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REGISTERED AT STATIONERS HALL

The Annual General Meeting

By W. J. POPE

THE Council Room at the Waldorf Hotel was an ideal venue for our annual gathering, and it was pleasing to see such a fine representative gathering of local fans to review the past year's working, and consider future developments. The growth of the game has been so great in recent years, and so many new leagues, clubs and individual enthusiasts have been brought into the game as players and officials that the paths which have led to success in the past are not always known. The enthusiasm for our game is unique—in no other game is there such keenness for progress—and old hardened legislators, new representatives and eager propagandists were represented by the delegates of 41 Leagues.

The Executive Committee's report (published in this issue) was considered point by point. The report on the suspension of Miss Aarons and Mr. Glickman was dealt with very brilliantly by the Chairman. He outlined the history of the case and analysed the issues involved, and also dealt with the attitude of the U.S.A.T.T.A.

The Conference overwhelmingly supported the decision of the Executive Committee. Mr. Montagu's handling and marshalling of the facts was masterly and obviously impressed the members, and there appeared to be no doubt left in anyone's mind that the utmost care and consideration had been given to the matter.

The difficulties in the publication of the Official Handbook were considered, but the meeting decided to continue it in its present form, and in all other matters the work of the Executive Committee was approved. Mr. Vint reported in his usual efficient and business-like manner and took us through every detail of the accounts. He explained it is unfortunately impossible to submit a complete statement for the year at this period, as it is inevitable that items of income and expenditure are still outstanding in connection with the various activities of the Association. The balance in hand (£189 17s. 6d.) could therefore not be taken as a criterion of the financial position, but told us he was optimistic, that we should again pay off some of the loans in connection with the World Championship.

The report of the past year's working having been disposed of, the meeting then took the Agenda, which dealt with the future. Regulations regarding dress led to a very interesting discussion, some delegates feeling that the time has come when we should adopt one colour as in Lawn Tennis; but eventually a resolution was carried that leagues and

clubs should be asked to adopt regulations that each team play in one colour. It was also decided that a regulation should be adopted making grey rubber shoes compulsory. The Executive Committee was empowered to form County or Area bodies, where affiliated organisations in any area desired them; but the suggestion that such bodies should be financially supported from the national funds was withdrawn. Probably the most important discussion took place upon the programme for next season. There is developing in some areas a number of tournaments, matches, championships, etc. which are leading to congestion and clashing of dates, and the difficulties of the national body in regulating all these events so that complaints could be avoided was recognised. After the point of view of the Executive Committee was put forward, the resolution that a conference of all Leagues be called in the summer, when a scheme could be worked out suitable to everyone, was unanimously adopted. One of the matters to be dealt with will be the growth of Open Tournaments, and it appears inevitable that they will have to be divided into "major" and "minor" events. The "Paid Player" problem was also referred to the new Executive Committee with instructions that they should draft new regulations for control. There was a general feeling that the players registering for payment were divorcing them-

selves from the Leagues, and that the new development was not functioning in the best interests of the game or the affiliated membership of the Association. The announcement of the decisions respecting the "lower net" and the abolition of finger-spin" is made elsewhere, as is the result of the Postal Ballot. Mr. Oldroyd was unanimously re-elected President and Mr. F. A. Amies, who has retired from the Executive Committee after very long service, was added to the Vice-Presidents.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the efficient way he had conducted the meeting, and there was then held the usual informal gathering of the "fans." General satisfaction was felt at the present state of the Association in the country, the enthusiasm and keenness of the membership, and pleasure was expressed that new and flamboyant schemes, uninformed criticism and "revolutionary" programmes found no advocates or support amongst responsible members.

FESTIVAL OF YOUTH MARCH-PAST

Thirty-two representatives (16 men and 16 women) are required to represent Table Tennis in a march-past to be held on Saturday, 3rd July, at the Empire Stadium, Wembley, commencing 2-30 p.m. Their Majesties the King and Queen will be present, those wishing to take part are asked to write to the E.T.T.A. Office. Regulation dress will be worn.

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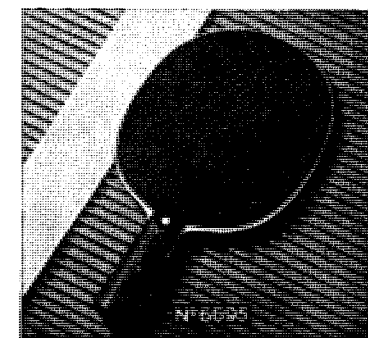
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Table Tennis in Hungary

BY VICTOR BARNA

THE most important event in Hungary is the Team Championship. The teams consist of six players each, and therefore 36 best-of-three matches are necessary to decide a single tie in this event, which is run on the League plan. All clubs make big efforts to win this championship, which by now has become part of Hungarian Table Tennis tradition.

In the last few years the D.S.C. (Duna Sport Club) was invincible; their team includes Szabados, Barna, Glauçs, Boros, Hazi, etc., and this year they again got near to winning but were defeated in their last games by V.A.C. (Vivo Atletikai Club) and M.T.K. (Magyar Testgya-Korlok Köre). Both these teams are full of new talent, a fact which gave much satisfaction to officials and the Press.

The V.A.C. includes Gardos, the new Hungarian champion, who has beaten Bergmann, and Schmiedl and Benkő, holders of the Doubles title.

M.T.K. has, apart from Kelen, no big names, players like Rosemann, Till, Fischer, Barna (junior) being quite unknown abroad, but the team is nicely balanced.

The championship finished with a tie between the D.S.C. and M.T.K., and this will be played off on the 11th-12th May.

