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IAN HARRISON, first home-born winner of the men's singles in the English "Open" for 36 years.

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WE'RE TOO DEFENSIVE

WHILE the Japanese and Chinese concentrate on aggressive attack, defence appears to be the main basis of British table tennis. We find it in our youngsters and of course it is most evident in our two champions, Ian Harrison, new holder of the English "Open" and Bryan Merrett, the "Closed" champion.

This naturally poses the question is it because we are too defensive minded that our men lag behind the world standards.

One player who is of this opinion is Ken Craigie, the former Surrey Swaythling Cup player.

Craigie, of course, is noted for his attacking play, and he expressed this opinion most forcefully after defeating David Creamer, one of our bright hopes of the future in the first round of the English "Open."

When interviewed by Roy McKelvie, of the *Daily Mail*, he said, "I won because Creamer was too defensive. He needs to attack more. There is far too much emphasis on defence in this country. Our coaching methods are all wrong."

This is a bold statement, so TABLE TENNIS decided to seek other views.

Says Victor Barna, "The defensive attitude in this country cannot be blamed on anyone in particular, because there is no standard system of coaching, advice, or practice.

European Trend

"I always advised, even in the heyday of Richard Bergmann, that a champion must know how to score a point. And certainly players in this country should be encouraged to attack more than they do at present. But we must not go to the other extreme. The general trend in Central Europe now seems to be that players **must** beat the Asians at their own game. I do not think

this is possible. Each player must develop a game according to his own natural ability."

Another former world champion, Johnny Leach tells us not to pay too much attention to the Asians. "We only meet them once every two years now the world championships are biennial. Our game has to be suited to European play and that is based mainly on defensive.

"But players have also got to learn how to attack. Too many of our players lack real attacking shots. You must build up both sides of the game. It is a question of teaching defence first then attack or vice versa. I prefer the former for you must learn to keep the ball in play.

"I know that both Bergmann and I won our world titles with mainly defensive games. But we could both attack when necessary.

"I suppose as we were champions we set a fashion which others followed. And it is all too evident with our present champions. After all it is natural to expect the up and coming youngsters to follow the leaders.

Variety Necessary

"I don't condone chiselling, neither do I advocate out and out hitting. While I say learn defence first, if a player comes along with natural attacking ability it must be encouraged. Treat everyone as an individual. We do not want stereotype play of all attackers or all defenders. Variety is necessary for the game to be spectacular."

Now that the E.T.T.A. are to have a paid National Coach, following a government grant, maybe we shall see a change of approach to the game. The job has been offered to Jack Carrington and if he accepts his main job will be to teach coaches how to coach rather than coaching players.

OFFICIAL NEWS

N.E.C. Meeting: At the N.E.C. meeting held in London on March 27, the main item on the agenda was the report of the sub-committee considering the establishment of the post of full-time Director of Coaching to the Association. The Ministry of Education has offered a substantial grant towards the cost involved and it was agreed to accept the sub-committee's recommendation that the post be established as soon as possible and to offer it to Mr. Jack Carrington, the present Hon. Director of Coaching.

U.S.S.R. Tour of England: Details are now being settled for the U.S.S.R. tour of England, which will take place next season from October 17 to 23. The team will consist of three men and a non-playing captain. Matches will be staged in several provincial centres ending with a televised match in London on Saturday, October 22. A reciprocal tour by an English team in Russia is to be arranged later.

Wilmott Cup and Rose Bowl Competition: The final of the Wilmott Cup, between Manchester and Cheltenham, will be played at the Y.M.C.A., Manchester, on Saturday, April 23. The final of the Rose Bowl, in which St. Albans meet London Business Houses, will be staged in St. Albans on Thursday, April 21.

West German Juniors: Following the successful matches played in recent seasons between teams of Juniors from England and West Germany, the two Associations have now agreed in principle to make the match an annual fixture to be played on a reciprocal basis in the two countries in alternate seasons.

National Umpires' Examination: Six candidates sat for the examination at the Royal Albert Hall on

March 26. The N.E.C., at their meeting the following day, accepted the recommendation of the Umpires' Committee that Mr. W. J. Comber of Surrey be appointed a National Umpire. Because several of the prospective candidates were unable to attend this examination, the N.E.C. is considering staging a further examination during this season.

Sunderland Association Golden Jubilee: The Sunderland Association celebrated its Golden Jubilee with a dinner on March 3, which was attended by the E.T.T.A. Chairman, Mr. A. K. Vint, O.B.E., and the Treasurer, Mr. T. Blunn. Among the speakers on this occasion was the first-ever Men's Singles champion in the English "Open" Championships, Mr. A. Donaldson.

"Open" Tournaments: "Open" Tournament organisers are reminded that the calendar for the 1960-61 season is to be fixed by the end of this month. The proposed dates for all tournaments in this list must, therefore, be submitted to the E.T.T.A. before April 30.

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who took over the secretarial duties of Mrs. Kathleen Pegg in the E.T.T.A. Office, has now left the employ of the Association and Miss A. Yarrow has been engaged in her place.

Registered Members: The following players' applications to become Registered Members have been accepted by the N.E.C.: J. M. FENNELL (London Business Houses), W. A. REEVES (DERBY) and A. WATLING (Surrey).

E.T.T.A. FINANCE

A LETTER has been sent by the E.T.T.A. to all leagues and counties, inviting their views on a proposal for raising extra cash, urgently required to keep English table tennis solvent. Below we reproduce the most important parts of this circular.

AT the last Annual General Meeting the question of the need to increase the income of the Association was discussed and it was generally acknowledged that this was necessary. What was not agreed was the extent of the increase and the method by which it was to be raised.

ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The financial activities of the Association can be placed into two groups, firstly, the Administrative Account and secondly the Working Account. The former covers the provision of an office which is essential to maintain a smooth and efficient organisation throughout England. The Working Account includes all the activities involving play, e.g. English Championships, International Matches, Wilmott Cup and J. M. Rose Bowl competitions, Coaching Schemes and Umpires, etc.

FACTS AND FIGURES

It is essential that the Administrative Account shall be self supporting and also provide a surplus to be transferred each year to the Working Account, which in these days has not any other regular source of income.

Under existing conditions the annual cost of administration is just over £4,000 whereas the net revenue from all affiliation fees from members is just over £3,000, viz. 75 per cent. The balance is made up from various sources in an effort to provide a small surplus and to do this about £1,000 will be provided by the ball manufacturers during this year, which is equivalent to one third of the income from our own members.

The Association has tried for many years to provide an efficient administration and it is felt that this service has contributed in no small way to the successful organisation of the game throughout the Country.

A sound financial policy requires a reasonable balance being maintained in the Accumulated Fund. This fund has been reduced by £1,700 in two years as shown by the copy of the Accounts (see pages 108 to 111 in the current Official Handbook) and there is almost certain to be a further loss this season. The balance is already too low and some means must be found to meet our obligations and repay the amount drawn from reserves.

HOW CAN AN INCREASE IN INCOME BE OBTAINED?

The feeling at the last A.G.M. was that an increase in the Affiliation Fees would be too much for Clubs to bear and the idea of an individual levy on players was suggested. The N.E.C. has given very careful consideration to the matter and has examined many proposals designed to provide additional funds.

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It is felt that a minimum increase in revenue of £2,000 is required to relieve the Association of financial anxiety and to allow a full programme to be carried out for the benefit of all members. It is felt that this can be achieved by a players' levy which would bring in an income of this amount.

Although there are almost 200,000 affiliated Table Tennis players in England the number of players attached to affiliated Clubs for the purpose of competitive play is only 80,000 and it is from these players that it is thought a players' levy could be obtained.

Various amounts have been considered but the one recommended by the N.E.C. is 6d. per player registered with each League which would yield £2,000.

The administrative method by which the levy would be raised is not thought to create any difficulties as in a large number of Leagues a players' registration fee is required. It is intended that where a League has no system of individual registration of players an average of six players per team taking part will be taken in order to assist the playing strength of the League.

The idea of a players' levy is not confined to Table Tennis as both Golf and Lawn Tennis are attempting to bring a similar scheme into operation.

League and County Committees will realise the financial difficulties facing the Association and, therefore, any help they are able to give to achieve a solution of our problem will help us to maintain the place of Table Tennis in present day sport and ensure that further progress

can be made in the game will be appreciated.

PROPOSAL FOR THE 1961/62 SEASON

The N.E.C. have also been examining a completely new approach to the Affiliation Fee structure of the Association which has for years now been based on Clubs and additional teams. They think that an entirely new basis might be brought in, based on a comprehensive fee of say 2s. 6d. per player and abolish club affiliation fees altogether, which would mean a simpler form of affiliation to both the E.T.T.A. and the appropriate County Body. Based on the figure of 80,000 players at 2s. 6d. each the gross income would be £10,000 compared with the present gross income of £4,000 and if this were agreed then the County Rebate would be increased to such an extent as to allow Counties to run without any financial payment to them from the leagues thus relieving the Counties also of all financial anxiety. A fund could also be established for assisting Counties, Leagues, Clubs, etc., by setting aside each year a proportion of the total income from the proposed Comprehensive Fee of 2s. 6d. each. The net revenue to the Association would then be sufficient to carry out all the schemes which the N.E.C. have hitherto only been able to talk about and which are designed to provide a more complete service to all members and to raise the game to a level which it deserves.

It should be emphasised that this last idea is only in a thinking stage and would involve a full report to the mem-

bers and proposals to alter the appropriate rules. In any event they would not be brought up before the A.G.M. in 1961.

The 6d. players' levy would of course have to be submitted as an amendment to the Rules to the 1960 A.G.M. which will be held on Saturday, 25th June, at the Bonnington Hotel, London.

MIDDLESEX LUCK

GOOD Old Yorkshire! That's all we can say. Middlesex had, I think, resigned themselves to second place in the county championship when up come Yorkshire to beat Surrey and leave Middlesex champions.

Willesden continue the practice of close finishes and won the Middlesex Inter-League title for the third successive year on games average.

TOP POSITIONS

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Willesden	6	5	1	41	13	10
Wembley	6	5	1	39	15	10
Acton	6	4	2	24	30	8

Willesden also accomplished the unprecedented feat of winning all three divisions and it was left to Barnets to stop a complete rout. They beat Willesden into second place in the Junior Division.

Middlesex juniors again won the Junior Division (South) and now look forward to the play-off with the other Divisional winners.

Tottenham Grammar School won the Middlesex Inter-Schools competition, beating Salisbury County School 5-2 in the final.



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WARWICKSHIRE DIARY

A BETTER team spirit has paid handsome dividends for Warwickshire this season.

The first team are champions of Division II Midland and will meet Kent in a promotion play-off, while the youngsters have taken the Midland junior division title and now face a triangular challenge match against Middlesex and Lancashire.

Birmingham, the largest Association in the country, are in the strange position of having money and not being able to spend it. Reason is that they are poised, ready to buy premises for their new headquarters but so far have been unable to find a suitable place.

Winners of the Coventry Championships were: **Men's Singles:** W. Bevins; **Women's Singles:** Mrs. Brown; **Men's Doubles:** Burry/Bevins; **Youths' Singles:** M. Billington; **Junior Singles:** M. Billington; **Veteran Singles:** F. Beech.

Winners in the Leamington Championships were: **Men's Singles:** W. E. Gallagher; **Women's Singles:** Mrs. H. E. Bennett; **Men's Doubles:** Gallagher/R. A. Stallard; **Mixed Doubles:** J. R. Earles/Mrs. Higgins; **Youths' Singles:** M. Billington; **Junior Singles:** M. Billington.

M. E. Evans.

UNIQUE WILTSHIRE RECORD

FOR the third successive season Mrs. Gladys Horn (Salisbury) collected a hat-trick at the Wiltshire "Closed" Championships, and has now, together with her husband, won more than 120 trophies.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: A. ALEXANDER (Devizes) bt D. Waters (Salisbury) 21-16, 19-21, 21-18.

Women's Singles: Mrs. G. HORN (Sal.) bt Mrs. I. Sherman (Swindon) 21-11, 21-13.

Junior Singles: A. NICHOLAS (West Wilts.) bt T. Vance (W.W.) 21-13, 21-14.

Men's Doubles: A. ALEXANDER/B. BOND (Dev.) bt A. Morris/D. Godsell (Sw.) 21-12, 21-16.

Women's Doubles: Mrs. G. HORN/Miss K. WATERS (Sal.) bt Mrs. B. Stillman/Mrs. F. Hinder (Sw.) 21-15, 21-17.

Mixed Doubles: J. CANDY/Mrs. G. HORN (Sal.) bt D. Waters/Miss K. Waters (Sal.) 21-19, 21-19.

Alan Alexander's seven year monopoly of the Devizes singles title was broken by the ex-Romford player, Brian Bond.

Jean Hillier won both the women's singles and mixed doubles titles.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: B. BOND bt A. Alexander 21-14, 21-8, 24-22.

Women's Singles: Mrs. J. HILLIER bt Mrs. M. Alexander 21-19, 9-21, 21-19.

Junior Singles: N. STANNARD bt B. Dancer 14-21, 19-21, 21-15, 21-13, 21-15.

Veteran Singles: J. PEARCE bt D. Parsons 16-21, 21-7, 21-14.

It is regretted that the County Histories Series, which this month was to have featured Kent, and the Umpire's Corner have had to be held over until next month due to pressure of space.

Men's Doubles: ALEXANDER/BOND bt J. Emery/M. Alexander 21-9, 21-15, 21-14.

Mixed Doubles: A. ALEXANDER/Mrs. HILLIER bt M. Alexander/Mrs. M. Alexander 21-12, 21-8.

Bond and Alexander have now established a unique record this season by winning the men's doubles title in the Wiltshire, West Wiltshire and Devizes Championships.

H. Turner (Christchurch) bt G. Warren (Christchurch) 21-14, 16-21, 21-19, 19-21, 21-12 to become the new Warminster champion, while **D. Garrett** successfully defended his Junior singles title for the second time with a 21-13, 21-17 win over R. White.

Dilton "A" have retained their West Wiltshire (Div. One) title with Lit. Institute certain runners-up. Second Division leaders Studley "A" dropped their first points of the season when beaten 7-3 by nearest rivals Christchurch "B".

Twenty-one matches without defeat has given Congre "A" the Third Division honours.

New Sarum "A" helped by Tony Wood, who holds the only 100 per cent. record in the league, have won Division One of the Salisbury League.

Donald Hillier.

SUFFOLK NEWSREEL

IPSWICH has brought off the double in the Suffolk Inter-Town League by winning both the senior and junior divisions with 100% records.

A feature of this performance is that two juniors, Dave Halliday and Howard Osborne, have played in both teams.

In Lowestoft the Y.M.C.A. "Stars" have won the Premier Division Championship while in Ipswich, Orwell Works "A" have taken the top division.

The East Anglian season will end on April 30 with a tournament at Newmarket in aid of the Church of England Children's Society. Five tables will be used in the Turner Hall and Friendship House and players from Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Huntingdonshire, and Bedfordshire are expected to participate.

The Suffolk Annual General Meeting will take place at Ipswich on Monday, April 25 but, in this case, no amendments to rules have been tabled. In the Election of Officers fourteen positions are shown on the agenda which at present are held by eleven people.

A.E.D.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

A DETERMINED recovery by John Cornwell in the last match of the evening gave Cambridgeshire a valuable draw against Suffolk in the Southern Division of the National County Championships.

Cornwell and John Thurston, our regular stalwarts, gained all five Cambridge victories.

The women's section was most disappointing against their Suffolk counterparts although Margaret Cornwell partnered by Keith Chapman made a good effort in the mixed doubles match.

