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Many of us have, perhaps, rather taken for granted the incredible work achieved by Messrs. Pope and Montagu (although so little of its sum is known) that the significance of the honour has escaped us. We are pleased, therefore, in underlining the importance of office, to report that Congress re-elected Mr. Montagu as President of the I.T.T.F. and presented him with a trophy to commemorate his 25 years’ service to the Federation. In addition, delegates made a unanimous and spontaneous gesture of their feelings by all subscribing for an additional personal memento. Only those who have attended a Congress can fully appreciate Mr. Montagu’s undivided devotion to world table tennis for a quarter of a century or the warm regard and high respect in which he is held by every country without exception.

Mr. A. K. Vint was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. G. Harrower was appointed Chairman of the Equipment Committee.

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World Champions again make the ROSE BOWL—the ROWE'S BOWL

By Keith Watts

SEMI-final:

West London 7, Birmingham 2

THE Rowe Twins were obviously affected by the strain of recent efforts, but if they lacked their customary crisp confidence they still had their splendid temperament and fighting spirit. Rosalind dropped a game to Mrs. M. Cumberbatch but then made short work of the decider, and then Diane, one of the most brilliant victories was that of the decider, and then Diane, one of the most brilliant, 10; bt Mrs. M. Cumberbatch 12, -19, 12; D. Roe/ Ellis lost to Mrs. M. Cumberbatch 19, -1, 13.

FINAL:

West London 7, South London 2

FOR South London, the final story is "what might have been." Rowe/Ellis saved the second game after a great fight by C. Briggs/J. Winn. Then Diane nearly slipped away against Mrs. Piper. Mrs. Carrington scored her team's first win and Miss Piper met R. Rowe confidently, her opponent again pulling out that extra bit in the deciding game. West London No. 3, Miss Ellis, gave the Twins useful support, and her remarkable powers of retrieving were fully tested in an entertaining game with Miss Winn. The superiority of West London was, in fact, not over-whelming as the score would suggest.

SOUTH LONDON 6, MANCHESTER 3

A DING-DONG, tense and exciting final. The score suggests a half-blue win, but the boys from completing the hat-trick tie. Mrs. Farnell's steady, almost spinless service, had she not taken complete control of the game? Mrs. Farnell -1, 16; bt E. Carrington/J. Winn 19, -17, 10. Miss J. Winn bt Miss Briggs 16, 13; lost to Miss Briggs 19, -1, 13.

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As expected, the West London team 's strong for the Yorkshiremen B. Kennedy, A. Thompson and S. Rosenberg, who also mark the match and gave the audience on its toes. The all-round superiority of the South London team, however, decided the day and it will need a powerful team to stop these boys from completing the hat-trick next season.

SCORES (South London first):

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SOUTH LONDON 7, Southampton C.S. 1

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One of the reasons for not allowing a half-blue is said to be the comparative poor standard of the game in the university, so the whole question seems to be a tight vicious circle. And there is probably also some of that misunderstanding of the modern game for which we must thank our Victorian forebears. When the Blues Committee do feel they can change their views, university table tennis will take its rightful and dominant place in the sporting world.

Oxford beat Cambridge 7-3 in the fifth annual inter-varsity match on February 19th. Oxford have also enjoyed a successful season at the top of the Western Counties League, Division II, have first rate club facilities, and a membership of several hundreds.
THE BEST YET

Most players agreed that this was the "best World's yet." This is as it should be, because each year the future sponsors of the event profit by the mistakes and improvements of their predecessors.

Vienna's proud claim rests upon the excellent playing conditions and surroundings, and the unregimented, "comfortable" form of efficiency which is typically Austrian.

Playing conditions: Superior to our own Wembley because floor was not springy, lighting was brighter and without daylight interference, the surroundings were warm, and seats for players were both comfortable and close to the play.

Of course, English players might be expected to appreciate the 12 Jacques tables so cleverly spirited out from Thornton Heath to stand proudly in the home "elub" of Lith and Strafns (and these were not table tennis players of pre-war days, Jimmy Junior 1).

The staging of our sport in the great Koncert-Haus itself was a measure of the great advance in status which table tennis is making the world over,

EVERYBODY was agreed that JOHNNY LEACH was the best man on view, even apart from winning the title.

