 out of 21 (an impressive record).

In Div. 3 Walsall "A" dropped a point in their last match when making a draw with Chesterfield "B" but still won the Division, Burton finished second and Worcester "A" finished in third place when losing to Pontesbury "B" 6-4 who in turn were slammed by Stratford 10 - 0. Martyn. Allsopp of Burton had the most wins 14 out of 15. Bromsgrove "A" won Div. 4 being unbeaten throughout and beat their challengers Walsall "B" 6 - 4 Tim Holder of Bromsgrove was unbeaten having 18 wins out of 18. Walsall "B" beat Stroud 8-2 and Cheltenham beat Stroud 7 - 3.

Stafford beat Div. 5 being unbeaten and rounding off by beating Walsall "C" 9 - 1 and Kidderminster 8 - 2. Eastwood finished their matches in slamming Mansfield 10 - 0. Adrian Hough of Stafford was another unbeaten player having won 15 out of 15.

The date of the AGM has been fixed for Sunday 24th June 1984, venue to be announced, and if there are any new Leagues desirous of joining the Midland League they should contact

the Hon Secretary, Mr. M. Goldstein by phone on 021-499 7047 as soon as possible. Consideration is being given to the re-forming of an Intermediate Division next season should there be sufficient interest.

#### Men Div.

	P	W	0	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester B	7	5	1	1	44	26	11
Gloucester	7	4	2	1	45	25	10
Birmingham A	7	4	0	3	41	29	8
Leicester A	7	3	1	3	38	32	7
Chesterfield	7	2	2	3	30	40	6
Poteries A	7	3	0	4	30	40	6
Coventry A	7	3	0	4	29	41	6
Nottingham A	7	1	0	6	23	47	2

Most wins - M. Owen (Gloucester) 18/21

#### Men Div. 2

	P	W	0	L	F	A	Pts
Wolverhampton B	6	6	0	0	52	8	12
Birmingham B	7	5	1	1	49	21	11
Wolverhampton A	6	4	1	1	41	19	9
Stroud	7	4	0	3	37	33	8
Poteries B	7	3	1	3	33	37	7
Nottingham B	7	2	1	4	32	38	5
Rugby	7	1	0	6	20	50	2
Derby	7	0	0	7	6	64	0

Most wins - A Dixon 17/18

#### Men Div. 3

	P	W	0	L	F	A	Pts
Wolverhampton C	6	4	1	1	34	26	9
Market Drayton	6	4	0	2	39	21	8
Stafford	6	4	0	2	39	21	8
Cheltenham A	6	4	0	2	36	24	8
Shrewsbury	6	2	0	4	23	37	4
Leamington A	6	1	2	3	21	39	4
Coventry B	6	0	1	5	18	41	1

Most wins - M. Harvey (Wolves C) 14/15 R. Murray (Stafford)

#### Men Div. 4

	P	W	0	L	F	A	Pts
Nuneaton	6	6	0	0	52	8	12
Telford A	6	5	0	1	40	20	10
Loughborough	6	3	1	2	34	26	7
Burton	6	2	2	2	25	35	6
Cheltenham B	6	1	2	3	25	35	4
Telford B	6	1	1	4	22	38	3
Leamington B	6	0	0	6	12	48	0

Most wins - P. Muir (Nuneaton) 17/18

#### Women Div. 1

	P	W	0	L	F	A	Pts
Wolverhampton	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Birmingham A	5	3	0	2	32	18	6
Leicester	5	3	0	2	29	21	6
Market Drayton	5	2	0	3	21	29	4
Derby	5	1	0	4	18	32	2
Nottingham	4	1	0	3	9	31	2

Most wins - J. Harris (Wolves) 12/12

#### Women Div. 2

	P	W	0	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol	8	7	0	1	58	22	4
Birmingham B	8	6	0	2	52	28	12
Kidderminster	8	4	0	4	44	36	8
Leamington	8	1	1	6	24	56	3
Stratford	8	1	1	6	22	58	3

Most wins - M. Cohen (Bristol) 19/21

#### Veterans Div. 1

	P	W	0	L	F	A	Pts
Nottingham A	8	7	1	0	64	16	15
Birmingham A	8	6	1	1	57	23	18
Oxford	8	5	3	0	47	33	13
Birmingham B	8	4	0	4	39	41	8
Leicester	8	4	0	4	37	43	8
Leamington	8	4	0	4	36	44	8
Gloucester	8	2	0	6	26	54	4
Walsall	8	1	1	6	33	47	3
West Bromwich	8	0	0	8	21	59	0

Most wins - R. Bolton (Notts A) 22/24

#### Veterans - Div. 2.

	P	W	0	L	F	A	Pts
Nottingham B	7	7	0	0	57	13	14
Telford	7	6	0	1	46	24	12
Coventry A	7	3	2	2	40	30	8
Stratford	7	3	2	2	37	33	8
Stroud	7	3	0	4	27	43	6
Kidderminster	7	2	1	4	27	43	5
Cheltenham	7	1	1	5	28	42	3
Coventry B	7	0	0	7	18	52	0

Most wins - M. Beaman (Telford) 18/21

#### Junior Div.

	P	W	0	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry A	7	6	1	0	52	18	13
Nottingham A	7	4	2	1	44	26	10
Chesterfield A	7	4	1	2	37	33	9
Wolverhampton A	7	4	0	3	40	3	8
Gloucester	7	3	1	3	38	32	7
Leicester	7	2	1	4	26	44	5
Birmingham A	7	1	0	6	24	46	2
Market Drayton	7	1	0	6	19	51	2

Most wins - M. Thomas (Coventry A) 17/21

#### Juniors Div. 2

	P	W	0	L	F	A	Pts
Derby	7	6	1	0	55	15	13
Loughborough	7	5	1	1	51	19	11
Wolverhampton B	7	4	2	1	45	25	10
Pontesbury A	7	3	3	1	39	31	9
Coventry C	7	2	1	4	26	44	5
Nottingham B	7	1	2	4	26	44	4
Birmingham B	7	1	1	5	19	51	3
Coventry B	7	0	1	6	19	51	1

Most wins - P. Bumpus (Loughborough) 21/21

#### Juniors Div. 3

	P	W	0	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall A	6	5	1	0	40	20	11
Burton	6	3	1	2	34	26	7
Worcester A	6	3	1	2	32	28	7
Stratford	6	3	0	3	36	24	6
Pontesbury B	6	2	1	3	28	32	5
Chesterfield B	6	1	1	4	22	38	3
Shrewsbury	6	1	1	4	18	42	3

Most wins - M. Allsopp (Burton) 14/15

#### Juniors Div. 4

	P	W	0	L	F	A	Pts
Bromsgrove A	6	6	0	0	42	18	12
Walsall B	6	5	0	1	45	15	10
Leamington	6	3	1	2	38	22	7
Cheltenham	6	3	0	3	27	33	6
Stroud	6	2	1	3	30	30	5
Nuneaton	6	1	0	5	13	47	2
Worcester	6	0	0	6	15	45	0

Most wins - T. Holder (Bromsgrove A) 18/18

#### Juniors Div. 5

	P	W	0	L	F	A	Pts
Stafford	6	6	0	0	51	9	12
Eastwood	6	5	0	1	44	16	10
Rugby	6	4	0	2	39	21	8
Walsall C	6	3	0	3	28	32	6
Kidderminster	6	2	0	4	23	37	4
Mansfield	6	1	0	5	20	40	2
Bromsgrove B	6	0	0	6	5	55	0

Most wins - A. Hough (Stafford) 15/15

Roly Hogg reports from.....

## NORFOLK

. AGM, AGM, AGM &c.

As the closed season is now upon us all I have to do is to attend the local County, City, East Anglian, National league and my own club AGM's. Not

only me, I hasten to add, as there are others who spend far more time at meetings. Thank God they do or what would. the players do should they report back next season to find there was no league organised.

There will no doubt be the usual crop of resignations from those who took a job on only to find there was more in it than they expected, and there are going to be resignations from people who have served for many years like Bill Kerrison and Dennis Whitham from the Wymondham league - they will not be easy to replace. From the county committee go Chairman Vic Bennett and Umpires Secretary Linda Holland.

At the county AGM a lot will depend on the treasurer's report as to what our commitment regarding number of teams for next season can be. If what I expect to hear is forthcoming, and along with the proposed increased fees to the E.T. a lot will depend on whether the County Championships decide to alter the format next season. With the current set-up I can't see us running 2 senior, 2 junior and possibly entering a vets' team as well.

The season of closed championships is over and I have pleasure in noting those that I have managed to acquire mainly from the local papers as no one ever rings me up with info. Maybe if I make a deliberate mistake it probably would go unnoticed.

Cromer - Junior Paul Rich carried all before him. There is a possibility that Paul will be playing in Norwich premier next season - let us hope so as it will do him good to play against the best in the area and give them someone different to play. Mrs. -Ward (no christian name) took the ladies' title.

Fakenham. Chairman David Ashmore singles champ. No Ladies mentioned.

Dereham. Junior Simon Steward had no problems. Still no ladies mentioned. Diss. Evette Brown, as expected, carried all before her.

Yarmouth. Veteran Mick Broughton still takes a lot of beating. Sue Allen stopped Sue Jenkinson.

'Lowestoft. Volatile Roger Margotson who probably has more potential than most other players of his age group took this title, and I am sure that if he can overcome his suspect temperament we will be hearing a lot more of him.

Norwich. I left them until last as I attended these championships so am able to quote from a personal viewpoint. To quote Ken Edwards. "Quite frankly, the standard of play was disappointing" so said the Norwich Secretary and I fully agree with him. The set up in Miller Hall was superb but there seemed to be a streak of lethargy running through the proceedings. Could it have been the absence of Messrs. Bennett, R. & M. Stevenson, Steward, Fox &c.? Suffice to say that no one would have stopped Philip Logsdon

winning everything he entered. Senior and Junior singles, men's and mixed doubles. He probably would have also won the handicap even off minus 18 had he entered. His club CEYMS also won the premier division title, Readwin cup and handicap cup.

It will be interesting to see if anyone comes through next season to rival him as with those championships he completed a full season unbeaten in Norwich and Norfolk domestic matches. This is one of the problems for an outstanding player in Norwich, there is, no other good opposition for a long, long way. From Junior to Veteran the great Mick Broughton confirmed his first year as a vet by adding the Norwich title to his Norfolk title.

A new competition was inaugurated this season. Norwich Co-op awarded a trophy for competition by 16 up-and-coming juniors, suitably handicapped, and it was most entertaining as most of them had never performed before anyone other than their own team mates and there they were in the Miller Hall before a large and interested audience. Many close games were played by players not usually seen in public and I must congratulate them all on the way they rose to the occasion. It was also a pleasure to see players who did not resort to the tricks of the trade, sometimes used by more senior players when in a tight corner. One young man is getting a mention from me as I was most impressed with his ability, he is 11-years-old STEPHEN WHITE who plays with Ron Applegate's Post Office team in Div. 9 of the Norwich league. I have seen many youngsters around over the years but this one for me stood out. He seems to have everything except bad manners, a foul service and a bat throwing technique when losing.

Norwich Foxwood National League team finished an honourable second in their first-ever season. I believe a lot of work is going on behind the scenes to improve on this for next season. All-in-all, the season was an exciting one as we saw some T.T. in Norwich which was the best seen here since our last international and that was many years ago. 'Support-wise we must be top of the league and at Nottingham for our last match 20 supporters went along and Jar outnumbered the locals.

That's the lot for this season apart from going to the Vets' champs. at Watford. The bowls season is now open. I use plastic ones.....!!

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Pauline Long reports from.....

## NORTHUMBERLAND

### JUNIORS CLINCH TITLE

The County Junior Team clinched the Div. 3A title in their final match of the season on March 31, when they beat Lincolnshire by 8-2. They completed their programme with a 100% record,

dropping only six sets in the process, and have gained promotion to Div. 2. It is especially pleasing to know that, for a change, the entire regular team of Thomas Blackman, Peter Curry, Keith Patterson, Clare Mouzon and Denise Wilkinson will be rewarded for their efforts by still being eligible for next season. Unfortunately, neither Denise Campbell, who stood in for Clare when she was required for the senior side, nor Eddie Smith, who was officially No.1 Junior but was unable to play all season because of work commitments, will be available for selection next season as both these players will be over age. However, it is obvious that our younger players are developing along the right lines, and have also proved themselves a credit to the County by their exemplary behaviour and first-class attitude during the season.

The senior team made it a double by repeating the scoreline against Lincolnshire Seniors, but all the good work was undone in their final match of the season away to Nottinghamshire on April 7, when without Peter McQueen, Neil McMaster and Clare Mouzon, they were defeated by 3-7. Ian Robertson and Keith Patterson each won a singles, and Robertson, together with Alan Matthewson, also won the men's doubles, but while the opportunity automatically arises to give a young and promising player experience of county play, it is obvious that had, our strongest team been available for every match, we would have achieved much better results.

There were mixed fortunes for the teams still remaining in the National Knockout Competitions. Pride of place obviously goes to the Bromfield Trophy team of Clare Mouzon, Denise Wilkinson and Denise Campbell, who beat Sheffield 7-2 in the quarter-final, and were due to play at home to Wolverhampton in the semis. Unfortunately, the Rose Bowl team of Caron Buglass, Christine Burke and Karen Wilkinson failed to win a set in their 0-6 quarter-final defeat at the hands of Bradford.

Byker Newcastle II had a good win over Unity II in Div. 3. of the Halex National League. Victories by Neil McMaster and Andy Hammett in the first period equated the scores 2-2 at half time. McMaster then won his second set, and Alan Matthewson also won a singles to put Byker 4-2 up. However, it became 4-3 when Keith Patterson was beaten, leaving Hammett to play the final set. He duly obliged with a victory in straight games to give his team both points in a 5-3 victory.

Two titles came Northumberland's way in the Durham 2-Star Open Tournament at Peterlee on April 1. County Junior closed champion Thomas Blackman achieved a notable double by taking the boys' singles title, beating Durham's England-ranked Junior David Blackburne in the



final, while Peter McQueen, currently No. 79 in the Lentec Computer ranking list, beat Malcolm Francis of Sussex to win the Class 2 singles event. Other players who figure in the Senior ranking lists for April include Jan Robertson at No. 110 and Clare Mouzon at No. 65 in the women's list.

The Northumberland league season was officially extended to the week ending April 15, and although final league tables are not yet available, most of the Division winners and runners-up have already been decided. Washington are almost certain to take the Premier Division title south of the River Tyne, while Byker C.C. 'A' look set to finish as runners-up. Div. 1 has been won by Gladstone Terrace 'A' with second place going to either Washington 'B' or Byker C.C. 'C' It looks as though Byker C.C. 'E' are favourites to win the Div. 2A title, having games in hand over current leaders 'Whitehouse Lane 'A'. Wansbeck are runaway winners of Div. 2B, with second place finally going to B.S.R.A. in a nail-biting finish.

Div. 3A has also been settled with the championship to Gladstone Terrace 'B', and Electrics 'E' finishing second. The battle between St. Charles 'A' and Ouston C.C. 'C' for the Div. 3B Championship and runner-up positions will be decided on sets average, while Northumbria Fire Service 'B' won Div. 3C despite losing their unbeaten record to a strong Post Office 'A' side. Post Office are currently in second position, but if Telephones 'A' win their remaining matches, they could be the eventual runners-up. The outcome of Div. 4 depends on the result of Newcastle V.M.C.A.'s last match; victory would give them the title, but defeat would mean that Dunston Hill Hospital 'B' would pip them at the post.

Washington also have a chance of a Premier Division League and Knock-Out Cup double, as they are due to meet either Revac or Newcastle V.M.C.A. in the final of the latter competition. All league and Cup Trophies will be presented to the teams at the Annual Presentation Dance, to be held at the Rainbow Rooms, Newcastle Upon Tyne, on May 25.

There should be some great matches for players and spectators alike in the Evening Chronicle Northumberland 2-Star Open at Gramlington on May 5. Entries have been received from top-ranked England players Graham Sandley, Alan Cooke, Skylet Andrew, John Hilton and David Wells, as well as Scotland's No. 1, David Hannah. Last year's winner Alan Fletcher, has also entered, as well as Ireland's Martin Kinsella, who won the event four years ago, so a high standard is undoubtedly assured for this tournament.

Karl Bushell reports from....

## OXFORDSHIRE TOURNAMENT'SCENE

The Vikings Open took place in mid-March at the Redefield Sports Centre, Oxford and with Perkins Brothers sponsoring prize money was available in addition to trophies.

In the men's singles Neil Harris from Kent, but currently studying in the town, caused an early shock with the dismissal of Karl Bushell of Bucks, the No. 1 seed, in the third round.

He was then beaten by Brian Varetham, after a bitter struggle, the latter going out to the fast improving Ian Mead. In the other half Norman Swift came through to the final and accounted for Mead 18, -17, 16. Swift then teamed up with Bushell to win the men's doubles beating Peter Jones and Paul Mabbutt.

The County Closed was played at the same, venue in late March with the following results:-

MS: Bushell bt Harris 18. 16.  
WS: Mary Denbow bt Stephanie Haddrell 16. -18. 15.  
MO: Bushell/Swift bt Mabbutt/Jones 17. 19.  
IS: Harris bt G. Joiner 18. 19.  
XO: Harris/Denbow bt C. Morris/C. Woodward 19. 18.

Mary Denbow, Oxon's top-ranked Lentec player, again captured the women's singles title but was made to fight all the way and Bushell made up for his disappointing Vikings display by capturing the men's title at the first attempt by getting revenge over Harris.

In the County Championships Oxon have had a mixed season with the women on top of their form in the persons of Mary Denbow, Stephanie Haddrell and the up-and-coming Amanda Shufflebotham. The men, however, have performed indifferently although Arthur Chilvers and Ian Mead have constituted the backbone but needing support. This could come next season with Swift transferring from Bucks, where he has been unable to find a regular spot, and Harris continuing his in Oxford.

In the Oxford City League, Haddenham "A" captured the league title in their very last match against Vikings "A". These two had led the division throughout and it was a fitting climax that the championship should be decided on the outcome of their meeting.

At the end of a long and tense evening Messrs. Bushell, Swift and Brian Allen emerged victorious against Harris, Wally Allanson and Brian Hamilton by a 6-4 margin. The set between Bushell and Harris must rank as one of the best ever played in Oxon with Bushell the winner 16 in the third.

Tribute must be paid to Harris as he had travelled for over three hours, from Kent, to take part in the match. Allen was Haddenham's hero with an expedite win over Allanson. After a 22-match season, it was a shame somebody had to be second.

Gerald Green reports from.....

## SHROPSHIRE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Grove finished their National League season on a high note when they emerged 6-2 victors in their match against St Neots.

At St Neots in December the two teams had played out a tough 4-4 draw.

But in the return match at Market Drayton Grove made a first class start with John Hilton recording a win over Keith Richardson. Steve Scowcroft followed suit to record a first win over Peter Taylor.

Phil Bowen gave a splendid display of attacking strokes against Mick Harper. But Harper fought back to win at 27-25 in the decider. This, amazingly was the same scoreline as in the December match.

Grove's Malcolm Green was in superb form and gave Steven Moore no room for manoeuvre in a straight defeat.

Hilton fell 22-20 in the third to Taylor. But from then on success for the Grove was the order of the day as Scowcroft beat Moore, Bowen brilliantly accounted for Richardson and Green maintained his incredible record for the season by always winning the last match. He defeated Harper.

Grove II did not share the same fortune and fell 5-3 to Tarmac Ladies.

Grove skipper Paul Barnett was in splendid form to beat the highly-ranked England stars Jill Harris and Fiona Elliot while Colin Wilson accounted for Janet Dunning.

But it was a sad day for Keith Sillitoe and Alison Barker, both without a win.

## SHREWSBURY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Some you win ... some you lose as the Baker brothers found out in Shrewsbury club's closed championships.

The brothers contested the final of the men's singles with Ian triumphing 17, 1st but the honours were reversed in the men's doubles.

Les joined forces with Dean Pountney against Ian and Mike Beaman and emerged victorious.

In the women's singles, Christine Jones lost the first game to Sandra Nevett, but came back strongly to clinch victory.

Nevett won the first 21-17, before Jones rallied to take a stirring second game 24-22 and the third 21-12.

Nevett was on the receiving end in the mixed too as veteran Motto Jones and Kath Oakley scored a 15, 12 victory over the Nevett, Robert Mansfield partnership.

Beaman took the veterans' title from John Bebbington, with Darral Corfield beating Ian Garrett in the junior singles.

## NATIONAL SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Market Drayton Junior School wrote a

new chapter in the history of the 18-years-old national schools team finals when they won a third national title to add to those gained in 1979 and 1981 .

The school, who have introduced so many promising players to the game, have now won more national titles than any other junior or middle school in the country.

Caroline Ashcroft, Tara Hanley, Clair Marshall and Louise Townsend, triumphed against teams from Wold Junior High, Hull, the North of England champions, and Rambridge Junior School, Luton.

#### MIDLAND LEAGUE

Grove ended their Midland League season on a high note as they recorded an emphatic 7-3 win over close rivals Stafford.

Grove owed much of their success to Colin Wilson and Keith Sillitoe who registered splendid unbeaten displays as they accounted for the Stafford trio of Murrell, Pickles and Birchall.

#### TELFORD LEAGUE

A Burnhill Green side take the division one title for the second year running- Burnhill Green A made sure of the title by beating Stirchley A 8-2.

Shifnal kept up their chances for runners-up by beating Burnhill Green C 10-0.

#### GRADED SINGLES

The monthly Grove School graded singles tournament proved to be another success with a glut of entries.

Grove's rapidly improving Tony Harrison emerged as the well-deserved winner of grade A with a final victory over Gerry Owen (Oswestry) in a high class final.

Harrison had accounted for Darrell Corfield (Pontesbury), Chris Edwards (Grove), Alan Maynard (Oswestry) and Karen Rogers (Grove) in the group matches.

In the semi final, Harrison beat Martin Maynard (Oswestry).

Owen, in his semi, beat Tim McGill (Grove). He had earlier beaten Colette Soan (Grove), Allan Roberts (Oswestry), Barry Turner (Grove) and Alison Durber (Grove).

The grade B event was won by Potteries player, John Galley after a count back of sets with Neil Martin.

Both players had lost one match with Martin falling to Oswestry's Cheryl Jones and Galley losing to Martin.

Pontesbury's Adrian Phillips fought magnificently to emerge successful in grade C beating the Grove player Eric Jenks in the final.

**SHROPSHIRE INTER CLUB LEAGUE**  
An unbeaten display by Ian Baker kept Shrewsbury in top place in the Shropshire Star division one of the County inter-club competition.

The county town side beat Stafford and Longmynd Travel 4-0 with Keith Williams given superb support to the Shrewsbury team.

The only team to threaten the supremacy of the Shrewsbury duo

were Minsterley Motors, who fought splendidly in a 3-1 defeat with cadet champion Claire Potts razor sharp against the talented Williams.

Telford II lead Kayvale Finance division two with brothers Robert and Nigel Holding in impressive form to beat Pontesbury Lefties 4-0, Oswestry George 3-1, and Grove Summerhill 4-0.

Grove teams look set to take the BJM Heating division three by storm with Grove Berrisford leading the league following impressive wins over Grove Ercall and Grove Norton.

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Tony Carey reports from.....

## SOMERSET

### JUNIOR COUNTY MATCH

Somerset v Avon II, Minehead Middle School, March 31.

This was the county's strongest team which proved too strong as the score of 10-0 showed. The Somerset team was Mark Bryant, Philip Payne, David Wooldridge, Melonie Carey and Sarah Webb.

The Avon II team consisted of James Bowley, Jeremy Head, Abid Khan, Sarah Kettle and Jaquelin Nash. But do not despair, Avon, your team showed tenacity and fight and there is the nucleus of a good team for the future. Your Abid Khan revives memories of that other fine player of two seasons back, Shain Khan, who seems to have left the scene, which I find a pity, as he had such good potential. But nurture your starlets, Avon, as I am sure that they will soon be shining brighter.

This was Bryant's last Junior match for Somerset, having served them well over the past seasons since his return from the wilderness. He will be missed for his leadership and as anchor to the team. Various names spring to mind to take his place, but we shall have to wait and see who has the potential to fill that place. Mark may be a loss to the Juniors, but I think we shall see him proving to be a gain to the Senior ranks, along with David Wilson, David Lee and Lee Sadler. Thanks, Mark, and good luck in the future.

### BRIDGWATER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE JUNIOR CLOSED

Chilton Trinity School, April 1.

This was the last of the local competitions for this season and proved an inspiration to some players to show their potential, which produced some upsets against the form book. Players worthy of mention were Neil McKenna, James Webber, Leon Bovett, Tim Pond, Tim Kevin, Paula Davey and Marnie Jarvis. If I have missed others I apologise for I could not see it all.

The first event was the U-12 boys', starting with a group system then a straight knock-out to the final, this being between James Webber and Leon Bovett, who had accounted for Keith Gooding and Tim Pond respectively in the semis. The final provided

the first surprise with Webber the winner. Well played, lad! The next event was the U-12 girls' which again created keen competition and a few tears. The semi-final line-up was Paula Davey v Sharon Fewing and Joanna Wey v Marnie Jarvis, who showed that her 3 wins in the League were no fluke, by reaching the final where she met Paula, another player who put it all together on the day and emerged the victor.

Which brings us to the U-14 events.

Boys' was a keenly fought affair with Webber again beating Leon to reach the semis against Paul Smith and Paul Fowler against McKenna. And what battles these were to decide the finalists, Smith getting home 16, 20 and Neil 14, 15. The final also proved enthralling with Neil producing strokes that I have never seen him use before and fighting for every point against an equally determined Paul, who emerged the winner 15, 17.