The death of Alderman Leslie Symonds (former M.P. for Cambridge) for many years a vice-president of the Cambridge Association, came as a shock

to many people and many players and fans will remember him as a man whose sincerity in everything he did was outstanding.

Leslie Constable

WESTERN COUNTIES BULLETIN

WITH some brilliant all-round play, Cheltenham, last year's winners, maintained their unbeaten record while catching up on a back-log of fixtures in the Western Counties Championships.

Only Bath managed to give the champions a fight taking seven of the matches the full distance before going down 3-6.

Cheltenham's other victories were devastating. They beat Newport by 8-1, Weston 9-0 and, helped by Ian Harrison, thrashed Bristol by 8-1.

Only other side with a 100 per cent record are Cardiff who kept themselves on a level with Cheltenham by defeating Bath by 6-3.

The meeting between these two unbeaten teams will now decide the championship.

Grove Motlow

YORKSHIRE NOTES

MEMORIES and record books were combed when South Leeds Conservatives "B" vanquished Victoria 7-3. But no trace was found of a previous defeat for Vics. in the Leeds League since their formation in 1947.

Full marks, then, to young Stuart Laycock, who beat the champions' top pair, Terry Lofthouse and Kathleen Best. His brother, David and David Lamb also won two matches each.

Pete Smith crowned his best season by winning the Hull "Closed." Betty Kinsley took the girls' trophy for the fourth time in five years and the veterans' prize went to Harold Litchfield, a member of the county executive.

Other winners: Kath Whinham (women's), Colin Gray (boys'), Don Mein/Geoff Wilkinson, Whinham/Ann Brown and Smith/Kinsley.

Surprise winner of the Halifax championship was Dennis Norburn, whose sandwich bat has swept him back to his old form. To prove it was no fluke he beat Ron Thompson and Geoff Kidd to help Y.M.C.A. "B" give their "A" team a 5-4 quarter-final cup shock.

Brian Dawson and Doug Gordon did well to take the doubles title by defeating Kidd and Norburn. Margaret Morton won the women's crown.

Yorkshire loses a stalwart official this summer when business takes George Lodge from York, where he has been secretary, over the border into Durham.

Makolm Hartley.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

Leicestershire sides have had an exceptionally good season topping all five sections of the Midland League (North).

Holy Trinity "A" have won the Hinckley Youth League, Leicestershire's newest League, with a clear four points lead over their nearest rivals.

Philip Reid.

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Conducted by Laurie Landry

BEATEN BUT STILL IN

IT is entirely up to any player to retire from a match at any stage but it can put an opponent in an unenviable position. I should know! It happened to me against Ken Craigie in the recent West Middlesex "Open."

Ken had won the first game, lost the second and held a match winning lead of 20-8 in the third, when he came round and shook hands with me.

"You need another point yet, Ken," I said flabbergasted.

He however did *not* need another point for he retired giving the explanation that he was too tired to play any further rounds.

You may say—"Good luck" and suggest that I forget about how I won, but I am afraid I was incapable of that. Playing with the "psychological impediment" of having already lost I could not find any interest or concentration.

Ironically enough, the last time that the same sort of thing occurred, Ken Craigie was again involved. It was a couple of years ago in the quarter-final of the men's event in the North West Kent "Open." Alan Lindsay held a lead of 20-16 in the second game after taking the first. He then retired for he was due for call-up before the finals were to be played and would have been unable to come. Ken lost his semi-final match!

Another out of the ordinary happening was in connection with the England v The Rest match at Tottenham. Ian Harrison crashed into a shop window in trying to avoid a motor-cyclist, on his way to pick up Bryan Merrett. In consequence neither of England's top-ranked players were able to arrive.

BORROWED KIT

Johnny Leach and myself, both of whom had come to watch, stood in for Bryan and Ian. Whilst Johnny was able to go home and fetch his kit, I borrowed Diane Rowe's bat, Jeff Ingber's shirt and Alan Rhodes' plimsolls (These were on view in six of the ten matches). Happy to say, Ian is quite O.K.—more than we can say for the car—or the shop window!

The Midland "Open" showed us that the Birmingham "Open" was nothing to go by. Though the entry was down on the previous year, the organisers had everything under con-

trol and they were even too strict at times. Well done Midland—let us hope it is a sign for the future.

The young committee who have taken over the West Ealing Club were certainly rewarded for their efforts by a large entry for the West Middlesex "Open."

The only time that the organisation fell down a bit was on the Sunday when due to a slight miscalculation of times, some players had to wait. They made up for this, however, and the large finals night crowd fully justified their efforts.

A WINNING RETURN

After three years in retirement, 25-year-old Ann Woodford has made a spectacular come-back to county table tennis this season by sweeping into the top spot in the Sussex ranking list.

Before her retirement, during which she has raised a family, Mrs. Woodford, then mainly a defensive player, made eight county appearances and twice won the Sussex "Closed" Championship.

Now she has changed to "sandwich" and has developed a formidable forehand attack which coupled with sound and heavily chopped defence makes her a very player to beat.

Mrs. Woodford (formerly Davies) first showed her all-round ability when winning the Sussex Invitation Top Eight tournament.

It was this victory which prompted the county selectors to put her up to No. 1 in the ranking and they have certainly not been disappointed at their choice.

She has since justified this honour by winning all three events in the Eastbourne Championships without conceding a game and followed this with a repeat performance in the recent Sussex "Closed"—the first woman ever to win the "hat-trick" at Sussex.

What are the future plans for Mrs. Woodford, who also loves swimming, tennis and driving motor cars? Not having little worthwhile opposition in the Sussex women's field she has decided to enter at least five "open" tournaments next season.

BERGMANN AGAIN

The ever popular Richard Bergmann, sadly missed from the tournament scene these days, will be back showing his skill in London next month. He will be making an exhibition tour with the Harlem Globetrotters, and it is understood with a new partner.

Bergmann was suspended after teaming up for a stage act with the Japanese former world doubles champion Fujii Narikazu in 1958.



(Photo: Eastbourne Gazette)

MRS. ANN WOODFORD

SUSSEX "CLOSED"

Men's Singles: G. WHALLEY bt P. Yates 25-23, 19-21, 21-15.

Women's Singles: Mrs. A. WOODFORD bt Mrs. I. Gillett 21-10, 21-9.

Men's Doubles: YATES/L. GUNN bt J. Moore/B. G. Fretwell 21-13, 21-16.

Women's Doubles: Mrs. WOODFORD/Mrs. P. Pearce bt J. Coleman/B. Phillips 21-19, 21-17.

Mixed Doubles: YATES/Mrs. WOODFORD bt Whalley/Mrs. G. Bailey 21-19, 21-17.

Boy's Singles: WHALLEY bt B. Watson 21-14, 17-21, 21-9.

Veteran Singles: FRETWELL bt G. Bass 21-9, 19-21, 21-17.

EASTBOURNE "CLOSED"

Men's Singles: J. DOBELL bt A. G. Steggall 20-22, 21-13, 21-13, 11-21, 21-18.

Women's Singles: Mrs. A. WOODFORD bt S. Field 21-15, 21-16.

Men's Doubles: DOBELL/D. SELBY bt L. Driver/F. Knott 21-18, 20-22, 21-17, 21-9.

Women's Doubles: Mrs. WOODFORD/Mrs. C. STACEY bt Field/Mrs. U. Dean 21-17, 11-21, 21-10.

Mixed Doubles: J. WOODFORD/Mrs. WOODFORD bt D. Wilkinson/Mrs. U. Whybrow 21-15, 21-13.

Boys Singles: K. B. HOLMAN bt B. Rogers 21-6, 21-13.

WHY AN E.T.T.A.?

The HON. IVOR MONTAGU, President of the E.T.T.A.
discusses an All Sports Problem.



TABLE TENNIS is in the doldrums.

Hard problems lie ahead. At this A.G.M. and the next the situation is to be faced frankly. Ideas will be canvassed. It is not to be supposed that all difficulties will be resolved at once, or at a single meeting. Drastic "rethinking" (as it is fashionable to call it) will be begun and go on throughout the year. There must be a serious overhaul.

What are the facts? Table Tennis in England is no longer pulling in the crowds and consequently the money. This is the bigger shock to us because we are not used to it. We have become accustomed to a steady and wonderful period of growth.

For more than 30 years, from 1921 right to half-way through the 1950's, we had it soft. Has there ever been a success story like it? Starting with, literally, a handful of clubs. Championships in cafés. No Press publicity. Nothing in the kitty. A game whose very name was almost a joke. The rise not only to prosperity but dignity. Clubs, literally, in thousands. Wembley-fulls of spectators. Special trains. THE premier indoor sport, and on a world scale.

No wonder the sweet smell had gone a bit to our heads. No wonder it has been a bit difficult to recognise those days are over; that a certain marking-time has ensued and now even a decline . . . that we are in for an "agonising reappraisal." Nevertheless, that's what we're in for.

There are various ways of reacting. The most natural is to seek scape-goats. Blame the men at the wheel. Change methods. Change rackets. Change rules. Change coaches. Kill the Selection Committee.

Ancient Custom

This is a very ancient English custom. It would ill become one speaking for "those at the wheel" to discourage it. And anyway it is the one on which our English democracy depends. We are going to need the lively interest of which it is an expression if we are to overcome our obstacles. Nevertheless, this time it's a bit off the target. We've got to peer a bit deeper if we want to see our way clear.

Just take a look at other sports in this year of grace, 1960. *The Times* of February 10 gives the attendance figures for A.A.A. Championship meetings ("a fixture to which the A.A.A. look for needed income") over the past 20 years. Figures have been steadily declining since 1952. Those for 1959 are only just over a third of what they were in that year, only just over a half of what they were in 1958. They are almost 5,000 down on pre-war.

And yet standards of performance of British athletes are higher than ever. Records are ever being pushed upwards. And public interest is not really less.

In Other Sports Too

World Sports have shown similar trouble in cricket, lawn tennis, boxing. The league soccer position, temporarily rescued by the windfall in fixture copyright payments from the pools, is far from healthy. Not only sport, but the cinema too is facing a crisis. The truth is: *social habits are changing*. A great deal of it, certainly, is TV. Not in the crude sense that people watch their own sport "for free" on the goggle-box rather than go out in the cold and pay. But that their interests are widening. Television gives you so many alternate choices to watch conveniently if you are only going to kibbitz.

Participation, in sport still, or in dancing, in holiday travel, is not on the decrease. But if you're going to be a passive spectator, it's simplest to stay home. This is not Table Tennis's fault.

How has table tennis been financed up to now? The regular income—affiliations, entry fees, ball rebates, etc.—have paid for regular outgo—administration, office, postage, organising competition and the like—they have kept the machine ticking over (and still do).

What you may call the more national activities—raising the level of play by coaching, trials, national representation abroad, bringing international stars to home audiences, this has been met each year (apart from special funds, as now—e.g. the

Supporters' Club) by the profit on the National Championships (exactly as—quoted above—with Athletics and the A.A.A.). And now these profits no longer come. What now?

Continuing our *Times* quote: "The excess of expenditure over income of £6,400 and the continually rising costs of a *fast growing sport* make the picture look gloomy indeed. Even adding together the suggested donations from clubs and the increased entry fees, it is certain that the A.A.A. are not going to get clear." And the correspondent concludes: "There seems no suitable alternative to further Government aid."

These words should be pondered by too-ready critics before they jump too heavily on our Association's mistakes (or fancied mistakes). For we are in like case. Ours is an exactly similar trouble. The key is in the words I have italicised. You cannot put the clock back. We cannot draw in our horns and run ourselves in the nice cosy little way of the 1920s, with no paid officials, no expenses accounts and practically no travel.

Our sport, like athletics, like others, is still *expanding*. Ours is a world in which more and more people are living fuller lives, demanding more and doing more (which includes sport) even if, because of TV and yet other new forms of entertainment, fewer are paying to watch directly.

World-Wide

We still have thousands of clubs, scores of thousands of players, a world-wide sport with still new countries taking it up every few weeks (Mongolia last week is the latest I.T.T.F. applicant).

Great thanks are due to the Ministry of Education for its coaching subsidy but unlike Athletics our hopes of more cannot be large.

The way out? Some say: Chuck up the sponge. I've heard it alleged "90 per cent. of the players don't care a damn for the Association

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anyway." All they want is their weekly game. They couldn't care less about national needs and international matters, which affect only a few stars." They say, "The youth of today is just not interested. All they care about is centred around themselves."

I don't believe it. Perhaps my head is in the clouds. Or I'm just an old fogey?

I believe our present difficulties are all a part of a challenge of the present day, the challenge facing our country and which its youth will solve (and will eagerly respond to once it's given a chance, naturally it gets browned off when kept in the background). This challenge is to keep up with the advancing pace of a world in which ever new masses of humanity are coming on to the stage.

If you read the papers you have read about this problem as it exists in science, in education, in the modernisation of industry, transport, everything. It is so in sport too. While our championship crowds are declining—Dortmund last year was four-fifths empty—halls in Stockholm, Peking, Tokio, even Moscow, are beginning to be packed to overflowing and the players from fresh continents are numbered in millions.

I do not believe that our country is dead or down or that our youth is going to let it be so. Everywhere that table tennis is played England's repute stands high. Not just for good play but for fair play, good humour and common sense. All know what the sport's past owes to us. Shall we contract out now and play the cheap role of "Little England" at our kind of green table?

If we are not to go down we have got to keep up. This means, up-to-date streamlined organisation; two-way communication system on needs and possibilities between those who play and those who try to help; recruiting and inspiring and promoting youth; a service of dedication and fulfilling a national responsibility every time we step, in play or counsel, into the world's sphere. Do we want this or not?

The new proposals about to be brought forward show we mean to try. It is not for me to recommend one or other scheme or detail, but only to recall this in conclusion; **it is no good criticising or saying what should be done without also saying how.**

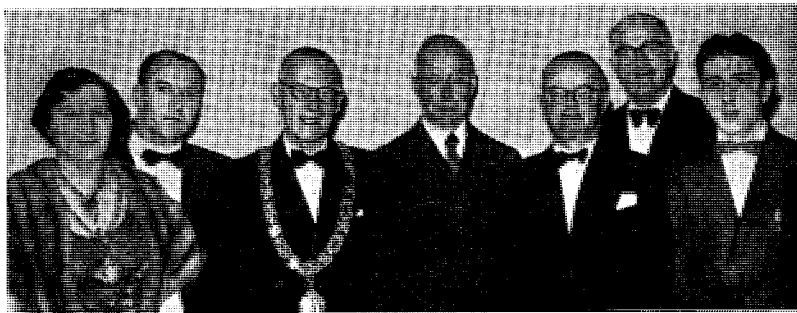
If you want an E.T.T.A. (and this is the only kind of E.T.T.A. worth having) you must interest yourself in it, run it yourself (not leave it to be run for you) and pay for it. To paraphrase the report on railwaymen's pay; if you will the end, you must will the means.

THE Sunderland and District Association celebrated their Golden Jubilee with a Dinner and Dance on March 3.

Links between the past and present were supplied by Andrew Donaldson, the first English "Open" champion, and Wilf Barker, a current junior international.

Replying to a toast proposed by Barker, Mr. Donaldson recalled his first connection with the game which was introduced in Sunderland at the High Southwick School where he was a teacher.