Don't be surprised at this. It isn't always the case. The maturity of his play was apparent and that intangible of "something wrong" has quite obviously pressing on the minds of his rivals, who sat through many of his matches, all waiting to see just what it is that beats his opponents. They saw faster footwork than ever before, the result of months of training at Crystal Palace Football Club, a defence of Barons on foot, and the key moment when the backhand drive that hugged the corners in upsetting fashion.

For all that, it slipped occasionally, but somehow it usually came right just about 17-15 in all that game.

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THIRD man for England was BRIAN KENNEDY. He faced a big test when he came out in the deciding ninth game of the first rubber. In their third-round defeat of the mixed title-holders, Sidó-Farkas, but he was an anti-climax when they lost 1-3 in the semi-final to Harangozo-Wertl. A momentary confusion at the start of the first game led to Diane's receiving the man's service, and so the order-of-play advantage was unnesscarily lost.

Vienna Notebook of Jack Carrington

SINCE the great sport of ours only receives its fair quota of publicity in direct proportion to the glamour of its lady stars, let us also pay tribute to the delightful young Miss SAYEED SULTANA, twice champion of India at the age of 13. This tiny little girl floats gracefully around the court returning hundreds of drives in effortless fashion and apparently enjoying every moment of the toughest matches. Neither her 5ft. 6in., black pigtails nor her ankle-length panta-lons in mustard colour daun nothing. (I've had expert advice on this!) seem to hamper her dainty movements.

Learning very quickly, Sultana won more than half her matches and was, in fact, the only woman in the tournament to take a game from that genius of a champion, Roseau.

India are proud of this youngster and believe that she has a little more speed and understands a little more about attacking play, she will be a candidate for the world title while still at a young age.

The Indian boys have also improved noticeably, both in play and confidence, and with the inspiration of next season's World Championships at Bombay it may well be that this part of the world will produce the next crop of big names in table tennis.

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AUSTRIA has two heroes. LINDA WERTL (the 16-year-old redhead), who showed what she had learned at Wembley by beating Helen Elliot 3-0 instead of losing to her 2-3). She is already tempering her killer forehand drives with the anesthetic of a little slow top-spin and push-play, and that makes her some proposition. Believe me!

WALDEMAR FRITSCH, 28-year-old, from Innsbruck, proved the menace from his last year and stuck on some sorbo sponge stuff. While opponents were waiting for the ball to go it was gone! Victims of the Fritzblitz included Sido, Koczian, Roothof, and Hagemauer.

IMPROVEMENTS?

ONLY two springs to mind. Most important is the need for improvement of methods of showing the score at the tables. Almost never was it possible to see both players' scores without leaving one's seat; certainly not when two tables were in action, as was usually the case.

I have no foreknowledge of the provision of a writing room for Press and magazine reporters. With thousands of players back home in dozens of countries hanging on the news from Vienna, Bombay or wherever, the reportage side of a World Championship has become a major factor second only to the play. It is perhaps the one time in the year when it is possible for thousands of players all over the world to realize that they really are brothers in an International Federation.

THE win of the ROWE TWINS in the women's doubles table was a splendid tribute to the women's game in these islands, and a worthy succession in continuing our hold on the trophy which Vera Dace and Peggy Franks brought here in 1948, and which Helen Elliot and Dora Suli kept here in 1950. Those of us who have seen the strength of the Twins' combination back home expect their triumph, but it was a revelation to the Continentals. I think they must in their minds have abandoned all hope of recapturing this title for some years, and, indeed, I think they are right. The determined power of Diane and Rosalind has an effect on opposition similar to the hereditary personality of the Leach temperament. Their short and sporting demeanour ensures them the sympathy of all players everywhere, whatever language they speak.

At this moment only the advent of triplets—a left-hander, a right-hander, and a penholder for the middle—could give England a better team. Or the popular Press a better story!

More seriously, the lesson for up-and-coming young English players is to chose your partner early and build yourselves up as a team, because the doubles is the most important matter in the Cup and World Cup matches, and cannot be ignored by selectors.

