MARTY REISMAN
English Open
Champion
1948/49
CLOTHES DO NOT MAKE THE MAN . . . BUT

DRESS regulations as they exist at present have two objects. The first is to ensure that no player wears clothes likely to interfere with his opponent’s play; the second is to see that the game is put before the public in a dignified way, with the contestants tidily and appropriately clad for an energetic tussle.

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The first of these reasons brings about a prohibition of light or bright clothing. It has been the general opinion that white clothes would unsight the player at the other end of the table trying to watch a white ball. The United States Association has experimented recently, however, and has reached the conclusion that this is not such a big handicap as to outweigh the advantages which a white uniform, similar to that worn at lawn tennis, gives to the presentation of the game as a spectacle. The I.T.T.F. considered the subject at their 1948 Congress, and decided to ask all National Associations to arrange for at least one tournament to be played this season with the competitors in white.

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In due course further opinions on these experiments will be available. Of more immediate interest, however, is to see the question of how the players look being given some serious attention. Such attention is becoming very much needed, not only at the international and national level, but in lesser organisations and, most of all, in the personal arrangements of the individual player.

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What may and what may not be worn is clearly laid down in the E.T.T.A. Rules, which are in fact rather more strict than the international regulations on the subject. You may have noticed foreign teams wearing pull-overs of one colour, which are discarded half-way through the match to reveal a different coloured shirt underneath. There is no I.T.T.F. rule against that—but don’t copy them, because the E.T.T.A. rules, which apply to all tournaments and matches sanctioned by the Executive Committee prohibits this practice as liable to unsight opponents. So, when the girl friend next knits a cardigan for table tennis use, don’t choose a Fair Isle; have it all one plain colour to match your table tennis shirt.

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Wearing the right kind of clothes, however, is only half of the business. They should be clean and tidy, too. One or two people of international class, who should be above reproach, have recently set bad examples in this respect. We all know the difficulties of coupons and cash, of purse and purchase tax. We know them so well that we are perhaps inclined to make too many allowances for them. For holes can be darned, and the dirtiest and shabbiest flannels can be sponged and pressed.

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Tournament organisers are naturally reluctant to act against players whose dress is not strictly in accord with the rules; still more so when the letter of the law is observed. But consideration for the good name of the game with the spectator public may demand that such action be taken if the good sense of players does not soon put an end to the post-war tendency to untidy and unorthodox dress.
A SAD LOSS

ON behalf of all our readers and followers, we tender our sincere sympathies to the Scottish Table Tennis Association in the loss they have sustained by the sudden death of Mr. Peter Coia, of Hamilton. He was not merely their President, but in many ways the inspiration of Scottish table tennis. He represented Scotland at Stockholm, and made news by taking a game from Ivan Andreadis, but the real title he won was "A friend of all players."

ENGLAND 2, U.S.A. 8

The Aylesford Paper Mills maintained their reputation for first-class staging of international events when the match between U.S.A. and England was played there on February 24th. A novelty in the arrangements was an electric scoreboard, seen for the first time in an international match.

Most of the matches were close, but always it was the visitors who dominated the play. Miles, using his backhand drive to make openings for his fierce forehand, was at the top of his form; Reisman a little more careful than usual; the women up to their Corbillon-Cup winning standard. Bergmann tried new tactics of close defence in an endeavour to find a way of beating Miles and Reisman, but was always fighting a losing battle. Leach again played tired table tennis in the singles, but with Peggy Franks combined well to win the mixed doubles match, while Barna was too good for a Jimmy McClure who is but a shadow of the fiery lad we knew in the '30s.

Results—
R. Miles (U.S.) bt. J. Leach 15, 12; bt. R. Bergmann 16, —15, 17.
M. Reisman (U.S.) bt. J. Leach 19, —17, 19; bt. R. Bergmann 16, 18.
J. McClure (U.S.) lost to G. V. Barna 18, 11.
Miss P. McLean (U.S.) bt. Miss M. Franks 20, 12.
Miss M. Shahian (U.S.) bt. Miss L. R. Barnes —15, 18, 17.
Reisman and Miss McLean lost to Leach and Miss Franks 8, 24.
Miss T. Thall and Miss McLean bt. Miss Franks and Miss Barnes 13, 18.
Miles and McClure bt. Leach and Barna 18, —18, 18.

E.T.T.A. GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

The General Council of the Association met in London on February 26th and heard a detailed report on the season's affairs given by the Chairman, and accounts of the administrative and financial positions from the Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Other subjects discussed included the position of the Association in relation to Sunday play.

