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From THE EDITOR

We Win Through

TABLE TENNIS was, and is, one of the victims of the Printing Trade Dispute. Only by weeks of worry and a "will to win" have we succeeded where others have surrendered. This issue is an emergency one produced under difficult circumstances. It has upset many plans and set us back a while, but we are now going "full steam ahead" to pick up lost ground. We are sure this is what fellow members would wish us to do. We are confident that no one will diminish the united effort to make a bigger, better "Table Tennis."

Correspondents need not be disappointed if their contribution has not yet been published. It probably will be soon. Meanwhile, do not stop sending. Everyone, everywhere is welcome here.

Thank you, and thank you for your encouraging letters. I'm only sorry it won't be possible to answer every one, but each is very carefully read, and often suggests something really worthwhile. It's grand to get them.

Next month, I hope to tell you how our circulation is rising to near the time when we can justify those four extra pages, and of those areas who are Champions in selling our Magazine. Some of them may have beaten the target! Remember our slogan: Buy a copy—don't borrow. We help ourselves and each other by every single extra copy sold.

Among many good things planned is a feature of special interest to the younger generation, which promises to be original and lively. Meanwhile, where are our T.T. wits, humorists, poets and raconteurs?

LESLIE S. WOOLLARD.
Promise of a Great ‘English’

Thrills, spectacle, dash, glamour, interest and excitement are promised by the entry for the English Championships. It should be so. It is our Silver Jubilee. The 25th of a glorious cavalcade in which every great world player has taken part. A record which has made Wembley the ‘Table Tennis Wimbleden.’

Wembley will be the battle ground of styles: the technique and tactics of older masters against the bulldozing challenge of the new age. An historic occasion which may well introduce a new era and new great world champions.

What more vivid contrasts in top class players could there be than that represented by Marty Reisman (U.S.A.); Ehrlich; Hauge-Nauer (France); Harangozo and Dolinar (Yugoslavia); Johnny Leach and Aubrey Simons? Then add the assembly of England’s best with challengers from Austria, France, Sweden, Germany, etc., and the romantic entry of three New Zealanders now on their way. Only our Czech and Hungarian friends, to our very great regret, seem unlikely to participate.

Demand for tickets has been unprecedented and continues to come in daily. It is doubtful whether there will be any left for the Finals Night on Saturday, 2nd December. Anyone needing a ticket should write NOW.

It is now an almost accepted fact that Semi-Finals Night has provided some of the most intense, exciting and interesting matches of the whole tournament, and this year’s Semi-Finals Night, Friday, 1st December, should certainly be no less, and could well provide the best value of the whole meeting. The Reduced Club Tickets (£6/6/6 for 2/6d.) for this night are particularly good ones, and some are still available as we go to press. Prices for both nights are £2 in (5/-; 7/6d.; 6/- and 3/6d.

The W.J. Pope Memorial Championships

“Bill Pope,” writes Kathleen Pegg, E.T.T.A. Admin. Sec., “always tried to make this event a rally and reunion of all Table Tennis fans throughout the country, and I am appealing to you and your members to make this Tournament the most successful one in our history, and one of which he would indeed have been proud.”

12 Star Internationals for Match of the Year

Readers are reminded that on Monday, 30th October, Middlesex play the Rest of England at the Prince of Wales Baths, Prince of Wales Road, Kentish Town, N.W.5, commencing at 7 p.m. prompt. Tickets are still available at 7/6 and 5/- (reserved) and 3/- (unreserved), whilst members of County Associations can get the reserved seats for 4/- respectively.

England’s 260 Graded Players.

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NOVEMBER TABLE TENNIS

will include the first reports of County Championships; Tournament results; practical playing tips; latest news of U.S.A. stars; latest Official News; English Ladies’ European tour; and gossip from everywhere.
This time last year there were many complaints about Open Tournaments. The Official Umpires' Scheme (published last month) should obviate many of these and the Graded Players' Scheme (outlined below) is a further step forward.

Every player qualifies—Automatic ranking on results

And Now—Official Grading Scheme

Compiled from data prepared by GEOFF. HARROWER, Hon. Secretary, Open Tournaments Sub-Committee

THE National Executive has approved an Official Players' Grading Scheme as recommended by the Open Tournaments Committee, and this Scheme will become effective from the 1st November 1950. All results from the 23rd September will be included.

Purpose of the Scheme

This Scheme is an important step toward controlling and improving Open tournaments, and in this first season will be confined mainly to grading players for Open Tournaments, to ensure equitable priorities, be a guide for seeding, help where any limitation of entries becomes necessary, etc. Inter alia it will also provide a keener competitive group in which individual players can advance their ranking status even if they do not win.

For the longer term, the Scheme may have other uses. It could, for instance be of service if it was ever decided to grade tournaments.

GEOFF. JAMES

Assist. Hon. Sec. Middx. T.T.A., has worked tremendously hard on the groundwork of both these schemes. Both Geoff, Harrower and George White have asked that an acknowledgement of his loyal and conscientious services should be made.

Introduction

Considerable time and thought has been given to evolve a Grading Scheme that will operate fairly to all players. The method finally agreed ensures that any regular player has every chance of becoming a graded (or upgraded) player AUTOMATICALLY. It will depend entirely on results achieved by the player concerned, and NOT on opinions of persons or committees. No claims will be necessary.

Before this automatic procedure can operate, an initial grading list had, of course, to be prepared. Without the mechanical accuracy of all requisite records, it is possible that one or two names have been inadvertently omitted from this first list. Any player who considers he should be included in the initial list, in any Group, has the right to send in a claim for inclusion. This claim should give full details, and be addressed to the Grading Sub-Committee, E.F.T.A. to arrive before 1st November, 1950.

Scheduled Competitions

Under the Scheme (which operates on match results) only Singles results will count. Every singles result in the following events will be counted:


No other competitions or results will qualify unless specific notice has been given by the Open Tournament Committee.

The Groups

The initial grading list of English players (already published), has four grades or groups, from the highest category "A" to the lowest grade "D." Subject to any claims, all other players are un-graded.

Promotion

Promotions will be made three times a season: 1st December, 1st February, and End of Season. Players can only be promoted one group at a time, but any balance of wins over higher group players will be credited. Not more than two wins or two losses shall count in any one season against the same player.

