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## OF SIGNIFICANCE

Of significance this season to England's Trainer/Coach and European League non-playing captain, Peter Simpson, is that with the exception of John Hilton, all his squad players have signed contracts to play in the Federal German Bundesliga whereas, last season, only Douglas was so contracted, for PSV Borussia Dusseldorf.

Such are the lucrative terms being offered by the Federal German clubs to attract top players from other countries that Paul Day, the reigning English closed champion, has abandoned his studies at Cambridge University after only one year.

His ambition, from being a junior, has been to reach the top as a world class player and should he blossom to the same extent as did Douglas last season then Eintracht Frankfurt will have made a sound investment. Douglas is now placed equal No. 7, with Milan Orlovski of Czechoslovakia in the world ratings, and at No. 4 in Europe, his previous positions being No. 25 and No. 8 respectively.

Nicky Jarvis has signed for T.T.C. Grun-Weiss Bad Hamm but the drain to the continent is not confined to the male fraternity. England's top three women have also contracted to Federal German clubs, Jill Hammersley with TSV Kronshagen, Carole Knight with VSC Donauworth and Linda Howard with Post SV Dusseldorf.

Although havoc may be caused on the home tournament circuit — Bundesliga matches are played at weekends — the benefit to the players, both monetarily and competitively can be highly regarded. More's the pity that such incentives are not available in this country. But all credit to the players to insist, like Keegan in football, that England's needs come first, such a clause having been written into the contracts.

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# ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

by THE EDITOR

## DESMOND UP TO JOINT WORLD No. 7



**Desmond Douglas elevated to joint No. 7, with Milan Orlovski of Czechoslovakia in the revised I.T.T.F. rankings.**

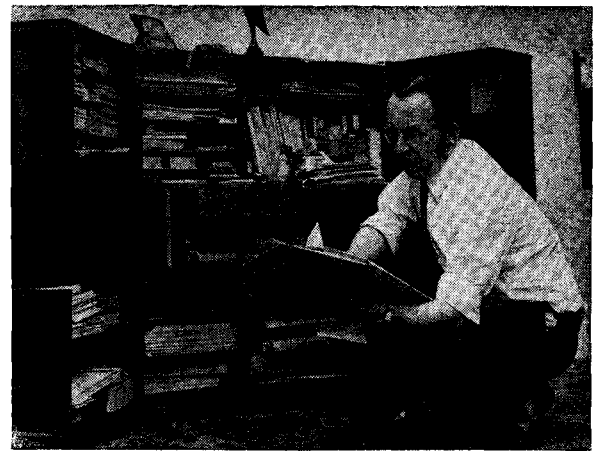
Photo by Horst Muller, Dusseldorf.

In a revised classification list issued by the International Table Tennis Federation on July 3rd, 1978, England's Desmond Douglas, following his remarkable exploits in the 11th European Championships last season in Duisburg, has been elevated from his previous 25th position to joint No. 7 with Milan Orlovski of Czechoslovakia.

Paul Day, the reigning English closed champion, has also been uplifted, from No. 40 and last to No. 30 but, from being No. 32 in the previous list Denis Neale has been omitted. So too have Kjell Johansson of Sweden (13), Anton Stipanovic of Yugoslavia (=15), Tokio Tasaka of Japan (=17), Stanislav Gomozkov of the Soviet Union (20), Tetsuo Inoue of Japan (28) and Li Yu-hsiang of China (33).

Tibor Kreisz of Hungary heads the newcomers, at No. 13, followed by S. Ono of Japan, Lu Yuan-sheng and Lu Chi-wei of China, Engelbert Hugging of Federal Germany, Zoran Kalinic of Yugoslavia and Uchida of Japan.

Another English player to receive an uplift is Jill Hammersley, the beaten finalist in Duisburg, who comes up to No. 8 having previously occupied the joint tenth position with Ann-Christin Hellman, Kayoko Kawahigashi and Lee Ailesa. Carole



Knight, from being No. 28 in the previous list, is omitted but Linda Howard, not previously listed, comes in at No. 39.

By tradition both Mitsuru Kohno of Japan and Pak Yung Sun of the People's Republic of Korea head the categories as the reigning world champions. The new classifications (previous positions in brackets) are:-

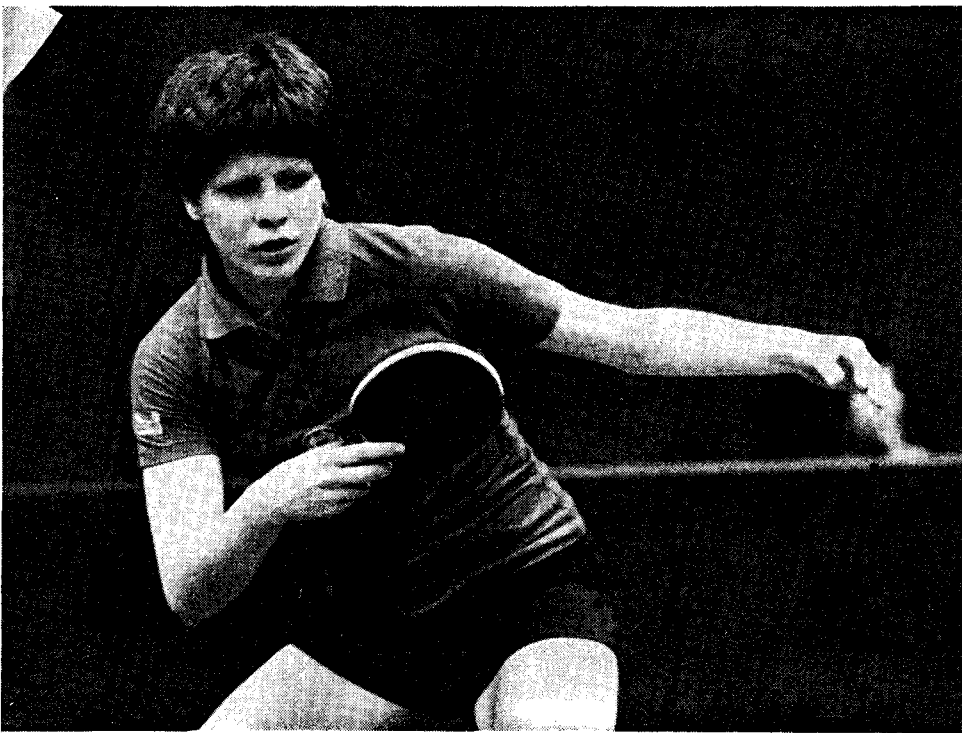
### Men:

1. Mitsuru Kohno (JAP) (1)
2. Kuo Yao-hua (CHN) (2)
3. Huang Liang (CHN) (3)
4. Liang Ke Liang (CHN) (4)
5. \*Gabor Gergely (HUN) (10)
6. Istvan Jonyer (HUN) (=8)
7. **Desmond Douglas (ENG) (25)**
8. Milan Orlovski (CZE) (=8)
9. Jacques Secretin (FRA) (6)
10. Tibor Klampar (HUN) (=11)
11. Norio Takashima (JAP) (=11)
12. Stellan Bengtsson (SWE) (7)
13. Tibor Kreisz (HUN) (—)
14. Li Chen-shih (CHN) (14)
15. Dragutin Surbek (YUG) (5)
16. Wilfried Lieck (GFR) (=15)
17. Sarkis Sarkhojan (USS) (=17)
18. S. Ono (JAP) (—)
19. Anatoli Strokotov (USS) (22)
20. Christian Martin (FRA) (31)
21. Lu Yuan-sheng (CHN) (—)
22. Ulf Thorsell (SWE) (21)
23. Wang Chien-chiang (CHN) (=23)
24. Patrick Birocheau (FRA) (=23)
25. Masahiro Maehara (JAP) (34)
26. Zoran Kosanovic (YUG) (29)
27. Jaroslav Kunz (CZE) (26)
28. Lu Chi-wei (CHN) (—)
29. Engelbert Hugging (GFR) (—)
30. **Paul Day (ENG) (40)**
31. Zoran Kalinic (YUG) (—)
32. Jochen Leiss (GFR) (19)
33. Milivoj Karakasevic (YUG) (30)
34. Danny Seemiller (USA) (35)
35. Katsuyuki Abe (JAP) (39)
36. Peter Stellwag (GFR) (27)
37. Choi Sung Kuk (KRR) (36)
38. Lee Sang Kuk (KRR) (37)
39. Li Kuang Tsu (HKG) (38)
40. Uchida (JAP) (—)

\*European champion

### Women:

1. Pak Yung Sun (KDR) (1)
2. Chang Li (CHN) (2)
3. Chang Te-ying (CHN) (=3)
4. Ke Hsian-ai (CHN) (=3)
5. Yang Ying (CHN) (33)
6. Chung Hyun Sook (KRR) (6)
7. \*Judit Magos (HUN) (16)
8. **Jill Hammersley (ENG) (=10)**
9. Ann-Christin Hellman (SWE) (=10)
10. Kayoko Kawahigashi (JAP) (=10)
11. Lee Ailesa (KRR) (=10)
12. Gabriella Szabo (HUN) (22)
13. Ilona Uhlíkova (CZE) (9)
14. Maria Alexandru (RUM) (14)
15. Urushio (JAP) (—)
16. Ri Song Suk (KDR) (—)
17. Bettine Vrieskoop (NET) (—)
18. Beatrix Kishazi (HUN) (7)
19. Valentina Popova (USS) (26)
20. Blanka Silhanova (CZE) (36)
21. Kim Soon Ok (KRR) (=18)



Hungary's Gabriella Szabo elevated from No. 22 to No. 12 in the world rankings.  
Photo by Horst Muller, Dusseldorf.

- 1978  
 Sept. 28—European League.  
 Oct. 12—European League.  
 „ 14—Closing date 1st Round Europe Club Cup.  
 Nov.3/5—Italian Open (Milan).  
 „ 8—European League.  
 „ 12—Closing date 2nd Round Europe Club Cup.  
 10/12—\*French Open (Paris).  
 15/18—\*Yugoslav Open (Borovo).  
 23/26—\*Scand.navian Open (Norrkoping).  
 „ 28—\*Norwich Union Trophy (Bletchley).  
 Dec. 7—European League.  
 „ 13—Closing date Quarter-finals Europe Club Cup.  
 15/17—Polish Open (Warsaw)
- 1979  
 Jan. 6—Semi-finals Europe Club Cup.  
 11/13—\*English Open (Brighton).  
 — Norwich Union International Championships.  
 „ 17—European League.  
 27/28—\*Czechoslovak Open (Usti and Labem).  
 Feb. 7—European League.  
 „ 6/8—European League — Division 3 (Cardiff).  
 9/12—Stiga Welsh Open (Cardiff).  
 16/81—Europe Top 12 (Sodertalje, Sweden).  
 „ 24—Finals - Europe Club Cup.  
 Mar. 8—European League.  
 17/18—Scottish Open (Edinburgh).  
 Apl.14/16—German Open Youth (Wolfsburg).  
 „ 25 -  
 May 6—35th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Pyongyang, North Korea).  
 „ 12—English Junior Open (Worthing).  
 18/20—Scandinavian Junior Open (Copenhagen).  
 29/31—Norwich Union Masters (Milton Keynes).  
 June15/17—Austrian Junior Open (Traiskirchen).  
 22/24—Yugoslav Junior Open (Bled).  
 \*Denotes Tournaments in this season's Norwich Union Grand Prix Circuit.

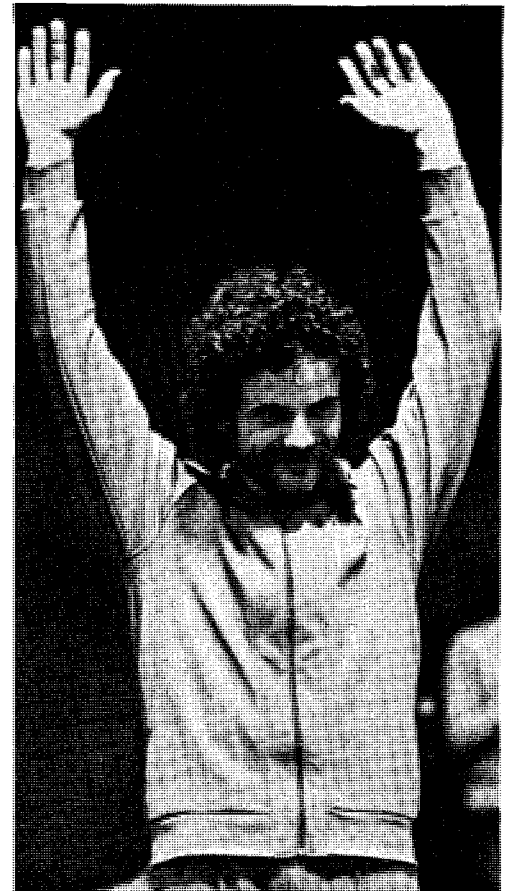
22. Pak Yong Ok (KDR) (24)
  23. Claude Bergeret (FRA) (23)
  24. In-Sook Bhushan (USA) (27)
  25. Chu Hsiang-yun (CHN) (5)
  26. Komuro (JAP) (—)
  27. Ludmila Baskutova (USS) (—)
  28. Wiebke Hendriksen (GFR) (37)
  29. Erzebet Palatinus (YUG) (21)
  30. Kim Chang Ai (KDR) (29)
  31. Yen Kuei-li (CHN) (30)
  32. Huang Hsi-ping (CHN) (31)
  33. Ursula Hirschmuller (GFR) (8)
  34. Siu Kit Man (HKG) (32)
  35. Chang Siu Ying (HKG) (35)
  36. Dana Dubinova (CZE) (—)
  37. Gordana Perkucin (YUG) (—)
  38. Narine Antonian (USS) (—)
  39. Linda Howard (ENG) (—)
  40. Branka Batinic (YUG) (—)
- \*European champion

**Men:**

1. Gabor Gergely (HUN) (6) (2)
2. Istvan Jonyer (HUN) (7) (5/8)
3. Milan Orlowski (CZE) (3) (3)
4. Desmond Douglas (ENG) (8) (9/16)
5. Jacques Secretin (FRA) (1) (1)
6. Tibor Klampar (HUN) (5) (5/8)
7. Stellan Bengtsson (SWE) (2) (4)
8. Tibor Kreis (HUN) (14) (9/16)
9. Dragutin Surbek (YUG) (4) (5/8)
10. Wilfried Lieck (GFR) (9) (5/8)
11. Sarkis Sarkhojan (USS) (17) (9/16)
12. Anatoli Stokatov (USS) (12) (9/16)
13. Christian Martin (FRA) (10) (9/16)
14. Ulf Thorsell (SWE) (11) (9/16)
15. Patrick Birocheau (FRA) (18)
16. Zoran Kosanovic (YUG) (19)
17. Jaroslav Kunz (CZE) (13) (9/16)
18. Engelbert Huging (GFR) (—)
19. Paul Day (ENG) (20)
20. Zoran Kalinic (YUG) (—)
21. Jochen Leiss (GFR) (16) (9/16)
22. Milivoj Karakasevic (YUG) (21)
23. Peter Stellwag (GFR) (22)
24. Jozsef Juhas (YUG) (24)
25. Anton Stipancic (YUG) (15)

**Women:**

1. Judit Magos (HUN) (7)
2. Jill Hammersley (ENG) (1) (1)
3. Ann-Christin Hellman (SWE) (2) (5/8)
4. Gabriella Szabo (HUN) (9) (5/8)
5. Iлона Uhlíkova (CZE) (3) (4)
6. Maria Alexandru (RUM) (—)
7. Bettine Vriesekoop (NET) (11) (2)
8. Valentina Popova (USS) (8) (3)
9. Beatrix Kishazi (HUN) (6) (5/8)
10. Branka Silhanova (CZE) (5)
11. Claude Bergeret (FRA) (12)
12. Ludmilla Bakschutova (USS) (—)
13. Wiebke Hendriksen (GFR) (14)
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18. Narine Antonian (USS) (—)
19. Linda Howard (ENG) (23)
20. Branka Batinic (YUG) (19)
21. Zsuzsa Olah (HUN) (24)
22. Dubravka Fabri (YUG) (13)
23. Liana Mihut (RUM) (18)
24. Kirsten Kruger (GFR) (—)
25. Carole Knight (ENG) (20)



Europe's new No. 1 Gabor Gergely of Hungary.  
Photo by Svensimon, Essen.

China's Yang Ying has leapt from No. 33 to No. 5 and Judit Magos becomes the top European woman in succession to her compatriot Beatrix Kishazi. Similarly in the men's list Gabor Gergely who won his spurs at Duisburg takes over as the top European man from Yugoslavia's Dragutin Surbek.

**E.T.T.U. RANKINGS**

A revised classification list was issued by the European Table Tennis Union on June 24th, 1978 in which Desmond Douglas of England was promoted to No. 4 having previously figured at No. 8 but, following the Top 12 tournament in Prague in January — Douglas was a non-starter due to a neck strain — he figured in the 9/16 seeding bracket at Duisburg.

Paul Day also figured in an elevation from No. 20 to No. 19 as did Linda Howard in the women's list from No. 23 to No. 19. Jill Hammersley was relieved of her No. 1 position by the new European champion, Judit Magos of Hungary, to whom she lost in the Duisburg final. Carole Knight dropped five places in being demoted from No. 20 to the last No. 25 position.

From the previous list Roger Lagerfeldt (Sweden) (23) and Stanislav Gomozkov (Soviet Union) (25) have been omitted as have Marie Lindblad (Sweden) (16), Eva Stromvall (Sweden) (17), Brigette Thiriet (France) (22) and Eva Ferenczi (Rumania) (25) the latter since having won the girls' singles crown in the European Youth Championships in Barcelona in June.

The new classifications (previous positions in brackets and Duisburg seedings in second brackets) are:-

## EUROPE CLUB CUP OF CHAMPIONS

1978/79

### Men:

Round 1

Akedemic Svichtov (BUL) .....)

Club 7 a 9 (SPA) .....)

Young Stars T.T.C. (SWI) .....)

CSM Cluj-Napoca (RUM) .....)

AZS (Silesia) Gliwice (POL) .....)

BTK Viby (DEN) .....)

Fjell Kameraterns (NOR) .....)

Palette Ham (BEL) .....)

Raiffeisen Langenlois (AUT) .....)

Olympiacos SFP (GRE) .....)

DT Remich (LUX) .....)

Soham T.T.C. (ENG) .....)

Palmeiros Lisboa (POR) .....)

Pioneer T.T.C. (IRE) .....)

### Women:

Atus Judenburg (AUT) .....)

Olympiacos SFP (GRE) .....)

Ballerup BTK (DEN) .....)

Palette Stave (BEL) .....)

GBC Bari (ITA) .....)

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### Round 2

Sparta Praha (CZE) .....)

Tempo Team (NET) .....)

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PSV Borussia Dusseldorf (GFR) .....)

Havirov T.T.C. (CZE) .....)

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Spartak Subotica (YUG) .....)

Vitamirella Club (ITA) .....)

Budapesti Sp. (HUN) .....)

Statisztika Bp (HUN) .....)

Tempo Team (NET) .....)

DTC Kaiserburg (GFR) .....)

Pochtenetz - Sofia (BUL) .....)

AS Cabourg (FRA) .....)

Proleter Coka (YUG) .....)

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Ormesby T.T.C. (ENG) .....)

Capip Dommeldange (LUX) .....)

CS Arad (RUM) .....)

31 Epitok (HUN) .....)

RKS Motor Lublin (POL) .....)

Spartak Vlasim (CZE) .....)

### EUROPE CLUB CUP

Sparta Praha (Czechoslovakia) retained their title in winning last season's Europe Club Cup of Champions (Men's Section) with a 5-2 victory over Spartacus Budapest (Hungary).

#### Scores:-

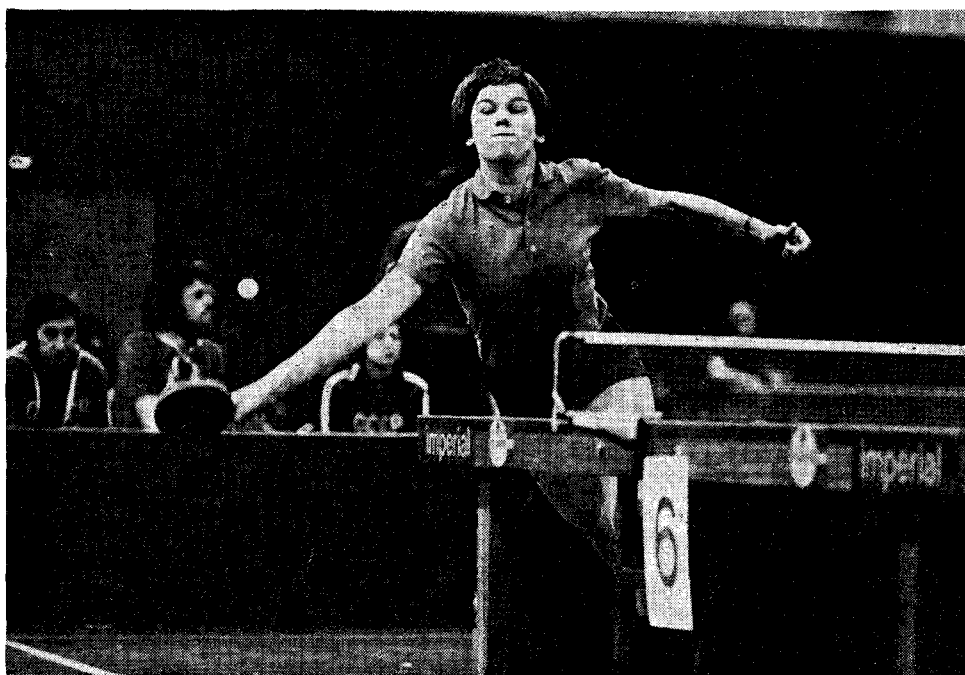
J. Kunz bt F. Timar 13, 12;  
 P. Ovcarik lost to T. Klampar 13, -18, -7;  
 M. Orlovski bt I. Jonyer 12, 15;  
 Kunz bt Klampar 12, -9, 16;  
 Orlovski bt Timar 14, 16;  
 Ovcarik lost to Jonyer -18, -10;  
 Orlovski bt Klampar -16, 13, 11.  
 Statisztika Budapest (Hungary) had a 5-2 win

over Spartak Vlasim (Czecho) in the counterpart women's section.

In Szolnok, BVSC Budapest (Hungary) won the Men's Section and Mladost Zagreb (Yugoslavia) the Women's Section of the **European Fair Cities Cup**.

### E.T.T.U. MAGAZINE

The first issue of the new E.T.T.U. magazine, which gives news in English, French and German, has been published in Springe, Federal Germany under the Editorship of Mr. Karl Schaper. This first publication features a History of the European Table Tennis Union written by Jupp Schlaf, President, E.T.T.U., who together with Nancy



**Bettine Vriesekoop of Holland, a newcomer to the world rankings at No. 17.**

Evans, the Hon. Secretary and George Yates, Chairman Publicity Committee, are responsible for the enterprise.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

It was on the occasion of the European Fair Cities' Cup final in Szolnok that Dr. Gyorgy Lakatos, President of the Hungarian Table Tennis Association and a Management Committee member of the European Table Tennis Union celebrated his 60th birthday.

Dr. Lakatos began his playing career in 1934 and, on the administrative front, was elected Hon. General Secretary of the Hungarian Association in 1945 — a position he held until 1951. During the years 1946-1950 he was the non-playing captain of the Hungarian national team and served in this capacity in Stockholm in 1949 when the Hungarians won the Swaythling Cup. The team comprised Sido, Soos, Koczian and Varkonyi.

From 1951 to 1957 Dr. Lakatos served on the Executive Committee of the Hungarian Association, Vice-President from 1957 to 1976 and President since that year. As well as being one of the senior members of the I.T.T.F., since 1948 Dr. Lakatos — he has two Dr. titles of jurisdiction (1940) and philosophy (1969) was a founder (1957) member of the E.T.T.U. together with Jupp Schlaf and Nancy Evans, the current President and Hon. General Secretary.



**Dr. GYORGY LAKATOS.**

### USSR CHAMPIONSHIPS

From **Leonid Makarov** in Moscow comes news of the Soviet Union's national championships of 1978 played in Odessa. Winner of the men's singles crown was **Sarkis Sarkoyan** who, in the final, beat Stanislav Gomozkov (-20, 16, -20, 21, 9). In the semis Sarkoyan beat Alexandr Saprykin (15, -8, 10, 10) and Gomozkov accounted for Mironas Kreeris (-17, 12, -14, 15, 18).

Winner of the women's singles was **Valentina Popova** with a final win over Ludmila Bakshutova (13, 19, 10). In the semis Popova beat Narine Antonyan and Bakshutova beat Tamara Chigvintseva. **Sarkoyan** and **Anatoly Strokotov** won the men's doubles; **Osolodkova/Klygul** the women's and **Sarkoyan/Elmira Antonyan** the mixed.

In the Youth Championships played at Karaganda the boys' singles title was won by **Ivan Minkevitch** and the girls' by **Flura Bulatova**. Winners of the Cadet titles were **Vladimir Dworak** (boys') and **Inna Kowalenko**.

### NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Aucklanders Kerry and Shelly Palmer achieved a unique brother-sister double when they won the open men's and women's singles titles respectively at the 1978 Skellerup New Zealand Championships in Napier.

Kerry, 21, and Shelly, 19, both from Auckland's Roskill Club, played excellently in their finals, and throughout the earlier stages of the tournament, to upset the more favoured entrants.

# TEES SPORT SUMMER SCHOOL

1978

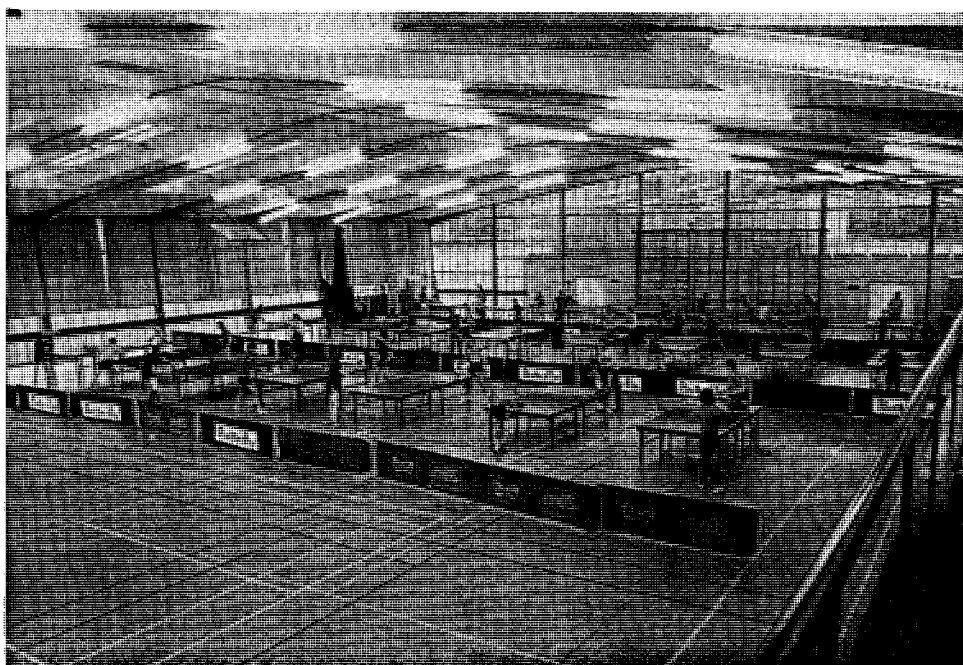
(A Weatherproof Holiday)

"Had a great time — see you again next year!" was the general parting shot of the 200 odd participants (many of whom had returned for their second holiday at Tees Sport Summer School) who attended the four courses during the month of August at Durham Castle. And what a lot was packed into those courses!

First of all the people — of all ages and from so many different places: Texas and Minnesota, U.S.A., Venezuela via Sweden; Bergen, Norway; all parts of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, including the Isle of Wight and Isle of Man. Some stayed for one course, others for two, whilst Chris Webster of Northern Ireland spent the whole month with us. Many youngsters came on their own, others were accompanied by their families who took in some of the table tennis and spent the good days sightseeing in the historic North East.

There were some great times to remember. "Fitness with Parker", those punishing sessions in the Sports Hall or out on the track, and the interesting evening seminars. As the new National Coach for the North and an England junior captain, Donald should prove to be most successful.

"The right bat for you . . ." Nicky Jarvis continued his equipment talks and made up well over a hundred bats during the courses before retiring at night. If his eyes looked particularly bright next morning, there were usually comments from other staff members about his midnight sessions with Chack.



View of the 24 tables in action at Maiden Castle Sports Centre.

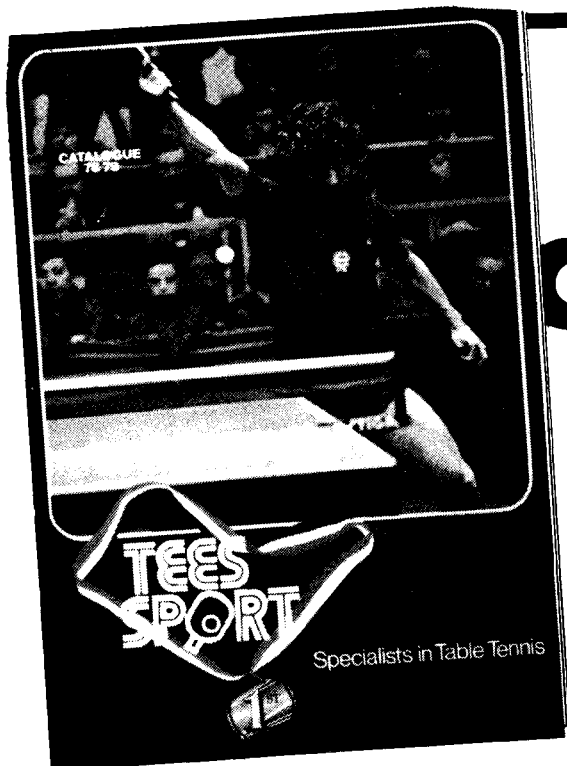
Carole's discos went very well, despite the lack of partners on some courses. To see these coaches practice what they preach is encouraging, and Carole certainly kept feet moving even after a busy day at the tables.

In addition to his coaching and physical conditioning duties, Bob Wiley merrily drove the Tees Sport Land Rover through the quaint streets of Durham out to Maiden Castle Sports Centre, a perfectly situated facility.