A lot of preparation and serious training is in progress, and I think that the D.S.C. will be successful again, as Szabados is hurrying home to help them to win a very much-coveted trophy.

Western Counties League

Exeter, in the Final of the above League, beat Bristol at Bristol, 7 sets to 5 sets, in one of the best matches seen in Bristol; but unfortunately a hitch has occurred—Exeter playing an ineligible player, and this matter will have to be settled by the Management, Committee.

FINAL TABLES

SECTION A				
League.	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
BRISTOL	4	4	—	8
SALISBURY	4	2	2	4
BATH	4	—	4	—
SECTION B				
League.	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
EXETER	4	4	—	8
CARDIFF	4	2	2	4
NEWPORT	4	—	4	—

FRENCH CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS.

MEN'S SINGLES.—Haguenaer beat Agopoff, a promising young player, ranked 17 in last year's ranking list.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—Delay beat Delarue. In semi-final Delarue beat Soulage.

South London Press**MEN'S FINAL**

Kingsway wound up a most successful season by beating the Indian Students 5 games to 1 in the South London Press Team Championship.

The better team undoubtedly won, and the result proved a fitting end to a season in which they have swept all before them.

Bravo! Kingsway.



Mrs. M. A. CARRINGTON
(London)

A prominent London player who plays regularly in three Leagues. Also finds time to be of very valuable assistance to the officials by volunteering for clerical work in the office. A great enthusiast and sportswoman.

TO OUR READERS

This is the last of the eight issues for the season 1936-37, and the Editorial Board wish to thank all our subscribers and advertisers for their continued support. It is probably the last issue of the magazine in its present form as our success has led to demands, voiced at the General Council Meetings, for a more ambitious publication.

A scheme is now under consideration for the production of a full-size magazine, with cover, to be edited by an experienced journalist; and if our plans mature we shall be able to provide a magazine worthy of the game in every respect. A communication will be sent to every subscriber in due course, and we hope we shall have the support and assistance of all our friends.

In a Sheffield Hall, when a ball is stopped on or broken, otherwise than in play, a charge of half the cost of a new one is made. A rather stout "fan" wearing leather soles, had the ill-luck to slip and the greater ill-luck to sit down heavily on the ball. Upon making the usual request the unfortunate one pointed eloquently to a rather large crack in the concrete floor and said: "And I suppose you'll charge me for doing that, too!"

London League**FINAL RESULTS**

DIVISION WINNERS: First East—Kingsway; First West—Wimbledon; Second East—Manhattan; Second West—Kingston Y.M.C.A.

SECTION WINNERS: Acton—Acacia; Central—St. Bride; East—King Edward; Ealing—Ealing Y.M.C.A.; North—Finchley; Northern—Waltheof; North Central—Kingsway "B"; North East—Eton Manor; North West—Hendon; South—Wimbledon Y.M.C.A.; South West—XXIV.; West—Crown Cork; West Central—Paddington; West Ealing—Lyons; Ladies Central—Whitefields; Ladies North—Kingsway; Ladies West—West Ealing.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men—Kingsway; ladies—Whitefields; Knock-out—Kingsway.

PROMOTIONS: To First Division East—Manhattan and Prince Albert; First Division West—Kingston and St. Mary's; Second Division East—Eton Manor and Finchley; Second Division West—Lyons and Wimbledon Y.M.C.A.

RELEGATIONS: To Second Division East—W.C.O.B. and Christchurch; Second Division West—Ealing Common and Lucania (Ham); to Sections—W.C.J.L.C., Hillside, Heston, Civil Service. E.A.V.

Irish Free State

Cyril Kemp, regarded as the finest exponent of the game in the Free State, became the first official all-Ireland Champion when he defeated J. Goldstone (North of Ireland Champion) in the Waugh Cup, at Dublin. The final score in Kemp's favour was 21-12, 15-21, 21-14, 21-11, but every point was sternly contested.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1937

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The Executive Committee have pleasure in presenting the following report on the work which has been undertaken on behalf of the Association since the last Annual Meeting.

1. MEMBERSHIP.—The present membership of the Association is as follows:—

	1936-37	1935-36
Leagues and Associations	158	121
Directly Affiliated Clubs.	73	76
Special Affiliations.....	9	5
Individuals	26	24

There are still a number of Leagues which have not yet affiliated, and we would urge members to do their best to persuade any such Leagues known to them to become attached to the Association.

2. MEETINGS.—The Executive Committee have met on five occasions and the General Council twice. The following members were co-opted to the Committee in accordance with Rule 12 (a): Miss P. Anderton (Manchester), Mrs. D. L. Bunbury (Manchester), Mr. H. M. Bunbury (Manchester), Miss R. Smits (London), Mr. C. Corti Woodcock (London). Mr. A. S. King (Exeter) was elected to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. L. E. Forrest (Liverpool).

3. SELECTION COMMITTEE.—A Selection Committee, consisting of Messrs. Montagu, Woodcock, Swann, Pope and Haydon was appointed at the commencement of the season and they have carried out their exacting duties with great thoroughness. A system of trials for players was again introduced. The country was divided so as to provide six areas, and as a result of games played in these districts 25 players took part in a final trial in London.