Starting from the bottom, any ungraded player who achieves three wins over Graded players, automatically becomes a Group "D" player on the first Promotion date after. The wins are quite irrespective of losses.

In the same way, Graded players can merit the automatic promotion by three nett wins over players of a higher Group.

Relegation

Relegations will be effected twice a season, the 1st January and End of Season. Players having a total of three nett losses are relegated to the next lower group, or in the case of Group "D" removed from the list.

At the end of each season, players who have not made five appearances in scheduled competitions will be removed from the list unless they satisfy the Open Tournaments Committee that non-appearance was caused by circumstances outside the player's control.

GROUP "A"

1. English Internationals who have played for their country in 1948/9 or 50 seasons.
2. Any player currently officially ranked in the first ten in this country.
3. Any player reaching the final of the World Championships (singles or doubles), in the past three years.

GROUP "B"

1. Premier Division County players who have made at least three appearances in the Premier Division with a 50% or better winning record.
2. Open Tournament winners during the past two seasons (or an Open National Title), providing at least two current English Internationals were competing.
3. English Internationals who played for their country during 1946 or 1947.
GRATED PLAYERS AND FIRST LIST

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GROUP "C"
1. Post-war Junior Internationals.
2. Any other Premier Division County players who have made at least three appearances in the last two seasons.
3. Any other County players who have made at least three appearances during the last two seasons (except the Junior Division) and have a 50% or better winning record.
4. Any runner-up in an Open Tournament as described in Group "B2."
5. Any semi-finalist in an Open Tournament during the last two seasons where at least two semi-finalists had at least 50% of wins. Having made at least two appearances.
6. Singles winners in any other English Open Tournament during the past two seasons.

GROUP "D"
1. Other Senior County players as 'C3' above. Any runner-up in an Open Tournament as described in Group 'B2."
2. Last season's Junior County players.
3. Runners-up in an Open Tournament during the past two seasons.
4. Winners and runners-up in any Official County Closed Tournament singles held last season.
5. Any winner in a Junior (under 17 on the 1st July) Tournament held during the last two seasons.

ENGLAND'S 260 GRADED PLAYERS

MEN

**GROUP "A"**
- R. Allcock (Lancs.)
- V. Barra (Middx.)
- B. Bournwell (Essex)
- R. Bremann (Middx.)
- E. Bullley (Middx.)
- J. Carrington (Sussex)
- J. Coshmer (Devon)
- C. Casady (Lancs.)
- K. Craigie (Sussex)
- R. Croyden (Surrey)
- B. E. Crooks (Middx.)
- L. Deveroux (Devon)
- E. T. Filby (Norfolk)
- G. R. Harrower (Middx.)
- A. H. Hayward (Warw.)
- B. Kennedy (York) (Essex)
- J. A. Leach (Essex)
- J. F. Litten (Lancs.)
- H. Lamb (Lancs.)
- D. A. Miller (York)
- W. Poole (Warw.)
- R. Sharman (Middx.)
- A. Shepherd (Lancs.)
- A. C. Simons (Glos.)
- K. Stanley (Lancs.)
- M. H. Thornehill (Middx.)
- H. T. Venner (Surrey)

**GROUP "B"**
- L. Adams (Middx.)
- G. Adams (Middx.)
- C. W. Davies (Lancs.)
- W. C. Dawes (Glos.)
- E. Goodman (Lancs.)
- J. E. Head (Sussex)
- K. Hulock (Sussex)
- M. Kinn (Warw.)
- W. McCave (Essex)
- K. Meredith (Sussex)
- R. Mortzohn (Lancs.)
- W. E. Norris (Sussex)
- D. B. Shipton (Glos.)

**GROUP "C"**
- A. Abrahamson (York)
- A. G. Anderson (Sussex)
- K. Baker (Lancs.)
- R. Beamin (Essex)
- G. L. Bebb (Herts.)
- N. Bishp (York)
- T. Bolton (Lancs.)
- G. Bradfield (Sussex)
- S. Brocklesbank (Kent)
- D. G. Burtidge (Middx.)
- D. Collar (Essex)
- J. D. Corwell (Cambs.)
- W. Devine (Cambs.)
- A. Dugger (Kent)
- D. G. Elliott (Sussex)
- S. Elsey (Middx.)
- B. Fortwell (York)
- R. Fortwell (Sussex)
- R. Griffin (Glos.)
- E. Griffen (Devon)
- W. Hall (Warw.)
- D. S. Heap (Cambs.)
- R. Heslop (Northumb.)
- J. Hewitt (Northumb.)
- P. Holmwood (Bed.)
- R. Hook (Essex)
- J. Hinchcliffe (York)
- D. Ironmonger (Bed.)
- I. Jel (Durham)
- I. Ketterman (Northumb.)
- R. Langgar (Essex)
- I. Lowe (Middx.)
- D. S. Lovell (Middx.)
- R. R. Mackay (Warw.)
- R. Markwell (Essex)
- D. Meteorweather (Lancs.)
- A. R. Miller (Sussex)
- S. Minter (Hants.)
- G. Beamin (Essex)
- S. Male (Devon)
- J. Maloy (York)
- D. Moore (Northumb.)
- S. Moore (Sussex)

**GROUP "D"**
- M. Methadi (Warw.)
- L. M. Muller (Hants.)
- L. Park (York)
- W. Pierce (Lancs.)
- V. Postles (Durham)
- L. Rennshaw (Cheshire)
- R. B. Rennshaw (Cheshire)
- G. Robinson (Durham)
- R. Barret (Bucks)
- L. Bean (Sussex)
- E. Bean (York)
- R. Bernstein (Middx.)
- J. M. Richards (Essex)
- R. Bush (Kent)
- B. Cartwright (York)
- H. Child (Norfolk)
- H. P. Comber (Middx.)
- C. Crane (Sussex)
- F. Daly (Lancs.)
- A. England (Middx.)
- R. Etheridge (Kent)
- D. S. Feen (Devon)
- A. H. Fox (Herts.)
- J. Frith (Leics.)
- E. Gilbert (Hants.)
- G. Gregory (Sussex)
- A. Hodge (Lancs.)
- J. Ingham (Lancs.)
- I. James (Lancs.)
- D. James (Devon)
- W. G. Lawrence (Cambs.)
- M. Mackley (York)
- D. Marco (Middx.)
- E. Mills (Cambs.)
- W. Minors (Norfolk)
- G. B. Moore (Lancs.)
- P. Moorecroft (Bucks.)
- W. A. Nichols (Cambs.)
- J. H. Parrish (Essex)
- C. A. Pickett (Glos.)
- A. Postle (Essex)
- G. Pullar (Lancs.)
- R. Robinson (Durham)
- R. Robinson (Lancs.)
- R. Scott (Herts.)
- F. Saunders (Hants.)
- D. Shaw (Lancs.)
- G. Stafford (Durham)
- J. Springer (Kent)
- E. Stevenson (Sussex)
- L. Swale (Derby)
- D. S. Sugden (Leics.)
- S. Swenker (Sussex)
- G. Westmore (Sussex)
- G. Whitaker (Norfolk)
- T. Williams (Sussex)