Alan Hydes, with his "Dunlop" smile was a

popular addition to the staff, whilst former defensive international, Bryan Merrett, had his work cut out in those demonstrations. Bryan may be remembered for the umbrella he faithfully carried — which he left on the last night!

A new and successful innovation this year was the table tennis quiz held during the 9-day course. It was the main topic of conversation for two days beforehand as the participants tested their knowledge amongst themselves, and the coaches prepared their questions, all the while conscious of



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young Carl Preat's memory of table tennis and cricket statistics.

The evening seminars, which included talks on physical conditioning, winning, special sessions on how to play . . . (a chopper, looper, counter-hitter) the night before the practical demonstrations, table tennis in China and international matches on video, were held this year in one of the University lecture rooms at New Elvet.

Participants also had the opportunity to buy equipment and take advantage of specialist advice in the shop at D3, which was usually packed out during its daily hour of opening. Those on Course 4 received a copy of the new Tees Sport catalogue hot off the press on Friday night.

And not forgetting the table tennis itself: the sessions began with the coaches showing a particular movement in a match situation. The stroke was then shown slowly and described by the Course Director, Alan Ransome. The players, and the several coaches who had come on the course to refresh their knowledge, then spent the remainder of the 45 minutes session practicing that stroke. Other sessions were devoted to physical conditioning, and personal tuition in which the players decided which part of their game they needed help with. Two afternoons were devoted to match play in team and individual tournaments, with useful equipment prizes being presented at the final evening party.

Yes, a good time was had by all. Even the staff, who had worked so hard for so long, enjoyed Durham. It's something to do with the Castle and course atmosphere, and the common interest of all who come to Tees Sport Summer School.

## TOP CLASS COACHING HOLIDAY AT DURHAM CASTLE

by Graham Davies, Isle of Man T.T.A.

For the second summer running, Tees Sport held a series of table tennis coaching holidays in Durham this August. I attended the 9-day course and beforehand I was looking forward to playing under the eyes of coaches of the calibre of Alan Ransome, Bob Wiley, Donald Parker, Bryan Merrett, Nicky Jarvis and Carole Knight. My expectations were more than lived up to.



The group from the Fjell-Kameraterne Club, Bergen, Norway, who attended Course No. 2, with Nicky Jarvis, Carole Knight, Donald Parker and Alan Ransome.

I was met at the station on the morning of the first day of the holiday by Course Administrator, Jose Tomkins, and driven to the Castle. After lunch and the welcome meeting, it was time for action at the Maiden Castle Sports Centre situated a short distance from the Castle.

At the beginning of each session the particular stroke we would be studying during the session was described clearly and in detail by Alan Ransome and the stroke was demonstrated by the coaches. We then departed to our own tables and carried out exercises using the stroke in question, followed by the use of the stroke in a match situation.

The course progressed in stages through all the strokes from the push through the drive and loop, right up to their use in match tactics including 5th and 3rd ball attacks.

Of particular interest to any serious player were the evening seminars on many different aspects of the game, including fitness, equipment, China, and how to play against people using various different

styles of play. Next time I play Dragutin Surbek I shall know that a useful tactic will be a quick ball wide to his forehand!

The fitness programme, organised by Donald Parker and Bob Wiley, at first awoke muscles which we didn't know existed, but which we soon realized would come in handy at twenty-all in the third game. I can remember how tired most of us were after running around the Maiden Castle track six times, whereas Don and Nicky Jarvis galloped merrily around twelve times without hardly seeming to break into a sweat.

On certain evenings discos were held in the Undercroft. Although the lack of girls on my course seemed to be a problem, some players took great delight in practicing their backhand loops on the dance floor to the strains of "Saturday Night Fever".

A friendly atmosphere was evident all week as we all had one thing in common and the coaches were always ready to discuss any aspect of the game "after hours".

An innovation this year was the table tennis quiz which everyone enjoyed, although Carole Knight was most annoyed when none of us knew who was the last English player to win a singles title at the English Open!

The varied food and excellent accommodation at the Castle made the holiday complete and I shall be one of the first to book for next year.

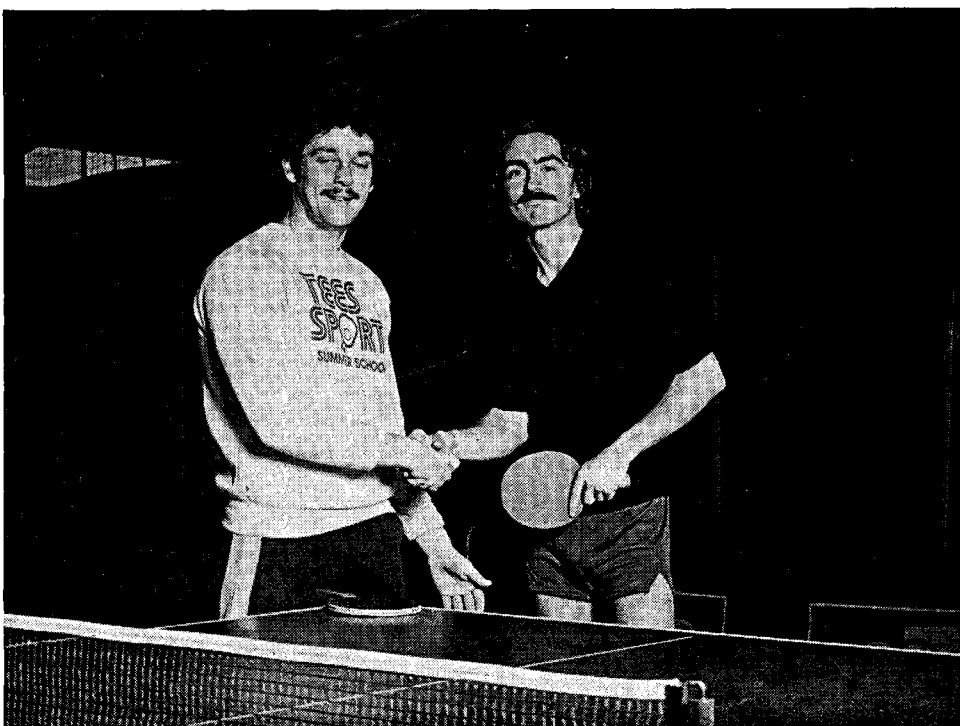
## ROOM FOR ALL

by John Morris, Pontesbury T.T.C.,  
Shrewsbury.

I have played table tennis for many years and I now spend a considerable amount of time coaching the junior players of our club. After reading the advertisement for TEES SPORTS table tennis holidays in Durham, using the University facilities, I decided to enrol for the five day course. It seemed an ideal opportunity to refresh my coaching ideas and techniques and also enable my son and two outstanding prospects from the club to be coached by six of the country's leading coaches and players.

On arrival, we were all very impressed with the accommodation provided. The meals served in the Great Hall of the Castle were more than adequate.

Following our first visit to the very spacious University Sports Hall, I was very surprised to find such a wide range of age and playing ability in the participants. Sessions commenced at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. with a fifteen minute warm-up,



Nicky Jarvis with Robert Compton of El Paso, Texas, U.S.A. on Course 2.



Group photo of Course No. 1.

This month's cover picture shows Nicky Jarvis with John Morris and the juniors from Pontesbury Club, Shrewsbury, on Course 4.

### WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

#### October

- 12—(Th) France v England (Croix) European League.
- 13/14—(F/Sa) Leinster Open (Dublin).
- 14—(Sa) National Council (London).
- 14/15—(Sa/Su) Sussex 2-Star Open (Hastings).
- 15—(Su) Lanarkshire Junior and Youth 1-Star (Coatbridge).
- 21—(Sa) County Championships (1).  
North of Scotland 1-Star (Aberdeen).
- 22—(Su) Aberdare Open.
- 27—(F) Nissen Invitation Tournament (Peterlee, Co. Durham).
- 28/29—(Sa/Su) Dunlop Humberside 3-Star Open (Y.P.I. Ferens Recreation Centre, Chanterlands Avenue North, Hull. From 9.30 a.m. each day. Finals at 6.30 p.m. Sunday.

#### November

- 4/5—(Sa/Su) North Middlesex 2-Star (Wood Green).
- 8—(W) England v Federal Germany (Guild Hall, Preston) — European League (7.15 p.m.).
- 11/12—(Sa/Su) Southend 2-Star Open (Rayleigh).  
Junior Ranking Tournament (Cleveland).  
Swansea Open (Aberavon).
- 12—(Su) East of Scotland 2-Star (Edinburgh).
- 18—(Sa) Glasgow 1-Star.
- 18/19—(Sa/Su) Midland Counties 3-Star Open (Alumwell Centre, Walsall).
- 19—(Su) Hastings Tiger 1-Star (Bexhill).
- 25—(Sa) County Championships (2).
- 26—(Su) Scottish Junior and Youth Closed (Edinburgh).

### CHANGE OF DATE

Would all readers please note that the European League match -

#### ENGLAND v CZECHOSLOVAKIA

at Batley Sports Centre, Howden Clough, Batley, Yorks, will now be held on **TUESDAY, Dec. 5th, 1978**, commencing at 7.15 p.m. This is two days earlier than advertised in order to meet a request of the Czechoslovak Association.

followed by a short but adequate demonstration and explanation of the programme.

The course was divided into three groups of sixteen, decided by playing ability. The coaches worked in pairs in a carefully prepared programme so that they coached each of the sections in rotation. The programme also included periods of personal tuition and the physical training aspects of table tennis. The course provided very interesting evening lectures on Physical Training for Table Tennis, Equipment, Table Tennis in China and How to win at Table Tennis.

The very full programme ensured that the five days passed very quickly and the course closed with individual tournaments for each group with good equipment prizes being presented during the final evening party.

In retrospect, I feel that the course was most suited for improving table tennis players of all ages with some ability or knowledge of modern table tennis techniques and a reasonable standard of fitness was essential to obtain full benefit from the course. I certainly thought the holiday good value for money and my young companions look forward to the opportunity of a return visit.

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Back row from left to right: Bob Wiley, 3 Star Coach and approved assessor; Nicky Jarvis, England player and captain; Donald Parker, National Coach, England player and captain; Alan Hydes, ex-England player and captain.  
Front row: Carole Knight, England player; Alan Ransome, Course Director, 3 Star Coach, ex-England player and captain; Jose Tomkins, Administrator.  
(Inset): Brian Burn, ex-England Trainer-Coach, player and captain; Bryan Merrett, National Coach, ex-England player and captain.

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# : 4th Worthing Junior International Championships :

## KOREAN STUDENTS TEACH-IN

by THE EDITOR

Under the inspired leadership of Han Sang Gook, President of the Korea Republic Student Table Tennis Association, his charges almost took charge of affairs at Worthing Sports Centre over the weekend of May 13/14th winning no less than six of the seven titles at stake.

Federal Germany's **Monika Stork** spared the blushes of the Europeans with a fighting display in the final of the girls' singles after losing the first game to Cho Wol Youn of the Korean Republic.

The Asian visitors' **Kim Wan** was the player to take the eye for he collected three 'golds' from the boys' team, singles and doubles. So too did **Cho Wol Youn** in the girls' team, girls' and mixed doubles. Quite a pair these two with a great future in store.

Not so England's representatives on the evidence of this gathering moroso as the home country was defending five titles and lost them all, Karen Witt her girls' singles title to the mercurial Cho Wol Youn at the semi-final stage.

Karen and Angela Tierney did reach the final of the girls' doubles but their attempt to win this title was far from inspiring, in fact it was dreadful to behold.

The boys fared no better, England's first team in the team event going out 0-3 to Federal Germany's third string Michael Plum and Jorg Schirrmeister which, to be fair, was really their first.

But no excuses in the singles event with Kenny Jackson losing to Plum and Malcolm Green going out to Yu Si Hung in the quarters after Graham Sandley had bowed the knee to Andreas Assner in the previous round.

A non-selected player for his country in these championships was Colin Wilson of Middlesex (late Hampshire) and he was the due recipient of praise firstly by ousting Kevin Beadsley (18, 16) and only going down 26-28 in the third to Kim Tae Su in the quarters.

Doubtless it was good to have the experience of

meeting the South Koreans but for how long have we been saying that about the Chinese in the senior category? And they remain the kingpins!

Results:-

### Boys' Team Event

#### Round 1

**Denmark 3 Federal Germany II 2**  
**Korea R II 3 England II 0**  
 Kim Tae Su bt G. Sandley 19, -19, 14;  
 Kim Yun Kee bt M. Green 12, 19;  
 Kim Tae Su/Kim Yun Kee bt Green/Sandley 12, -19, 18.  
**Yugoslavia 3 Norway 0**  
**England III 3 Wales 0**  
 D. Barr bt J. Morgan 7, 16;  
 J. Souter bt N. Thomas 19, 14;  
 Barr/Souter bt Morgan/Thomas 11, 17.

#### 2nd Round

**Federal Germany III 3 England I 0**  
 J. Schirrmeister bt K. Jackson 17, -18, 14;  
 H-R. Blum bt K. Beadsley 18, 23;  
 Blum/Schirrmeister bt Beadsley/Jackson 20, 16.  
**Korea R I 3 Denmark 1**  
 Kim Wan bt B. Holmsgard 10, 14;  
 Yu Si Hung bt M. Dolleris 15, 17;  
 Kim Wan/Yu Si Hung lost to Dolleris/Holmsgard 13, -18, 20;  
 Kim Wan bt Dolleris 9, 8.  
**Korea R II 3 Yugoslavia 2**  
**Federal Germany I 3 England III 0**  
 A. Assner bt Barr 16, 22;  
 M. Plum bt Souter 16, 5;  
 Assner/Plum bt Barr/Souter -12, 10, 14.

#### Semi-finals:

**Korea R I 3 Federal Germany III 0**  
 Yu Si Hung bt Schirrmeister 15, -19, 16;  
 Kim Wan bt Blum 8, 10;  
 Kim Wan/Yu Si Hung bt Blum/Schirrmeister 16, 15.  
**Federal Germany I 3 Korea R II 0**  
 Assner bt Kim Yun Kee 18, 11;  
 Plum bt Kim Tae Su 21, 11;  
 Assner/Plum bt Kim Tae Su/Kim Yun Kee 16, 17.

#### Final:

**KOREA R I 3 Federal Germany I 1**  
 Kim Wan lost to Plum -18, -23;  
 Yu Si Hung bt Assner 20, 20;  
 Kim Wan/Yu Si Hung bt Assner/Plum 17, 19;  
 Kim Wan bt Assner -16, 15, 18.

### Girls' Team Event

#### Round 1

**England III 3 Norway 0**  
 H. Williams bt T. Folkson 13, 14;  
 S. Midgley bt K. Hagen -19, 14, 12;  
 Midgley/Williams bt Folkson/Hagen 10, 12.  
**England II 3 Denmark 0**  
 M. Smith bt J. Kristoffersen 12, 14;

A. Gordon bt D. Hauth 10, 20;  
 Gordon/Smith bt Hauth/Kristoffersen 11, 20.

### Federal Germany III 3 Wales 0

D. Henkel bt C. Jones 9, 9;  
 U. Meffert bt S. Jones 6, 14;  
 Henkel/Meffert bt Jones/Jones 15, 10.

#### Round 2

### Federal Germany I 3 England III 1

M. Stork bt Williams 7, 9;  
 R. Seidler lost to Midgley -8, -9;  
 Seidler/Stork bt Midgley/Williams 10, 20;  
 Stork bt Midgley 7, 9.

### Korea R I 3 England II 2

Cho Wol Youn lost to Smith -19, -20;  
 Lee Yu Kyoung bt Gordon 14, -17, 7;  
 Cho Wol Youn/Lee Yu Kyoung bt Gordon/Smith 17, 17;  
 Lee Yu Kyoung lost to Smith -18, -18;  
 Cho Wol Youn bt Gordon -16, 17, 22.

### Korea R II 3 Federal Germany II 1

Yoon Hi Ja bt A. Olschewski 15, 15;  
 Yoon Kyung Mi bt C. Frieser 13, 17;  
 Yoon Hi Ja/Yoon Kyung Mi lost to Frieser/Olschewski 21, -13, -19;

Yoon Kyung Mi bt Olschewski 18, 16.

### England I 3 Federal Germany III 0

K. Witt bt Henkel 14, 11;  
 A. Tierney bt Meffert 19, -22, 11;  
 Tierney/Witt bt Henkel/Meffert 11, 19.

#### Semi-finals:

### Korea R I 3 Federal Germany I 0

Lee Yu Kyoung bt Stork -14, 15, 19;  
 Cho Wol Youn bt Seidler -20, 9, 16;  
 Cho Wol Youn/Lee Yu Kyoung bt Seidler/Stork 17, 11.

### Korea R II 3 England I 1

Yoon Hi Ja lost to Witt -17, -19;  
 Yoon Kyung Mi bt Tierney 10, 13;  
 Yoon Hi Ja/Yoon Kyung Mi bt Tierney/Witt 9, -22, 19;  
 Yoon Kyung Mi bt Witt -18, 6, 15.

#### Final:

### KOREA R I 3 Korea R II 2

Cho Wol Youn bt Yoon Hi Ja 14, 11;  
 Lee Yu Kyoung bt Yoon Kyung Mi 18, 15;  
 Cho Wol Youn/Lee Yu Kyoung lost to Yoon Hi Ja/  
 Yoon Kyung Mi -16, 18, -19;  
 Cho Wol Youn lost to Yoon Hi Ja -16, -19;  
 Lee Yu Kyoung bt Yoon Hi Ja 18, 18.

### Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

Plum bt Jackson 8, 18;  
 Kim Wan bt Assner 15, -18, 20;  
 Yu Si Hung bt Green 13, 15;  
 Kim Tae Su bt C. Wilson (Mi) 15, -14, 26.

#### Semi-finals:

Kim Wan bt Plum 16, 15;  
 Yu Si Hung bt Kim Tae Su 20, 10.

#### Final:

KIM WAN bt Yu Si Hung 19, 16.

### Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

Stork bt Tierney 6, 12;  
 Han Me Oho (KRR) bt Lee Yu Kyoung 15, 15;  
 Cho Wol Youn bt Smith 14, 16;  
 Witt bt Seidler 16, 14.

#### Semi-finals:

Stork bt Han Me Oho 21, 10;  
 Cho Wol Youn bt Witt 20, 14.

#### Final:

STORK bt Cho Wol Youn -19, 9, 14.

### Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:

Blum/Schirrmeister bt Dolleris/Holmsgard -16, 13, 15;  
 Kim Wan/Yu Si Hung bt Assner/Plum 16, 11.

#### Final:

KIM WAN/YU SI HUNG bt Blum/Schirrmeister 13, 11.

### Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:

Cho Wol Youn/Lee Yu Kyoung bt Seidler/Stork 13, 22;  
 Tierney/Witt bt Yoon Hi Ja/Yoon Kyung Mi 18, 20.

#### Final:

CHO WOL YOUN/LEE YU KYOUNG bt Tierney/Witt 10, 18.

### Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Yu Si Hung/Cho Wol Youn bt Assner/Henkel 16, 10;  
 Schirrmeister/Seidler bt Beadsley/Tierney 17, -17, 15.

#### Final:

YU SI HUNG/CHO WOL YOUN bt Schirrmeister/Seidler -19, 18, 10.

## CARBON FIBRE RACKETS

It appears that there is some misunderstanding among Associations about the status of racket blades that include reinforcement in the adhesive layers.

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Having thus interpreted the Law it is necessary to establish a suitable specification, and the Equipment Committee is already working on this task. In the meantime, a racket blade that meets the following requirements will be regarded as being of wood, as required by Law 3.4.2:

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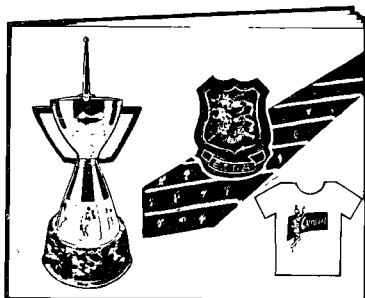
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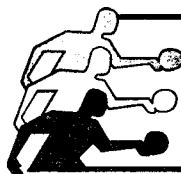
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# SCOTTISH NEWS



by DENIS GEORGE



5th Commonwealth  
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## SCOTLAND TO HOST 5TH COMMONWEALTH TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Scottish Table Tennis Association, in conjunction with General Accident, Fire and Life Assurance Corporation Limited, the main sponsors, announce that the 5th Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships will be held in the Meadowbank Indoor Sports Centre, Edinburgh, from 12th-18th April, 1979.

Already 14 countries — Hong Kong, England, India, Ghana, Guernsey, Canada, Northern Ireland,

Jersey, Malta, Trinidad, The Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda and, of course, Scotland, have intimated that they intend to participate. It is confidently expected that Australia and Wales will also compete.

The Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships were inaugurated in 1971 and are held every two years immediately prior to the World Table Tennis Championships. All associations affiliated to the International Table Tennis Federation whose territories are, or formerly were, within the British Commonwealth are eligible to compete. The first championships in 1971 were held in Singapore; the second in 1973 in Cardiff; the third in 1975 in Melbourne and the fourth in 1977 in Guernsey.

The Championships are organised on the same lines as the World and European Championships. The first three days will be concerned with the team competitions; men will play in teams of three (nine singles matches) and the women in teams of two (four singles matches and one doubles). After a rest-day, the five individual events — Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles — will be played over the last three days.

England swept the board in the first three championships, winning all seven titles each time, with Trevor Taylor and Jill Hammersley each winning the singles titles three times in succession. The strongest challenge to their supremacy came from India, Australia, and Canada. However, in 1977, in Guernsey, Hong Kong, strengthened by the inclusion of several immigrants from the People's Republic of China, took over as Commonwealth Champions, winning six of the seven titles, leaving only the Women's Doubles title in English hands.

Scotland participated in the 1973 Championships in Cardiff when our No. 1 man — Richard Yule (Aberdeen) reached the Men's Singles semi-final and our No. 1 woman — Elaine Smith (Forfar) — the quarter-finals of the Women's Singles. Last year in Guernsey, Scotland's team were placed

seventh in each team event and our top players Richard Yule and Grace McKay (Edinburgh) attained Commonwealth ranking at No. 12 in the men's and women's lists.

In addition to the support of the main sponsor General Accident, Stiga AB will supply the tables, balls and other playing equipment. Generous assistance will also be provided by:-

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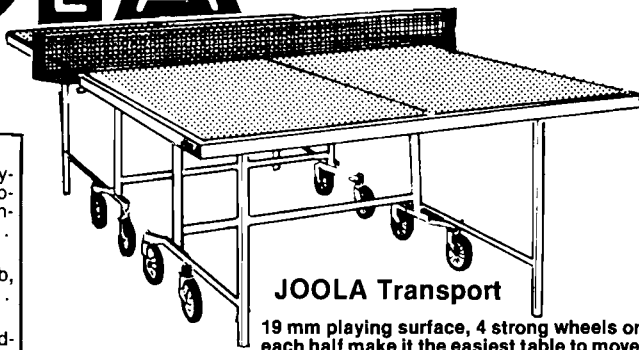
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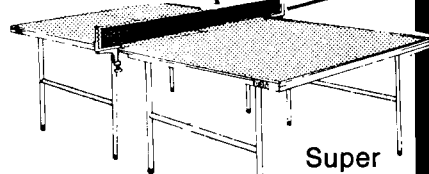
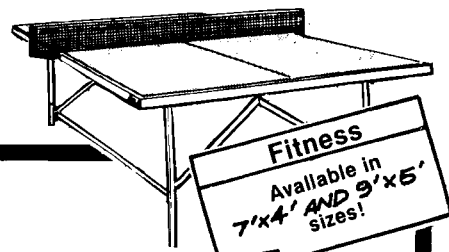
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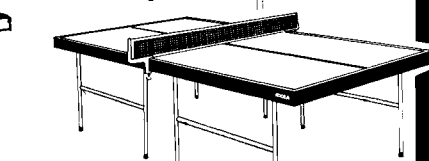


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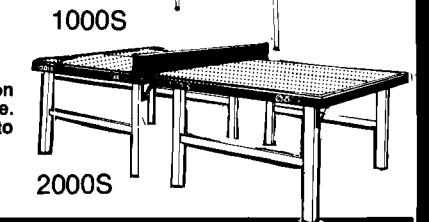
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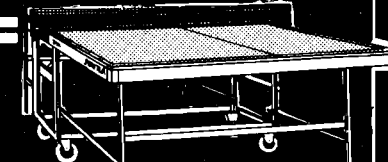
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**Group 1** consisted of John Hilton (England), Graham Davies (Wales) and David McIlroy (Scotland) whilst Nicky Jarvis (England), Alan Griffiths (Wales) and Keith Rodger (Scotland) made up **Group 2**.

**Group 1:** First match was young McIlroy v Hilton. Our 'Wee Davy', showing no respect for the reputation of his more illustrious opponent, attacked from the outset, taking a very early ball and seemed unworried by John's vari-spin bat to lead 6-0. However Hilton came back to go ahead 16-13; still attacking, McIlroy made it 17-all and went on to win the first game. In the second David stormed to 18-10 and 19-12 and it seemed he had the Englishman 'in the bag'. But try as he might the two points would not come. Hilton won and led 10-0 in the third before the young Scot won another point! By now John has found a length and ran out the winner 21-7. Davies also beat McIlroy after dropping the first game. In the group decider Hilton narrowly edged out Davies 22-20 in the first but then ran away with the second to 7.

**Group 2:** Jarvis, once he got used to the natural lighting, was in impeccable form, beating both Griffiths and Rodger in straight games. Alan, showing much better form than in this event last year, also played well as did Rodger who took Jarvis to 18 and 17.

**Final:** Jarvis was always in command against Hilton, taking an early lead in each game to win 21-14 and 21-12.

Results:-

**Group 1**

- J. Hilton bt D. McIlroy -19, 19, 7.
- G. Davies bt D. McIlroy -16, 16, 12.
- J. Hilton bt G. Davies 20, 7.

**Group 2**

- A. Griffiths bt K. Rodger 8, 16.
- N. Jarvis bt K. Rodger 18, 17.
- N. Jarvis bt A. Griffiths 8, 19.

**Final:**

- N. Jarvis bt J. Hilton 14, 12.

**Play-off for 3rd and 4th Position**

- A. Griffiths bt G. Davies 19, -17, 18.

# RANKING LISTS ENGLISH

The National Selection Committee of last season compiled an end of season list of rankings which will remain operative until the end of this year, exempting juniors of last season now over age.

Both **Desmond Douglas** and **Jill Hammersley** did well in season 1977/78 and naturally retain their No. 1 positions, but Paul Day, previously No. 2 gives up his place to John Hilton, and Nicky Jarvis, rapidly regaining his old form, rises from No. 7 to No. 4.

The news is bad, however, for Andrew Barden of Middlesex, whose unconvincing form last season has seen him drop from No. 7 to No. 12 and now right out of the list.



**LANCASHIRE'S JOHN HILTON NOW No. 2  
IN THE LAND.**

Photo by John De Pledge, Rochdale.

In the women's list the top three remain unchanged but Karen Witt — who finished the season as No. 1 Girl — drops two places, while Melody Ludi rises two to No. 4. Kenny Jackson took over as top lad while Kevin Beadsley drops to No. 4. Rankings (previous positions in brackets) issued on May 23rd last read:-

**Men:**

1. Desmond Douglas (Wa) (1)
2. John Hilton (La) (4)
3. Paul Day (Ca) (2)
4. Nicky Jarvis (Cv) (7)
5. Donald Parker (La) (5)
6. Max Crimmins (Sy) (3)
7. Chris Sewell (Av) (19)
8. Denis Neale (Cv) (9)
9. Douglas Johnson (Wa) (10)
10. Mark Mitchell (Mi) (14)
11. Robert Potton (E) (11)
12. Nigel Eckersley (Ch) (8)
13. John Dabin (K) (13)
14. Peter McQueen (Cv) (15)
15. David Tan (Mi) (17)
16. Ian Horsham (E) (18)
17. John Kitchener (Sk) (—)
18. David Constance (Ch) (—)

**Women:**

1. Jill Hammersley (Bu) (1)
2. Carole Knight (Cv) (2)
3. Linda Howard (Sy) (3)
4. Melody Ludi (Y) (6)
5. Anita Stevenson (Le) (5)
6. Karen Witt (Bk) (4)
7. Lesley Radford (E) (11)

8. Angela Tierney (Cv) (10)
9. Karen Rogers (Le) (7)
10. Angela Mitchell (Mi) (9)
11. Mandy Smith (Bk) (14)
12. Suzanne Hunt (Li) (13)
13. Alison Gordon (Bk) (15)
14. Sally Midgley (Y) (—)
15. Caroline Reeves (Bk) (—)
16. June Williams (16)

Because of insufficient evidence but for the assistance of tournament organisers the following players were not ranked but the places given are for seeding purposes:-  
5A Jimmy Walker (Cv) (6)  
Susan Lisle (Ch) (8)  
Shelagh Hession (E) (12)

**Boys:**

1. Kenneth Jackson (E) (2)
2. Colin Wilson (Mi) (14)
3. Graham Sandley (Mi) (3)
4. Kevin Beadsley (Y) (1)
5. Malcolm Green (Sp) (4)
6. David Barr (Bk) (5)
7. Andrew Bellingham (St) (—)
8. Anthony Bottomley (Y) (13)
9. Anthony O'Connor (La) (7)
10. Bryn Tyler (Mi) (6)
11. John Souter (Mi) (8)
12. Joseph Naser (Y) (9)
13. Stuart Kimm (E) (10)
14. Desmond Charlery (E) (16)
15. Graham Gillett (Sx) (11)
16. Paul Whiting (Dv) (12)
17. Stephen Holloway (Sy) (—)
18. Kevin Satchell (Wi) (—)
19. Adrian Hill (Y) (—)
20. Eddie Wilkes (St) (—)

**Girls:**

1. Karen Witt (Bk) (1)
2. Mandy Smith (Bk) (4)
3. Alison Gordon (Bk) (3)
4. Angela Tierney (Cv) (2)
5. Sally Midgley (Y) (5)
6. Linda Holmes (Dy) (10)
7. Mandy Reeves (Mi) (9)
8. Jill Purslow (Bk) (7)
9. Gina Pritchard (Dv) (14)
10. Julie Dowsett (E) (16)
11. Helen Williams (Mi) (11)
12. Mandy Wallis (Np) (12)
13. Gillian Galloway (Li) (15)
14. Lorraine Garbet (Sy) (—)

Linda Hryszko (Yorks) was not ranked owing to insufficient evidence, but for seeding purposes her position is 6A — she was formerly No. 6. Omitted from the previous list are Mark Owen (Hr) (15), Helen Robinson (Cv) (8) and Rachel MacKriel (Wa) (13).