Edgar Reay, Sunderland's secretary, proposed the toast of the E.T.T.A. and



V.I.P.'s at Sunderland Jubilee Dinner 1. to r. : The Mayoress Mrs. ALLISON, C. W. BRITTON, The Mayor Aldn. A. L. ALLISON, ANDY DONALDSON, A. K. VINT, O.B.E., EDGAR REAY, WILF BARKER

in reply Bill Vint, the Chairman, congratulated the local Association on their proud record of having produced six senior and three junior internationals.

He also said that Mr. Donaldson was being recognised for his work in Sunderland by being made a Vice-President of the E.T.T.A.

The Mayor, Alderman Allison, the first table tennis player to become Mayor of the Borough was among the guests.

Mr. W. Thompson, President of the Sunderland Association, presented the trophies for the season.

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WELSH CORNER

DAVIES KEEPS TITLE

RON DAVIES surprisingly retained his men's singles title in the Welsh "closed" championships, with a two-straight win over George Evans in the final.

At all previous encounters between the two this season Evans has proved the master. This time however the tables were turned. Davies found renewed confidence in his attack to hit through Evans in the first game, but became a little over confident in the second although he eventually won two straight.

Davies had quite a struggle with Colin Thomas in one semi-final, while Evans accounted for Stan Jones in the other.

In the absence of Audrey Bates, the holder, Betty Gray succeeded to the women's singles. She had some trouble with Maragret Jones in the semi-final, then scored a straight games win over Mrs Gretha Dimascio in the final.

Singles finalists Davies and Evans teamed up to win the men's doubles final against Bernard Dimascio and Stan Jones, while Miss Gray and Mrs. Dimascio dethroned Mrs. Jones and Margaret Phillips in the women's doubles.

Mrs. Jones did not come away empty handed, partnering husband Stan to win the mixed.

Colin Thomas carried off the boys title, while Sandra Hinley beat her sister Angela in the girls' final

FINALS RESULTS

Men's Singles: R. DAVIES bt G. Evans 2-0.

Women's Singles: B. GRAY bt Mrs. G. Dimascio 2-0.

Men's Doubles: DAVIES/EVANS bt B. Dimascio/S. Jones 2-0.

Women's Doubles: GRAY/DIMASCIO bt M. Jones/E. Phillips.

Mixed Doubles: JONES/Mrs. JONES bt B. Morris/Miss Gray.

Boys' Singles: C. THOMAS bt I. Gibson.

Girls' Singles: S. HINLEY bt A. Hinley.

After only one season it is back to the Second Division for Glamorgan in the County Championship. Although already doomed, following an 8-2 defeat by Surrey they wound up their programme on a fighting note with a 6-4 win over Lancashire.

The Northerners had already avoided the "drop" by surprisingly defeating Essex, so they called in George Livesey to deputise for their No. 1, Jeff Ingber.

However, Glamorgan were also below strength because Audrey Bates was unable to turn out.

After some tense struggles, Bernard Dimascio and Ron Davies eventually settled the match when in the doubles they beat Strulovitch and Clayton who was the best player of the evening.

Cardiff's women's team retained their Welsh League championship by beating the formidable Swansea side, while Cardiff men, despite the loss of two matches, are expected to retain the First Division title.

Aberdare have already won promotion from Division II (North). Second Division (South) remains a battle with Brigend, Rhondda and Cardiff "seconds" all struggling to come out top.

Aberdare juniors, after a brilliant victory over Abergavenny, unexpectedly lost to Swansea, and have lost their chance to topple Abergavenny from the top.

The semi-final line up for the club team championship is Alma v Cardiff Y.M.C.A.; Overseas "A" v Barry Central.

Because of financial difficulties, and the failure of the "fighting fund" to realise sufficient profit, Wales were unable to pay the expenses of a team to the European Championships. Nevertheless Brian Everson, Alan Thomas, Dick Hopkins, Audrey Bates and Betty Gray were making the trip with Mrs. Nancy Roy Evans as manager.

CIRCULATION DRIVE

WINNING THE BATTLE

THANKS a lot, boys and girls. You've done it. The circulation for the first five months of this year is up by an average of several hundred a month—and with a dearer magazine! Mr. Bill Atkins, General Manager of the Publishers, assures me that the magazine WILL be published next season. What's more, see the special announcement in this issue about cheaper subscriptions for the next two months.

Full details were sent to Magazine Secretaries at the beginning of this month. If you haven't received a copy please write to me straight away. I can also tell you now that there will be a new competition next season (with the special subscriptions taken now counting for next season), with three valuable prizes enabling EVERY COUNTY to stand a real chance of winning one of them. Full details shortly.

What can you do about Bill Rogerson? 375%! And every chance of being higher next month, after the has seen what he can do at the Cambridge "Closed." You will see from the current table that a number of counties keep moving up. Teddy Grant is still ploughing on in Hampshire, and with the Andover League now taking copies, Teddy has forced himself up from 22nd, when he took over, to 12th. Can he find that little extra effort to get over 100%. At his present rate he will get to 96%. Come on. Hampshire, give him your support and get the other 4% and quite a bit of money in rebate will come back to you. The same applies to Devon. Mr. Nicholls played his part by selling 2 dozen copies at a county match, but to remain over 100% someone else has to make an effort.

Colin Deaton's grand example in Derbyshire has been the main reason why they have risen from joint bottom to 16th. Good sales at the Derby "Closed" have helped, but to reach 100%. Colin needs some more help. Oxford also may need assistance if they

WORCESTERSHIRE "CLOSED"

(Malvern, March 20, 1960)

Men's Singles, Semi-Finals: R. LUSH bt P. Hawkins 21-13, 23-21, M. HAWKINS bt R. Goode 21-12, 21-14.

Final: LUSH bt Hawkins 21-19, 19-21, 21-15, 21-16.

Women's Semi-Finals: Mrs. J. LLOYD bt D. Parry 21-13, 21-11, S. MELLEY bt Mrs. B. Shammion 18-21, 23-21, 21-16.

Final: Mrs. LLOYD bt Melley 21-15, 21-13.

Men's Doubles: **Final:** HAWKINS/GOODE bt Lush/D. Moss 21-17, 23-21.

Women's Doubles: **Final:** Mrs. LLOYD/Mrs. SHAMMON bt Melley/Mrs. A. Hawkins 19-21, 21-14, 21-15.

Mixed Doubles: **Final:** LUSH/Mrs. HAWKINS bt Goode/Mrs. Lloyd 20-22, 21-18, 21-19.

Veteran Singles: **Final:** R. HALL bt R. Lewis 21-2, 21-14.

Junior Singles: **Final:** M. BAILEY bt T. Senior 21-13, 16-21, 21-11.

Junior Doubles: **Final:** SENTER/T. LEE bt G. Collier/M. Allen 21-17, 21-16.

By GEOFF HARROWER

are to keep over 100%. Three or four new subscribers would do it.

It isn't only in England that the Sales Drive flourishes. Gerald Crumley, writing from San Francisco, has taken TEN AIR MAIL SUBS. FOR ONE CLUB! He hopes to get 50 subscriptions for us by the middle of next season. On this question of subscriptions: Cheltenham gave five subscriptions as a prize in a special handicap team competition. Here's an idea for other Leagues to copy. Almost the whole of Gloucester's 76% comes from Ted Davey's efforts in Cheltenham.

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DIANE AND KATHIE

First in 35 Years

by Sydney Hulls (Daily Express)

DIANE ROWE and Kathie Best became the first All-England team to succeed in the 35 years history of the tournament when they took the doubles title in the West German "Open" Championships at Berlin on February 28.

In a heart-thumping final they beat the bespectacled-blonde Fraulein Gudrun Muller and her housewife partner Hilde Grober 16-21, 21-23, 21-14, 21-15, 22-20.

England's men, Ian Harrison and Bryan Merrett, of Gloucestershire, were not so successful. They did not reach a semi-final in any event in which they were entered.

But Merrett did come within one point of beating Vilim Harangozo of Yugoslavia in the second round, losing eventually 21-16, 10-21, 5-21, 15-10 (time limit) and 3-2 (time limit).

Revived after a lapse of five years, the German "Open" attracted entries from 12 countries.

Belgium and England sent four players apiece. France sent six, including Monique Alber and Alex Ehrlich.

Agnes Simon and Bert Onnes came from Holland, Dinka Nikolic, Vilim Harangozo, Josep Vogrinc and Vojislav Markovic from Yugoslavia. Sweden sent five and there were teams from the Lebanon, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria and America.

One of the outstanding sights of the tournament was the spectacular play of Sweden's Tony Larsson, who is reckoned to be the best man in Europe today.

Larsson, well-tutored by Ichiro Ogimura, has learned a lot of Jap tricks.

One of his favourites is to retreat well back from the table and then, when he seems absolutely on the defensive, attack with a long-range smash-hit return.

It won Larsson points and applause. It is also the sort of play that has spectator-appeal.

The Bayern German, Josef Seiz, thrilled his countrymen by defeating Harangozo —9, —13, 19, 17, 20 and later the angry Harangozo featured in an argument in the final of the men's doubles.

He and the usually amiable Josep Vogrinc protested strongly when the

umpire awarded an edge point to the Gomolla twins, Ernst and Herbert.

Harangozo stopped the game, pointed out that the ball had only touched the side of the table, and then when the umpire refused to give way, called over the referee.

The officials refused to give way, but the Gomolla twins caused a roar of applause by hitting off the next ball and giving a point to the Yugoslavs.

And Harangozo and Vogrinc went on to win the title by three games to one.

Mrs. Agnes Simon gave the proof that she will undoubtedly be one of the hardest girls to beat in the European championships by going through the championships without dropping a single game.

The scoreboard showed a monotonous 3-0, 3-0, 3-0, as Mrs. Simon beat Mrs. Andree Schaan of Belgium 12, 9, 7; Hamburg's Fraulein Ulla Paulsen three straight, then zoomed through her quarter-final by beating Ingrid Kriegelstein of Schleswig-Holstein 7, 12, 9.

Monique Alber of France took Mrs. Simon to double figures twice before losing —5, 17, 9 and then came the biggest test, the final against Diane Rowe.

Diane had been watching Mrs. Simon closely in the early rounds and had realised that the Hungarian refugee was still as fast as ever.

But she went on to the table as usual determined to fight it out right to the end, and in the third game seemed to be giving Mrs. Simon more trouble than she liked.

Diane came off saying: "She is very difficult. The faster you play, the faster she speeds up."

Diane beat Birgitta Tegner, the pretty Swedish girl, in the semi-final. Birgitta fought strongly in the first two games and then tailed off very sadly, almost giving the final few points to Diane.

Non-playing captain Ron Crayden was pleased with this trial of the England team before the rigours of the European championships at Zagreb in April.

Indeed it was the sort of valuable experience that could give the team useful confidence before the really big championship test.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES: Bryan Merrett b Tietmeyer —11, 20, 17, 19, lost to Vilim Harangozo 16, —10, —5, 15-10 (Time Limit), 3-2. Ian Harrison b Michalek 19, 20, —19, 18, lost to Tony Borg 18, 18, 14.

SEMI-FINALS: Josep Vogrinc (Yugo.) b Hans Alser (Sweden) 17, —17, 17, 16. Tony Larsson (Sweden) b Dieter Kohler (Germany) 7, —9, 15, 19.

FINAL: LARSSON b Vogrinc 21-16, 19-21, 21-18, 21-18.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Kathie Best b Zemke 25, 13, 6, lost to Jutta Kruse 3-2. Diane Rowe b Gomolla 15, 17, 19, b Schulz 17, 18, 15, b Zehne, 14, 18, —17, 9.

SEMI-FINALS: Agnes Simon (Holland) b Monique Alber (France) 15, 17, 9. Diane Rowe (England) b Birgitta Tegner (Sweden) —12, 17, 7, 7.

FINAL: SIMON beat Rowe 12, 12, 19.

MEN'S DOUBLES: Harrison/Merrett b Held/Mayer 3-0, lost to Seiz/Ness 3-0.

SEMI-FINALS: Harangozo/Vogrinc b Gab/Terbeck —12, —19, 13, 17, 15. Gomolla/Gomolla b Seiz/Ness —14, 15, 16, 14.

FINAL: HARANGOZO/VOGRINC b Gomolla/Gomolla 3-1.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Rowe/Best b Kuchler/Berger —20, —19, 11, 12, 15, b Kriegelstein/Buchholz —20, 17, 13, 13.

SEMI-FINALS: Grober/Muller b Simon/Roland —15, 16, 18, 19. Rowe/Best b Matthias/Steinke 17, 16, 12.

FINAL: ROWE/BEST b Grober/Muller 16-21, 21-23, 21-14, 21-15, 22-20.

MIXED DOUBLES: Merrett/Best b Brauns/Matthias 3-0, lost to Gab/Muser 3-1. Harrison/Rowe b Harst/Kuchler 3-2, lost to Mayer/Stotz.

SEMI-FINALS: Larsson/Tegner b Michalek/Schlaf 3-0. Onnes/Simon b Wegrath/Buchholz 3-0.

FINAL: ONNES/SIMON b Larsson/Tegner —17, 11, —19, 19, 9.

HUNT CHECKS ST. ALBANS

JOHN HUNT (Bishop's Stortford) prevented St. Albans League players making a clean sweep of the Hertfordshire "Closed" title when he won the men's singles, beating the holder, Terry Densham.

Judy Williams reversed last year's final result, when she took the women's singles from Alma Taft and the two girls paired up to win the women's doubles. They were the only successful defending champions.

Roy Wilson gained a double crown when he won the men's doubles with John Bryant and the mixed with Gwen Robinson.

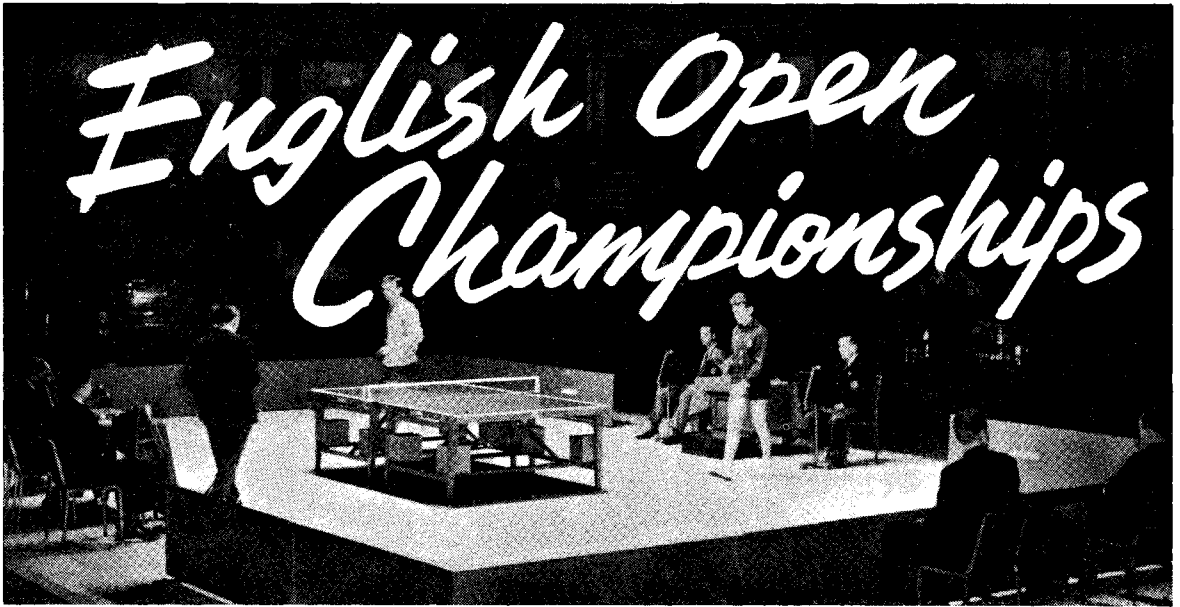
Hertfordshire, sadly lacking in concentration and fight, suffered their heaviest defeat for over two seasons, when they went down 1-9 to Kent in the Second Division of the County Championships.