4. INTERNATIONAL MATCHES.—The following International Matches have been played during the past year:—

Country.	Result.	Score.
v. Hungary (Bristol)	Loss	3-6
v. Hungary (London).....	Loss	1-8
v. Hungary (Manchester)...	Loss	9-0
v. Hungary (Blackpool)....	Loss	9-0
v. Hungary (Birmingham).	Loss	9-0
v. Wales (Men) (Newport).	Win	7-2
v. U.S.A. (Birmingham) ...	Loss	2-7
v. Irish Free State (Liverpool)	Win	10-1
v. Wales (Women) (Swindon)	Win	7-2

New International players appearing in these matches were Miss G. Beazley (Swindon), E. Bublely, E. J. Filby (London), W. Atkinson (Leeds), L. Cohen (Manchester), C. Dawes (Bristol), and P. U. Rumjahn (Liverpool).

5. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.—A men's team and a women's team journeyed to Baden for the Swaythling and Corbillon Cup Competitions and the World Singles and Doubles Championships. In the Swaythling Cup we gained 7th place out of 13, and in the Corbillon Cup we were placed 5th out of 9. Miss Osborne and Miss Woodhead reached the Final of the Women's Doubles and the Executive Committee has extended to these players their congratulations on this well-merited achievement. Mrs. Hutchings reached the Quarter-finals in the Singles.

Teams: Men—A. A. Haydon (Captain), M. B. W. Bergl, K. Hyde, A. G. Millar, S. Proffitt. Women—Miss M. Osborne (Captain), Miss D. Jordan, Miss C. Wheaton, Miss W. Woodhead.

6. NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.—The National Open Championships were again organised on a large scale. The preliminary rounds were held at Paddington Baths, and the finals at the Wembley Stadium. The results of the Championships were as follows:—

Men's Singles.....	V. Barna.
Men's Doubles.....	Schiff and Berenbaum.
Women's Singles....	Miss R. Aarons.
Women's Doubles	Miss M. Osborne and Miss W. Woodhead.
Mixed Doubles	Miss R. Aarons and Blattner.
Veterans.....	A. Melnick.
Junior.....	K. Stanley.

7. OPEN TOURNAMENTS.—Thirty-six Open Tournaments were sanctioned by the Committee. Owing to the large number of Tournaments taking place a great deal of difficulty arises in fixing dates so as to avoid clashing. The tendency on the part of Tournament Committees to arrange their events in the latter part of the season causes some of this confusion, and it is felt that if an attempt were made to arrange more events in October, November or December it would greatly ease the situation.

8. NATIONAL LEAGUE.—A Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. Swann, Goldstein, Batty and Rowlandson were appointed to operate a National League.

The Empress Stadium offered to present to the Association a trophy for National competition, and it was decided by the Committee to award it to the champions of the League. The report of this Committee will be dealt with in the recommendation which is being made to hold a Summer Conference.

9. FOREIGN PLAYERS' TOURS.—Two very successful tours of foreign players were arranged. The players taking part were Barna, Bellak, Kelen, Liebster and Szabados, and they visited no less than 50 centres, and it is estimated they played before 50,000 spectators.

10. PAID PLAYERS.—The paid player has received the attention of the Committee, and regulations governing their activities have been drawn up and published. Up to the present 22 players have registered.

11. WOMEN'S DRESS.—Inquiries have been made with regard to Women's Dress, and it was decided to recommend Tournament Committee to insist that the following regulation should be included in their entry forms: **Shoes**—Rubber soled, any colour. **Skirt, shorts or trousers**—Grey colour. **Sports shirt or blouse**—Single colour, not too light or bright. **Cardigan**—If worn in play it must be of the same colour as the sports shirt.

A resolution will be submitted to the Annual Meeting to cover this regulation in the rules.

12. WILMOTT CUP COMPETITION.—Thirty-six entries were received for the Wilmott Cup Competition. The semi-finals and final are due to be played on the 1st May, 1937.

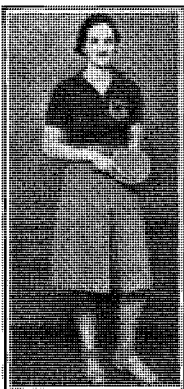
13. TRAINING OF PLAYERS.—At the beginning of the season Messrs. P. Bromfield and A. A. Haydon were appointed as official coaches to the Association. A circular was sent out offering their services to the Leagues, and offering details to any Leagues interested and the Executive Committee express their regret that more advantage was not taken of the facilities placed at their disposal.

14. SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS.—During the season it has been necessary to suspend the following players: Miss Ruth Aarons and Mr. M. Glickman, Messrs. Steer, Waite, Newman, Joyce and Lisle.

The resolutions passed by the Executive Committee will explain the charges made against Miss Aarons and Mr. Glickman:—

Miss Ruth Aarons—"The Executive Committee of the E.T.T.A. has examined the case of exhibitions given in this country for remuneration and on unaffiliated premises by Miss Ruth Aarons, subsequently to permission for these exhibitions having been refused. The Executive Committee accepts the statement and notes the fact, not in dispute, that a contract for these exhibitions was entered into by Miss Aarons in good faith and in ignorance of the fact that the prior permission of the E.T.T.A. should have been obtained; it accepts her assurance that, subsequent to refusal of permission for these exhibitions she endeavoured, unsuccessfully, to secure release from the pertinent contract. At the same time it is obliged to note that it is the duty of players, whether resident or visiting,

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to make themselves familiar with the regulations governing their activity and it suspends Miss Ruth Aarons from all participation in Table Tennis from 20th April to 30th June, 1937. This decision will be communicated to all nations affiliated to the I.T.T.F."