(Alphabetical Order)

**Group A Boys:**

- Skylet Andrew (E)
- Glenn Baker (Sy)
- Malcolm Francis (Sx)
- Diccon Gray (Cu)
- Sam Harmer (Bu)
- David Hughes (Cv)
- Robert Johnson (Bk)
- Michael Laird (Cv)
- Mark Murphy (Cv)
- Mark Oakley (Sy)
- Mark Owen (Hr)
- Costas Papantoniou (Mi)
- Anthony Penny (E)
- Ian Plummer (Cv)
- Paul Rainford (La)
- Michael Shearman (Dv)
- John Weatherby (Ch)
- Stephen Yallop (Dy)

**Group A Girls:**

- Elaine Bolton (K)
- Yvette Brown (E)
- Shirley Cain (St)
- Carol Colegate (K)
- Sarah Cresswell (Sy)
- Lynne Fennah (Ch)
- Sarah Gilson (Do)
- Joy Grundy (La)
- Nicola Hayward (Sy)
- Rachel MacKriel (Wa)
- Claire Maisey (Wi)
- Helen Robinson (Cv)
- Carolyn Scowcroft (La)
- Lesley Taylor (Bk)
- Lesley Tyler (Mi)

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## Welsh Corner

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### JUNIOR IMPROVEMENT

September has seen a stepping up of the search for new talent in Wales despite the much improved performances of our juniors and cadets during the summer.

At Bradford, in the English Schools International Tournament we finished third, next to the two English sides, and above France, Scotland and Ireland. This was followed by the trip to the European Youth Championships in Barcelona, where our juniors improved to 20th place, and our cadets reached 13th place, a truly fine performance.

But although our cadet team of Mark Thomas and Andrew Jones remains intact, we are losing Jeff Morgan and Nigel Thomas to the Senior ranks, and our reserve store of juniors looks a bit thin at the moment.

In an attempt to find youngsters to bring into our squads, two Assessment Courses are being held, one at Lilleshall for the North, and the other at the National Sports Centre in Cardiff. Leagues have been invited to nominate youngsters likely to

be trainable to international levels, and in the Round Robin tournaments which will be held at each venue, note will be taken of the best talent available.

A check up on our seniors is also taking place, and the top senior men and women, together with the top juniors will play in a round robin event so that present form can be assessed.

There is an immediate object in view in this last exercise because at the end of October we go to Finland for a friendly visit to help them celebrate their 40th Anniversary, and although we beat the Fins in the European Championships in Prague in 1976, we shall need a strong side to repeat that result.

We also need strong men and to find at least one strong woman player for the European League Third Division Matches which are to take place prior to the Stiga Welsh Open in February. This will be the biggest ever gathering in this event. Denmark, making a return to the European League, have to start at the bottom, whilst Rumania, Portugal and Iceland will all be playing for the first time. To these have to be added Norway, Switzerland, Malta, Guernsey, Jersey and Wales, so that there will be three days of sustained endeavour. All will then stay to play in the Stiga Welsh Open, which, being the last in the Norwich Union Grand Prix Circuit, has already attracted promises of participation by Sweden, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Federal Germany, and Luxembourg, and the North Koreans have said they are coming again!

The Welsh Junior Open provided further proof of our improving standard, with several of our players reaching later rounds — Cathryn Jones, finalist in the Junior Girls', and Mark Thomas, semi-finalist in the cadet boys.

The event attracted an enormous entry from 25 countries, 161 in the boys' singles, 51 in the girls' singles and 76 in the cadet boys'. Over 500 matches were played, and so popular has the event become that it is intended to hold it over two days next

season, with the group system offering more matches to the weaker players.

Results:-

B.S. Semi-finals:

Ken Jackson bt Malcolm Green 13, 13.  
Graham Sandley bt Colin Wilson 18, 13.

Final:

Jackson bt Sandley -16, 18, 8.

G.S. Semi-finals:

Mandy Reeves bt Linda Holmes 14, 12.  
Cathryn Jones bt Helen Williams 19, 19.

Final:

Reeves bt Jones -19, 18, 9.

B.D. Final:

Desmond Charlery/Skylet Andrews bt Jackson/  
Green 18, -16, 16.

G.D. Final:

Gina Pritchard/Williams bt Angela Tierney/  
Holmes 18, 11.

X.D. Final:

Jackson/Tierney bt John Souter/Williams 11, 14.

C.B.S. Final:

Mark Oakley bt Souter 15, -18, 21.

C.G.S. Final:

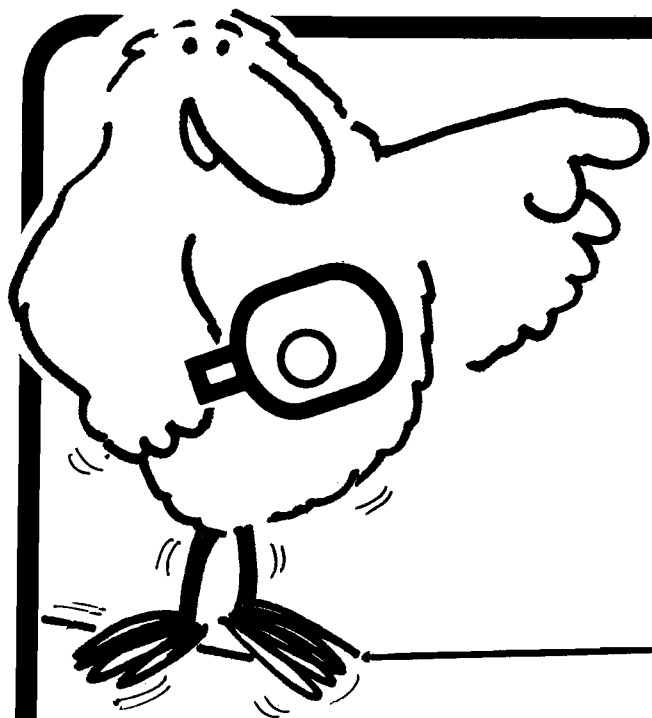
Williams bt Pritchard 8, 13.

### NEW FACES

Seven new councillors have been elected onto the National Council of the E.T.T.A. and they are B. Halliday for Berkshire (formerly Peter Charters), Peter D'Arcy for Cheshire (Derek Schofield), Mrs. Pat Archdale for Cornwall (Laurie Landry), H. Albery for Hampshire (Mike Greatrex), Bill Moran for Lincolnshire (Joan Robinson), Mrs. Doreen Stannard for Middlesex (John Wright) and A. Hills for Somerset (A. R. E. Richens).

### PLAYERS' REPRESENTATIVE

Nicky Jarvis is the chosen representative of the players to attend the National Council meetings of the E.T.T.A. and various sub-committee meetings excluding Management, Disciplinary, Life Members, Vice-Presidents and Standing Orders.



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# 21st EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS



## TRIUMPHS IN THE SUN

by PETER CHARTERS

### ROLL OF HONOUR

**Boys' Singles:**  
**JINDRICH PANSKY**  
(Czechoslovakia)

**Boys' Doubles:**  
**SZOLT BHOM and**  
**SIMION CRISAN**  
(Rumania)

**Mixed Doubles:**  
**ISTOK FRANK and GORDANA PERKUCIN**  
(Yugoslavia)

**Cadet Boys' Singles:**  
**ERIK LINDH**  
(Sweden)

**Boys' Team:**  
**SOVIET UNION**

**Cadet Boys' Team:**  
**SWEDEN**

**Girls' Singles:**  
**EVA FERENCZI**  
(Rumania)

**Girls' Doubles:**  
**NARINE ANTONIAN and**  
**VALENTINE POPOVA**  
(Soviet Union)

**Cadet Girls' Singles:**  
**INNA KOVALENKO**  
(Soviet Union)

**Girls' Team:**  
**SOVIET UNION**

**Cadet Girls' Team:**  
**SOVIET UNION**

In the summer heat of Spain, **Jindrich Pansky** of Czechoslovakia and Rumania's **Eva Ferenczi** became Junior Champions of Europe. The 21st European Youth Championships held in Barcelona during the last ten days of July proved a triumph for these two individuals who twelve months before in Vichy had been losing semi-finalists.

The defending girls' champion, Bettine Vriesekoop of Holland, one of four current world-ranked women taking part in Barcelona, had her title taken away in the semi-final by Ferenczi, herself a former world-ranked player.

Pansky justified his top seeded position but few would have forecast the 21-6, 21-12 blasting he gave the No. 2 seed, experienced Russian defender Igor Solopov in the final. Ferenczi's final victory over Gordana Perkucin of Yugoslavia was a much closer affair with the advantage frequently changing hands before the Rumanian's more aggressive forehand took command for a fifteen in the third win.

Only the Swedish Cadet boys prevented a clean sweep of the Gold Medals by Eastern European countries. Eric Lindh took the Cadet Boys singles title and with Niklas Persson won the team event. The Russian strength provided them with Gold Medals in the Boys' Team and Girls' Team junior events, the Cadet Girls' Singles Champion in the form of Inna Kovalenko with a Hammersley-like chop defence, backhand hit game.

There were no medals for England. With a comparatively young or inexperienced team ('old' Kenny Jackson is inexperienced) the boys' team did well to hold a place in the top eight junior teams in Europe. The Junior Girls' team improved their position from 13th to 9th, suffering from a system where having lost only one match, and that to the strong Rumanian side, the highest possible place was ninth. The Cadet Girls finished in the highest position for England, in ninth place. The Cadet Boys stayed in eleventh place.

### CLOSEST

The closest England came to a medal in the individual events was Karen Witt's quarter-final place, the second occasion she has reached this stage of the European Youth Championships. To get there she had to beat Yugoslavian Ruzica

Pavlov who had destroyed Karen in Vichy 11 and 8! On this occasion however she removed the seeded Yugoslav from the championships with a 17 in the third victory.

**In the quarter-finals Karen faced Ferenczi. In the team event matches Karen had led Ferenczi 18-17 in the third with service to come, before losing. The quarter-final match again saw Karen "bottle" from leads in both games to lose two deuces to the girl later to be crowned Champion.**

English players to reach the third round were

Mandy Smith, Graham Sandley, Colin Wilson and John Souter. Mandy had a fine win over English Junior Open Champion, Monika Stork from Federal Germany before going out to the all action Czech No. 1 Dana Hermanova. Graham lost to the eventual Silver Medalist Solopov whilst Colin went out to the powerful Hans Christian Kubitschka from Austria.

In the Cadet Boys' singles John played as well as he had throughout the Championships to lose only -19 in the third to the seeded Czech Zbynek Stepanek.

Karen and Mandy also got to the quarter-finals of the Girls' Doubles where they lost to Ferenczi (again) and Vriesekoop. The Mixed and Boys' Doubles were a disaster with only Sandley and Alison Gordon in the Mixed getting as far as the third round.

### RELIABLE No. 1

After a fine performance in the team event much was hoped for from Kenny Jackson. However he went out second round to the Swede Jonas Berner. Alison lost also in the second round to the No. 1 seed Vriesekoop whilst Helen Williams lost her second round Cadet Girls' match to the seeded Torkel Grefberg from Finland.

These three however had more than satisfactory team performances for England. Kenny proved a reliable No. 1 and had two especially fine wins; over the Russian No. 2 Mikhail Ovcharov and the highly rated Italian Giovanni Bisi. Alison, although not included in the match against Rumania had a 100% record whilst Helen impressed many observers with her attacking flair whilst winning more than half her games.

Of the other three members of the English party, Tony Bottomley was a good team member but lost the three times he played whilst the youngsters Gina Pritchard and Mark Oakley will have learned much from the experience of playing in a level of competition where positive thinking is essential.

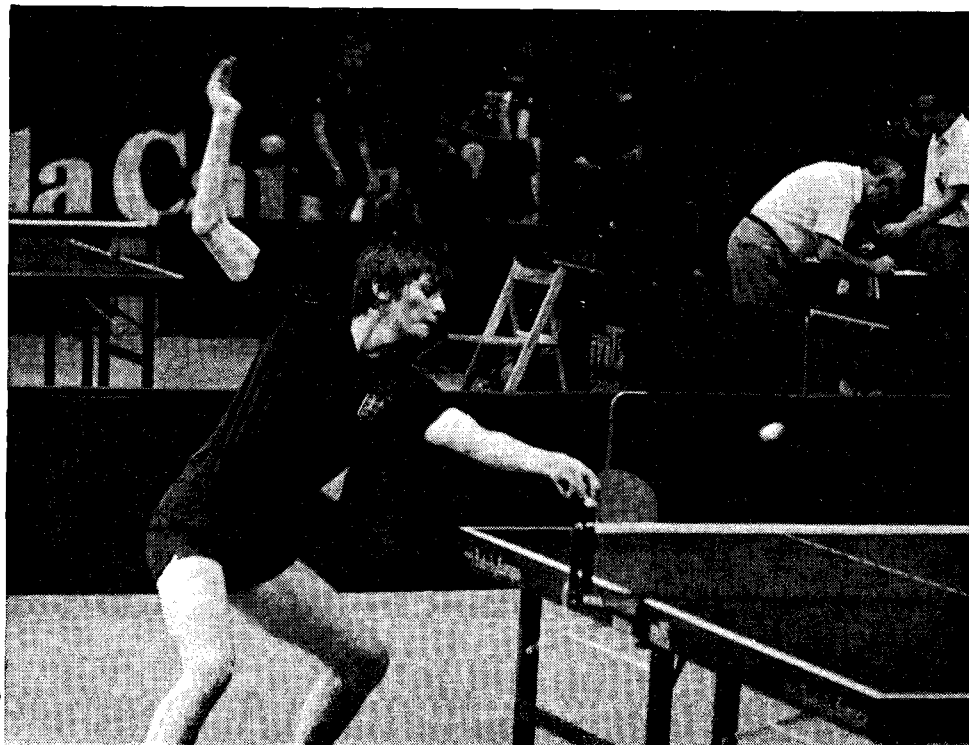
Captains Peter Simpson and Donald Parker survived the long hot Spanish summer days well and could have done without the flight delay (due to the French Air Traffic Controllers dispute) on the way home.

### 21st EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Boys' Singles Round 4:

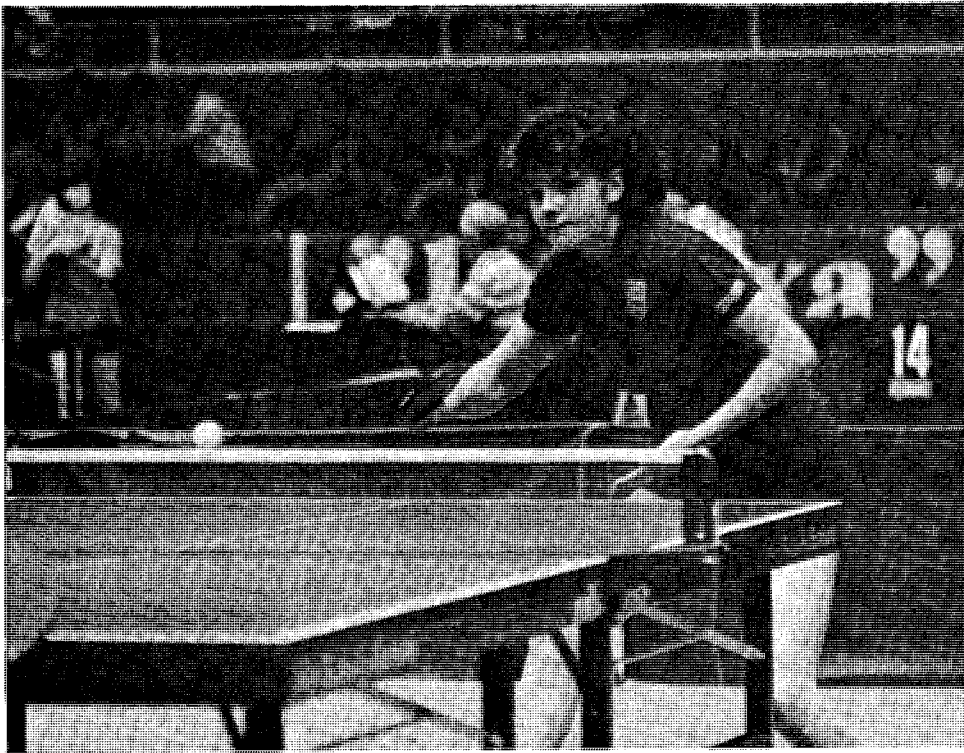
J. Pansky (Cze) bt J. Schirrmeister (GFR) 22, 17;  
Z. Kriston (Hun) bt M. Appelgren (Swe) 7, -16, 10;  
G. Bisi (Ita) bt S. Crisan (Rum) 18, 12;  
B. Parietti (Fra) bt A. Bathory (Hun) 15, -21, 19;  
A. Skefko (Cze) bt H. C. Kubitschka (Aut) 11, 13;  
S. Bohm (Rum) bt R. Rijsdorp (Net) 19, -19, 10;  
S. Kovac (Yug) bt L. Janista (Cze) 18, -18, 20;  
I. Solopov (USS) bt M. Daugard (Den) 16, 20.

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Kenny Jackson of Essex, a reliable No. 1 in the Boys' Team event.





Berkshire's Karen Witt who reached the quarter-final of the Girls' Singles.

**TEAM FINALS**

**BOYS**

U.S.S.R. 5 Sweden 2  
 M. Ovcharov bt A. Thunstrom -21, 14, 14;  
 I. Minkevitch bt U. Carlsson 20, -13, 15;  
 I. Solopov bt M. Appelgren 19, 12;  
 Ovcharov lost to Carlsson 17, -16, -17;  
 Solopov bt Thunstrom 18, 12;  
 Minkevitch lost to Appelgren 14, -15, -18;  
 Solopov bt Carlsson 17, 13.

**GIRLS**

U.S.S.R. 3 Sweden 1  
 V. Popova bt H. Lindvall 11, 17;  
 N. Antonian lost to M. Lindblad 14, -19, -19;  
 Antonian/Popova bt Lindblad/Lindvall 13, 15;  
 Popova bt Lindblad 20, 18.

**CADET BOYS**

SWEDEN 3 Czechoslovakia 0  
 N. Persson bt Krosiak 14, 17;  
 E. Lindh bt Z. Stepanek 19, -22, 17;  
 Lindh/Persson bt Krosiak/Stepanek 19, 19.

**CADET GIRLS**

U.S.S.R. 3 Czechoslovakia 0  
 I. Kovalenko bt M. Hrachova 11, 18;  
 F. Bulatova bt R. Pradikova 7, 18;  
 Bulatova/Kovalenko bt Hrachova/Pradikova 15, 23.

**ENGLISH TEAM RESULTS**

**Boys**

**Preliminary Stage**  
 v Belgium (won 5-0)  
 G. Sandley bt J. P. Ratti 23, 19;  
 C. Wilson bt D. Leroy 12, 10;  
 K. Jackson bt L. Dandoy -10, 15, 11;  
 Sandley bt Leroy 16, 11;  
 Jackson bt Ratti 13, 14.

**v Italy (won 5-2)**

Sandley bt P. Canguelosi 9, 12;  
 Jackson bt D. Astigiano 14, 13;  
 Wilson lost to G. Bisi -11, -6;  
 Jackson bt Canguelosi 9, 15;  
 Sandley lost to Bisi -15, -9;  
 Wilson bt Astigiano -18, 17, 17;  
 Jackson bt Bisi 19, 17.

**Qualifying Stage**

**v Federal Germany (lost 1-5)**  
 Sandley lost to A. Assner -16, -15;  
 Jackson bt J. Schirmeister 20, -22, 19;  
 Wilson lost to M. Plum -13, -11;  
 Jackson lost to Assner -20, -13;  
 Sandley lost to Plum -11, 18, -10;  
 Wilson lost to Schirmeister -18, -16.

**v U.S.S.R. (lost 1-5)**

Sandley lost to I. Minkevitch 18, -21, -17;  
 Wilson lost to I. Solopov -20, -13;  
 Jackson bt M. Ovcharov -12, 14, 18;  
 Sandley lost to Solopov -14, -15;  
 Jackson lost to Minkevitch -21, -20;  
 Wilson lost to Ovcharov -18, -5.

**v Rumania (lost 1-5)**

Wilson lost to S. Crisan -11, -10;  
 Sandley bt D. Badea 21, 15;  
 A. Bottomley lost to S. Bohm -8, -11;  
 Sandley lost to Crisan -15, -15;  
 Wilson lost to Bohm -19, -14;  
 Bottomley lost to Badea -8, -15.

**For Positions 5/8**

**v Austria (lost 3-5)**  
 Sandley lost to H. Koller -21, -18;  
 Jackson lost to A. Zehetbauer 16, -13, -18;  
 Wilson lost to H. C. Kubitschka -14, -11;

Jackson lost to Koller -18, -17;  
 Sandley bt Kubitschka 22, 9;  
 Wilson bt Zehetbauer 11, -13, 16;  
 Jackson bt Kubitschka -12, 12, 12;  
 Wilson lost to Koller -12, -13.

**For Positions 7/8**

**v Poland (won 5-1)**  
 Sandley bt Molenda -20, 21, 14;  
 Wilson lost to A. Konopczynski 18, -11, -14;  
 Jackson bt J. Haszcz 20, 14;  
 Sandley bt Konopczynski 10, 14;  
 Jackson bt Molenda 12, 14;  
 Wilson bt Haszcz 15, -20, 16.

**Precis of Results**

	P	W	L
K. Jackson .....	14	10	4
C. Wilson .....	14	4	10
S. Sandley .....	14	7	7
A. Bottomley .....	2	0	2

**Girls**

**Preliminary Stage**

**v Spain (won 3-0)**  
 A. Gordon bt A. Domench 16, 11;  
 M. Smith bt M. Playa 11, 9;  
 Gordon/Smith bt Domench/A. Fort 13, 13.

**v Rumania (lost 1-3)**

Smith lost to E. Ferenczi -14, -11;  
 K. Witt bt M. Paun 21, -18, 20;  
 Smith/Witt lost to Ferenczi/Paun 20, -18, -15;  
 Witt lost to Ferenczi 10, -15, -19.

**Qualifying Stage**

**v France (lost 2-3)**

Witt bt B. Abgrall 9, 21;  
 Smith bt N. Daviaud 20, -15, 17;  
 Smith/Witt lost to Daviaud/Landeau 17, -22, -17;  
 Witt lost to Daviaud -19, -16;  
 Smith lost to Abgrall -19, -19.

**v Ireland (won 3-2)**

Smith lost to A. Leonard -18, -13;  
 Witt bt D. Kilpatrick 10, 10;  
 Smith/Witt lost to Kilpatrick/Leonard -18, -19;  
 Witt bt Leonard 10, 12;  
 Smith bt Kilpatrick 9, 5.

**v Austria (won 3-0)**

Witt bt E. Fetter 12, 15;  
 Gordon bt Reinalter 5, 10;  
 Gordon/Smith bt Fetter/Reinalter 11, 8.

**For Positions 9/12**

**v Switzerland (won 3-0)**

Gordon bt F. Weibwl 10, 16;  
 Witt bt R. Wyder 17, 11;  
 Smith/Witt bt Weibwl/Wyder -15, 16, 11.

**For Positions 9/10**

**v France (won 3-0)**  
 Witt bt Daviaud 18, -19, 17;  
 Gordon bt Abgrall 17, -10, 20;  
 Smith/Witt bt Daviaud/Landeau -16, 13, 13.

**Precis of Results**

	P	W	L
K. Witt .....	9	7	2
M. Smith .....	6	3	3
A. Gordon .....	4	4	0
Smith/Witt .....	5	2	3
Gordon/Smith .....	2	2	0

**Cadet Boys**

**Preliminary Stage**

**v Denmark (won 3-1)**

M. Oakley lost to H. Elsborg -19, -19;  
 J. Souter bt L. Jakobsen -12, 19, 13;  
 Oakley/Souter bt Elsborg/Jakobsen 11, 18;  
 Souter bt Kakonsen 19, 12.

**v Austria (lost 1-3)**

Souter bt M. Frommel 11, 19;  
 Oakley lost to T. Karner -7, -13;  
 Oakley/Souter lost to Frommel/Karner 19, -11, -15;  
 Souter lost to Karner -14, 10.

**v Ireland (won 3-2)**

Souter lost to C. Slevin -17, 19, -15;  
 Oakley bt A. Walsh 11, 13;  
 Oakley/Souter bt Slevin/Walsh -19, 17, 11;  
 Oakley lost to Slevin 17, -14, -8;  
 Souter bt Walsh 15, 5.

**v Federal Germany (lost 1-3)**

Oakley lost to J. Rebel -14, -15;  
 Souter bt F. Heggenberger 18, 14;  
 Oakley/Souter lost to Heggenberger/Rebel -13, -17;  
 Souter lost to Rebel 18, -11, -13.

**Qualifying Stage**

**v Wales (won 3-0)**

Souter bt M. Thomas 14, 14;  
 Oakley bt A. Jones 20, 15;  
 Oakley/Souter bt Jones/Thomas 17, 15.

**v Italy (lost 0-3)**

Souter lost to A. Silveri -20, 20, -19;  
 Oakley lost to S. Pero -20, 14, -19;  
 Oakley/Souter lost to Pero/Silveri -17, 8, -19.

**Final Stage (For positions 11/12)**

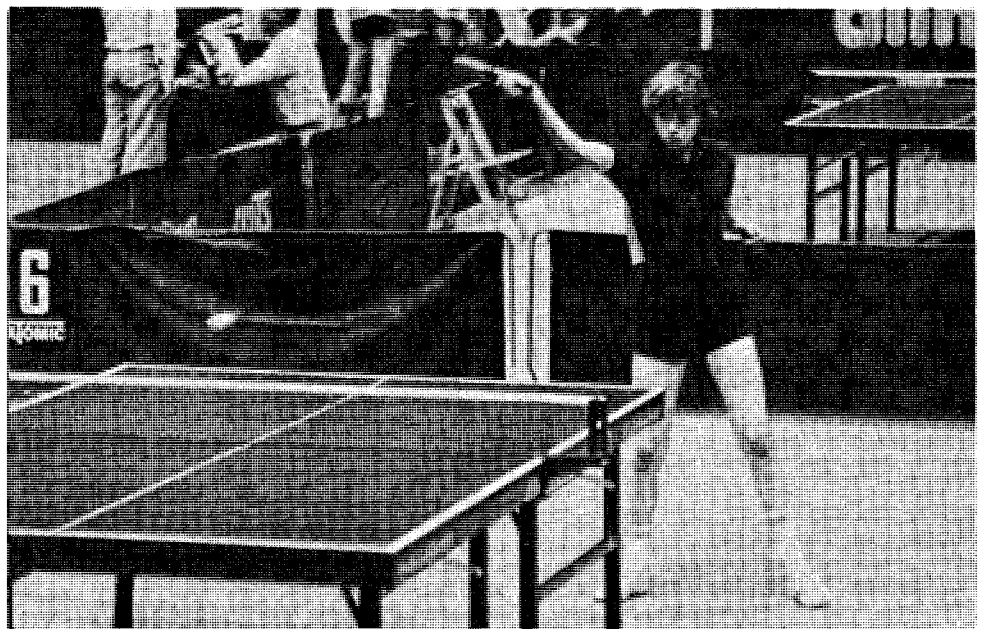
**v Belgium (won 3-1)**

Oakley bt R. Cabrera -18, 18, 19;  
 Souter bt R. De Prophetis -18, 13, 12;  
 Oakley/Souter lost to Cabrera/De Prophetis -11, 17, -18;  
 Souter bt Cabrera 20, 13.

**Precis of Results**

	P	W	L
J. Souter ..	12	8	4
M. Oakley ..	8	3	5
Oakley/Souter ..	7	3	4

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Helen Williams of Middlesex who impressed many observers with her attacking flair.

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**Cadet Girls**

**Preliminary Stage**

**v Austria (lost 2-3)**

H. Williams lost to A. Leitgeb -12, 16, -14;  
G. Pritchard bt B. Wiltsche 17, 14;  
Pritchard/Williams lost to Leitgeb/Wiltsche -16, -19;  
Williams bt Wiltsche 17, 17;  
Pritchard lost to Leitgeb 17, -18, -15.

**v Sweden (won 3-2)**

Pritchard lost to S. Wredberg -17, -14;  
Williams bt M. Weizades 19, 17;  
Pritchard/Williams bt Weizades/Wredberg -18, 14, 20;  
Pritchard lost to Weizades -18, 15, -15;  
Williams bt Wredberg 16, 17.

**v France (won 3-1)**

Pritchard lost to S. Grillet -13, -14;  
Williams bt M. Monteux 16, 13;  
Pritchard/Williams bt Grillet/Monteux 19, 14;  
Williams bt Grillet 9, 19.

**Qualifying Stage**

**v Finland (lost 1-3)**

Williams bt G. Malmberg 19, 10;  
Pritchard lost to T. Grefberg -20, -17;  
Pritchard/Williams lost to Grefberg/Malmberg -19, -16;  
Williams lost to Grefberg -12, -16.

**v U.S.S.R. (lost 0-3)**

Pritchard lost to F. Bulatova -17, -5;  
Williams lost to I. Kovalenko -15, -11;  
Pritchard/Williams lost to Bulatova/Kovalenko -12, 15, -25.

**Final Stage (For Positions 5/6)**

**v Federal Germany (lost 0-3)**

Pritchard lost to D. Henkel -11, -9;  
Williams lost to S. Wenzel -18, -11;  
Pritchard/Williams lost to Henkel/Wenzel -13, -20.

**Precis of Results**

	P	W	L
H. Williams	10	6	4
G. Pritchard	8	1	7
Pritchard/Williams	6	2	4

**ENGLISH INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

**1st Round**

**Boys' Singles:**

A. Bottomley lost to D. Leroy (Bel) -19, -20;  
K. Jackson bt Marshall (Ire) 11, 10;  
G. Sandley bt J. Morgan (Wal) 11, 10;  
C. Wilson bt J. Haszcz (Pol) -18, 12, 19.

**2nd Round**

Sandley bt T. Testiera (Ita) 10, 15;  
Jackson lost to J. Berner (Swe) 17, -21, -17;  
Wilson bt G. Gueorguiev (Bul) -20, 12, 15.

**3rd Round**

Sandley lost to I. Solopov (USS) -11, -15;  
Wilson lost to H. C. Kubitscha (Aut) 3, -9, -14.