The second team have done exceptionally well and finished runners-up in the Southern Division. This is the highest position the team have ever attained.

The county youngsters certainly made their present felt in the Sussex Junior "Open" where Alma Taft and teammate Robert Ratchiffe shared in the girls' and boys' doubles title: G. Parkes and B. Sykes won the under 15 doubles and Peter Williams, brother of Judy, took the under 13 singles title.

St. Albans have again won the Senior Inter-League championship while Letchworth "A" are the new champions of the Junior Division.

G. P. H. Butcher.



HARRISON BREAKS 36 YEARS JINX

By Harrison Edwards

AT last after 36 years in the wilderness the men's singles in the English "Open" table tennis championships has come home to rest. **Ian Harrison**, 20-year-old apprentice draughtsman from Cheltenham, became the first home winner since Percy Bromfield in 1924 when in the 25-minute final he beat the Hungarian exile Josef Somogyi at the Royal Albert Hall on March 26.

It was a general night of celebration for the return of the championships after a break of 18 years to the more compact atmosphere of the Albert Hall. With the exception of the women's singles, won by **Mrs. Agnes Simon** of Holland, all the titles had home winners.

Diane Rowe won the women's doubles with **Kathie Best** and gained a second crown in the mixed doubles with **Harrison**, while **Johnny Leach** and **Michael Thornhill**, the English "Closed" champions, won the men's doubles.

The absence of the Japanese and Hungarians, who have dominated the championships for several years, made the task of home players much easier.

Nevertheless, that jinx of the men's singles was still hovering dangerously around until Harrison beat Somogyi 18, 11, 14, to achieve the distinction of going through the championship without loss of a game.

But it might well have been a different story had Somogyi taken full advantage of his openings. Several times he worked into an apparent winning position only to miss the kill.

This was not the best of finals, being something of a cat and mouse affair with both sparring defensively while waiting to pull out a sudden attacking shot. Some of the shots were fantastic but Harrison proved the more penetrating.

A handful of Germans and French, plus Hungarian exiles comprised the sole outside challenge, and Somogyi, Ernst Gomolla, and George Muranyi all reached the last eight, occupying the top half of the draw with Bobby Stevens.

Somogyi polished off Stevens in straight games, then Muranyi, who no one had expected to

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last more than a couple of rounds, continued his giant killing by disposing of the seeded Gomolla 13, —14, 13, 17.

Muranyi, who fled to this country after the Budapest uprising of 1956 and is now a research chemistry student at London University, beat international Terry Densham in the third round, then gained the greatest win of all in the next stanza by toppling Derek Burridge, the second seed.

Muranyi beat Burridge after a tense 55 minute struggle, which had the spectators on tenderhooks, 16, —18, 17, —17, 19.

Burridge, who admitted that he under-estimated Muranyi in the first game, showed tremendous fighting spirit as he gallantly tried to stave off defeat.

He came back from 8-14 down, winning nine points in a row to lead 17-14 and take the fourth game for two-all. It looked as though he had got the upper hand, but Muranyi could sense victory and was not letting it go.

The Hungarian went out to a 7-2 lead in the decisive fifth only for Burridge to stage another come-back and lead 12-11.

Net Winner

Once more Muranyi nosed to the front, then they were back level at 17 and 18-all. Two splendid shots and Muranyi held two match points. Burridge saved the first, then fate struck him a cruel blow. **Muranyi got the winner on a net ball!**

Burridge looked all in at the finish and slumped on to the umpire's chair before recovering to go to the dressing room.

When Muranyi followed this up by beating Gomolla, he looked so good with his flashing forehand and tight defence that there was much speculation as to him taking the title.

Then fortunes turned against him just when he looked booked for a place in the final. He was beaten by his fellow exile, Josef Somogyi, after holding three match points.

A tight defence plus some bold attacking shots at the finish saved the day for Somogyi.

He did not take the lead until he had saved those match points!

Muranyi had taken a two game lead and looked well on the way when Somogyi dug in to pull him back to two-all. The effort appeared to have taken a lot out of Somogyi, for in that final game he quickly fell behind at 11-18.

Perhaps a little anxious, Muranyi saw that lead gradually chipped away but even so he reached 20-17.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL

Men's Singles:

IAN HARRISON
(Gloucestershire)

Men's Doubles:

JOHNNY LEACH
(Essex)
MICHAEL THORNHILL
(Middlesex)

Mixed Doubles:

IAN HARRISON
(Gloucestershire)

Boys' Singles:

GEORGE LIVESEY
(Lancashire)

Boys' Doubles:

TOM CAFFREY
(Ireland)
COLIN THOMAS
(Wales)

Junior Mixed Doubles:

BARRY MIDGLEY **MARY SHANNON**
(Hampshire) (Surrey)

Veteran Men's Singles:

RON SHARMAN
(Middlesex)

Women's Singles:

Mrs. AGNES SIMON
(Holland)

Women's Doubles:

DIANE ROWE
(Middlesex)
KATHIE BEST
(Yorkshire)

Girls' Singles:

MARY SHANNON
(Surrey)

Girls' Doubles:

JEAN HARROWER
(Middlesex)
MARY SHANNON
(Surrey)

Veteran Women's Singles:

Mrs. BRENDA BELL
(Essex)

In sheer desperation Somogyi hit out for five points in a row and victory.

It was a grandstand finish which must surely go down as the match of the championships.

In contrast the final against Harrison was a tame affair, with too much concentration on defence. There were only flashes of sparkle.

One of the most spectacular matches of the meeting was in the quarter-finals, when Michael Thornhill beat Harry Venner 18, —13, 19, 19.

This was full of flashing drives, with Venner hitting some of his best form of the season. He made Thornhill go all the way.

It was the type of table tennis that pleased the expert as well as the casual spectator.

The early shock of this quarter was the defeat of seeded Jeff Ingber in his opening match, by Ken Craigie, who in the first round had put paid to junior David Creamer.

Ingber was on the defensive

throughout and played into Craigie's hands, the Surrey player winning 15, —21, 12, 19.

Craigie was unable to reap the advantage of removing the seed, for he immediately crashed to little known Alan Rowden 15, 19, 13. Rowden in turn fell to Venner.

Thornhill had a great run in this section, beating the German, Wolf Berger, Vic Ireland, Johnny Leach, the seeded Frenchman, Guy Amour-etti, then Venner for his semi-final place.

But he was unable to cope with Harrison, who won 19, 11, 13.

Tony Piddock, of Folkestone, provided a third round seeding shock when he beat Alan Rhodes —12, 10, 10, —25, 15. He had no respect for reputation when with good all round play he refused to be harassed and came through a deserved winner.

Piddock went on to the "quarters" where he too found Harrison a stumbling block.

The big upset of the women's singles was provided by Jean Harrower

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when she beat Mrs. Betty Bird 15, 15,—16,—14, 20.

Miss Harrower is a most deceptive player, giving an almost "couldn't-care-less" attitude, but she was cool and calculating, picking the right shots to hit, and refusing to be flustered even when losing her two games advantage.

More remarkable, she was suffering from a cold which affected her eyes. This was to take its toll the following day when she suffered a shock defeat in the girls' singles at the hands of 13-year-old Lesley Bell, then was beaten in the women's semi-final by Mrs. Simon, 6, 9, 19.

Miss Harrower did not see the ball well and her timing was lacking as she took several shots on her fingers.

Mrs. Simon had beaten Kathie Best 18,—18, 15, 11 in the previous round, dropping her only game of the championship.

Miss Best tried hard but could



KATHIE BEST, winner of the Women's Doubles with DIANE ROWE

never quite get control of the former Hungarian's half volley attack.

Only when Miss Best managed to move Mrs. Simon away from the table with her backhand did she appear to have a chance. But those occasions were all too rare.

Meanwhile in the bottom half of the draw Mrs. Leah Neuberger, of U.S.A., proved too good for Mrs. Sheila Foster and Mrs. Jean McCree to secure a semi-final place, where Diana Rowe, following a series of straight game wins, ended her run.

Thus Miss Rowe renewed rivalry with Mrs. Simon, the only player to have beaten her this season.

This was to prove the most interesting of all the finals, with Mrs. Simon holding a psychological advantage.

Miss Rowe started well, but Mrs.

Simon was terrifically consistent. She gradually got on top through sheer all round play.

The English "closed" champion was more patchy, and when she fell away Mrs. Simon would not let her get back.

Mrs. Simon takes an earlier ball than our players, and was always moving into her shots, which appeared to carry a lot of wrist action.

Her game, although not spectacular, is built up mainly on the half volley, which she plays with uncanny accuracy.

Miss Rowe made up for her singles defeat by winning the women's doubles with Miss Best, and the mixed with Harrison.

Mrs. Peggy (Franks) Hook, making one of her rare appearances, paired up with Peggy Piper to reach the women's doubles final, where they were never allowed to get into the game. The Rowe/Best partnership got on top from the start and never let up, winning 8, 9, 10.

The mixed doubles saw the welcome return of Mrs. Rosalind (Rowe) Cornett, partnering Johnny Leach. They scored two outstanding wins over Laurie Landry and Mrs. Bird, and Somogyi and Mrs. Neuberger, before falling to the Germans, Berger and Gudrun Mueller, over five games. They even had a lead in the

fifth before fading away.

Burridge and Miss Best put paid to the Germans to reach the final, where they made a promising start by taking the first game from Harrison and Miss Rowe, only to be beaten —20, 16, 19, 11.

Burridge showed the importance of the service in that first game and appeared to have Miss Rowe well tied up.

Harrison nursed Miss Rowe back to confidence and they settled down to score a good win. The clever angled backhand play of Harrison proved a vital factor in this match.

The old firm of Leach and Thornhill, who had already won the "closed" title, were good winners of the men's doubles, beating Rhodes and Landry —16, 16, 18, 15.

Rhodes and Landry, who had accounted for two seeded pairs en route, the Germans Berger and Gomolla, and Harrison and Ingber, swept through the first set with a bold attack. After that Leach appeared to slow the game down, and forced them to make the running with consequent mistakes. Rhodes gave a good exhibition of well controlled drop shots.

The entry may not have been so international as in the past, but the championships offered plenty of thrills, and keen play.

RESULTS IN FULL**MEN'S SINGLES**

First Round: L. Kerekes (Middx.) b P. L. Potts (Middx.) 10, 18, 17. D. F. Applebee (Middx.) b F. W. Ball (Middx.) —15, 18, 9,—10, 8. E. R. Hodson (Middx.) b A. G. Cornish (Kent) 15, 7, 12. Z. Schramm (Surrey) b E. J. Hubbuck (Middx.) 7, 9, 10. K. I. Hurlock (Surrey) b K. Baker (Middx.) 19,—16,—21, 20, 19. M. Close (Middx.) b R. L. Sharman (Middx.) 17, 12, 11. G. R. Golding (Essex) b P. F. Taylor (Kent) 14, 7,—16, 18. A. E. L. Reeves (Berks.) b I. K. Charlton (Middx.) —16, 18,—14, 12, 12.

R. Roothoff (France) b A. R. Miller (Surrey) —18,—7, 14, 19, 13. M. R. Ellis (Kent) b H. Tizzard (Surrey) —18, 19, 6, 12. L. F. Lantry (Middx.) b N. R. Isbell (Middx.) 11, 9,—19, 12. L. R. Jones (Surrey) b G. A. Owen (Kent) —12, 15, 19, 8. A. Carter (Surrey) b K. H. Beamish (Essex) 20,—19, 17,—16, 22. J. T. Densham (Herts.) b L. Thompson (Bucks.) 13, 6, 17, G. Muranyi (Middx.) b G. A. C. Chapman (Surrey) 10,—17,—18, 17, 13. F. B. Brumwell (Essex) b G. Livesey (Lancs.) 17, 16, 8. T. Caffrey (Ireland) b R. F. Hook (Essex) 12, 17, 10.

K. R. Craigie (Surrey) b D. O. Creamer (Middx.) —21, 14, 12, 20. A. Rowden (Surrey) b B. Turner (Middx.) 16,—18, 14,—15, 14. B. Cohen (Beds.) b A. C. Moran (Surrey) 13, 11, 14. C. A. Clarke (Middx.) b R. D. Wells (Norfolk) 10,—14,—13, 18, 6. W. Barker (Durham) b L. Gunn (Sussex) —21, 14,—13, 18, 6. M. H. Thornhill (Middx.) b W. Berger (W. Germany) 11,—13,—17, 18. H. G. Fretwell (Sussex) b D. C. Duncley (Middx.) 8, 9, 5. J. P. Shead (Sussex) b A. Miller (Middx.) 8, 13, 14. D. T. Twigg (Middx.) b C. J. Morgan (Essex) 9, 14, 15.

M. J. Creamer (Middx.) b J. Leith (Kent) 10, 14, 15. M. R. Westoby (Kent) b D. H. K. Midgley (Hants.) 20, 15, 14.

B. Meisel (Kent) b S. G. Hodge (Surrey) 13, 12, 13. J. N. Osborne (Staffs.) b M. A. Beckford (Cambs.) 8, 10, 13. I. Barclay (Scotland) b R. Raybould (Essex) 19,—20, 19, 19. D. Backhouse (Staffs.) b J. Berzins (Glos.) —11, 19, 13, 13. I. W. Jones (Essex) b K. S. Lipscomb (Middx.) 6, 18, 14.

Second Round: R. J. Stevens (Essex) b Kerekes 15, 18, 13. Hodson b Applebee 8, 12, 17. H. S. Buist (Kent) bt L. E. G. Fairweather (Middx.) 7, 11, 5. L. G. Adams (Middx.) b Schramm 17, 14,—19,—19, 7. J. C. Treinen (France) b Hurlock 18, 13,—18, 7. Close b I. V. Dowsett (Middx.) 11, 11, 13. Golding b G. Walsh (Middx.) 15, 11, 16. J. Somogyi (Surrey) b Reeves 15, 11,—19, 13.

E. Gomolla (W. Germany) b Roothoff 13, 14, 18. Landry b Ellis 10, 11, 14. Jones b P. Stephens (Middx.) 12, 12,—19, 19. Carter b J. A. Greaves (Essex) 10, 14, 19. Densham b A. G. Lindsay (Middx.) —15,—17, 19, 17, 18. Muranyi b R. J. McCree (Essex) 18,—13, 6,—10, 19. Brumwell b Caffrey 17, 9, 22. D. C. Burridge (Middx.) b M. Wong (Kent) 11, 6, 10.

Craigie b J. Ingber (Lancs.) 15,—21, 12, 19. Rowden b Cohen —17, 14, 15, 12. E. Thompson (Kent) b Clarke 16, 8, 14. H. T. Venner (Surrey) b Barker 12, 12, 15. Thornhill b V. C. D. Ireland (Surrey) 10, 7, 11. J. A. Leach (Essex) b P. Morgan (Middx.) 6, 2, 10. Shead b Fretwell —16, 7, 12, 16. G. Amouretti (France) b Twigg 14, 11, 10.