The Council decided that the nomination and voting for Officers and Executive Committee should follow the same procedure as was adopted last year. Only Council members nominated before 22nd March by Leagues and other entitled Associations whose affiliation fees are fully paid up by that date will be eligible for nomination and voting; nomination papers will be sent out shortly after that date.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION DECISIONS

The I.T.T.F. Congress held in Stockholm during the World Championships decided that next year's event should be held in Budapest, towards the end of January, 1950. Amongst applicants for subsequent years were Uruguay, who wished to have the honour for 1969, to coincide with some Centenary celebrations that will be on then.

The Europe Cup, which has now run experimentally for two seasons, is to come to an end; International fixtures have become too numerous, the Federation decided.

Most interesting decision is to eliminate the words "or dropping away" from the end of the second paragraph of Rule 10 of the laws of the game—the one relating to service.
T.T. TRUE STORIES

The score was 17-all. Two famous internationals are battling it out before the eyes of a hushed crowd.

They are not unnaturally just a little conscious of their skill, just a little proud of their ability to grip the emotions of the watchers. But pride comes before a fall... in that tense moment before a service a schoolboy's stage whisper rings out through the artificial silence:

"Mum, isn't the dark one like our window-cleaner?"

Two club secretaries were discussing the purchase of a new table. Said one, "I like that one they've got over at St. ——'s Youth Club, nice finish, good bounce, and folds up easily."

"Yes, but is it strong enough?" says No. 2.

"Well, it seems to stand up to all that those tough young lads can put over."

"Oh, I know that's all right. But what happens when we stand on it to put the lights up?"

In the first post-war number of "TABLE TENNIS" we printed a picture entitled "Three to Watch." Two of the young men in the group, Denis Miller and Ronnie Hook, have made their mark with considerable success in tournaments since then, but the third, Howard Birch of Halifax, seemed to disappear from the field.

It is therefore with great pleasure that we learn that Howard Birch "of Toronto" reached the final of the Closed Singles in the Canadian National Championships. Apparently the Yorkshire youngsters are determined to break through wherever they may be—and good luck to them!

FOUR "SALTS" of EPSOM T.T.C:

This formidable Surrey quartet, seen here with last season's "spoils," continue to make news.

Left to Right:

JACKIE HEAD, conqueror of Amouretti in the English Open.

HARRY SWETMAN, County captain and coach.

KEITH HURLOCK... even Soos and Reisman took five games to beat him.

HARRY VENNER, singles semi-finalist and doubles finalist in the Surrey Open.
LONDON FEBRUARY 16th—19th

**THE ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1948/9**

**THIS was America's year.**

Four of our five major titles went to our crisper-hitting transatlantic friends who seemed to run into best form as a result of the lessons learned from their three-weeks' European experience.

Czechs and Hungarians were absent from the programme, but the crowds which turned out to the "Wembley Night" receipts had the consolation of seeing a number of new faces in the final stages.

High hopes entertained that Johnny Leach would make the almost impossible "double" of World and English titles in one week were dashed by Alojszy Ehrlich at Paddington Baths in the fourth round. Ehrlich, in great form again despite illness and many misfortunes, defeated well that only a really fresh and keen attacker could have hoped to wear him down. Leach, far from fresh, was not patient enough in the fifth game.

**PADDINGTON SESSIONS**

A SLIGHTLY slippery floor, daylight infiltration during early sessions, and reaction from the big events of the world championships and travelling fatigue... these probably made their contribution to the usual crop of surprise results.

However, we did not hear any of the "over-turned stars" complaining, and the fact that the seeds of "a" were for the most part of the younger English school made the tournament very interesting.

Nineteen-year-old Denis Miller, of Walthamstow, showed signs of fresh improvement when he beat his Wimbledon namesake "Tony," no mean opponent. Denis, however, went on to add to his belt the scalps of at least two first-rate internationals, Hagenauer of France and Simons of England. He kept a cool head and a good length with his medium topspinning drives and took his chances well.

Jackie Head, of Wembley, found his way to Wembley at the expense of French ace Guy Amouretti, while Howard Walton (Birmingham) with Ronnie Hook (Essex) earned their first appearance in the big arena by putting out Amouretti and Denis Miller.

Birmingham pair, Maurice Poole and Maurice Kriss, played splendidly to beat the Americans, McClure and Reisman, but were unlucky to meet Leach/Carrington soon after.