WOMEN

**GROUP "A"**
- L. R. Burns (Sussex)
- B. Beef (Devon)
- M. Hook (Essex)
- J. Jones (Sussex)
- S. Thomas (Sussex)
- A. Wood (Lancs.)

**GROUP "B"**
- E. Adams (Bucks.)
- B. Blackburn (Devon)
- M. Fry (Sussex)
- D. Heading (Surrey)
- C. Miles (Middx.)
- V. Todd (Essex)

**GROUP "C"**
- M. Allen (Lancs.)
- E. Beresford (Middx.)
- C. Bridden (Herts.)
- R. Bromfield (Sussex)
- P. Cantor (Kent)
- W. Dakin (Essex)
- D. Evans (Kent)
- C. Gillmore (Kent)
- K. George (Sussex)
- E. Grimson (Cheshire)
- J. Hewitt (Northumb.)
- G. Horn (Hants.)
- J. Ince (Kent)
- M. Lightfoot (York)
- J. Mackay (Warw.)
- G. Mace (Middx.)

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NEWS, NOTES and GOSSIP

The Waiting Game

The tournament player—and that means nearly every one of us—has to play a good "waiting game" off the table, as well as on, in these days of mammoth entries. During those hours when the 100-odd first round ties are being sorted out, the long lost art of conversation is being rediscovered, and usually those who listen most, have much of the fun.

Some of the things we heard at the East of England Open may put ideas into your head . . . .

He was only a . . .

From two Oldham lasses: "Oh, look! There's Geoff Fuller . . . but who's that he's knocking up with?"

"He" was only a Swaythling Cup player!! Such is fame!

At Kriss Purposes

From Maurice Kriss (Birmingham): "These early tournaments are the only ones which a keen Midland player can plan to enter. What with Wilmott Cup, Western Counties League, National County Championships, and so on, a prominent town player cannot forecast when he will have a free weekend to enter a big open tournament.

"So he becomes swamped in routine matches, misses the benefit of wider experience, etc." . . .

Fairy Put, Maurice. And how important that et cetera can be—it may mean becoming more known and respected by one's rivals, it may mean becoming more known and respected by one's rivals, it may mean becoming more known and respected by one's rivals, it may mean becoming more known and respected by one's rivals."

"Who shall—nay, MUST remain anonymous:"

"Stratford-on-Avon? What did you want to stop there for?"

"Well," said his companion, "I'm not sure about that. Since Micky was fifteen I've been telling him that he should have three months complete idleness every year, to enable his physique to catch up on the great nervous efforts he makes. Now the W.A.A.F.'s have fixed him for a few weeks!

"The Swaythling team isn't wanted until the New Year; stronger, fresher Thornehill could be just ripe for the fight." . . .

Just Whisper . . . HOW?

From Lancastrian Eileen Grimstone: "I can't help it. When you get the balls sitting up there you've just got to hash them hard, haven't you?"

"You're dead right there, Eileen, but just whisper it to us . . . . How'd ye get them sitting up there?"

A "David" Called Peter

Another provincial Peter also coming to London that week is Scunthorpe's Skerratt. A real shock-headed Peter this 18-year-old; with partner George Simpson he punched holes in the Stanley-Simons doubles combination at the E. of E.

Doesn't talk so much, doesn't play the piano, but boy, does he love his table tennis! You'll take him to your heart.

A Proper Yorker

And before we leave the subject of doubles shocks; Johnny Leach and I were surprised by the storming play of Brian Kennedy and Alan Thompson. We all know the brilliant stuff that Brian can bring out, but it was something new to find the usually ultra-careful Alan in such aggressive form. They fully deserved their win.

Micky Gets Waafed

Micky Thornhill's absence this time was due to a fractured ankle. Mixed hockey always was a rough game. Bad luck for a rising international?
**SPECTACLE and SHOCKS at SKEGNESS**

First Open Tournament draws Stars.

**EAST OF ENGLAND OPEN**


THIS, the first Open of the season, was an outstanding success in every way. The highlight was the final between Johnny Leach and Aubrey Simons, a scintillating display which delighted the audience. Simons, by sound detection and very quick hitting, eventually won in the third game.

Three of four seeded players reached the finals, last year’s winner, Ronnie Allcock eliminating Venner, as well as W. Poole, A. R. Miller and R. J. Turner.

J. Pullar (Oldham) won the Youth’s singles by beating diminutive M. Barber of France in a three-game final. Pullar played splendidly throughout the tournament, and also reached the last sixteen of the M.S. He acquitted himself for Keith Harlock en route, and was eventually beaten by R. Sharman.


Miss P. Franks beat Miss A. Bates 16, 18.

**EAST OF ENGLAND RESULTS**

| M.S., S.F. | A. Simons beat K. Stanley 9, 10, 12. |
| W.S., S.F. | Miss A. Bates beat Miss A. Wood 17, 12, 16. |
| W.D., S.F. | Miss P. Franks beat Miss A. Bates 16, 18. |
| X.D. Fin. | H. Venner/Miss M. Fry beat R. Allcock/Miss A. Wood 18, -18, 15. |
| Y.S. Fin. | G. Pullar beat M. Borough 7, -14, 15. |

**WINS TITLE AGAIN — After 24 Years**

LIONEL KERSLAKE, 44-year-old Exeter youngster, first won the local championship in 1926—24 years ago. Now he’s just won it again, for the sixth time, and thus lost his wish to ‘recede’ into the background of competitive T.T. Form of that standard cannot be spared from a town which has lost four internationals in three years: Ron Litten, C. W. Davies, Betty Blackbourn and Dora Beregi.