A. Rhodes (Middx.) b Creamer 18, 8,—14, 13. A. R. Pidcock (Kent) b V. Zaslavsky (Glos.) 8, 12, 17. R. A. Henderson (Hants.) b J. W. Richardson (Middx.) 11, 16,—18, 19. S. H. Jacobson (Middx.) b Westoby 19, 19, 9. Meisel b D. L. Bloy (Kent) 19, 13,—14, 18. Osborne b F. C. Hughes (Middx.) 12, 13, 11. Backhouse b



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1 Diane Rowe and Ian Harrison, mixed doubles winners. 2 Peggy Hook and Peggy Piper, women's doubles runners-up. 3 Sir John Wolfenden presents the women's singles trophy to Mrs Agnes Simon, of Holland, the only overseas winner. 4 Mary Shannon, girls' champion. 5 George Livesey, boys' champion, and Wilf Barker, runner-up. 6 Laurie Landry and Alan Rhodes, runners-up for the men's doubles. 7 Johnny Leach and Michael Thornhill, men's doubles champions.

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Barclay 19, 19, —16, 17. I. Harrison (Glos.) b Jones 17, 11, 17.

Third Round: Stevens b Hodson 9, 7, 15. Buist b Adams 16, 13, 16. Treinen b Close 17, 11, 20. Somogyi b Golding 12, 15, 19.

Gomolla bt Landry —13, 19, 9, 13, 18. Jones b Carter 17, 19, 16. Muranyi b Densham —16, 15, —8, 16, 15. Burridge b Brumwell 13, 14, 16.

Rowden b Craigie 15, 19, 13. Venner b Thompson 8, 6, 11. Thornhill b Leach 9, 17, 13. Amouretti b Shead —14, 23, —14, 14, 8.

Piddock b Rhodes —12, 10, 10, —25, 15. Henderson b Jacobson 22, —9, 17, 15. Meisel b Osborne 21, 12, —19, —17, 21. Harrison b Backhouse 14, 15, 13.

Fourth Round: Stevens b Buist 16, 11, 18. Somogyi b Treinen 10, —24, 11, 13. Gomolla b Jones 16, 12, 19. Muranyi b Burridge 16, —18, 17, —17, 19.

Venner b Rowden 9, 11, 15. Thornhill b Amouretti —12, 20, 22, —16, 18. Piddock b Henderson 14, 16, 11. Harrison b Meisel 8, 13, 19.

Quarter-Finals: Somogyi b Stevens 16, 17, 13. Muranyi b Gomolla 13, —14, 13, 17. Thornhill b Venner 18, —13, 19, 19. Harrison b Piddock 18, 13, 15.

Semi-Finals: SOMOGYI b Muranyi —19, —8, 11, 18, 20. HARRISON b Thornhill 19, 11, 13.

Final: HARRISON b Somogyi 18, 11, 14.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round: A. Taft (Herts.) b Mrs. K. H. Beamish (Essex) 19, 22, —17, —11, 19.

Second Round: Mrs. B. Simon (Netherlands) b C. Rose (Surrey) 16, 8, 6. G. Mueller (W. Germany) b M. G. Fry (Midxx.) 19, 13, 14. C. K. Best (Yorks.) b J. Y. Williams (Herts.) 8, 17, 16.

Mrs. R. Bird (Surrey) b M. H. Cherry

(Midxx.) 11, 18, 15. J. Harrower (Midxx.) b Mrs. F. Bloy (Kent) 17, 17, 7. M. J. Cancade (France) b J. Williamson (Midxx.) 11, 10, 9.

Mrs. A. Neuberger (U.S.A.) b S. Morgan (Wales) 3, 16, 8. Mrs. B. Foster (Hants.) b Mrs. M. P. Know (Essex) 13, 21, 15. Mrs. R. J. McCree (Essex) b Mrs. Clark (Northumberland) —16, 20, 6, 14.

M. Alber (France) b S. M. Hession (Essex) —19, 13, 12, —12, 16. O. Mielenhausen (W. Germany) b Mrs. E. A. Lauper (Surrey) —17, 19, 10, —18, 18. Mrs. R. F. Hook (Essex) b L. Withams (Midxx.) 24, —16, —14, 16, 20. D. Rowe (Midxx.) b Taft 15, 11, 13.

Third Round: Simon b Piper 13, 19, 12. Best w.o. Mueller scr. Bird b Johnson 5, 5, 12. Harrower b Cancade —20, 19, 12, 19.

Neuberger b Foster —15, 20, 10, 15. McCree b Angel 10, —18, —20, 5, 16. Alber b Mielenhausen 10, —18, —20, 5, 16. Rowe b Hook 8, 13, 14.

Quarter-Finals: Simon b Best 18, —18, 15, 11. Harrower b Bird 15, 15, —16, —14, 20. Meuberger b McCree 12, 14, 26. Rowe b Alber 7, 13, 13.

Semi-Finals: SIMON b Harrower 6, 9, 19. ROWE b Neuberger 8, 14, —16, 11.

Final: SIMON b Rowe 18, 14, 15.

MEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: P. W. Brook (Surrey)/M. Close (Midxx.) b T. M. Moriarty/G. Walsh (Midxx.) 14, 19, 13. P. E. Dean/N. R. Isbell (Midxx.) b A. G. Cornish/M. Wong (Kent) 20, 16, —14, 12.

Second Round: I. Harrison (Glos.)/J. Ingber (Lancs.) b Brook/Close 15, 13, 23. R. F. Raybould/R. J. Stevens (Essex) b J. W. Richardson (Midxx.)/A. Tizzard (Surrey) 12, 14, 6. J. T. Densham (Herts.)/E. R. Hodson (Midxx.) b J. Curtis/P. L. Potts (Midxx.) 8, 14, 12. F. R. Brumwell (Essex)/G. Livesey (Lancs.)

b A. R. Piddock (Kent)/G. Amouretti (France) 21, 17, 16.

A. Miller/B. T. Twigg (Midxx.) b D. C. Dunckley (Midxx.)/A. C. Moran (Surrey) 13, —18, 16, —20, 4. L. F. Landry/A. Rhodes (Midxx.) b D. Backhouse/J. N. Osborne (Staffs.) 8, —10, 12, 15. P. Morgan/E. Spielberg (Midxx.) b I. V. Dowsett (Midxx.)/R. F. Hook (Essex) 10, —20, 16, 13. W. Berger/E. Gomolla (W. Germany) b I. K. Chariton/F. C. Hughes (Midxx.) 8, 5, 18.

L. G. Adams/Burridge (Midxx.) b G. Muranyi (Midxx.)/J. Somogyi (Surrey) 13, —14, —14, 18, 18. K. H. Beamish/R. J. McCree (Essex) b E. Hyde (Midxx.)/G. A. Owen (Kent) 13, 12, 14. L. Gunn/J. P. Shead (Sussex) b K. I. Hurlock/Z. Schramm (Surrey) —14, 10, 7, 19. R. A. Henderson/B. H. Midgley (Hants.) bt V. Franco (Midxx.)/V. C. D. Ireland (Surrey) 19, 14, 22.

K. R. Craigie/H. T. Venner (Surrey) b J. A. Greaves/C. J. Morgan (Essex) 6, 11, 8. I. Barclay (Scotland)/T. Caffrey (Ireland) w.o. C. A. Clarke/G. Zaidi (Midxx.) scr. R. Roothoff/J. C. Treinen (France) b G. A. C. Chapman (Surrey)/L. Kerekes (Midxx.) —12, 19, —16, 17, 15. J. A. Leach (Essex)/M. Thornhill (Midxx.) b Dean/Isbell 13, 7, 5.

Third Round: Harrison/Ingber b Raybould/Stevens —17, 19, —20, 13, 17. Densham/Hodson b Brumwell/Livesey 13, —16, 12, —19, 9. Landry/Rhodes b Miller/Twigg 20, 13, 14. Berger/Gomolla b Morgan/Spielberg 9, 13, 20.

Beamish/McCree b Adams/Burridge 15, 15, 21. Gunn/Shead b Henderson/Midgley —21, 10, 12, 20. Craigie/Venner b Barclay/Caffrey 16, 13, 8. Leach/Thornhill b Roothoff/Treinen 18, 17, 12.

Quarter-Finals: Harrison/Ingber b Densham/Hodson 13, 13, —17, 22. Landry/Rhodes b Berger/Gomolla 15, 16, 16. Gunn/Shead b Beamish/McCree —11, 18, 19,

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Semi-Finals: LANDRY/RHODES b Harrison/Ingber 17, 9, 13. LEACH/THORNHILL b Ginn/Shead 15, 11, 18.

Final: LEACH/THORNHILL b Landry/Rhodes —16, 16, 18, 15.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: Mrs. E. Carrington/Mrs. J. McCree (Essex) b H. Angell/J. Williamson (Mddx.) 7, —19, 13, 9. Mrs. P. Hook (Essex)/P. Piper (Surrey) b A. Johnson (Durham)/S. Morgan (Wales) 9, 19, 15. Mrs. K. Beamish/S. Hession (Essex) b O. Mielenhhausen/G. Mueller (W. Germany) 18, 19, —22, —14, 18. J. Harrower (Mddx.)/Mrs. A. Neubeger (U.S.A.) b M. Alber/M. J. Cancade (France) 14, 19, 18. Mrs. M. C. Clark (Norfolk)/Mrs. M. P. Know (Essex) b M. H. Cherry (Mddx.)/B. Landimore (Kent) 10, 13, —14, 15. Mrs. S. Foster (Hants.)/Mrs. L. Sawyer (Essex) b A. M. Taft (Herts.)/S. Thomas (Kent) 15, 11, —15, 16.

Quarter-Finals: Mrs. B. Bird (Surrey)/Mrs. S. Simon (Netherlands) bt Carrington/McCree 18, 12, —19, 15. Hook/Piper b Beamish/Hession 14, —18, 21, 20. Harrower/Neuberger b Clark/Know 10, 15, 19. C. K. Best (Yorks.)/D. Rowe (Mddx.) b Foster/Sawyer 13, 20, —18, 12.

Semi-Finals: HOOK/PIPER b Bird/Simon 18, —16, 23, —11, 19. BEST/ROWE b Harrower/Neuberger —16, 18, 11, 18.

Final: BEST/ROWE b Hook/Piper 8, 9, 10.

MIXED DOUBLES

First Round: J. A. Leach (Essex)/Mrs. R. Cornett (Mddx.) b L. F. Landry (Mddx.)/Mrs. B. Bird (Surrey) 15, 7, 14. J. C. Treinen/Miss M. J. Cancade (France) b A. Miller (Mddx.)/Mrs. M. P. Know (Essex) 19, 18, 13. W. Berger/Mrs. G. Mueller (W. Germany) b F. C. Hughes/Miss H. Angell (Mddx.) 14, 16, 12. K. H. Beamish/Miss S. Hession (Essex) b P. W. Brook (Surrey)/Miss B. Landimore (Kent) 11, —16, 6, —24. G. Muranyi (Mddx.)/Miss P. Piper (Surrey) b K. R. Craigie (Surrey)/Miss M. H. Cherry (Mddx.) 6, 13, 15.

E. Gomolla/Miss O. Mellenhausen (W. Germany) b R. Roothoft/Miss M. Alber (France) 16, —17, 16, 15. P. E. Dean/Mrs. S. Riddick (Mddx.) b R. V. Wells/Miss A. M. Taft (Herts.) 18, —19, 15, —14, 10. M. H. Thornhill (Mddx.)/Mrs. J. McCree (Essex) b F. B. Brumwell/Mrs. P. Hook (Essex) —15, 17, 8, 18. I. Barclay (Scotland)/Miss A. Johnson (Durham) b B. H. K. Midgley (Hants.)/Miss S. Morgan (Wales) 11, —13, 19, 17. A. R. Piddock (Kent)/Miss J. Harrower (Mddx.) b R. A. Henderson/Mrs. S. Foster (Hants.) 18, 19, —13, 18. T. Caffrey (Ireland)/Miss J. Y. Williams (Herts.) b J. N. Osborne (Staffs)/Mrs. K. H. Beamish (Essex) 15, 10, —17, 9.

Second Round: Leach/Cornett b J. Somogyi (Surrey)/Mrs. A. Neubeger (U.S.A.) 18, 15, 20. Berger/Mueller b Treinen/Cancade 18, 12, 19. Beamish/Hession b Muranyi/Piper 17, —17, 20, —20, 9. D. C. Burridge (Mddx.)/Miss C. K. Best (Yorks.) w.o. P. Morgan/Mrs. E. Spellberg. (Mddx.) scr. J. Ingber (Lancs.)/Mrs. A. Simon (Netherlands) bt Gomolla/Mellenhausen —24, 19, 15, —20, 11. Thornhill/McCree b Dead/Riddick 12, —14, 15. S. Barclay/Johnson b Piddock/Harrower —20, —14, 13, 10, 19. I. Harrison (Glos.)/Miss D. Rowe (Mddx.) b Caffrey/Williams 20, 11, —17, 6.

Quarter-Finals: Berger/Mueller b Leach/Cornett —11, 19, 17, —14, 19. Burridge/Best b Beamish/Hession 17, —19, 14, 21. Ingber/Simon b Thornhill/McCree 15, —13, 15, —14, 11. Harrison/Rowe b Barclay/Johnson 14, 13, 14.

Semi-Finals: BURRIDGE/BEST b Berger/Mueller —19, 9, 17, 12. HARRISON/ROWE b Ingber/Simon 17, 19, 14.

Final: HARRISON/ROWE b Burridge/Best —20, 16, 19, 11.

THIRTEEN - YEAR - OLD Lesley Bell, a tiny bespectacled lass from Dagenham, hit the English "Open" with a big BOOM. She did not win a title, but provided the sensation of the whole meeting by beating international Jean Harrower in the semi-final of the girls' singles.

Without doubt she takes the plum as the giant killer of the meeting, for she also beat Alma Taft, the No. 4 seed, and took a game from Mary Shannon in the final.

Lesley has a table tennis background, for her mother, Mrs. Brenda Bell, won the women's veterans' title for the fourth time.

No one was prepared for such sensational happenings when Lesley lost the first game to Miss Taft at 13, but she suddenly came to life to hit her way through the next two games at 15 and 11.

Before we could recover from the shock she had taken the first game from Miss Harrower at 22-20 then romped through the second at 21-12.

In all fairness to Miss Harrower it must be pointed out she was suffering from a painful attack of conjunctivitis, although she would not admit it.

The question then arose could Miss Bell keep up this form in the final against Mary Shannon, who in the previous round had won in straight games against Judy Williams.

It was an inauspicious start when she dropped the first game at 17, but with beautiful attacking shots she staged a remarkable recovery to square the match at game-all.

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However, Miss Shannon's wider experience and steadiness proved the deciding factor in the third.

The boys' singles ran much more to the form book, although there were slight "turn ups." Brian Wright, England's No. 5, once again failed against his "bogey" player, Bob Ractliffe, and Jackie Keogh crashed to Dave Offenbach.

But David Creamer, Wilf Barker, George Livesey and the Irish boy, Tom Caffrey, justified their seeding by reaching the semi-finals.

Barker unexpectedly beat Creamer 21-18, 23-21, winning on a net cord after the Middlesex player had led 20-17 in the second game.

Caffrey looked like living up to his reputation in the other semi-final



LESLEY BELL

when he led Livesey 15-11 in the first game. However he became over confident and Livesey, taking advantage of the lapse, took the initiative to win 21-16, 21-15.

In the final Barker looked out of touch in the opening game, losing it at 10, but keeping his defence down to an unhittable height forced Livesey into errors, to take the second at 21-18.

Barker took a five points lead in the decider, but with some aggressive play Livesey caught him at 12-all.

Livesey's forehand then became inconsistent and he was 18-20 down. With two fantastic forehands he saved the match points. Tension mounted and another forehand kill took Livesey to 21-20, where Barker chopped the ball into the net to concede the match.