One of the best doubles matches was that in which the last-named met Ehrlich and Geoff Harrower. By strong defence and surprise hits the Anglo-French pair scored one game and then nearly the second, until the two attackers found a rhythm.

**"FIVE-GAME HURLOCK"**

Keith Hurlock earned for himself the title "Five-Game Hurlock" when he followed up his recent "long-set" battles with Soos and other Continental champions by actually lasting out five with Marty Reisman, the eventual winner!

Bubley also played brilliantly against Reisman; although the score read 3-1 to U.S.A., it was a matter of deuce margins.

While Reisman was progressing thus moodyly, Dick Miles appeared to be playing more seriously than usual.

In the same hour that saw the departure of the "American Corbillon Cup Winners," the only hard match was Reisman v. Hurlock, a match we saw some classic stuff. This young Marty is a queer cove; he has all the strokes one might pray.

Ehrlich made his young rival go full speed—no question of making allowances for a veteran. The moment young Marty tried to "show off," he was in danger of losing.

**BARN Brillianc**

**FINALS NIGHT** proper, Saturday, 19th February, gave us a feast of sparkling table tennis equal to the best of the great days at Wembley.

Feature of the evening was the renewed brilliance of Victor Barna. Always at his best under the Wembley lights, Barna was able to take over from the imminent eclipse by the dashing but inexperienced Lansky, who led 1 game to nil and 20-17, only to throw the second game away by impetuosity. With the youngster Shakespeare, Barna was able to impose his own tactics, and went from strength to strength.

Miles v. Reisman, the match we have all been waiting to see was very good, but a trifle disappointing, because that little "nerve-bug" inside Miles prevented him from displaying his wonderful attack. Reisman, with a great deal of experience and good control of the ball, won because he enjoyed that advantage the younger often has over his mentor—he knows when the latter is worried, and he knows that his mentor's tactics cannot surprise him.

**THE women's matches ran more truly to form this time, although we had expected Peggy Franks to beat Mildred Shahian. The Mixed competition was remarkable for the highest general standard we have seen in this event.**

The same praise is due to the Junior Boys, and it says much for the steadiness of Derek Ellison (Bolton) that he came through a field including Isaacs, Sander, Devereaux and Pierce, and Morris, of Wales, to win.

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**THE AMERICAN CORBILLON CUP WINNERS**

**who took all the Women's titles at the English Championships**

AT WEMBLEY

**THE men's doubles final gave the crowd their chances to welcome the new World Champion, Johnny Leach; there were some good rallies in this match, but Leach was clearly still a tired man. Results on Page Seven**
ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Men's Singles, from 4th Round

Bergmann | Lanskoy 3–0 | Lanskoy | ——12, 14, 20, 16 | Barna | 17, 15, 15 |
Crouch | Lanskoy 3–1 | Lanskoy | ——16, 8, 8 |
Barra | Barna 3–0 | Barna | ——12, 14, 20, 16 |
Mackay | Head 3–1 | Head | ——16, 8, 8 |
Amouretti | Reisman 3–2 | Reisman | ——19, 8, 16, ——18, 15 |
Ehrlich | Leach 3–2 | Leach | ——12, 19, 14 |
Miller | Miles 3–1 | Miles | ——14, 13, 18 |
Simons | Thompson 3–0 | Elliot | —— |
Elliot | Elliot | Elliot | —— |

Women's Singles, from 4th round

McLean | McLean 11, 11, 6 | McLean | ——12, 4, ——16, 32 |
Thall | Thall —15, 10, 13, 22, 12 |
Franks | Shahian —11, 20, 13, 19 |
Bullock | Elliot —17, 10, 6, 8 |

Men's Doubles


Semi-finals: Leach/Carrington bt. Walton/Hook 10, —20, 8, 18; Bergmann/Barna bt. Smith/Head 11, 14, 14.


Women's Doubles


Mixed Doubles

Semi-finals: Reisman/McLean bt. Barnes/Elliot 20, 19, —14, 15; Miles/Thall bt. Leach/Franks 12, 21, —12, 16.


Junior Singles (Boys)

Semi-finals: Ellison (Bolton) bt. Bernstein (Harristead) 11, 18; Devereaux (Paignton) bt. Jones (Wales) 17, 18.


Veterans' Singles

Final: R. Craydon (Sussex) bt. B. Kennedy (Leeds) 21—11, 21—17.

Women's Consolation Singles

Final: Miss E. Steventon (Notts.) bt. Mrs. K. George (Surrey) 21—16, 21—13.