Mr. Glickmann.—"The Executive Committee of the E.T.T.A. has, at the same time, examined the case of similar exhibitions given in this country by Mr. Glickmann, without permission having previously been requested. The Executive Committee accepts his statement that a contract for the Exhibitions was entered into in good faith and without the knowledge that any procedure which might be necessary in respect to permission, had not been carried out in order. For the same reason as that noted in the ancillary case of Miss Aarons, it suspends Mr. Glickmann from all participation in Table Tennis from 20th April to 30th June, 1937. This decision will be communicated to all nations affiliated to the I.T.T.F."

Mr. Steer was suspended for playing at a dance hall in an unaffiliated premises for remuneration without permission, and Messrs. Waite, Newman, Joyce and Lisle were suspended for not paying their registration fees as paid players. Mr. McGregor, the ex-Secretary of the Bristol League, has been suspended at the request of the League for financial reasons.

15. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.—The Yorkshire Association applied for permission to organise a County Championship and this has been granted.

16. "CHISELLING."—The Committee has been very concerned with the type of play which has become known as "chiselling," and, after consideration, it was decided that at any closed tournament or any open tournament the championship committee shall be authorised in extreme cases to disqualify any player guilty of deliberate unenterprising defensive play. In the event of a tournament adopting such a policy an indication of the regulation is to be given on the entry form.

17. BRITISH SPORTS AND GAMES ASSOCIATION.—The Association has been represented on the British Sports and Games Association by Mr. C. Corti Woodcock, and a donation of £10 has been made to King George's Jubilee Trust Fund.

18. CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION.—Your Committee has given very careful consideration to the general development of the administrative side of the game and at their meeting in July last they appointed Mr. L. E. Forrest as a full-time Assistant Secretary. The Committee desire to place on record their keen appreciation of the loyal and efficient service that Mr. Forrest is rendering to the Association. Mrs. M. A. Carrington, as a volunteer, has been of great assistance in the office and the Committee very much appreciate her services.

19. FINANCE.—The accounts for the year ended the 30th June, 1936, revealed a surplus of £369 16s. 4d., which was disposed of by transferring £250 to the World Championships (1935) Account and paying off a deficiency of £43 4s. 9d. from the previous year.

A receipts and payments account for the period ended 21st April, 1937, will be submitted by the Hon. Treasurer.

20. OFFICIAL HANDBOOK.—The Official Handbook was again published. The general growth in the game makes the production of the Handbook increasingly difficult, and serious consideration will have to be given to the possibility of revising the present form so as to enable it to be published earlier in the season.

21. MAGAZINE "TABLE TENNIS."—"Table Tennis" has had eight issues during the past year. The circulation figure is over 3,000, and it is hoped by the end of the current financial year that a profit of £50 will have been made on this account.

The Committee desire to thank Mr. W. C. Charlton, Miss R. Smits, Misses G. and B. Capper for the work they have done in connection with the publication.

22. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1938.—An unofficial intimation has been given to the Committee that the World Championships will be held in London in 1938. Your Committee has appointed a sub-committee to commence the preliminary work.

23. COMMITTEE ATTENDANCES.—The Committee attendances of members of the Executive Committee have been as follows:—

Name.	Possible.	Actual
I. G. S. Montagu (Chairman)....	5	5
A. K. Vint (Hon. Treasurer)....	5	5
W. J. Pope (Hon. Secretary)....	5	5
F. A. Amies	5	2
R. Emdin.....	5	4
M. Goldstein	5	4
F. J. P. Hills	5	4
K. A. Nicholson	5	4
J. M. Rose	5	5
J. W. Swann	5	5
A. S. King	4	4
Miss P. Anderton.....	4	3
Mrs. D. L. Bunbury	4	3
H. M. Bunbury	4	2
C. Corti Woodcock	4	1
Miss R. Smits	3	3

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

I. G. S. MONTAGU, Chairman.
W. J. POPE, Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM

The Executive Committee feel that no report of the activities of the Association during the past year would be complete without reference to the unremitting and capable work performed by Mr. W. J. Pope as Hon. General Secretary. It is no exaggeration to say that the volume of work he performs in the interests of all Table Tennis players is enormous. It could only be done

by one animated by the finest possible spirit of unselfishness, and the Association are fortunate in securing the services of such an Hon. General Secretary on whom the brunt of the work falls.

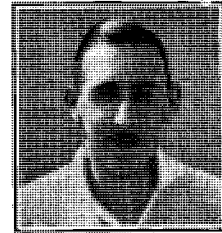
I. G. S. MONTAGU, Chairman.
A. K. VINT, Treasurer.

Bath League

Nearly 500 enthusiasts packed the Brock Street Hall, Bath, to witness the League championship finals and exhibition games. In this latter connection the "stars" were G. V. Barna and Miklos Szabados, the famous Hungarians; J. Silto (Swindon), and L. R. Suter (Exeter) also took part, and the evening yielded some really fine fast games.

H. T. F. Buse and J. E. Offer (holder) contested the Men's Singles Final. Buse proved the victor by 21—8, 19—21, 21—13, 23—21.

In the Men's Doubles Buse and Offer (holders) beat K. Ollis and R. Franklyn, 21—9, 19—21, 21—16.



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Barna's attack of power and accuracy, and the half-volley and long-distance defence of Szabados thrilled the spectators.

After the Events League officials and the visiting players had supper at the Christopher Hotel, during which a presentation was made to Mr. A. Clipsham, League Secretary, by Mr. A. Viles, on behalf of the League.

The presentation was a token of appreciation for Mr. Clipsham's work for the League.

THE OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1937-38

As the result of the elections, the following are the officers and Executive Committee for 1937-38:—

President : H. Oldroyd, Esq.
Chairman : Hon. I. G. S. Montagu.
Treasurer : A. K. Vint.
Secretary : W. J. Pope.