The Irish-Welsh combination of Caffrey and Colin Thomas captured the boys' doubles, beating Barry Midgley and Paul Racey 22-24, 21-15, 21-13.

Midgley had his consolation in the mixed doubles with Mary Shannon when they beat Barker and Lesley Bell 17-21, 21-16, 21-18 in the final.

Barker and Miss Bell provided a semi-final upset when they beat Creamer and Miss Harrower.

There were only four pairs in the girls' doubles, but enough for a shock when Hilde Brautigam and Judy Williams beat the second seeds Alma Taft and Sue Thomas in the semi-final. The title, however, went as expected to Miss Shannon and Miss Harrower 17-21, 23-21, 21-15.

ENGLISH "OPEN" SPECIAL**BOYS' SINGLES**

First Round: G. Whalley (Sussex) b M. A. T. N. Szeremeta (Herts.) 12, 18. N. C. Ive (Mddx.) b D. A. Oliver (Surrey) 2, 2. R. E. G. Ractliffe (Herts.) b B. D. Wright (Mddx.) 22, 22. B. Finucane (Surrey) b A. W. Garland (Mddx.) 13, 13. C. I. Bloy (Kent) b M. A. Martin (Herts.) 17, 12.

(E. D. Brown (Hants.) b G. G. Seaholme (Herts.) —14, 11, 18. P. M. Racey (Beds.) b F. Vogl (Mddx.) 16, 15. C. Thomas (Wales) b A. M. Emberson (Hants.) 18, 19. J. Keogh (Lancs.) bt R. A. Howells (Hants.) 18, 19. D. Offenbach (Mddx.) b C. Easty (Herts.) 14, 17. S. B. Ogundipe (Surrey) b N. Laws (Mddx.) 8, 7.

Second Round: D. O. Creamer (Mddx.) b Whalley 16, 17. Ractliffe b Ive 18, 19. Finucane b B. H. K. Midgley (Hants.) 16, 16. W. Barker (Durham) b Bloy 12, 22.

G. Livesey (Lancs.) b Brown 18, 11. Thomas b Racey 17, —17, 12. Offenbach b Keogh —20, 14, 17. T. Caffrey (Ireland) b Ogundipe 17, 11.

Quarter-Finals: Creamer b Ractliffe 15, 16. Barker b Finucane —23, 16, 16. Livesey b Thomas —15, 19, 15. Caffrey b Offenbach 19, 14.

Semi-Finals: BARKER b Creamer 18, 21. LIVESEY b Caffrey 16, 15.

Final: LIVESEY b Barker 10, —18, 20.

GIRLS' SINGLES

First Round: L. Bell (Essex) b J. M. Roberts (Warwicks.) —19, 19, 12. H. Brautigam (Mddx.) b C. A. Oliver (Surrey) 7, 10.

Quarter-Finals: J. Harrower (Mddx.) b S. Thomas (Kent) 6, —18, 12. Bell b A. Taft (Herts.) —13, 15, 11. J. Y. Williams (Herts.) b Brautigam 16, 17. M. Shannon (Surrey) b J. N. Matheson (Essex) 8, 5.

Semi-Finals: BELL b Harrower 20, 12. SHANNON b Williams 18, 19.
Final: SHANNON b Bell 17, —14, 13.

BOYS' DOUBLES

First Round: N. C. Ive (Mddx.)/G. G. Seaholme (Herts.) bt C. Easty (Herts.)/A. M. Emberson (Hants.) 12, 24. R. E. G. Ractliffe (Herts.)/G. Whalley (Sussex) bt D. S. Basden (Kent)/M. A. T. N. Szeremeta (Herts.) —21, 7, 19. K. Fallen/B. Finucane (Surrey) bt C. I. Bloy (Kent)/A. W. Garland (Mddx.) 16, —17, 16.

Second Round: J. Keogh/G. Livesey (Lancs.) bt Ive/Seaholme 16, 18. B. H. K. Midgley (Hants.)/P. H. Racey (Beds.) bt Ractliffe/Whalley —11, 18, 18. T. Caffrey (Ireland)/C. Thomas (Wales) bt D. Offenbach/B. D. Wright (Mddx.) 15, 12. W. Barker (Durham)/D. O. Creamer (Mddx.) bt Fallon/Finucane 18, 14.

Semi-Finals: MIDGLEY/RACEY bt Keogh/Livesey —13, 16, 19. CAFFREY/TOMAS bt Barker/Creamer 20, 20.

Finals: CAFFREY/TOMAS bt Midgley/Racey —22, 15, 13.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

First Round: J. Harrower (Mddx.)/M. Shannon (Surrey) bt L. Bell (Essex)/J. Canham (Herts.) 5, 18. J. M. Brautigam (Mddx.)/J. Y. Williams (Herts.) bt A. M. Taft (Herts.)/S. Thomas (Kent) —17, 16, 16.

Final: HARROWER / SHANNON bt Brautigam/Williams —17, 21, 15.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

First Round: W. Barker (Durham)/Miss L. Bell (Essex) bt M. A. T. N. Szeremeta/ Miss J. Canham (Herts.) 15, 8. G. Livesey (Lancs.)/Miss J. M. Roberts (Warwicks.) bt B. D. Wright (Mddx.)/Miss S. Thomas (Kent) —14, 16, 15. N. C. Ive/Miss N. Brautigam (Mddx.) bt C. Thomas (Wales)/ Miss C. Bagshaw (Surrey) 20, 18.

Second Round: D. O. Creamer/Miss J.

Harrower (Mddx.) bt T. Caffrey (Ireland)/ Miss C. Oliver (Surrey) 17, —15, 13. Barker/Bell bt J. Keogh (Lancs.)/Miss A. M. Taft (Herts.) —19, 16, 12. R. E. G. Ractliffe/Miss J. Y. Williams (Herts.) bt Livesey/Roberts 20, 16. B. H. K. Midgley (Hants.)/Miss M. Shannon (Surrey) bt Ive/ Brautigam 16, 19.

Semi-Finals: BARKER/BELL bt Creamer /Harrower 19, 17. MIDGLEY/SHANNON bt Ractliffe/Williams —17, 16, 17.

Final: MIDGLEY/SHANNON bt Barker/ Bell —17, 16, 18.

MEN'S VETERAN SINGLES

First Round: R. Markwell (Essex) bt K. S. Limpscomb (Mddx.) 15, 21. A. Lukowicz (Mddx.) bt L. Pope (Surrey) 14, 13.

Second Round: H. G. Spiers (Warwicks.) bt Markwell 13, 12. E. Reay (Durham) bt P. Hyde (Mddx.) 9, 16. N. R. Slade (Surrey) bt T. S. Vellenoweth (Kent) 12, 17. J. H. Tabbenor (Kent) bt G. A. Owen (Essex) —16, 12, 8. H. V. Ralls (Essex) bt L. A. McLachlan (Kent) —19, 19, 18. R. L. Sharmar bt L. A. Vilches (Mddx.) 7, 18. L. Thompson (Bucks.) w.o. L. F. Wilkinson (Warwicks.) scr. B. G. Fretwell bt Lukowicz 15, —15, 20.

Third Round: Spiers bt Reay 19, 13. Tabbenor bt Slade 12, 17. Sharmar bt Ralls 12, 11. Thompson bt Fretwell 17, 18.

Semi-Finals: SPIERS bt Tabbenor —19, 16, 14. SHARMAN bt Thompson 5, 17.

Final: SHARMAN bt Spiers 7, —13, 15.

WOMEN'S VETERAN SINGLES

First Round: Mrs. V. Cherriman (Mddx.) bt Mrs. F. Bloy (Kent) 19, —6, 12. Mrs. D. C. Rowe (Wales) bt Miss K. N. Schumacher (Mddx.) 6, 14. Mrs. J. Bell (Essex) bt Mrs. Martin (Herts.) 9, 8.

Semi-Finals: Mrs. ROWE bt Mrs. Cherriman 14, —18, 12. Mrs. BELL bt Mrs. Evans 3, 13.

Final: Mrs. BELL bt Mrs. Rowe 10, 10.

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ENGLAND TOPPLE FRANCE

By RON CRAYDEN

ENGLAND'S young European Cup side of Ian Harrison, Bryan Merrett and Derek Burridge, scored a run-away 8-1 win in their annual match against France at the Slough Community Centre on March 21.

France, who are not blessed these days with youthful talent, again pinned their hopes on those stars of yesteryear, Amouretti and Roothoft, with the young, inexperienced Trienen at number three.

It was saddening to see the once great French stars with reflexes slowed by the march of time, trying to match our team, who played with great skill and considerable confidence.

Trienen tried hard for himself and his team but had not the technique or know-how to make much impression on the English players.

The sole win by the visitors was chalked up by Roothoft who outsmarted Burridge over three games.

Derek might have won two straight but was much too sparing in the use of his big forehand. Even though perceptibly slow against the quick hit, Roothoft is still quite a force at the push and parry game. His positional play and control over the table was ably demonstrated in this particular set.

For those who are quick to belittle the skill and chances of our players it is worthwhile to draw attention to the fact that this season we have not been defeated by any European country. We travel to Zagreb full of optimism.

England 8, France 1
(England names first)

- I. Harrison bt G. Amouretti 21-14, 21-16; bt R. Roothoft 21-11, 18-21, 21-15; bt C. Trienen 21-11, 21-17.
- B. Merrett bt Trienen 21-16, 21-12; bt Amouretti 22-20, 23-21; bt Roothoft 21-7, 21-10.
- D. C. Burridge lost to Roothoft 21-15, 19-21, 13-21; bt Trienen 21-8, 21-15; bt Amouretti 21-15, 21-18.

MARATHON MADNESS

THE marathon madness has spread to America. Frank C. Strech, Jr., from Odessa, Texas, recently played all-comers for 24 hours, ten minutes and 25 seconds.

Against club members, players from nearby towns and even spectators, he completed 271 games and won 244.

Mr. Strech, whose effort was in aid of a medical money-making promotion, said that his game had improved



FRANK C. STRECH

EDITOR'S POSTBAG

DO YOU AGREE?

WHO is the best uncapped player in England? For my money one candidate stands head and shoulders above the others, and above plenty of capped ones too. That player is **Elsie Carrington**.

It is no secret that Elsie is not one of our promising youngsters (Please forgive me for being so ungracious, Elsie), but caps should be given first and foremost for merit. All other reasons including that of youth should be strictly secondary.

Elsie has many times given England good service as a Captain, and her record in recent seasons as a player, her appearance and demeanour at the table, and her fighting spirit, constitute an example to our youngsters which few could match.

The new England Selection Committee has shown itself this season to be determined to brush aside the cobwebs of useless conventions and prejudices. Let it now show its boldness by giving credit where it is so richly deserved.

John Corser

OLDER THAN SUNDERLAND

I READ with considerable interest the article by Mr. Andrew Donaldson entitled "Fifty Years of Table Tennis."

Whilst Sunderland are to be congratulated on reaching their golden jubilee, Mr. Donaldson is making rather a rash statement when he says that "Sunderland can boast of England's oldest Town association."

Obviously he has never heard of the **Plymouth League**, which was founded in 1903 by the late **R. W. J. Norsworthy** who, until his death in 1958, was a vice-president of our League.

The inaugural meeting was convened

in the Plymouth Y.M.C.A. for all clubs who had hitherto participated in friendly matches with the result that the clubs of Plymouth, Stonehouse and Devonport formed an association to be known as the "Three Towns and District Ping Pong League."

In the early 1920's the name was changed to Plymouth and District Table Tennis League.

I am pleased to say that we have long since passed our golden jubilee and, in fact, are now looking forward to celebrating sixty glorious years of continuous table tennis, interrupted only by the two wars.

R. J. Nicholls

(Sec., Plymouth and District League).

The Late JAMES BOWN

The Cheshire Association suffered a great loss last month with the death of **James Bown**, its popular and respected President.

Mr. Bown had been in very indifferent health for some time, having to relinquish most of his engineering interests and take up residence in the Cheshire countryside at **Holmes Chapel**.

He was elected President of the Association on the death of Mr. H. Oldroyd in 1953 and proved himself a very worthy successor.

A very generous President and a very keen supporter of all events within the two Counties of Lancashire and Cheshire, his name will be linked with the game by the number of perpetual trophies he donated during his term of office.

Norman Cook.

more during that period than it had in three or four years.

At that rate, a few more marathons should set him in line for honours at the 1961 World championships.

Not satisfied with keeping this little pastime within the confines of a village hall and between a couple of players with nothing better to do, the Americans want to organise an international marathon.

George F. Koehnke, a candidate for the Presidency of the U.S.T.T.A., wrote to **TABLE TENNIS** that he can see "marathon competition by players in different countries at the same time giving only the final results of the total time."

And Mr. Koehnke is not just crystal gazing, for he adds that "the Texas boys are now working on a set of rules which give every player the same starting point."

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

- W. Germany bt Austria (Men) 5-2, Berlin.
- W. Germany bt Austria (Women) 5-0, Berlin.
- Belgium bt France (Junior Boys) 5-2, Brussels.
- Belgium bt Luxembourg 5-0, Le Louvine.
- Netherlands bt Belgium 5-4, Oss.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

By NIGEL IVE

WORTHWHILE JOURNEY

ONCE again, juniors from all over the country made the journey to Worthing to compete in the ever popular Sussex Junior "Open" under ideal playing conditions.

The Holes twins had yet another successful tournament, winning the under 15 girls' doubles, and Christine winning the under 15 girls' singles.

In the under 17 events the names of Mary Shannon and Alma Taft once again appeared in the finals, with Mary coming out slightly on top. Mary also won the mixed doubles with Barry Midgley—again at the expense of Alma, who was partnered by Jackie Keogh—and she was runner-up in the girls' doubles where Alma, partnered by Sue Thomas, gained revenge.

The North dominated the boys' under 17 singles with Jackie Keogh and Wilf Barker getting through to the finals. Keogh got there via Midgley, Finucane and myself, while Barker's victims were Symonds, Thomas and Ractcliffe.

The final started with Keogh attacking and he won the first game 18. Barker, with low returns, began to slow Keogh down, and picking the right ball to come in and hit with deadly accuracy. Barker won 18-21, 21-8, 21-10.

The girls' under 17 singles got off to a shock start when Judy Williams was beaten by the young Christine Holes 20-22, 21-15, 21-13. I sympathise with Judy though, because it can be very rough when most of the crowd are against the seeded player, as they were on this occasion.

Christine then put up a good fight in the semi-final against the No. 3 seed, Alma Taft, before losing 21-10 in the third.

CONFIDENT MARY

Meanwhile, the top seed, Mary Shannon, played confidently throughout, beating Pauline Holes, Sue Thomas, and then Alma in the final 14 and 12.

The girls' doubles under 17 provided another success for Sue Thomas and Alma Taft when they beat Hilde Brautigam and Judy Williams in the semi-final, and Mary Shannon and E. Hill in the final 17 and 17.

In the boys' under 17 doubles the first time partnership of Bob Ractcliffe and Graham Whalley paid dividends. They beat the Middlesex pair,

Brian Wright and Dave Offenbach, 16 and 14, in the final.

The under 15 boys' singles was won, as expected, by Brian Hill who beat Morley Mordecai in an exciting final. Hill's heavy chop being the deciding factor, and he won 16,—18, 19.

Hill brought off a double success when, partnering Ian Giles, they beat B. Sykes and G. Parkes (Hertfordshire) 19 and 15 in the doubles.