JUNIORS' TOUR OF SWEDEN

England's junior team came to join the senior team at Stockholm with heads high after a tour of 12 Swedish towns, in the course of which they lost only one match and put up some grand performances in invitation tournaments.

In the junior international at Karlstad, the English team won 5—1. Details:

Devereaux beat Palm 12, 19; beat Karlsson 10, 14.
Ellison beat Anderson 9, 17; beat Karlsson 17, 15, 19.
Pierce lost to Anderson —19, 19, —16; beat Palm 18, 8.

DUTCH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

(At Utrecht, 29-30th January, 1949)

Men's Singles Final—
Bergmann bt. Lanskoy 13, 11, 9.
Women's Singles Final—
Miss L. Barna bt. Miss M. Franks 15, 18, —18, 18.
Men's Doubles Final—
Leach/Barna bt. Hagenauer/Amouretti 17, 15, —14, 5, 20.
Women's Doubles Final—
Mixed Doubles Final—
Sharman/Crosby bt. Leach/Franks —9, 10, —28, 11, 10.
Men's Singles Semi-finals—
Bergmann bt. Leach —20, 10, 17, 9; Lanskoy bt. Simons 16, 17, 16.

MIDLAND COUNTIES OPEN TOURNAMENT (At Birmingham)

Finals—
J. Leach bt. V. Barna 21—12, 21—12, 21—16; Miss M. Franks bt. Miss E. Steventon 21—13, 23—29; Barna and A. Haydon bt. Leach and R. Hook 21—13, 21—18; Miss Franks and Mrs. D. Haydon bt. Miss Steventon and Mrs. M. Cumberbatch 21—9, 21—7; Leach and Miss Franks bt. R. McKay and Miss J. McKay 21—10, 21—15.

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I DON'T think I'm sticking my neck out by saying that the general playing standard in England now is higher than at any period in the life of the National Table Tennis Association.

The foreign hoodoo which has troubled our men for years appears to have been killed—we hope for good. Much of this is due to the brilliance of Johnny Leach and the fact that he won the World singles title has given other players the impetus to strive for future honours.

When he lost in the English, Dennis Miller, Jackie Head, and Bernard Crouch stepped in and did not disgrace themselves on making their bow at Wembley. It is grand to write in this vein with the results the second successive season. Lancashire to back one up; so often in the past we junior champion, Ronnie Baker, fought might and main against Ellison; his turn will come, for his height, reach, and natural ability must eventually bring him success.

Another Bolton youth distinguished himself on February 21st. He is Alan Costello, who won the Evening Chronicle Novice competition. A great crowd saw him himself on February 21st. He is Alan Costello, who won the Evening Chronicle Novice competition. A great crowd saw a close fight in the final, as well as a fine exhibition by Ehrlich, Leach, Lanskoy, Casofsky and Carrington.

Latest news is that Manchester have beaten Northumberland (holders) in the Rose Bowl competition. The men are still in the Wilmott Cup as I write. What price Manchester for the double? There I go, sticking my neck out again.

WILMOTT CUP AND J. M. ROSE BOWL

There were a number of keen and interesting battles in these matches, and it will be seen that Manchester, the holders, are again in the semi-final of the Wilmott Cup, nearly 500 people paying £60 to see Manchester easily defeat Staines. Bernard Crouch was disappointing, losing all three, but Michael Thornhill put up the best performance of the day in beating Benny Casofsky.

The holders of the Rose Bowl, Northumberland, went down to Manchester by the convincing score of 7—2, Adele Wood demonstrating her superiority over other northern girls by beating both the Misses Purves and Wood. Central reached the semi-final for the first time, the key match being that in which Pinkie Barnes beat Jean Bostock (Nicoll) 21—17, 21—6.
THOSE of us who went to this year's World Championships had the feeling of participating in some well-planned amphibious expedition.

The English and allied contingents descended upon Stockholm in a series of "task forces," appropriately made up of combat troops and auxiliaries, some going by air, some by sea, others by rail, and still others by road.

The last-mentioned party was truly a heroic one; it included Johnny Leach and Ron Sharman of our team, three young bloods, two veterans, three cheerful ladies, two highly skilled reporters of the magazine "TABLE TENNIS" (yes, Stan Profitt came with me) . . . a solitary representative of Ulster Ireland, and for light relief, the one and only Steve Boros.

THAT BUS-RIDE

THIS mixed bag travelled in the 37-seater coach of what we should call "utility" design, together with our kindly hosts, the Dutchmen, and our friendly rivals the French.