The U-14 Girls' also threw up some interesting clashes between old rivals with No.1 and No.2 seeds, Melonie and Mandy Williams, meeting once again in a final. The victor was Melonie and with this being her last year at U-14, the battle will be on between the various contenders to win this title next year.

The Boys' U-17 event was another breakthrough for Neil, who joined all the established players in the second round where he met No.2 seed, Philip Payne, who proved just too strong but a fine performance, Neil -- well done! The semis had Mark Bryant v David Wooldridge and Paul Lewis v Philip Payne, with Mark and Philip contesting the final, but Mark's superior topspin proved the decider. The U-17 Girls' also was very competitive, with all 4 seeds reaching the semis, Melonie No. 1 v Kirsty Withyman No.4, and Sarah Webb No.2 v Fiona Stuart No.3, with the eventual winners being Melonie and Sarah being left to contest the final, with Melonie taking her second title of the day. She and Sarah then proceeded to the Doubles final, where they had to concede to Mark Bryant and Murray Barter with the greater spin attack of Mark proving the decisive factor.

Well played, the winners, the losers and all who made this another successful championships, again organised by Mike Williams and his Committee.

### SECOND ENGLAND CADET AND JUNIOR TRIALS

Top Twelve - Shatley, Ipswich, April 7/8

Once again, the table tennis motor-club was on its way, this time to the ex-Royal Navy Training Establishment of HMS Ganges. The facilities were good, both for playing and resting. The latter proving most important after the car lag effect of travelling from the hills of Somerset to the East Anglian coast, carrying with us the good wishes of friends and the high

hopes of Melonie producing her best form over the two days against the other eleven players chosen in the girls' cadet event, with the chance of a possible representative team event position at the end of the weekend as the prize.

This carrot certainly put bite into the various clashes with some unusual results in all events.

I will stick to the Somerset competitor involved. After a slow start, losing to her old rival Julie Billington, Melonie started to settle herself and fight back, coming out even on the day with 3 wins and 3 losses, 2 of these wins being against the Nos. 2 and 3 ranked players, Claire Potts and Amanda Shufflebotham.

With these wins coming at the end of the day, we all went to bed with some satisfaction at the way these wins were achieved, and looked forward to the prospect of improving on the second day.

This Melonie did in fine style, although the scalp of the No.1 ranked player eluded her this time, but she finished the day with 4 wins out of 5 and an overall position of fifth with 7 wins. She was naturally disappointed at having missed a prize and a team place, but she did not let this affect her resolve to show, in the next tournaments ahead, her true form, because in this game of ours tomorrow is always another day.

My thanks here to Mike Watts and his hard-working officials for making the events run smoothly and as near as some needle matches would allow to time.

#### BLOSSOM TIME

Essex Junior Select, April 14/15

Somerset's involvement in this tournament consisted of two girls only, Melonie Carey in the Cadets' and Girls' events and Sarah Webb who made a brief appearance on the Sunday in one of the Groups, and being prevented from proceeding into the final round by Angela Saunders the Group winner. Melanie had a more successful weekend - on the Saturday she won her Group in confident fashion and, in the first round, beating another up-and-coming player in Kristina Cox of Lancashire. Then in the quarters came the first big crunch, her opponent being England's No. 2 Cadet Claire Potts. Many a battle these two have had in the past the latest being only a week before when Melonie won in three at the trials. She must have learnt something then because she reduced the deficit by winning two-straight. After this good win another hard semi loomed in prospect against Kerry Hall, England's No.3. And so it proved, but the rub of the green proved not to be in Melonie's favour ending her fine run at 19 in the third. But the most pleasing aspect was the way she played, using the skill that we all know she has but which has just failed to be on display in vital stages of the big tournaments

this season. She also partnered Lisa Robins in the Cadet Doubles and reached the semis before losing to Julie Billington and Kerry Hall.

On the Sunday it was in with the big ones her Group comprising Lesley Souter and England's No. 2 Susan Collier. But this did not deter Melonie as she showed some determined and skilful play in taking Lesley to 26-28 in the third, which had us on tenterhooks. She continued this trend in her match with Susan losing two straight but not being too disheartened having reached scores of 16 and 19. But our day was not yet over as she partnered Helen Perrott in the Doubles putting up a fine performance against the No. 1 seeds Jill Powis and Debbie Soothill losing in the third.

Overall, a fairly successful weekend for her. But not very encouraging for the Somerset Boys' scene, whose County players declined to enter. We really must look to the more ambitious players to coach for the future if all our hopes are to be realised.

#### TUNBRIDGE WELLS TWO-STAR JUNIOR OPEN - April 21/22

A fine weekend for the seaside I was told. But for the dedicated fraternity all roads led to Tunbridge Wells, Kent to do battle once again with old rivals and some newcomers in another of the prestigious competitions on the tournament circuit, with the attraction of computer points added to the generous prize money. A further attraction for some was the varying age groups of U-12, U-14 and U-17 which enabled the starlets to shine on their own stage and show their potential against older competitors. And from the various matches I saw over the weekend, talented and competitive players are still rising to the occasion. Let us hope that this trend continues for the ensuing future of this fine sport of ours. Consistent with this future is the need for further sponsorship support, as was very clearly shown at this tournament by a very respected member of the London Stock Exchange, Grieson Grant & Co. of Gresham Street, London with branches in Tokyo and Boston where, in addition to the Stock Exchange, I hope they will spread the word of what a fine feast of play and sportsmanship they witnessed.

Speaking of fine play, Somerset's flag was flown high once more by Melonie who put it all together to win the U-14 Girls' Singles final against Kerry Hall and partnering Lisa Robins winning the U-14 Girls' Doubles final against Kerry and her cousin Julie Billington.

Adding to this performance she returned on the second day and won her group in the U-17 Singles and then lost 19 in the third to Louise Davis. Melonie then partnered Avon's No.1 Junior Helen Perrott in the doubles losing to Teresa Moore and Debbie Simmonds. Our only other Somerset representative competing, Kate Lines,

also had her successes winning her group but having to bow to the greater hitting power and all-action play of Teresa Moore.

Another tournament over and a pleasant weekend spent amongst friends and lovers of table tennis. Thanks Ted, for being such a fine host.

Onward now to the next tournament, the Yorkshire Select, which unfortunately we were unable to enter, but we shall be taking a contingent to the English Schools Individual Championships on the 5th May at Mansfield. The report on our involvement in that arena will have to wait until my next report. Keep reading and buy more copies of Table Tennis News to keep you in touch with the big wide world outside Somerset.

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Jack Chalkley reports from ....

## STAFFORDSHIRE

### COUNTY CLOSED

Despite the absence of several top players away at the South of England, the County Closed provided some high class table tennis. As expected, it proved a far more open event and provided the opportunity for new names to appear on the trophies, with winners coming from Lichfield, the Potteries, Stafford, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

Top honours went to Craig Bakewell (P) who captured both the Men's and Intermediate (U-21) titles. His two encounters with Adrian Dixon (Wo) were the highlights. Adrian, only 15 and still small in stature, clearly demonstrated that he is a force to be recognised as he took Craig to three in both. Adrian, as also Richard Hayward, did not enter the junior events in order to concentrate on the senior competition, and with Amanda Hegarty, with whom he won the mixed last year, deciding to go south instead he was unfortunate in not winning a title on the day.

Most disappointed in the Men's Singles was surely Andy Rich (Wo). Andy has been in the top three of the County for several years and this year provided a splendid opportunity for him to take the title for the first time. Unfortunately he met his old adversary, Tony Isaac, in the second round and went out 17 in the third. Former holder Tony then met Steve Rowe (P), who won the title on three occasions in the early '70's, and lost in two 'deuce' games. Stan Deakin (P), winner of the Potteries title a week earlier, went out in the early rounds to the Stone champion, Shaun Rochelle, who in turn lost to Dixon in the quarters. Mark Evans, winner of the title two years ago, contested the all-Potteries final but was no match for Bakewell on the day.

Evans got his revenge in the Men's Doubles when, with John Hancock

(Pl, they recaptured the trophy they won in 1982.

Janet Dunning (Wo), who as Janet Carr won the Women's Singles in '77, '78 and '79, regained the title over Rachel Roberts (S). Earlier she only beat Angela Sanders (Wo) on 'deuce' in the third, but Angela reached the finals in her three other events, winning both the women's doubles with Tracey Spencer and the mixed with Rich. Surprisingly, Angela lost the Girls' title to Helen Lower (Wo) who also won the cadet girls' event.

Stephen Slater (P) was the unexpected winner of the Boys' title, beating second seed Steven Meigh (P) in the semi and top seed Kevin Lawrence (Wa) in the final. Another upset was the victory of Martin Riley and Philip Smith (P) in the junior doubles, with wins over both the top seed pairings. Garry Knights (L) brought off a surprise win in the cadet boys' final, beating top seed Nigel Tongue (S) on 'deuce' in the third. Garry has two more years at cadet level and earlier this season won the South of England U-12 title.

The 'Veterans' final was a repeat of last year, with Ray Dixon (Wo) again beating John Riley (P). Results:

M.S.: 5-f's - Evans bt Rowe 15, 18; Bakewell bt Dixon 19, -15, 16.  
Final - Bakewell bt Evans 17, 15.  
W.S.: Dunning bt Roberts 16, 15  
I.S.: Bakewell bt Dixon 17, -18, 19  
B.S.: Slater bt Lawrence 19, 18  
G.S.: Lower bt Sanders, 19, 19  
C.B.S.: Knights bt Tongue 11, -21, 20  
e.G.s.: lower bt Louise Sherratt (S) 10, 10  
V.S.: R. Dixon bt J. Riley 21, -16, 19  
M.D.: Evans/Hancock bt Bakewell/Rich 16, 18  
W.O.: Sanders/Spencer. bt Cara Rowe/Pat Brookes (P) -13, 14, 16  
(,0.: Rich/Sanders bt Nigel Jobling/Cara Rowe (P)15, 15

Entries were a little down on recent bumper years, but this gave the organisers the opportunity of getting home before midnight for a change. Our thanks go to the Potteries Assn. for again preparing the hall, most of the credit going to Mike Capey. In particular, I should mention Gordon Brookes, who year after year steps in to do a full day's work on the organising table. Many thanks, Gordon. Derek Sherratt, County secretary, once again acted as tournament referee.

Splendid news from the County Championships front. Pride of place goes to the junior second team for winning the Div. 3B title with victory over Northamptonshire. The match was **excellently** staged by Mrs. Russell and her colleagues in the Walsall Assn., a fitting climax for two teams with 100% records approaching the last match. The visitors, with a better sets average, needed only to draw to top the division, and with the score mounting 1-1, 2-2, 3-3, Staffs. seemed to be missing their chances of winning. However, wins by Kevin Cartwright, making a welcome return, Angela Sanders and Helen Lower took us to a 5-4 lead, leaving everything depending on Stephen Slater. Stephen, recent winner of the County Junior title, showed great composure and patience in what was really a battle of nerves, and **took** the set 15

and 21 to give Staffs. the 6-4 win they needed. Details:

Cartwright (Wo) bt Edmonds 19, 13; bt Bashford 10, 16; Slater (Pl) lost to Bashford -18, -17; bt Trott 15, 21; Steven Meigh (P) lost to Trott -15, 15, -22; lost to Edmonds -17, -15; Angela Sanders bt Maxine Shears 15, 18; Helen Lower (Wo) bt Donna Furniss 12, 7; Sanders/Lower bt Shears/Furniss 19, -13, 4; Meigh/Cartwright lost to Edmonds/Trott 14, -19, -18.

Despite their disappointment in losing, Northants were generous in defeat and we wish them every success in next years competition.

Meanwhile the Junior "A" team were holding their own in the second Premier Division weekend, finishing third behind Yorkshire and Middlesex. Wins against Devon (9-1), Surrey (9-1) and Cleveland (6-4) assured them of a high position and their only defeat came in a closely-fought match with Middlesex, Staffs. losing 6-4. Dixon and Amanda Hegarty (Wo) were the 'stars', both remaining unbeaten throughout the four matches, and Amanda completed the season undefeated in her singles. Jill Powis (Wo), Richard Hayward (Wo) and Kevin Lawrence (Wa) were the other members of the team, all of whom played their part.



Lynn Burgess, who retained her Women's singles title in the Stafford tournament this year.

Staffs. Senior "B" team played their last match against Lancashire in a match well organised by Mike Cross and the Tamworth Assn., but with several replacements and one late change in the team they were unable to do better than an 8-2 defeat. Pat Brookes and Cara Rowe (P) came into the side for the first time and performed creditably against strong opposition, particularly in their doubles match which they lost -17 in the third. Bob Murray (S); a late replacement, did well to take the last set, the other win coming from Mark Evans (Pl. Dave Hanney (Wo) played well to take both his singles to three. Despite this defeat it looks as though Staffs. II will remain in Div. 2A, but it has to be said that this now poses a problem. Too many of our top players, leaving out the Premier side, are unwilling or unable to play regularly for the second team. Whilst it is easy

enough to select from further down the ranking list, it is hardly fair on the strong teams we have to meet, or on our own players for that matter, to stage one-sided and ill-matched events. Increased costs are another factor.

On the Stone scene, Rochelle successfully defended his singles title, beating club colleague Steve Willis -16, 12, 15 in the final to retain the Taft Cup. Shaun teamed up with Emlyn Williams to beat Denis Camp and Phil Birchall in the men's doubles. Heather Green captured the women's title, defeating Tracy Lloyd 19 and 13 in the final. Heather had a second title in the mixed, with Steve Willis, beating Tracy Lloyd and Phil Birchall. In the juniors, Hadyn Green beat Simon Woodhouse 9 and 19, and at U-15 level David Hughes beat Alan Rees.

Congratulations to Tarmac Wolverhampton on winning promotion to the Premier Division of the National League. Their team of Dougie Johnson, Andrew Bellingham, Carl Morgan and Andy Rich is essentially a West Midlands side and we wish them well next season.

West Midlands Schools are represented on the Staffs. committee by John Blackband, and he reports that Wolverhampton players were well represented amongst the winners of their individual championships.

#### Details:

Girls: V-II - Louise Flaherty (Wa). U-13 - Karen Nicklin. RQ-Lisa Rowley (Wo). U-16 - Angela Sanders (Wo), RU - Helen Lower (Wo). U-19 - Tina Brown, RU - Debbie Bick  
Boys: U-11 - D. Paul (Wo), RU - M. Broughton (Wo). U-12 - L. Jeffries, RU-P. Poulson (Wo). U-13-A. Thorpe (Wo), RU-L. Jeffries. U-14 - N. Felton. RU - J. Ainsworth. U-15 - A. Dixon (Wo). RU-M. Harvey (Wo). U-16-A. Dixon (Wo). RU-N. Mayo, U-19 - K. Cartwright (Wo). RU - S. Bertie.

The Staffordshire Schools results, reported by David Roberts, were:

Girls: U-11 - Lisa Adams (Pl, RU - Samantha Edge (P), U-13 - Natalie Riley (P), RU - Joanne Eaton (P), U-16 - Jill Powis (Wo-Codsall), RU - Karen Rogers (P), U-19 - Tracey Spencer (Wo-Codsall). RU - Julie Gallett (Tamworth).  
Boys: U-11 - Garry Knights (Lichfield). RV - 5. Yeomans (P). U-13 - N. Martin (Newcastle), RU - R. Clark (P), U-16 - Adrian Hough (5). RU- Martin Riley (P). U-19 - Steven Meigh (P). RU-M. Palin (Pl).

The Beattie Trophy - a handicap event, organised again this year by our President, Don Pritchard- had its semi-finals and final played off at the Woodfield Club. Potteries "E" v Walsall "C" and Stafford "E" v Potteries "D", saw both the Potteries sides go out, and in the final, Walsall "C", getting the better of the handicap, beat the Stafford team.

Mention should be made of the sponsorship which our senior first team has received from Patrick U.K. Limited. They are providing, for a three year period, shoes and track suits for the players and manager. A picture showing the team decked out in their kit is, or has already, appeared in this magazine, although I note in the photo which I have seen that our team captain ('manager), Paul Chester, is not wearing his. I wonder, could it be that they didn't have his size in stock?

Ian Bullock reports .....

## SUFFOLK

### JUNIOR RANKING TOURNAMENT

The weekend April 7/8 provided a feast of competitive table tennis when the ranking tournament came to Shotley near Ipswich. The top 12 Juniors and Cadets were invited with each player having the opportunity to play everyone else in the group. Bradley Billington was the only player to finish undefeated and is to be congratulated together with Clair Potts, Susan Collier and Jimmy Stokes, the other winners. However, not everyone can be a winner, and I feel sure that Mike Watts and his team of officials on the day from the Ipswich and District League must have been pleased with the sporting manner in which all the games were contested.

As the playing season draws to a close Suffolk has experienced mixed fortunes. Our players have competed successfully in the local East Anglian League winning three competitions without defeat. On the National scene we have generally come second best. The Senior County team had their promotion hopes dashed when they were defeated by Warwickshire II in the last match of the season. Nevertheless, although the players were very disappointed, they will have undoubtedly gained valuable experience which should stand them in good stead for next season's campaign. Suffolk II ended their fixtures with a well-deserved win against Norfolk and this, together with the conceded match against Essex III made their final position in the league more respectable.

The successful run in the Carter Cup was halted abruptly by North Middlesex who were undefeated after six sets had been played. Shaun Caraccio came the closest to winning when the scores were level at 15 against Andrew Dodd. The latter then produced three winning loop drives to open up the gap he needed before going on to win 21-16. The Ipswich players should not be downhearted as they appear to be closing the gap on London-based clubs and with more tactical experience could possibly spring a surprise or two in the not too distant future.

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Mike Green reports from.....

## SURREY

### DROP AVOIDED

Alleluiah... After much nail-biting and self doubt the County Junior First team has managed to stave off the dreaded plunge from the County Premier Division.

Our relegation-haunted side came to the second weekend of the event with just the one victory to its credit with the knowledge that it would be a real struggle for them to preserve the team's status among the elite.

In the event, we managed to finish third to bottom in the league and thus just managed to avoid the drop.

The initial matches of the weekend went to form (i.e. we got well and truly done...) Yorkshire beat us 8-2 with Claire Brooks gaining a singles success and the Boys' Doubles going our way, and Berkshire predictably topped us 7-3 with Claire and Lesley Popkiewicz getting our three.

The next match was against Cleveland and it was already clear by this time that the losers were doomed. The Surrey combatants in this epic struggle were Lesley and Claire, with Steve Carpenter, Jerome Jonah and new-boy Julian Dudman.

It proved to be a real team performance with all five chipping in with a singles apiece and the girls getting their doubles. A 6-4 win and Surrey saved. The most exhilarating and surprising win of the six was Jerome's win over the Cleveland No. 1. With the match score standing at 3-3 this win gave us the lead when we had scarcely expected it and the momentum was carried through to victory.

We celebrated our success by getting thrashed 9-1 by Staffs in the last match with Carpenter preventing Mike Kercher's record of never getting "white washed" going up the spout by taking the last one "deuce" in tie third. Nice one Steve...

One pleasing aspect of the weekend was Lesley's much improved attitude which carried on to the following weekend's Junior Ranking Tournament at Shotley where, despite a disastrous start and following a bit of an ear-bashing from a certain Mr. Kercher, she played some good stuff to finish a very creditable ninth.

Our senior second team, from whom we were expecting great things, ended their programme floundering against Essex losing 7-3. Mike Hammond was our only star gaining two singles but team captain Murray Corbin was very disappointed with the others. Michele Hams and Jane Barella did not, apparently, do themselves justice. Jane, in particular, seems to have hit a bad patch after her Surrey win. Keep going, Jane, we're all rooting for you... Glen Baker, too, played "like a drain" in this one.

Our Veterans' team has completed its programme with four wins in six attempts and the two defeats being by a narrow 5-4 scoreline. It seems likely that Sussex 2 will win Div. 3B. Surrey will probably finish third behind Hampshire 2 having gained the same points, Hampshire having gained one more set by virtue of being given a 9-0 walkover by Somerset...

Sussex cannot take promotion as their first team stayed in Div. 2 Surrey, being eligible for promotion in third Hampshire cannot take promotion as their first team stayed in Div. 2. Surrey, being eligible for "third place" should therefore be promoted to Div. 2. (If you follow my logic.)

There is a lot of talk about a second Surrey veterans' team. If anyone is interested, please express such interest by phoning Frank Hams on 648-4454.

Talking of veterans, John Garland dominated the Byfleet League's individual championships at Elmbridge Leisure Centre.

He was in no fewer than five finals, winning two including the open singles. In this one, he beat Brian Simmonds Junior and it was an extraordinary fact that in all his finals he faced at least one member of the multi-talented Simmonds family from Virginia Water.

Simmonds, the No. 1 seed came within one point of defeat in his first match. Just teasing, I expect. Steve Gosling the unlucky man here. Garland also had quite a tussle in his semi where Norman Slifkin refused to submit. The final was fairly tight with John's steadiness under pressure just taking him through 16, 17.

Garland was not so fortunate in either the open doubles or veterans' doubles events. He and league press officer Mike Barrett were defending champions and No. 1 seeds in the open event, but were beaten by second seeds Brian Simmonds Snr and Slifkin. The same pairs met in the veterans with the same result...

Simmonds Senior proved Garland's bogey man again in the veterans' singles beating him in three close games in an absorbing final.

Garland's second success came in the Mixed where he and Vera Beesley just pipped brother and sister partnership Brian and Debbie Simmonds 19 in the third.

The prestige women's event, the singles, was won two-straight by Debbie who proved too strong for Vera Beesley. Debbie then teamed up with Irene Dollin to beat Vera and Mary Farley in the doubles.

In the Under-18 final, David Alpin got in on the act by beating Debbie in another nail-biting third.

The Simmonds were not entirely absent from the Thames Valley finals held at Kingston Grammar School. Brian Snr. lost quite easily in expedite to Ron Langheim in the Veterans' final. Interesting....

Mike Hammond took his fifth successive men's singles' title. He beat Steve Davis in his semi, and contested the final with Chessington club-mate Peter Matthews. Peter had unexpectedly beaten Ru Bole in his semi 17 in the third, a fact which produced a smirk of satisfaction across Mike Kercher's normally furrowed features. (I think you know why Rupert...)

Peter managed to get to 21-15 in the third against Mike, and the game itself was really entertaining. Well played Pete... The two Chessington lads combined to take the doubles title beating Ron Langheim and Geoff Wines.



In the ladies, Jane Barella tasted the full force of the Linda Clemett forehand. Having gained the first game, Jane was unceremoniously blasted off the table in the second and third. These two combined to lose the doubles to Lorraine Garbet and Karen Wilde. Jane even to lose the Mixed with partner Malcolm Wilde, the victors being Lorraine and Graham Bateman. Not Barella bubbles but Barella bottles on this occasion. Julian Dudman defeated Richard Jones in the Boys', and Karen Wilde beat Lisa Pritchett in the Playrite Sports provided the balls for the event.

Results of the Dulwich Closed with comments from Janice follow ... M S S/F: Facey bt Waldman (a real thriller) Spencer bt Ameri. Final: Spencer bt Facey (Spencer a cut above the rest.) Doubles: Curtis/Ward bt Waldman/Ameri (who were in command but let it slip.) W.S: T. Goddard was the group winner (too consistent for the rest) Mixed: Seabrook/Kinnard were group winners (triumph for experience) V.S: Kinnard bt Drew '(noisiest final with two hard bats.) J.S: Hope bt Ope (are you trying to kid me Janice?)

The tournament was switched at the last moment to Oliver Goldsmith School and was the best for years with 54 entrants in the men's singles out of a total registered of 120. The school was organised by Danny Kinnard who with a loyal band of helpers ensured the event finished early. Excellent canteen provided by Mrs. Pat Kinnard.

In the Dulwich top 8s... Div. 1 winner John Burleton r/u Ray Tilling. Div. 2 winner Jim Drew r/u Terry James. Div. 3 winner David Fraser r/u Sid Tims. U-14 Div. winner Paul Kolyos r/u Pete Reynolds.

I hope everyone from Dulwich enjoys their presentation dance at Irving on May 19 where the trophies have been provided by darts player John Lowe.

As you may know, the ETIA are proposing to up their subscription charges. These substantial increases were discussed at the most recent Surrey committee meeting where by a very small majority our National Councillor was mandated to vote in favour of the proposal at the coming A.G.M. It was very apparent that many leagues are anti the proposed increases and it will be interesting to see the results of the A.G.M.

John Woodford reports on

## SUSSEX

From the Lenin Stadium in Moscow.. STEPHEN MOORE, Sussex No.1 top seed and favourite landed his first Sussex men's singles crown in the all-Sussex championships at Lancing Leisure Centre on April 1st.

The Moore brothers Stephen and Adrian have this season lifted themselves a class ahead of their main Sussex' rivals. The final session was

played against the noise of a women's volleyball match, screaming females and referees' whistles. But as retiring Sussex chairman Bert Fretwell said, "You get what you pay for". The cost of the hall was around £1 20. In previous years Sussex have had to pay £300 to £400 at the Brighton Corn Exchange so treasurer Colin Hyland was in a happier mood!

However, for the record, Stephen Moore held off a strong challenge from his big-hitting brother Adrian to win 21-17, 24-22. "I had to use touch-play to keep out his biggest hits" said Stephen after his victory.

In the 1983 Sussex championship, Graham Gillett (Bexhill) beat both brothers to win the title, but this time Gillett's sharpness was blunted by the evergreen Roger Chandler now in the veteran age-group but still a threat to a number of the younger men.

Amongst the men's singles shocks, I picked out the bomb-hitting John Green who knocked out Paul Rowden the still-improving Eastbourne champion and then the mighty Phil Smith, champion of Crawley and West Sussex.