**Boys' Doubles:**

**Preliminary Stage**

M. Oakley/J. Souter bt M. Rossel/Van den Brande (Bel) -12, 16, 16.

**1st Round**

Oakley/Souter lost to F. Glynn/D. Pemberton (Ire) -16, -15;

Jackson/Sandley bt N. Thomas/A. Williams (Wal) 19, 17;  
Bottomley/Wilson lost to M. Daugard (Den)/R. Rijsdorp (Net) -14, -16.

**2nd Round**

Jackson/Sandley lost to E. Lindh/N. Persson (Swe) -19, -19.

**Cadet Boys' Singles:**

**1st Round**

M. Oakley lost to M. Frommel (Aut) -19, 17, -15;  
J. Souter bt H. Gorecki (Pol) 14, 13.

**2nd Round**

Souter bt C. Michel (GFR) 18, 16.

**3rd Round**

Souter lost to Z. Stepanek (Cze) -11, 17, -19.

**Girls' Singles:**

**1st Round**

K. Witt bt S. Bennett (Wal) 8, 9;  
M. Smith bt . Fetter (Aut) 19, -22, 10;  
A. Gordon bt J. Kristoffersen (Den) 15, 14.

**2nd Round**

Witt bt U. Haag (GFR) 9, 12;  
Smith bt M. Stork (GFR) 14, 21;  
Gordon lost to B. Vriesekoop (Net) -16, -16.

**3rd Round**

Witt bt R. Pavlov (Yug) 6, -18, 17;  
Smith lost to D. Hermanova (Cze) -17, -19.

**Quarter-finals:**

Witt lost to E. Ferenczi (Rum) -20, -22.

**Girls' Doubles:**

**1st Round**

A. Gordon/E. Urban (Hun) bt M. Mosen (Nor)/T. Riishoj (Den) 16, 10.

**2nd Round**

Gordon/Urban bt A. C. Cullin/K. Nilsson (Swe) 15, 17;  
M. Smith/K. Witt bt R. Haniff (Lux)/K. Hommel (GFR) 18, 17.

**3rd Round**

Gordon/Urban lost to Smith/Witt -18, -12.  
Smith/Witt bt Gordon/Urban 18, 12.

**Quarter-final:**

Smith/Witt lost to Ferenczi (Rum)/Vriesekoop (Net) -18, -15.

**Cadet Girls' Singles:**

**1st Round**

H. Williams bt T. Riishoj (Den) 19, 16;  
G. Pritchard lost to G. Malmberg (Fin) -15, -17.

**2nd Round**

Williams lost to T. Grefberg (Fin) -19, -19.

**Mixed Doubles:**

**1st Round**

Jackson/Witt bt J. Akesson/M. Weizades (Swe) 17, 17;  
Sandley/Gordon bt C. Risch/M. Risch (Lux) 20, 6;

Wilson/Smith bt A. Walsh (Ire)/C. Witte (Swi) 15, 12.  
Bottomley/B. Witte (Swi) lost to F. Farout/Landeau (Fra) -15, -13.

**2nd Round**

Jackson/Witt lost to L. Tzvetkov/V. Staleva (Bul) -15, -18;  
Sandley/Gordon bt I. Caymel/N. Sapes (Spa) 18, -15, 6;  
Wilson/Smith lost to M. Appelgren/H. Lindvall (Swe) -13, -5.

**3rd Round**

Sandley/Gordon lost to J. Pansky/M. Hrachova (Cze) -12, -11.

**NEW ADDRESS**

Warwickshire stalwart Derek Munt has moved to 8 Fern Croft, Lichfield, Staffs.

**Appreciation**

May I take this opportunity of thanking all those who so generously contributed to the very acceptable gift presented to me at the recent Annual General Meeting, and also for the very kind letters I have received on the occasion of my retirement. I would also like to thank the members of the 100 Club for their kind gift and the Hastings Staff for their gift of a cut glass decanter.

You have made the last eight years as your Chairman a very happy time for me by your unstinted support and loyalty, for which I am most grateful. I trust that together we have been able to achieve some measure of success within our sport during that time. Thank you one and all.

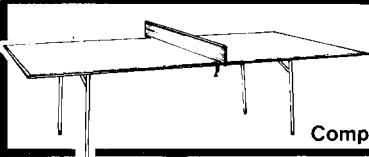
My very best wishes go to my successor, Tom Blunn, and his fellow officers, George Yates and Mike Greatrex, and I am confident that they will continue the traditions for which the Association is noted within the sporting world.

CHARLES M. WYLES.

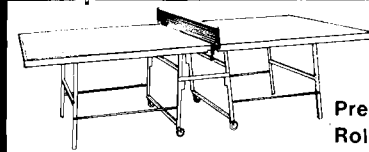
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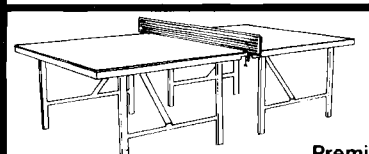
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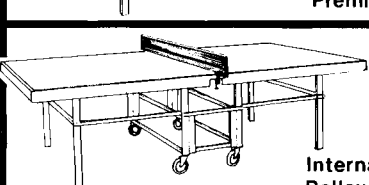
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# COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

## CHESHIRE CHAT by Dick Turner

### AMONG THE TOP

After a very successful season in the second division and victory in the Play-Off, Cheshire Senior First Team look forward to establishing themselves among the top counties. Nigel Eckersley, Dave Constance and John MacNee have all had a spell at the holiday camps this summer developing the skills of many table tennis youngsters as well as getting in some practice for themselves, whilst Brian Johns has been keeping fit in full-time work and part-time squash. Possibly three former juniors, Mark Hankey, Ross MacFarlane and Ron Weatherby will give the established seniors a run for their money. Mark has been getting plenty of practice at the Y.M.C.A., Ross has been busy trying to improve his handicap four at golf and Ron has continued with his built-in table tennis environment — the Weatherby family of four young table tennis players

On the Women's side, England's Sue Lisle and Doreen Schofield will be out to withstand the growing challenge of the two rapidly improving youngsters Janet Deakin and Lyn Fennah. After finishing as runners-up in the Third Midland, Cheshire's Senior Second Team hope to go one better this year, and with a new Cheshire team, the Senior Thirds, in Division Three North, Cheshire have increased their representation in the County Competition. Two Veterans sides will be competing against each other in the Veteran Midland League and a new junior side will compete in the Junior Third Division following the success of the Junior First Team in winning the Play-Off to reach the Junior Premier. So Cheshire can look forward to a busy, and let us hope successful, season.

August and September — in spite of holiday commitments — were selected as the time for the trials, and in addition to the Juniors, the Seniors and Veterans have been busy competing against each other. Following eliminating events, ten of the top juniors all played each other on Sunday, August 20th. In spite of a few very close encounters, John Weatherby managed to remain undefeated to take top place, whilst Tony Taylor with a 27-25 victory in the third over Tony Worthington, took second place, and Worthington by beating Terry Turner 26-24 in the third, pipped him for third place. The final ranking order was:-

1. John Weatherby
2. Tony Taylor
3. Tony Worthington
4. Terry Turner
5. Peter Flint
6. Steve Davies
7. John Langley
8. Andrew Wilson
9. Ian Weatherby
10. Howard Flint

Four holiday absentees have been placed as follows by Karen Tonge, Coaching Secretary:-

- 5a. D. Eden
- 6a. K. Eden
- 7a. R. Chung
- 10a. A. Howell

Apart from trials, the North West was blessed with a spectacular table tennis event in August when at Stretford Sports Centre on the 9th, Nigel Eckersley of Cheshire was partnered by none other than Mitsuru Kohno, World Champion, in a two-a-side match against England and Lancashire's John Hilton, and our English champion and developing European and World player Desmond Douglas. This event was promoted on behalf of T.S.P. Sports, Europe, at very short notice by myself and a number of enthusiastic table tennis organisers in the North West. The success of this

summer evening when over 650 people came to Stretford owed much to the efforts of Brian Kean, supported by Pete D'Arcy, Colin Bone (Manager, Stretford); Graham Compton, Derek Schofield and John Woodward, together with the young keen members of the Rosebank Table Tennis Club. The highlight of the evening was the glorious two-straight win of Desmond over Kohno. Full results were as follows:-

M. Kohno bt J. Hilton 14, -18, 11.  
N. Eckersley lost to D. Douglas -11, 17, -13.  
Kohno/Eckersley bt Douglas/Hilton 19, 16.  
Eckersley lost to Hilton 17, -13, -18.  
Kohno lost to Douglas -16, -19.

### CHESHIRE TRIALS

The Cheshire Senior Trials took place at I.C.I., Hyde, over the weekend of September 9/10th. Although Cheshire's No. 2 Dave Constance and leading England veteran Derek Schofield were unable to take part, twenty four players competed over the two days. Nigel Eckersley retained his No. 1 spot by remaining undefeated, whilst Brian Johns, although losing to brother Mike, became joint third in the ranking with Cheshire's current Closed Title Holder John McNee who defeated Mike Johns. Mark Hankey did well to finish sixth and the two Weatherby brothers Ron, new into the senior ranks, and John, current No. 1 junior, gained very satisfactory positions at numbers ten and eleven.

The full ranking list is as follows:-

1. N. Eckersley
2. D. Constance
3. B. Johns
- J. McNee
5. M. Johns
6. M. Hankey
7. D. Schofield
8. W. Percival
9. P. D'Arcy
10. R. Weatherby
11. J. Weatherby
12. P. Collins
13. D. Roberts
14. T. Taylor
15. G. Exell
16. T. Donlon
17. D. Hulme
18. R. McFarlane

## LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES by Philip Reid

### WELL DONE REG!

First - congratulations to our President Reg Billson on being made a Vice-President of the E.T.T.A. Reg has worked for many years for league, county and nationally. At league level he is both Secretary and Treasurer of the Loughborough League, posts he has held for many years. Besides being President of the County he has invariably run the County Closed Championships when they have been held at Loughborough, which is fairly often. Reg too is a County Umpire. He is best known nationally, however for his super handling of the English Junior Closed Championships which have had almost a permanent home at Loughborough since their inception. Reg himself has never played the game. He became interested when his son Ivor played and became good enough to win County honours as a junior before retiring whilst still a junior. Daughter Janet achieved both Junior and Senior County honours and was at one time ranked three in Leicestershire, behind England-ranked Karen Rogers and Anita Stevenson. Janet, too has now retired but fortunately Reg's enthusiasm shows no sign of abating.

The Town and Country Building Society continue to sponsor both our County 1st team and our County Closed Championships. This is, of course, excellent news and Leicestershire are certainly most grateful for their continued assistance.

There have been a few changes locally but the two major ones concern the Leicester League where neither Ian McKelvey nor Angela Smith stood for re-election as Secretary and Treasurer (although both gave adequate notice of this). Fortunately we were able to find people of the required calibre in Tony Lillcraff and Bob Kenney to take on these two time-consuming posts.

With 20 divisions last season one can appreciate how time-consuming they are!

On the County scene, there has been a big upheaval in the Junior Selection Committee which is enlarged to seven with five new names.

The Senior team narrowly failed to qualify for the Premier Division was perhaps the biggest disappointment for the whole of last season and they will certainly tackle the task with renewed vigour this term.

The Veterans should have Brian Mayfield in their side which will give them additional strength.

Once again the Inter-Towns League will feature Senior, Junior and Cadet sections all run on a one day basis. Leicester managed a 'hat-trick' last year — will someone stop them repeating it this season?

## MIDDLESEX NOTES by Iris Moss

### SORELY MISSED

After years with comparatively little change in membership, the Middlesex Executive Committee lost two of its longest serving members. Laurie Landry (1958) and John Wright (1963) decided they must cut down some of their table tennis activities and both will be sorely missed. However good replacements are — and it must be admitted that fresh minds often bring new ideas — the resignation of "elder statesmen" leaves a gap which takes time to close. They have been replaced by Michael Close of Wembley (who has ambitious plans to extend coaching by every League in the County) and David Howes of Staines (who is being "eased in" by running the Junior 2nd team).

Our success in the Junior Premier Division and the Veterans Competition of the County Championships last season has made us greedy for more. Can we bring off the Triple crown this year and win the Senior Premier Division too? Our team and their Captain, Len Pilditch, will certainly be doing their best.

Len is also taking over from John Wright as Referee of the Junior U-15 and U-13 Open and the Junior Authorised Championships so he can look forward to a busy year.

Our Inter-League Competitions (we have 4 of them) have a total of 44 teams in all and Alma Reeve is looking forward hopefully to a trouble-free season.

Last season, Laurie Landry became the second player to represent Middlesex in the County Championships on a hundred or more occasions. (The first was Diane Rowe who played 109 times). At the Annual General Meeting in July Laurie was presented with a map of old Middlesex etched on copper and suitably inscribed. Is this a record for appearances in the County Championships for one County?

## NORFOLK NOTES by J. S. Penny

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR HARRY

At the Norfolk County T.T.A.'s A.G.M. at Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. on June 21st, 1978, Gerry Rix of Norwich was re-elected President and Trevor Betts of Dereham, Chairman. Ray Drew, Gen. Secretary of King's Lynn T.T.A., was appointed Vice-Chairman in place of Jack Fuller of Yarmouth, who wished to retire. Harry Carr, retiring Treasurer of Norwich league, was made an Hon. Life Member, joining Messrs. Gerry Rix and Eric Fairhead. Derek Aldous, late County Hon. Secretary, became a new Vice-President. Neville Graver is to continue as Hon. Secretary and David Skedge as Hon. Treasurer.

Les Rayment of Thetford succeeded Vic Bennett of Norwich as Coaching Secretary. J. S. Penny of Norwich (a Vice-President) was re-elected E.T.T.A. Press Secretary for the 18th year. Mrs. Linda Nelson of Yarmouth (not present) was to be asked to fill the important post of Umpires Secretary. Jack Fuller also wishing to relinquish his post as National Councillor, his place was taken by Richard Mussett of Fakenham.

The accounts showed an excess of Income over



Expenditure of £180.77. It was ruled last season that these should show the names of both Treasurer and Auditor, but once again this was not done.

It was announced that the Trustee Savings Bank of Eastern England had agreed to sponsor a new second Junior side in the County Championships this coming season. Teams in the County Championships would thus be: Senior I — 2nd Div. East; Senior II — 3rd Div. East; Junior I — 3rd Div. South East; and Junior II — 3rd Div. East.

Norwich league's A.G.M. was held at C.E.Y.M.S. on Thursday, 25th May, and was ably steered by its new President, Peter Barnes. Vice-Chairman, Graham Johnston (Norwich Union) leaving the City for Guildford, his place was taken by Ken Edwards (Belmont). Harry Carr, retiring after 22 years as Treasurer, was made an Honorary Life Member and presented (at home) with a garden seat. He was succeeded by Bob Tanner of Nat. West. Bank. The Amenities Fund for a League T.T. Centre now stands at over £7,000. News of Norwich successes in the National Police Championships at Hendon was received with acclaim. Jeanne Brown became Ladies' Champion and won the Mixed with Bob Mitcham, who reached the semis in the Men's Singles. Mussett and Betts also shone, reaching the semis in the Doubles.

The East Anglian League's Senior and Junior Championships were staged for the second year at Thurlston School, Ipswich, on 23rd April, 1978. Mick Musson of Norwich Union defeated Bob Thornton, winner in the three previous years, in the semis, and recovered from 16-21, 7-13 in the final to beat Doug Bennett, who was thus deprived of a Norwich, Norfolk and E. Anglian grand slam. Musson won -16, 21, 15.

The Yarmouth and Lowestoft Alliance two-man team title was finally won by Chris Bensley and Mick Broughton (C.E.Y.M.S. 'A').

Norwich entertained Rouen at Helleston High School on Sunday, May 28th, by kind permission of their Head Master, Mr. Jocelyn, and Rouen succeeded in winning the trophy.

King's Lynn also had continental visitors, the T.V. Jahn Emmerich Vrssett Club paying a return visit, on which occasion they presented a Cup.

Finally, Les Rayment tells me that Halex gold awards have been won by three Thetford Juniors, David Unwin, Andrew Buckingham and his son Chris Rayment, who is only 11. This augurs well for the future.

## YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross

### FIRST CADET CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first ever Yorkshire Cadet Closed Championships were held at Moor Grange School Leeds, on 2nd July. Sponsored by Leeds firm Patrick Forbes (Sports), the championships attracted an entry of over 130 in what is generally regarded as the close season. The age limits were based on the 1977-78 season. Hull boys Sean Madden and Mark O'Hara won the under-14 and under-12 boys' singles respectively. The corresponding girls' events went to Julie Todd (Bradford) and Melanie Seaton (Doncaster).

Results:-

U-14 Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

S. Madden (Hull) bt M. Plowright (Bradford) -19, 22, 14;

R. Palfreeman (Bradford) bt D. Illingsworth (Barnsley) 19, 12.

Final:

MADDEN bt Palfreeman 14, 13.

U-14 Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

T. Wenn (Hull) bt J. Speight (Doncaster) 12, 9;

J. Todd (Bradford) bt S. Kallianpur (Hull) 18, 14.

Final:

TODD bt Wenn 18, 14.

U-14 Boys' Doubles Final:

PLOWRIGHT/ILLINGSWORTH bt Madden/J. Balkwill (Hull) 16, 18.

U-14 Girls' Doubles Final:

SPEIGHT/M. SEATON (Doncaster) bt Wenn/Kallianpur 10, -13, 19.

U-12 Boys' Singles Final:

M. O'HARA (Hull) bt D. Rook (Bradford) 16, 20.

U-12 Girls' Singles Final:

SEATON bt J. Ryalls (Sheffield) 16, -19, 17.

At the county A.G.M. held in York on 27th June, new E.T.T.A. Chairman Tom Blunn was honoured by his election as a Yorkshire Vice-President, together with retiring Y.T.T.A. Treasurer Ron Hart and E.S.T.T.A. Chairman Tom Matthews, Headmaster of Moor Grange School, Leeds. Chairman Harry Flinton and former County Championships Secretary Bert Dainty were appointed Life Members. The Chairman also announced that he would not be seeking re-election at the end of the 1978-79 season. Harry has held the office of Chairman with distinction since his election to it in 1954, except for the years 1964-66, when he acted as Competition Secretary. Harry is also President of the Hull Association and a Vice-President of the E.T.T.A. Our new Treasurer is Mike Jarvis (Rotherham). Other changes include the switch of Richard Scruton (Harrogate) from Development Officer to Tournaments Secretary (after a ballot) and the election of Keith Sutton (Leeds) as Umpires Secretary, Paul Dykes (Harrogate) as Social Secretary, and Tony Ross (Hull) as Development Officer, in addition to his existing role as Press Officer. The important post of Coaching Secretary remains vacant — volunteers should contact County Secretary Frank Briggs, 10 Merton Gardens, Farsley, Pudsey, West Yorkshire LS28 5DZ. Our thanks go to those Officers and Executive Committee Members who retired from office at the end of last season.

Bradford's magnificent Richard Dunn Sports Centre will be the venue for both the Yorkshire Closed (on Sunday, 22nd October) and the Yorkshire 2-Star Open (on Saturday, 3rd March). The Yorkshire Junior 'Select' will again be held at the Hull Y.P.I. Sports Centre on 14th and 15th April.

The Dewsbury League is now well into its preparations for the England v Czechoslovakia European League match at the Batley Sports Centre, Howden Clough, Batley, West Yorkshire. Tickets and further information available from the Sports Centre. The match, originally scheduled for Thursday, December 7th, may now be played on Tuesday, December 5th.

## SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

### SPONSORSHIP BREAKTHROUGH

It has taken some time to make cash the name of the game down in true-blue Sussex. As of now, all three major tournaments, the I.T.T. Sussex Open, the Lombard Sussex Closed championships and the East Sussex championships, sponsored by the "Sussex Express" all have substantial cash prizes.

Should anyone sweep the board in all three and win some of the doubles as well, they would be able to afford a swish holiday next summer. The latest breakthrough is with Lombard North Central who will contribute a handsome round sum for the Sussex Closed at Brighton Corn Exchange, thus relieving the Brighton league of the financial worry that has dogged the event ever since its inception nearly 30 years back. Cash in the purse will total around £350.

By the time this column appears in print the East Sussex event will be over and £140 will have been won. That will be closely followed by the Sussex Open, with their main sponsor I.T.T. heavily involved for the second time and £125 to the winner of the men's singles.

Five men, at least three experienced men and two stars of the future, strive for domination at the top of the Sussex tree. Roger Chandler is still the man-to-beat with John Clarke not far behind. Gerald Pugh has dropped from the Sussex No. 2 spot out of the sport into karate. Whether this new interest will wane like skateboards remains to be seen. This time last year he was all set to take the Chandler crown.

There are few changes amongst the up-and-coming youngsters. Graham Gillett still leads the field in his last season as a junior with Stephen Moore not far behind. Sussex are to spend a lot more money on coaching this season. The prime

target is finding some new talent amongst the girls.

On the administration side Bert Fretwell continues as chairman of the Sussex T.T.A. Bernard Rowley has relinquished the post of junior secretary and will concentrate on his post as national councillor for Sussex and his new regional coaching appointment.

## SHROPSHIRE NOTES

by Gerald Green

### BEST EVER

Last season was the most successful ever for Shropshire table tennis and resulted in promotion to the Second Division for our Senior Team (comprised mainly of Juniors). This means that for the first time we are able to field a second Senior side, and with two Junior teams already operating it will be a busy, but hopefully rewarding, new term.

Pontesbury Table Tennis Club, under the guidance of John Morris, will be very much involved in that they are staging all Senior, and the second Junior matches, at Mary Webb School, Pontesbury — the first Juniors going to Alan Cavell's Albrighton Club, Telford. Interest in table tennis at Market Drayton is increasing out of all recognition thanks to the efforts of Ian Marshall (formerly of Cambridge) at the Grove School in that town. This county-wide interest augurs well for the future.

Our two top players Malcolm Green (England) and Nigel Thomas (Wales) have been far from idle recently. Both represented their country's schools at the Bradford Internationals in July. Malcolm was unbeaten in team events and won the U-19 Singles, beating Chris Rogers in a very good final. Nigel did well in team games (including a win over David Mellroy of Scotland), but lost to Keith Rodger (Scotland) in the individuals.

Following Bradford Malcolm went to Turkey for the World Schools Gymnastade Games and brought back a 'Gold' (for the Mixed Doubles with Sally Midgeley) and a 'Bronze' (with the team), plus many memories of an eventful trip.

Nigel went to Barcelona for the European Championships and I gather Wales improved on last year's position.

Both of them leave the Junior ranks this season and will be hard to replace, but there is a lot of promising material in the county and under Paddy Jackson's watchful eye we hope others will reach their standard.

## CLEVELAND VIEW

by Alan Ransome

### TROUBLED TIMES

With Nicky Jarvis and Carole Knight joining Jimmy Walker in the West German Bundesliga, the 1978/79 season looks on paper to be the most difficult in the county's short history. Matters are made worse by the unreasonable attitude of the German Association who apparently are making it a condition of playing in the Bundesliga that the players cannot represent their own club in English competitions or in Europe although this has no direct effect on Germany or the Bundesliga itself. If the Germans continue with this line of action then it will mean that entry into the European Club Cup will be almost worthless and the value of winning the National Club competitions next year greatly reduced and far more difficult to achieve.

It does not stop there. The dates of Bundesliga matches which are spread over many weekends throughout the season, clash with the country's leading prize money open tournament, the Cleveland 3-Star in January and with not just the local stars in Germany but also most of the remaining members of the England squad, our sponsors, Cleveland County Council, have hardly anything worthwhile to promote or gain prestige and publicity from.

What's more, the English counties, despite a recommendation from the E.T.T.A. Management Committee, failed to recognise the problem and continue to hold the senior premier division of the County Championships on Saturday nights

throughout the season, so debarring all the best players who will be playing in Germany from playing in this competition. This attitude will mean that the County Championships, Premier Division this season will be the lowest standard ever with only a handful of the ranked players competing. The County Championships, if it is to remain a significant competition for top class players, must move with the times and play several matches over the weekend and by so doing attract sponsorship from which the leading players will be able to gain some financial reward from competing.

In the first "Cleveland View" of last season with Douglas and Walker playing in Germany I anticipated the problems that were just around the corner. I take no pride in being proved right. The E.T.T.A. have done plenty of talking about a National League and have gone so far as altering the rules so that at last players can be paid for playing in competitive team matches. The whole situation is now extremely serious and it doesn't take a great deal of imagination to work out the continuing repercussions. However, the E.T.T.A. has the matter in its own hands. If the right steps are taken, I am sure that the membership at large will support the Association in its efforts to overcome this new and very dangerous threat. In fact, several clubs have already gone a long way to back the E.T.T.A. by indicating a willingness to enter a very costly National Club league that the E.T.T.A. have yet to bring to reality.

## AVON NOTES

by Robert Oldfield

### ABILITY UNQUESTIONABLE

While other counties took their summer holidays, Avon had an active 'close season'. First, chronologically, was an exhibition match on July 8th with that great crowd puller Chester Barnes. Playing against Avon's Chris Sewell, who stepped in for the injured Les Eddie, Chester entertained the crowd with his repertoire of wise-cracks and 'mini' bat to frying pan.

The event, which included some coaching for local youngsters was promoted by Avon Schools' Association and finished with an exhibition match of some excellent open table tennis from both players. Then . . . towards the end of the session came a whisper about the chance of an even bigger event — Douglas v Kohno!

To say that Avon was rapidly confirmed as the venue would be a gross exaggeration but, nonetheless the team of TSP players, Desmond Douglas, Mitsuru Kohno, Linda Howard and Karen Witt, duly arrived at Bath Sports Centre on August 3rd to perform in front of a crowd of 800 people — a remarkable response in view of the date, with a lack of time and money for the circulation of publicity. Avon's ability to stage and support a full international match is now unquestionable.

Sewell (recently promoted to England No. 7) and Martyn Smith — Avon's top-ranked players — guest-starred in the programme of eight events including a coaching spot with National Coach, Peter Hirst. Martyn, in fact, was extremely lucky to arrive back from holiday at 4 a.m. in the morning after considerable delay due to the Air Traffic Controllers' dispute in France.

Although it was obvious where the crowd's main interest lay — in the ultimate confrontation between Douglas, who had just been promoted to the World No. 7, and Kohno, the World Champion — the earlier matches provided an excellent appetiser. Of particular note was the men's doubles win by Kohno and Smith over Douglas and Sewell. Also worth a mention was the very enjoyable and skilled women's singles between Linda and Karen which the former, at No. 3 in the rankings, won at 'deuce' in the third.

The top billing proved well worth waiting for. Desmond, in tremendous form, showed that he has his eyes on a higher position by beating Kohno 10 and 14 before the World No. 1 retired from what was scheduled to be a 'best of five' set. Two successive rallies at 12-10 in the second were absolutely magnificent and had the crowd on the edge of their seats waiting for the third game. Certainly Avon's coach, Mike Lewis, will have plenty to study in the video tape of the event.

Exhibitions apart, Avon have had a busy time preparing for the new season. Four teams again this year for match secretary Bob House who will be looking for the consolation of last season's promise, particularly by the first team in Division 2 (West).

## WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

### BATH AND EXMOUTH RETURN

At the A.G.M. held at the National Dock Labour Board offices in Avonmouth a very warm welcome was extended to all by our President John Ford and Chairman Reg Salway.

Reg was congratulated on his recent marriage and all were glad to see him as he was unable to be present at the previous A.G.M.

Plymouth championed the League last season and the trophy and individual awards were presented to them by John Ford.

Hon. Sec. Grove Motlow (commencing his 30th year in the post) reported the return of Bath to the League after many years absence and, subsequent to the meeting, Exmouth have also returned to join the fold.

Nine leagues will participate in the League this season namely:- Bath, Bournemouth, Bristol, Exmouth, Newport, Plymouth, Poole, Weston-super-Mare and West Wilts.

Refreshments at the meeting were kindly arranged for by Dennis Pope, Hon. Sec. of the Bristol League and one of our Vice-Presidents and now the Assistant Secretary of the Western League. Percy Crocker of Bristol was elected Vice-Chairman.

## MIDLAND T.T. LEAGUE

by Tony Darbyshire

### NEW ENTRANT

After a successful 1977-78 season in which 90 teams from 28 towns took part, the 1978-79 season sees a slight reduction in numbers with 89 teams from 27 towns playing. Whitchurch and Stone have decided not to re-apply for membership, but we welcome Market Drayton, in North Shropshire, who are probably the youngest league in the E.T.T.A. at the time of writing. They have entered one team in Div. 4 of the Junior Section and I am sure all our member leagues will join me in wishing them 'bon voyage' in their first season and in hoping that they go from strength to strength in the years ahead.

Last season saw Birmingham "A" take the top Men's Division with Derby "A" winning Div. 2 to gain promotion with Nottingham "A" who were runners-up. Gloucester took Div. 3 with Walsall second. Both teams will be looking to make their mark in Div. 2 this season. Hinckley showed that they are not short of decent players for their "B" team by finishing top of Div. 4, and Bromsgrove took second place to be promoted to Div. 3 with them.

On the Junior front Wolverhampton "A" proved that their success in winning the Div. 2 title the previous season (76-77) was no flash in the pan, by taking top honours in Div. 1 for the first time in their history. Cheltenham gained Div. 1 status after winning Div. 2 and Coventry will start the new season with only one team in the 1st Div. because their "B" team were relegated. Chesterfield, Div. 2 runners-up, will take their place. After the setback in Div. 1 Coventry had to look to their "C" team for honours, who did them proud by winning Div. 3. Nuneaton also gained promotion by coming second. Wolverhampton "B" ran away with the 4th Div. title, conceding only seven sets. They won all their matches by a very comfortable margin. Mansfield and Stroud were locked neck and neck right to the end, but the youngsters from the north of Nottingham just pipped Stroud to the runners-up position.

The Women's Division was won by Leicester. Unless the other towns quickly produce some stronger opposition Leicester look set to dominate this division for some time to come. The Vets. Divs. were closely fought with Nottingham "A"

dominating Div. 1 again and Coventry "A" took the Div. 2 title. Gloucester also gained promotion after finishing runners-up to them.

So much for last season. What about the hopes and aspirations for the season ahead? Obviously Birmingham will be looking to continue their success in the top Men's Division. Wolverhampton "A" demoted last season, will probably be showing a very youthful look, with the inclusion of Andrew Bellingham, Andrew Rich and Andrew Dixon (still only 13), in their bid to regain Div. 1 status. However, a lot of very experienced players in the other leagues will be doing their best to bring them down a peg or two and some exciting battles look set to take place. Shrewsbury, in Div. 3, have Malcolm Green to lead their attack, if he is available, but a strong back-up will be needed for him if they are to finish the season contesting for honours. Div. 4 looks wide open too, though Wolves "B" may prove hard to stop. Steve Dunning, Keith Fellows and Syd Hodgetts played for their "A" team in Div. 1 last season and may not be too easy to beat. No doubt the other leagues will rise to this challenge with plenty of spirit and determination. Let's hope so, anyway.