Executive Committee : M. Goldstein (Birmingham), J. W. Swann (Manchester), A. S. King (Exeter), K. A. Nicholson (Newcastle), R. Emdin (St. Albans), F. J. P. Hills (London), J. M. Rose (London), M. W. Robinson (Hull).

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The Wilmott Cup

By "CÆSAR"

The Semi-Final and Final of the Wilmott Cup competition took place on Saturday, 1st May, at Kennards Store, Croydon. It is to be deplored that this coincided with the Annual General Meeting of the English Table Tennis Association. There must have been several people who had to choose between one and the other.

The organisation, under the direction of Mr. C. G. Milton, was perfect.

The attendance of spectators was not as great as was anticipated; but this may be discounted by the Cup Final, the bus strike, and the lateness of the season.

The teams participating were Manchester, Liverpool, Surrey, and South London, the latter being the eventual winners.

In the Semi-Finals Liverpool (Ken Hyde, Eric Hyde and F. Bamford) played Surrey (Moreton, Rogers and Swetman). This resulted in a win for Liverpool by 5 events to 1.

The score, however, must not be taken as an indication of the play. Each match was fiercely contested, and the interests of the spectators was kept up till the end.

The match between Moreton and Eric Hyde, which ended in a win for Moreton, 16-21, 21-19, 21-18, was nothing less than classic. Time and again the audience yelled its approbation at the terrific hitting and superb play rendered by these two players.

Moreton has improved tremendously. If he keeps it up he should go far.

Rogers was playing well, but his opponents were just that little bit better. It says much for this young man, that having learned a backhand, he is not afraid to use it. It is not much good at the moment, and he murmurs dire threats to anyone who deprecates it. The fact, though, that he is trying, and means to keep on trying, augurs well.

Ken Hyde, though he won his games comfortably, was definitely off colour. There was a noticeable lack of sting in his forehand hit, and his drop-shot was continually standing up and begging to be killed.

Swetman had a very close match with Bamford, but the honours went to the Liverpool player, as Swetman did little more than push the ball back.

In the other half, South London (Marshall, Coles, Filby) was drawn against Manchester (Cromwell, Lurie, Cohen). The visitors lost by 5 events to 3.

Here, Marshall was the shining light, and beat the three Northerners without the loss of a game.

Filby was playing well, and was unlucky to lose to Lurie, 17-21 in the third game.

Coles just "chiselled."

Lurie, with the exception of his match against Filby, seemed to play without any spirit, and did not for one moment show that finesse and high standard of play that is demanded from a Swaythling Cup player.

Cromwell and Cohen were up to form, and had they been better tacticians, the results of their games might have been different.

THE FINAL

South London carried off the cup by beating Liverpool 5 events to 2.

The first match of the evening was between Marshall and Bamford. Marshall started

hitting in his usual style, but was defeated in the first game by that very elementary principle—variation of "chop."

At the conclusion of this game, Marshall gave a terrific snort, rolled his shoulders in his own inimitable manner, and started some real hitting—Bamford didn't stand a chance.

Following on them came Ken Hyde and Coles. And here—sensation! Coles abandoned his usual uninspired style of play, and made a determined effort to play an all-round game. He succeeded!!!

He gained the first three points by fore-hand smashes down the line. (Yes! This from Coles!) This unsettled Ken Hyde, and by the time he got going, the game was over, 21-12, in Cole's favour.

Cole's hitting was really effective, and he has set himself a standard from which it would be a pity were he to depart. He has shown us, and himself, that he can do it, so here's hoping that he keeps up that which he so unexpectedly began.

Filby was in great form, winning all his games two straight. His backhand flick was uncanny. He hit the ball where he liked, when he liked, and how he liked. In his second game with Hyde, he made him look like a fourth-rate player by flicking with deadly accuracy, nearly every ball which came his side of the table, to the tune of 21-5.

The only time Ken Hyde played anything like his old self was in his match against Marshall. Here, and here only, did he show some of that fire which earned him a place in the Swaythling Cup team.

A humorous note was here struck by Marshall, who several times informed the audience audibly and distinctly, that he, Marshall, was an idiot. We live and learn!

The play and players can more or less be summed up as follows:—

Ken Hyde was playing badly. Eric Hyde and Bamford lacked the necessary punch to push an advantage home, and the London players all played remarkably well.

The general standard of play was very high, there not being one "chiselling" match throughout the evening. The spectators were very interested and seemed to enjoy every bit of it.

The evening finished up with Mr. A. J. Wilmott, the donor, presenting the Cup.

SCORES—SEMI-FINAL

LIVERPOOL v. SURREY.—K. Hyde beat Rogers—21-17, 21-14; E. Hyde lost to Moreton—21-16, 19-21, 18-21; Bamford beat Swetman—21-20, 21-19; E. Hyde beat Rogers—18-21, 21-13, 21-16; K. Hyde beat Swetman—21-11, 21-13; Bamford beat Moreton—21-11, 18-21, 21-12.

SOUTH LONDON v. MANCHESTER.—Marshall beat Cromwell—21-17, 21-20; Coles lost to Lurie—21-15, 9-21, 10-21; Filby beat Cohen—16-21, 21-14, 21-18; Marshall beat Lurie—21-18, 21-14; Filby beat Cromwell—21-18, 21-18; Coles lost to Cohen—20-21, 21-13, 20-21; Filby lost to Lurie—21-20, 12-21, 17-21; Marshall beat Cohen—21-17, 21-17.