The ever-smiling Rachel Mackriell captured the Sussex women's title for the fourth time and there is a chance that if she stays in Sussex she could break the record in 1985 by winning for the fifth time.

In the women's final, despite the din, Mackriell managed to raise her game to the highest level to dispose of England No. 5 junior Teresa Moore 21, -16, 13. With only four seeds, three strong players suffered early rough rides - Carol Hewett lost to Mackriell, whilst Moore whipped out the French challenge in the semis from Catherine Coulombel, the glamorous star from Le Havre, champion of Hastings and East Sussex, whose photograph is still waiting to enhance the columns of this magazine.

Due to an oversight by that well-known organiser Harvey Webb, the tournament had no tables to play on 24 hours before the event. Happily local stalwarts Karen Peters, Bob Mansell and Roy Nicholls came to the rescue, grabbing tables from local clubs to save what is still claimed to be the biggest one-day tournament in Europe - any other claims will be looked into! Other Finals: M.D.S. and A. Moore bt K. Horton/P Smith 13, -18, 12; T. Moore/S. King bt C Hewett/C. Wicks -18, 15, 13; X.D.: A and T. Moore bt P. Elphick/S. Weston -18, 15, 22; L.M.S.: P. Elphick bt S. Kempton 12, 11; V.M.S.: T. Cramer bt A. Rowden -18, 20, 15.

Mary Rose reports from.....

## WARWICKSHIRE

### IMPRESSIVE RESULT

The County Senior 'B' team had an impressive result in their final match,

away to Suffolk, winning 6-4. Representing the side were Adrian Pilgrim, Richard Tanner, Lester Bertie, Karen Groves and Joan Harden.

Joan playing only her 2nd game for the County 'B' had a close encounter with Sue Weiman, losing 17 in the 3rd, but winning the doubles with Karen Groves 19, 20.

Unfortunately this win still kept the County in second place in the final table, and we have to look back to the defeat by local rivals Worcester in November as to the main cause of our failure to win the division, although it must be emphasized the team has had a most successful season.

A good win by our Junior 'B' side who beat Oxfordshire 6-4.

Representing the side Dave Thomas, Vee Chaghan, Nicki Felton, Tracey Green and Lisa Spilburg. Thomas won his 2 singles as also did Chaghan, Lisa again winning her singles and Thomas and Felton combining well to win the boys' doubles.

This win should take the Juniors away from the last two places the final table.

### WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE

The second series of matches of the Warwickshire League were held at the Birmingham Centre on March 11.

again the event has been very successful, and although it is quite a test of endurance playing three matches in one day, both organisers and players alike, few complaints were heard.

Although each side still has one match to play Rugby have already won the competition, after last year finishing runners-up. Well played Rugby, you are worthy champions. I had a feeling at the beginning of the season that it could be Rugby's year, they are a young side who should have even more success in the future.

Business Houses have also been one of the successes of this year's competition, their team of Brian Belcher, Pat McCabe, Ray and Kinsley Douglas and Sue Culberton making every team fight for every point.

Results of the second session and up to date League Table:-

Coventry 6	South Birmingham 3
Stratford 2	Rugby 7
Bm Business Houses 6	East Birmingham 3
Nuneaton 5	Leamington 4
Rugby 6	Coventry 3
Leamington 8	Stratford 1
South Birmingham 2	Bm Business Houses 7
East Birmingham 7	Nuneaton 2
Coventry 7	Leamington 2
East Birmingham 6	South Birmingham 3
Bm Business Houses 3	Rugby 6
Stratford 2	Nuneaton 7

#### LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
1. Rugby	6	6	-	40	14	12
2. Bm Business Houses	6	4	2	31	23	8
3. Coventry	6	4	2	29	25	8
4. East Birmingham	6	3	3	30	24	6
5. Leamington	6	3	3	28	26	6
6. Nuneaton	6	3	3	27	27	6
7. South Birmingham	6	1	5	20	34	2
8. Stratford	6		6	11	43	

4 matches to be played are:-

Stratford-on-Avon v Coventry  
Rugby v East Birmingham

The Birmingham Closed Championships (Sponsored by Wesleyan & General Insurance) were held for the first time at Birmingham Athletic Institute.

#### GUNN BEATS GUNN

Phil Gunn had been placed No.1 seed, but brother Ian had other ideas, winning the Men's Singles title against all the odds in straight games after first defeating Barry Johnson in the semi. Great show, Ian, it is good to see a new name on the trophy. I cannot remember another season when two brothers have met in the final of the Closed and I go back quite a few years (I'm not saying how many). I will have to ask Maurice Goldstein to reach for the record books.

Just to prove this win was no fluke Ian repeated his giant-toppling feats against Phil and Barry in the 3-a-side League Championships the following week.

The Women's final was a close fight between Karen Groves and Sandra Peakman, Warwickshire's top two ladies. Karen finally emerging the winner in a very exciting third game.

To me, and I think many other spectators, the most entertaining final was the Mixed between Karen/Richard Tanner and Sandra and Lester Bertie. In the third Karen and Richard looked to be winning easily as they went into a big lead but somehow Sandra and Lester clawed their way back to a fine 22-20 win.

#### FINAL RESULTS

**M.S:** Ian Gunn (Hands Vic) bt Phil Gunn (Hands Vic)  
**W.S:** Karen Groves (Redhill) bt Sandra Peakman (Westminster)  
**M.D:** Lester Bertie/Richard Tanner (Colebridge) bt Gunn/Gunn (Hands Vic)  
**W.O:** Groves/Oj St-Ledger (Redhill) bt Peakman/Doreen Robinson (West Warwicks)  
**X.D:** Peakman/Bertie beat Groves/Tanner  
**V.S:** Melvin Wood (Sham Phones) bt Brian Belcher (Sham Phones)  
**C.S:** Bob Brown (West Warwicks) bt J. Turner (B'm University)

Many thanks go to our sponsors Wesleyan & General Insurance whose representative presented the prize to the winners and runners-up.

#### WILMOTT CUP

Birmingham's team of Phil Gunn, Barry Johnson and Carl Morgan beat a strong Leicester team 5-3 in the quarter-final round a marvellous result.

Morgan, especially, was in top form winning all his three. Phil Gunn won one but a very important one beating Graeme Hall -14, 19, 10 to settle the match in Birmingham's favour.

Barry Johnson also won one, his last set against Dave Gannon not being played.

#### MITCHELL & BUTLERS CUP

The final of the Mitchell and Butlers Cup was between Olton/South Yardley and Handsworth Victoria. It was a wonderful match with Olton/South Yardley winning the final set of the

night, a real cliff hanger.

The Warwickshire Closed Championship sponsored by Lentec Ltd, Coventry were due to be held at the West Midlands Sports Centre, Cramwell Lane, Tile Hill, Coventry on April 29.



This photograph was taken at the Birmingham Closed Championships showing Ian Gunn, the Men's Singles Champion, receiving the prize from the Wesleyan and General Insurance representative our Birmingham Closed sponsors,

Laurie Selby reports from.....

## WILTSHIRE

The champagne corks were popping for Wiltshire's junior team after they won promotion in the County Championships.

And they really did it in style, beating nearest rivals Avon 9-1 in an away match.

Both sides were neck and neck in the race for top spot, each having dropped only one point in their campaigns.

Andrew Oxley, from Cherhill near Caine, gave Wiltshire a great start when he defeated James Fletcher 15, in the opening set and then Jon Hook (Swindon) won a tough struggle against Lance Testa 18, -23, 11.

There was a hiccup in Wiltshire's victory march when Howard Phillips (Salisbury) went down to Avon No. 1, Paul Lewis 16, -20, -17.

But two fine displays in the doubles put Wiltshire firmly into the driving seat.

Claire Hunter (Swindon) and Jenny Neale (Swindon) played brilliantly to breeze past Michelle Cohen and Karen Testa 11, 17. Then Oxley and Hook powered to a 17, 15 win over Fletcher and Lewis.

Hook gave the Wiltshire fans more anxious moments before beating Fletcher 20, -18, 15.

This left Wiltshire needing one more win for the championship - and Jenny Neale, the youngest member of the team clinched it when she defeated Karen Testa 15, 16.

The clash of the two No. 1's - Oxley and Lewis - also resulted in a win for Wiltshire. Oxley, who had never beaten Lewis in their three meetings, always held the upper hand and won 18, 11.

Claire Hunter rounded off a brilliant season by beating Michelle Cohen 17, -14, 12. The Swindon girl went through the season without losing a set.

Phillips tied it up neatly for Wiltshire by beating Testa 7, 16.

This was the junior team's best result for many seasons and Ian Neate (Swindon) who played in all but two of the matches made a big contribution. He lost only one set.

A brilliant display by Swindon women's team earned them a place in the semi-finals of a national competition.

They beat Hastings 8-1 in Swindon to reach the last four of the Rose Bowl competition.

The Hastings No.1, French girl Catherine Coulombel, gave the visitors an early lead when she battled back after losing the opening game to beat Tracey Watkins -19, 15, 19.

In the second rubber it was Swindon's Janet Parker who hit back after dropping the opening game against Sheila King. But she won the next two 16 and 10.

Then Claire Maisey swept past Suzanne Haffenden 8, 10 and Tracey made it 3-1 when she beat Sheila King 9, -18, 13.

The next set was a real thriller. Coulombel scraped home 28-26 in the first game against Claire but the Swindon girl snatched the second 23-21 and the third 21-17.

Janet put the result beyond doubt by beating Haffenden 11, 15 and Claire chalked up her third victory with a 10, 10 win over King.

Swindon kept the pressure on with Tracey beating Haffenden 14, 14 and Janet notched her maximum and rounded off a fine Swindon performance by defeating Coulombel -18, 8, 10.

Swindon zipped to the Wiltshire senior inter-town league championship with a dominating performance.

They never dropped a point and finished eight points ahead of their nearest rivals.

Steve McBean was the only player to finish undefeated.

Leading averages: 1 McBean (Swindon 'A') played 11, won 11, average 100%; 2 (joint) R. Hughes (Swindon 'A') and B. Powell (Swindon 'A') 6-5-83.3; 4 (joint) A. Oxley (Swindon 'A') 12-8-66.7, R. Hughes (Swindon 'S') and G. Oxley (West Wilts) 6-4-66.7; 7 L.

Morse (Swindon 'B') 5-3-60; 8 K. Harford (West Wilts) 6-3-50; 9 D. Richards (Devizes) 12-5-41.7.

Results: West Wilts 7 (K. Harford 2, M. Holt 2, G. Oxley 3), Devizes 2 (D. Richards 1, C. Webb 1, R. Tanton 0); West 'Wilts 2 (K. Harford 1, M. Holt 0, G. Oxley 1), Swindon 'A' 7 (S. McBean 3, A. Oxley 2, R. Hughes 2). Devizes 2 (D. Richards 2, C. Webb 0, R. Tanton 0), Swindon 'A'.7 (S. McBean 3, A. Oxley 2, R. Hughes 2).

	P	W	O	F	A	Pts
SWindon 'A'	6	6	0	47	7	12
Devizes	6	2	4	27	27	4
Swindon'S'	6	2	4	18	36	4
West Wilts	6	2	4	16	38	4

Four Wiltshire players are included in the latest senior England rankings.

Kevin Satchell (West Wilts) is highest placed at 31 and Swindon's Claire Maisey has gone up to No. 31.

Another Swindon player, Janet Parker, is at 61 and Kevin Edwards (West Wilts) is 92.

Doug Moss reports from

## WORCESTERSHIRE

### WELL DONE TIM!

Bromsgrove clinched the Championship of Division 4 of the Midland League when they beat Walsall 6-4. The team won all their matches and County team junior Tim Holder went through the season unbeaten. Well done, Tim!

This has been the time of League Championship Finals and having reported on Malvern, Worcester and Bromsgrove it is the turn of Evesham, Dudley and Kidderminster. In Evesham the most successful player was Jill Stride who won the Women's Singles, 'boubles and Mixed Championships. She was partnered by young Jane McLean in the Doubles, their opponents being Peggy Mytton and Shirley Betteridge. Shirley also suffered at Jill Stride's hands in the singles to the tune of -11, -19 and in the Mixed when Nick Mytton partnered Jill. The Men's Singles final provided a close finish with Steve Gough beating Bob Wilshire at 21 in the third. The junior events went to Jane McLean and Neil Betteridge with Bob Price taking the veterans' championship at the expense of Mike Hatch. Bob was less successful in the -Men's Doubles as he and Den Betteridge were convincingly beaten by Eric Lane and David Beechey. The handicap competition had some unique scoring. Nick Mytton beat men's singles champion Steve Gough 61-48!

The Dudley League Championship results were:-

MS: Steve Dunning bt Trevor Washington 17. -15. 17.  
 JS: D. Briggs bt M. Roden 15. 15.  
 MD: Washington/M. Wood bt Dunning/P. Baker 16. -17, 19.  
 VS: M. Wood bt R. Dixon 19. 15.  
 U21. S. M. Hingley bt M. Roden 16. 12.  
 Lower  
 Div. 5: S. Robinson bt E. Calver 18. 16.

Lower  
 Div. 0: R. Bayliss/D. Yardley bt I Field/A. Glaze 20. 17.

The Kidderminster Championships brought further success for Lewis Siket. He won the Men's Singles, to add to his Malvern title and being runner-up in Worcester. His Kidderminster opponent was Brett Davis who was beaten 18, also won the Handicap Singles in convincing style against Louise Davis. Other results were:-

M.D: K. Burton/P. Osman bt L. Siket/D. Smith -18. 14, 19.  
 J.S: Louise Davis bt M. Bennett 15. 14.  
 V.S: Brett Davis bt Ken Burton 19. -19, 12.  
 W.S: Louise bt Sandra -22, 17, 16.  
 X.D: Osman/Mandy Westwood bt C. Reen/Wendy Bagott 17. 21.

The County I team visited Cambridge for their last match and lost 9-1. Murray Jukes beat Mick Harper 10, 8. Mandy Mytton and Lynda Reid were unlucky to lose the doubles at -22 in the third. (I remember that at the end of last season Mandy and Lynda lost their doubles at "deuce" in the third in the final match - and that time it lost them an unbeaten record). Jukes and Washington also lost the men's doubles at 18 in the decider. There was concern not to finish bottom of Div. 2 immediately after promotion in the hope this might possibly help staying up next season. The Derbyshire result against Yorks II was therefore important. The outcome was that Derby failed to produce a team! So what of their efforts in playing Alan Cooke against Cambridgeshire and Worcestershire and then to capitulate?! This very much influenced the position at top and bottom of the League Table. I went with the II team to Wellingborough for their match against Northants I. The team was without the services of Simon Claxton, Ken Walton and Lynda Reid. They lost 6-4 but 3 events had close finishes with Siket losing to I. Hawes -23, -20, the men's doubles going at -17 in the third and Barbara Jukes, coming in at last and having to change rubbers

to comply with the colour rule, fighting valiantly before going down at 18 in the third. Barbara did however have consolation in winning the ladies' doubles in convincing style with Alison Westwood. Alison looked a class player in winning her singles event. The Juniors did very well to beat Cambridge II 7-3 to conclude a very satisfactory season, bearing in mind the team did not have the County's No.1 juniors at any stage as Louise Davis and Murray Jukes, played for the senior I team. Dean Kloos, partnered by Tim Holder and Mark Roden during the season, won all but one of the boys' doubles events. The Veterans kept up their good performance with a 7-2 win against Avon, with new recruit Brett Davis winning all his events. Janet Hunt had another remarkable season winning all the mixed doubles events with Malcolm Dicks and Brett Davis and losing only one singles event (being

unbeaten last season means 1 loss in two seasons).

To support the Sports Council's emphasis for sport for the over 50's the County Association organised a tournament on 15 April with over-50 and over-60 singles events, a ladies' singles with men's and mixed doubles. There was a somewhat disappointing entry but all those who entered had a most enjoyable time. Ron Butterton and Beryl Shammon were the most successful players with Ron winning the over 50's singles and the men's doubles with Ken Burton. Beryl won the ladies' singles and the mixed in partnership with John Mytton.

Full results were:-

0.50.5: Ron Butterton bt Malcolm Dobson 18. 19.  
 W.S: Beryl Shammon bt Molly Hough 13, 14.  
 M.D: Butterton/Ken Burton bt John Mytton/Dobson 16, 17.  
 X.D: John Mytton/Shammon bt Doug Moss/Hough 15, 19.  
 0.60.5: Winner - Ken Buckley. Runner-up - Moss.

(The result was decided after totalling points from a final group of 3 players, which also included Eric Willmont. Each player finished level sets and games and Ken Buckley finished 5 points ahead of Doug Moss).

I have started a number of my reports this season reporting the success of Murray Jukes, particularly in junior doubles events with partner Adrian Dixon. So I conclude the season's reports by reporting that he and Adrian won the junior doubles event at the Derby Open championships with most of the top juniors taking part. Murray also did very well in the singles by reaching the semi-final. Best of luck to Murray in either of the two Junior Select Tournaments he may be entering.

The County A.G.M. is to be held at Civil Service Club, Worcester on 6 June.

Les D'Arcy reports from....

## YORKSHIRE

Pride of place this month goes, to our Junior Premier Division Team who have retained the National Junior Premier Division Championship with a 100% record. This excellent endeavour eclipses the 1983 performance of being unbeaten, but dropping a point on the way to the championship.

Outstanding individual winners were Clive Guest (13), David Rook (11) and Martin Firth (10), all out of 14. Alison Evans and Joanne Shaw also played with distinction. A word of thanks to the organisers of the teams, particularly, County Match Secretary, Eric Hill, who took over management early in the season in a state of emergency when the fate of the County Squads were in the balance. Eric, who became a National Councillor this season will be hoping that a suitable volunteer can be found next season to take over. With so much talent in the County, particularly at cadet level, filling the

vacancy is becoming a number one priority.

The County has also talent in depth at veteran level and a number of the more enthusiastic are keen to see a Yorkshire Vets' Team established as soon as possible. Geoff Brook (Huddersfield) and Mick Holt (Bradford) have both approached me recently on that point and it would be interesting to find out if others are interested enough to contact me about it. A meeting could then be called and with the blessing of the Y.T.T.A. suitable action taken.

Dunlop Sports Co. have once again been very busy stimulating table tennis in the County with their generous sponsorship. In addition to the Garforth Dunlop Centre opened earlier this season three more Dunlop-sponsored centres have opened recently, two in Wakefield and one in Barnsley. Dunlop also provided 26 tables and other equipment for a giant coaching project for 144 young players at the University of Leeds, directed by National Coach and England Senior Team Trainer, Donald Parker.

League Chairman, Jim Summerscales and Coaching Secretary Geoff Williams were chiefly responsible for the setting up of the Barnsley Centre, with the Heath View Centre at Eastmoor being established for about thirty beginners/improvers by Wakefield League official, David Townsend, Regional Coach, Rowden Fullen, also had his dream come true with the opening of the Alan Hydes Advanced Training Centre at Kettlethorpe, where players and guests were treated to a first class exhibition of table tennis by Don Parker and former international Alan Hydes.

the keenly awaited Solana Indoor Sports Festival proved well worth waiting for at Leeds University on April 7. In the Grand Challenge Match to decide the top team in the County, two wins for Skylet Andrew and one from Steve Turner could not prevent Unity of Bradford going down to South Yorkshire Vliho won 5-3 - Chu Van Que (1), Chris Rogers (1). Shaun Brown (2), Tony Sanderson (1).

Debbie Toole, Hazel Kavanagh, Janine Harrison and Paula Collett proved too strong for their opposite numbers from Lancashire to win the Cadet Girls' Match 4-0. Neil Simms was Yorkshire's only scorer in the Boys' Match, but his win was sufficient to give an overall 5-3 win. One of the highlights of the evening was an exhibition by Don Parker and his wife, Jill, which brought spontaneous applause from the large and appreciative audience for two of our sport's ambassadors.

Two other popular figures during the day's programme were Melody Hill and Steve Sharpe who established, subject to confirmation, a world record for a mixed pair, of 158 counter hits in one minute - ten hits faster than an official world record made by Melody

and Linda Jarvis and four short of the record held by Des Douglas/Paul Day equalled by Douglas and Nicky Jarvis.

The day also proved a memorable one for the 16 cadets from Lancashire and Yorkshire who each received a tracksuit from 'Solana' and a medal from David Brown Jewellers, Wakefield, to mark the occasion. May I say 'Thank You' to them, to our Sponsors, Dunlop, and to friends from both sides of the Pennines who helped to make the day successful.

Another star, three times World Championships player, Chu Van Que, missed his train back to Newcastle, so it was back with me to Wakefield, fish and chips at midnight, up at 7 a.m., a light breakfast followed by quick best-of-three on the garage table and back to Leeds to catch the 8.40 to Newcastle - quite exciting, and informative. I learned a lot from Chu, especially about watching an accelerating object passing my left ear. Maybe I'll do better next time!

#### SPOTLIGHT ON THE LEAGUE

John Hatfield reports from Sheffield that in Dave Sykes and Roy Brothwell his League have two of the most colourful characters in local table tennis.

Approaching the table tennis veteran stage - one of them has just passed 40 but they are not saying which - these two cavaliers of the sport will be remembered in the region long after some of the superstars have been forgotten.

Not that they have missed the big prizes. Brothwell won the Sheffield men's singles title in 1971 and Sykes took it two years later. Brothwell missed another chance when he broke his foot while playing Maurice Simpson in the 1968 final.

Former Yorkshire League players, they are currently spear-heading Wadsley House A's bid for promotion to the super division and they recently beat University's Phil Aspinall and

Andy Nicol to reach the quarter-finals of the Sheffield Wembley Pairs KO competition.

But the dynamic duo are best known for the inevitable drama and humour they bring to the game - bringing frustration for opponents, entertainment for spectators and exasperation for officials.

Never lost for words, they have talked themselves out of a lot of tight corners, both on the table and in the committee room, and they remain two of the most entertaining and controversial players around.

Brothwell has earned a place in the local table tennis vocabulary - a "Brothwell" is a bullet-like kill off a tight defensive shot or edge which most players would struggle even to return.

His colleague will long be remembered for acrobatic, and usually successful, retrieving shots which often incorporate the violent upheaval of the court surrounds, especially in doubles play.

Strangely enough, in careers which have taken the pair round most of the big local clubs, neither player has won the Sheffield men's doubles or Wembley Pairs title.

But doubles opponents always get twice the value, or twice the problems, plus - at no extra charge - a running commentary on the progress of the set together with a flowery assessment of the pros and cons of their own game.

It is hardly surprising that the two jokers have no intention of giving up for a while yet. Their next ambition is to help form a veterans' team and put Sheffield on the map in the thriving 40 plus competition in the Yorkshire League.

This could be good or bad news for a lot of former opponents around the county who thought they had seen the end of Sykes and Brothwell.

Sheffield's super cadet, Chris Oldfield and the equally-talented Michael O'Driscoll of Dewsbury produced table



National Senior Team Trainer/Coach, Donald Parker shows how to a group of advanced players at the official opening of the 'Alan Hydes Dunlop Advanced Training Centre' at Kettlethorpe, Wakefield. The group includes Lancashire County Player, Amanda Goodwin, extreme left; Yorkshire Men's Champion, Steve Sharpe, 2nd left; Rowden Fullen, extreme right with Alan Hydes.

(Acknowledgements to Yorkshire Evening Post)



Chris Oldfield (Sheffield) right and Michael O'Driscoll (Dewsbury) playing in the Yorkshire Evening Press, Selby Junior 1\* U-12 Final (Acknowledgements to Yorkshire Evening Press).

tennis of an extremely high standard when they clashed in both the U-12 and the U-14 finals at the Yorkshire Evening Press Selby Junior 1\*. They not only played brilliantly, but also entertained the large crowd with a scintillating array of attacking and defensive strokes to provide confidence that table tennis is not finished as a spectator sport. For the professionals whose task it is to promote our interests at national and international levels I suggest that Chris and Michael be given a sizeable slice on any TV programme they may have considered making. I can assure them that if they do, their efforts to popularize table tennis will be well worth while.

**Results:**

U-12 Boys: M. O'Driscoll bt C. Oldfield 15, 23, 17;  
 U-12 Girls: K. Hall bt J. Billington 14, 8;  
 U-14 Boys: O'Driscoll bt Oldfield 14, -16, 19;  
 U-14 Girls: A. Holt bt Hall 19, -21, 14;  
 U-17 Boys: C. Guest bt H. Leigh 15, 13;  
 U-17 Girls: Holt bt Hall 16, -12, 15;  
 Boys Doubles: A. Bassanoff/M. Land bt Guest/A. Buxton 18, 18.

Tournament Organiser, Mick Hanley and his Committee had good reason to be pleased with a successful and enjoyable tournament.

**LOCAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

At recent local leagues closed championships the following players have become champions:-

	Hull	Harrogate	Leeds	W.k.f.I.d	Selby
M.S:	J. Naser	R. Whiteley	K. M. Kandla	S. Sharpe	M. Wilcockson
W.S:	A. Evans	J. Whiteley	R. Baxter	K. Burrows	S. Phillipson
M.D:	Naser/S. Madden	R. Whiteley/ N. Penhock	P. Sanderson/ C. Render	S. Sharpe/J. Atkinson	M. Wilcockson/ P. Greenwood
W.D:	A. Evans/J. Evans		A. Baxter/C. Howarth		
X.D:	J. Naser/A. Evans	M. Hick/L. Smith	A. Baxter/C. Render		
V.S:	R. Jackson	I. Walmsley	L. O'Arcy	K. Hurley	B. Williamson
B.S:	J. Sult	A. Whiteley	M. Connell	T. Miller	R. Pike
G.S:	A. Evans		R. Baxter		
CBS:	C. Ibson	A. Whiteley	J. Chew		R. Pike
CGS:	H. Kavanagh		J. Harrison		

Roy Williams reports from....