Respectable Lesley Bell convincingly won the under 13 girls' singles, beating Gloria Sayer 8 and 11 in the final, while Peter Williams had a closer game in the under 13 boys' singles, overcoming B. Barnes 15,—21, 16.

TOP TEN FOR TOTS?

There's been a lot of talk about equal pay and rights for women. How about equal rights for juniors?

Top ten tournaments are given for seniors, why not one for us?

Another thing—there are junior events at the forthcoming European Championships, but no English boys or girls will be there. Not even one. I suppose the expense is the trouble.

THE NEW CHAMP

Congratulations to George Livesey on winning the English Junior title. A nice finale for his last season as a junior. And what a successful junior he has been!

George, a sheet-metal worker from Burnley, Lancashire, is one of a large family, having four brothers and five sisters. They could have five mixed doubles pairs in the family, but unfortunately none of the others play the game.

Ken Stanley started George off on the road to table tennis fame at the Stanley Academy. George was only eleven at the time but he soon started making a name for himself.

He played for Burnley's junior team and Ken Stanley's club, graduated to the Lancashire junior team and finally became a junior international.

He has the amazing record of having played in 43 junior finals and winning 25 of them.

Now his junior days are nearly over and naturally he hopes to follow up his junior successes with senior ones. I'm sure everyone will join with me in wishing George the best of luck when he takes the plunge into senior competition.

FINALS RESULTS

Boys' Singles (Under 17): **W. BARKER** bt J. Keogh 18-21, 21-8, 21-10.

Girls' Singles: **M. SHANNON** bt A. Taft 21-15, 21-13.

Boys' Doubles: **R. RACTLIFFE/G. WHALLEY** bt D. Offenbach/B. Wright 21-16, 21-14.

Girls' Doubles: **TAFT/S. THOMAS** bt Shannon/E. Hill 21-17, 21-17.

Mixed Doubles: **B. MIDGLEY/Miss SHANNON** bt Keogh/Miss Taft 25-23, 21-16.

Boys' Singles (Under 15): **B. HILL** bt M. Mordecai 21-16, 18-21, 21-1.

Girls' Singles: **C. HOLES** bt P. Martin 21-8, 21-14.

Boys' Doubles: **G. PARKES/B. SYKES** bt I. Giles/B. Hill 21-19, 21-15.

Girls' Doubles: **C. HOLES/P. HOLES** bt J. Canham/L. Bell 21-8, 21-14.

Boys' Singles (Under 13): **P. WILLIAMS** bt G. Barnes 21-15, 21-23, 21-16.

Girls' Singles: **L. BELL** bt G. Sayer 21-8, 21-11.

ARCHER'S NORFOLK "HAT-TRICK"

COUNTY champion, Edna Allen again proved her superiority by winning three titles without loss of a game in the Yarmouth Championships.

Tony Archer won the men's singles title for the third successive year by beating C. Carter in the final.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: **A. ARCHER** bt C. Carter 21-15, 19-21, 21-11, 21-12.

Women's Singles: **Mrs. E. ALLEN** bt Miss P. Bexfield 21-9, 21-10.

Men's Doubles: **ARCHER/D. CLUTTON** bt G. Smith/J. Ruddock 21-13, 19-21, 18-21, 22-20, 21-13.

Mixed Doubles: **CLUTTON/Mrs. ALLEN** bt G. Smith/Miss M. Sargent 21-18, 21-16.

Women's Doubles: **Mrs. ALLEN/P. BEXFIELD** bt Mrs. B. Wright/J. Cockerday 21-9, 21-16.

Junior Singles: **B. TAYLOR** bt R. Hudson 21-12, 21-15.

Youth Singles: **P. FIELD** bt G. Rodwell 21-9, 21-6.

Trade Union S.C. 'A' are odds-on favourites to win the Premier Division of the Yarmouth league following their two recent defeats of nearest rivals, Caister 'A'. Post Office 'B' with an unbeaten record appear certain champions of Division I.

Gothic head the first division of the Norwich League and with a game in hand over their nearest rivals Co-op look set to win the title.

Norwich wind up their programme in the East Anglian League with a match against Kings Lynn. A win for Norwich will give them the championship in place of Lowestoft who have held the title for the past eight seasons.

Champions, Hobbies "A" are being closely challenged by the Saints, who still have a game in hand, for the top spot in the Dereham League.

Norfolk have slumped badly in the Southern Division of the County Championship. After occupying second place in the table for the past two seasons they have now dropped to the bottom with only one point. **Robin Wickens**

EAGLE/GIRL TOURNAMENT

By **KENNETH WHEELER**

All Set for Finals

ASKED to nominate the challenger most likely to defeat Johnny Leach in a special "best-of-three" match, the readers of *Eagle* have elected Ian Harrison, the 20-year-old Gloucestershire and England star.

This match will be one of many big attractions at the finals of the *Eagle/Girl* Championship of Great Britain to be staged before one thousand guests at the Friends House, Euston, from 2-6 p.m. on Friday, April 22nd.

Amongst celebrities from other sports who have accepted the invitation of Editor Clifford Makins (Marcus Morris's successor) are Denis Compton, Godfrey Evans and Johnny Haynes. We shall also welcome Victor Barna, and many other big names from table tennis.

Should Johnny Leach be defeated he has promised a prize to all who voted for his opponent. There is also a prize for the reader present who most accurately forecasts the actual score.

Another innovation is the Invitation Doubles match between this season's top London teams, West Ham Youth (Essex) and Willesden Schools (Middlesex).

Representing West Ham will be the 15-year-olds Danny Pryor and David Garner, and opposing them Raymond Wright, the younger brother of junior international, Brian, and Billy Walker, the boy who spent several years in hospital with polio and yet now uses his feet better than many older players. Both teams are treating this as a Cup-tie and bringing coach loads of supporters.

Our All-Britain team competition has already been won by Doncaster Youth, who thus capture both the match table, and the club table awarded to the best team in the North. Dundee and District won the Scottish table, while the Midlands and South tables went to Birmingham Union and Wymondham School respectively.

As always, the highlight matches on the programme will be the semi-finals and finals for the *Eagle/Girl* under-15 and under-13 Championship of Great Britain, featuring this time the sixteen boy and girl survivors from an original entry of over 10,000.

Each of these finalists, together with several "unlucky losers" whose names will be announced during the afternoon, has qualified for special coaching by Johnny Leach and his

international team at a famous holiday camp during August.

The draw has resulted as follows:

Boys' Senior: Gary Brass (Scotland) v David Stanley (North); Derek Basden (South) v Maurice Billington (Midlands).

Boys' Junior: Willie Gibbs (Scotland) v Graham Pressick (Midlands); Brian Marsden (North) v Dennis Holland (South).

Girls' Senior: Pauline Holes (South) v Doreen Donaldson (Scotland); Diane Fitzgerald (North) v Pat Taylor (Midlands).

Girls' Junior: Lesley Bell (South) v Janet King (Midlands); Lydia Plotnikoff (Scotland) v Pat Dainty (North).



DOREEN DONALDSON

Scotland do not run a junior team.

It is easy to under-rate this little left-hander, but Gary has proved in the past that the tougher the opposition is, the better he likes it.

Basden and Billington are both big forehand hitters, and either could smash a way through to the title.

The only previous finalist among the junior boys is Brian Marsden, and judging by his form in the North Finals he is going to be a tough nut to crack. However, Pressick and Holland are both very sound, all-round players, and little Willie Gibbs could easily become the "surprise-packet" of the afternoon.

The Girls' Senior event looks on paper the strongest we have ever staged. All four competitors have lots of talent and experience.

Johnny Leach has already praised the high standard reached this season in the *Girl* "under-13" event, and with Lesley Bell (daughter of the veteran champion of England) and the



JOHNNY LEACH with MAURICE BILLINGTON and GRAHAM PRESSICK, the Midland Champions

very tall Scots' lass, Lydia Plotnikoff, opposing the sole remaining club champions, Janet King and Pat Dainty, there is every prospect of some very close ties.

GRIFFIN SHOCKS MERRETT

A SHOCK win by Bob Griffin over Bryan Merrett, the English "closed" champion, paved the way for Cheltenham to score an 8-1 win over Gloucester in the Warner Shield.

It was Griffin's first win over Merrett in recent years, and Gloucester crumbled after this set-back.

Gloucester have yet to win this annual four-a-side encounter, even though, with the exception of this year, they always win the South and Western Groups of the Wilmott Cup. The extra man always appears to give Cheltenham the advantage.

Gloucestershire wound up their Premier Division programme in the County Championship in great style, holding Middlesex, the new champions, to a draw. Had they secured the other point Gloucestershire would have tied with Surrey at the top of the table.

The formidable Bristol junior team of Morley Mordecai and Peter Brook, both 15, and 17-year-old Michael Kimber scored a most convincing win over Gloucester. Big things are expected of this young trio in the near future.

Les Davis.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP

by CONRAD JASCHKE

Middlesex Again Champions — Thanks to Yorkshire

IN the most dramatic finish ever to the County Championships Middlesex are back as winners of the Premier Division for the 11th time. But it is thanks to a great effort by Yorkshire.

The "Tykes" presented Middlesex with the title, on a "photo-finish" when with little more than a second team, they beat Surrey 6-4 at Bradford for the biggest upset of the season.

Not even the most optimistic Yorkshire supporter could have forecast such a result, especially after their 9-1 home thrashing by Middlesex the previous week.

No wonder Surrey were full of confidence when they made that long journey to Bradford. The title looked "in the bag." And prospects looked even more rosy when they arrived, for Yorkshire, already without Brian Kennedy, had suffered an even further blow only that morning with the withdrawal of Ray Hinchliff and Maurice Simpson.

It looked all over bar the shouting, but Surrey had reckoned without the Yorkshire grit. Maybe they underestimated the opposition. Whatever it was things soon started to go wrong for Surrey.

It was Stuart Dyson who drove the first nail into the Surrey coffin. He slammed Ken Craigie 21-6, 21-14, with a bout of furious hitting. Craigie, who rightly slates some of our top players for their defensive attitude, was for once kept on the defensive himself. It was a complete turn up for the book.

If any Yorkshire player is to be singled out as the hero of this great win, then it must be Dyson, for he figured in yet another shock result when he partnered reserve George Carrigill to beat Craigie and Harry Venner in the men's doubles.

But it was Maurice Pitts who, amidst scenes of unbelievable enthusiasm sealed Surrey's fate by beating Harry Venner 18-21, 22-20, 21-13. Venner certainly had his chance in that second game where he was within two of victory, but Pitts rose to the occasion.

While lauding the Yorkshire men,

we must not overlook the great part played by Kathie Best and Mrs. Jean Harrison, who were unbeaten and between them helped to account for four of the successes.

A side light to the match was the clash of Miss Best and Mrs. Betty Bird in the women's singles. It will be recalled how, after the selection of Miss Best for the European team, Mrs. Bird protested that she had been unfairly treated, and threw out a challenge to Miss Best.

This then was the encounter that could prove whether or not the selectors were right. With such an issue at stake this had the ingredients of a real needle match, but it fizzled out with Miss Best winning easily 21-16, 21-10, to fully justify her selection.

Yorkshire may not be the champions, but they do know that their victory over Surrey decided the title.

If they can do this with their reserves then there is still hope that maybe next year they can take the title North for the first time.

While all this was going on at Bradford Middlesex were suffering a shock in their home match against Gloucestershire in North London. They were held to a 5-all draw.

SIGNIFICANT VICTORY

A surprise win by Alan Rhodes over Bryan Merrett, the English "closed" champion, saved the day for Middlesex.

Just how significant that victory was to prove was not realised until they picked up the papers on the Monday morning to learn of the Surrey defeat and find they were champions on games aggregate, 55-15 to Surrey's 48-22.

The Rhodes victory at 21-19 in the third, came at a time when Gloucestershire were 4-2 up.

Ian Harrison was in great form for Gloucestershire, beating both Derek Burridge and Michael Thornhill.

The big upset from the Middlesex point of view was the loss of the women's doubles when Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Spokes beat Margaret Fry and Jean Harrower over three games. And the women's section has always been Gloucestershire's weak link.

Middlesex were without the services of Diane Rowe, suffering from a leg injury, but Jean Harrower deputised

to win the singles against Mrs. Spokes although taken to three games.

It has been a happy season for Harry Edwards who has taken over the captaincy of the seniors as well as the juniors, for it has been a great Middlesex double. The juniors have, of course, already won their section.

At the other end of the Premier Division table Glamorgan staged a grand stand finish by beating Lancashire 6-4. But they had left it too late to avoid relegation. They are booked for the drop with Lincolnshire, who remain pointless at their first season in the top grade.

Lancashire were without Jeff Ingber, their No. 1, and brought in George Livesey, but the England junior failed in his singles against Brian Everson, although he gained some consolation in the mixed doubles with Miss Swift when they beat Everson and Mrs. Greta Dimascio.

Essex, who had taken a 3-7 beating from Lancashire earlier, finished the season on an optimistic note with a 10-0 win over Lincolnshire.

WHO GOES UP ?

The Second Division winners are **Warwickshire** (Midlands) **Cheshire** (North), **Kent** (South) and **Devon** (West). All that remains now is for the challenge matches, Warwickshire against Kent, and Cheshire against Devon, to see who goes up.

Warwickshire dropped their first point in their last match when they were held to a draw by Leicestershire. Kent maintained a 100 per cent. record with a clear-cut 8-2 win over Sussex, at Eastbourne, where Peter Shead shone for the home team in beating Tony Piddock and Henry Buist.

Alan Cornish made a promising winning team debut for Kent and much is expected from the 19-year-old left-hander with the sound defence and surprise back-hand hit.

Kent have made it a double with the "seconds" winning the Southern Division, while **Glamorgan** "seconds" are the new Midland division champions.

A second title has also come the way of **Warwickshire** in the Midland Junior Division, while the Northern Junior title has gone to **Lancashire**.

The Worcestershire match secretary has kindly sent me his county teams complete averages, and I would be most grateful if other counties will provide me with similar information



STUART DYSON

before Easter. This would be a valuable check for our chairman, Frank Bateman, when he engages in his annual chore over the Easter holiday of working out the averages, for publication in the May issue.