Devon’s No. 2, Bert Squire, will be the sheet anchor of Exeter’s return to the Western Counties League, with Joan Crosby leading the ladies. Thirty-six new teams have been added in three seasons with more to come this year. With over twenty women’s teams in the league, two in the Devon league, and one in the Western Counties, there will be plenty of scope for the many promising girls knocking on the door.

Youth has the training ground of a special league, and the two years’ successful and intensive coaching activities will probably be further extended this year. Unfortunately, just when the coaching is likely to bear fruit, the lads are called to National Service. Ken James, a near miss for a Junior International last year, will still be available for a season or two. His inspired spell in defeating Ken Craigie in the W. of E. Open in March will long be remembered by his followers.

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** Miss LENA FERGUSON, only lady member of the N.E.C., brings a grace, quiet sincerity, and sound common-sense to the council table that has merited the warm respect of all her colleagues. Level-headed, and without prejudice, she has the happy knack of introducing the right note at the right time. Her position as Mayor’s Secretary at Southampton has undoubtedly contributed to her competence, and some idea of how she has been appreciated in that office, is indicated in that a former Mayor presented two cups for the League Mixed Doubles Championships, and then, without previous word to her, entitled them the “Lena Ferguson” Cups. That occasion was doubly memorable, because (with L. W. Multer) she won the title and the cups in the year of their presentation.

She has been a member of Southampton League for twenty years, yet despite her triumphs and representative appearances before the war, she is extremely modest about her play, and is proudest of her ‘honours’ in administrative fields. These are not confined to Table Tennis, for among other things, she is President of Southampton Women’s Luncheon Club, Chairman of the S. & D. Aquatic Society, Hon. Secretary of various charitable appeals, etc.

She loves travelling, usually holidays abroad, and still finds time to be a specialist in Riding and Tropical Fish. If you ever see her reading, she will probably be knitting at the same time. Or vice versa. And those who know her think that her job is probably her greatest interest.

Table Tennis and the N.E.C. is all the better for the active support and company of such as Lena Ferguson.
I T is nine-thirty Wednesday morning, 22nd March, 1950.

The elevation room (game room) is a beehive of activity. The reason is the first Table Tennis Tournament ever held in the Rehabilitation Centre. Eighteen patients are participating. I am about to explain the draw sheet to some bewildered faces. During the matches there is such enthusiasm and laughter that a nurse closed the door into the hall so the switchboard next door could operate. The atmosphere is not one of a hospital this day, but rather a grand group of people rooting for his or her favourite to win.

For the past two years, as a volunteer for the New York Junior League, I have been teaching table tennis at Bellevue Hospital to the Rehabilitation Group under Dr. Rusk. The principal disabilities in my group are men and women who are paraplegics (paralysed from the waist down), hemiplegics (paralysed in one side of the body); arthritics; amputees; alcoholics and polio cases. Only by the application of prescribed exercises can these individuals once again become useful citizens.

I learned from experience that patients could play from stretchers and wheel chairs. To get away from the hospital atmosphere of a nurse's white uniform I wear dark slacks and a bright red blazer to lend colour and a touch of informality. A basket is used as a container for two dozen balls. One of the patients tosses out the balls to the players as they are needed and when the basket is empty I go round the room to collect them.

A coloured boy was sceptical about joining my class. He thought he would be ridiculed by the other patients because of his poor table tennis game and that everyone would be out to beat him. He soon learned that there were many other men and women who were also novices and were playing for the sheer enjoyment of the game itself. He is now most enthusiastic and has made many new friends.

During noon time, I was persuaded to give a private lesson to a fifty-year-old patient. She said she had had a large breakfast and wished to forego her lunch period so I could teach her a forehand drive. "There is one man," she said, "who is so conceited about his game that I must beat him tonight. Please help me do it."

One young girl who has cerebral palsy, has very little control of her arms. I am trying to help her through the proper timing of her strokes to overcome this handicap. For weeks when I did

THE WILL TO WIN
by Emily Fuller

ALMOST to the day to which this article refers, I, too, was involved in a similar affair at a big English hospital. It was a moving memorable and a humbling occasion for us all. These players are fighters with the will to win, and you feel better for seeing their spirit. They really are champions. You do not feel sorry for them, you feel humbled, and ashamed of your off-nights. In their tense eagerness with which they nearly throw themselves out of their chairs, you can sense that hidden battle, the urge, that will make them well again.

MISS EMILY FULLER has held numerous U.S.A. Open National Titles (including singles) etc., is author of the best-selling American book "Top Notch Table Tennis," and as well as being a talented artist, has the enviable reputation of being one of the most modest and charming personalities in the game.

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THE WILL TO WIN

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not guide her hand, she would go under or over the ball and could not touch it. Today, I am happy to say, she can hit it without my help and in a few months should be able to play the game.

Rabbi Forst, an amputee, continuously smokes while playing. How he keeps his long beard from catching fire in his eagerness to return the ball, is something we cannot understand.

Last week, I took two of my best pupils to see their first table tennis exhibition held at the Midst­ton House in New York City. Johnny Leach, World Champion and his partner Jack Carrington of England played some of the most exciting matches I have ever witnessed. It was nip and tuck as Ed Finner of New York played an inspired game, and Cy Sussman flicked his back-hand drive. Louis Esposito, one of the patients said, "I like these players, they are such good sports. Gosh, the way they kid each other. They are the kind of people you would like to know. Even though one fellow loses a lot of points he keeps on trying and never gives up. What a game! I shall remember this night the rest of my life."

I have every hope that Table Tennis will remain a permanent feature of rehabilitation at the Bellevue Hospital and that news of its success in this unusual field will lead to its being incorporated into the systems already in use at other hospitals both in the United States and Europe.

BOOK REVIEW

"You'll never be a Table Tennis Player," they said, but he

Became World Champion

TWENTY-ONE UP. By Richard Bergmann. Edited by Stephen Kirsten. Published by Sporting Handbooks Ltd., price 12/6d.