As usual in the Junior Divisions anything can happen because of the frequent changes of players. Strengthening, or as more often happens, weakening can easily change the whole outlook of any of the junior divisions. Therefore predictions are very hard to make and we shall just have to wait and see what happens.

So the scene is set, let battle commence. Keep your eye on this column for further news.

## DERBYSHIRE NOTES

by Malcolm Allsop

### HIGH NOTE ENDING

The 1977/78 season ended on a high note for Derbyshire 2nd team player Martin Kinsella when he won the Derbyshire Men's Singles title for the first time.

The 1977 Champion David Yallop went out 15, -13, -19 in the quarter-finals to David Rayner, who then beat another former champion Maurice Billington 14, -22, 17 in the semi-finals; at which stage Kinsella blasted off the 1976 Champion Ivor Warner 7 and 12.

Kinsella beat Rayner in the final, and then the pair teamed up to take the Men's Doubles crown from the grasp of David Yallop and Philip Vickers.

Although Martin was not included in the Derbyshire 1st team last season, his victory emphasised that we have no outstanding player, but a great strength in depth.

The Junior Singles went according to the rankings with the respective No. 1's Stephen McCarthy and Karen Smart overcoming the No. 2's in the finals, Stephen Yallop and Anne Fearnough.

Mandy Mellor retained her Women's Singles title against Jackie Billington, whilst the Mixed was retained by the Marples, Neil and Alyson, against Vickers and Karen Smart.

The Under-14 Champions were David Hincliffe and Louise Forster.

Derek Marples had his reign as Veteran Singles champion ended by the young (!) Tony Hunt; and with Dave Stills eligible for the Veterans this season the competition looks rejuvenated.

The Officers of the Derbyshire Association are intent upon putting Derbyshire on the table tennis map, and offers of sponsorship are being considered by the Committee. If anyone is interested in sponsoring Derbyshire table tennis, they are asked to contact either the Derbyshire Chairman Dennis Morley or myself.

Derbyshire thanks are extended to Bill Druce and Billy Fowkes, who retired as Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Association this year, owing to business pressures. Although they only had one year in office, they have given Derbyshire a firm foundation upon which the new Committee are working.

Dennis Morley stepped into the Chair with Les Allwood into the Secretary's shoes, and already they have impressed everyone with the enthusiasm, hard work and attention-to-detail.

The 1978/79 season started well for us when Linda Holmes was selected for the England team at the Welsh Junior Open, and no one can have deserved the call-up more than Linda who has worked so hard on improving her game.

The Derby League had a record entry of teams for the 15th consecutive season. A subsequent Special Meeting doubled the registration fees so that the League could finance its ambitious projects, and it has yet to be seen how this may affect the membership from the less enthusiastic players.

The Buxton League failed to pay their E.T.T.A. fees last season despite strong pressure from the D.T.T.A., and unless they relent it could affect the membership of the Chesterfield and Matlock Leagues as some of their players commute, and it will be seen where their loyalties lie.

A new Club has been formed in the Derby League to cater especially for the ambitious young players, with Club Secretary Keith Smart intent on giving the youngsters coaching, practise and competitive experience to reach the top. Already a bus has taken some of the juniors to the Welsh Junior Open, and their progress during the coming season will be closely followed.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Dave Foulser

### PROMOTION ACHIEVED

In my last column in the May issue, I reported that our Senior County team might get promotion after all. I am now very pleased to confirm that they did win Div. 3 West of the County Championships and that our County junior team also finished champions of their division thus making last season the County's most successful one for a great many years. A reception was held in honour of the players' achievements which was appreciated by all concerned.

However, now that both our teams are in higher divisions, life will obviously be more difficult, particularly as both Cathy Robb and Vanessa Cruwys are no longer juniors. It is imperative that all junior girls playing or being coached in Cheltenham, Gloucester and Stroud are given every encouragement, as we shall now be very weak in this department. It has also been decided to run a second county senior team, which although not playing in the County Championships will play as many friendly matches as possible, in order to give representative opportunities at this level to more players on the fringe of county selection. If any neighbouring counties, reading this article, would care to arrange such a friendly, would they please contact Mr. L. J. Smith, "Endfield", Cowie Road, Stroud, Glos.

In my last article, I did not report on the Cheltenham Closed Senior tournament. As usual Dave Harvey won the Men's Singles title beating Steve Moreman in the final. However, for once Dave was extended for in the semis he was taken to three by Roy Fowler in an enthralling encounter. Dave and Steve won the Men's Doubles (surprisingly for the first time) whilst Steve and Shiela Matthews won the Mixed. The Ladies' Singles was won by Cathy Robb which was no surprise, but the Doubles was taken by Shiela and Rosemary Bayley who beat Cathy and Jan Foulser in the final. The Division 1 handicap I won beating Peter Cruwys in the final. This event saw a highly spectacular match in which Harvey beat Dave Metcalfe 18, 18 giving him a +15 start in each game. Harvey was at the peak of his form and Metcalfe was also playing well which resulted in some amazing rallies.

One major change in the make-up of the Gloucester City League has taken place as anticipated. The top six teams in last year's Division 1 have been formed into a "premier division" whereby these teams will play each other four times during the season. However, this "premier" division will still be called Division 1.

This year's Gloucestershire Closed Tournament will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at Stroud Leisure Centre, with the junior events programmed to start at 9 a.m., and the senior events later — the exact time will be published in the local press. For the first time, entry forms will be included in the handbooks for Cheltenham, Gloucester and

Stroud in the hope that more players will enter. It should be emphasised that this is not a tournament exclusively for the County's best players as players of all standards are encouraged to enter. I shall also take the chance to clear up a point of confusion — females will not be permitted to enter the Men's Singles event, but there will be a separate Consolation Singles for those females knocked out of the Ladies' Singles in the first match they play.

## NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

### CLOSE SEASON ACTIVITIES

The close season activities this summer read almost like a continuation of the previous winter season. These started with the County Association's Annual Supper Dance and Presentation of League and Cup Trophies, which was as usual held at the "Highlight Suite" of J. T. Parrish Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Friday, May 12th. This function was again well attended, and League and Cup Trophies were presented to the following winners: Briarside "A" (Premier Division and Men's K.O. Cup);

Procter and Gamble "A" (Div. 1);  
Visionhire "A" (Div. 2A);  
Byker C.C. (Div. 2B);  
Procter and Gamble "C" (Div. 3A);  
Eldon Square (Div. 3B);  
North Shields Y.M.C.A. "C" (Div. 3C);  
Simonside Y.C. "A" (Div. 4A);  
Newton "C" (Div. 4B);  
Thompson's "C" (Div. 4C) and  
D. H. S. S. (Women's K.O. Cup).

Audrey Drapkin was also presented with the J. Waugh Award, having been judged to have contributed most to the Association during the past year. Our thanks once again go to Bill and Lily McMaster for taking the trouble to organise this popular event.

In the Tyneside Summer League, the number of teams competing was fairly similar to the previous season, with 84 teams contesting 11 divisions. Matches were played on a home and away basis during the period early May to early August with one point for each set won, and a K.O. Cup competition, run on a handicap basis, was also organised.

Details:-

	Winners	Runners-up
Div.1A	Washington "A"	New Collingwood
Div.1B	Eldon Square "A"	Byker C.C. "A"
Div.2A	Stanley Central	Byker C.C. "D"
Div.2B	Wrekenton C.C.	Byker C.C. "E"
Div.2C	Washington "B"	Delaval C.C. "A"
Div.3A	Gladstone Tce "C"	Procter/Gamble "B"
Div.3B	Reyrolles "B"	Byker C.C. "F"
Div.3C	Gladstone Tce "B"	Stanley R.A.F.A.
Div.4A	D.H.S.S. "D"	Sterling Winthrop "B"
Div.4B	Delaval C.C. "D"	Electrics "C"
Div.4C	John Boste Y.C.	Great Lumley "C"

The Div. 1A and 1B championship challenge match was again won by Eldon Square, for whom Andrew Clark won 3 sets, Frank Mitchinson two, and Clark and Steve Robinson the doubles. Washington's sets were gained by Alan Thompson (2) and Doug Lawrence and Dave Svenson (1 each). Washington, however, gained partial revenge in the K.O. Cup when their "B" team of Phil Robson, Cliff Olsson and Dave Godbold (+99) won an extremely hard-fought final against the Byker C.C. "B" team of Steve Dickinson, Phillip Kolvin and Ray Main-Brown (+99) by 418 pts. to 405.

A large entry of 150 was received for the North Tyneside Festival tournament on July 23 at Wallsend Sports Centre. The junior entry in particular continued in a most encouraging vein, which should augur well for the future and provide healthy competition for places on the County teams.

Results:-

M.S.: A. Clark bt M. McMaster 11, -20, 19.  
W.S.: K. Cheung bt P. Jackson 15, 18.  
M.D.: F. Mitchinson/I. Svenson bt Clark/  
S. Robinson -15, 14, 14.  
W.D.: Cheung/J. Hobson bt J. Aust/L. Aust  
10, 12.

Div. 1/2S: J. Scope bt D. Lawrence 16, 23.  
Div. 3/4S: N. Jobling bt K. Lee 12, 17.  
B.S.: P. Kolvin bt Jobling 7, 13.  
G.S.: S. Norris bt J. Roberts 8, 14.  
C.B.S.: N. McMaster bt S. Montague 13, 8.  
C.G.S.: C. Burke bt G. Brigham 8, 14.  
U-11 Open: M. Schapira bt N. Cameron.  
U-11 G.S.: C. Mouzon bt D. Wilkinson.

The summer season ended with another very successful social evening at the "Highlight Suite" on Sept. 29th, with trophies being presented to all the Summer League and Cup winners and runners-up. Our thanks go to the Summer League Secretary, Aubrey Drapkin, and also the Committee for all the hard work they have put in.

The Northumberland League season commenced on Sept. 18th, and the first County fixtures will take place on Oct. 21st. The first team, having after all retained their place in Div. 2 North, will travel to meet Yorkshire II; while the second team (who consequently remain in Div. 3 (North) and Junior team will be at home to Cumbria and Cumbria Juniors respectively. A concentrated all-out effort must be made this season if we are not to repeat last season's abysmal performance, when both senior teams failed to win a match between them. However, with the large junior interest very apparent indeed, it is hoped that at least some will break through to senior level in the future and thus provide a serious challenge for County team places.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

### WIN OR LOSE

Once again the season is upon us and all counties will be looking forward to a successful one although some will win and some lose! As far as Cambs. are concerned they had a very successful 1977/78 season and intend to better it.

Players available will be the usual squad of Keith Richardson, Mick Harper, Geoff Davies, Brian Richardson, David Tiplady, Brian Jones and Chris Brewer. Paul Day also hopes to be available which, of course, would make all the difference between winning or losing. The up-and-coming Robert Swift and Andy Withers will also be "knocking at the door" as will several other Juniors who will be served by Michael Jackman, Paul Stacey, Garry Jordan, David Brammer and Jamie Frost with, of course, Withers and Swift. The women will have the availability of Sandra Harper, Valerie Scripps, Valerie Parkes, Joanne Palmer, Jane Hunter, Anthea Rudd and Rachel Norris with Amanda Judd, Ruth Hunter, Alice Nedge, Kath Hubbard and Tracey Fisher also "in the offing". Cambs. have four teams in the County Championships.

In the Essex Junior Open, Frost and Julian Wheel performed creditably with Frost reaching the quarter-finals and Wheel being beaten, 19 in the third, by Harris of Kent, the No. 5 seed.

At the A.G.M. of the Cambs. Association the following Officers were elected:- President - L. R. J. Constable, Hon. Sec. - Barbara Fisher, Hon. Treasurer - Roy Fox, Chairman - Keith Rudland, Match Sec. - Geoff Waters, Coaching Sec. - John Ashman, Umpires' Sec. - Clive Harrod.

Keith Rudland paid warm tribute to both "Bill" Rogerson (former President) and Margaret Cornwell (former Secretary and Treasurer) for the many years of service and said that no praise was too high and hoped that both would keep in touch. Mr. Rogerson accepted the honour of a Life Vice-Presidency. Mr. Rudland also thanked Ruth Puddick who had made an excellent job of Secretary during the past few years. Thanks too must be extended to Pat O'Bryne for his tremendous work with the Juniors, transporting teams and doing all manner of arduous jobs.

At the Wesley Parkside Tournament young Wheel was successful against Leom Mohan in the final of the Men's Singles. Julian, who received a small handicap, played extremely well and thoroughly deserved his victory. The various winners received their medals at the Annual Dinner which was held at the Cambridge Royal Hotel.

Wisbech will have 81 teams competing in their Senior Section and eight teams in the Junior. This is the 30th Anniversary of the League and also the

biggest entry ever recorded. The Fenland "2-Star" Open will be held on March 4th. Teams have been entered in the South East Midlands, East Anglian and North Norfolk Leagues. League Chairman is Howard Lupton, Gen. Sec. Richard Hall with Cyril Halstead President.

March have entered teams in the S.E.M. and North Norfolk Leagues and a successful season is anticipated especially in the Junior Section. Ely have entered teams in the S.E.M. League and will be all out to retain their Men's title.

Junior Coaching at Cambridge Sports Hall for youngsters up to 16 is being conducted by the new Cambridge Coaching Sec., Alan Burgess, and the sessions are:- Beginners - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Advanced - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. It is hoped there will be a large response and I know that Alan will be pleased to see as many as possible every Saturday.

At Cambridge Parkside Community Centre there is now in existence a Youth Group that caters for all youngsters in the physical field including table tennis with expert instructors in attendance. This is a good opportunity for any boy or girl to improve their standard in their chosen sport and I hope that I shall be able to attend some of these evenings and so spot any youngster who seems to be making the grade in table tennis.

It is good to see John Thurston is still playing in the 1st Division of the Cambs. League. I can remember John starting his career in 1946 when at once I knew that here was a future champion. Since, then, some 32 years ago, John has won many honours and has appeared so many times for Cambridge and Cambridgeshire. Carry on John, it will be a sad day when you stop!

This season sees 103 entries in the Cambs. League the biggest for many years and with nine divisions! There are several new teams comprising:- Beehives, South Cambs. R.D.C., Orwell Methodists, Hauxton, Fulbourn Hospital, Haslingfield and Titleist (Gt. Shelford). Several others teams have added to their tally of teams with Wesley being able to put out seven. Again Soham were Champions of the 1st Division and they also won the Handicap Knock-Out Trophy when they defeated Wesley IV 5-4 in the final. Congratulations also to Soham for winning the National Club Championship for the first time. Soham have four teams in the 1st division and this is a record for the league since Y.M.C.A. had three many years ago. Together with Impington, St. George's and Telephones, Soham also have six teams all told.

At the A.G.M. of the Cambs. League the following officers were elected:- President - Fred Larter, Gen. Sec. - Leslie Constable, League Sec. and Treasurer - Tony Brotchie, Chairman - Geoff Waters, Vice-Chairman - Brian Judd, Match Sec. - John Thurston. With the resignation of Pat O'Bryne as Coaching Sec., Alan Burgess was appointed, but it is with regret that Pat has resigned for it will be appreciated that he has given several years unselfish devotion to this job particularly where the youngsters are concerned. All will join me in thanking him for all his hard work. The two other new officers are Fred Larter who has accepted the job of President in succession to Bill Rogerson who, for health reasons, felt that it was time he retired much to the regret of the meeting. Fred has done a lot of good work in the past for Cambs, particularly in the field of coaching and administration and I am sure that he will fulfil his new job with zest and ability. Brian Judd was appointed Vice-Chairman in the place of the late Frank Pettitt and as he has a daughter who is doing great things in the Junior section I know that he too will do his job to the best of his ability.

For the first time for some years Cambridge have entered teams in all four of the National League Championships and it is pleasing to note that a team is entering the Bromfield Trophy despite the dearth of girls.

## S.E. MIDLANDS NOTES

by Leslie Constable

### ELY THE CHAMPS

Ely won the Men's title in the S.E.M. League by a margin of 7 points and Milton Keynes were runners up for the 1977/78 season. Milton Keynes

succeeded in winning the Junior title by an even bigger margin with Wellingborough gaining the women's title. Wisbech gained admission to the Men's 1st Division by winning Div. I and March gained admission to the Junior 1st Division.

Cambridge won the Veterans Section with Kettering winning Div. II in that sphere. Northampton won the Junior Girls' title, in the inaugural season, the League also won the Reserve Division.

This season will see 80 teams in action in 11 divisions comprising Men's I, II and III, Junior I, II and III, Veterans' I, and II, Women's Reserve and Girls'.

At the A.G.M. of the League held at St. Neots the following Officers were elected:- Gen. Sec. and Treasurer - H. Fox, Chairman - Mr. R. Harper, Vice-Chairman - Mr. R. S. Fisher, Scorecard Sec. - Mr. D. Rawlinson, Tournament Sec. - Mr. J. Jermyn, Press Officer - L. R. J. Constable. The Tournament Committee was elected as follows:- Messrs. L. Saywell, J. Jeffs, D. Rawlinson, G. Hammond, K. Beddall, M. Jackson, Mrs. Jermyn and the Chairman, Secretary and Tournament Sec. ex-officio.

Mr. M. H. Webb who did not wish to stand for Chairman during the coming season, spoke of the growth of the League during his seventeen years in office and hoped it would continue in forgoing the bonds of friendship between leagues and players.

Mr. Rawlinson proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Webb and Mr. Fox (Hon. Secretary) for their help in forming the League and their work for the past 17 years.

Luton will be participating in the League for the first time this season and no doubt will make their presence felt as the season gets under way. Mr. Rawlinson congratulated Mr. J. Jermyn for the very able way he had conducted the Junior and Senior Tournaments. Entries for these tournaments had been good but the Reserve and Veteran entries poor.

The Annual Tournaments would be held at St. Neots T.T. Club and the 1979 A.G.M. would also be held at St. Neots.

### FINAL LEAGUE TABLES 1977/78

Men 1	P	W	D	L	Pts
Ely	8	7	1	0	59
Milton Keynes	8	5	1	2	52
Bedford	8	4	2	2	50
North Herts	8	6	1	1	48
Cambridge	8	4	1	3	42
Northampton	8	3	1	4	39
Wellingborough	8	1	0	7	26
St. Neots	8	1	0	7	23
R.A.F.	8	1	1	6	21

Men 2	P	W	D	L	Pts
Hunts. Central	7	5	0	2	45
Wisbech	6	5	0	1	45
Bedford	6	4	0	2	39
Cambridge	7	4	0	3	39
North Herts	7	4	0	3	36
Daventry	7	2	1	4	30
Towcester	7	1	2	4	24
St. Neots	7	0	1	6	12

## DEVON NOTES

by Keith Ponting

### SPORTS COUNCIL GRANT A 'GOD SEND'

I feel my first notes of the new season would not be complete without reference to the Management Committee's decision to allocate some of the Sports Council grant to County Associations. In my view the National Council were right to support the recommendation of the Management Committee and as far as Devon are concerned it will enable us to organise our administration in a far more efficient way giving our leagues a much better service. I hope it will also stop individuals 'dipping' into their own pockets to keep the Association going, thereby giving a true reflection of exactly how much the administration of the county costs. Our sincere thanks to the Sports Council.

At the A.G.M. held in July all the officers of the Association were elected for a further year and I am pleased we shall again be guided by our

popular Chairman, Don Rattue. Don has been a faithful servant to the association for many years and it is a tribute to his courtesy and fairness that he was elected unopposed.

At the first Executive meeting the following ranking lists were issued:-

### Men:

- Chester Barnes
- Paul Whiting
- Paul Stone
- Keith James
- Michael Shearman
- Mike Short
- Adrian Wright
- Paddy Shephard
- Bill Northcott
- Barry Davis

### Women:

- Elaine Lamb
- Gina Pritchard
- Pam Mortimer
- Carol Butler
- Katthy James
- Julie Pritchard
- Mavis Scott
- Susan Tilley
- Nicola Pine

### Boys:

- Paul Whiting
- Shaun Gwynne
- Gary Lambert
- Colin Bunch
- Paul Giles
- Paul Waldron
- Gary Wiltshire
- Graham Worts
- Mark Ellett
- Mark Lambert

### Girls:

- Gina Pritchard
- Carol Butler
- Julie Pritchard
- Nicola Pine
- Debbie Roberts
- Theresa Sugden
- Christine Moore
- Sarah O'Leary

## WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Doug Moss

### KIDDERMINSTER FIRST

All is set for the new season with players coming to the end of their cricket and tennis activities and having the proverbial "knock up" and friendly matches before getting down to League programmes. Kidderminster is always the first League within the County to start their organised programme.

Too early yet to comment on how the number of teams in the League compare with last season. Worcester has 6 Divisions of 10 teams plus a Youth Division. In all but Div. 1 teams are 4-a-side (8 singles and 2 Doubles). It seems there are many new players, including youngsters, who wish to take part in League play. However in the top Division the standard gradually declines as the average age of players increases and there are not yet the youngsters capable of replacing them. However excellent coaching services are being provided by Molly Hough, Frank Southam and John Turner in Worcester and Ron Price in Bromsgrove. Worcester has made a big increase in team entry fees — but they were previously very low. This is part of a fund raising effort as the League Committee is determined to obtain their own H.Q.

On the subject of Coaching the County Association intends a small number of the most promising juniors be given more individual and intensive coaching. Arrangements are being made by Molly Hough, the County Coaching Secretary. Thought is also being given to a new Competition for Juniors.

A pre-season event is the showing of two films in collaboration with the Civil Service Sports Council for the Worcester area. These are "Battle of the Bats" and a film on the Montreal 1976 Olympics and Winter Games.

The Association again has 4 teams entered in

the County Championships — 2 Senior, a Junior and Veterans' team. Derek Baddeley again takes on the role of Team Manager. Trials for senior players are arranged to take place at the Abbey Stadium, Redditch on Oct. 8th. A newcomer will be Ray Williams, who had such an excellent season in Dudley last season. It is understood that Trevor Washington (Dudley) will be returning to the scene and Bob Brown, who opted out of County play last year, will again be competing. The other side of the coin is the news that Cliff Benson (Kidderminster), a regular team member for the past 2 seasons, will not be playing in 1978/79.

The County League has been a disappointment over the past few seasons, with difficulty in getting fixtures completed. This year Terry Round has made arrangements which provide for matches to be played on specific dates and the venues are also included in the Fixture List. This obviates making arrangements within prescribed periods as in the past — which did not prove to be satisfactory. It has led to a somewhat lower entry but it will be heartening if the new arrangements are successful.

Arrangements are in hand for the County Closed Championships. The Junior events will again be held separately — at Perdiswell School, Worcester, in December. The Senior events will continue at the excellent Abbey Stadium, Redditch on either Feb. 11th or 18th, 1979.

The County Team K.O. competitions are always popular, the handicap event being particularly well supported. Peter Bird keeps the competitions running smoothly each season with firm control of the timetable for each Round. There were some remarkably close finishes last season, which speaks well for the handicapping. The Final saw Ledbury beat Stourport Wesleyans by only 6 points.

The Association is keenly interested in the new Youth Training Scheme, particularly as 13-year-old Jeremy Duffield (Kidderminster) is included. Financial assistance has been given by the County Association and Kidderminster League towards the £60 cost for the 4 sessions and towards expenses in taking part in National Tournaments, it being recognised that this is essential in order to progress. Jeremy has already had success this season in winning the Cadet Doubles, partnered by A. Dixon (Staffs) in the Essex Championships.

Doug Young, a prominent member of the County and Worcester City Committees has been invited to serve on the National Tournaments Committee. The Association is very pleased and to learn he is appointed Asst. Referee for the English Junior Championships in December and as Referee of the Norwich Union English Championships in February. The Worcestershire Association is also represented at national level with "yours truly" being a member of the County Championships Committee.

The success of the Social Event to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Association has led to suggestions for a similar function. It is the intention to arrange such a Social in May next year and consideration will be given to the possibility of presenting the Trophies for the County Closed Championships on this occasion.

## LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by P. Taylor

### NEW FACES

Lincolnshire start this season with new faces on the officials' side due to the retirement of Joan Robinson. It gives an idea of how much Joan did for the county when at the A.G.M. her former duties have been taken over by 5 people! The county owes Joan a great deal and I would like to thank her on behalf of the Association for her tremendous work over the years. We hope she enjoys her 'retirement'. I have taken over as Press Officer and Match Sec. but we still need a General Secretary. Bill Moran has kindly consented to be Acting Gen. Sec. till we can find a replacement.

At County level the senior team are back in Div. 2 North after being promoted from Div. 3. The two junior teams are still in Div. 3 but should have a good chance of promotion as most of last season's players are still available. This season Lincolnshire have entered a Veterans' team and with the abundance of good veterans in the county the selectors have an unenviable task in selecting

the best three players. The captains are Veterans - M. Shearer, Junior 1 - D. Worrell, Junior 2 - A. Norman, Senior - P. Taylor.

Initial main activity this season will be the first round of County Matches on Oct. 21. The Senior team have a very important match away to Durham while the Junior 1st play Cleveland II at Westland Hall, nr. General Hospital, Boston (2 p.m.) and the Junior II play Huntingdonshire away. The following day, Sunday, Oct. 22nd, the Lincs. Junior Closed takes place at North Kesteven, Lincoln. This will be a good opportunity for the juniors to impress the selectors and perhaps revise the rankings.

Locally, congratulations to Cheryl Buttery on being accepted to Nottingham University after getting 3 A's at A-level. Unfortunately while at university she will not be able to play for Lincs. but we wish her luck and continued success for the future. Marie Green (nee Featherstone) will not be playing this year as she is expecting a baby in the new year. We wish her and Martin all the best.

This event however has caused Mablethorpe to drop out of the Butlin Cup leaving only 5 teams in the Competition. With Cheryl at University Lincoln will have to do well if they are to retain the Butlin Cup as probably both Spalding and Grimsby look strong contenders. In the Haigh Cup, 8 teams have entered but it looks again as if Wyberton and Grimsby will be the main contenders while the Butcher Cup with 10 teams is always open.

## CUMBRIA COMMENT

by John Taylor

### CONTINUED SPONSORSHIP

Officers appointed for the new season at the A.G.M. were as follows:-

Chairman: Bob Gale  
Vice-Chairman: Miss Pat Staton  
Secretary: Miss Clarice Rose  
Treasurer: Ron Rigg  
Match Secretary: John Taylor  
Asst. Match Secretary: Colin Taylor  
Umpires' Secretary: Colin Taylor  
Tournament Secretary: Ron Rigg

Clarice Rose and Ron Rigg once again feature prominently in the list and both contribute a great deal to the county cause with each holding posts which require all year round effort. Ron has already secured £265 of sponsorship for this year's Cumbria 2-Star Open which is to be held at our usual venue, the Market Hall, Carlisle, on Oct. 7th.

Many thanks of course to our sponsors and it is a case of continued support from Carlisle United A.F. Supporters Club; Coulthard and Co. Ltd., Builders and Plumbers Merchants of Carlisle; Joseph Pirt and Co., Engineers and Ship Repairers of Workington; Ontime Ltd. (for metal pretreatment and Power Coating) of Workington and John Roper Ltd., Haulage Contractors of Workington.

Richard Johnstone takes over as chairman of the team selection committee from Ron Rigg and Richard also carries on as the Inter-League Secretary. The Millom School loses two of its most prominent members in the coming weeks when Chris Reed and Neil Smith leave to further their education elsewhere.

Both have won many honours while playing for the school and Chris signed off his school career with another representative honour for the England Senior "B" team in the Stiga Schools International Championships held at the Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Bradford, in mid July. Diccon Gray, last season's junior star in the County Championships, was also chosen for the same team and Stephen Dixon of Kendal was selected for the England Junior "B" team. Millom School coach John Reed completed the Cumbria contingent with his appointment as captain of the England Senior "A" team (Boys) which was the highest position available to prospective captains.

The first County Championships fixtures are on Oct. 21 when both the Senior and Junior 2nd teams are away to Northumberland and the Junior first team is away to Clwyd. Some of the Junior 1st team's fixtures have been re-arranged and they now play four matches in quick succession with

Shropshire at home on Nov. 4th, Notts away on Nov. 5th and Yorks II at home on Nov. 25th.

## STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Jack Chalkley

### WELL DONE JUNIORS!

It's over a decade since Staffordshire last had a 'team in a premier division of the County Championships, but the success of our juniors in recent years finally had its reward. Staffs. Juniors will be playing in the Junior Premier Division thanks to the splendid efforts of Andrew Bellingham, Andrew Dixon, Stuart Richards, Jill Harris and Shirley Cain in the five-cornered play-off against Cheshire, Herts., Sussex and Warwickshire. Congratulations to all of them and to Andrew Rich and the other juniors who helped them top their division.

The play-off was staged at Featherstone Prison, near Wolverhampton, by kind permission of the Governor, Mr. Sandy. Ray Dixon and Wilf Hadley of the Staffs. Association organised the event with their usual thoroughness and were well supported by several of the County umpires.

Now to the story of how we won through. The two-day play-off had more than its share of nerves, excitement and frustration as it soon became apparent that the two to go through would be from Sussex, Cheshire and Staffs. In the first matches Staffs. easily beat Warwickshire but Sussex recovered from 3-5 down to earn a draw with Cheshire. With Cheshire beating Herts. 7-3 in the second session, it was obvious that the Staffs. v Sussex match would be crucial. And so it was. Sussex had the best junior in Graham Gillett and neither Bellingham nor Dixon could really extend him, but with our girls, despite their dreadful nerves (and ours!), managing to win against the weaker opposition, the match result hinged on the boys' doubles. As it turned out, the result of the play-off probably depended on this one set, and Bellingham and Dixon showed excellent teamwork to win through, perhaps against the odds, 15, 19. Staffs. went on to win 6-4, so were virtually assured of one of the top places.

On the second day, most of the matches went as expected. Staffs. beat Herts. 8-2. Bellingham dropping both his singles to put us all on edge for the final and deciding match against Cheshire. At this stage, Staffs. were assured of second place, but who would accompany them to the Premier Division had still to be decided. Under such circumstances, it should have been Cheshire who would suffer from nerves, but although Bellingham recovered his form to win the first set, disaster struck and we slumped to 1-5 down with the girls losing all their sets and even the boys' doubles partnership losing against the Cheshire pair who had earlier lost to the Sussex pair. Bellingham, Dixon and Richards salvaged some honour by winning their second singles, but the end result was a 6-4 victory to Cheshire which earned them top spot in the play-off and committed Sussex to a further year in the 2nd Division.