With five nationalities of table tennis fans travelling 1,000 miles each way through four different countries, you might expect a little fun. Muscles stiffened, but tongues loosened, and before the end of the trip even the French girls could understand Boros' jokes.

HOLLAND

IT started in Utrecht, where our party had been invited to play in the Dutch Open Championships. Unlike our own "open" events, this is really in the nature of an invitation tournament of a high standard. Most of our folk acquitted themselves well, and some were still involved in the late rounds until 3 a.m. in the morning of Monday, 31st January.

Winners are shown elsewhere, but there were other interesting happenings. Keith Hurlock became favourite with the Dutch crowd by reason of two colossal five-game struggles with home internationals; Keith and Brian Kennedy went to five games with Amouretti-Haguenauer in-doubles. Haguenauer accomplished the difficult feat of leading Richard Bergmann in 18-11 in the fifth game, and then with only three minutes left to the time limit, found a way to give Richard 10 successive points to lose 18-21!

GERMANY

THE British Zone had to be crossed without stops for food or sightseeing, and this involved about 11 hours in the little coach.

Anticipatory descriptions of the massive meals we were going to have in Denmark proved false owing to problems of currency and time.

DENMARK

THIS smiling land really did live up to its reputation in due course. After the 1½-hour rough ferry crossing to the main island, Copenhagen welcomed us with its wonderful lights and diversions.

We had a day's rest there, in which the Dutch team played an international with Denmark, winning 5-1. Johnny Leach, invited to give an exhibition afterwards, found that the match had finished unexpectedly quickly and the crowd had been sent home. However, some of the crowd sighted him as they fought for their tram's, and practically the whole mob came back through the turnstiles and took their seats once more.

Leaving Copenhagen at 5 p.m. on 3rd February, we entered Sweden by way of the famous castle of Elsinore (Helsinborg).

SWEDEN

A FEW delays—as when Mr. and Mrs. Sharman were detained in the Customs while 650 Swedish schoolgirls passed through in the other direction—and a few wrong turnings, somewhat stretched our so-called "12-hour ride" to Stockholm, and we finally reached journey's end at 2 o'clock in the morning of Thursday, the first day of the team matches.

However, nobody grudged the long trip through the charming countryside and the gay, clean little towns of Sweden.
TABLE TALK FROM...

SWEDISH EFFICIENCY

The efficiency of the Swedish Table Tennis Association, which had started work at Wembley last year, was soon in evidence, and it was obvious that these championships were going to be a success.

The Eriksholmskulle proved to be a miniature Empire Pool, comfortable for players and onlookers alike. The arenas, normally used for indoor lawn tennis, had green wooden floors which, I think, made the ball more visible than on the usual unlined wooden floor.

This improvement was necessary, too, because, in my opinion, the lighting was not really good enough for world play.

Players of 25 nations were welcomed officially at the Stockholm City Hall on arrival day, and the presence of Bertil himself made a charming speech in English to the grand parade of teams before the finals of Wawhling and Corbillon Cup events. The Prince himself is a keen player; an action picture of him appears on the current issue of the Swedish official magazine.

A GREAT MATCH

The "league" tables for Wawhling and Corbillon Cups appeared in our February issue, as also a description of Johnny Leach's great win over Vana to take the singles title.

Leach himself would say that his toughest fight was against Dick Miles of U.S.A., an affair of fine all-round table tennis in which one man had to lose, that's all.

Johnny pulled through by his superior nerve at the final crisis, when Douglas Mason 4-5 to Hungary, with Andreiadis, scoring just two games, shown below. In each of these 20-minute sessions, one point only was scored in respective periods of 17 minutes, 15 minutes and 19 minutes.

WELSH SURPRISE

Peggy Franks came close to Farkas this time, one game slipping at deuce which might have made the score 1-all instead of 0-2.

The name of England is beginning to mean something in international table tennis. Not only did we produce the World Champion, the Corbillon winners, the women's doubles finalists, but also our younger school made themselves felt in no uncertain fashion.

SOME INTERESTING RESULTS

SWAYTHLING CUP

Kocsian/Stipek 13-15, 16; Andreadis 18-16; Vana 15-10, -10; Sos/Miles 15-11, 7; Vana 12-11, 11; Stipek 16-12, 17; Sido/Vana 10-16, 16-20; Miles 20-18, 18; Andreadis 16-18, 11.

KEY MATCHOF GROUP "A"

Hungary 5, U.S.A. 2.

Sido/Miles 15-13; Reisman 17-13, 1-21; Kocsian/Cartland 11-20, 16; Miles -16-10; Reisman 18, 18; Roos/Reisman 18, 14; Cartland 20, 11.