**NORTH WALES**

**TWO TITLES FOR DENBIGH**

A brilliant performance from Justin Evans in the final set against Caernarvonshire with the match score at 3-all rescued holders Denbighshire in the senior section of the North Wales County Championships. Justin's hard-hitting opponent, Arthur Roberts, could not match his play on this occasion.

Paul Griffiths had earlier beaten

In the Bradford Closed David Rook won the men's singles, Junior singles and the men's doubles with Mike Stead; Helen Shields, women's; G. Bago, Veterans'; R. Beaumont, girls' and J. Swaine, cadets' completed the non-handicap title winners.

Outstanding player in the Dewsbury Closed was 15-years-old Mark Land who reached six finals and won two: the men's doubles with Neil Cafferty and then defeating Neil in the Handicap Final off plus 2. In the Men's Final, Mark had championship point in the second game against Trevor Watson who clawed his way back to take that game and then the third 21-17, but what a day for a young player who had been struggling to reach top form all season.

Snippet: Joanne Shaw, who recently defeated Sue Collier in the final of the Essex 3\*, has been selected to represent England Juniors in the Czech Open 18-20th May and the English Junior Open on the 12-13th May at Portsmouth. Our best wishes, Joanne.

Arthur but he and Justin both lost to Mike Steen in three. Mike, who was making his debut in the competition, was outstanding. The women's singles produced a cracker of a set with Caernarvon's Sue Powell winning the first game 11, but Karen Buckle fought back to level at 16. The decider was a truly exciting affair with Sue getting home at 17. Denbigh won both doubles.

Denbigh "whitewashed" Anglesey and Flintshire and Caernarvon only lost their men's doubles to Flint whose

winner was Mark Kane and Gareth Williams. In the vets' section Flint, last year's runners-up came back with a vengeance. Roy Williams, Meirion Williams, Ray Howland, Tony Smith and Barbara Williams won every set against Anglesey, Caernarvonshire and holders Denbighshire.

Jim Bishton and Peter Williams went to three against the new champions on two occasions. Denbigh beat Anglesey and Caernarvon with the latter taking third place. Denbighshire (holders) and Flintshire both beat their first two opponents but in the final session Denbigh with Tim Turner, James Tapp and Ann Walker crushed Andrew Harrison, Craig Thomas and Lesley Hatton. Denbighshire II, with Philip Simon, Nigel Owen and Tracy Sambrook finished third with Flint II playing Perry Lee, Russell Howland and Debbie Hatton taking the wooden spoon.

**CAERGWRLLE TRIUMPH**

Caergwrle easily beat Prestatyn "A" in the North Wales Club Championships (10 sets) at Eirias Park, Colwyn Bay with Terry Turner, Neil James and Haydn Young all in top form. Prestatyn's Ray Howland did however defeat Young, but the G. S. Radcliffe Cup was on its way to the Wrexham League for the third season. Dunlop (Wrexham) completed a double winning the C. S. Shone Cup in the North Wales Team Competition (9 sets) at Prestatyn Cricket Club. Dunlop only lost one set, Alan Harris losing to Bill Williams but Colwyn Bay TTC lost 5 sets in the third. Bernard Carter and Paul Ellis were Dunlop's other winners, Dennis Hunt and Peter Jones being Colwyn's unlucky losers.

**SEASON'S END**

With the season coming to its end once again WYLFA P.S. lead the Anglesey League and look set to retain the title. Prestatyn "A" failed to beat Clwyd "A" in their final match in the Rhyl League so Clwyd "A" hang on to the championship. Colwyn Bay CC with 17 wins in a row lost 8-2 to Colwyn Bay TIC "A" in their final match in the Llandudno League but won the 1st division by 2 pts. In Wrexham, United Gravel are the champions with Caergwrle runners-up.

**FLINTSHIRE CLOSED**

With the absence of John Hook, on holiday, Roy Williams beat Meirion Williams in the final for his 7th success in the men's singles. Pru Oakes turned the tables on Barbara Williams to retain the women's singles but the losers in both these events came up trumps in the vets' events. Craig Thomas won a keenly contested intermediate singles, Andrew Harrison, the boys' singles and Janet Manning, the girls'. 20 events were played at this popular tournament held at Millers Cottage Leisure Camp.



## WREXHAM CLOSED

Paul Griffiths won the men's title with a final win over Phil Jones whilst junior international Karen Buckle beat the holder, for many years, Sheila Rogers. Jim Bishton kept his vets' crown while two girls fought out the mixed cadet singles won by Tracy Sambrook.

Wrexham's Charlie Bayliss, who in the last 25 years has been a hard-working official, has been very ill of late and all in North Wales wish him a speedy recovery. Malcolm Buckle, also of Wrexham, has also been under the weather but I am pleased to report he is on the mend.

## JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL

Wales went down to Scotland, at Hope, in an entertaining match won 6-4 by our visitors. John Ellis was outstanding on his home patch and Wrexham's Justine Evans played well on his debut. The match was well organised by Len Elias and attracted a fair number of spectators.

## VETERANS TRAVEL

Eight North Walians join three South Wales veterans for their visit to Helsinki to take part in the 2nd World Veteran Championships. They are Roy Williams, Ray Howland, Barbara Williams, Perta Williams (Rhyl), Don Hobbs, Owen Williams (Anglesey), Les Jones (Llandudno), Jim Bishton (Wrexham), Harold and Enid Thomas (Raglan) and one of Wales' best players of the 50's Betty Gray of Swansea. With ITTF President H. Roy Evans and his wife, Nancy, Personal Honorary Member of the ETTU, Wales will be well represented.



## Welsh Corner

by H. Roy Evans

### THE WELSH IN MOSCOW

Moscow provided an impressive stage for the 14th European Championships. Hotel Sport was good, food was good, transport arrangements seemed to work well, and the playing conditions suffered few critics. Upsets there were galore, but because they will surely be described elsewhere, I will content myself by trying to summarise how Wales fared in this cauldron of play. Ironically, although there does not seem to be so many stars at the top these days, the standard of play amongst second category teams is higher, and it is in this context that we must judge our results.

At first it seemed that our men were going to do better, and the first match against Finland, against whom we never seem to do well, gave us a lot of heart. Alan Griffiths won two, and Mark and Nigel Thomas one each as we stood at 4-all. Then Nigel, losing the first game, winning the second well, just failed at 1? in the third. And so we went down 5-4 to a team, one of the strongest in our group; and we looked for better things to come.

Unfortunately Alan suffered some damage to his playing arm, and this had a dispiriting effect on the team, in addition to which it became necessary for Brian Everson to place Alan at No. 2 and Mark took over the No. 1 spot.

We lost predictably to Rumania 5-0, and they finished only one place behind England. Spain beat us 5-1, a disappointing result with Alan beating Caymel in our only win.

Then we faced Scotland, led by David Hannah, surely the strongest player in the whole of Category 2. With Richard Yule at No. 2 this was too strong a combination for us. Mark and Nigel both beat Mcilroy, but that was the sum total of our successes. Yet Alan, who is usually badly beaten by Yule, played well enough to hold the Scot to 15-all in the third, only to fade and lose at 19.

Denmark were too strong for us, and we lost 5-0.

Then Ireland, whom we beat 5-2, Mark winning his three, including a fine win over Colm Slevin, who beat both Alan and Nigel:

This was followed by the group play-offs, in which we met Luxembourg. This proved a disappointment. for although we got off to a good start with wins by Mark and Alan, we fell away and lost 3-5. Mark won two and Alan one.

In the final match of the play-offs, we accounted for Portugal 5-1, Mark losing to Miguel in the opening set, but winning his other, and Alan and Nigel producing two wins each.

We finished in a disappointing 23rd position, but there is no doubt that a fit Alan would have continued to play at No. 1 and probably won more sets, Mark having to shoulder the burden of the No. 1 spot played very well, and his game undoubtedly improved by about 5 points. Nigel did what was expected of him, picking up the one set looked for from a No.3 and generally showing much more determination than hitherto.

Final statistics were as follows:-  
Alan played 14, won 7, lost 7 50%  
Mark played 19 won 8, lost 11 42.1%  
Nigel played 18, won 5, lost 13 27.7%

#### Individual Results:

Mark Thomas lost to Silverse (Italy) 16, -9, -8, -13.

Nigel Thomas lost to Wasik (F.R. Germany) -12, -10, -13.

Alan Griffiths withdrew.

Alan and Mark withdrew in the men's doubles.

Nigel, partnering J. van Spanje (Holland) lost to Toma and Crisan (Aumania)

Mark went down to the Finnish No. 1, Jokinen in the Consolation, whilst Nigel lost 18 in the third to Bob Potton (Netherlands) in a very good set.



### "A Bevy of Beauty"

Heidi Cotter (Wales), Janet Smith (Scotland), Jennifer Reid (Ireland).

### WITH THE GIRLS

Len Elias having to cry off at the last moment, Gerald Watkins took over the job of non-playing captain for our team of Lesley Tyler and Heidi Cotter.

We have not been represented in the women's events in several World and European Championships recently, being so short of talent. But the steady improvement of our women in the last couple of seasons encouraged us to send a female team.

From the statistical point of view, our results were nothing to write home about, but Gerald feels that the decision to send a team was justified.

Lesley showed better form than before, winning some important sets and looking quite good in others. She needs constant exposure to play at this level in order to eradicate the unforced errors which still creep in, but most of all to convince herself that she can win if she learns to put her game together in a more purposeful way.

Heidi was to some extent thrown in at the deep end, and she must learn to rise above her disappointments and frustrations. She has a good attacking game, and must be encouraged to play it positively. Return of service is still one of her weaknesses, and repeated failure to master this art means added nervousness to go for her shots in the rallies.

Having been critical. there seems no doubt that the experience did them both good. It is in their hands to play with more purpose, and thus do better things for themselves and for Wales.

We met the formidable French team first, and as expected went down to players too strong for us. In our second encounter our girls put the equation right with a good win against Portugal. Heidi only just lost her singles, and combined well with Lesley in the doubles, the latter playing well to win her two singles and register a Welsh win.

We lost to the strong Norwegian side 1-3, Lesley accomplishing a good win over Skutle.

It looked as if we had a good chance against Spain, especially when Lesley beat Godes in the opening game. Heidi played her best to date, but lost to Sanahuja closely in the second. The doubles saw the Welsh girls combine well taking the first game at 15, but

being pipped at 20 in the second. They lost their rhythm in the decider. Lesley started as if she were going to beat Sanahuja, but some loose play allowed the Spanish girl to win 22-20.

Luxembourg were our final opponents in the group, and it was not surprising that the strong combination of Carine Risch and Toussant was much too good for us. Only in the doubles did we look at all good, taking the middle game.

In the group play-offs we lost 1-3 to Ireland and repeated our win over Portugal.

The Irish match was a disappointment, but Ann Leonard's playing in Germany has, undoubtedly, made a better player of her. Lesley comfortably beat Reid, but found Ann too good. Lesley won the first, but Ann changed her game and ran out an easy winner. Heidi made little impression on Ann, but our doubles effort faltered when we looked to be going well.

#### THE INDIVIDUALS

Heidi was unfortunate enough to meet French No. 1 Thiriet, and lost

three-straight. After a first round bye, Lesley put up a good performance by beating Italy's Donda, but she went down three-straight to Marie Lindblad of Sweden, the team's "Best Performance" winner. Nevertheless, Lesley played well against such strong opposition.

In the doubles, the girls lost in the qualifying round to Eliasson and Wiktorsson of Sweden.

In the Mixed, Nigel and Heidi took Dvorak (USSR) and Abgrall (France) to 14 in the third, but Mark and Lesley went out to the Hungarians Molnar and Olah.

#### WALES v SCOTLAND - CADETS

In a very well staged cadet international at the Castell Alun Sports Centre in Hope, Wrexham, Scotland beat Wales 6-4.

John Ellis, much the strongest player on view, won both his sets beating Colin Carmichael 10, 18, and Gavin Turnbull 13, 15. Richard Harry, the big Bridgend boy, making his debut, found the diminutive Turnbull too good at

blocking out his attack and he went down 16, -18, -13. John and Richard after some shaky moments beat Carmichael and Turnbull 12, -22, 17. Harry played with more accuracy to beat Carmichael -11, 14, 16.

The Scottish girls looked to have more experience and confidence than Justine Thomas of Mynydd Isa and Lisa Mogford of Newport. Justine lost to Lynda Hood -15, -16, and to Sarah Hurry -15, -12, paying the penalty for not adding more aggression to her steady game. Lisa lost -9, -14 to Sarah and -17, -14 to Lynda, but showed signs of having an attack that could be more accurate.

A splendid match, played in good spirit. A fine buffet afterwards, provided by juniors Heidi Cotter and Evelyn Wright. The whole thing well masterminded by Len Elias.

In the second clash with Portugal, Lesley did well to beat Cardone and Fernandes, and the doubles went our way with Heidi tightening up her game, a feature she showed against Fernandes whom she could have beaten. We finished 23rd.

#### ROBOT PING-PONG

The United States and Britain are preparing for a sporting tussle, to take place in 1985, that will engage some of the best brains of the countries'

scientists and engineers. The idea is to pit personal robots against each other in a ping-pong match.

The competition is the brainchild of Dr John Billingsly from Portsmouth Polytechnic, and it will be held at the

Computer Fair exhibition in Earls Court, London.

The main challenge will be to develop cheap sensors to enable the robot to 'see' and return the ball to its opponent. Billingsly says: "In the first year I only expect the robots to return the ball once. In the second year the robots should be playing rallies, and in the third year they will be playing positional shots."

So far Billingsly has received 30 serious enquiries about the competition, including one from NATO, although the applicants do stress that it is not an official NATO project.

The contest organisers are expecting to see robots built by enterprising individuals rather than large manufacturers. They also warn potential entrants to rid themselves of preconceived ideas about bat shape.

The table will be 50 centimetres wide with a frame at each end which limits the playing area. A mechanism over the centre frame will serve the ball towards the serving robot which then returns the ball so that it bounces once in its opponent's side of the court. When the robots get to the stage of returning the ball several times the organisers anticipate some long rallies, so they have introduced a rule which gives the winning point to the robot that returns the ball 20 times.

Anyone interested in taking part in the contest should contact Dr John Billingsly, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Portsmouth Polytechnic, Anglesea Road, Portsmouth.



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**DUNLOP SCOTTISH CLOSED,**  
Meadowbank, Edinburgh,  
26 February, 1984.

The 1984 Scottish Closed Championships, sponsored by DUNLOP SPORTS Co., this season incorporated the Junior and Cadet singles events previously held as part of the STTA Youth & Junior Closed which had been discontinued.

It was no change at the top in the three main events, Carole Dalrymple took the Women's Singles for the 5th consecutive year and David Hannah the Men's Singles for the 4th consecutive year. David McIlroy and David Campbell retained the Men's Doubles title, whilst Carole Dalrymple retained the Women's Doubles title- making it six times in a row albeit with four different partners, this time with Valerie Thomson. Gordon Cummings, Lynn Johnston, Gavin Turnbull and Sarah Hurry won the junior and cadet titles.

**MEN'S SINGLES**  
Semi-finals: D. Hannah bt D. McIlroy 10. 17; A. Majid bt R. Yule 19. -18. 10.  
FINAL: **Hannah** bt Majid 12, 22.  
**WOMEN'S SINGLES**  
Semi-finals: C. Dalrymple bt L. Hood 9, 15; L. Johnston bt L. Robb 12, -21, 16.  
FINAL: Dalrymple bt Johnston 12. 15.  
**BOYS' SINGLES**  
FINAL: G. Cummings bt M. Burke 18, 10.  
**GIRLS' SINGLES**  
FINAL: Johnston bt D. Greig 13, 17.  
**CADET BOYS' SINGLES**  
FINAL: G. Turnbull bt C. Carmichael 18. 10  
**CADET GIRLS' SINGLES**  
FINAL: S. Hurry bt Hood 21. -S. 21.  
**MEN'S DOUBLES**  
FINAL: McIlroy/D. Campbell bt J. Brae/Hannah -18. 21, 16.  
**WOMEN'S DOUBLES**  
FINAL: Dalrymple/V. Thomson bt Johnston/J. Colville 12. 13.  
**MIXED DOUBLES**  
FINAL: Campbell/S. Tomkins bt B. Wright/A. Cook-17. 18. 11.

**EDINBURGH YOUTH & JUNIOR OPEN,** Meadowbank, Edinburgh,  
18 March, 1984.

The entry of players from N. Ireland, Thurso, Durham and Lancashire helped boost the relatively small number of participants in the last open Edinburgh tournament of the season.

Graeme Docherty, showing a return to last season's form, won the Under-21 Men's title from David Campbell whilst Carole Dalrymple retained the Under-21 Women's title. English boys David Blackburne (Durham) and Andrew Eden (Lancs.) contested the Boys' title with David winning 2-0, whilst Andrew took the Under-14 Boys' title. Lynn Johnston and Sarah Hurry, both from Stirling, won the Under-17 and Under-14 girls' events respectively,

**U-21 MEN'S SINGLES**  
Semi-finals: D. Campbell bt G. Clancey 13. 15; G. Docherty bt G. Cummings 17. 5.  
FINAL: **Docherty** bt Campbell 12, -12. 18.  
**U-21 WOMEN'S SINGLES**  
Semi-final: C. Dalrymple bt P. Caldera. 5: L. Johnston bt D. Greig 18, 18.  
FINAL: Dalrymple bt Johnston 15. 14.  
**BOYS' SINGLES**  
FINAL: D. Blackburne bt A. Eden 1, . 8.  
**GIRLS' SINGLES**  
FINAL: Johnston bt Greig 19, 7.  
**U-14 BOYS' SINGLES**  
FINAL: Eden bt G. Turnbull 10. 9.  
**U-14 GIRLS' SINGLES**  
FINAL: S. Hurry bt L. Hood 13. -21, 10.  
**U-21 MEN'S DOUBLES**  
FINAL: Campbell/Docherty bt G. Waddell/M. Crawford 16, 12.  
**U-21 WOMEN'S DOUBLES**  
FINAL: Dalrymple/Johnston bt E. Meenan/L. Davren 12. 12.  
**U-21 MIXED DOUBLES**  
FINAL: Docherty/Meenan bt H. Meneely/J. Wightman (N. Ireland) 16, 11.

**MONKLANDS 2-STAR OPEN,**  
Coatbridge, 1 April, 1984.

Hannah continued in good form to win the final Scottish open tournament of the season with victories over Phil Bowen (O/F), Kevin Beadsley (S/F) and finally John Hilton 20 and 19 in a match of controlled aggression by the Scot- this was almost a home win for David as he was born only a few miles away in Hamilton, Richard Yule went out to Beadsley in the quarters and Hilton played really well to beat Nigel Eckersley, a past holder of the title, in a semi-final. **Carole Dalrymple** won the Women's title for the third time in succession, beating top junior Lynn Johnston in the final.

**MEN'S SINGLES**  
Semi-finals: O. Hannah bt K. Beadsley 14. 23; J. Hilton bt N. Eckersley 14, 15.  
FINAL: Hannah bt Hilton 20. 19.  
**WOMEN'S SINGLES**  
Semi-finals: C. Dalrymple bt D. Greig 15. 9; L. Johnston bt L. Robb -18. 18, 18.  
FINAL: Oalrymple bt Johnston 11. 9.  
**OPEN JUNIOR SINGLES**  
FINAL: M. Burke bt G. Cummings 19. -20. 17.  
**OPEN CADET SINGLES**  
FINAL: G. Turnbull bt S. Gilbert 16. 15.  
**MEN'S DOUBLES**  
FINAL: Hilton/P. Bowen bt D. Mcilroy/D. Campbell -10. 12. 12.  
**WOMEN'S DOUBLES**  
FINAL: Oalrymple/Robb bt S. Tomkins/Greig 13. 17.



Monklands Open 1.4.84. John Hilton - runner-up, David Hannah- Winner.  
(Photo: B. D. George)

**CLOBER SPORTS NATIONAL LEAGUE**

GREAVES SPORTS (aka Central YM, Glasgow) won Division 1 for the 3rd successive year- their squad of Russell Brown, Graeme Docherty, Ian McLean, David Mcilroy, John Broe and Richard Yule, proved to be invincible, in fact they dropped only 8 games all season. Jim Graham's COATBRIDGE WILLIAMSONS were second. IRVINE NEW TOWN, in their first season, won Div. 2 whilst FIFESPORT took Div. 3.

**CADET INTERNATIONAL:**  
**WALES v SCOTLAND**  
in Wrexham, 24 March, 1984

A good Scottish team spirit and excellent hospitality were the main features of an enjoyable weekend in North Wales which resulted in a 6-4 win for our youngsters - reports NPC Elaine Forbes, The greater experience of the Scottish girls Sarah Hurry and Linda Hood - who won all their games - proved to be the telling factor which more than countered the presence of the impressive John Ellis in the Welsh side. John defeated both Gavin Turnbull and Colin Carmichael. but Gavin did beat the Welsh No. 2 Richard Harry.

**JUNIOR & CADET INTERNATIONALS:** N. IRELAND v SCOTLAND in Belfast 6.4.84.

The Scottish Cadets - Christopher Woess, Gavin Turnbull, Sarah Hurry and Linda Hood- won their match 7-1, whilst the Juniors - Gordon Waddell, Jonathan Wilson, Maureen Cusick and Pat Calder drew 4-4,

**ULSTER JUNIOR OPEN,**  
Belfast, 7 April, 1984

Sarah Hurry continued to show great potential for the future when winning both the Under-12 and



Scotland's Men in Moscow, Graham Davies NPC, Brian Wright, Richard Yule, David Mcilroy and David Hannah. (Photo: B. D. George)

Under-14 Girls' events to add to the Irish Under-12 event she won last November. Waddell beat Wilson in the Junior Boys' final.

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS,  
Moscow, April. 1984.**

Scotland's men - Dave Hannah, Richard Yule, Brian Wright and Dave McIlroy- did well to beat Wales, Spain and Ireland to gain 4th place in Category II Group A. In the play-offs for places 17-20 they beat Switzerland 5-3 and lost 4-5 to Denmark to finish in 18th place, the highest position gained since Rotterdam 1972 when Malcolm Sugden and Yule last played together. Hannah's confident play brought him 20 wins out of 22 to culminate a season in which he has emerged as one of the top players in Britain. The judicious use of his 'hidden' service and the 'killing' of its return (if it came back!) being telling factors in his successes. The losses were to Simion Crisan (Rumania) 19 in the 3rd and to Claus Pedersen (Denmark) 16 in the 3rd - having beaten him in the group match. Yule with 10 wins from 18 showed that he is still indispensable to Scotland at this level of competition, his two wins against Denmark, when playing for 17/18 places, were reminiscent of the Yule of the '70s.

The girls - Carole Dalrymple and Janet Smith with wins over Ireland (twice) and Portugal finished in 21st place. Carole achieved 6 wins out of 11, Janet 2 out of 8, and 3 doubles wins from 7.



The Dave Hannah Service.  
(Photo: B. D. George)

**MIXED DOUBLES FOR LIFE**

The marriage of popular David McIlroy (Scots No. 3) and Eleanor Meenan (Scots No. 6) at Cumbernauld on Saturday 7 April 1984 was the culmination of a romance which blossomed at the 9x5 table- they have been a regular doubles partnership all season and now take on a partnership



David Mcilroy/Eleanor Meenan,  
Wedding 7.4.84.

(Photo: B. D. George)

for life. All in the Scottish T.T. fraternity wish them every happiness in their future life together.

**EUROPEAN YOUTH  
CHAMPIONSHIPS, Austria,  
July, 1984**

Scotland will be participating in both junior events, the teams selected are:

Junior Boys - Gordon Waddell, Gordon Cummings, Jonathan Wilson and David Low.

Junior Girls - Lynn Johnston, Diane Greig and Sarah Hurry.\*

\* Sarah will play in the Cadet Girls' individual events.

**WESTERN COUNTIES  
TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

By Brian Lamerton

The 9th annual Western Counties Team Championships were played this year at Grove Schools, Warmley, Bristol on March 24 and attracted entries from Avon, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Hampshire,

Somerset and Wiltshire.

Started by the Cornish Association to celebrate their Jubilee in 1976 and for which they presented the Jubilee Cup this event has now become one of the outstanding and most enjoyable events in the Western calendar.

Played on a round-robin basis with 8 groups of 4 men, and 4 groups of 4 women, the group winners are given

the opportunity to win further points for their teams by proceeding into the knock-out section.

Devon were runaway winners amassing 42 pts, 15 ahead of Avon and a further 3 pts ahead of third-placed Somerset. Clearly disappointed that there was no individual trophy Gary Lambert's 12 individual points ensured that his team were always in the lead. The other members of this strong team were Terry Sweet, Mark Elliott, Gary Wilson, Carol Butler and Elaine Short.

Lambert defeated Gloucestershire's Paul Jackson 15 and 14 in the final of the men's section whilst at the same stage in the women's event Carol Butler was defeated by Wiltshire's Claire Maisey who won 19, 19. Beaten at the penultimate stage were Andy Creed (Avon), Jeremy Williams (Cornwall), Becky Russe (Somerset) and Elaine Short (Devon). Other team scores were:- Gloucestershire 23, Wiltshire (1983 winners) 22, Hampshire 20, Dorset 18 and Cornwall 15.

Somerset were the winners of the corresponding junior competition for the Tempest Trophy with a team of Philip Payne, Mark Bryant and Melonie Carey with Bryant and Devon's Susan Butler taking the individual honours. Team placings were:- Somerset 28 pts., Wiltshire 25, Devon I 17, Gloucestershire 17; Wiltshire II 15, Avon 114, Devon II 11, Cornwall I 9 and Cornwall II 7, The whole event was ably staged and managed by the Avon Association.