DIVISIONAL TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION (Final)					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F. A. P.
Middlesex	7	5	1	1	55 15 11
Surrey	7	5	1	1	48 22 11
Gloucestershire	7	4	2	1	44 26 10
Yorkshire	7	4	1	2	38 32 9
Essex	7	3	0	4	33 37 6
Lancashire	7	2	1	4	33 37 5
Glamorgan	7	2	0	5	23 47 4
Lincolnshire	7	0	0	7	6 64 0
DIV. II NORTH					
Cheshire	4	4	0	0	25 15 8
Yorkshire II	4	2	0	2	23 17 4
Durham	3	2	0	1	17 13 4
Derbyshire	4	1	0	3	16 24 2
Northumberland	3	0	0	3	9 21 0
DIV. II MIDLAND (Final)					
Warwickshire	4	3	1	0	29 11 7
Worcestershire	4	3	0	1	20 20 6
Staffordshire	4	1	1	2	21 19 3
Leicestershire	4	0	3	1	18 22 3
Bedfordshire	4	0	1	3	12 28 1
DIV. II SOUTH					
Kent	4	4	0	0	31 9 8
Hertfordshire	3	2	0	1	16 14 4
Hampshire	4	2	0	2	23 17 4
Sussex	3	1	0	2	11 19 2
Berkshire	4	0	0	4	9 31 0
DIV. II WEST (Final)					
Devon	4	4	0	0	32 8 8
Somerset	4	3	0	1	24 16 6
Cornwall	4	2	0	2	20 20 4
Wiltshire	4	1	0	3	16 24 2
Dorset	4	0	0	4	8 32 0
MIDLAND DIVISION (Final)					
Glamorgan II	4	4	0	0	29 11 8
Warwickshire II	4	1	2	1	21 19 4
Staffordshire II	4	1	2	1	18 22 4
Nottinghamshire	4	1	1	2	19 21 3
Oxfordshire	4	0	1	3	13 27 1
SOUTHERN DIVISION					
Kent II	5	5	0	0	44 6 10
Hertfordshire II	5	4	0	1	37 13 8
Buckinghamshire	4	2	0	2	18 22 4
Suffolk	4	1	1	2	11 29 3
Cambridgeshire	5	0	2	3	17 33 2
Norfolk	5	0	1	4	13 37 1
MIDLAND JUNIOR DIVISION (Final)					
Warwickshire	6	6	0	0	39 9 12
Staffordshire	6	2	2	2	24 24 6
Oxfordshire	6	2	1	3	17 31 5
Leicestershire	6	0	1	5	16 32 1
NORTH JUNIOR DIVISION					
Lancashire	5	5	0	0	35 5 10
Yorkshire	4	3	0	1	21 11 6
Durham	6	2	0	4	24 24 4
Cheshire	5	0	0	5	0 40 0
SOUTH JUNIOR DIVISION (Final)					
Middlesex	6	6	0	0	51 9 12
Hertfordshire	6	4	1	1	38 22 9
Kent	6	3	2	1	34 26 8
Surrey	6	3	0	3	32 28 6
Essex	6	2	1	3	30 30 5
Sussex	6	1	0	5	16 44 2
Suffolk	6	0	0	6	9 51 0

DETAILED RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION
Yorkshire 1, Middlesex 9
 M. Pitts lost to A. Rhodes —12, —18, lost to M. Thornhill —11, —6. R. Hinchliff lost to Thornhill —11, 15, —17, lost to D. Burridge 17, —12, —14. S. Dyson lost to Burridge —15, —14, lost to Rhodes 19, —16, —13.
 Dyson/Hinchliff lost to Rhodes/Thornhill —22, —20.
 Miss K. Best b Miss J. Harrower 16, 16.
 Pitts/Mrs. M. Harrison lost to Burridge/Miss M. Fry —20, —23.
 Miss Best/Mrs. Harrison lost to Miss Fry/Miss Harrower —16, —21.
Lancashire 7, Essex 3
 J. Clayton bt A. Condon 15, 18, bt R. Stevens —17, 16, 18. J. Ingber bt Stevens 20, 17, bt B. Brumwell 12, —19, 15, P.

Davies/Dimascio bt Clayton/Strulovitch 19, 26.
 Miss B. Gray bt Miss Leigh 17, 18.
 Everson/Mrs. Dimascio lost to Livesey/Miss Swift —16, 15, —18.
 Miss Gray/Mrs. Dimascio bt Miss Leigh/Miss Swift 4, 19.
Middlesex 5, Gloucestershire 5
 Rhodes bt P. Partos 11, 16, bt B. Merrett 16, —17, 19. Burridge lost to Merrett —9, —14, lost to I. Harrison 19, —19, —12. Thornhill lost to Harrison —15, 13, —11, bt Partos —15, 14, 12.
 L. Landry/Rhodes lost to Harrison/Merrett —13, —13.
 Miss J. Harrower bt Mrs. E. Spokes 18, —17, 14.
 Landry/Miss Fry bt Partos/Mrs. S. O'Brien —19, 11, 9.
 Miss Fry/Miss Harrower lost to Mrs. O'Brien/Mrs. Spokes —14, 14, —21.



ALAN RHODES, whose win over BRYAN MERRETT, clinched the Premier Division for Middlesex

Yorkshire 6, Surrey 4
 G. Carrigill lost to H. Venner —17, —12, lost to K. Craigie —15, —9. S. Dyson bt Craigie 6, 14, lost to J. Somogyi 16, —18, —15. M. Pitts lost to Somogyi —15, —16, bt Venner —18, 20, 13.
 Carrigill/Dyson bt Craigie/Venner —14, 20, 17.
 Pitts/Mrs. M. Harrison bt A. Miller/Miss P. Piper 18, 18.
 Miss K. Best bt Mrs. B. Bird 16, 10.
 Miss Best/Mrs. Harrison bt Mrs. Bird/Miss Piper 19, 16.
DIV. II NORTH
 Derbyshire 3, Yorkshire II 7.
DIV. II MIDLAND
 Staffordshire 4, Worcestershire 6.
 Leicestershire 5, Warwickshire 5.
DIV. II SOUTH
 Hertfordshire 1, Kent 9. Sussex 2, Kent 8.
DIV. II WEST
 Devon 9, Wiltshire 1. Somerset 9, Dorset 1.
MIDLAND DIVISION
 Warwickshire II 5, Staffordshire II 5.
 Staffordshire II 7, Oxfordshire 3.
SOUTHERN DIVISION
 Buckinghamshire 7, Cambridgeshire 3.
 Hertfordshire II 10, Suffolk 0.
NORTH JUNIOR DIV.
 Cheshire 0, Durham 8.
 Lancashire 7, Durham 1.
MIDLAND JUNIOR DIV.
 Staffordshire 3, Warwickshire 5.
 Staffordshire 4, Oxfordshire 4.
 Warwickshire 8, Oxfordshire 0.
SOUTH JUNIOR DIV.
 Middlesex 8, Surrey 2.
 Sussex 2, Hertfordshire 8.
 Suffolk 3, Kent 7.

WILLESDEN "CLOSED" SHOCKS

THERE were shocks galore in the Willesden League "closed" championships where, of their Middlesex Inter-League winning team, only Stan Jacobson and Mary Stafford, survived semi-finals.

The biggest upset was the defeat of Laurie Landry by Frank Ball. The defending champions Jimmy O'Hara and Lynne Whithams lost to Michael Creamer and "Jackie" Butcher respectively.

Men's Singles: M. Creamer bt S. Jacobson 21-16, 12-21, 21-13. **Women's Singles:** M. E. Stafford bt J. Butcher 21-16, 21-18.

Men's Doubles: L. Landry/B. Wright bt J. O'Hara/A. Khanna 21-8, 21-7. **Women's Doubles:** Stafford/J. Williamson bt J. Abrahams/G. Robinson 21-4, 21-18. **Mixed Doubles:** Landry/Miss L. Whithams bt V. Ireland/Miss Robinson 21-23, 21-13, 21-19.

Boys' Singles: B. Wright bt D. Offenbach 15-21, 21-19, 21-14. **Girls' Singles:** J. Butcher bt V. Lucas 21-7, 21-16.

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MIDLAND "OPEN"

LUCKY LANDRY

CLOSE matches were the keynote of the Midland "Open" at Birmingham on February 27. Tony Piddock further enhanced his reputation but not without some narrow squeaks. His doubles partner, Kevin Edwards, took him to 18 in the third, then Livesey held match points against him only to lose 16, —19, 20. Finally in the quarter-final, Brumwell came from 15-20 down in the third, to 20-all, only to lose the next two points.

Piddock's semi-final opponent was top-seed Alan Rhodes who had had a fairly comfortable quarter. This was a rather scrappy game with neither player producing any consistency. Piddock won a rather uncomfortable match.

In the other half, second-seed Landry can count himself lucky to have got through, for against Dyson in the quarter-final, the score stood at 20-15 in favour of Dyson.

Landry, who had previously been forced back on defence, risked his arm, and helped by Dyson's mistakes, got home 22-20. Alan Lindsay qualified to meet Landry after getting through against Stevens (16, 16). These two then met and after a game of hit and block and high defence Landry got through with Lindsay obviously tiring.

The final was rather an anti-climax, for Piddock also appeared to feel the effects of his four three-setters and Landry had only to keep the ball going to secure his victory.

A fairly weak entry in the women's singles enabled Jean McCree to win this event. She beat Warwickshire County player Doreen Griffiths in the final. She was extended, however, by Mavis Dyson of Yorkshire who was unlucky to lose the first game and was eventually beaten 22, —16, 15.

George Livesey was fully extended by Barry Midgley in winning the junior event and Sheila Griffiths took the girls' title from Linda Gordon.

The men's doubles produced some surprises. The two top seeds, Landry and Rhodes and Jacobson and Lindsay both went out early on. The former to the winners Arnold Shepherd and Brian Brumwell a completely scratch partnership (—10, 18, 22), and the latter to Tony Hill and Michael Close (11, —18, 19) who were the eventual runners-up.

Another scratch partnership, Lindsay and Mary Leigh, won the mixed doubles but few of the top men were in this event.

Men's Singles. Semi-Finals: L. LANDRY (Mddx.) bt A. Lindsay (Mddx.) 21-12, 21-16. A. PIDDOCK (Kent) bt A. Rhodes (Mddx.) 21-11, 16-21, 21-17.

Final: LANDRY bt Piddock 21-9, 21-14.

Women's Singles. Semi-Finals: J. MCCREE (Essex) bt J. Lloyd (Warwicks.) 21-16, 21-19. D. GRIFFITHS (Warwicks.) bt M. Leigh (Lancs.) 14-21, 21-19, 21-14.

Final: MCCREE bt Griffiths 21-13, 20-22, 21-7.

Men's Doubles. Semi-Finals: A. SHEPHERD (Cheshire)/B. BRUMWELL (Essex) bt J. Osborne/D. Backhouse (Staffs.) 21-8, 18-21, 21-16. M. CLOSE/A. HILL (Mddx.) bt D. Gilbert/C. Warren (Surrey) 21-19, 21-16.

Final: SHEPHERD/BRUMWELL bt Close/Hill 21-16, 21-9.

Women's Doubles. Final: GRIFFITHS/B. CARLESS (Warwicks.) bt D. Worrall/K. Barlow (Staffs.) 21-16, 21-9.

Mixed Doubles. Semi-Finals: A. LINDSAY/M. LEIGH bt Backhouse/Barlow 21-5, 21-10. K. GRIFFITHS (Gloucs.)/D. WORRALL bt B. Robinson/A. Charman (Warwicks.) 21-9, 14-21, 21-13.

Final: LINDSAY/LEIGH bt Griffiths/Worrall 21-15, 21-12.

Junior Boys' Semi-Finals: G. LIVESEY (Lancs.) bt D. Offenbach (Mddx.) 21-19, 21-14. B. MIDGLEY (Hants.) bt B. Wright (Mddx.) 21-19, 21-15.

Final: LIVESEY bt Midgley 21-18, 13-21, 21-19.

Junior Doubles. Semi-Finals: WRIGHT/OFFENBACH bt D.

Thomas/R. Cutler (Warwicks.) 21-13, 11-21, 21-9. MIDGLEY/G. WEHALLEY (Sussex) bt V. Kirby/M. White (Gloucs.) 24-22, 21-14.

Final: WRIGHT/OFFENBACH bt Midgley/Whalley 24-22, 16-21, 21-16.

Junior Girls' Semi-Finals: S. GRIFFITHS (Gloucs.) bt J. Roberts (Warwicks.) 23-21, 21-19. L. GORDON (Lancs.) bt A. Charman (Staffs.) 21-15, 21-15.

Final: GRIFFITHS bt Gordon 21-15, 22-20.

Veteran's Final: H. SPIERS (Warwicks.) bt Arudel (Warwicks.) 21-12, 21-11.

WEST MIDDLESEX "OPEN"

BURRIDGE FOR THIRD TIME

DEREK BURRIDGE won West Middlesex "Open" for the third time at West Ealing, coming through without loss of a game.

His toughest match was in the Final against Alan Rhodes where he caught up from behind in both games.

Stan Jacobson of topspin fame, caused the most damage. He beat, in quick succession, Tony Condon (21, 14), Michael Maclaran (16, —18, 13), then the holder, Joe Somogyi (—19, 18, 20). Jacobson eventually lost to Tony Miller (12, 17) in the quarter-final.

Betty Bird won another women's singles. In the final she beat Shelagh Hession in two well-fought-out games. Betty was very hard-pressed to beat Mary Shannon (—14, 12, 17). Mary made up for this by winning both the Girls' and Youths'. She beat Jean Harrower in both events and top-seed Hession in the final of the Youths'.

Sheila Foster and Ivy Sawyer gained their first title in the women's doubles, beating Mrs. Bird and Miss Piper in a very close and interesting final.

Ken Beamish and Bob McCree played very solidly to reach the final of the men's doubles, where they lost to Len Adams and Burridge. Les Sawyer and Tony Condon, who lost to Beamish and McCree in the semi-final, caused the surprise in this event when they beat Landry and Rhodes (19, 20).

Men's Singles. Semi-Finals: D. BURRIDGE (Mddx.) bt B. Brumwell (Essex) 21-15, 21-15. A. RHODES (Mddx.) bt A. Miller (Surrey) 21-11, 21-19.

Final: BURRIDGE bt Rhodes 21-16, 21-18.

Women's Singles. Semi-Finals: B. BIRD (Surrey) bt S. Foster (Hants.) 21-17, 21-16. S. HESSION (Essex) bt J. Harrower (Mddx.) 16-21, 21-16, 21-6.

Final: BIRD bt Hession 21-19, 22-20.

Men's Doubles. Semi-Finals: BURRIDGE/L. ADAMS (Mddx.) bt R. Raybould/R. Stevens (Essex) 21-19, 26-24. K. BEAMISH/R. MCCREE (Essex) bt A. Condon/L. Sawyer (Essex) 16-21, 21-17, 21-14.

Final: BURRIDGE/ADAMS bt Beamish/McCree 21-18, 16-21, 21-17.

Women's Doubles. Semi-Finals: S. FOSTER (Hants.)/I. SAWYER (Essex) bt M. Fry (Mddx.)/P. Shead (Sussex) 18-21, 21-15. B. BIRD/P. PIPER (Surrey) bt S. Ralston/D. Ellis (Mddx.) 21-9, 20-22, 21-9.

Final: FOSTER/SAWYER bt Bird/Piper 21-19, 9-21, 22-20.

Mixed Doubles. Semi-Finals: L. LANDRY (Mddx.)/BIRD bt A. Lindsay/J. Butcher (Mddx.) 21-19, 22-24, 21-7. J. SOMOGYI/P. PIPER (Surrey) bt K. Beamish/S. Hession (Essex) 22-20, 18-21, 21-11.

Final: LANDRY/BIRD bt Somogyi/Piper 21-13, 23-25, 21-17.

Youths (Under 21). Boys' Semi-Finals: LANDRY bt B. Finucane (Surrey) 21-13, 21-16. D. CREAMER (Mddx.) bt M. Ellis (Kent) 21-6, 21-12.

Final: LANDRY bt Creamer 21-18, 21-13.

Youths (Under 21). Girls' Semi-Finals: SHANNON (Surrey) bt J. Harrower (Mddx.) 10-21, 21-17, 21-17. S. HESSION bt H. Brautigam (Mddx.) w.o.

Final: SHANNON bt Hession 8-21, 21-16, 23-21.

Junior Boys' Semi-Finals: D. CREAMER bt N. Ive (Mddx.) 21-12, 23-21. B. MIDGLEY (Hants.) bt B. Finucane (Surrey) 21-17, 17-21, 21-17.

Final: CREAMER bt Midgley 21-9, 21-19.

Junior Girls' Semi-Finals: SHANNON bt Brautigam 21-11, 21-9. HARROWER bt I. Ogus 21-16, 21-8.

Final: SHANNON bt Harrower 21-13, 19-21, 21-17.