THIS is an absorbing book whether you know Table Tennis or not. Reading it you will get to know Richard Bergmann and the secret of his success. You will see him as few have seen him, an indomitable, cheerful little cock-sparrow of a man. It is the saga of a man who made himself. He is a delightful reader. The larder was usually empty. There was no money spare for normal activities. By singing in a Turkish Mosque he earns a few coppers to buy his first equipment and forces his grandmother to play him on a table extended by ironing boards. In the Boy Scouts, a leader, "too tall to be contradicted, said: 'Bergmann, you are no good at all, you will never make a table tennis player.'"

A fortnight's practice for five hours a day put things on a different footing. "The charges being defrayed by my friend who had been left in poverty, we cannot understand."

Leaving school at 13-odd, a succession of gossipy and some­times one senses a little envy of the natural gifts of Victor Barna; occasionally, there is a bitter tang in his story of getting it back again.

Richard Bergmann and the secret of his success, his secret of making a table tennis player among the miners. . . . My watch went in and out of pawn with the persistence of a swing door, or the time when the world champion's cup also had to visit "Uncle's" to succour a gnawing inside!

When he finally gets in the R.A.F. the fun really starts. . . . "119 sock-still bodies and one dull-witted ass going through the whole rigmarole of presenting arms" or how "their pid­gin-English burblings worked like a charm upon the female of the species" . . . and finally resulted in his acquiring the name of Prostitute Bohabit­check . . . or the occasion when a Danish lady journalist "hands him two fourpenny ones" . . .

But there's Table Tennis all the way . . . twenty-six crowded, eventful years of non-stop activity packing the eleven chapters that make Part One. Colourful, human, readable adventures of this soldier of fortune. He then plunges straight into controversy by putting his yardstick over current rules and players, professionalism, ranking, etc., and follows this with twenty-six chapters on playing technique. These are brief, but provide excellent summaries and tips for all stages, and particularly, championship play. For good measure, there are also notes of the thirty-nine L.T.T.F. Associations, the Laws, and complete roll of World's honour records, and over 130 photographs and diagrams.

This is the kind of book that players and enthusiasts will recommend and you will start by borrowing and end by buying. It's the kind of book which -- if you lend -- you will never be sure of getting it back again.

I won't recommend it as an official chronicle, but I do honestly recommend it as really good fun, entertainment and playing value. If you have an interest in Table Tennis my bet is that you'll have your moneysworth.

PETER WARGRAVE.

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COVER NOTE

“Pinkie” Barnes
(England and Surrey)

“She hits so hard”

YEARS AGO, before Pinkie had any thoughts about Table Tennis, something happened which augured well for her T.T. future. When she was about nine years old she had a fight with a boy her own age. (He had made some rude comment about her chubby legs, incidentally!) A few strong words ensued, and the outcome was a tearful little boy running home to his mother, and a red-faced, sheepish Pinkie going home to hers. That evening a knock came on Pinkie’s door—it was the boy’s mother, demanding an apology. “Pinkie hits so hard,” she said. Actually Pinkie and the little boy became good friends after that, but her ability to hit hard, and the chubby legs, have remained with her to this day, and she is now one of the strongest women hitters in Table Tennis!

She took up Table Tennis after leaving school, more to keep fit than anything else. Her three brothers were keen on all kinds of sport (one of them got an International Cap in Amateur Football) and first introduced her to T.T. She joined the Woolwich Town Club and has been connected with Table Tennis in Surrey ever since, but it was only during the war years that she began to think seriously of in international honours. About 1943 she met Peggy Franks (who was then a strong T.T. amateur) and the two of them decided to work together for international badges and doubles titles. And those girls certainly worked hard, frequently playing four or five nights a week besides giving exhibitions to the troops and doing war work. It was at that time, too, that Pinkie started playing in friendly matches among business houses which subsequently formed the basis of the now popular and ever-increasing Central Londoín League. The persistence of these two girls should be a lesson to anyone who wants to get on in Table Tennis—they just kept at it until they were both chosen to play for England in 1946 against Wales. They achieved their ambition through sheer hard work, and won numerous doubles titles in the process! And they both admit there was something about those early days which is now impossible to recapture.

Of the Singles titles she has won, Pinkie is proudest of the South of England (because it is a coveted Surrey title) and the Dutch Open, because it was her first foreign title, won last year, and she beat Peggy Franks in the final.

She was very proud to win the English Ladies’ Doubles with Gizi Farkas in 1947, though she would have preferred the title to have been won by an all-English combination. Her best effort was, in her opinion, when she and Joan Crosby reached the finals of the Ladies’ Doubles in the World Championships at Stockholm two years ago.

And now let’s turn from Table Tennis to the private life of this hard-hitting Amazon. Her work! She is what is known as an “Advertising Copywriter,” that is, she thinks up ideas and writes the words for advertisements. She says it’s a fascinating, but often fiendish job, especially when newspapers are clamouring for copy by a certain date. She writes about all kinds of products from rubber tyres to Bond Street cosmetics, but advises anyone who likes a job with steady hours to keep away from copywriting, because she often sits up with pencil and pad well past midnight before she gets the right idea. Incidentally, the fact that our Corbillion Cup team last year (of which Pinkie was one) were so suddenly turned out in beautiful grey worsted Jaunten shorts was due to Pinkie’s advertising contacts. The Jauntene people supplied them free and the girls were extremely grateful.

As regards her future, Pinkie still expects to play Table Tennis when she is married. She became engaged recently to Sam Kydd, the film actor (you may have seen him in Treasure Island) in December but there is no fear of her sports activities interfering with their married bliss because he plays cricket and rugby—what’s sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander! She still has a sneaking ambition to win a World Doubles before she gives up competitive T.T. Well, Dora Beregi, even with family responsibilities, did it last year, so good luck to Pinkie and her ambition.

Most Spectacular Player Tournament

By XAVIER VILA SUMOY

IT IS NOW almost impossible to play T.T. in Barcelona, where the temperature is about 84°F in the shade, but nevertheless, table tennis exhibitions in the open air have become a feature of the night life in nearby villages, starting Spanish champion ALBERTO DUESO, AGUERRI, GIL and CAPDEVILA (who beat Tokar in 1944).

Comparing the Spanish and English games, I should say that we are generally harder and quicker hitters, but lack in consistency and concentration. Our tournament matches are more spectacular but technically less mature. In our Night Summer Tournament (in August) there is a special trophy for the World Champion who played in the English Open were in the team.