The summary of results showed that all the players contributed equally to the success. Bellingham, Dixon and Richards each won 5 out of their 8 singles and Jill Harris and Shirley Cain each won three out of their 4 singles. The main disappointment came in the girls' doubles where Shirley and Jill were either a complete mis-match or were terribly out of form and overcome by nerves. But its churlish to complain and we must look forward to a reasonable showing in the top division this season.

Results (Staffs. names first):-

#### v Warwickshire 8-2

Bellingham bt Tanner 18, 17; bt Bertie 13, 18.  
Dixon lost to Bertie -19, -15; bt Cockerill 17, 19.  
Richards bt Cockerill 10, 19; bt Tanner 20, 11.  
Bellingham/Dixon bt Bertie/Tanner -24, 19, 21.  
Cain bt Hemming 17, 11.  
Harris bt Harper -12, 12, 17.  
Harris/Cain lost to Harper/Hemming 20, -22, -15.

#### v Sussex 6-4

Bellingham bt S. Moore 15, -11, 16; lost to Gillett -11, -17.  
Dixon lost to Gillett -19, -19; bt Pudduck 15, 18.  
Richards lost to Pudduck -11, 10, -14; lost to S. Moore -15, -13.

Bellingham/Dixon bt Gillett/Moore 15, 19.  
Cain bt Williams 14, 16.  
Harris bt O'Brien 13, 10.  
Cain/Harris bt Williams/O'Brien 17, -16, 11.

#### v Herts 8-2

Bellingham lost to Ogle 13, -8, -15; lost to Brownlow -20, 9, -19.  
Dixon bt Ogle 19, 20; bt Bardwell 11, 8.  
Richards bt Bardwell -19, 12, 14; bt Brownlow 20, -19, 14.  
Bellingham/Dixon bt Brownlow/Ogle 11, 8.  
Harris bt H. Bardwell 19, 15.  
Cain bt Smith 17, -17, 15.  
Harris/Cain bt Bardwell/Smith -12, 18, 13.

#### v Cheshire 4-6

Bellingham bt I. Weatherby 10, 11; bt J. Weatherby 18, -12, 13.  
Dixon lost to J. Weatherby -10, -21; bt Taylor 19, 17.  
Richards lost to Taylor -20, 18, -22; bt I. Weatherby 17, 11.  
Bellingham/Dixon lost to J. Weatherby/Turner -13, -17.  
Cain lost to Fennah -12, 18, -12.  
Harris lost to Deakin 19, -9, -22.  
Harris/Cain lost to Deakin/Fennah -12, 16, -16.

The success of junior players dominated this column throughout last season and it continued. Andrew Dixon, from the Moseley Park School, Bilston won the Under-13 title in the English Schools Championships and Malcolm Green, the Shropshire No. 1 who plays in the Potteries League triumphed in the U-19 event. Tracey and Brent Powell, from Albrighton, were runners-up in their events. In the Midland Schools Championships, Dixon, Bellingham, Green, Stephanie Jones and Shirley Cain each won their groups, and Tracey Powell and Lucy Taylor finished runners-up.

In the County League Div. 1, Potteries 'A' beat Walsall 'A' 5-4 in the contentious postponed match and so took the championship.

The final of the Beattie Trophy at the Springfield Club between Springfield 'A' (Walsall) and Norton (Potteries). The match provided some entertaining play for an enthusiastic audience but the visitors proved too strong and retained the Trophy by a score of 5-2. For the losers Chris Davies and Stan Cartwright each won one set, but the winning team of Phil Anderson and the brothers S. and J. Deakin had all-round strength with each player contributing to the victory. Springfields should be commended for the way they staged the match, demonstrating the opportunity we have in presenting representative table tennis to the sports-minded public.

## LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

### SUMMER CLOUDED

A second heart attack suffered by Arthur Upton, Lancashire's genial chairman, brought the clouds down at the County's A.G.M. held at Kadcliffe but, happily, Arthur is now making good his recovery and has resumed his employment at Liverpool University.

No change in the County's officialdom has to be reported but, in the Lancashire and Cheshire League, "old" friend George Fackrell has taken over the treasurership from Alan Summerfield who was desirous of a rest after nursing the League's finances for many a year.

Some 107 teams will participate in this season's L. & C. League set-up, 71 in the men's section of 9 divisions; 19 in the women's section of 2 divisions and 37 in the junior section now comprising 5 divisions — a record.

Blackburn and Stockport were the demoted teams from the top flight last season their places having been taken by Salford, winners of Div. 2 (North) and Macclesfield, winners of Div. 2 (South). The administrative responsibility again rests with Dennis Smith who can paper his house with score cards!

On the distaff side Warrington and Bolton are the newcomers to the first division taking the places of Crewe and Stockport. But in their opening match, on Sept. 22nd, Manchester gave Bolton a baptism of fire in beating them 8-2. Susan Lisle was a treble winner, both Jean Nield and Mary

Leigh losing to young Carolyn Scowcroft who has succeeded Joy Grundy as the County's No. 1 junior girl.

Subject to ratification by the County's full selection committee the proposed junior ranking lists, following trials, read:-

**Boys:** 1. Tony O'Connor (Liverpool). 2. Paul Rainford (Preston). 3. Phipp Hoy Bury). 4. Stephen Scowcroft (Bolton). 5. Tim Hatton (Rochdale). 6. Chris Freely (Bury). 7. Kevin Walsh (Lancaster). 8. Howard Whitworth (Bury). 9. Ian McLoughlin (Bury) and 10. Malcolm Pu (Liverpool).

**Girls:** 1. Carolyn Scowcroft (Bolton). 2. Joy Grundy (Lytham). 3. Jean Parker (Preston). 4. Jacqueline Myers (Blackburn). 5. Helen Frost (Bury). 6. Helen Stirrup (Liverpool) and 7. Susan Hunter (Preston).

Not so clean cut is the issue of the senior rankings although John Hilton and Donald Parker, ranked, respectively, Nos. 2 and 5 nationally is without question. Phil Bowen was the man in possession of the No. 3 position last season and to be pitted against him in a further round robin — Phil was absent at the trials — is the trial winner Nigel Hallows and runner-up John Marshall. Stephen Cowley was also an absentee at the trials and he too, as well as Trainer/Coach Brian Kean, will be a participant in this special trial which, it is hoped, will give the selection committee the necessary information to compile a ranking list.

A tug-of-war between Bolton and Farnworth for the services of Cowley has resulted in Cowley changing his allegiance to the latter league who, last season, championed Div. 1 of the L. & C. League. Derek Schofield has returned to his native Stockport from Salford.

This season Preston celebrate their Golden Jubilee and have undertaken the staging of the Super Division, European League match between England and Federal Germany. Venue is the Guild Hall, Preston from where tickets (priced £1, £1.25 and £1.50) can be obtained or from T. W. Dodding of 59 Moor Lane, Preston (Phone: Preston 613773).

## SURREY NOTES

by Ted Simpkin

### STRICTER CONTROL

Surrey start the new season with strong hopes of winning the Premier Division of the County Championship to which title they came so close last season, and also plan to show some improvement by the second team.

The management committee, again under chairman Ron Crayden, largely consists of the same old stalwarts, but, with some interest being shown by leagues which had not played much part in recent years, the outlook is brightening.

The financial situation is becoming rather critical and a sub committee is reporting on a review of expenditure with strong recommendations for stricter control of spending on certain outgoings.

The Redhill and Reigate League will have 70 teams doing battle over six divisions during 78/79 and by the time these notes appear will have staged their own hardbat tournament. Later in the season they will be putting on the County game against Middlesex at the Royal Philanthropic Hall, Redhill, on Feb. 17th, which venue will see their closed championships over March 10/11th.

The Guildford League goes from strength to strength, and has now reached a new peak with 166 teams and 14 divisions pushing and looping, top-spinning and whatever, from Sept. 18th to the middle of April. Only one new club will be found amongst these figures: the steady increase, year by year showing how many clubs are consolidating their members' interests and using their venues, be it village hall, factory canteen, or back room in a hostelry, to their maximum capacity.

The county inter club tournament for 77/78 was brought to a belated climax on Sept. 9th when in the semi-finals Graham Spicer club beat Ewell, and Chessington beat Blue Gates, leaving Graham Spicer to take the trophy 5-2 in the final. For Chessington David Hannah won the two but Graham Spicer were otherwise too strong with

their team of Stephen Boxall, Paul Guttormson and Hadrian Higgs.

## BERKSHIRE NOTES

by Brian Halliday

### GREAT CREDIT

The Royal County can be justifiably proud of the achievements of their younger players over the last couple of seasons. The recent selection of Karen Witt, Mandy Smith and Alison Gordon to represent England in the European Junior Championships in Barcelona reflects great credit on the County, their club Omega of Reading, and not least on their coaches who have given so much time and effort over the last decade.

There has been, and always will be criticism of the administrators of our game and although Berkshire has had its share of this malaise there has always been a dedication second to none to coach and encourage our younger players to reach their full potential.

Last season the first team competed in the Premier Division for the first time in our history and their results showed that table tennis in this part of the world is a force to be reckoned with at the highest level. If last season was one on consolidation, the County feel that the coming campaign can bring even greater rewards. Berkshire have a young side and their dedication and expertise have set an example for our up and coming junior players.

The big event of the last month was the "Clifton Styles" Invitation Tournament organised and presented by the newly formed Kidmore End Table Tennis Club of Reading. A report on the event will be given next month.

The Reading League continues to attract the strongest players in Berkshire. The powerful Omega Club will probably lead the challenge for Div. 1 league honours but they can expect tough opposition from reigning champions Ibis, Woodland, and the Reading Post Office sides.

## GWENT CLOSED

by STEPHEN GIBBS

Brian Jeanes (Newport) became a double champion in the Gwent Closed Championships held at Fairwater Leisure Centre, Cwmbran on Sept. 17th. Jeanes took the Junior title by beating Kevin O'Neill (Newport) in the semis and Gary Wilkins (Abergavenny) in the final 16 and 17 so becoming the first ever title holder of the Gwent Junior event.

Jeanes blasted his way into the final of the men's singles after confident wins against Graham Sell (Newport) 16, 15 in the quarters and Kevin Phillips (Eastern Valley) 12, 21 in the semis. His final opponent, top seed John Bloomer, had not shown such impressive form on his way. He took three games to beat Ray Goulding (Newport) in the quarters and another three to dispose of Kevin Boalch (Eastern Valley) in the semis. In the quarters of this event third seed Andrew Evans (Eastern Valley) lost to Phillips.

In an absorbing three game final Jeanes and Bloomer played close and short rallies before Jeanes squeezed home 18 in the first. In the second Bloomer opened up a big lead and kept it to win at 12. But in an absolute turn about Jeanes recovered from 2-3 down to lead 10-3. Try as he did Bloomer could never make up headway and Jeanes took the decider at 12.

Jeanes did further damage to Bloomer and Andrew Evans, with another junior Alan Stokes (Abergavenny), they bundled the top seeds out of the men's doubles in Rd. 2. The eventual winners were Wilkins and Haydn Thomas who had accounted for the Jeanes/Stokes combine in the semis. In the final the Abergavenny pair beat Boalch and Phillips 15, -17, 17.

Another double champion was the diminutive Brenda Annand. She also won both the Girls' and Women's titles, beating Gillian Bevans (Tredgar) in the final of the former and Ann Curtis of Abertillery in the women's final.

## NORTHANTS NOTES

by Dennis Millman

### TITLE BELIED

The close season has once again belied its title, with a flurry of activity throughout the summer months, as coaching and committee work continued apace.

The County A.G.M. had more than its usual quota of shocks, with the Chairman, Treasurer and Coaching Secretary submitting resignations which were reluctantly accepted. As the former Chairman Peter Edwards had also doubled as County League Sec., and as the previous holder of the County Umpires office had proved a non-starter, four new faces were required. However with Ken Merchant taking over as Chairman, Brian Wooding as Treasurer, Christine Price as County League Sec. and Arthur Palmer as Umpires Sec., only the important post of Coaching Sec. remains vacant. We welcome the newcomers to their respective positions and wish them every success.

The drive, dedication and business acumen of Peter Edwards will be missed at the County's helm, but as Deputy Chairman, his expertise will still be available to his successor. One thing both Peter and Ken will regret is the apparent shortage of senior talent available to the County selectors, and it will be some time before the TSB-sponsored Junior Squad gains sufficient experience to redress the balance.

However, if playing resources are at a low ebb, Frank Clowes had no such worries as he handed over the finances to Brian Wooding, for although money was not readily available, Frank with the substantial backing of the Trustee Savings Bank had steadied a sinking ship, to leave the Association on an even keel. Conscientious and quietly efficient, the dependable ex-Treasurer will not be forgotten in county circles, and our thanks are extended to him and his colleagues in resignation Peter Edwards and Dave Marsh.

Sponsorship has been the success story of the summer, with the Trustee Savings Bank again coming up trumps, for in widening the scope of its sponsorship, a far sighted TSB has brought many more areas under its umbrella of generosity with the latest venture to benefit being the County League, which should now become a more worthwhile competition. Northampton, which has twice won the title on a vote in committee, will doubtless be endeavouring to secure a hat trick of victories without recourse to the ballot box.

The Cadet and Junior Assessments have already been completed, and the TSB Squad for season 1978-79 has been selected as follows.

Boys: Keith Nicoll, Ken Nicoll, Richard Malfait, Terry Cardwell, Tim Chamberlain, Tim Forster and Neil Knatt.

Girls: Jane Nicoll, Jane Wallis, Helen Cottier, Julie Robinson and Joanne Cutler.

An indication of the success of the squad has been the keen competition to be included, with several older juniors just missing inclusion in the face of stern challenges from younger players of possibly greater potential. One of the new members, Richard Malfait, was recently the recipient of a special trophy presented by County President Mr. J. G. Bignell, for the best Cadet of the year.

On the coaching scene, Wellingborough, Kettering and Corby have all been active, with Corby under the energetic leadership of Ian Nicoll, perhaps showing the greatest initiative, as Curry and Paxton Services Ltd. donated £100 towards the hire of premises for regular coaching sessions. Attendances of 30 to 35, the winning of numerous Bronze Awards, and the attendance of national coaches augur well for the future of table tennis in a town which has just seen the demise of its main club after several traumatic seasons.

The final stages of last season were overshadowed by the tragic death of Tina Coleman, one of the County's most popular players since she first won the Northants Girls' Singles title in 1954. Her first Women's Singles success came in 1958, and she went on to win this premier award four times, while also winning the Women's Doubles on nine occasions and the Mixed once. In

the Kettering Championships she was even more successful with a tally of 24 titles, including ten successive wins in the Women's Doubles.

She will be greatly missed, but it is fitting that trophies donated by her family and friends will be played for annually in both County and Kettering circles, to leave a permanent reminder of her very special contribution to the game.

## Obituaries

### JEAN F. REAY

The summer of 1978 in the county of Durham, was marred by the death of Mrs. Jean F. Reay who, together with her husband, Edgar, was the Joint Secretary of the Durham County T.T. Association.

For close on 50 years Jean Reay had been a behind-the-scenes worker, arranging coach trips to tournaments, transport for county teams and hospitality. She had washed every County shirt for each team after each match and provided a service par excellence for her various charges throughout the years.

Scathing in her condemnation of the lack of hospitality in parts far removed from her native Co. Durham in general, and Sunderland in particular, Jean Reay saw to it that no-one visiting her territory departed with a grouse on that score.

A recipient of the Torch Trophy for dedicated service to the game, and of the Queen's Jubilee Medal last year, Jean Reay was a Vice-President of the English Table Tennis Association and a Vice-President of the Sunderland League. It was at Birmingham, on the occasion of the 34th World Championships that Mrs. Reay was presented with her Vice-Presidents badge. Our condolences are extended to Edgar who has given 57 years to the game having first played in 1921.

G.R.Y.

### CHARLES WILLIAM FORBES ALLWRIGHT

Mr. C. W. F. Allwright, who died at Rams-gate on August 10th, 1978 represented England in international competitions in the 1920's, not long after the reforming of the English Table Tennis Association. He was a member of the first two season's Swaythling Cup teams, in 1926/27 and 1927/28; was runner-up to T.N. Nanda in the English Open Championships in 1924/25; he played in international matches against Wales for the four years 1924/25 to 1927/28 inclusive and also represented England against Hungary in 1925/26.

Mr. Allwright was also on the Executive Committee of the E.T.T.A. in the mid 1920's for several years. It might be helpful to quote from the programme in my possession of the London Table Tennis Congress held in December, 1926, when the Swaythling Cup was first competed for. "C. W. Allwright was born in 1902. He is an all-round sportsman having last year played centre forward for the London Railways against Paris Railways, and kept wicket for the London and Southern Counties Cricket Conference against the M.C.C. In 1922/23 he won the London League Championship. In 1924/25 he was runner-up to Nanda in the English Championships.

"In 1925/26 he won the newly instituted London Business Houses Championship. He played for England against Wales in 1924/25 and 1925/26 (as you see he continued to play against Wales in later years) he is an all-round player who uses his head; he is patient and his position playing is exceptionally good. He plays in spectacles and uses the rubber racket".

Although he retired from competitive Table Tennis at the end of the 1920's Mr. Allwright continued to play Cricket and Football for the Great Western Railway for many subsequent years. Mr. Allwright was a contemporary with people like Percival Bromfield; Ivor Montagu, Adrian Haydon and Fred Perry.

M. S. Faircliff.

## ESSEX NOTES

by Geoff Newman

### PLEASING TO NOTE

For the first time for a number of years it is pleasing to note that there are no changes in this season's Executive Committee. All serving Officers were re-elected unopposed. However, I regret to say that our hard working Chairman Pat Dukes has already indicated to the committee that this will be his last term in Office. He will be sorely missed.

Phyllis Lauder was this year's recipient of the Corti Woodcock Memorial Award, and Life Member George Eagle was on hand at the A.G.M. to make the presentation. I believe it's the first time a lady has received the award but it is richly deserved.

A get-together of most of the senior players was held on Sunday, Aug. 31st, at Shenfield Sports Centre when, under the watchful eye of County Coach Ron Gore, these players spent a useful four or five hours of practice. The players were also introduced to the new Selection Committee, and new County Captain Stuart Gibbs, and were given the opportunity of airing their views on a number of topics. I thought the sessions were very useful, and the players responded in the manner you would expect. If this was anything to go by I prophesy a very good season for the County.

Following on this very successful Senior and Junior trials were held in early September when all the leading players turned up in a round robin and put their heart and soul into an excellent day's play. The Selection Committee have not as yet published a ranking list but will no doubt have this very difficult task to do in the near future.

The beginning of season Playing Sessions for Veterans will be held at Wickford on Sunday, Oct. 8th. This is likely to prove an interesting day with such well-known names as Shirley Carroll, Mike Watts and Brian Parrish added to the list so far and the nominations of several leagues still to be received. Your Veterans' Affairs Committee remains as last season — Jack Anker, Mick Buckley and myself — don't hesitate to give us your opinions and/or suggestions (we can take it and may even act thereon).

Tournament Organiser Vic Russell has been working very hard in this sphere and has already secured some lucrative sponsorship from Halifax and Bairstow Eves. The Halex Essex Junior Open was successfully held at Wanstead Sports Centre on Sept. 9/10th with a very large entry.

Our old friend Dick Roffe appears to have matters well in hand for the commencement of the Essex Inter-League competition which comprises 5 men's, 2 women's, 3 mixed, 8 veterans' and 5 junior divisions.

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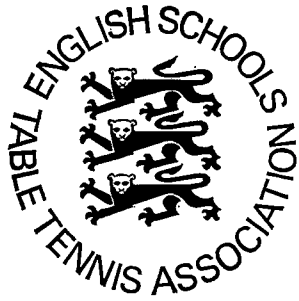
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by DAVID LOMAS

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# WORLD SCHOOLS GAMES

## (Gymnasiade)

by David Lomas

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### ENGLAND STRIKES GOLD IN IZMIR!

England's first venture in the biennial World Schools Games in Izmir, Turkey from July 18-24th proved very successful with every member of the team returning home with a medal and the crowning glory being on the last day of the Games when Sally Midgley (West Yorkshire) and Malcolm Green (Salop) won the gold medal with a scintillating performance in the Mixed Doubles event.

Highlights of the week's table tennis for the English players was undoubtedly their first taste of competition against the Chinese. The oriental players proved far too strong in the team events, winning both with ease, but it was a different story in the Individual Championships.

The Girls Team were first on the medal trail when a close 3-0 verdict over France put them in the Final against the Chinese. Although outplayed the team of Mandy Reeves (Berkshire), Sally Midgley (West Yorkshire) and Jill Purslow (Berkshire) never gave up and Jill and Mandy even took a game off their opponents in the doubles before England went down 3-0 with the consolation of silver medals.

Having emerged from their preliminary group — where they were undefeated, including a 5-0 victory over Turkey 'A' — the Boys Team met France, Turkey 'B' and China in the top group to decide places 1 - 4.

Although the team of Malcolm Green (Salop), Andrew Bellingham (West Midlands) and David Barr (Berkshire) trailed 0-2 to France they fought back to lead 3-2 and eventually won 5-3 with Barr scoring maximum wins.

Paul Whiting (Devon) replaced Bellingham for the tough match against China but the England team was thrashed 5-0.

Then came the party's first bad luck when only minutes before we were due to play Turkey 'B' for

the silver medal David Barr was ruled out with food poisoning — an illness that was also to force his withdrawal from the individual events at the end of the week.

The match, however, was very closely fought. Much to the delight of a crowd of over 600 consisting mostly of noisy, fiercely partisan students who applauded every point, Turkey 'B' took a 3-0 lead which could easily have been 3-0 to England (with two of the three deciding games going to "deuce") and then made sure of victory winning the next two sets to win 5-0.

Team Results:-

**Boys:**

1. CHINA
2. TURKEY 'B'
3. ENGLAND

**Girls:**

1. CHINA
2. ENGLAND
3. INDONESIA

Sally Midgley was England's most successful player in the Individual events in which she collected three medals to add to her silver medal in the team event.

Paired with Memeyati of Indonesia she went out in the semi-final of the Girls' Doubles to Shia Li-ming and Ni Shia Lien of China, -13, -16, whilst the Berkshire pair of Mandy Reeves and Jill Purslow also collected bronze medals in this event losing -14, 11, -18 to the French duo of Lavacherie and Rouel. This was disappointing as the French had been beaten in the team event.

The Boys' pair of Bellingham and Green were not as successful losing in straight games to Ingrassia and Mariani of Italy in the second round.

There was mixed results for the Girls in the Singles event. Jill Purslow lost narrowly to local girl Mustecaplioglu, Mandy Reeves went out in the quarter-final to Ni Hsia Lien of China who went on to beat Sally Midgley in the semi-final.

It was a similar story in the Boys' Singles. Only Green reached the quarter-finals losing -8, -8, to eventual winner Yang Liu of China with three other Chinese joining him in the semi-finals!

But the final day proved to be England's most successful. In the Mixed Doubles quarter-finals Bellingham and Mandy Reeves defeated the Chinese pair of Liu Ping and Chen Li-Li 19, 17, Green and Midgley put out the Turkish pair of Yildiz and Mustecaplioglu, 21-13, 21-1 and the scratch pair of Vergnet (France) and Jill Purslow defeated Yang Liu and Ni Li Lien (China) 17, -18, 19.



T. L. MATTHEWS, M.A.,  
New E.S.T.T.A. President.

Mr. John Arnold, General Secretary for the past four years — takes over as Chairman whilst the new General Secretary is Mr. Mike Vickers, 9 Grange View, Coundon Gate, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, DL14 8QJ. (Tel. B. A. 4228).

These changes will be incorporated in the Association's new Official Handbook which will shortly be available from Mr. Vickers (20p incl. postage).

The Association's competitions programme remains basically the same as the past season except that the Stiga Individual Championships move to Gloucester on April 28th, 1979.

The National School Team Championships will again involve twelve Area Finals, most of which are on the weekend of January 20th/21st, 1979 thence proceeding to three Regional Finals on Sunday, February 18th and the Grand Finals at Lea Green, Matlock on Saturday, March 10th, 1979.

## WANTED

Having tried unsuccessfully to obtain a copy of Ann Haydon's book "Tackle Table Tennis This Way" published by Messrs. Stanley Paul of Gt. Portland Street, London, W.1. an appeal is hereby made by Mrs. Sheila M. Randle of 12 Domar Road, Kidderminster, Worcs., DY11 5PJ to any reader who may be able to help. Can you?



English Schools medal winners in Turkey (from l to r): Malcolm Green, David Barr, Andrew Bellingham, Eddie Mitchell, Jill Purslow, Sally Midgley and Mandy Reeves. Paul Whiting is the absentee — he was suffering from "Turkey Tum" at the time the picture was taken.



The Chinese again fell in the semi-final — to Vergnet and Purslow, whilst Green and Midgley didn't have things entirely their own way in beating Bellingham and Reeves 17, -15, 10.

So the Final involved Green and Midgley and Vergnet and Purslow. Green and Midgley went on to win the gold medals decisively, 21-8, 21-17.

Thus the English Schools team returned with eight medals and some unenviable experience of very humid and unusual conditions. It was the first time that the Gymnasiade had included table tennis. The other sports were athletics (no English entry) swimming and gymnastics.

Non-playing Captain was Eddie Mitchell (St. Bede's School, Redditch), chaperone Mrs. Dolly Harmer (Waluads Infants School, Luton) and Team Manager was David Lomas (Shirley High School, Croydon).

The party was sponsored by Mileta Sports and the E.S.T.T.A. readily acknowledges this support and that of the Sports Council without which the Turkey visit would have been merely a dream.

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## STIGA SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by David Lomas

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England players dominated the fourth Stiga Schools International Championships held at the new Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Bradford on July 14th, 15th and 16th.

This year's Championships involved a record number of players (150) and included continental opposition for the first time with the entry of a team from Northern France — and Scotland made a welcome return to the event.

The Team Championships got under way on the Friday evening on 18 tables and were contested in three categories (boys and girls) with teams consisting of four players and matches being on an all-play-all basis.

The England 'A' Intermediate Boys team of David Barr, Andrew Bellingham, Graham Sandley, Paul Whiting and Colin Wilson achieved the most outstanding performance in winning their event without conceding any sets. Although there were some close results amongst the other competing countries England's 'A' and 'B' teams were rarely troubled in the team competitions.



Finalists in the Intermediate Girls Individual event with Coun. Rees. 1 to r: Ann Leonard, Helen Williams, Alison Gordon, Sally Midgley.

There were some exciting matches in the Individual Championships. Chris Rogers (Leicestershire) lost his Senior Boys title to Malcolm Green (Salop) but Mandy Smith (Berkshire) retained her title defeating Angela Tierney (Cleveland) in straight games. David McIlroy collected Scotland's only medal in coming joint third in the Intermediate Boys event which was won by Colin Wilson (Herts) over David Barr (Berkshire).

Ireland's Ann Leonard fought hard against Helen Williams (Middlesex) in the Intermediate Girls' Final and lost narrowly 22-20 in the deciding game.

John Souter (Middlesex) proved too strong for Jean Christophe Aernout of France (Junior Boys) whilst the Bellinger sisters fought out the Junior Girls' final with 13-years-old Jackie pipping 11-years-old Lisa 22-20 in the third after being 19-18 down.

### Team Events

1. ENGLAND 'A'
2. ENGLAND 'B'
3. IRELAND 'A'

### Senior Boys

#### Group One:

England 'A' 9 Ireland 'A' 0  
Scotland 1 England 'A' 9  
Scotland 9 Ireland 'A' 5

#### Group Placings:

1. ENGLAND 'A'
2. SCOTLAND
3. IRELAND 'A'

#### Group Two:

Ireland 'B' 0 England 'B' 9  
France 4 Wales 9  
Ireland 'B' 0 France 9  
Wales 4 England 'B' 9  
Wales 9 Ireland 'B' 1  
France 3 England 'B' 9

#### Group Placings:

1. ENGLAND 'B'
2. WALES
3. FRANCE
4. IRELAND 'B'

#### Inter-Group play-offs:

England 'A' 9 England 'B' 1  
Scotland 7 Wales 9  
Ireland 'A' 4 France 9

#### Final positions:

1. ENGLAND 'A'
2. ENGLAND 'B'
3. WALES
4. SCOTLAND
5. FRANCE
6. IRELAND 'A'
7. IRELAND 'B'

(ENGLAND 'A': K. Beadsley, M. Green, K. Paxton, C. Rogers, B. Tyler).

(ENGLAND 'B': D. Gray, S. Harmer, R. Johnson, M. Owen, C. Reed).

### Senior Girls

#### Group One:

England 'A' 9 Ireland 0  
England 'A' 9 Scotland 1  
Scotland 9 Ireland 7

#### Group placings:

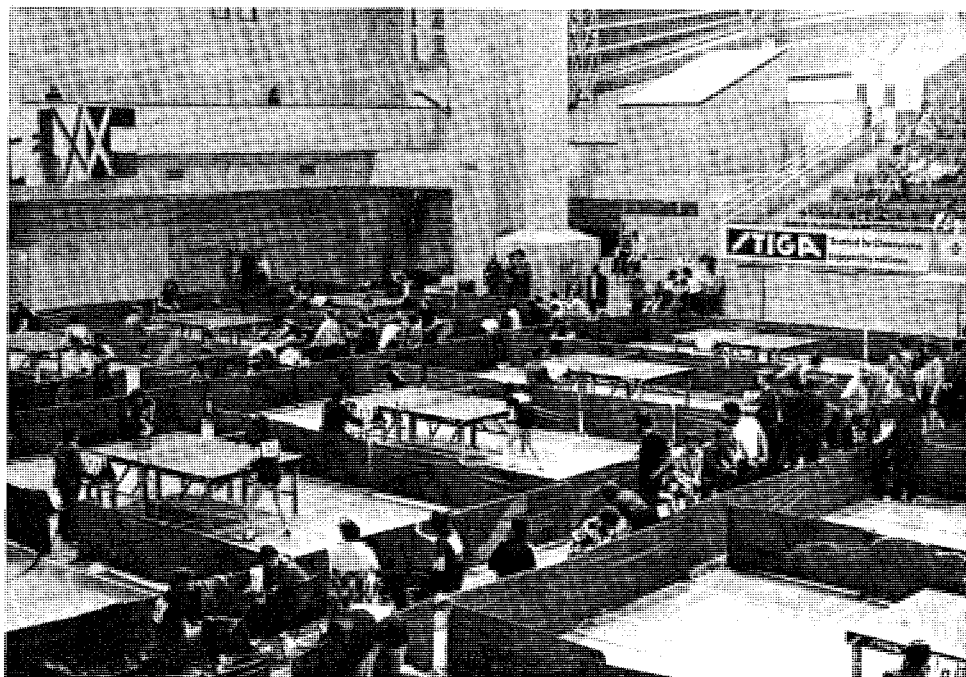
1. ENGLAND 'A'
2. SCOTLAND
3. IRELAND

#### Group Two:

England 'B' 9 Wales 2  
France 9 Wales 5  
France 3 England 'B' 9

#### Group placings:

1. ENGLAND 'B'
2. FRANCE
3. WALES



Play in progress during the Stiga Schools International at Bradford, July 1978.