**WHAT'S COOKIN**

Here's a surprise for Derbyshire's Alan Cooke who celebrated his 18th birthday at a **pre-European** Championships training camp at Lilleshall. See page 66 for the eye opener.



# IRISH AFFAIRS

by Frank Kennedy

Ulster Junior Open. Valley Leisure Centre. Newtownabbey. Saturday. April 7. 1984.

The visiting Scottish Junior team provided tough opposition for the Irish

players at the Dale Farm Ulster Junior Open in Newtownabbey. Of the six singles titles on offer, four went to Scotland. The Irish wins were by Nora McEvoy (Girls' Singles) and Martin O'Flaherty (Cadet Boys).

**Boys:** Gordon Waddell (Scot) bt Johnny Wilson (Scot).  
**Girls:** Nora McEvoy (Ulster) bt Ellen McManus (Leinster)  
**Cadet Boys:** Martin O'Flaherty (Connacht) bt Peter Stokes (Leinster)  
**Cadet Girls:** Sarah Hurry (Scot) bt Orla Stevenson (Leinster)  
**U-12 Boys:** Christopher Woess (Scot) bt Dermot O'Callaghan (Leinster)  
**U-12 Girls:** Sarah Hurry bt Grainne Redmond (Leinster).



The Irish Junior Team which took part in the Lancashire Junior Open pictured outside the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Oldham. From left: Tommy Rowsome (NPC). aria Stevenson. Kirstin Stafford. Colin Inglis. Andrew Dennison. Martin O'Flaherty. Sean Spelman. Ellen McManus. Caroline Anderson. Eddie Limberg (NPC).

Irish Closed Championships. Limerick. Saturday. March 31. 1984.

Colum Slevin consolidated his position as Irish No.1 with an easy win over Tom Heasley (Ulster) in the Men's Singles final in Limerick, Liz Cheevers (formerly Cash) won her first Open title for 11 years when she beat fellow Ulster player Jennifer Reid in the Women's Singles final. Cheevers and Reid pipped Mary Sheehan and Caroline Anderson 20, 21 in the Women's Doubles final while Slevin and Peter McCabe won the Men's Doubles defeating Heasley and Derek Weir.

Irish Team for South Yorkshire Junior Open. April 28

**Boys:** Maurice Cronin (Munster); Anthony Redmond (Leinster)  
**Girls:** Caroline Anderson (Connacht); Lorraine Cullen (Leinster)  
**Cadet Boys:** Brian O'Gorman (Leinster); Billy Marshall (Munster)  
**Cadet Girls:** Roslyn Comerford (Leinster); Angela O'Brien (Leinster)  
**N.P. Captains:** Brian Cullen (Leinster); Frank Kennedy (Connacht).

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## DUTCH SUCCESS IN AGRIGENTO

The Netherlands succeeded in their promotion bid from Division 1 of the European League when, in front of 700 spectators in Agrigento, they accounted for Italy 4-2 later amended to 5-2 with the Italians conceding the seventh set (writes 3as den Breejen). Scores:-

H. van Spanje bt G. Bisi 12, 10;  
 R. Patton lost to M. Costantini 12, -16, -14;  
 M. Kloppenburg bt A. Busnarde 13, 16;  
 H. and R. van Spanje lost to Bisi/Constantini 12, -18, -18;  
 H. v. Spanje/ Kloppenburg bt Costantini/M. Cergol 13, -19, 13;  
 H. v. Spanje bt Costantini -21, 19, 15.

In the Dutch National Championships played in Utrecht before 1,500 spectators Henk van Spanje won his second men's singles title with a final win over Bob Potton 13, -19, 18, -22, 12. Bettine Vriesekoop became eight times champion in the women's singles final when she beat Mirjam Kloppenburg 11, 14, 17. It was a record number of wins for Bettine beating that of Margot van Wyk, seven times champion over the years 1950-59. Results otherwise in Utrecht were:-

MD: Patton/H. Goetzen bt R. Hijne/N. v. Siobbe 12, -17, 19;  
 WD: J. Jansma/Kloppenburg bt E. and J. Bakker 13, 15;  
 XO: H. v. Spanje/Kloppenburg bt P. Sweir/S. de Kruijf 12, 13.



# halex NATIONAL LEAGUE

by Robert Oldfield

## MIDLAND TRANSFER SHOCKS

The last ball of the season had barely crossed the net before rumours of shock transfers hit the National League in April. And most were centred around Dunlop Birmingham - relegated to the First Division next year.

In an amazing deal which has not yet been fully revealed former international Duggie Johnson and Carl Morgan appear to have been persuaded to join Birmingham for next season, leaving the team they brought promotion, Tarmac Wolverhampton, to flounder in the Premier.

It was a deal neither player could afford to resist it seems. According to many sources both Morgan and Johnson have been enticed to the club of ETIA President, Maurice Goldstein, by the offer of a four-figure signing fee and £100 per match, win or lose. Which means each could benefit by a rumoured £2500 next year!

## PHILOSOPHICAL

Tarmac, the first victims of the early transfer discussions remain philosophical about the whole affair. "I think it's magic for the game that someone is prepared to put money into the clubs," said their manager, Paul Chester. "It's a shame for Carl because he will miss the Premier but it's a lot of money for the lad and we can't match it. I don't blame either of them at all."

Obviously it's a little shattering as we have always had players in the team who have pulled together," he continued, "and now we are going to have to find players of the same kind to replace them. But I think, with money in the game, that whatever you have done the previous season all the clubs are going to have to start from scratch when it comes to finding a team for the next year. If the players get a better offer then they will move to where the money is."

## DESPERATION

But Chester is having a few problems for his first year in the Premier. "Normally the players hang about for a while at the end of a season before deciding on their moves. This year everyone has been snatched up before the season has hardly ended. I haven't signed one player yet," he admitted, "and I've only got three weeks to sort it out." His final comment revealed a hint of desperation... "Do you want to play Bob?"... but the money wasn't right.

## NEW SPONSORSHIP

The new-look Birmingham team of Johnson, ~~brother~~ Barry, Morgan and another new signing, Phil Gunn, may also be turning out in new colours. Although details have not been announced it is thought that a Birmingham businessman with an eye for a bargain is behind the club with a massive sponsorship offer. And he is relying on the same four players to not only regain Premier division status but to seal up the local league as well.

The second should be possible. The first rather more difficult, even with four players from England's top 60. South Yorkshire, coming in from the Second Division, are also in the hunt for new players and the name of Ormesby's Nigel Eckersley has been linked with the Rotherham-based club. If Steve Mills returns from Germany, Chris Rogers could play at three, with former Vietnamese international Chu van Que as bottom string!

Which leaves the aspirations of the Toyota-sponsored Bath, mentioned last month, looking as probable as England winning the Swaythling Cup. No.1, Kevin Satchell, pulled the plug on them when Jaques Fareham came in with the offer of a place in their Premier division side. "It's a pity really", said the 21 year old Satchell, "because I've enjoyed playing for Bath. But I've been getting a bit itchy recently because, to be honest, I haven't got that much longer until I reach the top of my form."

## DISADVANTAGED

Satchell hopes that the move to the Premier will help his game. "I think I'm still improving," he said, "but it's a big disadvantage playing in this part of the country where you don't meet the top players regularly. You travel to the tournaments but it takes you the first ten points to get used to the extra speed. In the Premier, I'll be playing against them the whole time."

Ironically, the move to Jaques renews his partnerships with his old local league team-mate Tony Clayton and former Bristol and West player Ian Kenyon. That puts a question mark over the other one/two places in the Fareham team as the allegiances of the two England internationals, Carl Plean and Alan Cooke, seem to be far from fixed. Tarmac are a good club.

## SOHAM FOR THIRD TIME

Incidentally, Hassy Perfection Soham are the 1983/84 champions - an

anticlimatic 7-1 drubbing of Thorn-EMI Ellenborough occurring in the penultimate match of their season. Soham already had their hands on the trophy and a loan out on the £1,500 cheque. Ellenborough knew it; only Mark Mitchell was able to win a set.

In the rest of the divisions, promotion and relegation were already decided except for Sincil Lincoln in Second Division North who had other ideas. 5-3 against RIS Stockton was enough to give Bradford Hermits the coup-de-grace.

In my last report on the Halex National League I wish to thank the Administrator Keith Ponting and to plagiarise a line from a bigger pen than mine... Adios.

## HOW THEY FINISHED

### FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

#### PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pta
Hassy Soham	14	12	2	0	87	25	26
Ormesby	14	9	4	1	75	37	22
Thorn EMI Ellenborough	14	9	2	3	65	47	20
Jaques Fareham	14	7	1	6	61	51	15
Gillette Reading	14	6	2	6	58	54	14
Tibhar London	14	4	1	9	53	59	9
Unity Bradford	14	1	2	11	30	8	4
Dunlop Birmingham	14	1	0	13	19	93	2

#### FIRST DIVISION

Tarmac Wolverhampton	14	12	1	1	81	31	25
Grove Mkt. Drayton	14	11	2	1	80	32	24
SIB Bath	14	8	1	5	67	45	17
MBS St. Neots	14	6	2	6	59	53	14
Butterfly Cardiff	14	6	2	6	52	60	14
Gillette Reading II	14	2	4	8	41	71	8
Ormesby II	14	2	3	9	46	66	7
Byker Newce.tle	14	1	1	12	22	90	3

#### SECOND DIVISION NORTH

South Yorkshire	14	12	2	0	87	25	26
Salford Target Gold	14	11	1	2	78	34	23
Chan Construction	14	10	0	4	67	45	20
March Hale.	14	8	0	6	56	56	16
Sincil Lincoln	14	5	1	8	46	66	11
Tarmac Wolve(mpton II	14	4	1	9	48	64	9
Bradford Hermit.	14	3	1	10	43	69	7
RIS Stockton	14	0	0	14	23	89	0

#### SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Dagenhem FC	14	14	0	0	94	18	28
Larkhall Clapham	14	10	2	2	67	45	22
TCB Dolphins	14	8	2	4	65	47	18
Spicer New Malden	14	4	5	5	55	57	13
Cranfield Colour. Hale.	14	4	5	5	53	59	13
Gillette Reading III	14	3	3	8	40	72	9
Gunnorsbury Triangle	14	1	4	9	44	68	6
Witham Town FC	14	0	3	11	30	82	3

#### THIRD DIVISION NORTH

South Yorkshira II	14	13	1	0	89	23	27
Washington	14	11	0	3	79	33	22
South Yorkshira III	14	8	3	3	71	41	19
Ormesby III	14	7	2	5	63	49	16
Byker Newcastle /I	14	4	2	8	49	63	10
Vickers Barrow	14	4	2	8	44	68	10
Unity Bradford II	14	3	2	9	45	67	8
Unity Bradford III	14	0	0	14	8	104	0

#### THIRD DIVISION SOUTH

Jaques Fareham II	14	10	3	1	74	38	23
Bourne Ruislip	14	10	1	3	81	31	21
Tulse Hill	14	6	3	5	61	51	15
Dunstable	14	4	5	5	52	60	13
Lansdown Medway	14	5	3	6	47	65	13
Ashford	14	4	3	7	51	61	11
Cippenham	14	2	5	7	46	66	9
Jolliffe Poole	14	2	3	9	36	76	7

#### THIRD DIVISION EAST

Nott'ham Racket Sense	11	9	1	1	64	24	19
Norwich Foxwood	12	7	4	1	63	33	18
Coles Waveney	12	6	3	3	56	40	15
Playrite Northampton	12	6	1	5	55	41	13
MBS St. Neots /I	12	5	3	4	54	42	13
Hassy Soham II	11	2	0	9	28	60	4
Hale. Lillcoln	12	0	0	12	8	88	0

THIRD DIVISION WEST

Holts Salisbury	14	13	1	0	90	22	27
Pengeley Torbay	14	12	1	1	91	21	25
Hereford Times	14	9	1	4	63	49	19
launceston Kernow	14	5	2	7	48	64	12
Tarmac Ladies	14	5	1	8	48	64	11
Grove Mkt Drayton II	14	3	1	10	35	77	7
WW Solihull	14	2	2	10	37	75	6
Global Plymouth	14	2	1	11	36	76	5

PREMIER DIVISION

Sunday, 25th March  
Thorn-EMI Ellenborough 1 Hassy Soham 7

THE FINAL RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Sunday, 25th March  
Thorn-EMI Ellenborough 1 Hassy Soham 7  
Graham Sandley lost to Kenny Jackson 17. -19. -10  
Mark Mitchell bt David Hannah 18. -13. 14;  
Dave Tan lost to Nicky Mason -18. -14;  
Nigel Tyler lost to John Souter 14. -, 1. -14;  
Sandley lost to Hannah -22. -19;  
Mitchell lost to Souter -19. -19;  
Tan lost to Jackson -14. -22;  
Tyler lost to Mason -17. -16.

Jaques Fareham 7 Unity Bradford 1  
Carl Prean bt Steve Turner -17. 14. 14;  
Alan Cooke lost to Skylet Andrew 18. -10. -14;  
Ian Kenyon bt David Indriks 16. 15;  
Tony Clayton bt Stephen Sharpe 15. 12;  
Prean bt Andrew 21. 10;  
Cooke bt Sharpe 1. 13;  
Kenyon bt Turner -15. 18. 15;  
Clayton bt Indriks 15. 12.

Ormesby 7 Dunlop Birmingham 1  
Donald Parker bt Barry Johnson 9. 8;  
Richard Yule bt Alan Fletcher 9. 15;  
Nigel Eckersley bt Rupert Sterlin 9. 10. 13;  
Lindsay Taylor lost to Derek Munt -15. -17;  
Parker bt Fletcher 16. 8;  
Yule bt Munt 6. 9;  
Eckersley bt Johnson 10. 16;  
Taylor bt Sterling 16. 17.

Gillette Reading 6 Tibhar London 2  
Philip Bradbury bt David Dodd 19. 14;  
David Barr lost to David Wells 19. -5. -18;  
Andy Wellman bt Percy Collino 10. 10;  
Dave Reeves bt Richard Jermyn 17. 10;  
Bradbury bt Wells-I 1. 19. 20;  
Barr lost to Jermyn -18. -12;  
Wellman bt Dodd 19. -15. 15;  
Reeves bt Collino 13. 15.

Sunday, 8th April  
Hassy Soham 7 Jaques Fareham 1  
Hannah bt Mark Oakley 15. 15;  
Souter lost to Kenyon 15. -14. -15;  
Mason bt Graham Toole 16. 16;  
Paul Day bt Glen Baker 19. 19;  
Hannah bt Kenyon 13. 19;  
Souter bt Baker 18. 19;  
Mason bt Oakley 12. -16. 17;  
Day bt Toole 13. 12;

FIRST DIVISION

Sunday, 18th March  
Byker Newcastle 7 Butterfly Cardiff 1

Sunday, 25th March  
Butterfly Cardiff 4 SIB Bath 4  
Grove Market Drayton 6 MBS St Neots 2  
Ormesby II 1 Tarmac Wolverhampton 7  
Gillette Reading II 7 Byker Newcastle 1  
Sunday, 1st April  
Ormesby II 4 Butterfly Cardiff 4

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Sunday, 25th March  
RIS Stockton 5 Sincil Lincoln 3  
South Yorkshire 8 Chan Construction 0  
Tarmac W/hampton II 2 Salford TG 6  
March Halex 6 Bradford Hermits 2

Sunday, 1st April  
Tarmac Wolverhampton II 3 Sincil Lincoln 5

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Sunday, 25th March  
TCB Dolphins 2 Dagenham FC 6  
Larkhall Clapham 5 Witham FC 3  
Cranfield Halex 5 Gunnersbury Triangle 3  
Gillette Reading III 2 Spicer New Malden 6

THIRD DIVISION NORTH

Sunday, 25th March  
Unity Bradford III 1 Vickers Barrow 7  
Byker Newcastle II 5 Unity Bradford II 3  
Ormesby III, Washington 7  
South Yorkshire III 4 South Yorkshire II 4

THIRD DIVISION SOUTH

Sunday, 25th March  
Ashford 5 Jolliffe Poole 3  
Cippenham 2 Boume Ruislip 6  
Dunstable 4 Lansdown Medway 4  
Tulse Hill Rams 0 Jaques Fareham II 8



THE PROMOTION BAGGERS - Third Division West winners Holts Carpets Salisbury. pictured with their manager Alan Holt. Players (left to right): Mark Werner, Dave Constance. Simon Heaps. Mark Holt.

THIRD DIVISION EAST

Sunday, 25th March  
Halex Lincoln 0 MBS St. Neots II 8  
Nott'ham Racket Semie 6' Norwich Foxwood 2  
Coles Waveney 5 Playrite Northampton 3  
Sunday, 15th April  
Hassy Soham II 5 Nott'ham Racket Sense 3

THIRD DIVISION WEST

Sunday, 25th March  
Grove Mkt. Drayton II 3 Tarmac Ladies 5  
WW Solihull 3 Hereford Times 5  
Pengeley Torbay 0 Global Plymouth 8  
Sunday, 1st April  
Launceston Kernow 2 Holts Salisbury 6  
Sunday, 8th April  
Tarmac Ladies 0 Pengeley Torbay 8

THE SEASON'S TOP PERFORMERS

Players who played in seven or more matches and who ended the 1983/84 season with over 60% success:

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	%
1. Henk van Spanje IOrm)	26	24	92.3
2. Nicky Mason (HPS)	18	15	83.3
3. Paul Day (HPS)	22	18	81.8
4. John Souter IHPSI	26	21	80.8
5. Colin Wilson (TEE)	26	20	76.9
6. David Hannah (HPS)	20	15	75.0
Carl Prean (JF)	16	12	75.0
8. Graham Sandley ITEE)	26	19	73.1
9. Richard Yule (Orm)	24	17	70.8
10. Kenny Jackson (HPS)	26	18	69.2
Alan Cooke (JF)	26	18	69.2
12. Tony Clayton IJFI	18	12	66.7
13. Donald Parker (Orm)	28	18	64.3
David Wells (TL)	28	18	64.3
15. David Reeves IGR)	24	15	62.5
16. Andy Wellman (GR)	20	12	60.0

FIRST DIVISION

1. Douggie Johnson ITW)	28	26	92.9
Carl Morgan (TWI)	28	26	92.9
3. Mark Thomas (8C)	24	20	83.3
4. John Hilton (GMD)	24	19	79.2
5. Malcolm Green IGMMD)	28	21	75.0
6. Alison Gordon (GR)	22	15	68.2
7. Phil Bowen (GMD)	28	19	67.9
Kevin Satchell (SIBBI)	28	19	67.9
9. Paul Jackson (SIBB)	20	13	65.0
10. Andy Creed (SIBBI)	28	18	64.3

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

1. Chu van Que (SY)	18	17	94.4
2. Tony Taylor (STG)	16	14	87.5
3. Chris Rogers ISY)	28	24	85.7
4. Brian Johns (STG)	28	23	82.1
5. Tony Sanderson (SY)	26	20	76.9
6. Richard Tanner (CC)	28	21	75.0
7. Shaune Browne (SY)	22	16	72.7
8. Philip Gunn (CC)	28	19	67.9

THIRD DIVISION WEST

1. Dave Constance (HCS)	28	28	100
2. Simon Heaps (HCS)	28	26	92.9

3. Gary Wilson IPST)	18	16	88.9
4. Mark Werner (HCSI)	28	24	85.7
5. Gary Lambert (PST)	26	22	84.6
6. Paul Whiting (PST)	24	20	83.3
7. Mark Ellett (PST)	24	19	79.2
8. Murray Jukes (HT)	24	17	70.8
9. Andrew Castle IHT)	28	18	64.3
10. Jon Wallins ILK)	26	16	61.5

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.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

1. Kevin Caidon IDFCI	26	24	92.3
2. Tony Penny (DFCI)	24	21	87.5
3. Dave Newman (DFCI)	26	21	80.8
4. George Evans ICCH)	20	16	80.0
5. Stuart Gibbs (DFCI)	14	11	78.6
David Goode (GT)	14	11	78.6
7. Ritchie Venner (TCBDI)	20	15	75.0
8. Steve Dettmar (DFCI)	22	17	77.2
9. Graham Gillette (TCBDI)	28	19	67.9
10. Gordon Chapman (LCI)	26	17	65.4
Percy Collino (LCI)	26	17	65.4
12. David Harding (LCI)	24	15	62.5
13. Steven Holloway (SNM)	26	16	61.5

THIRD DIVISION NORTH

1. David Illingsworth (SY)	18	15	83.3
2. Neil Bailey (SY2)	14	11	78.6
Neil Bailey (SY3)	14	11	78.6
3. David Godbold (Wash)	28	21	75.0
Darren McVitie (Wash)	20	15	75.0
5. David Blackburne (Orm)	18	13	72.2
Stuart Craggs 10rm)	18	13	72.2
7. x Glenn Roberts ISY31	16	11	68.8
8. Cliff Olsson (Wash)	20	15	75.0
9. x Paul Longstone (SY3)	18	12	66.7
Kevin M'Kandla IUB2)	18	12	66.7
11. Antony Wattis (Orm)	24	15	62.5

x played additionally for SY2

THIRD DIVISION SOUTH

1. John Burtleon (BR)	28	26	92.9
2. Ramish Bhalla (JF)	28	21	75.0
3. Les Eadie (BR)	28	20	71.4
Martin Les (BR)	14	10	71.4
5. Graham Toole (JFI)	26	18	69.2
6. Les Wooding (Duns)	16	11	68.8
7. Andy Mitchell (LM)	22	15	68.2
Chris Shetler (JF)	22	15	68.2
9. David Sharpe (Duns)	26	17	65.4
10. John Dennison (TH)	28	18	64.3
11. Michael Hammond IASH)	26	16	61.5

THIRD DIVISION EAST

1. Trevor Kerry INRSI	24	22	91.7
2. Philip Logsdon (CW)	20	17	85.0
3. Brian Hill (NRS)	20	16	80.0
4. Robert Watson (NRS)	14	11	78.6
5. Richard Stevenson (NF)	24	18	75.0
6. Douggie Bennett INF)	24	17	70.8
7. Keith Samuells (MBS)	20	14	70.0
8. Martin Stevenson (NF)	20	13	65.0
9. Mick Musson INF)	14	9	64.3
10. Nat Richardson (PNI)	24	15	62.5
11. Mick Broughton (CWI)	20	12	60.0

# POSTBAG

## COTSWOLD BENEFICIAL TRUST

Forgive me for prevailing on your column space, but even after the dust has settled, there is a matter that still rankles with me, in connection with the above tournament.

Initially, we anticipated a heavy entry, and when the E.T.T.A. asked that the first round of the under-17s be played in groups of four, it was obvious these events would be over-subscribed. In consequence, when the entry forms were distributed, players were advised to apply as early as possible, and we also resolved to meticulously record the date when each entry was received. The inevitable occurred, of course, and when the sub-committee of five met to make the draw, their first task was to reluctantly return the entry fees of a considerable number, some even from Gloucester, who were the last applications to be received. On the tournament date, we were puzzled and disappointed at the non-arrival of all the Cleveland players whose entries had been accepted, as no reason or apology had been forthcoming.

However, on arriving home that evening, the organiser found he had received a letter that day from Alan Ransome, copied to the E.T.T.A., accusing us of eliminating unfairly some Cleveland players, and implying that the tournament may be boycotted by all players from that County. Such accusation is refuted, and has been simply dismissed with the contempt it rightly deserves. Whatever would be the point of such discrimination by us anyway?

But what does disturb me, is that such implied influence can be wielded among our junior players, and their parents, without any being aware of the true facts. If this occurred, it must be deplored and is not conducive to the spirit we must try and engender in the game.

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## VIEW FROM DOWN UNDER

As a table tennis enthusiast and regular subscriber to your magazine, I wish to express my views on improving modern table tennis, and I would appreciate your publishing the following article:

I am very sorry that I missed the great eras of BARNA, BERGMANN, VANA and LEACH. (I wasn't born until their table tennis playing careers were over). I would have loved to have seen their 'magic' that enthralled thousands of spectators. As I understand it, there seems to be a certain something missing in today's game that used to make the crowds flock to see table tennis years ago. Barna and Bergmann won world titles with style and a presence

somewhat equivalent to that of BJORN BORG at Wimbledon. Why can we not reproduce that magic today?

I think that the answer lies in the drastic development of the equipment (racket) that does not, on the whole lend itself to rallies long enough for spectator appreciation. However I have seen that table tennis with the modern surfaces can be both the most spectacular and also the least spectacular of sports. Good table tennis is great but it doesn't happen consistently enough. What can be done about this?

Well firstly, I would like to commend the I.T.T.F. on their introduction of the 2 colour racket law. This is definitely a step in the right direction. However I feel strongly that table tennis would be so much a better sport if further standardization took place. Most important is its acceptance as a sport outside of table tennis circles. Unfortunately this has been hampered by the lack of understanding of the game by the general public. By comparison, if you were to watch a top grade TENNIS or SQUASH match, I'm sure, even if you hadn't played the game, you'd have no difficulty in following the play and appreciating their skills. Not necessarily so with table tennis!

It is important that we try to sell our sport and educate the general viewer or casual player, but how can we expect them to appreciate the variations in spin if we further complicate matters by allowing combination bats and therefore "twiddlers"?

It is my opinion that the combination racket is not a necessary part of table tennis and that we would do far better if we were to improve the quality of our sport by the use of one type of bat. I do not deny that the exponents of the combination rackets may be extremely skilled in their craft - nor do I deny that there are definitely ways of playing against such a racket. But the use of the combination racket (1 colour or 2 colours) is becoming so sophisticated that we're leaving the general public behind. Also, there are so many combinations of rubbers possible today that it is extremely difficult to prepare for a match. It's true that table tennis is an intellectual game, but I'd rather it be recognised as a top sport than merely a mental game like chess.