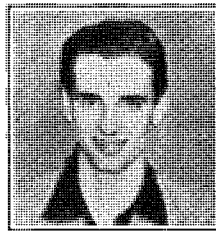
FINAL

SOUTH LONDON v. LIVERPOOL.—Marshall beat Bamford—18-21, 21-6, 21-12; Coles beat K. Hyde—21-12, 21-16; Filby beat E. Hyde—21-18, 21-19; Marshall lost to K. Hyde—21-13, 14-21, 17-21; Filby beat Bamford—21-13, 21-16; Coles lost to E. Hyde—18-21, 21-17, 18-21; Filby beat K. Hyde—21-18, 21-5.

South London's Victorious Trio



G. W. MARSHALL



E. J. FILBY



L. COLES

The second game was almost a repetition of the first. Cole's defence was much too strong for Hyde's lukewarm hitting, and again and again Coles came up to hit a ball, which left Hyde standing.

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Suggestions for the Future

By W. HINCHCLIFFE, Secretary Sheffield and District T.T.L.

NOW that another successful season has been concluded, it is time, once again, to look to the future. No doubt during the course of the season we have all noted various points meriting consideration, and it may be that those I have in mind have already attracted attention. They are perhaps minor matters, but inattention to detail is sometimes liable to wreck the best organisations.

DRESS

The first point is dress.

In the League of which I am General Secretary, there are teams wearing various shades of red shirts, various shades of blue shirts, grey, brown, green, and black shirts, whilst other teams have no fixed colour, but each player exercises his own taste in regard to the particular colour he wears.

This confusion of colours, which I believe is fairly general amongst the affiliated Leagues, is seen at its worst in representative matches.

My League has provided shirts of the same colour for all our players in representative matches, but not so our visitors.

Almost invariably our opponents are clothed in many colours, and if there should happen to be two blue, or two red shirts in the team, they are certain to be of different shades. The effect on the spectators of these multi-coloured teams is detrimental to the well-being of the game, and this is borne out by a remark passed by a spectator at one of our inter-League matches.

This gentleman was seeing representative Table Tennis for the first time, and at the conclusion of the match, in which our team was severely beaten, he was asked for his opinion. His reply was "They (the visitors) are certainly very fine players, but why don't they dress like a team, and not like a motley collection of political partisans? You have set them an example in that respect."

I submit that all these varying colours are not only unnecessary, but may even be harmful to the game. At no time during

actual play are the players in direct contact with each other, and the question of different colours to distinguish the players does not arise. A badge worn on the breast of the shirt will provide a sufficient distinguishing mark.

We know that it has not been possible to reach agreement internationally on the subject, but in spite of this the E.T.T.A. has decreed that the nether garments of both sexes shall be grey in colour. Why cannot the E.T.T.A. decree that the shirt also shall be of a stated colour?

It may be suggested that the lady players would object to their choice of colour being restricted, but ladies are notoriously the slaves of fashion; and if a specific colour was made "the fashion," there is little doubt the ladies would remain "fashionable"!

I suggest, therefore, that the Executive Committee carefully consider the matter, and that they **recommend** that shirts of a specific colour be worn in all match play. If this course is adopted it is fairly certain that all affiliated players would purchase shirts of that colour as and when replacement becomes necessary, so that in the course of a season or so the full dress as recommended would become the standard dress for the game, and could then be made compulsory.

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

The second point is the registration of players.

It is common knowledge that there are affiliated leagues with no system of registering players. This is an obvious weakness, particularly in regard to Open tournaments, for the playing members of these leagues have no evidence to prove their eligibility as members of affiliated clubs, to take part in tournaments.

This leaves openings for abuse and could be obviated by a uniform system of registration, and I make the following suggestions:—

(1) That the E.T.T.A. design an official form of registration certificate of a size suitable for inclusion in League handbooks. Many Leagues already use this method of

registration, and the only change would be that the certificate would be in accordance with the official design. For Leagues which do not publish a handbook the E.T.T.A. to provide pocket size cards bearing the certificate of registration; the cards to be supplied to the Leagues concerned at approximate cost price.

(2) That every certificate of registration, whether in a League handbook or on a card, to have a space to which can be affixed an adhesive official stamp. These stamps to be supplied by the E.T.T.A. to Leagues in perforated sheets of 120 at the price of 10s. per sheet. The stamps should be about the size of the Jubilee stamps. And for design I would suggest the three lions as on the official letterheads, surmounted by the letters E.T.T.A., and underneath the years of the season for which the registration is valid, i.e., 1937-38.

It is **not** suggested that there be a uniform registration fee; the amount of the fee should remain a matter for each individual League. For Leagues with a fairly high registration fee the cost of the stamps could be borne by the League, whilst low registration fees could be increased by the cost of the stamp.

Nor is it suggested that the names of registered players be forwarded to headquarters. That is out of the question.

I submit that a uniform system of registration of players on the lines set out would be advantageous, as all entrants in tournaments could be required to produce their current registration certificate.

Valuable statistical information would be provided which could be used for publicity purposes if desirable, and a very important point is that of finance.

The Association requires more **regular** income.

Suggestions regarding the increasing of the affiliation fee have definitely been turned down by the Leagues. It is estimated that there are 60,000 members of affiliated clubs; 60,000 pennies equal £250, and this sum, less the cost of the stamps, would provide a very useful addition to the regular income of the Association. It must be remembered, too, that membership is continually increasing.

THE HARTLEPOOLS T.T.L.