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NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

by GEOFF. HARROWER

Glamorgan or Lincolnshire

for Promotion

Glamorgan and Lincolnshire have won through to the final play-off match, to determine which shall appear in the Premier Division next season. In the semi-final matches, Glamorgan beat Cambridgeshire (at Cambridge) by 7—2, whilst Lincolnshire succeeded against Bedfordshire (at Bedford) by the same margin. It is understood that the match will be played on April 21st, in Lincolnshire, and as they are able to call on all the Welsh International players, Glamorgan will start favourites, but Lincolnshire are quite capable of springing a surprise.

Glamorgan Junior

Champions

There was an exciting play-off between Kent (Junior South winners) and Glamorgan (Junior West winners) at Sissinghurst, when Glamorgan just got the better of a tight match to emerge 6—4 winners. Glamorgan also won the one outstanding division, the South Western, although losing their final match 4—6 to Middlesex, who finished with the same number of points but an inferior games average.

Next month it is hoped to publish individual averages, similar to which appeared in our April issue last season.

FINAL RESULTS AND TABLES

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Sussex 6, Kent 4

Surrey 6 5 1 0 47 13 11
Sussex 6 3 1 2 32 28 7
Hampshire 6 6 2 2 2 26 32 6
Kent 6 0 0 6 13 47 0

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION

Glamorgan 4, Middlesex 6

Glamorgan 6 4 1 1 40 20 9
Middlesex 6 4 1 1 36 24 9
Devonshire 6 3 0 3 25 35 6
Warwickshire 6 0 0 6 19 41 0

HOMÉ COUNTIES DIVISION

Berkshire 6, Buckinghamshire 4

Berkshire 6 3 1 0 42 18 11
Buckinghshire 6 2 2 2 30 30 6
Hertfordshire 6 2 1 3 27 33 5
Berkshire 6 1 0 5 21 39 2

NORTH MIDLAND DIVISION

Lincolnshire 9, Cheshire 1

Lincolnshire 6 5 1 0 45 15 11
Cheshire 6 5 0 1 45 15 10
Lancashire 6 5 1 0 45 15 10
Northamptonshire 6 5 0 1 45 15 10

EAST ANGLIAN DIVISION

Cambridgeshire 6, Essex 5

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**Can We Centralise in England?**

**THE QUESTION IS:**

"It is frequently asserted that most of the World's great players come from localised centres, where all the best players can practise and play one another every day. If this is so, is there any practical scheme by which a similar method could be adopted in England, bearing in mind the domestic difficulties involved?"

answered by Victor Barna

**THERE can be little doubt that countries where table tennis is centralised enjoy a marked advantage over other countries where the game happens to be decentralised for geographical reasons.

Ever since the International Table Tennis Federation was formed and World Championships began to be held regularly, the most coveted trophy — the Swaythling Cup — has been won without exception by nations where table tennis is centralised in and around one city.

Table tennis in Budapest, Prague and Vienna means in reality table tennis in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Austria, anyhow, where the top class is concerned. Not only do all the best players live in the same area, but they very frequently belong to the same clubs. This means that they practice together all the time, besides constantly meeting each other in tournaments and exhibitions. So a youngster with real talent has every opportunity of watching them and playing against them; and his talent is likely to be spotted and encouraged in the shortest possible time.

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The Decisive Match

Tense Quarter-Final Duel of
Leach v. Rootho'ft

Last year at Budapest it could be said that Bergmann won his title when he beat Vana in the quarter-final. So this time it is fair to say that Leach won his title when he beat Rene Rootho'ft in the quarter-final. A few notes on this key match are printed here in the hope of conveying something of the keen tension in which every member of the British parties shared.

By Jack Carrington

RENE ROOTHOFT, with the confidence of previous victories over Leach and having just beaten Vana, showed much improvement. He has great speed and control in defence and consistency in attack—qualities so similar to those of Leach that both men had to wait very patiently for openings. There was, however, no stone-wallmg. When the ball did sit up a little, the initiative was gallantly exploited by either side.

It thus became a somewhat mathematical struggle for those precious points, and, for once, figures probably give a fairer picture than any stroke descriptions.

In all five games the men were just about level at 15-15, and only on the last five services could one force a chink in the other's armour.