For many, table tennis is no longer a pleasure to play. It's a headache! In lower levels of the game there are definitely instances of weaker players defeating better players simply because they changed to a combination racket. This could not possibly happen in TENNIS, SQUASH or BADMINTON.

Is it fair that in the fastest reflex sport in the world - (in a match between a combination bat player and a same rubber bat player) - that one of the players has to make an adjustment (to the different sides of his opponent's bat) - while the other player does not? One might argue that both players have equal freedom of choice of their equipment, but if

everyone were to use a combination bat it would make the BASICS almost unfathomable for beginners. Combination bats tend to destroy the natural rhythm of the rally.

This is what I would recommend for RACKET STANDARDIZATION

1. While retaining the 2 colour racket rule, I would stipulate that EXACT same rubber be used on each side of the racket.

2. One sponge thickness: 1-5 to 2-0mm ONLY as well as HARD RUBBER.

3. I would further categorize sponge into 3 densities (hardness) and denote each one by a particular colour e.g. SOFT - WHITE; MEDIUM - YELLOW; HARD - ORANGE. One could then ensure that the same sponge hardness is used on each side of the racket.

\* Note: This would not stop the players themselves changing, or attempting to change the characteristics of their rubber, but it would considerably restrict the number and type of combinations possible. Also, the rule does not discriminate against the use of "funny" rubbers (e.g. long pips) on both sides of the racket. I believe there is no such thing as "JUNK RUBBER", but rather that it is the 'combination' of 2 different types of rubber and the turning of the racket that is discrediting our sport. Also, a 2-0mm sponge maximum would help to control the play a little.

The service is another area in which I feel our game could be improved. Too often the rally is stifled before it has a reasonable chance to develop. I would like to suggest a ruling in favour of the use of long services only. (i.e. The service ball must clear the end or sideline after one bounce on the receiver's court). One could then expect the rallies to be more open with the use of longer strokes (e.g. loop and chop) rather than short jabs and flicks (which are harder for the spectator to appreciate).

It would do 3 positive things for the receiver:-

1. More time to read the spin
2. More time to allow the spin to decelerate,
3. More time to recover for the 3rd ball (particularly for choppers and mid-court players).

In doubles where long serves may be disadvantageous, the server could be allowed the option of serving to either diagonal provided that he or she deliver the 5 consecutive services to the same diagonal. This would also offset the advantage enjoyed by the left-handed player receiving service from the right hand court.

Finally, I would like to say that table tennis is a sport with enormous potential that can only be realised if steps are taken to make it easy and enjoyable to play as well as spectacular at top level.

To summarize my points:

1. SAME RUBBER would make the game fairer and easier to understand.

2. 2-0mm sponge maximum would favour choppers against both hitters and loopers. It would also favour hitters against loopers.

3. LONG SERVES would favour choppers, mid-court loopers and rallies.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion.

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#### LISTEN AND ANALYSE

What is wrong with oursport? Why is it that everyone appears to be knocking it instead of being constructive about the future?

I have only this season returned to the inner workings of National competition after several years of confinement to local league activities. For several years I had not read Table Tennis News and to be quite Frank I knew the names of very few top players. National League organisation, renewed my contact with the outside world and my interest expanded from there. I have since got into the England rankings, and at 38 years of age this should not have been possible.

Most of the articles in Table Tennis News appeared to be written by a John Prean who I later glaned was related to someone called Carl. The magazine was full of comments and counter-comments. I naturally enough put this down to someone with a grudge, who was living his life through the success of his son. However, I had the privilege of meeting John at the English Closed (I also played his son but as I am still suffering from PPD - Post Prean Depression, having been hammered), and I was very surprised to assess him as a very pleasant and intelligent man. This then finally helped me to surmise that whereas there is a lot of good in our organisation, there is a lot more than can and must be done.

John's comments started a long overdue dialogue of why we have over the past few years lost so much ground to other minor sports. Obviously Table Tennis is not ideal for television and the style of Des Douglas does not provide good viewing but more matches like the Chinese' on the recent Great Moments in Sport would soon bring back the enjoyment. Squash is also poor on television but I would not be surprised if it has eclipsed the nUrTlber of active participants of our own sport. There is no doubt that Table Tennis standards in this Country have reached an all time low. The recent performance in Moscow underlines this.

I believe a clue lies in the full time employees of our sport. When I attended the English 'Open' I was

shocked to see a tracksuited English Captain whose rotund appearance would have been more at home in a pub. It did not give me a good impression of dedication and aptitude.

Even more unsatisfactory was the fact that together with my colleague Sylvia Coombs I spent 30 minutes at the English 'Open' with Peter Hirst and Dave Fairholm setting up a coaches course at Stopsley Regional Sports Centre for Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Even the date was arranged and Hirst informed me that Mick Harper would contact me about the arrangements. Needless to say nothing further came of the arrangements; Mick had not been contacted and it was pointless trying again to contact Hirst. As many people will testify he rarely returns telephone calls and hardly ever (there must surely be one example of a reply) replies to letters.

Despite the adverse comments of one well known Umpire, whose son is 18 in the Ranking list, when I showed some support for the feelings of the players in the English Closed, I have done a lot for Table Tennis at local level and I am not all take and no give. I am fully aware that the majority of local league players gain nothing from the E.T.T.A. nor the County Association but they do, none-the-less provide the bulk of the finance. They have little say in the expenditure but surely this is a greater reason why we should carefully evaluate how they can get value for money.

We don't need tracksuited rotund team managers, elusive full time Coaches and officials' with little business acumen. We need lively look ahead individuals who want us to return to the spectator sport apparently enjoyed in the 1950's. So please all you Association officials please critically evaluate all your operations; chop out the dead wood; and run the Association to make membership not a sufferance every registered player has to bear but an honour that we all want. Listen to John Prean and other critics and analyse their advice to improve our sport.

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#### LATE, -LATE SHOW

Any comments suggesting that Table Tennis is not a major sport for spectators really puzzle me. Also puzzling is why we seem to have mostly participating enthusiasts as spectators and few members of the general public.

After all, to watch the finals of a three-star tournament you only have to

stay there until 8 or 9pm. (if you're lucky) after a full day getting there and watching the earlier matches. With a 150 mile trip home on a Sunday night there's plenty of time to get ready for work the next morning.

Any youngsters can get to bed before 2 am (provided they don't live on the Isle of Wight) if they're lucky. Any parents or coaches wanting to bring very young beginners along to a good tournament are just as well catered for, especially gratifying since this is our pool of future good players. (Children who want to grow up as athletes should be in bed early.)

Also fortunate were those (including me) who wanted to see the classic semi-finals of the Norwich Union, English Closed Championships this year. All I had to do was try and stay awake after driving 100 miles and spectating all evening. Afterwards I had no problem booking in at my hotel for about 1 am. But I wonder how many of the general public watched a young lad of 17 yrs. beat Paul Day and then take the champion Desmond Douglas to five games? What opportunity for publicity and encouragement of young players missed!

Now I read that some young Irish players had to leave a tournament early and forfeit their matches because they were apparently optimistic enough to think a Junior Tournament might be over by about 9.30 pm. on a Sunday (school next day) night.

This letter is intended only to state facts which I consider a major problem, especially in relation to publicity and the success of our sport. I am grateful for the job that organisers do and have tremendous respect for experienced Umpires and Referees. This gratitude especially includes those who have been so friendly and helpful to me in my Table Tennis interest.

We have a great sport with some great people playing and organising. The fact remains that I still have the disappointment of missing many finals since we have a winter season sport with late finishes. to tournaments. I think this also loses us many spectators and future players. Can't this be avoided?

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#### SENSITIVE SPOT

I refer to Peter Charters' letter in the April issue of Table Tennis News. Oh dear me Mr. Charters, I do appear to have hit a sensitive spot. In the first instance, my original letter was addressed to the E.T.T.A. with a copy to Table Tennis News.

My letter was dated 16th March, and on the 21st I had a reply direct to

my home from the E.T.T.A. from Mr. Watts thanking me for my letter, and confirming that copies had been sent to Tom Blunn and to yourself, and that the E.T.T.A. would be in touch with me again. I never again received a reply direct, until I read your letter in Table Tennis News.

I do not think your letter in any way outlines satisfactorily your reasons for omitting Skylet, Andrew from the side, for it is so easy to say that my opinion differed from yours.

I may indeed have shown my ignorance by indicating that I thought selections were based on computer rankings, for it must be said that there must be a great deal of other ignoramus around notably most of the National Press, and various television sports reporters, as well as the reporters who write the TV Teletex!!

You state that the selection committee have never selected straight from the ranking list, and are unlikely ever to do so, for a number of very sound reasons. Dare I ask the almighty selection committee to state what their very sound reasons are? I note that you fail to do so in your letter. It would seem to me a little superfluous to go to all the trouble of

utilising a computer to rank players, if they are going to be ignored for selection purposes. I suppose the only logical reason that you can offer would be that players' form changes virtually day by day, and you select or choose a ranking in a tournament on that basis, but again, I would state it does seem a little illogical to have a ranking list on that basis.

You again state that the editor was kind enough to omit certain of my comments from my original letter. The readers I feel will get an unfair impression from that statement, because the only paragraph that was omitted from my letter, and I quote was the following: 'Andrew has also represented England before, whereas to my knowledge Jackson has not, and Andrew's record against International opposition is far superior to Jackson'.

With the greatest respect I think my paragraph speaks for itself, I stated that I was not sure if Jackson had represented England or not, because I did say to my knowledge, so I do feel that your point on this aspect is a little unfair.

Of course, I do not consider that Kenny Jackson at the age of 23 is past it in Table Tennis terms, and I do of course, note that his current form is

very good, but the fact remains that he was still three places below Andrew at the time of selection, and also for that matter, John Hilton was also substantially below Andrew. The selection to my mind was odd, but as you say perhaps at the end of the day it is a matter of opinion, and clearly our opinions differ.

Finally, you take me up on my linking the E.T.T.A. selection committee with the situation at Bletchley. First of all let me say I am not a member of the E.T.T.A. you are, because if I was you may rest assured there are quite a few things that I would be trying to change at this particular moment in time.

The E.T.T.A. to my knowledge has always been known as the Hierarchy who decide on rules, selection, coaching and generally are the co-ordinators of the game in this country, and indeed, Dennis Neale's letter in the April issue tends to confirm my view that the E.T.T.A. is a you-and-us situation. I am not a member of the E.T.T.A. I am governed by the E.T.T.A. and there lies the difference.

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## JILL HAMMERSLEY - PARKER TABLE TENNIS FOUNDATION

by Donald Parker

We are very pleased with the three events in which we are participating in terms of value for money that has been raised. We have entered two teams in the Beneficial Trust English Junior Open at Portsmouth and two teams in the Italian Junior Open in Vicenza (June 22/24) as well as a 5-day training camp with the Swedish team immediately after English Junior Open. We are much indebted to Peter Thorne, Brian Lammerton and other Hampshire officials who have given invaluable help in organising the latter camp.

Selections for the events were made from the players nominated by members and are:-  
English Junior Open - Adrian Dixon (St), David Rook (V), Juliet Houghton (K) and Claire Mouzon (Nd). N.P.C. Barry Johnson.

Italian Junior Open - Dixon, Rook, Miss Houghton and Teresa Moore (Sx). N.P.C. David Fairholm.

Training Camp - Dixon, David Goode (Mi), Rook, Sean Gibson (La), Amanda Hegarty (St), Miss Houghton, Miss Moore and Miss Mouzon. Coaches - David Barr, David Fairholm and Donald Parker.

Unfortunately, owing to work and school exams, not all the original selections were available, however all the foregoing are able to participate.

Following the relegation of our men's team in Moscow it would seem of paramount importance that we encourage and help as many junior players as possible so that we can rebuild for the future. To sit back and wait for the one-offs i.e. Des Douglas, is folly as indeed is believing in the miracle worker. Quite simply what is required are dedicated players who are given the right opportunities to develop. We believe the Foundation can provide some of these opportunities and therefore, with your help, hopefully contribute to a future successful England team.

The cost of the foregoing programme is somewhere in the region of £1,500 and, in fact, we are still a little short of this amount. We would therefore be very grateful if any persons, leagues, clubs etc., who feel this to be a worthy cause would become members by sending £10 to Jill Hammersley-Parker, The Barn, Common Bank, Dolphinholme, Nr. Lancaster. LA2 9AN. Cheques payable to "Jill Hammersley-Parker Table Tennis Foundation".

## COTSWOLD LADIES' LEAGUE

by George O'Brien

The Cotswold Ladies' Closed Championships, held on April 29 at Cheltenham College, saw the end of another successful season. In the Open Singles, Alison Boyce of Devizes battled throughout the day and with narrow wins over Lynn Sibley of Leamington Spa, in the semis, and Janet Hunt of Worcester, in the final, won the title.

Lynda Reid of Worcester was the surprise winner of the Div. 1 singles with wins over Brenda Lee (Swindon), Lynn Sibley and Christine Iacopi (Gloucester). The Div. 2 singles title was won by Paula Kearns of Bath. The Doubles event saw the Gloucester pairing of Christine Iacopi and Heather Colwill producing a good series of wins to take the title against Brenda Lee and Jenny Neale of Swindon. Kate Ryan of Leamington Spa was the cadet winner. Results:-

O.5: A. Boyce bt J. Hunt -19, 19, 18;  
Oiv. 1: L. Reid bt C. Iacopi 18, -18, 19;  
Oiv. 2: P. Kearns bt S. Betteridge 13, 15;  
C.S: K. Ryan bt K. James 12, 18.  
O.O: H. Colwill/Iacopi bt B. Lee/J. Neale -17, 13, 15.

Leading positions in the two divisions were:-

Oiv.1:	P	W	O	L	F	A	Pts
Worcester	7	5	1	1	47	23	11
Birmingham	7	5	1	1	45	25	11
Bath "A"	7	5	0	2	45	25	10

Oiv.2:	P	W	O	L	F	A	Pts
Bath "C"	5		0	40	20	11	
Cheltenham	4		1	40	20	9	
Devizes	6	4	1	1	38	22	9

Any Association interested in entering a team in the League for the 1984/85 season should contact George O'Brien at Perrymead Lodge, Perrymead, Bath for further details.



# Red Herrings dissected.

## John Prean replies to Peter Simpson

When you read this, Peter Simpson will no longer be England captain. Although I still regard his letter (TT News, March) as unworthy and unfair, I shall not reply in kind. What he wrote about the young player told us more about the writer than the victim. I too have many anecdotes to relate and many experiences on 'The Road Moscow', but it is a time for mature deliberation, rather than instant diagnosis of a situation we saw coming for a long time.

I shall deal therefore only with those comments that seemed to undermine our personal integrity. Let me say at once that I do NOT tell untruths and that I stand by EVERY word I wrote. Peter Simpson was a very minor character in my essay. I did not think it was a piece of great organisational genius to lose a player in a London hotel and I did not think he was of great help to the player during what proved a trying season, but that was the sum total of my criticisms and, if any of us did no more wrong than that in 7 years in a job, we would be pretty wonderful chaps. I can only attribute the violent reaction to very small criticisms as due perhaps to the strains of that period. I am supposed to have blamed various things for the player's loss of form. I don't have to 'blame' anything when the player loses. He ALWAYS does his best and if he never wins another match, he will have had a most remarkable career. I owe no one any explanations and that is that. To suggest that I 'blame' inter alia 'cold and cold running water' in a Polish hotel for the player's subsequent defeats really is so ridiculous as to deserve no comment. Neither do many of the irrelevant platitudes. Readers can make up their own 'mind about the personal pleasantries that are heaped upon the player.

The rule change was sure to make things hard for combination bat players. We ventured into unknown territory. We all put on brave faces, but feared the worst and in Moscow it happened. In my article 'The last fling of the combination bats' which described the stunning successes of Tokyo and Malmo I ended with 'We may never see their like again'. Life for the combination bat players of 1984 would be full of problems. This may not be obvious to a Mr S. Teasdale of Herts, but it should have been to an England captain. It was a time when these players needed sympathy and understanding. Carl Prean got three 2 minute interviews, Father Prean got one of 5 minutes one year ago. Peter felt this was enough. Perhaps, reading his views, it was.

Even my suggestion that players who have for 13 hours need

time to recover and should not be flung into a match the next day is pooh-poohed as yet another 'excuse' and so the mistake is repeated in Moscow. A 4 hour plane journey and a 3 hour time difference and only one day to acclimatise. 2 defeats on the first day destroy confidence and we end up 12th in Europe and are relegated. lesson of Toyko was not learned. There the players had 3 days to acclimatise and they finished as 4th in the world. Of course, it was not the only reason, but it was A factor and an important one. Perhaps Peter will reflect on that, perhaps not. If you have young players in your team, players who are still growing, who need a lot of sleep it all becomes even more important. What is the use of three successive training camps if players' fitness is undermined by poor travel planning?

I would leave the hotel incident to posterity, but have to explore the 'untruths' of which I am accused. If I may reply to Mrs Simpson's poem (TT News, Feb.) with another and with apologies to the Scarlet Pimpernel: He sought him here. He sought him there.

Pete Simpson sought Prean everywhere. Was he in heaven? Was he in hell? No: He was still in the b..... hotel.

If you want to find someone in a hotel, you have him paged over the hotel's loudspeaker system. It really is as simple as that. You don't wander off into the London traffic leaving behind a 16-year-old player from the country who does not know London.

Peter then states that the player ran 'all and sundry'. Quite untrue: He rang US. He tells us that the player caused havoc' by doing so. Again quite untrue. WE rang the ETTA to make sure that the airline knew how late the player would be. WE rang Peters Charters, Chairman of Selectors. All the player did was to hotfoot it across London to catch the plane.

Peter states that the player 'had made no provision' for a call at the hotel. Quite untrue: He had an alarm clock. Are TWO calls really 'all and sundry'? Can a secretary of the ETIA and a Selector really be so described? Did the player really 'decide' to cause havoc? Should the apostle of 'truth' write in quite such terms and be quite as quick to dismiss straightforward reporting as 'untruths'?

Finally, should such singularly badly planned journeys happen at all? Perhaps Peter will have second thoughts after Moscow, after all. Alii tried to do was to supply support for the players, so that they travel decently and arrive at the table in top condition. That I would have thought is exactly what the England captain wanted. Instead we

got some bromides about 'being ready when asked to play'. Again I have to correct him about the 23 hour train journey of the Swedes. I think he refers to the trip by Reutlingen, the Bundesliga club, to Czechoslovakia. They had one Swede (Mikael Appelgren). The journey did take 23 hours. Reutlingen survived, but only in the literal sense. On the table they lost 5-1.

There is a sequel. Simex Julich, later in the competition, had the same opposition and the same trip. They allowed themselves two days to recover from the journey. Note, Peter, TWO days for ONE match. Julich won, where the stronger team had failed. THAT is planning for victory. THAT is how it is done. Debating points may be privately satisfying, at any rate till they explode in your face, but they don't win matches.

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### WORLD STUDENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Subject to confirmation, at the time of going to press, off financial guarantees, the teams selected by a committee of representatives of BUSF, BPSA and BCSA to represent Britain in the World Student Championships in Gdansk, Poland in September are:-

Men: David Barr' (Capt), Colin Wilson, David Dodd and Mark Oakley. Non-travelling reserve - Brian Wright.

Women: Sarah Sandley, Lesley Tyler and Julie Revill (Capt). Non-travelling reserve - Cheryl Buttery.

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### PRESS CONFERENCE

#### INTERNATIONAL GAMES FOR THE DISABLED (NEW YORK) 1984

An opportunity to meet members of the British Team is being provided for members of the sports press corps at 1Dam, Thursday 14th June, at the Ludwig Guttmann Sports Centre in Aylesbury. Later the same day the team, accompanied by officials and escorts, will proceed to Heathrow for their flight to New York. Events contested in these Games will include archery, athletics, basketball, bowls, rifle and pistol shooting, swimming table tennis, volleyball and weightlifting. The British Team brings together the nation's best performers from among the amputee, cerebral palsied, visually handicapped and "les autres" disability groups. All members of local, regional and national sports media are cordially invited to attend.

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# SOUTH YORKSHIRE 2-STAR OPEN

SKYLET JUSTIFIES SEEDING

By Mark Horsfall



The South Yorkshire Open returned to the Herringthorpe Leisure Centre, Rotherham, on April 21, after an absence of eight years, the entry of 152 players maintaining last season's level, and the replacement of the junior events by U19 events was a popular and successful move, attracting many from the 17-19 age group. Sponsored by South Yorkshire County Council the impressive prize money once again attracted a quality field from far and wide including 22 of the country's top 50 men,

At the end of the day Skylet Andrew justified his top seeding to lift the men's singles title though not without several hard battles and he could not have imagined how tough a ride he would have. After wins over Kevin Satchell, and David Reeves he was forced to survive a match point against the rejuvenated Nigel Eckersley in the quarters, who had himself dismissed 6th seed Alan Fletcher in a stormy 2nd round encounter,

The other half of the draw saw local hero Neil Bailey steal the early headlines by ousting Andy Creed and Martin Kinsella before falling to reigning champion Dave Wells, who then

won an enthralling duel with Dave Barr to make the last four, No. 2 seed John Hilton disappointed by going out early to a determined and industrious Steve Scowcroft who then drubbed Kevin Beadsley, the 3rd round conqueror of Chris Rogers.

The semi-final line up was completed by Nicky Mason, the No. 4 seed, who came quietly through a sector made easier by local boy Kevin Thompson's shock defeat of 8th seed Andy Bellingham. In the semis Andrew kept the quicksilver Mason sufficiently under control to get home 13 in the third, while Wells maintained his form against Scowcroft. By comparison with earlier play the final was an anticlimax as both men went for inopportune winners but Andrew held enough aces to clinch the £175 first prize.

Forced to qualify from an unseeded position Joanne Shaw dominated the women's singles, overcoming the fancied Fiona Elliot before beating a resurgent Cheryl Buttery, then easing out top seed Jackie Bellingier to make the final. There to meet her was Sarah Sandley qualifying in style against Jean Parker and Jill Harris and defending the title. The final was a terrific match with Miss Shaw moving well and showing great versatility whilst Sarah countered strongly. In the end, though, Joanne's speed and variety proved sufficient to give Yorkshire their first prize winner for some time.

In the men's doubles the seeding worked out perfectly with 1st and 2nd seeds beating 3rd and 4th seeds in the Semis, but then "Mr South Yorkshire" Fletcher and that great doubles player Beadsley improved on expectations to squeeze home against Andrew and Mason.

Bellingier and Sandley took home winners' cheques for the women's doubles, as seeded, beating the ever-popular Karen Groves/Sandra Peakman partnership, who had shown marvellous resource in eclipsing Harris and

Elliot in the semi; just reward for Sandra's infectious zest.

In the men's U-19 singles Nicky Mason's biggest worry was exhaustion from over-involvement but Steve Sharpe's defeat by Mark Ellett made his task simpler and the final was relatively straightforward for the Surrey livewire. The counterpart women's event produced some odd results from afield not dissimilar to the women's singles proper, Bellingier again bowing out prematurely, falling to a great performance from Nina Tsakarianos whose bubble was burst against Parker. Elliot got the better of Shaw in their second encounter of the day before really motoring to beat Miss Parker in an entertaining final.

On a trying and hectic day Robert Loxley and Graham Torry deserve special praise for their ceaseless toil in the hall applying themselves above and beyond the call to keep a tournament beset by gremlins on the rails.

## Results:-

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:  
S. Andrew (E) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) 15, -, 0, 23;  
N. Mason (Sy) bt C. Morgan (Wa) 18, 16;  
D. Wells (Mil bt D. B. " (Bk) 11, 18, 15;  
S. Scowcroft (La) bt K. Beadsley (V) 18, 3.  
Semi-finals:  
Andrew bt Mason -18, 18, 13; Wells bt Scowcroft 11, -17, 15.  
Final:  
ANDREW bt Wells -16, 16, 15.  
Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:  
J. Bellingier (Bd) bt L. Broomhead (Y) 14, 11;  
J. Shaw (V) bt C. Buttery (Lil) 16, 14, 17;  
S. Sandley (Mil) bt J. Parker (La) 19, 17;  
J. Harris (St) bt A. Hegarty (St) 7, 11.  
Semi-finals:  
Shaw bt Bellingier -11, 12, 18; Sandley bt Parker -18, 17, 14.  
Final:  
SHAW bt Sandley 15, -11, 12.  
Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:  
Andrew/Mason bt P. Bowen/J. Hilton (La) 19, 17;  
Beadsley/A. Fletcher (V) bt A. Bellingham (St)/Eckersley 18, 18.  
Final:  
BEADSLEY/FLETCHER bt Andrew/Mason 19, 19.  
Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:  
Bellingier/Sandley bt Shaw/Parker -19, 18, 17;  
K. Groves/S. Peakman (Wa) bt Harris/Hegarty -14, 13, 22.  
Final:  
BELLINGER/SANDLEY bt Groves/Peakman 16, 15.  
Intermediate Men's Singles: Semi-finals:  
Mason bt J. Chapman 16, 11;  
M. Ellett (Dv) bt S. Sharpe (V) 14, 12.  
Final:  
MASON bt Ellett 15, 12.  
Intermediate Women's Singles: Semi-finals:  
Parker bt N. Tsakarianos (Gs) 18, 6;  
Elliot bt Shaw -19, 15, 15.  
Final:  
ELLIOT bt Parker -20, 18, 14.



## ISLAND VENUE

In conjunction with the English Table Tennis Association, the Isle of Man Table Tennis Association proudly announces that the 8th Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships will take place at the Palace Lido, Douglas from

March 17th to 23rd, 1985.

The ETTA have been asked to appoint the Referee and Captain of Umpires and the further provision of 24 English umpires, the remainder to be invited from Scotland and Wales.