In the excellent summary of the year's working submitted to the A.G.M. of this League, a record of very successful development was revealed; 23 teams, with an experimental Ladies' Section, a Team Handicap and an Individual Handicap, inter-town matches, and an Invitation Tournament were amongst the events staged. Westbourne won the team event and Brougham Street the Ladies, whilst J. Kay won the Men's Singles and Miss E. A. Rowntree the Ladies. In spite of the fact that a new shield was purchased for Division 2, the financial position was found to be satisfactory, and the League are to be congratulated on a hard-working and enthusiastic Committee ably led by the Secretary, Mr. W. Baillie.

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Flashes from Many Centres

By L. E. FORREST

LINCOLN.—Dr. W. Sharrard, speaking at the annual dinner of the League, stressed the value of Table Tennis as a pastime at a time when leisure was lying heavy on the hands of people who were working a 40-hour week with a 60-hour week mentality.

BRIGHTON'S Men's and Women's teams were victorious when Hastings teams provided the opposition in the Annual Intertown Challenge Shield match.

PETERBOROUGH honoured Mr. G. A. Day, their ex and first League Secretary, by presenting to him a watch. As was expected, T. Elderkin won the League Singles Championship.

EXETER won the Sir Edgar Plummer Cup, beating Swindon 8 Events to 3. Sir Edgar presented trophy to L. Kerslake, Exeter's non-playing Captain.

CHESTER'S Closed Championships attracted record entry, Final was disappointing affair. Fitzpatrick's unenterprising play being in marked contrast to that of Devine. Former won 3—1. Main feature of Championship was marked improvement shown in general standard of play. Y.M.C.A. beat City 6—4 in Final of "Bradley" Cup. A thrilling fight.

LIVERPOOL'S Luceum team provided prime sensation in League matches by defeat of Royal Liver 6—4, hitherto undefeated. Don Foulis, back to form with a bang, defeated both Bamford and Roberts. Thorndale take Division No. 2 honours, and newcomers in St. Simon's and St. Jude's win North Region.

UXBRIDGE may try out a new system of play in League competition next season, viz., four-a-side.

BARRY Championship, and "South Wales Echo" Cup by P. G. Kavanagh, for the second time—a feat only twice previously achieved in matches for trophy.

DOVER Individual Championship, and with it the Granada Cup, won by 17-year-old player, A. Liddon (Y.M.C.A.). Verdict gained over Hayes (Oddfellows) in three straight games.

MANCHESTER Women's League first Individual Championship, won by Miss Goorney, who defeated Miss Bean, 21—17, 22—20.

WORCESTER'S President, Mr. C. H. Bull, officiated as Umpire, and later presented trophies to League winners. Not every city can boast of having a former England Champion as its President.

PORTSMOUTH.—Men's Singles Final was a thriller, going to five sets before J. Duffin beat J. Nixon, who had beaten holder, W. E. Barrett in Semi-Final. Duffin thus wins title for the second time in three years. Lady Mayoress (Mrs. F. J. Spickernell) presented the prizes. Lord Mayor also present.

TAUNTON.—Title in each division changed hands. S. F. Gwyther (N.A.L.G.O.) won Division No. 1 Championship, beating W. J. Read (Y.M.C.A.) in Final.

PRESTON.—Deepdale "A" and "B" teams retain unbeaten certificates after 41 played League matches.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Thrilling Men's Championship Final ended in one point defeat (50—49) for the holder, A. Willis. Women's Singles won by Miss Young, who defeated Miss Marshall, 22—20 in deciding game. Blythe Y.M.C.A. retained team Championship Cup, defeating L.N.E.R.

LEICESTER Y.M.C.A. have become Champions of the Y.M.C.A., North Midlands Area competition; Grimsby Y.M.C.A. beaten in the Final (5—4) Events.

MACCLESFIELD.—Fountain Street have achieved a fine record, having won in three years the First and Second Division Men's championships, the Men's Singles, three-a-side, and Doubles Events, and now the Ladies' League Championship.

LEEK become first holders of the Shield awarded by Mr. A. T. Finney. In North Staffordshire Association play-off for Championship, they defeated Stoke-on-Trent 10—6. Mr. Finney, in presenting Shield to R. Billings, said Leek seemed to be improving every year, thanks to their modern style, which he urged the Potteries men to adopt.

NEW RULES OF THE GAME

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Our A.G.M. decided to support the proposed new rules for 1937-38; and so next season the net will be lowered to 6 inches and finger-spin will not be allowed. The I.T.T.F. has not yet worded the new rules, but they will come into operation in September. It has also been decided to draft a rule to deal with "chiselling," but particulars are not yet available.

BOURNEMOUTH gained inter-League victory at Southampton, 15—10, and thus avenged home defeat. First Ladies' inter-League match resulted in defeat at Southampton 7 games to 18—Miss M. MacDonald took honours with four wins.

SWINDON.—E. Snook sprang the greatest surprise of the season at Championship Semi-Finals by beating A. Richens, who, prior to this, had won 100 League games without loss. Central Mission "A" have won League Championship Division No. 1.

SOUTHEND.—Individual Championships provided many keenly contested Events. H. W. Garrett beat A. W. Geeson in Men's Singles Final 3—0 games, while Women's title was won for second year in succession by Miss W. Geeson.

Printing, Publishing and Allied Trades League (London).—In Singles Championship T. E. Sears proved just too good for his clubmate, W. L. Morris, whom he defeated 3—1. Sears thus qualified to hold the Gotch Berrill Cup. Samuel Jones, with undefeated record, won Division No. 1. Second Division Championship won by Simpkins.