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**Inter-Group play-offs:**

- England 'A' 9 England 'B' 1
- France 9 Scotland 2
- Wales 9 Ireland 4

**Final positions:**

1. ENGLAND 'A'
2. ENGLAND 'B'
3. FRANCE
4. SCOTLAND
5. WALES
6. IRELAND

(ENGLAND 'A': C. Buttery, S. Jones, M. Reeves, M. Smith, A. Tierney).

(ENGLAND 'B': S. Cain, R. Mackriell, W. Parker, G. Pritchard, J. Revill).

**Intermediate Boys**

- Ireland 'B' 9 Scotland 5
- England 'B' 9 Ireland 'A' 3
- Scotland 1 England 'B' 9
- England 'A' 9 Ireland 'B' 0
- England 'B' 2 England 'A' 7
- Ireland 'A' 9 Scotland 6
- Ireland 'A' 9 Ireland 'B' 4
- England 'A' 9 Scotland 0
- England 'B' 9 Ireland 'B' 1
- England 'A' 9 Ireland 'A' 0

**Final positions:**

1. ENGLAND 'A'
2. ENGLAND 'B'
3. IRELAND 'A'
4. IRELAND 'B'
5. SCOTLAND

(ENGLAND 'A': D. Barr, A. Bellingham, G. Sandley, P. Whiting, C. Wilson).

(ENGLAND 'B': S. Andrew, I. Attridge, L. Bertie, P. Rainford, K. Satchell).

**Intermediate Girls**

- Ireland 'B' 0 England 'A' 9
- England 'B' 9 Ireland 'A' 7
- Ireland 'A' 9 Ireland 'B' 1
- England 'B' 1 England 'A' 9
- England 'A' 9 Ireland 'A' 4
- England 'B' 9 Ireland 'B' 0

**Final positions:**

1. ENGLAND 'A'
2. ENGLAND 'B'
3. IRELAND 'A'
4. IRELAND 'B'

(ENGLAND 'A': L. Garbet, A. Gordon, S. Midgley, J. Purslow, H. Williams).

(ENGLAND 'B': C. Butler, C. Creasey, J. Dowsett, L. Fennah, L. Tyler).



Mr. Brian Hearn, Stiga Export Marketing Manager, presents the International Team Trophy to England's Malcolm Green.

**Junior Boys**

- Ireland 'B' 0 Scotland 9
- England 'B' 9 Ireland 'A' 0
- England 'A' 9 Ireland 'B' 0
- England 'B' 9 Scotland 4
- Ireland 'A' 4 Scotland 9
- England 'B' 0 England 'A' 5
- England 'A' 9 Scotland 1
- Ireland 'A' 9 Ireland 'B' 5
- England 'A' 9 Ireland 'A' 0
- England 'B' 9 Ireland 'B' 1

**Final positions:**

1. ENGLAND 'A'
2. ENGLAND 'B'
3. SCOTLAND
4. IRELAND 'A'
5. IRELAND 'B'

(ENGLAND 'A': A. Dixon, J. Duffield, G. Lambert, M. Oakley, J. Souter).

(ENGLAND 'B': C. Bryan, S. Dixon, C. Preat, G. Russell, M. Schapira).

**Junior Girls**

- England 'A' 9 Ireland 'B' 0
- England 'B' 9 Ireland 'A' 4
- Ireland 'B' 8 Ireland 'A' 8
- England 'B' 1 England 'A' 9
- England 'B' 9 Ireland 'B' 7
- Ireland 'A' 0 England 'A' 9

**Final positions:**

1. ENGLAND 'A'
2. ENGLAND 'B'
3. IRELAND 'B'
4. IRELAND 'A'

(ENGLAND 'A': S. Cresswell, J. Grundy, J. Parker, L. Taylor, J. Woodcock).

(ENGLAND 'B': L. Bromhead, F. Elliott, N. Hamilton, R. Hunter, J. Mills).

**Individual Events**

**Senior Boys:**

MALCOLM GREEN (Salop) bt Chris Rogers (Leicestershire) -16, 20, 18.  
third: Kevin Beadsley (West Yorkshire) and Keith Paxton (Cleveland).

**Senior Girls:**

MANDY SMITH (Berkshire) bt Angela Tierney (Cleveland) 16, 20.  
third: Shirley Cain (West Midlands) and Mandy Reeves (Berkshire).

**Intermediate Boys:**

COLIN WILSON (Herts) bt David Barr (Berkshire) -18, 11, 10.  
third: David McIlroy (Scotland) and Graham Sandley (Herts).

**Intermediate Girls:**

HELEN WILLIAMS (Middlesex) bt Ann Leonard (Ireland) 15, -12, 20.  
third: Alison Gordon (Berkshire) and Sally Midgley (West Yorkshire).

**Junior Boys:**

JOHN SOUTER (Middlesex) bt Jean Christophe Aernout (France) 18, 18.  
third: Andrew Dixon (West Midlands) and Mark Oakley (Surrey County).

**Junior Girls:**

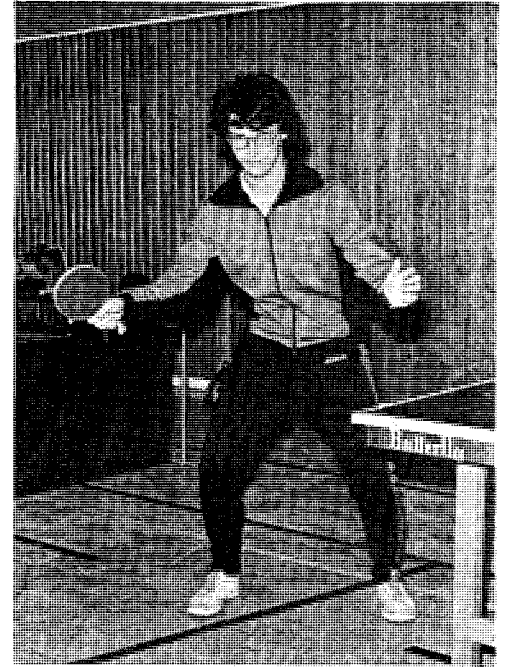
JACKIE BELLINGER (Beds) bt Lisa Bellinger (Beds) -18, 13, 20.  
third: Sarah Cresswell (Surrey County) and Lesley Taylor (Berkshire).

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# ON THE COACHING FRONT



by DONALD PARKER  
National Coach, North

Although working full time as National Coach for the North I am carrying out post-graduate research within the Sports Science Dept. at Loughborough University towards a Master of Philosophy degree on a part-time basis. The purpose of this article, which I hope to contribute monthly, is to provide an insight into the area of my work.

The most important factor affecting performance in the vast majority of sports, especially ball games, is skill. There is no substitute for this factor and the table tennis player acquires his skill on the table.

All performers when they compete at any one time have a given level, no matter what their status, about which they fluctuate. They may 'feel good' and perform well or they may 'feel bad' and perform poorly.

Looking back at the 1977 World Table Tennis Championships at Birmingham there were at least a dozen players who 'on their day' could have won the title. Although one individual has a higher skill level he may lose to an individual with a lower skill level if he is playing only average and his opponent is 'peaking'.

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optimum level. Therefore skill at the highest level, international standard, is not as decisive a factor as is often considered. It is not always the best player that wins but the best prepared player. The Olympic Games of Munich showed that it was not always the best man who won, but the one best prepared at the right moment (1).

For many years this has been the major problem of British Coaches (2), how to get their performers to peak at the right time. On a long term basis nobody is really that interested in who wins a domestic 2-Star tournament. However people are interested in the European or World Championships yet a lot of our players always seem for one reason or another to do poorly in the 'big one'.

An increasingly popular approach to peaking, innovated by a Russian psychologist, Professor I. P. Matveyev, is periodisation. The most clear and comprehensive definition of periodisation is provided by Harre (3); 'a division of the training year that is made with the idea of an optimal improvement in performance and the preparation of an athlete for a decisive climax, and for the competitions connected with it'.

Matveyev's main work was published in Moscow in 1965 and was translated immediately by most other Eastern European nations. The first western translation was made by Peter Tschene in 1968 for the West German Sports Federation, but this version only had a limited circulation.

Basically Matveyev took the athletic performance of several thousand top class athletes of the world in events where one can objectify the results i.e. track and field, swimming, weight lifting and drew the curves of their results of several seasons. He compared these curves with those of volume and intensity of training of the same athletes, as far as he could get hold of this data.

From this comparison, he came up with a set of theories as to how one can reach the peak performance at the proper time.

i) A training cycle should contain a preparatory, a competitive and a recuperatory period.

ii) There should be no more than two cycles per year.

iii) Three cycles with one, two or more peaks.

iv) In endurance events with a high technical component (jumps, throws) there may be several peaks, in explosive events with a low technical component there may be as many as three, in endurance events preferably only two.

Using Matveyev's work as a guide I would like at the conclusion of the research to be in a position, whereby I could plan a player's training programme, technically, physically, psychologically and in some cases tactically so that he can achieve optimal improvement in performance, play well in the 'big ones' and indeed play well enough to get picked for the big ones!

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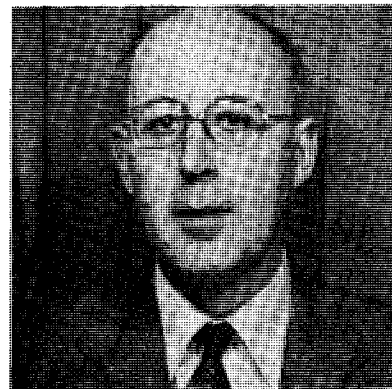
## NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Coincident with Tom Blunn switching from his former role of Honorary Treasurer to take over the reins of Chairmanship from his predecessor Charles Wyles the management structure of the English Table Tennis Association has also undergone a significant change.

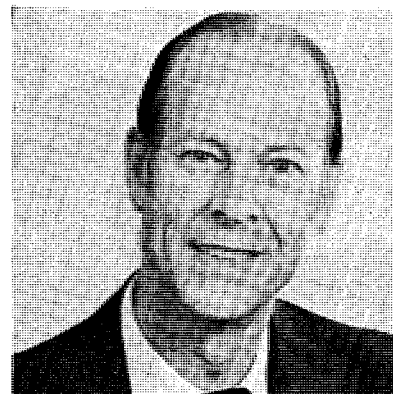
Henceforward the members of the Management Committee will be known as Vice-Chairmen and each will be responsible for a particular aspect of the Association's work and, in alphabetical order, they are:-

Colin Clemett (Vice-Chairman Competitions)  
Ron Crayden (Vice-Chairman Selection/Coaching)

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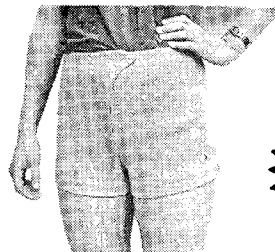
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On the **Administrative** side sub-committees approved by the National Council at their first meeting on July 22nd will comprise under the Vice-Chairmanship of **George White**:-

**Rules:**

E. G. White (Chairman), A. J. H. Wickens (Secretary), A. J. Cavell, S. Greatrex, J. Killmister, J. C. McKim and K. Watts.

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T. Blunn (Chairman), C. J. Clemett, M. Goldstein and E. G. White.

**Victor Barna Award Panel:**

T. Blunn, R. J. Crayden, M. Goldstein, J. A. Leach and E. G. White.

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**National Team Competitions:**

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**MIKE GREATREX**

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**Tournaments:**

A. J. H. Wickens (Chairman), M. D. Watts (Secretary), T. M. Channing, J. Freeman, A. M. Ross and D. A. Young plus one representative from Umpires and Referees Committee.

**Calendar Working Party:**

C. Burden (Chairman) plus representatives from interested committees.

**County Championships:**

I. Whiteside (Chairman), R. Bridges (Administrator), T. M. Channing, S. Parr and D. Moss.

**Alan Ransome**, Vice-Chairman of **Development** is himself the Chairman of the **Development** Committee which further comprises R. D. Tammadge (Secretary), B. Ashton, J. A. Cram, G. Daniels, A. Dines, A. Drapkin, B. Kean, Miss C. Rose, A. M. Ross, G. Sandley, H. Stevens, M. D. Watts plus one representative from the English Schools' T.T.A.

Internal Organisation has been broken down into the following panels:- Facilities, Colleges and Universities, Local Authorities, Information, Sponsorship, Coaching and Selection, Schools, Finance, Professional Players, Competitive Programme, Good Standing, Umpires and Referees, Women in Sport and Regionalisation.

The Finance Department under the control of new Hon. Treasurer Mike Greatrex will have no sub-committees, but under the Vice-Chairmanship of **Norman Reeve** a **Press and Publicity** Committee will function with K. Mathews as Secretary together with J. A. Cram, D. Lomas (E.S.T.T.A.), A. M. Ross, R. D. Tammadge and J. Woodford with **Norman Reeve** as Chairman.

Finally, under the Vice-Chairmanship of **Ron Crayden** the following sub-committees will operate:-

**Selection:**

P. Charters (Chairman), R. J. Stevens (Secretary), L. A. Clayton, M. Kercher, B. Merrett and P. Simpson plus the Chairman of the Coaching Committee (Gordon Steggall) and Donald Parker to attend as required to advise on the playing skills of juniors.

**Coaching:**

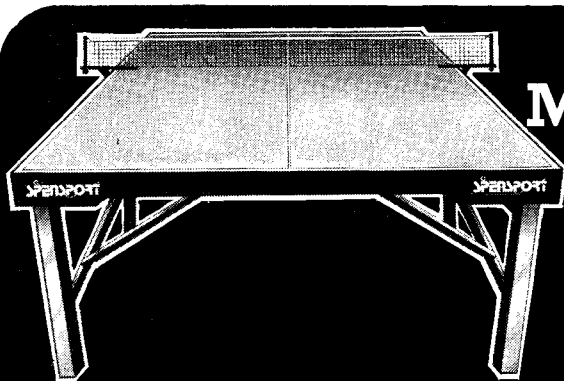
A. G. Steggall (Chairman), Mrs. Elsie Carrington (Secretary), J. H. Carrington, Mrs. D. Henderson, one representative from National Coaches (Messrs. Simpson, Merrett, Hirst and Parker), Chairman of Selection Committee and one representative from E.S.T.T.A.

**Technical Sub-Committee of the Coaching Committee:**

P. Simpson, B. Merrett, P. Hirst, D. Parker, M. Kercher, A. Ransome plus one co-opted member.

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The Scottish T.T.A. has suspended Russell Brown of Bawhirley Road, Greenock from all Table Tennis in Scotland, for the period September 1st to November 30th, 1978, both dates inclusive.



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# NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## JUNIOR DOUBLE FOR NORTH MIDDLESEX

by Keith Ponting

At the Finals held at Stroud on May 21st North Middlesex achieved a rarely accomplished double in winning both the Carter and Bromfield Trophy events. Encouraged by their supporters, they had little difficulty against Halifax in the Carter Cup their Yorkshire opponents being unfortunately without Kevin Beadsley. In his absence North Middlesex went to town with Bryn Tyler, Colin Wilson and Graham Sandley achieving a 5-1 win Tony Bottomley gaining the sole Halifax consolation.

The Bromfield Trophy final was a closer affair against Nottingham and the Londoners did not take the lead until the 7th set, when Helen Williams got the better of Linda Holmes. I was particularly impressed with Helen's play and feel sure she will become a big name in English table tennis. Lesley Tyler won the 8th set to give North Middlesex a deserved 5-3 win. Linda Holmes and Pauline Cameron scored for Nottingham and although Deirdre Devine and Kathryn Lindley missed out on the wins they both played well.

Many congratulations to North Middlesex and I know Alan Shepherd is justly proud of his juniors. Another interesting feature was the fact that a brother and sister, Bryn and Lesley Tyler played in the winning teams and I wonder if this has happened before.

Scores:-

### Carter Cup:

#### North Middlesex 5 Halifax 1

B. Tyler bt A. Roper 14, 11; bt A. Bottomley 19, -13, 17.

C. Wilson lost to Bottomley -13, -19; bt A. Hill 13, 5.

G. Sandley bt Hill 13, -11, 16; bt Roper 11, 16.

### Bromfield Trophy:

#### North Middlesex 5 Nottingham 3

D. Devine lost to P. Cameron -13, -17; lost to L. Holmes -4, -16.

H. Williams bt K. Lindley 16, 12; bt Cameron 18, 15; bt Holmes 16, 19.

L. Tyler lost to Holmes -6, -8; bt Lindley 18, 17; bt Cameron -15, 12, 17.

In the **Rose Bowl** final Ormesby again showed their superiority among the women by winning for the fourth year in a row. Carole Knight, Angela Tierney and June Williams are a powerful combination and Newbury were always struggling against them, although Mandy Smith had a good win over Angela to make the score 5-1.

Details:-

#### Ormesby 5 Newbury 1

C. Knight bt C. Reeves 4, 16; bt W. Parker 8, 13.

A. Tierney bt Parker 10, 12; lost to M. Smith -20, -18.

J. Williams bt Smith -11, 13, 19; bt Reeves 20, 14.

North Middlesex almost made it three wins but were just pipped on the post by Birmingham in the **Wilmott Cup** final. This was the outstanding match of the day and it would be hard to imagine a better encounter in the long history of this competition. The atmosphere generated by both sets of supporters, who cheered almost every point, was electric and the experienced players admitted to being affected by it. It would be quite wrong to single out any individual as all six players, Derek Munt, Duggie Johnson and Desmond Douglas, for Birmingham and Mark Mitchell, Paul Guttormson and Bob Potton, for North Middlesex, were a great credit to English table tennis. One cannot speak too highly of the outstanding sportsmanship and good behaviour these lads displayed in such a close and tense match.

Afterwards Richard Habgood opened the champagne with much relief for it was so close. One interesting fact emerged from the match. Derek Munt, showing complete dedication, as usual, failed to score, losing in the third game on three occasions. In a long and distinguished career representing Birmingham this was the first time he had failed to score a win.

Scores:-

#### Birmingham 5 North Middlesex 4

D. Douglas bt R. Potton 15, 14; bt M. Mitchell 16, 16; bt P. Guttormson 5, 12.

D. Johnson lost to Guttormson -16, 19, -14;

by Potton 19, -9, 4; bt Mitchell 11, 1.

D. Munt lost to Mitchell 19, -18, -16; lost to Guttormson -14, 16, -7; lost to Potton -13, 19, -15.

Finals Referee was Les Smith of Stroud and he and his colleagues from that league are to be congratulated on the excellent organisation. The awards were presented by E.T.T.A. President, Maurice Goldstein, O.B.E., and he must have felt particularly proud in handing over the Wilmott Cup to his own Birmingham team.

# NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

## NEW NAME ON ORMESBY CUP

by Keith Ponting

For the first time since the inauguration of this competition a new name will appear on the Ormesby Cup, that of the Soham Club from the Cambridge League who travelled to London and

defeated the Ellenborough Club from North Middlesex 7-2. Soham had previously beaten Ormesby in the semi-final, thereby inflicting the first-ever defeat on the Cleveland club in this competition which provides a passport into Europe. Although I was unable to see the final I understand that Soham were good value for their win and a good crowd assembled to witness the contest at the Ellenborough Club.

Scores:-

#### Soham (Cambridge) 7 Ellenborough (Nth. Middlesex) 2

D. Douglas bt J. Kitchener 15, 8; bt R. Potton 11, 20; bt M. Mitchell 13, 15.

P. Day bt Kitchener 22, 12; bt Potton 14, 9; bt Mitchell 5, 23.

A. Barden bt Kitchener 16, -15, 14; lost to Potton -18, -17; lost to Mitchell -19, -18.

### ORMESBY RETENTION

The final of the women's event for the Gainsford Cup was held at Stroud on May 21st with the holders, Ormesby, being challenged by the Omega Club from the Bracknell League. Omega are a comparatively new club and did very well to reach the final, but the more experienced Ormesby team were always in control. The best set was between the respective No. 1's Carole Knight for Ormesby and Karen Witt for Omega which Miss Knight won after three exciting games.

Scores:-

#### Ormesby (Ormesby) 5 Omega (Bracknell) 2

C. Knight bt A. Gordon 13, 10; bt M. Smith 11, 19; bt K. Witt 11, -20, 15.

A. Tierney bt Smith 18, 19; lost to Witt -14, -17.

J. Williams bt Gordon -20, 17, 6; lost to Witt -15, -9.

# PING COMMENTARY

by JOHN WOODFORD

Deputy Table Tennis Correspondent  
"THE DAILY TELEGRAPH"

## DARTMOOR NEXT STOP?

If I were a parent of a junior player involved in the County Championships play-off matches at the end of last season, I would certainly want to know how it came to pass that the venue was one of H.M. Prisons, near Stafford.

With the greatest respect to the establishment concerned and the people who run it, I just do not believe that playing this sort of event in a prison is the right thing to do, either for the residents or the visitors.

Only a two-table venue was needed. There must be a number of table tennis clubs around who could have coped with this event without resorting to a venue that is most certainly unsuitable for young girls.

I have personally spoken with officials who were there. They agree that playing conditions were excellent but the atmosphere was entirely unsuitable.

I can recall that not long ago the senior play-off week-end was held at Shenley Hospital, a mental institution of great renown but not for this type of event. There were a number of complaints at that time.

Something ought to be done to ensure now that suitable venues are found in good time, otherwise I am thinking of running a competition in this column to see who can forecast this season's venue from this list — Dartmoor, Parkhurst, Wormwood Scrubs, Holloway or Broadmoor!

Alan Shepherd's question at the E.T.T.A. annual meeting regarding national Press coverage gives me another opportunity to give a more specific answer. The N.C. report mentioned "excellent coverage in the quality papers". By that statement we understand that the reference is to "The Daily Telegraph", "Sunday Telegraph", "The Guardian" and "The Times".

As I am the person mainly responsible for the space we obtain in the two "Telegraphs", he will know that precious few opportunities are missed. Certainly, the coverage of the European championships in Duisburg was excellent, with 14 stories, some of them occupying huge chunks of space,

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Major Domo Alan Shepherd with his winning North Middlesex Junior teams.

Photo by Leo Black, London W.11.

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in the main, word-for-word from my typewriter in Germany.

Most of the other important events were well covered including the major home tournaments and the European league matches. But, you cannot win every battle when the competition from other sports is so fierce. "The Telegraph" stands up well to its claim of covering sport in depth. I am continually surprised at the obscure sporting activities that manage to secure space.

Table tennis events that happen between April 30th and August 31st are regarded by the entire national Press and the agencies as "out-of-season", taking valuable space from the summer sports. On several occasions I have appealed to the corridors of power to get the English Junior Open inside the normal season, it is too important to happen in May, but no one seems to possess the nerve to uproot a tournament to make way for the national event.

The finals of the national team events are of course, also held out of the normal season and there is no way that the "Telegraph" will accept more than the results even if Desmond Douglas is playing; that brings me to the final point, the powers in Fleet Street are impressed if Desmond is playing against world-class players anywhere and especially if he is doing well. They are not so interested when he is involved in the domestic scene — with the greatest respect to Alan Shepherd's Middlesex teams!

## ENGLISH 'GOLD CUP' Under-14 Singles

### MIDDLESEX DOUBLE by Alan Dines

The Finals of the E.T.T.A. U-14 Singles were played at Meadway Sports Centre, Reading on 27th May. The sponsor this year was Actif Sports the U.K. Agents for Chinese Gold Cup equipment and the Finals were staged for the E.T.T.A. by I.M.P.A.C.T. (Institute of Match Play and Coaching Techniques).

The 16 boys and 16 girls in the Finals had reached this stage via five regional competitions, with each region providing its first, second and third players and the E.T.T.A. nominating direct the English No. 1. Play in the Finals was on a group basis, seeded by the E.T.T.A., with four groups of four players in each event. The winners of each group then went through to staged semi-finals and then the final and play-off for third and fourth positions. The second, thirds and fourths in each group then played their corresponding numbers in a group system to determine places 5 to 16. In the Boys event, I. Attridge survived the 'A' group with wins over J. Stoddart, A. Dixon and K. Green. In groups 'B', 'C' and 'D' M. Oakley, P. Rainford and J. Souter won all 2 straight to reach the semi-final stage relatively easily. In the first semi-final Mark Oakley secured a comfortable win over Ian Attridge 10, 17. The second semi-final was more closely contested but John Souter ran out winner over Paul Rainford 18, 16. In the match between the losing semi-finalists Attridge won a close contest against Rainford 22, 18. In the Final, fortunes ebbed and flowed — Oakley won the first 21-11, looked as if he would take the second but lost it -17 and Souter took firm control in the third to win 21-14 and become English Under-14 Champion.

The Girls' event produced some close encounters but more clear cut wins. 'E' group winner was H. Williams with one close match against J. Bellinger which was won 18, 17. Winner of 'F' group was L. Taylor with one close match against L. Garbet which was won -20, 21, 13. 'G' group winner was C. Creasey who had a difficult time against L. Fennah but ran out winner -12, 18, 16. L. Bellinger was unable to play in this group and was replaced by S. Conway. Group 'H' was won by G. Pritchard without being extended. The first semi-final was contested by H. Williams and L. Taylor and was won comfortably by the former 12, 12. The other semi-final was closely contested but Gina Pritchard made sure of a place in the Final by beating C. Creasey 19, 16. C. Creasey however secured third place by beating L. Taylor 17, -15, 8. The Final produced some good table tennis with a scoreline of 21-15, 21-16 securing the National title for Helen Williams.

Presentations were made by the Mayor of Reading with Arthur Simox, M.D., of Actif Sports and Gold Cup-sponsored player Mandy Smith. Thanks are expressed to Actif Sports Co. the main sponsor and also to Halex T.T. Ltd. and Dynamics International. Referee for the Finals was John Freeman, I.U., N.R., Finals Organiser was Alan Dines and National Organiser Keith Ponting. Thanks also are due to all the officials and umpires who contributed to the success of the competition.

### FINAL POSITIONS

#### Boys:

1. J. Souter (North Acton)
2. M. Oakley (Guildford)
3. I. Attridge (Barking)
4. P. Rainford (Preston)
5. S. Madden (Hull)
6. A. Dixon (Wolverhampton)
7. G. Russell (Guildford)
8. P. Brownlow (Cheshunt)
9. C. Prean (Isle of Wight)
10. K. Green (Hartlepool)
11. A. Pilgrim (Coventry)
12. C. Bryan (Grantham)
13. L. Taylor (Hartlepool)
14. P. Bradbury (Milton Keynes)
15. J. Stoddart (Nottingham)
16. B. Johnson (Newbury)

#### Girls:

1. H. Williams (North Middx.)
2. G. Pritchard (Exeter)
3. C. Creasey (Bournemouth)
4. L. Taylor (Reading)
5. L. Garbet (Leatherhead)
6. J. Bellinger (Luton)
7. S. Cresswell (Guildford)
8. L. Fennah (Wirral)
9. K. Mudge (Barking)
10. C. Exton (Grantham)
11. J. Parker (Preston)
12. L. Broomhead (Bradford)
13. S. Conway (Guildford)
14. T. Robertshaw (Bradford)
15. J. Todd (Bradford)
16. J. Cheetham (Shrewsbury)

Whilst the Finals were acknowledged as very successful, the basis of selection for the last 16 needs review. Apart from the problem of ensuring that Leagues nominate players (there were a number of misses and near misses last season) there is the difficulty of regional or playing standard selection for the Finals and the degree of compromise that is inevitably essential. There was comment on last season's Girls' Final which included the top ranked girls, but there were a number of others who considered they could have achieved mid-way positions. A simple improvement would be to revert to the formula devised by the writer for the old English Under-13 Singles with the E.T.T.A. nominating the top six players and the regions providing the other ten places. The E.T.T.A. could nominate all players but the tournament might be considered a 'closed shop' and many players would consider themselves deprived of the opportunity to achieve directly a place in the Finals. Another alternative is to increase the number of players in the Finals.

Perhaps those who have views on the subject would write to Keith Ponting who can put them to the E.T.T.A. formally.

## NORWICH UNION Grand Prix - Trophy - Masters

Norwich Union Insurance, the major sponsors of English table tennis for the past seven years, have finalised plans to extend their sponsorship into Europe with a cash prize pool in the region of £10,000.

Following discussions with both the International Federation and the European Union, and with the English Association, plans have now been crystallised to promote a Grand Prix circuit which will comprise six open tournaments together with two extra prestige events.

These latter will be the Norwich Union Trophy, at Bletchley on Nov. 28th and the Norwich Union Masters at Milton Keynes in May of next year.

The six Grand Prix tournaments will be the French Open (Nov. 10-12th), Yugoslavian (Nov. 15/18th), Scandinavian (Nov. 23/26th), Czechoslovakian (Jan. 27/29th), Welsh (Feb. 9/11th) and the English Open (Jan. 11/13th) at Brighton. At the conclusion fourteen men with the most points, together with the new world champion and the European champion, Gabor Gergely of Hungary, will meet at Milton Keynes where the ultimate winner will collect £1,000 and the runner-up £600.

Prior to, at Bletchley, the eight men leading the Grand Prix points table after the French, Yugoslavian and Scandinavian championships will qualify to play for a top prize of £600 and an overall spread of £1,450 together with modified points.

For the six Open Championships, points will be awarded to the last 32 players in the men's singles event as follows:-

- Winner — 1,000 points
- Runner-up — 800 points
- Losing semi-finalists — 600 points
- Losing quarter-finalists — 400 points
- Losing eighths — 200 points
- Losing sixteenths — 150 points

And for the Trophy Competition points will be awarded to all eight contestants as follows:-

- Winner — 500 points
- Runner-up — 400 points
- Losing semi-finalists — 300 points
- 5th and 6th places — 200 points
- 7th and 8th places — 100 points

Overall prize money for the Masters at Milton Keynes (May 29/31st) will be £3,075 and £150 will go to the winner of the six open championships which means, in effect, should one player win all he would net himself £2,500 plus a further £500 for having accumulated most points in the Grand Prix tournaments.