Further details can be obtained from the Organising Director, Gordon Baker at The Lodge, Ballasalla, I.O.M. (Phone: 0624-823275). Special Travel/Accommodation Packages can be arranged by contacting Group and Conference Travel, Central Promenade, Douglas, I.O.M. (Phone: 0624-27711). Please ask for Jane Quayle.

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# T.S.B. Fakenham Closed

by D. L. Ashmore

Once again the League was very grateful to the local T.S.B. branch manager Mr. Mike Segon for acquiring sponsorship for our championships.

There were quite a few shocks during the day. In the Open Singles unseeded Steve Barber knocked out Gerry Rudley (5) in the third round, No. 1 seed and defending champion Paul Rich in the quarters, and then Haken Bennell (8) in the semis. In the other half No. 2 seed David Ashmore won through beating Hilary Howlett (6) in the semi, the latter having scored a fine win in the quarters over Jim Detty.

But Barber failed to maintain his form in the final and was overwhelmed.

In the Open Doubles there was a second round shock for No.2 seeds

Mussett and Rudley going out to unseeded Mary Ashmore and Barber who went on to lose in the semis to Wood and Saunders the No. 4 seeds 21 in the third. In the other half the No. 1 seeds Howlett and Ashmore won through and took the final without much trouble.

Malcolm Diggins retained his veterans' title in fine style with a win over Peter Saunders.

Malcolm's son Lee reached the final of the Youth Singles and caused No.1 seed Paul Rich problems before Paul settled down to take the set at 15 in the deciding leg.

The final of the Div. 2 singles saw a rampant Chris Fuller romp to a fine victory over the favourite Mike Keen.

In the handicap singles, Rudley (handicap 1) won through with fine

wins over Neil Howell (20) 51-49 who was possibly the favourite, and then Ashmore (0) 51-41 in the semi. Diggins (12) reached the final with a win over Jim Detty (0) 51-46. Rudley struggled all the way in the final but just managed to battle home.

In the new event, the handicap doubles, the Committee drew partners. This proved to be an enjoyable, entertaining event with Detty and second division player Peter Clarke, playing off 13, meeting Richard Mussett and junior Kevin Nobes, playing off 9, in the final. A good close set resulted with Mussett and Nobes taking the title. Results:

O.S.: D. Ashmore bt S. Barber 11.13.  
O.O.: Howlett/Ashmore bt Saunders/Wood 18.16.  
T.S.B. Div. 2 Singles: Fuller bt Keene 15.16.15.  
V.S.: Diggins bt Saunders 19.13.  
V.S.: Aich bt L. Diggins -19.22.15.  
H.S.: Rudley bt M. Diggins 51-48.  
H.D.: Mussett/Nobes bt Detty/Clarke 51-47.

## INLAND REVENUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### TITLES RETAINED

The strong entry provided players and spectators with some good and exciting table tennis. Play at London's Finsbury Centre commenced at 11 a.m. reaching a climax at 9.30 p.m. with Dave Pountney and Helen Shields retaining their singles titles. Miss Shields, as she has done for some years, dominated the inals winning the women's and mixed doubles to add to her singles success.

### Results:-

M.S. a-fa:  
D. Pountney (Aldwych) bt A. Summerscales (Wakefield) 19. -, 7. 17.  
S. Worsman (Bradford) bt B. Lees (Tonbridge) 13. 13.  
Final: Pountney bt Worsman 18. 22.  
W.S.: H. Shield. (Bradford) bt M. Curran (Finsbury 2) 15. 10.  
M.O.: I. Baker (Shrewsbury)/R. Gray (Lon 17 Coll'n) bt B. Mitton (leeds)/Summerscales 19. -18. 15.  
W.O. Curran/Shield. bt V. Barlow (London)/D. Boase (T1/6) 10. 10.  
X.D.: Worsman/Shields bt Poutney/Curran 16. 12.  
V.S.: J. Austin (S.F.O.) bt P. Stafford (Slough Coll'n) 17. 17.

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# MIDDLESBROUGH CHAMPIONSHIPS

by John Lawton

Entries from all parts of Cleveland, the Middlesbrough Championships attracted a full house at Acklam Sports Centre on April 7/8.

Following Carole Moore's announcement that she was going to retire after the championships, it was nice to see her go out on a winning note beating June Williams in the women's final. She just failed, with Stephen Brunskill, to reach the doubles final, losing to Malcolm Corking and Stephen Souter.

Lindsay Taylor returned to top form to win the men's and the Div. 1 singles beating Corking in both finals. Lindsay, with partner Kevin Green, beat Corking and Souter in the final. Corking and Souter had a fright in the quarters, just beating Dave Hughes and Mark Simon 19 in the third.

The Cadet boys' title was won by Stuart Miller beating Jimmy Nicholson. Stuart and Jimmy teamed up and won through to the doubles final losing out on Ian Humes and Andy McKeown.

Ann Pashley worked very hard to win both the Cadet and girls' titles beating Susan Richmond and Angela Wattis respectively.

The boys' title was won by Stuart Craggs beating Anthony Wattis. Stuart and Anthony beat the up-and-coming David Fewsdale and John Healey in the junior doubles final.

In the veterans' final, last year's winner Richard Daniel was beaten by Barry Pearson in straight games, both coming close to expedite. Barry's anti-loop having no advantage over Richard's hard bat and stone wall defence.

The under-11's event was won by Susanne Lawton the No. 1 seed, who beat Neil Woods. The No. 2 seed, Steven Miller, lost to Neil in a tough semi.

In the handicap singles, John Healey had to give 11 points start a game to big Nigel Whitehead but won through after putting his game together.

The Second Division final featured Brian Cross and Lenny Hill, Brian winning after countering Lenny's big forehand hit.

A most outstanding performance came from Paul Stephenson by winning both the third and fourth division titles.

Results:-

M.S.: S-Fs:  
 L. Taylor (Orm) bt S. Souter (Day) 14. 11;  
 M. Corking (Day) bt S. Brunskill (Orm) 14. 17.  
 Final: Taylor bt Corking 19. 17.  
 W.S.: C. Moore (Orm) bt J. Williams (Orm) 9. 5.  
 Doubles: K. Green (Orm)/Taylor bt Corking/Souter 12. -15. 23.  
**Div. 1:** Taylor bt Corking 16. 20.  
**85:** S. Craggs (Orm) bt A. Wattis (Orm) 10. 13.  
**GS:** A. Pashley (Orm) bt A. Wattis (Orm) 18. 8.  
**JD:** Craggs/Wattis bt D. Fewsdale/J. Healey (Orm) 16. 17.  
**CBS:** S. Miller (Orm) bt J. Nicholson (Orm) 15. 15.  
**eGS:** Pashley bt S. Richmond (Orm) 1. 19.  
**CD:** I. Humes/A. McEwan (Orm) bt S. Miller (Orm)/Nicholson U-11's: S. Lawton (Orm) bt N. Woods (Oxb) 16. 16.  
**VS:** B. Pearson (S.Dk) bt R. Daniels (Nun) 13. 17.

The Fifth Division was won by Lee Crainey who beat fellow Spencerbeck player Stephen Sedgewick in a hard fought final.

I would like to thank all the people who helped out at "The Championships." Special thanks to - Carole Moore for presenting the Trophies on Saturday and all the very best wishes in her new sporting ventures.

Also to our league chairman Alan Ransome for the loan of Butterfly tables and Schildkrot balls and presenting the prizes on Sunday.

Last, but not least, Middlesbrough's Recreation and Amenities Department for their most generous support.

## LEAGUE WINNERS

Div. 1	Ormesby B
Runners-up	Ormesby C
Average Award	Stephen Souter (Doyen 'A')
Div. 2	Smiths Dock B
Runners-up	Linthorpe Park
Average Award	Michael Mills (Marton Manor 'A')
Div. 3	Nalگو A
Runners-up	Smiths Dock C
Average Award	Dave Cole (Nunthorpe 'B')
Div. 4	Guisborough CC
Runners-up	Telephones B
Average Award	Renton Charman (Guisborough CC)
Div. 5	Spencerbeck
Runners-up	Grangetown A
Average Award	Lee Crainey (Spence,beck)

Middlesbrough and District League Handicap Cup Winners = Beechwood  
 Runners-up = Doyen A

## SSAF Award for Surrey-based Player

The Scottish Sports Aid Foundation, which issues grants to individual sportsmen and women to cover some of the costs involved in preparation and training to reach international standards, has made six awards to the grantees who have shown the greatest progress in the past year.

Table-tennis player, David Hannah, was one of the award-winners, re-

cognised at a dinner at the Albany Hotel, Glasgow.

David, who is ranked among the four top men in British Table Tennis, is seen here receiving his S.S.A.F. award from Duncan Goodhew, the 1980 Olympic Gold Medallist for the 100m breaststroke. Also in the picture is Mr. Raymond Miquel, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the S.S.A.F.

David's most recent wins include singles titles in the Glamorgan and

Essex Open Championships as well as being undefeated since October 1983 in six European League Matches.

He plays for Murrayfield in the Scottish National League and for Soham, Cambridgeshire, in the English National League. Although Scottish, he now lives in Dorking, Surrey.

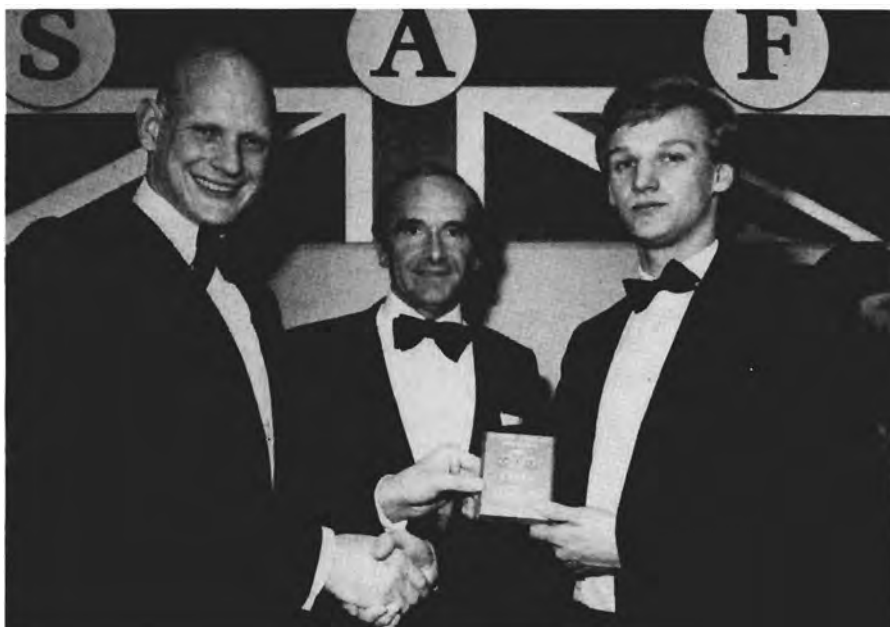
## SSAF GRANT FOR LOCAL TABLE TENNIS PLAYER

The Scottish Sports Aid Foundation has announced its latest list of people to receive cash awards, which includes local table tennis player, David Low.

Aged 16, David of 11 Cameron Avenue, Bridge of Don, receives £150 for showing outstanding potential in his sport of table tennis.

On this occasion the SSAF has awarded grants totalling £2,900 to 25 people covering 14 different fields of sport, bringing the total amount given out to £54,710 and the number of Scottish sportsmen and women helped to 528. Their aim is to help cover some of the costs involved in preparation and training to reach international standards.

These grants have been announced in conjunction with the first of the SSAF's 1984/85 series of special bi-monthly awards which goes to West Kilbride golfer, Calum Innes, for the months of March/April 1984.



# DERBY JUNIOR 2-STAR OPEN

## HEADACHES OVER SEEDINGS

By Mike Payne

Supported this year by the City of Derby and held at the Derby Sports Centre on March 25, it was To Thuy Dung who held the city's best hopes when seeded 5 in the girls' singles. The county was also well placed to take the cadet boys' with No.1 seed Bradley Billington from Chesterfield.

The event started slowly because of late arrivals and never properly recovered the time. This forced the referee to stage the finals in pairs rather than singly. The presence of strong Irish and Welsh players had already given the organisers some headaches over the seedings.

In the U-17 boys' the unexplained absence of Chris Bartram (S2) allowed Howard Leigh through to lose to Steven Dorking (S8) in the top quarter. Andrew Cunningham held his position as top seed in the bottom quarter in a semi-final against Adrian Dixon and in a tense final against Dorking. In the third leg he saw a 7 points lead whittled away by steady play. It was point for point to 18-all when Steve served into the net but his concentration **was** not lost by this and Cunningham still had to fight for the remaining points. Scores:-

**S-F's:**  
S. Corking (E) bt M. Jukes (W) 13, 13;  
A. Cunningham (K) bt A. Dixon (St) 14, 13.  
Final: Cunningham bt Corking 17, -'8, 19.

The boys' doubles, always difficult to seed, actually fulfilled predictions with Dixon and Murray Jukes beating David Rook and Martin Firth. Scores:-

**S-FI:**  
Dixon/Jukes bt Cunningham/Dorking 14, 15;  
M. Finh/D. Rook (V) b. H. Leigh (La)/K. Weatherby (Ch) 18, 18.  
Final: Dixon/Juk•• bt Firth/Rook -14,3, 18.

In the U-17 girls' local girl To Thuy Dung led top seed Joanne Shaw 20-16 in the second game in the quarters. Several net cords went against her and Joanne went through. Kerry Hall had also kept local hopes high with wins

over the Irish No.1 Nora McEvoy and old rival Claire Potts. Joanne came to the final but was shocked in the first game by unseeded Lisa Haydon. Lisa had already taken out Heidi Cotter, the Welsh No. 1, and Amanda Hegarty. Scores:-

**S-F:**  
L. Haydon (E) bt A. Hegarty (S) 16, 16;  
J. Shaw (V) b. J. Houghton (K) 20, 18.  
Final: Shaw bt Haydon -8, 15, -'5.

In the girls' doubles the top Irish pair, McEvoy and Ella McManus overcame the effects of a rough sea crossing and took the title against Shaw and Lesley Popkiewicz of Surrey 19 and 22.

Bradley Billington came through easily to the semis of the cadet boys only to lose to Michael O'Driscoll. In the other half Lee Brown had reached the semis after beating Sean Gibson and Chris Oldfield, seeded 2 and 5 respectively, only to lose to John Ellis

from Wales. O'Driscoll started well in the final but Ellis came back strongly in the second. Scores:-

**S-F's:**  
M. O'Driscoll (W) bt B. Billington (O) -15, 11, 15;  
J. Ellis (WAL) b. L. Brown (La) 19, -'1, '5;  
Final: O'Driscoll bt Ellis 9, -14, 16.

Again the cadet girls' Derbyshire hopes were high with Kerry Hall (S3) and Julie Billington through to the semis. Julie after beating Andrea Holt (S1) lost to Lisa Robins and Kerry to Claire Potts. Claire confirmed her ranking in the final over Lisa. Scores:-

**S-FI:**  
L. Robins (Bd) bt J. Billington (O) -18, 24, 15;  
C. Potts (Ch) b. K. Hall (Dy) -'7, 11, '2.  
Final: Potts bt Robins 11, 20.

The Derby Association would like to thank the City Council for their support and Councillor Brocklehurst for presenting the prize monies. The Association presented annual trophies for all singles winners. Our referee this year was Geoff Taylor from Coventry.



Ella McManus (1) and Nora McEvoy the Irish winners of the girls' doubles seen here with Jack Hughes and Councillor Brocklehurst.

### DAGENHAM F.C. MAKE IT TO DIV.1

In just three seasons of Halex National League membership Dagenham F.C.

have put themselves firmly on the table tennis map by climbing from Div. 3 to Div. 1

The committee's ambition of bring-

ing top class table tennis to the Dagenham public has been achieved, and how they have responded, with home gates averaging well over 100 this season the team can look to an even larger following next season in Div. 1.

The Dagers had an unbeaten record this season winning all 14 matches, the only team in the league to do so. The team's sponsors, local Ford Agents Dagenham Motors, were delighted, and it is hoped that Managing Director David Phillip will continue his involvement with the sport.

The Dagers are looking forward to next season with confidence, and hope to bring Premier Division table tennis to Dagenham in the not too distant future. The photograph shows Dagenham F.C. Halex National League squad and officials 1983/84.





'EVENING CHRONICLE'  
NORTHUMBERLAND  
2-STAR OPEN  
POPULAR CHOICE  
by Aubrey Drapkin

The 13th Northumberland Open took place at Concordia Leisure Centre, Cramlington on May 5. This was the 5th successive year that the event was staged at this venue and once again it proved to be a popular choice. It was also the 5th year of involvement by the 'Evening Chronicle' and thanks are expressed to them for their continued support and in particular to their Promotions Manager, Derek Thompson,

There was a change in format this year with mixed Class 2 singles replacing the junior events, As with other tournaments this turned out to be a successful move and a large entry was received, Thirty-one ranked men entered the men's singles with fourteen of these coming from the top 50, The women's entry was disappointing but did include twelve ranked players.

Play started with the Class 2 singles but the morning session did not go exactly according to plan because of the delayed arrival of many players. This was, I am sure, due mainly to the foggy conditions outside and referee George Yates made due allowance for this and departed from the planned schedule in order to give them time to arrive. As a result some matches were considerably delayed but by lunchtime everything was under control and back on time.

In the past this tournament has provided its fair share of shock results and this year was no exception. It started in the first round of the Class 2 singles when local player Neil McMaster beat Cheshire's Mark Hankey and Trevor Washington of Staffs defeated another Cheshire player, Brian Johns. Andy Rich departed from the scene in the 2nd round going out to the veteran Ram Bhalla" a former Northumberland player now representing Hampshire, who then defeated Peter D'Arcy of Cheshire in the following round, Northumberland's Peter McQueen was the eventual winner and he did not drop a single game in the whole event.

The non appearance of Scotland's Dave Hannah and Yorkshire's Steve Mills caused an alteration to the seeds in the men's doubles with Alan Fletcher replacing Hannah as partner to Dave Wells in the No. 2 spot. They proceeded to win their way through to the final but not without close encounters in the quarters where they defeated local players McQueen and Thomas Blackman 26, -19, 9 and in the semis when they were taken to a deciding game by Stephen Scowcroft and Johns, who had previously accounted for Skylet Andrew and Max Crimmins.

The top half of the draw saw the favourites Graham Sandley and Alan

Cooke safely through but they too were extended to three by Chu van Que and Carl Morgan. Earlier Que and Morgan had put out the No.3 seeds, John Hilton and Phil Bowen. The final also went the distance With Sandley and Cooke eventually winning 20 in the 3rd.

The women's doubles was won by the Staffs pairing of Fiona Elliot and Jill Harris who completely outplayed Berkshire's Alison Gordon and Mandy Sainsbury in the second game having won the first at 19,

Alison took the women's singles title for the second year in succession with a convincing win in the final against Jill Harris. This was a repeat of last year's final and the English champion was never really extended. Jill came through in the place of the No.2 seed Joy Grundy who withdrew a few days earlier. Only 26 entries when the top prize was £100 makes one wonder what is wrong with the female side of the sport!

And so to the men's singles where all the seeds appeared with the exception of Hannah and Mills and the stage was set for some top class matches. Sandley, Cooke and Wells all took up their appointed places in the semis and were joined by Andrew who came through in place of Hannah.

As expected, Fletcher and Crimmins reached the quarters but Hilton scratched because of illness and his place was taken by Morgan. Of the lower seeds, Johns went out to Lancashire's Shaun Browne in Rd. 3. One of the best matches of the day came in the 4th Round when Chu van Que played Cooke, won the first and was 5

points ahead in the second before Cooke came back to win.

The quarter-final results were as expected but the shocks came in the semis both of which were decided by a winning score of 19 in the 3rd. Wells just got home against Sandley as did Andrew against Cooke. Three games were then needed in the final before the Middlesex player received his cheque for £250.

Top seeds in the veterans' singles also went out in the semis and the final was won by Matt Sheader who just managed to beat Stan Battrick. All the awards were presented by Derek Thompson of the 'Evening Chronicle' and I am pleased to say that this was a most pleasant and happy tournament, well controlled by George Yates.

Results:-

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:

G. Sandley (Mil) bt A. Fletcher (Y) 15, 17;  
D. Wells (Mil) bt C. Morgan (Wa) 9, -18, 17;  
S. Andrew (E) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) 19, '5;  
A. Cooke (Dy) bl M. Crimmins (Sy) 15, 14.

Semi-finals:

Wells bl Sandley -14, 17, 19; Andrew bl Cooke 17, -11, 19.  
Final: WELLS bl Andrew 13, -, 5, 13.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals:

A. Gordon (Bk) bl F. Elliot (St) 17, -15, 6;  
J. Harris (51) bt M. Sainsbury (8k) -8, , 6, 19.  
Final: GORDON bt Harris 10, 8.

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:

Cooke/Sandley bt Chu van Que (Nd)/Morgan -19, 22, 12;  
Fletcher/Wells bt B. Johns (Chi/S. Scowcroft (La) -20, 17, 13.  
Final: COOKE/SANDLEY bt Fletcher/Wells 14, -19, 20.

Women', Doubles: Semi-finals:

Gordon/Sainsbury bt C. Moran (Li)/O. Schofield (Chi 12, 14;  
Elliot/Harris bt S. Sandley (Mil/J. Shaw (V) -16, 16, 18.  
Final: ELLIOT/HARRIS bt Gordon/Sainsbury 19, 6.

Veterans' Singles: Semi-finals:

M. Sheader (Li) bt O. Schofield (Chi 18, -14, 15;  
S. Battrick (E) bt P. O'Arcy (Chi 16, 18.  
Final: SHEADER bt Battrick -21, 13, 19.

Cia\*\* 2 Mixed Single.: Quarter-finals:

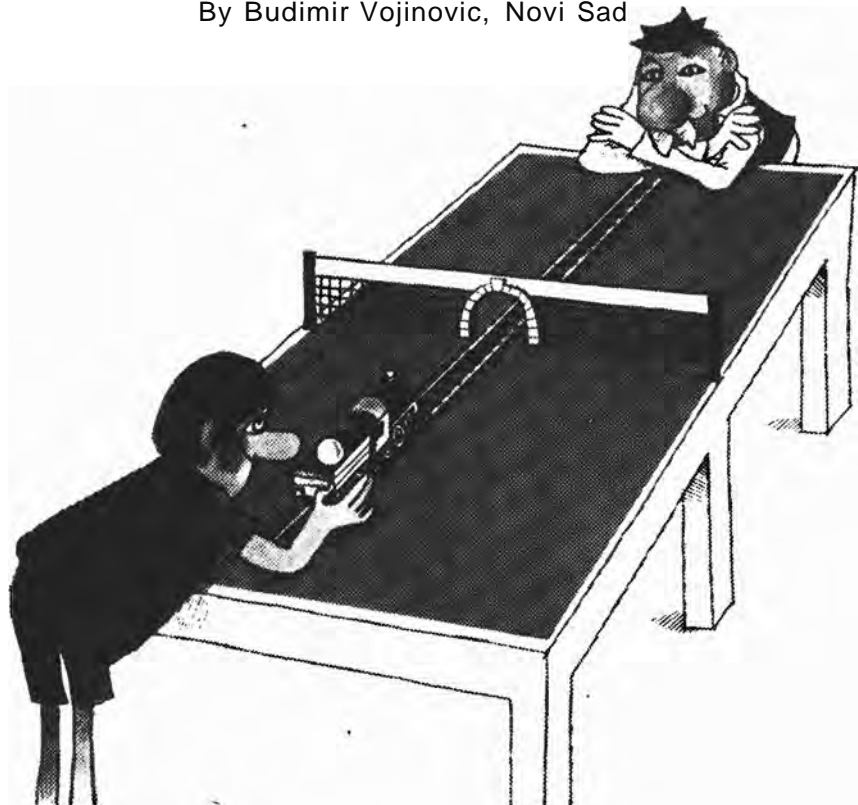
P. Collino (Mil) bt M. Kinsella (Dy) 9, 20;  
P. McQueen (Nd) bt W. Percival (Ch) 18, 7;  
P. Rainford (La) bt E. Smith (Nd) 13, 16;  
P. Huggon (La) bt D. Sharpe (Bd) 15, 19.

Semi-final.:

McQueen bt Collino 13, 7; Huggon bt Rainford 16, -19, 17.  
Final: McQUEEN bt Huggon 14, 15.

## TRAINING SESSION

By Budimir Vojinovic, Novi Sad



Postbag

### VIKING REBUFFED OR ELLENBOROUGH INSULTED

In reply to Mr. Teasdale's letter, I am writing on behalf of Thorn EMI Ellenborough, to refute many of the remarks made by him. I will take each point in the order he makes them.

(1) Lighting:- The lights at the club are quartz halogen (which give off less heat than the same sized lights in ordinary filament bulbs). These are set at four metres high to conform with ITFF recommendations for top grade tournaments. They are carefully shaded to ensure that no glare or dazzle reaches the eye from any part of the court. Unless you deliberately stand directly under them and look up, but that would go for any type of lighting. The rule you quote 4.2.3.3 refers to the intensity of light over the table, and requires that 400 lux is evenly spread over the table, with not less than half that at the ends of court. Bring your light meter back Mr. Teasdale, mine reads 420 lux over table and 320 at extremes of court. It seems a little odd to me that Alf Leigh an International Umpire passed the premises as fit for the North Middlesex League, that premier division league matches, that European league matches, that the Japanese National team, that the Middlesex Closed championships, and many many more senior events have taken place here, and none of them have ever complained of the lighting.