In both team and individual championships every player is ranked numerically, which varies through the season according to the wins and losses in official matches, so that one can advance from the 4th to the 1st degree. This system is very popular.

Our correspondent would like to be remembered to the West Ealing and Bishopsgate Clubs.

Not Unknown Quantity Now!

WHEN, after a sensational defeat of Halifax in the Willmott Cup, Woolwich T.T. League emerged as semi-finalists, some folks began to ask about the ‘unknown quantity’ and how it achieved it. Especially since their ladies reached the quarter-finals of the Rose Bowl.

One suspects that the unusually large Committee of sixteen is really the most important team. A half-way through the evening ‘everything stops for tea’ and some ‘non-stop’ gossip. Changes in administration have been very rare; they never let a good man get away. When the Hon. Treasurer, FREDDIE DEROBYSHIRE, resigned this year after sixteen years of highly successful ‘ends-meeting,’ he was promptly co-opted for another.

Proudly flying the Kent County flag, Woolwich League covers fifty odd square miles of outer London. In 1947/48 they had 54 teams, 389 registered players; last year, 94 teams, 753 players. This year every record broken.

N. B. ADAMS.
The Road to Opatija

Ron Crayden
(England and Surrey)

THIS chronicle of England’s first representative appearance in the Yugoslavian Open Championships illustrates one of the rewards of earning a “cap” and is of particular interest because of Yugo’s increasing playing strength.

The author, and English Captain, RON CRAYDEN (Surrey) merits double congratulations. On the day he was notified of his T.T. honour, he also became father to LYNDA MARY, who, declares Ron, is already earmarked to represent the South London League in the Rose Bowl.

Both English players, Crayden and Venner, were members of the team which won the Willmott Cup last season.

Even in the reflective aftermath of “might-have-beens” we did not feel we had done too badly. Playing two team matches a day under strange conditions and in an atmosphere which would make even sleeping an exertion, we had only lost before the all-conquering Yugoslavs.

The Open Championships

Harangozo and Doliniar will be remembered for their great doubles win in last season’s English Open. In Yugoslavia, these two are the idols of the T.T. fraternity, with youngsters eagerly following their lead. The play of the top twelve is of high standard, and the names of Gabric, Grujic, and Uzorin will soon, I think, become familiar. Mostly, they play a heavy chop on both wings, with furious bursts of vicious forehand hitting patterned much on the style of the Hungarian star, Koczian.

“BOOM-BOOM” VENNER

Yugoslavia has a countryside of vividly contrasted beauty. Wild and rugged, immense forests, and picturesque spots of infinite charm. In the main, the people seemed poorer than those of England but were wealthy in their unbounding friendliness and generosity. If we did not know the language, the magic of Table Tennis was strong enough to overcome any difficulty. We gave of our best at all times and made friends easily. We had our successes. We had our disappointments. The experience gained was considerable.

The hospitality afforded us was immeasurable, sometimes even embarrassing. Always we were warmly conscious of an international good-fellowship throughout that would have made a war-worried politician envious with delight.

RESULTS

M.S. V. Harangozo beat Z. Doliniar 3-0.
W.S. T. Pritzi beat L. Wertl 3-0.
M.D. V. Harangozo/Z. Doliniar beat J. Gabriel/Bajic 3-0.
W.D. T. Pritzi/L. Wertl beat Covic/Temunic 3-0.
X.D. V. Harangozo/Petric beat J. Vogrin/Covic 3-0.
140 Miles by Taxi to play in Two Finals

In Dick Guise (Malvern) the Worchester League have as their captain a star many counties would like to see in their County Championship team. With an unbeaten home record, he has also notched wins over several players as Wally Poole, McKay, Kriss, Hall, and Stan Jones. It is in Lawn Tennis, however, that Dick Guise has touched a new high spot this season. He recently won the County Closed for the fourth successive year, and in the Cheltenham Open, beating Davis Cup and Wiltshire T.T. player Howard Walton, before winning the title from Paddy Roberts. The national Press acclaimed his Wimbledon fight against Drobný as "brilliant."

Last season he was playing for Worcs. County in the Final of the All-England Hard-Courts Championship in the same year, that was the most satisfactory National. Isn't this rather misleading? Surely an "Ex" should precede the qualification? If he (or she) is not a current tennis enthusiast, we could ever be misleading. We asked three different members of the N.E.C. for their opinion. Each tended to agree with our correspondent. One suggested that the appropriate years should be noted after the word International was the most satisfactory solution, Bouquet to Arthur Waite.

Don't ask spectators for quiet—take their breath away.

"Pot" Luck?

Last September Bernard Crouch went to Skegness with a "temporary" partner, Roy Turner of Croydon, because his regular buddy, Thornhill, could not get leave from the R.A.F. They won the title, slightly to their own surprise, then parted, never to pair up again until this September when once again Crouch was without his regular partner.

In this year's much stronger field Crouch-Turner didn't have much hope. But again they surprised themselves, and incidentally Roy Turner looked likely to surprise many people this winter.

They Lost—So That They Might Win

Last year, Cambridgeshire were challengers to the Premier Division, a fine performance of a small county which is building up for a big future. These are first dividends of a common-sense policy. For three years, secretary Leslie Constable has strongly advocated "Find a good youngster, and—win or lose—give him every chance you can."

Well, they started by losing all the way. Now, however, they are producing a strong-playing, virile and Young county team. The policy has produced the strong spearhead of John Cornwall and John Thurstom (both in the forces), and a strong junior bunch that promises to make Camb, a power of the future.

Pamela Banks and Pat Inglis, at fifteen years old, are youngsters who will soon be strengthening the Ladies' part of the senior team, while fourteen year old Joseph Arnold heads many promising lads, who will get their chances in the Junior Counties this season.

Coteman's October victory over Brocklebank is an indication.

Current Czech Ranking

MEN: 1, Andreadis; 2, Vana; 3, Tereba; 4, Tokar; 5, Stipek; 6, Turnovsky; 7, Vrhnanovsky; 8, Moudry; 9-10, Koudelka and Raban.

WOMEN: 1/2, Kettnerova and Krejiova (Fuerstova); 3, Hruskova; 4, Kotatkova; 5-6, Wiesensova and Zelenkova.