## I.M.P.A.C.T. 'ASCOT BUTTERFLY' Under-14 Team Compt.

### TITLES FOR ACTON AND LUTON by Alan Dines

The fifth U-14 Team Competition was staged in Reading and this was again sponsored by Ascot International Ltd., and staged by I.M.P.A.C.T. (Institute of Match Play and Coaching Technics) Twelve boys' teams and eight girls' teams from all parts of England duly assembled on June 24th to contest for the championship titles. The boys event started with 3 groups of 4 teams with the top 2 teams in each group going forward to a Final Group of 6. Teams finishing 3rd and 4th in the first group played their corresponding numbers to determine positions 7 to 12. The girls' event started with 2 groups of 4 teams from which they went into 2 final groups of 4. Each match consisted of 8 singles with 4 players per team and the first and second pairs playing each other. With many of England's top Cadets taking part the playing standard was very high and to finish near the top was a very fine achievement.

Winners of the Boys' event were the Acton team of J. Souter, D. Pilling, B. Collingwood, E. Gorniak and K. Kavanagh, who secured the title after three close matches at the end of the day against the teams who finished behind them. They beat Coventry 7-1, Oxford 8-0, Plymouth 7-1, Downley 7-1, drew with Wolverhampton 4-4 and then beat Guildford 5-3 and Barking 5-3. Second place was hotly contested between Wolverhampton (A. Dixon, A. Devitt, A. Trubshaw, P. Dawes and M. Devitt) and Guildford (M. Oakley, G. Russell, T. Vine, G. Kemp and S. Gosling). Final positions were determined by the matches in the Final Group based on 2 points for a win and one point for a draw. Both teams tied with 7 match points so the result between the teams was used to determine the result.

This was a 4-4 draw so games ratio was next on the list for determination. This was 9-9 so it was left for points to decide the result. These were

duly added up and incredibly both teams had won and lost identical number of points, so Wolverhampton and Guildford had to share the runners-up position. The Wolverhampton team did have some consolation in that they were undefeated throughout the day but three drawn matches in the Final group meant the title eluded them. The Barking team of I. Attridge, S. Edwards, P. Fender, S. Sparks, E. Deshart, P. Sayer finished fourth, closely behind the first 3 teams and their results included a draw with Wolverhampton. Fifth place went to Downley who were closely followed by the remaining 7 teams with little to choose between them.

The Girls' event was won by the Luton team of J. Bellinger, L. Bellinger, J. Miles and J. Dimmock. This was a strong event in depth with teams evenly matched. Luton had some very hard and close matches and won by beating Barking 5-3, Swindon 7-1, Oxford 8-0, Reading 5-3 and a 4-4 draw with Guildford. The Barking team of K. Mudge, J. Askem, P. Taylor and D. Taylor took second place with wins against Reading 5-3, Swindon 6-2, Guildford 6-2, Oxford 6-2 and a loss against Luton 3-5. Guildford's S. Cresswell, J. Mills, S. Conway, C. Gibbs finished in third position having beaten Oxford 6-2, Reading 'B' 8-0, Plymouth 6-2, drawn 4-4 with Luton and lost to Barking 2-6. Following closely behind but with lesser success were Oxford (J. Windle, C. Belcher, M. Denbow, A. Hine), Reading (L. Taylor, T. Vallis, J. Collins, S. Kilford), Swindon (P. Townsend, T. Watkins, G. Horsington, H. Wilson, A. Morse) and Plymouth (C. Butler, A. Hancock, C. Trainer, K. Barriball).

Venue for this competition was Bulmershe Centre, Reading, the Referee was John Freeman, I.U., N.R. and the Organiser, Alan Dines.

#### Final Positions

##### Boys:

1. Acton
2. Wolverhampton

3. Guildford
4. Barking
5. Downley
6. Coventry
7. Bradford
8. Plymouth
9. Reading
10. Maidenhead
11. Oxford
12. Derby

##### Girls:

1. Luton
2. Barking
3. Guildford
4. Oxford
5. Reading
6. Swindon
7. Plymouth
8. Reading 'B'

players with the first and second pairs playing the opposite pairs for a total of 8 singles.

Winners of the boys' event, after a very close finish, were Exeter who won 5 and drew 2 matches. Their team of Gary Lambert, Mark Ellett, Francis Treece and Darren Finnimore beat Maidenhead 6-2, Basingstoke 7-1, Coventry 8-0, Acton 6-2, Wolverhampton 5-3 and drew with Barking and Oxford. Second place went to the Wolverhampton team of A. Devitt, J. Campbell, I. Allman, A. Dixon and P. Brooker who won 5 matches, drew one and lost one. They beat Oxford 8-0, Reading 'B' 8-0, Guildford 7-1, Acton 5-3, Coventry 7-1 drew with Barking and lost the final crucial match to Wolverhampton 3-5. Oxford secured third place and their team of N. Hughes, R. Argyle, J. Dowsett and M. Morris won 4 matches, drew 2 and lost 1. Closely following in fourth place was Barking represented by A. Barker, G. Ducker, P. Coffee, J. Pryor and M. Taylor and they won 4 matches, drew 2 and lost 1.

The girls' title was won by Wolverhampton represented by Stephanie Hadley, Fiona Elliot, Vicki Bellingham, Kate Gamston and Tracey Spencer. They won the title with wins against Barking 8-0, Swindon 6-2, Reading 6-2, Guildford 7-1 and Shrewsbury 7-1. The Swindon girls Helen Wilson, Michele Cook, Sarah New, Jill Keen and Claire Hunter took second place. Third place went to the Reading girls, Linda Green, Julie Andrews, Heidi Vallis and Sian Herbert and fourth place to the Guildford team of Jane Mills, Nicola Taylor, Debbie Simmonds and Carol Longhurst.

Referee for the competition was John Freeman, I.U., N.R. and the Organiser was Alan Dines who would like to hear from Leagues who are interested in entering girls' teams in next year's competition.

#### Final Positions

##### Boys:

1. Exeter
2. Wolverhampton
3. Oxford

## I.M.P.A.C.T. 'GOLD CUP' Under-12 Team Compt.

### EXETER AND WOLVERHAMPTON SUPREME

by Alan Dines

Reading's Bulmershe Centre was again the venue on June 10th for the U-12's own team competition. This was sponsored by Actif Sports the U.K. agents for Gold Cup equipment and staged by I.M.P.A.C.T. Twelve Boys' teams and six Girls' teams from all parts of England contested the two events. The boys played a group system starting with 3 groups of 4 teams. From this the top 2 teams in each group went into a final group of 6 and third and fourths went into groups of 4. In the Girls' event, teams played in one group of 6 all playing each other. Each team consisted of 4

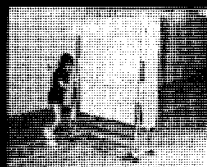
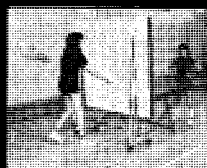
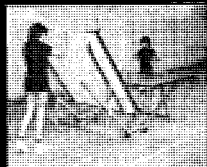
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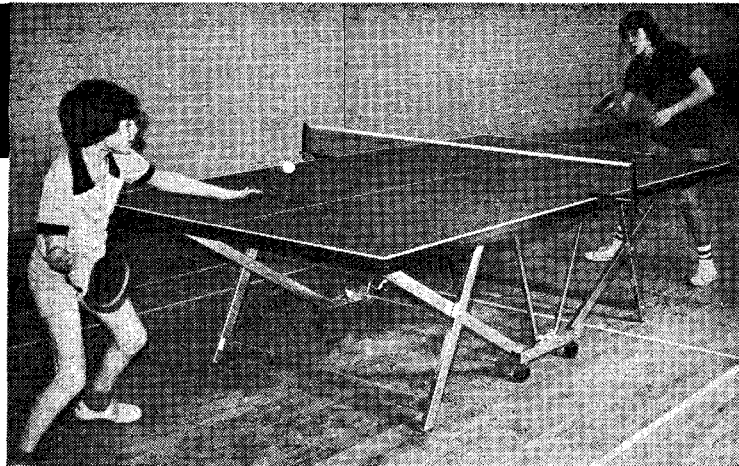
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6. Acton
7. Reading 'A'
8. Maidenhead
9. Guildford
10. Basingstoke
11. Swindon
12. Reading 'B'

#### Girls:

1. Wolverhampton
2. Swindon
3. Reading
4. Guildford
5. Shrewsbury
6. Barking

## RANKING POLICY 1978

by PETER CHARTERS

### Chairman, National Selection Committee

The new Selection Committee met recently and discussed in detail its intended ranking policy for the 1978/79 season. It is very important for both ranked players and those aspiring to a ranking to take note of the following points. For the guidance of Tournament organisers the Selection Committee intends to produce three seeding (or ranking) lists covering Seniors, Juniors and Cadets.

In order that ranking should become more factual, certain results only will be used for ranking purposes. The players will then know when they have to get good results to obtain or improve their ranking and the Selection Committee will not have a profusion of results (in many cases contradictory results) on which to form a list. Some will feel that all results should count towards ranking and this may come about when computer analysis becomes viable.

It must be understood that ranking and selection will be considered separately with ranking used as a guide to selection. Players will be selected for England on the basis of who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, will do the best job for their country. Events that will be used for ranking purposes this season will be as follows:-

#### Seniors:

- 3-Star Tournaments
- Norwich Union English Championships
- Norwich Union International Championships
- International Open events
- European League matches
- European Top 12
- World Championships

#### Juniors:

- Junior Select Tournaments
- English Junior Closed Championships
- English Junior Open Championships
- Junior Ranking Tournaments
- Junior International Tournaments
- International Friendly matches
- European Youth Championships

#### Cadets:

- Cadet events in Select Tournaments
- English Cadet Closed Championships
- International Cadet Open events
- European Youth Championships — Cadet events

Results for ranking will be in separate categories i.e. Senior, Junior and Cadet. Two factors will be used in cases of equality of results in nominated events — ranking position already held and the results of players concerned in 2-Star Tournaments.

All results in National Competitions (County matches, National League and Club, other open tournaments etc.) will be collated and noted by the Selection Committee for use in selection. Rankings will be issued as follows:-

#### Seniors:

1. By the end of December 1978
2. By the end of February 1979
3. By middle of May 1979

#### Juniors:

1. By the end of December 1978
2. By middle of March 1979
3. By middle of May 1979

#### Cadets:

Approximately the same times as for Juniors.

The two Junior Ranking Tournaments this season, the first at a northern venue, the second

in the south, are designed as large groupings and similar to the Middlesex Authorised tournament. This will afford the selectors a number of non-conflicting results for each of the players taking part, against other top junior opposition.

Invitation to the ranking tournaments will be by ranking positions held or by way of regional nomination. To close, I wish you all a successful season.

## IRISH NOTES

by WILLIE WALSH

At the Annual General Meeting held in the Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin, on June 11th the following were elected to the Management Committee:-

- President — C. A. Moore.  
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 Committee — Miss Mary Kelly, John Bryant, Jim Canavan, Billy Marshall, Eddie Limberg, Jim Ellis, Jimmie Cross, Willie Walsh.  
 Senior Selectors — Jimmie Cross, Billy Marshall, John Bryant, Joe Veselsky, Tommy Caffrey, Willie Walsh.  
 Junior Management — Mary Kelly, Rev. Sean Manning, Eddie Limberg, Norman Sloan, Billy Marshall, Tommy Rowsome, John Byrne, Tony Burke.  
 Junior Selectors — Mary Kelly, Eddie Limberg, Billy Marshall, Tommie Rowsome.

#### IRISH RANKINGS:

##### Men:

1. Colm Slevin (2)
2. Kevin Keane (3)
3. Thos Heasley (5)
4. Alistair Cairns (4)
5. Joe Hickey (8)
6. Derek Weir (10)
7. Brian Larrigan (5)

##### Women:

1. Ann Leonard (2)
2. Deirdre Kilpatrick (2)
3. Liz Cash (4)
4. Kathleen Murray (6)
5. Mary Sheehan (5)
6. Dolores Keller (8)
7. Valerie Moore (6)

Jim Langan, Karen Senior and Tommy Caffrey were not considered, as they did not play in 4 of the seven listed tournaments.

Rhanboy Cup (Outstanding man) — Colm Slevin.  
 Telefod Doggard Cup (Outstanding boy) — Colm Slevin.

#### 1978/79 FIXTURES

1978

September

28—Poland v Ireland (away)

October

5/7—South County Dublin Open (Terenure)

12—Ireland v Netherlands (Ulster)

13/14—Leinster Open (Dublin)

28—Senior Inter-Provincial Championships (Dublin)

November

4—North West Open (Strabane)

8—Italy v Ireland (away)

10/11—Glenalbyn Open (Dublin)

17/18—Belfast and Dist. League Championships (Belfast)

24/25—Dorene Connacht Open (Galway)

December

7—Ireland v Luxembourg (Ulster)

8/9—Ulster Open (Newtownards)

16/17—Leinster Junior Open (Dublin)

30—Bloomfield Open and Leinster Junior Closed (Dublin)

1979

January

6—Junior Inter-Provincial Championships

7—Junior Closed Championships

13—Weatherglaze Open (Bray)

17—Ireland v Austria (Dublin)

20—Ulster County Singles

26/27—Cork Open (Cork)

February

8—Greece v Ireland (away)

16/17—Munster Open (Limerick)

24—Ulster Schools Closed

March

2/3—Irish Closed (Dublin)

8—Ireland v Bulgaria (Galway)

10—Fermanagh Open

17—Belfast Junior Open

24—County Antrim Open (Ballymena)

31—Longford Open (Longford)

April

7—Ulster Junior Open

21—Irish Closed Cadet Championships (Galway)

28—Willwood Tailtean Schools (Belcamp)

The date and venue for the Stiga Irish Open has yet to be finalised. For Entry Forms or information on any of those tournaments, please contact - Mr. Norman Sloan, Hon. Sec., I.T.T.A., 4 Fairhill Gardens, Belfast, BT 154 FZ.

#### EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ireland put up some very creditable performances at the European Junior Championships in Barcelona. Colm Slevin, who incidentally was the first Irish player ever to be seeded at a European Championships, justified his seeding (5) by reaching the quarter-finals of the cadets. In the team event, the cadets finished 15th. In the Junior Girls, Ann Leonard lost narrowly to the No. 3 seed Miss Firenzi (Rumania), -24, -22 in the 1st Round. In the Junior Girls team event we lost to England 3-2 after Ann Leonard had scored a great win in the singles over Mandy Smith, and together with Deirdre Kilpatrick beating Mandy Smith and Karen Witt in the doubles. In finishing 13th we improved by 5 places, and if the groupings had not been re-arranged, we believe we would have finished in 11th position.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### KAREN WITT

Karen has come to the end of an outstanding junior career. Unbeaten by any other English Junior girl last season in any event having played in all major junior tournaments and a round robin junior trial.

A good record which may not have been achieved before. She was only taken to three on five occasion throughout the season, twice each by clubmates Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith and once by Yorkshire's Sally Midgley.

She played for England in European Youth Championships as a Cadet and since then, for the last three years, has gone to the same championships as England No. 1 ranked girl. She has been English Junior Open and Closed Champion and has twice been in the last eight of the European Youth Championships.

Karen has already been selected for England at Senior level on a number of occasions and it is hoped a successful senior table tennis career awaits her. From a club point of view it was pleasing to find that the club provided three girls to represent England in Barcelona including Karen.

**REG HART,**  
 Omega Club Secretary.

"Talmage Patch",  
 The Green,  
 Brightwalton,  
 Newbury, Berks.  
 RG16 0BH.

#### ESSEX JUNIOR OPEN

Middlesex players were very much to the fore in the Essex Junior 2-Star Open at Wanstead over the weekend of Sept. 9/10th. Graham Sandley won the Boys' Singles and Mandy Reeves the Girls'. Mandy and Helen Williams took the girls' doubles title, and Sandley, partnered by Alison Gordon (Berks) the mixed. Paul Whiting (Devon) and Ian Attridge (Essex) won the boys' doubles.

Eddy Gorniack was the winner of the Cadet Boys' title and Jacky Bellinger (Beds) the girls'. A full report, written by Alan Shepherd, will appear in the November issue.



# TSP EXHIBITION TOUR BY DOUGLAS & KOHNO



"I'm gunning for your crown" quips Des Douglas to Mitsuru Kohno. Desmond, left, is pictured teaching the World Champion the finer points of American Pool. The pair were taking time off from an exhibition series and coaching session at Littleton Road Sports Centre, Lower Kersal, Salford.

Photo by courtesy of The Salford City Reporter.

Following the unique exhibition of Mitsuru Kohno and Des Douglas, two of the World's best Table Tennis Players, organised and arranged by TSP Sports Europe Ltd., who market the famous TSP range of Table Tennis products, Managing Director Eddy King is very pleased with the results and the exposure that both his Company and the Sport itself has received.

"I wanted to provide the British public with the opportunity of seeing the Sport played at its very best, so in co-operation with the E.T.T.A. I arranged for Mitsuru Kohno, the current World Champion to come over from Japan to play our own leading English Player Des Douglas, especially as both players use TSP equipment. The response was tremendous and I am sure that the game itself has benefitted from the publicity this tour has received through the Press and Television", says Eddy King.

The event in Birmingham was televised fully receiving over one hour's peak viewing time in the Midlands and extracts have been shown in other areas. Des Douglas, himself tipped by many as a future World Champion, excelled in the series of challenge matches which he won by Four matches to One, in front of capacity crowds in Southampton, Bath, Leeds, Manchester and Birmingham.

As well as the evening matches both Kohno and Douglas gave coaching clinics during the day to Junior Players and made other personal appearances which were well received.

The tour was well supported by three other leading English Players contracted to TSP, Linda Howard, Karen Witt and Anita Stevenson, who teamed up with Kohno and Douglas to play a series of exciting mixed doubles matches.

## DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Mr. Arthur E. Upton of Lancashire has been re-appointed as Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee of the E.T.T.A. Members (as before) comprise:- Mrs. D. Henderson, Cyril Burden, Keith Watts and John Zenthon with the secretary to be supplied from the E.T.T.A. Secretariat.

## NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE FOR DUNLOP SPORTS COMPANY

Dunlop Sports Company will operate under a new management structure from 1st September. Four business managers are appointed — Julian Cox responsible for racket sports (tennis, squash, table tennis, badminton and racketball), Richard Brown in charge of golf equipment and accessories, Austin Selby who will continue development of the successful Swingball and Playsport lines, and Rooney Massara as business manager — Exports. A further appointment will be announced shortly to cover the footwear and clothing divisions — with a special responsibility for new projects.

In addition to his Swingball and Playsport activities, Austin Selby will continue to be responsible for the Company's U.K. sales force, excluding the specialist golf representatives who will become an integral part of the golf division.

The marketing requirements of the five new

divisions will be met by a Marketing Services Department, under Richard Braddon, and Management services and Accounting functions will be the responsibility of Roy Sherwin, commercial manager.

Commenting on the change of organisation Ronald Lowe, Dunlop Sports Company general manager since January of this year said:- "When a Company grows as fast as Dunlop Sports Company has done in recent years, and has established substantial market shares in widely different sports, there comes a time when a greater degree of management specialisation is required. What the new structure is intended to do is to establish, in effect, five separate businesses within the organisation as a whole, each one a substantial sports business in its own right, and each one with its own management team. I am confident that this will produce a sharp improvement in our reaction to the market's needs, and in service to our customers".

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Ladies

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3 WEST

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Ladies

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JUNIOR 3 MIDLAND

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Ladies

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Ladies

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Ladies

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VETERAN MIDLAND

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Ladies

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VETERAN EAST

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Ladies

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VETERAN WEST

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MESSAGE FROM SALFORD

It is with regret that we have to advise that we are unable to obtain sponsorship for the Salford 2-Star Open Tournament which was to be held on Nov. 26, 1978 that we must take therefore the necessary steps of cancelling this event. We are working on sponsorship for 1979 and are hopeful at this stage of obtaining this for 1979 and will keep you informed.

B. Whitwell, Hon. Gen. Secretary, Salford, Eccles and Dist. T.T.L.

41 Acresfield Road, Salford, M6 7GE.

# County Championships Round-up

by BOB BRIDGES

## CLEVELAND BOMBSHELL

Cleveland will not be playing to retain the County Championships Premier Division trophy they have held for the last three years. At the Championships Conference in June they withdrew from the Premier Division after the Conference had rejected a Management Committee proposal to complete the Division over two weekends during the season at Central venues.

The Junior Premier Division, however, obtained the backing of Conference for a two-weekend play-off, with the division's eight Counties completing their games on Nov. 25/26th (at two venues, arranged by Essex and, in the north, by either Cheshire or Yorkshire) and over the weekend of Mar. 31st/Apr. 1st, hopefully in the midlands.

A change which gained the almost unanimous agreement of Conference was Yorkshire's proposal to alter the playing order; the home side number two player will not now have to wait from the first set to the last set to complete his games, but the formation of a County side was not altered.

## COUNTY TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Formation of Division 1978/79

<b>Premier</b>	<b>2 South</b>
Berkshire	Berks II
Cheshire	Buckinghamshire
Essex	Dorset
Glamorgan	Kent
Middlesex	Middlesex II
Surrey	Surrey II
Warwickshire	Sussex
Yorkshire	
<b>2 North</b>	<b>2 Midland</b>
Cleveland	Derbyshire
Durham	Leicestershire
Lancashire	Northamptonshire
Lincolnshire	Shropshire
Northumberland	Staffordshire
Yorks II	Warwicks II
<b>2 East</b>	<b>2 West</b>
Bedfordshire	Avon
Cambridgeshire	Devon
Essex II	Glam II
Hertfordshire	Gloucestershire
Norfolk	Somerset
Suffolk	Wiltshire
	Worcestershire
<b>3 South</b>	<b>3 North</b>
Essex III	Cheshire III
Hampshire	Cumbria
Herts III	Cleveland II
Kent II	Derbys II
Sussex II	Lancs II
	Northumb II
<b>3 North Midland</b>	<b>3 South Midland</b>
Cheshire II	Bucks II
Clwyd	Hampshire II
Leics II	Herefordshire
Nottinghamshire	Northants II
Salop II	Oxfordshire
Staffs II	Worcestershire II
<b>3 East</b>	<b>3 West</b>
Beds II	Avon II
Cams II	Cornwall
Herts II	Dorset II
Huntingdonshire	Glamorgan III
Norfolk II	Gwent
Suffolk II	Somerset II
<b>Junior Premier</b>	<b>Junior 2 South</b>
Berkshire	Devon
Cheshire	Dorset
Cleveland	Essex II
Essex	Middx II
Middlesex	Surrey II
Staffordshire	Sussex
Surrey	Wiltshire
Yorkshire	

## Junior 2 North

Clwyd  
Cumbria  
Derbyshire  
Lancashire  
Nottinghamshire  
Shropshire  
Yorkshire II

## Junior 3 South

Berks II  
Bucks II  
Hants II  
Kent  
Oxfordshire  
Sussex II

## Junior 3 North

Cheshire II  
Cleveland II  
Cumbria II  
Durham  
Lincolnshire  
Northumberland

## Junior 3 East

Cams II  
Huntingdonshire  
Leicestershire  
Lincs II  
Norfolk II  
Warwicks II

## Veteran South

Essex II  
Hants II  
Hertfordshire  
Kent  
Middlesex  
Sussex

## Veteran East

Essex  
Herts II  
Huntingdonshire  
Leicestershire  
Lincolnshire

## Junior 2 Midland

Buckinghamshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Glamorgan  
Gloucestershire  
Hertfordshire  
Northamptonshire  
Warwickshire

## Junior 3 South East

Bedfordshire  
Essex III  
Herts II  
Kent II  
Norfolk  
Suffolk

## Junior 3 Midland

Clwyd II  
Gwent  
Herefordshire  
Salop II  
Staffs II  
Worcestershire

## Junior 3 West

Avon  
Cornwall  
Devon II  
Hampshire  
Somerset  
Wilts II

## Veteran Midland

Cheshire  
Cheshire II  
Clwyd  
Nottinghamshire  
Worcestershire

## Veteran West

Avon  
Dorset  
Dorset II  
Hampshire  
Oxfordshire  
Wiltshire

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS FIXTURES FOR OCTOBER

**Premier**  
Oct. 21—Essex v Surrey (Dagenham)  
Middlesex v Warwickshire

**2nd South**  
Oct. 21—Bucks v Kent  
Surrey II v Dorset  
Sussex v Middx II

**2nd North**  
Oct. 21—Cleveland v Lancashire  
Durham v Lincolnshire  
Yorks II v Northumberland

**2nd Midland**  
Oct. 21—Leicestershire v Shropshire  
Northants v Derbyshire (Northampton) 7.00 p.m.  
Warwicks II v Staffordshire (Coventry)

**2nd East**  
Oct. 21—Norfolk v Essex II  
Suffolk v Cambridgeshire

Oct. 22—Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire

**2nd West**  
Oct. 21—Avon v Worcestershire  
Devon v Gloucestershire  
Somerset v Wiltshire

**3rd South**  
Oct. 21—Essex III v Hampshire  
Kent II v Herts III

**3rd North**  
Oct. 21—Cheshire III v Cleveland II  
Lancs II v Derbys II  
Northumb II v Cumbria

**3rd North Midland**  
Oct. 21—Cheshire II v Leics II  
Staffs II v Clwyd

Oct. 22—Salop II v Nottinghamshire

**3 South Midland**  
Oct. 21—Hampshire II v Bucks II  
Herefordshire v Northants II  
Worcs II v Oxfordshire

**3rd East**  
Oct. 21—Cams II v Suffolk II  
Huntingdonshire v Norfolk II

**3rd West**  
Oct. 21—Dorset II v Somerset II  
Gwent v Avon II

Nov. 4—Cornwall v Glamorgan III

**Junior Premier**  
Nov. 25/26 &  
Mar. 31/Apr. 1—Full details next month.

## Junior 2nd South

Devon v Surrey II  
Sussex v Middx II  
Wiltshire v Essex II

## Junior 2nd North

Oct. 21—Clwyd v Cumbria  
Derbyshire v Lancashire  
Yorkshire II v Nottinghamshire

## Junior 2nd Midland

Oct. 14—Cambridgeshire v Northamptonshire  
Oct. 21—Buckinghamshire v Gloucestershire  
Warwickshire v Cambridgeshire (Coventry)

## Junior 3rd South

Oct. 21—Hants II v Bucks II  
Oxfordshire v Berks II  
Sussex II v Kent

## Junior 3rd South East

Oct. 21—Suffolk v Norfolk  
Oct. 22—Bedfordshire v Essex III

## Junior 3rd North

Oct. 21—Cheshire II v Durham  
Lincolnshire v Cleveland II  
Northumberland v Cumbria II

## Junior 3rd Midland

Oct. 21—Herefordshire v Gwent  
Salop II v Clwyd II  
Oct. 22—Staffs II v Worcestershire (Wolverhampton)

## Junior 3rd East

Oct. 21—Huntingdonshire v Lincs II  
Norfolk II v Leicestershire  
Warwicks II v Cams II (Coventry)

## Junior 3rd West

Oct. 21—Avon v Hampshire  
Cornwall v Devon II  
Wiltshire II v Somerset

## Veteran South

Oct. 21—Essex II v Middlesex (Chadwell Heath)  
Hertfordshire v Hants II (Barnet)  
Kent v Sussex

## Veteran Midland

Oct. 21—Clwyd v Worcestershire  
Nottinghamshire v Cheshire II

## Veteran East

Oct. 21—Herts II v Essex (Barnet)  
Leicestershire v Huntingdonshire

## Veteran West

Oct. 21—Dorset II v Dorset  
Hampshire v Wiltshire  
Oxfordshire v Avon

## FINAL AVERAGES 1977/78

	P	W	L	Av %
<b>3 SOUTH</b>				
S. Proffitt (He 2) .....	4	4	0	100
E. Emecz (Sx 2) .....	8	7	1	88
P. Beck (K 2) .....	10	8	2	80
R. Brown (K 2) .....	8	6	2	75
P. Smith (Sx 2) .....	8	6	2	75
C. Jackson (He 2) .....	4	3	1	75
A. Pawden (E 3) .....	6	4	2	67
R. Parkins (He 2) .....	6	4	2	67
J. Drew (E 3) .....	8	5	3	63
P. Hunt (E 3) .....	10	6	4	60
<b>Ladies</b>				
L. Budd (Sx 2) .....	3	3	0	100
D. Barnes (He 2) .....	2	2	0	100
J. Livesey (E 3) .....	5	4	1	80
E. Sayer (E 3) .....	4	3	1	75
C. Hewitt (Sx 2) .....	3	2	1	67
J. Dunkin (K 2) .....	5	3	2	60
<b>3 NORTH</b>				
A. Croome (Ng) .....	10	9	1	90
S. Cowley (La 2) .....	9	8	1	89
D. Marples (Dy 2) .....	8	7	1	88
C. Reed (Cu) .....	5	4	1	80
P. Vickers (Dy 2) .....	8	6	2	75
B. Hill (Li) .....	4	3	1	75
M. Kinsela (Dy 2) .....	10	7	3	70
B. Allison (Li) .....	6	4	2	67
S. Turner (La 2) .....	10	6	4	60
<b>Ladies</b>				
J. White (Li) .....	5	5	0	100
S. Hunt (Li) .....	3	3	0	100
A. Marples (Dy) .....	3	3	0	100
J. Griffin (Dy) .....	4	3	1	75
L. Holmes (Ng) .....	3	2	1	67
G. Stocks (Ng) .....	5	3	2	60
<b>3 MIDLAND</b>				
M. Green (Sp) .....	10	10	0	100
M. Hankey (Ch 2) .....	10	9	1	90
N. Thomas (Sn) .....	10	8	2	80
S. Morman (Wo 2) .....	4	3	1	75
W. Percival (Ch 2) .....	10	7	3	70
P. Darcy (Ch 2) .....	6	4	2	67
C. Roberts (Sn) .....	6	4	2	67
M. Owen (Hr) .....	10	6	4	60
<b>Ladies</b>				
L. Fennah (Ch 2) .....	2	2	0	100
P. Brookes (St 2) .....	5	4	1	80
S. Rogers (Cw) .....	5	4	1	80
S. Powell (Wo 2) .....	4	3	1	75
S. Hunt (St 2) .....	3	2	1	67
M. Mytton (Wo 2) .....	5	3	2	60
J. Parry (Cw) .....	5	3	2	60
T. Powell (Sp) .....	5	3	2	60

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