EAST LONDON.—J. H. Carrington was successful in capturing three Closed League championship titles. He won Men's Doubles in partnership with Ellis, the Mixed with Mrs. Carrington, and the Handicap Singles from scratch. Men's Singles won by Daniels, while Miss Farmer triumphed in Singles, and in Doubles with Miss Orriss. League honours:

Division 1—St. Marks "A"; (2) Eton Manor; (3) Gilsonians; (4) Hackney Wick.

SUNDERLAND.—T. F. Ewbank, the Y.M.C.A., and international player, has, at long last, succeeded in capturing the League Individual Championship. On several occasions in his long career the title has just slipped from his grasp, with the result that many considered he was fated not to win it. Ewbank beat his clubmate E. Reay in the semi-final, and J. Machin in a closely-contested final.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.—Closed Championship Men's Singles title won by H. D. Shivers, who defeated E. Hardman, 1821, 21—11, 21—17, 21—18. Miss G. Seward beat Miss G. Moulson, 21—15, 13—21, 21—19, in final Women's Singles.

Atlas and Norfolk won League championship; Edgar Allen's, Ladies Championship; Sheffield Emp. Ex. won Division 2 Championship; Hanover St. Meth. "B," Division 3; and Rotherham Boys' Welfare, Division 4.

HANLEY.—"A good, clean, fast and interesting sport" was how the Deputy Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent (Alderman J. H. Dale) described Table Tennis when he spoke at the annual dinner and presentation of trophies of the Hanley League.

North-East Lancashire

The North-East Lancashire Association sprang up naturally. In the Singles Championship of N.E. Lancashire, organised by Accrington, Burnley, Nelson and Ribblesdale, there were competitors from eight Leagues. Long before the championship arrangements had been completed, these Leagues had decided to form an Area Association to cater for the Table Tennis enthusiasm in the densely populated N.E. Lancashire cotton towns.

The elected officials are busy arranging the programme for next winter. This is certain to include a Singles Individual Championship and a Doubles Championship. Probably there will be an inter-League "Knock-out," and in addition an inter-Town League is suggested. Up to now it has received considerable support.

Sir Thomas Higham, the President, is actively interested. He loaned his commodious Welfare Club premises for the inaugural meetings and for the championship that followed. Already a busy man, the Chairman, Mr. W. Chapman, is an experienced organiser in the realms of sport, and a prominent public figure in East Lancashire. The General Secretary, Mr. W. A. Peters, is assisted by a capable and enthusiastic assistant in Mr. A. D. Smith, also the Secretary of the Ribblesdale Association, while Mr. Tom Alston, of Burnley, is a live wire as Tournament Secretary. He is full of ideas for the promotion of the game.

Six leagues have assented to all the proposals, and two others are expected to concur, which will provide keen rivalry in all the competitions. There are approximately 135 clubs connected with the affiliated leagues, and the Association expects to secure the affiliation of two leagues not at present connected with the E.T.T.A., which will bring the league strength to ten. W.A.P.

Dartford and District League's Progress

Formed in September, 1936, as a result of the visit of the "Three Hungarian Musketeers," brought to Dartford by Mr. W. J. Pope, this young league has just concluded a most successful first season.

Commencing with 13 clubs, approximately 200 members, divided into East and West Division, it has issued an attractive handbook, staged a further match and exhibition—Budapest versus South of England—accommodating 600 spectators, supported Wembley National Championships by sending motor coach parties. Ran Singles and Doubles Championships of 78 entries in one evening attracting 300 interested supporters, and completed the season's events by having G. V. Barna with M. Szabados to present the League's Trophies and Medals and give exhibitions at the play-off for the Team Championship between winners of the East and West Divisions, witnessed by 350 enthusiastic supporters.

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Table Tennis in Wales

BY RON. H. WELSH

I look back on the season that has just closed with a great deal of satisfaction. A season that has probably been the most successful in our history. The game has shown a considerable increase in popularity throughout South Wales, while great strides have been made by the players from North Wales.

Tournament organisers have found the response to their efforts much better than hitherto. Exhibition sides comprising of well known players have travelled extensively in an endeavour to take the game into areas where it has never been played. Much good has been done and a number of new clubs formed.

To the observer outside the Principality



Dartford League Team Championship—G. V. BARNA presenting Shield to winners THE NORTHFLEET TRADERS ASSOCIATION

association with the League, one of the trophies has been named after him.

League trophies and winners are as follows: H. C. Iverson Silver Challenge Cup—Singles: A. Sangster; runner-up, S. Basdo. G. V. Barna Silver Challenge Cup—Doubles: S. Basdon and J. Jarman; runners-up, E. Champion and K. Abberley. "Kentish Times" Shield—Team Championship: Northfleet Traders Club; runners-up, Bexleyheath Sports Club.

The league has been well supported throughout the season by the President, the Mayor of Dartford, Councillor Alec Webb, and Vice-Presidents, including Mr. Frank Clark, M.P.

Arrangements under consideration for next season are Premier, North, South, East, West and Ladies' Divisions, Coaching, inter-League and County matches and special arrangements for the League Team.

the game must still be regarded as in its infancy. This is partly true. The standard of play still falls short of the game played by the Continental and English players. However, one pleasing feature is the ascendancy of the tennis-grip over the unorthodox styles. The advance of certain young tennis-grip players must be considered as a good sign for the future. The Welsh Association is naturally keen to give this type of player every encouragement, and rightly so. We fully realise that the old styles must go if our players' progress is to be maintained. It may yet take several seasons to bring our standard of play to the level of other countries, but we shall do it, the enthusiasm is there.

While we regard the advancement of our men players with optimism, the future of our lady players seems a little uncertain. With the notable exception of Mrs. H. R. Evans, it would be difficult to name six players of more than average ability.

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