KEY MATCHOF GROUP "B"

Czechoslovakia 5, England 1.

Stipek/Barnes 12-12, 13; Leach 10, 20; Andreadis/Barna 16-11, 7; Barnes 14, 12; Vana/Leach 12, 16; Barnes 15, 13.

MARCEL CORBILLON CUP


Shahan/Franke 18-19, 19-19; McLean/Barnes 11, 14; Franks 16, 29; McLean, Thail/Franks 19-12, 20.

OTHER KEY MATCHES

England 3, France 2.

Franks/Beadle 15, 14; Delay 15, 10, 15, 14; Barnes/Delay 17-7, 15-15; Beadle 11, 16; Franks, Barnes/Vannoni, Beadle 14, 9.

England 3, Austria 2.

Franks/Grafil 8, 7; Pritzi 19, -4, -9; Barnes/Pritzi 19-15, 19-11.

Men's Singles

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Quarter-finals: Sidos (Hungary) bt. T. Hartung (Jugo-Slav.) 12-15, 16, 14; Leach 21, 15, 13, 18, 22; Vana (Cz.) bt. Amouralet (Ft.) 19, 14, -12, 12, 10; Hessman (U.S.A.) 10; Andreadis (Cz.) 16, 15, 17.

Semi-finals: Leach bt. Sidos 12, 20, -19, -11, 20/18 (Time); Vana bt. Reisman 21, 18, 10.

Final: J. Leach bt. R. Vana 17, 10, 19, 18, 10.

Women's Singles

Quarter-finals: T. Thall (U.S.A.) bt. Delay (Ft.) 13, 11, 16, 19, 12; Hruskova (Cz.) bt. Elliot (Scot.) 10, 8, 15; Pritzi (Au.) bt. Pucinski (Cz.) 18, 16, 14; Parkas (Hu.) bt. Franks (Eng.) 11, 22, -18, 15.


Final: J. Thall bt. R. Vana 19, 17, 18, 10.

Men's Doubles

Quarter-finals: T. Kocsian/Bartok (Cz.) bt. Delay (Ft.) 13, 11, 16, 19, 12; Hruskova (Cz.) bt. Elliot (Scot.) 10, 8, 15; Pritzi (Au.) bt. Pucinski (Cz.) 18, 16, 14; Parkas (Hu.) bt. Franks (Eng.) 11, 22, -18, 15.

Semi-finals: Thall/Bartok (Cz.) 10, 15, -18, 18; Parkas bt. Pritzi 12, -13, 8, 11, 4/3.

Final: J. Thall/Bartok (Cz.) 19, 17, 18, 10.

Women's Doubles

Quarter-finals: T. Kocsian/Bartok (Cz.) bt. Delay (Ft.) 13, 11, 16, 19, 12; Hruskova (Cz.) bt. Elliot (Scot.) 10, 8, 15; Pritzi (Au.) bt. Pucinski (Cz.) 18, 16, 14; Parkas (Hu.) bt. Franks (Eng.) 11, 22, -18, 15.

Semi-finals: Thall/Bartok (Cz.) 10, 15, -18, 18; Parkas bt. Pritzi 12, -13, 8, 11, 4/3.

Final: J. Thall/Bartok (Cz.) 19, 17, 18, 10.

Mixed Doubles

Quarter-finals: T. Kocsian/Bartok (Cz.) bt. Delay (Ft.) 13, 11, 16, 19, 12; Hruskova (Cz.) bt. Elliot (Scot.) 10, 8, 15; Pritzi (Au.) bt. Pucinski (Cz.) 18, 16, 14; Parkas (Hu.) bt. Franks (Eng.) 11, 22, -18, 15.

Semi-finals: Thall/Pritzi (Au.) bt. Pucinski (Cz.) 18, 16, 14; Parkas bt. Pritzi 12, -13, 8, 11, 4/3.

Final: J. Thall/Pritzi (Au.) 19, 17, 18, 10.

Men's Consolation Singles

Women's Consolation Singles

Winner was L. Stipek (Cz.).

Winner was Miss P. McLean (U.S.A.).
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

by GEOFF. HARROWER

HAMPshire AGAIN Win SOUTHERN DIVISION

Last month it was reported that Surrey 2nds would need to beat Hampshire by 7—2 in order to win the Southern Division Championships. Well, they went down by 4—5, but not before Hampshire had had several shocks. Surrey at one stage were leading 3—2, and only lost the mixed doubles at deuce in the third.