Congratulations to Peter Holroyd (Beds.) County T.T. Player on winning the County Lawn Tennis Championship. He is already County Squash champion, and has come near to adding the T.T. singles for a unique triple crown.

Mixed Chop

Served by A. R. (Tony) Miller

Style is over-rated. All too often it is mere affectation or an imposed style that encumbers rather than helps. Genuine style should be natural and easy, a legitimate expression of a player's rhythms and ideas. I believe that the quicker a point is won the better and that the way a player achieves this is entirely his own affair. If he uses a coal-hammer and sings Ave Maria at the same time, none should say him nay.

The engaging doctrines of psycho-analysis tells us that we very often state something when we mean the opposite, and when we say we admire something we really hate it. This is most encouraging, for now, when we hear a player say that he has lost through a cold or bad luck, etc., we will know that he also, doesn't believe it.

Unfortunately, when he clammers into heroes and says that he lost to a better player, we shall know that he doesn't believe that either.

It is no coincidence that the three greatest T.T. players, Barna, Bergmann and Vana are Slavs. There is something in their temperament, an extreme animosity towards defeat and a steely purposefulness in their play of an important match which is rarely equalled by the easy-going Briton.

A. R. MILLER.
E.T.T.A. Official
News from
Headquarters

Important matters will be summarised
here monthly. Readers are invited to
send any queries for official ruling or
comment to the Editor.

COACHING.

A Week-end School

The Ministry of Education is still
unable to provide financial assis-
tance for the E.T.T.A.'s original
scheme for a full-time National Coach.
As a result, a preliminary experi-
ment, planned and now being worked out for a
scheme which will bring together potential
coaches for a week-end of training in the
Principles and Practice of Coach-
ing. County Associations have already
been asked to suggest names of suitable
people for such a week-end school, which
it is hoped to operate this
season. It is proposed that the costs
teaching, etc.), will be paid by
the E.T.T.A. With the coaches' scheme it may also be possible to
co-operate in training a school for officials.
In this case, those attending will be
expected to contribute about £2 10s.
for lodging and meals, etc., as well as
their own travel expenses.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for this
season will consist of: J. Montagu, H.
Amery, T. Sears, S. Proffitt, the
Captains of the Swathling and Cor-
bullon Cup teams being co-opted later.

Equipment Panel

The National Executive has been
considering the setting up of an
Equipment Panel to examine the various problems about tables, balls,
lighting, etc.

One important task is to preci-
sion testing of balls submitted for official
approval. The late A. J. Wilmott
devoted much skill, care, and patience
to this work for many years, and his
death leaves a gap which it will not
be easy to fill, since the work calls for
a close acquaintance with the prin-
ciples of fine scientific measurements
as well as an intimate knowledge of
practical playing requirements.

The National Executive would be
glad to hear from anyone who would be
prepared to assist on this panel.
Those volunteering should indicate
their qualifications and should not, of
course, be connected in any way with the
trade in Table Tennis Equipment.

Victor Barna Testimonial

The presentation to Victor Barna is
to be made at the Royal Empire
Society, Northumberland Avenue,
W.C.2, at 6.30 p.m. on 8th November.

Honorary General Secretary

The National Executive has decided
for the time being, not to fill the
position of Hon. General Secretary,
made vacant by the death of Mr. W.
Pope.

Mrs. K. Pegg has been appointed
Administrative Secretary, and the
Chairman and Honorary Treasurer
have undertaken to assist in the work
normally falling to the General Sec-
retary, as they have been doing since
Mr. Pope's death.

Lagos and Accra

The Lagos and Accra table tennis organisations have asked to attach
themselves to the E.T.T.A., which has accepted and agreed to help
them in every way possible towards
the development of National Associa-
tions in the areas of which they form
parts.

Cheshire and Lancashire

Cheshire and Lancashire are
closely linked in many ways and
the boundary between them presents
practical obstacles to operation on a
strict county basis. Therefore, in order
that Cheshire may play its full part
as a County Association, the local
players and officials have decided that
separate Cheshire and Lancashire
County bodies should be constituted.
This is being done in such a way as
to retain the close ties between the
Cheshire and Lancashire Leagues
which have in the past contributed so
to the success of the game in the
two counties.

N.E.C. Visits the Provinces

For the first time since the war, the National Executive Com-
mittee will be holding its next full
meeting in the provinces. For this
occasion, the venue will be in the Bir-
mingham area.

French Tour (Ladies)

Mrs. M. Knott (non-playing
Captain), Miss D. Rowe and Miss
R. Rowe have been selected as a rep-
resentative team for a French tour 3rd
11th October. There will be three
matches, plus the representative in-
national match on 7th October near
Paris and the team will conclude the
tour with a representative Interna-
tional match England v. Belgium at Brus-
seles on 10th October.

Open London Clubs Forward

Any enquiries are received for
clubs in the London area who are
open to receive outside members (i.e.,
where membership is not restricted to
members of a particular organisation).
Will secretaries or readers with any
recommendations or information please
send to the E.T.T.A.

Visitors to London often ask for
clubs or playing facilities available
during a visit, or where they can get
a good knock with London players.
Would readers please send any sugges-
tions to E.T.T.A.

Extracts from Vol. 1, No. 2, Table

The Great Hungarian All-England
Tour ends, a triumphant success every-
where . . . At Birmingham, Hungary
(Barna, Bellak, Szabados) beat En-
gland (Bergl, Haydon, R. D. Jones)
8-1 ... C. Dawes (Bristol) beats in-
ternational J. Silto (Swindon) . . .
Haydon in triangular exhibition match
at Lille, France with Haguenauer and
Ehrlich . . . . In Open Tournaments,
Barns with Men'sleydale (Casafsky tak-
ing junior title); Larie the Midlands;
Stan Proffitt the North London, and
Bergl the Herts. . . . A new electric
score-board used in an exhibition at
Faircross Club, Barking, is said to be
better than Wimbledon's . . . Mt. by
4ft; table tops advertised for 15/6d.
. . . Miss H. M. Bunbury, Chairman
of Women's Executive Committee
1954-55, A. J. Wilmott, (holder of
the Wilmott Cup), C. W. Davies
(Manchester) and N. Litten (Exeter) newly 'capped' in match versus the
I.F.S., . . . Ruth Aarons, Jimmy
McClure and Sol Schiff U.S.A. tops.
. . . Birmingham initiate Midland
Counties League . . . Mannooch helps
Sittingbourne beat Chatham in a
match won by 18 games to 17.