(2) Tables:- The tables complained of are new (at the start of this season) and are Joola 2000 s'International top

quality tables (I'm sure Joola would be interested in the (fact!) that one of their best tables gives a dead bounce). I personally set up these tables when they arrived, and I used a height gauge to check the bounce, all four conformed well within the required limits. Our National league players then played on each one as these tables are used for national league matches. No complaints from them. Oh yes! the four tables that we keep from you, very special these!!! Eleven years old, some badly scratched, some chipped and otherwise damaged we use them on Sunday morning junior coaching classes, and then only when we're pushed, you're welcome to come and check them Mr. Teasdale or anyone else who may have doubts.

(3) Refreshments:- We have 27 team captains at Ellenborough, the standard is bound to vary, as they are 27 different people, but all are instructed to offer refreshments to their opponents - at the end of the match. I asked Mr. Yarrow what went on, his reply was quote "I told Mr. Teasdale's team that they were welcome to use the lounge, the video machines and could buy themselves soft drinks during the evening" and that I would provide refreshments at the end. Unquote "I'm sure that if you had told Mr. Yarrow that you had to rush away at the end of the match he would have arranged drinks during the match - but wouldn't that have made it even later?"

To your remarks about our game going through a bad time - it certainly isn't due to the playing conditions at

Ellenborough- it may not be helped by people who write ill informed letters without knowing the facts. It isn't good enough to drop a bailout of your hand onto the table - guess the return bounce, then quote that as a fact, dishonest it is! Again it isn't honest to quote a number from the rule book that doesn't apply to the remarks you make (that the lights don't conform) as that is not covered in the rule book. You need leaflet No. T6 from the ETTA. A light meter is needed to cover the rule that you quoted. Do you have one, and did you use it?

I have just returned from the English Junior Open at Portsmouth - guess what..quartz halogen lights' over the table with fluorescent background lights. You'd better get on to the ETTA and tell them that they don't conform to your rules.

If our game suffers it may be because of poor sportsmanship, and people who knew a bit; but not enough!

To conclude, I enclose a letter from the Police table tennis association which is self explanatory.... and can I put two questions to you Mr. Teasdale? Was your letter brought about because your team lost 8-1? ? ? Or is your attitude coloured by the fact that your application to join Ellenborough, was turned down two years ago, and if it's such a bad place to play, why did you want to join?? ?

David J. Miller  
International Umpire  
Tournament Referee  
General Secretary

Thorn EMI Ellenborough TIC  
16 Tomswood Road,  
Chigwell,  
Essex IG7 50S

P.S. That it gets a bit too warm in the playing area, is due to the central heating, not the lights. We are' due to, change this and put in a separate thermostatic valve, during the summer.

Dear Committee,

On behalf of the British Police Table Tennis Club, I would like to thank you for your generosity in allowing us the use of the Club on Sunday, 8th April, 1984 when we played the Universities Athletic Union.

All the players wished me to convey to you their appreciation for the use of your splendid facilities. In fact this may well have worked against us as the opposition fielded a very strong side due to the fact that everyone wanted the opportunity to play at Ellenborough.

We would especially like to thank Dave Hope for his invaluable help during the match, opening up and his help behind the bar and during our tea.

Thank you 'once again.

Yours sincerely,

CHRIS BUDDEN'  
Hon. Secretary  
British Police Table Tennis Club

## LENTEC SENIOR RANKINGS

### JUMP FOR JOY!

Since last the Lentec senior rankings were published, in the March edition, there have been two subsequent computer print-outs, the latest, dated May 18, showing a jump for Lan-hire's Joy Grundy from No.3 to No.1 in the women's list.

One other leap of consequence is that of Yorkshire's Joanne Shaw, from No 15 to No 9, whilst Carole Moore of Cleveland, previously at No.5, has been omitted following the announcement of her second retirement.

Little has changed on the male side with Desmond Douglas way out in front at No. 1 and Kenny Jackson leapfrogging over David Wells for the No.5 position. Rankings at the top, points and previous position - In brackets are:-

	Pts
1 Desmond Douglas (Wa) (1)	1867
2 Graham Sandley (Mi) (2)	1040
3 Carl Preat (IOW) (3)	992.5
4 Alan Cooke (Dy) (4)	764.5
5 Kenny Jackson (E) (6)	732.5
6 David Wells (Mi) (5)	709.5
7 Skylet Andrew (E)	685.5
8 Philip Bradbury (Bu)	642.5
9 John Hilton (La) (9)	547
10 Nicky Mason (Sy) (12)	531.5
11 Colin Wilson (Mi) (10)	523
12 Max Crimmins (Sy) (11)	522

13 John Souter (Mi) (13)	519
14 Donald Parker (La) (14)	512
15 Paul Day (Ca) (15)	485
16 Alan Fletcher (Y) (16)	480.5
17 David Barr (Bk) (17)	462.5
18 (He) (18)	459
19 Duggie Johnson (Wa) (19)	440.5
20 Chris Rogers (Le) (20)	439.5
21 Mark Mitchell (Mi) (24)	425
22 David Dodd (K) (21)	424.5
23 Nigel Eckersley (Ch) (25)	424
24 Carl Morgan (Wa) (23)	420.5
25 Andrew Bellingham (St) (22)	418.5
26 Andy Wellman (Bk) (27)	408
27 Steven Turner (La) (26)	399.5
28 Stephen Scowcroft (La) (33)	362
29 Kevin Beadsley (Y) (28)	357
30 David Reeves (Bk) (30)	347.5

WOMEN	
1 Alison Gordon (Bk) (2)	694.5
2 Karen Witt (Bk) (1)	673.5
3 Joy Grundy (La) (3)	671
4 Lisa Bellinger (Bd) (4)	528
5 Jackie Bellinger (Bd) (6)	297
6 Karen Smith (Le) (7)	288
7 Fiona Elliot (St) (8)	286.5
8 Jill Harris (St) (9)	281
9 Joanne Shaw (Y) (15)	250.5
10 Mandy Sainsbury (Bk) (12)	237.5
11 Susan Collier (Bk) (11)	236.5
12 Suzanne Hunt (Li) (10)	235
13 Sarah Sandley (Mi) (14)	234.5
14 Jean Parker (La) (13)	216
15 Helen Williams (Mi) (16)	183.5
16 Mandy Reeves (Mi) (17)	166
17 Groves (Wa) (19)	150.5
18 Carol Butler (Dv) (18)	145.5
19 Angela Mitchell (Mi) (21)	142
20 Tsakarisanos (Gs) (20)	138

# LANCASHIRE LIFE

## K-O FOR BOLTON by George Yates

Bolton's great run in the national Wilmott Cup competition came to an end on Monday, May 7, when in the semi-final, at home to Birmingham, they were defeated 5-1.

Only Shaun Browne stemmed the tide when, in the third set, he beat Barry Johnson who later accounted for Clive Heap to give the visitors their decisive lead after both Phil Gunn and Carl Morgan had registered two successes.

Scores:- S. Scowcroft lost to P. Gunn -17, -15; lost to C. Morgan 20, -17, -18.

S. Browne bt B. Johnson -17, -20; lost to Gunn 12, -22, -16.

C. Heap lost to Morgan -17, -20; lost to Johnson -13, -4.

Consolation came Bolton's way however in the Lancashire and Cheshire League with their representative teams winning the senior Div. 1 and 3 (North) titles. Winners and runners-up in the 14 divisions making up the league were:-

MEN Div.1 Div.2N Div.2S Div.3N Div.3S Div.4N Div.4S Div. 5	Winners Bolton Fleetwood Oldham Bolton "A" Stockport "A" Sale Ellesmere Port Warrington "A"	Runners-up Liverpool Blackburn Bury Manchester "A" Wirral "A" Rochdale "A" Ashton "A" Sale "A"
WOMEN Div. 1 Div. 2	Warrington Crewe "	Stockport Blackpool
JUNIORS Div. 1 Div. 2A Div. 2B Div. 3	Bury Wirral Rochdale Bury "B"	Preston Ellesmere Port Bury "A" Stockport "A"

Some 35 member leagues entered a total of 113 teams for the 1983/84 season which represents a reduction of two teams compared with the previous season. Awards will be presented to both winners and runners-up at the AGM to be held at Manchester YMCA, Peter St., on Tuesday, May 22 commencing at 7.30 p.m. and to be followed by the AGM of the Lancashire TTA both meetings to be chaired by Arthur E. Upton who will declare the winner of the Stan Parr Award as Andrea Holt, the Bury League's nationally ranked cadet who, throughout the season, has battled for the No. 1 position with her rival Claire Potts of Cheshire.

In the County Championships, Lancashire 1st senior team finished a creditable third behind Middlesex and

Essex but the seconds had a most indifferent season with a final fifth position. The juniors in Div. 2A finished fourth equal pointing with Yorks II and Warwks II but with an inferior sets analysis. Derbyshire were the winners.

Veteran Jim Collier won both the veterans' and men's singles titles in the Mid-Lanes finals held at Lostock on May 8 when pasties and peas were also included in the bill of fare.

It was a case of standing room only at Tonge Cricket Club for the finals of the Bolton League. Stephen Scowcroft was made to fight all the way against Shaun Browne before he claimed his second men's singles title after winning in 1980. Carolyn Scowcroft, Stephen's cousin, won the women's singles this being her fourth success in this event.

Prestonian Jim Clegg is to resign as Chief Coach of the North West Centre of Excellence, this to take effect on Tuesday, June 26 which will be Jim's last attendance at British Aerospace Dynamics, Lostock when he hopes that as many of his friends as possible will be there to wish him adieu.

Jim has recently been promoted to a higher grade executive position with the Post Office and his time, therefore will be somewhat limited although, when time permits, he will involve himself in coaching activities.

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# ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL TEAM FINALS

by David Lomas

Although five of the eight titles were being defended at the Dunlop National School Team Championships Finals at Lea Green, Matlock, on Saturday, March 24, only two schools retained their trophies.

Maiden Erlegh School, Reading (Boys' U16) and Highfields School, Wolverhampton (Girls' U16) repeated their 1983 success. The Berkshire boys had Andrew Syed at No.1 and his brother Matthew at No. 2. Not surprisingly they won in some comfort, first swamping Launceston College 8-0 and then winning 6-2 over Kettlethorpe High, Wakefield.

There were three new names on the honours list at the end of the day; all three schools were making their first appearance in these 18th annual Finals.

The senior Boys' (U19) event was won by Lawrence Sheriff School, Rugby, but only after a "tie-breaker" doubles against Bedford Modern School. The teams had drawn, 4-4, having each beaten third team, Robert Pattinson (Lines) 5-3. Mark Randle and Michael Thomas defeated Andrew James and Warren Hadfield, 11, 18.

Battleyford CE Middle School, Mirfield, became the first-ever winners from Kirklees (West Yorkshire) in lifting the Boys' U13 trophy whilst Downside School, Purley put the London Borough of Croydon on the map with a win in the Boys' U-11 event.

Former winners Market Drayton Junior School (U11 Girls), Brampton Manor, Newham (U19 Girls) and Wold

Junior High, Hull (U13 Girls), returned to gain further success.

The "Best Performance Awards" went to **Christopher** Fisher (Lawrence Sheriff) and Rachel Metcalfe (Wold). 14-yrs-old Christopher played at No.4 in the Boys' U19 event and his solitary win against Robert Pattinson enabled the Rugby team to win 5-3. Rachel was unbeaten in the Wold Girls' U13 winning team.

Amongst those making the presentations at the impressive ceremony were Mr. Geoff Mortimore (Director, Specialist Sports Division) and Mr. Alan Hydes (Table Tennis Sales and Marketing Manager) from new sponsors, Dunlop Sports Company.

Details of how to enter the 1984/85 Championships can be obtained from the ESTIA General Secretary, Mr. L C. Henry, 158 Ashover Road, Old Tupton, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S42 6HG (0246 8620231).

#### BOYS' U19 (The Norman Cook Cup)

- LAWRENCE SHERIFF, RUGBY (Warwickshire)  
(Mark Randle, Michael Thomas, Richard Fisher, Christopher Fisher)
  - Bedford Modern (Bedfordshire)  
(Neil Stanley, Andrew James, Warren Hadfield, Mark Papworth)
  - Robert Pattinson, North Hykeham (Lincolnshire)  
(Stuart Worrell, Russell Hodson, Andrew Burwell, Martin Burwell)
- |                  |   |                  |   |
|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Robert Pattinson | 3 | Bedford Modern   | 5 |
| Lawrence Sheriff | 5 | Robert Pattinson | 3 |
| Bedford Modern   | 4 | Lawrence Sheriff | 4 |

#### GIRLS' U19 (The Claud Kichenside Cup)

- BRAMPTON MANOR, NEWHAM (Essex Metropolitan)  
(Gillian Patten, Karen Alder, Joanne Chandler, Jane Billings)
  - Hayesfield, Bath (Avon)  
(Paula Kearns, Bryony Edwards, Lesley MacDonald, Sarah Lawson)
  - Buttershaw Upper, Bradford (West Yorkshire)  
(Rachel Beaumont, Julie Stocks, Caroline Stocks, Wendy Pearson)
- |                |   |                |   |
|----------------|---|----------------|---|
| Buttershaw     | 3 | Hayesfield     | 5 |
| Brampton Manor | 4 | Buttershaw     | 4 |
| Hayesfield     | 1 | Brampton Manor | 7 |

#### BOYS' U16 (The leach-Carrington Cup)

- MAIDEN ERLEGH, READING (Berkshire)  
(Andrew Syed, Matthew Syed, Paul Savins, Keith Hodder)
- Kettlethorpe High, Wakefield (West Yorkshire)

(Andrew Ball, Richard Hurley, Simon Arnold, Mark Land)

- Launceston College (Cornwall)  
(Andrew Hunt, Xuong Ly, Kien Tran, Karl Hockridge)
- |               |   |               |   |
|---------------|---|---------------|---|
| Kettlethorpe  | 7 | launceston    | 1 |
| launceston    | 0 | Maiden Erlegh | 8 |
| Maiden Erlegh | 6 | Kettlethorpe  | 2 |

#### GIRLS' U16 (The Mick Betts Memorial Cup)

- HIGHFIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON (West Midlands)  
(Angela Sanders, Helen Lower, Dawn Gardener, Karen Leason)
  - Caistor Grammar (Lincolnshire)  
(Linda Thompson, Sharon Harvey, Lesley Baker, Rachel Bemrose)
  - Putteridge High, Luton (Bedfordshire)  
(Joyce Mitchell, Ruth Forrester, Christine Lawrence, Michelle Hollick, Lisa Tarron)
- |            |   |            |   |
|------------|---|------------|---|
| Caistor    | 5 | Putteridge | 3 |
| Putteridge | 3 | Highfields | 5 |
| Highfields | 5 | Caistor    | 3 |

#### BOYS' U13 (The T. Austin Harrison Cup)

- BATTYEFORD CE MIDDLE: MIRFIELD (West Yorkshire)  
(Nicholas Ryder, Kevan Sangster, Julian Ryder, Andrew Payne)
  - Wallop, Weybridge (Surrey County)  
(Alex Hole, Damon Coles, Jason Hole, Darren Johns)
  - Mary Webb, Pontesbury (Shropshire)  
(Simon Cooper, David Morris, Adrian Phillips, Neil Thomas)
- |             |   |             |   |
|-------------|---|-------------|---|
| Battleyford | 6 | Wallop      | 2 |
| Wallop      | 5 | Mary Webb   | 3 |
| Mary Webb   | 4 | Battleyford | 4 |

#### GIRLS' U13 (The Hartshill Cup)

- WOLD JUNIOR HIGH, HULL (Humberside)  
(Paula Hookem, Rachel Metcalfe, Kerry Jackson, Deborah Leyland)
  - The Grove, Market Drayton (Shropshire)  
(Victoria Boyd, Joanna Dyke, Sarah Crook)
  - Stopsley High, Luton (Bedfordshire)  
(Hazel Lawrence, Amanda Cotterill, Bernice Satchell, Susan Turner)
- |           |   |           |   |
|-----------|---|-----------|---|
| The Grove | 6 | Stopsley  | 0 |
| Stopsley  | 0 | Wold      | 6 |
| Wold      | 6 | The Grove | 0 |

#### BOYS' U11 (The Irene Elliott Cup)

- DOWNSIDE, PURLEY (Surrey Metropolitan)  
(Tom Courtenay-Evans, Bradley Podbur, Gerd Van Melkebeke, Raman Sethi)
  - Dronfield Junior, Chesterfield (Derbyshire)  
(Jonathon Cooper, Daniel Oakley, Edward Gill, James Francis)
  - Merridale Primary, Wolverhampton (West Midlands)  
(Desh Paul, Michael Broughton, Henry Cameron, Earl Plummer)
- |           |   |           |   |
|-----------|---|-----------|---|
| Dronfield | 3 | Downside  | 5 |
| Merridale | 4 | Dronfield | 4 |
| Downside  | 7 | Merridale | 1 |

#### GIRLS' U11 (The Martin Foulser Cup)

- MARKET DRAYTON JUNIOR (Shropshire)  
(Caroline Ashcroft, Tara Hanley, Claire Marshall, Louise Townsend)
  - Wold Junior High, Hull (Humberside)  
(Samantha Marling, Teresa Nicklin, Hayley Tuplin, Helena Broom)
  - Ramridge Junior, Luton (Bedfordshire)  
(Nina Day, Karen Locke, Joanne Smith, Melanie Davidson)
- |                |   |                |   |
|----------------|---|----------------|---|
| Ramridge       | 4 | Wold           | 4 |
| Market Drayton | 6 | Ramridge       | 2 |
| Wold           | 3 | Market Drayton | 5 |



GIRLS' U1 Highfields School, Wolverhampton - hon. F. Revell, Chairman, Derbyshire Education Committee.



BOYS' U11, Downside School, Purley with Alan Hydes (Table Tennis Sales and Marketing Manager, Dunlop Sports Company).



GIRLS U11, Market Drayton Junior School with Mr. Cyril Villiers (Director, Yorkshire & Humberside Sports Council).



BOYS' U-19, Lawrence Sheriff School, Rugby - Col. P. Hilton, Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire.

Girls' U11  
Semi-finals:  
Helen Potts (Cheshire) bt Susanne Lawton (Cleveland) 13. -16, 16  
Tracy Hooker (Bucks.) bt Caroline Buckley (Beds.) 20, -13, 17  
Final:  
POTTS bt Hooker 12. 17

Consolation winners:  
Boys:  
U19 Bernard Lazarus (Essex Metropolitan)  
U16 Mark James (Cornwall)  
U13 Stuart Miller (Cleveland)  
U11 Neil Bevan (Cornwall)

Girls:  
U19 Linda Thompson (Lincolnshire)  
U16 Helen Broomhead (South Yorkshire)  
U13 Katherine Gower (Essex County)  
U11 Deila Holland (Essex County)

# Dunlop English Schools Individual Championships

by David Lomas

Upsets were few and far between when the Dunlop English Schools Individual Championships took place at Mansfield Leisure Centre on Saturday, May 5th.

The Championships - involving 278 players - produced five new national title holders whilst two players, Jean Parker (Girls U19) and Andrew Eden (Boys U11) retained their titles.

Juliet Houghton (U16) and Andrew Houghton (U13) became the first brother and sister to win national schools titles whilst Helen Potts (U11) could well follow in sister Claire's footsteps. Claire has already won three national titles but whereas Helen won

the U11 Girls' event Claire failed at the final hurdle in the U13 Girls' category losing to Andrea Holt of Greater Manchester in a close battle.

Nigel Tyler became the first Inner London title holder when he won the senior (Boys' U19) event. Murray Jukes (Hereford & Worcester) was the only Midlands winner (Boys' U16).

Surrey players Neil Sutton and Richard Jones were responsible for some of the minor upsets. Sutton put out No.5 seed Howard Leigh (Greater Manchester) and No. 2 seed David Blackburne (Durham) before losing in the U19 semi-final to Keith Samuels

(Bedfordshire) whilst Jones defeated No.3 seed Dale Saunders (Gloucestershire) in the first round of the U13 event.

Alison Boxall (Hertfordshire) registered her first-ever win over Jill Powis (Staffordshire), the No. 1 seed and Clare Mouzon (Northumberland) lost to Tanya Holland (Essex County) in the U16 event.

The annual Championships were organised for the eleventh consecutive time by ETIA Competitions Secretary Eddie Mitchell, supported by the ETTA Executive and other worthy volunteers. Tony Chatwin was Referee.



Lancashire's Jean Parker, winner of the U-19 Girls' Singles with Mr. Geoff Mortimer, Director Specialist Sports Division of Dunlop Sports Company.



Juliet Houghton, winner of the U-16 Girls' Singles with Derbyshire's Tony Chatwin, the Referee at Mansfield.

## Results:-

Boys' U19  
Semi-Finals:  
Nigel Tyler (Inner London) bt Stuart Worrell (Lines) 17. 17  
Keith Samuels (Beds.) bt Neil Sutton (Surrey Met.) 13. 14  
Final:  
TYLER bt Samuels 10. 19

Boys' U16  
Semi-finals:  
Murray Jukes (Hereford & Worcs) bt Peter Harris (Herts) 17. 15  
Mark Randle (Warwickshire) bt Sean Gibson (Lanes) 8. 21  
Final:  
JUKES bt Randle 7. -18, 10

Girls' U16  
Semi-finals:  
Juliet Houghton (Kent County) bt Alison Boxall (Herts) 16. -18, 19  
Debbie Soothill (Cumbria) bt Louise Davis (Shropshire) 16. 13  
Final:  
HOUGHTON bt Soothill 13. 23



Geoff Mortimer lines up with the U-19 girls' and



Tony Chatwin with the U-16 girls.

Boys' U13  
Semi-finals:  
Damian Holland (Essex County) bt Richard Jones (Surrey Met) 7. 12  
Andrew Houghton (Kent County) bt Adrian Thorp (West Midlands) 14. 15  
Final:  
HOUGHTON bt Holland 16. -1, 14

Girls' U13  
Semi-finals:  
Andrea Holt (Greater Manchester) bt Julie Norman (Berks) 9. 14  
Claire Potts (Cheshire) bt Kerry Hall (Derbyshire) -18, 19, 10  
Final:  
HOLT bt Potts 16. -15, 17

Boys' U11  
Semi-finals:  
Andrew Eden (Lane.) bt Peter Bowler (Beds.) 14. 11  
Gary Knights (Staffordshire) bt Matthew Widdall (Derbyshire) 16. 12  
Final:  
EDEN bt Knights 7. 6



## PRESIDENT'S EVENT

£150 was raised for the Disabled Housing Trust of Burgess Hill on April 23 when the Haywards Heath TIL in conjunction with the Sussex Mutual Building Society ran their President's Invitation Event at Hurstpierpoint Village Centre.

The tournament was played in two groups of five players. Winner of each group entered the semis with the runner-up in Group A playing the third-placed player in Group B and the runner-up in Group B played the third placed of Group A. This left two semis. The composition of the groups was decided by the President, Ken Merrett.

**16-years-old** Paul Elphick was the ultimate winner beating the League Chairman, Keith Jackson, in the final after a semi-final success over Gerry Batt-Rawden. In the other semi Keith Jackson accounted for Stuart Walker.

The picture shows Keith Jackson, David Graves, Manager of Sussex Mutual Building Society and Norman Thody, Director of the Disabled Housing Trust of Burgess Hill, receiving the cheque for £150.



## 50th Anniversary

The Newbury and District Table Tennis Association are to celebrate their 50th Anniversary on June 17, 1984, and will be staging a "Table Tennis Festival" in Newbury Corn Exchange.

The highlight of the day will be a match between a Newbury Select (David Barr, David Reeves, Mandy Sainsbury and Caroline Stevens) versus a South of England team which, thanks to help from Dave Fairholm, will comprise Carl Preen. Alison Gordon, Colin Wilson and Amanda Shufflebotham,

## PRESIDENT TIM

Tim Boggan has been appointed President of the United States TTA in succession to Sol Schiff, who he beat by 799 votes to 711. Other results:-

For Exec. Vice President:-

Gus Kennedy	811 votes
Yvonne Kronlage	653 votes

For Vice-President:-

Dal-Joon Lee	541 votes
Carl Danner	378 votes
Bill Hodge	363 votes
Pat Hodgins	165 votes
Fred Tepper	47 votes

For Secretary:-

J. Rufford Harrison	699 votes
Dennis Gresham	420 votes
Judy Todd	336 votes

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ETIA Coach, David A. Fairholm has changed his address to:- "The Forest", Island Farm Road, Ufton Nervet. Reading RG7 4ER, 'Phone: 0735292990.

## FRENCH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Jean Devys

US Kremlin-Bicetre, with 42 pts, are this season's men's team champions of France, the runners-up, with 35 pts being Trinite Sports. Demoted from Nationale 1 are ACR Cleon and SLUC Nancy their places, next season, to be taken by TI La Tronche and SSSS Tours.

AL Bruz were the women's team champions, with 31 pts with ASPTI Lyon the runners-up with 29 pts. Demoted are SLUC Nancy and ASPTI Annecy to be replaced by US Kremlin-Bicetre, ASPTI Lille and ASPTI Besancon.

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Dick Miles is wanting films, especially from the 40's and 50's. His address is 131 Riverside Drive, New York. New York 10024, U.S.A. 'Phone: (212) 362-1572.

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18/22	Czechoslovakia Junior Open (Topolcany)
19	Cumbria Junior 1-Star Open (Millom School)
26/28	National Veterans' Championships, Watford Leisure Centre, Horseshoe Lane, Watford, Herts.
<i>June</i>	
7/10	World Veterans' Championships (Helsinki)
10	National Inter-League Championships Wilmott Cup, J.M. Rose' Bowl, Carter Cup & Bromfield Trophy, Mansfield Leisure Centre, Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield (from 2.30 p.m.)
<i>July</i>	
7	E.T.T.A. Annual General Meeting (London)
17/25	EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (Linz, Austria)

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### REVEALED

It's a Kiss-o-Gram which had Alan all of a dither much to the amusement of Carl Preen and Lisa Bellinger sat in the background.