Muller and Minter won both their singles for Hampshire, whilst Hurlock who has recently played brilliantly against Vana, Soos and Reisman, lost both his for Surrey! So once again Muller retains his 100% record, and Hampshire are worthy champions, although it is understood that the Hampshire Association do not wish to challenge for a place in the Premier Division.

PREMIER DIVISION

The results last month have resulted in making it virtually impossible for Middlesex to lose the championship, as a glance at the table will show that they can afford to lose 1—8 to Warwickshire on March 11th and still win on average. The chief Middlesex rivals could have been Gloucestershire, on goal average, but they went down 4—5 to Surrey at Croydon, being unfortunate to play without Simons.

However, Shipton revealed brilliant form, beating both Sharman and Merrett, and the marked improvement in this player's form this season must be most welcome to Gloucestershire. Molly Jones maintained her 100% record, but Ronnie Barnes did not appear against her, being "on duty" for Central against Ipswich in the J. M. Rose Bowl. Molly certainly played well in Gloucestershire's next match, when she beat England's No. 1, Peggy Franks, in three games, and helped her team to a good 6—3 win over Essex, for whom Johnny Leach was unable to play.

Yorkshire also had their tale of woe, having to play a man short against Lancashire at the last moment, owing to Rosenberg's wife needing his comfort at a happy family occasion! They can consider themselves unlucky to lose 4—5, and, although holding the wooden spoon once again, their showing this season is a big improvement.

HOME COUNTIES DIVISION

As expected, Middlesex 2nds became the first champions of this division, with an easy 7—2 win over Hertfordshire. The Herts. men were unable to cope with Craigie, Miller and Thornhill, but Connie Bridgen, who played many times as Connie Wheaten for England before the war, helped in her side's two victories.

Essex 2nds became runners-up, with a good win over Bedfordshire, although this match started late due to the Beds. players having watched the extra-time cup-tie between Luton and Leicester!

NORTHERN DIVISION

Postponed matches have left this division extremely open, and, at the time of writing, the three remaining matches can result in any of Yorkshire 2nds, Durham or Cheshire winning the title. Lancashire 2nds, last season's winners, are right out of the hunt, going down 4—5 to Durham in a thrilling match.

SUPPLEMENTARY DIVISION

Nottinghamshire increased their chances of winning this section, with a 6—3 win over Derbyshire. This was an improved showing for Derby, for whom D. Walker.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS
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their No. 1, put up a great show, beating both Anderson and Allcock. Nottingham played young Colin Crane, and he contributed to his side's success by just getting the better of F. Moody 25—23 in the third game.

Derby had another close struggle with Leicestershire, losing this time by 4—5. Again Walker won both his sets, and more should be heard of this player.

CLASSIFIED RESULTS

| Premier Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Yorkshire | 4 | Lancashire | 3 | | |
| Surrey | 5 | Gloucestershire | 4 | | |
| Essex | 6 | Haess | 3 | | |
| Gloucestershire | 5 | Essex | 6 | | |

| Home Counties Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Hertfordshire | 2 | Middlesex 2nds | 7 | | |
| Essex 2nds | 7 | Bedfordshire | 2 | | |
| Cambridgeshire | 1 | Buckinghamshire | 8 | | |

| Northern Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Durham | 5 | Lancashire 2nds | 4 | | |
| Northumberland | 4 | Yorkshire 2nds | 5 | | |
| Cumberland | 0 | Lincolnshire | 9 | | |

| Southern Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sussex | 6 | Kent | 3 | | |
| Surrey 2nds | 4 | Hampshire | 5 | | |

| Supplementary Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Derbyshire | 4 | Leicestershire | 5 | | |
| Nottinghamshire | 6 | Derbyshire | 3 | | |

DIVISIONAL TABLES

| Premier Division | P. W. L. F. A. Pts. |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Middlesex | 5 | 4 | 129 | 16 | 8 | |
| Surrey | 6 | 4 | 29 | 16 | 8 | |
| Gloucestershire | 6 | 3 | 29 | 6 | |
| Lancashire | 6 | 3 | 29 | 6 | |
| Warwickshire | 5 | 3 | 29 | 7 | |
| Essex | 6 | 3 | 29 | 6 | |
| Yorkshire | 6 | 1 | 29 | 4 | |