THE DRESDEN VASE

New English Open Trophy

A part from the three cups men-
tioned in the last English Open
Programme, Mr. Finney has presented
the one for junior (girls) singles, which
will be known as the "Dresden Vase."

Mr. A. T. Finney

Part of the engraved inscription reads: "Presented by A. T. Finney,
1950, A pioneer of Table Tennis
amongst the juniors of North Stafford-
shire; for forty years, who first played in
Dresden, Stoke-on-Trent in the year
1900, with hollow rubber balls with
long handles."
I T should be 'Keen' Craigie, for this 26-year-old Customs and Excise Officer always brings a keen zest to the many sports he plays, and, win or lose, a spirit of blithe, healthy enjoyment.

Although he started on the dining-room table, it was not till he read Ivor Montagu's book Table Tennis in late 1940 that the T.T. bug really bit him. At every opportunity he watched top players in action very, very closely, inspired particularly by the styles of Cyril Merrett and Bo Vana. With affection, he regards his wife (he's been married four years) as his most valuable coach since his demob in 1948 after 6 years’ service.

Ken goes right into all-out attack, covering most of the table with hard, angled hitting preferably with the forehand in the orthodox style. It is said his defence is not good but there are very few players strong enough to prove it. To counter a tendency to run round his forehand, he keeps an effective positioning backhand ready.

He is sometimes remembered as the player who got his National before his County “Cap” (A “scoop” for the Selection Committee?). He contributed materially in enabling England to beat Czechoslovakia for the first time for twenty-one years, when with D. Miller they pulled a desperate 4-all to a 5-4 victory! International engagements have taken him to Czechoslovakia, Belgium and Germany, but there's no place like home.

He holds nine current major tournament titles - three of each kind - a sure sign of all-round ability and talent. He has a sportsman's liking to see modest, meritorious players win, conceited ones lose and as far as we can find, his only dislike is of players who show no appreciation of help given them.

Like many top players, he likes a good game of chess. Got school colours for Soccer and Hockey (and Cambridge). Plays good squash. Lawn Tennis is, however, the big 'second string.' He won the Junior L.T.C. Doubles Championship of Great Britain in 1942, Army L.T. Doubles, 1948, and has represented the Army, and now represents Cambs. County and Civil Service.

Oh, yes, he doesn’t mind 'chiselers' and deprecates criticisms of this style of play.

NATIONAL Open Championships held between 11th Sept. and 7th Oct. include Australian; Yugoslav (Abazia); Mexican (Chapultepec); Iran; New Zealand; South African (S.A.N.T.R.B.). Future Nationals are shown under Engagements.

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ENGAGEMENTS

In the Open Tournaments below, events shown in the column are additional to M.S., W.S., M.D., and X.D. in every case. Intending entrants are recommended to apply as early as possible.

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<td>Sussex Sea End, Pier Pavilion, Hastings</td>
<td>B.S.</td>
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<td>N.C.C. Champions v. Rest Prince of Wales Baths, Prince of Wales Rd., Kentish Town, N.W.5</td>
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<td>Hull &amp; East Riding St. John's Ambulance Drill Hall, Anlaby Road, Hull</td>
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<td>Pontefract Town Hall, Pontefract, Yorks</td>
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<td>South of England Welfare Hall, A. &amp; T. Social Club, Aurelia Road, Croydon</td>
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<td>C. A. Bourne, 46, Elm Park Gardens, Selsdon, Surrey</td>
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<td>Nov. 22-25</td>
<td>Merseyside (Fina l s) Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool</td>
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<td>W. Stamp, Buena Ventura, Farmdale Close, Liverpool, 18</td>
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<td>Dec. 8-9</td>
<td>Bournemouth Open Town Hall, Bournemouth</td>
<td>J.S.</td>
<td>N. N. Read, 21, Gainsborough Rd., Queens Park, Bournemouth</td>
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<td>Dec. 11-16</td>
<td>Central London Open Prince of Wales Road Baths, Kentish Town, N.W.1</td>
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<td>Mrs. E. G. Johnston, 141, Ingram Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey</td>
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<td>Jan. 1-8</td>
<td>Metroplitan Open Polytechnic Extension, Little, tiechfield Street, W.1</td>
<td>B.S.</td>
<td>E. S. Lee, Polytechnic, 509, Regent Street, London, W.1</td>
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South American Notebook

From Sebastian Safianu

THE CHILEAN T.T. Federation were responsible for organising this year's South American Championships at Santiago de Chile and Mexico and the U.S.A. were included in the invitations, which made new records in both numbers and standards.

The Argentine season finished with the national individual and team championships. In the final of the latter, the Independiente, Buenos Aires beat Arica. JUAN ROMANICH beat the strong attack of SALOMON ROSOSCHIK to win the M.S., while in the W.S., OLGA CARREIRA, playing better than ever, easily beat IRENE WALDMAN to take the title for the fourth successive year. Isaak Ganc and Claudia Proteopopof were each placed third.

The Uruguayan T.T. Federation, with praiseworthy enterprise, have been developing a big campaign to popularise the sport, in which leading players participate in exhibitions and various weekly championships.

"Penholders have had it," says F. Olazarri

ALTHOUGH 90% of Chilean players are penholders, none of them has won a singles title for three years, and all the younger players are playing the orthodox grip. Our most famous penholder, RAUL RIVEROS (who played in the last U.S. Nationals) has declared in favour of the correct grip. All the leading Brazilian players are penholders, and I think Brazil will fall to the bottom of South American T.T. unless they realise that there is no future for penholders.

The Chilean Federation controls eighteen associations. The two largest and close rivals are Santiago and Valparaiso, the former having more than 6,000 registered players, with up to 1,000 spectators at big tournaments. "Slava" PASDIREK, (a former CzechMoravian champion whom many readers will remember) is, alas, retired. I call him all the days and say to him: "What about a little practice, Slava?" and I think I am going to get that Slava back, for in my opinion, he is the best player in South America, and worked tremendously hard to teach the right style.

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