| Home Counties Division | P. W. L. F. A. Pts. |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Middlesex 2nds | 5 | 3 | 29 | 10 | 10 | |
| Essex 2nds | 5 | 4 | 29 | 15 | 8 | |
| Bedfordshire | 5 | 3 | 29 | 6 | |
| Buckinghamshire | 5 | 3 | 29 | 4 | |
| Hertfordshire | 5 | 2 | 29 | 4 | |
| Cambridgeshire | 5 | 2 | 29 | 4 | |

| Northern Division | P. W. L. F. A. Pts. |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Yorkshire 2nds | 5 | 4 | 29 | 19 | 8 | |
| Durham | 5 | 4 | 29 | 20 | 8 | |
| Northumberland | 5 | 3 | 29 | 17 | 6 | |
| Cheshire | 4 | 3 | 29 | 15 | 6 | |
| Lancashire 2nds | 5 | 2 | 29 | 4 | |
| Lincolnshire | 6 | 2 | 29 | 4 | |
| Cumberland | 5 | 0 | 29 | 0 | |

| Southern Division | P. W. L. F. A. Pts. |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Hampshire | 6 | 0 | 29 | 16 | 12 | |
| Surrey 2nds | 6 | 4 | 29 | 21 | 8 | |
| Sussex | 6 | 2 | 29 | 22 | 8 | |
| Kent | 6 | 0 | 29 | 0 | |

| Supplementary Division | P. W. L. F. A. Pts. |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Nottinghamshire | 3 | 3 | 29 | 6 | |
| Leicestershire | 3 | 3 | 29 | 6 | |
| Derbyshire | 4 | 0 | 29 | 0 | |

Page Thirteen
Looking Around

with George White

Civil Service people rule out those like the Coal Board and British Railways staffs who are not employed directly by one of the Ministries. All the same, this leaves a pretty wide field for entries.

Leo Thompson, Bill Parker, and all the many others who have criticised the present service rule will no doubt consider the change adopted by the I.T.T.F. for next season (see page 2), as at least a step in the right direction. Will the umpire even now be able to check illegal services and also call netcord services efficiently? We shall have to wait and see.

Now that the World and English Championships are over, we have reached the stage of the season when thoughts turn to local closed tournaments. Sussex have already concluded theirs, Charlie Seaman, energetic and forceful as ever, being the men's singles winner. The Rind mother-and-daughter partnership which was mentioned in a recent issue of Table Tennis was again in evidence, and captured the women's doubles trophy. No problem here about Which partner's mantelpiece shall have the honour of displaying the cup.

Amongst other closed events due soon, space permits mention of only two—one perhaps typical of what happens in nearly every League; the other probably unique.

Beckenham are staging their finals at the local Baths Hall on March 25th. Although the event has been running only four seasons, the entry still mounts annually and the finals have become almost a civic affair.

Unusual tournament is the Civil Service Championships, since the C.S.T.T.A. covers not only England, but Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland as well. With the progress of nationalisation, it might seem that everyone will soon qualify to play in this event; but the

SURREY OPEN

At Epsom, 1st-4th March, 1949

M.S.—
R. Sharman beat R. Crayden —15, 11, —22, 18, 19.

W.S.—
Miss R. Rowe beat Mrs. P. George 18, 20, —15, —14, 14.

M.D.—
Sharman/Craige beat Vennor/Hurlock 13, 18, —14, 19.

W.D.—
Misses R. and D. Rowe beat Misses J. Mauget/Miss E. Weaver —18, 12, 19.

X.D.—
Sharman/Miss Piper beat L. Thompson/Miss Carruthers 12, 16.

Boys—
M. Isaacs beat R. F. Smith 14, 8.

Girls—
Miss R. Rowe beat Miss P. Piper 13, 17.
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tournaments marked thus * include events specially for Juniors.

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OUR COVER PICTURE!

MARTY REISMAN, aged 19, of New York, is the new English Open Champion. Many thought he would be the new world champion, but he has shown that he still needs experience before he can use his great talents properly against the masters such as Vana, who beat him this year.

But what talent he has! Never has a man hit a forehand drive so fast with such little effort, and in defence, seldom has a player shown such ingenuity in getting out of hopeless positions [created in the first place by his own laziness, as often as not].

At present he seems to ignore his opponent, playing a private little game of his own with the ball. 20-15 to Marty is a chance to hit 5 off the table... unless it is the 5th game, when he seems to concentrate for the first time in the match.

His outward appearance of judicial calm is belied by frequent ear-shattering yells, discussions with the spectators, and self-exhortations. Whether these are spontaneous, to release tension, or just "part of the act," we cannot say.

Until we know this impish young man with the interesting new technique, better we shall have to ask, in his own language... "Who are you kidding, Marty?"