Leach was obviously itching to unleash his faster attack, but he never had the lead to gamble with. When he led two games to one we felt better, but glumness soon returned as Rootho'ft piled up an 8-0 lead in the fourth. Yet Johnny drew up to 11-12, levelled at 16-16, and had a match point at 20-19! This was enough to crack most French players we have known, but Rootho'ft was still in there fighting, took the game, and even led at 10-7 at the change-over in the final game.

12-9 to Rootho'ft . . . and then out came those inner fighting qualities which won Leach the world title in 1949, and which he seldom has to reveal in home tournaments.

Up he came to 15-15. Which one would crack now? Rootho'ft, we thought, as Johnny ran away to 20-16. We sat back, relaxing, as the Englishman put on pressure for his kill.

But hard attack had proved fatal throughout this match. Even now Rootho'ft thrived on it.

20-17 . . . 20-18 . . . 20-19!

Leach coughed nervously and wiped imaginary sweat from his brow, and decided there could be no going back.

Again he drove hard. For the first time making good wide angles which finally spread-eagled the Frenchman's defence, then with a risky cross-court switch to the forehand corner, Johnny clinched the deal 21-19. All wrong, said the tacticians. But it worked, said that inner voice that speaks to champions in times of stress.

Leach v. Tereba

VERY different was Leach v. Tereba that evening. The 35-year-old Czech, the first and greatest of the two-wing attacking school, who can still dictate the play to any opponent.

Now Leach had no strategical decisions to make; he had to deal with the facts of the moment . . . and these facts came kicking over the net from Tereba's powerful arm in endless succession . . . wide to the forehand, sharp down the backhand line . . . and that vicious bouncing kill at the body!

Tereba, using a very full-arm forehand action, seemed conscious that he could not last out a five-game affair.

Perhaps he set the pace too fast for himself, because after winning the first 23-21, he rather "blew out" in the second at 9-21. Yet still he came up to deuce in the third.

The manner of Tereba's failure in this vital game was typically gallant. Leach actually led 20-15 when the Czech put his last ounce of strength and science into all-out attack. It was a Rootho'ft crisis in reverse, and this time Leach lost the five long duels to find himself in yet another deuce struggle.

When Tereba lost that one 22-24 the sad truth was written in his face. Once again he was not going to win that world title which his skill and courageous match play would surely have earned him at one time or other, but for the 1940-46 break in the series.

Even in the fourth game, however, the doomed Tereba refused to let Leach attack, and went down 11-21 with all guns firing, bravely but by this time erratically.

(It was Leach to whom Tereba had to bow in the World's of 1947, in the year when he "cleaned up" in the strongest English Open entry since the war.)

A few minutes after this last hard blow I saw the Czech laughing broadly at the hectic ups-and-downs of the Rove Twins' doubles final. A very gallant sportsman.

WORLD CHAMPION TEAM 1951

The Czechoslovakian team, winners of the World Championships (Swaythling Cup) 1951. Left to right: Josef Hroch (Captain), Bohumil Vana, Ivan Andreasid and Vaclav Tereba. To win his World Singles title, Johnny Leach had to beat both Tereba and Andreasid and the conqueror of Vana.
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5. Belgium
d. 5-1

6. Iran
d. 5-0

7. Israel
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8. Greece
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Final group play-offs: Hungary 5, Jugoslavia 3; Czechoslovakia 5, Jugoslavia 1

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### How British Players Fared

The abbreviations used are as follows:

- A.—Austria; Be.—Belgium; Br.—Brazil; C.—Czechoslovakia; En.—England; F.—France; Gr.—Greece; H.—Hungary; In.—India; Ir.—Ireland; Is—Israel; It.—Italy; P.—Portugal; R.—Romania; Sc.—Scotland; Sw.—Sweden; U.S.—United States; V.—Vietnam; W.—Wales; Y.—Yugoslavia.

#### Men's Singles

**Qualifying Rounds**

- Hamilton (E.) beat Bergias (U.S.) 15, 13, 6; w.o.
- Beltrami (It.) lost to Tran Van Lieu (V.) —5, —3, —9.
- Hurlock (E) lost to Tran Van Lieu —12, —17, —18.
- Taylor (E.) lost to Galeano (P.) —6, —8, —17.
- Jones (E.) lost to Awarth (A.) —12, 19, —12.
- Briggs (E.) bt. Lauffer (A.) —18, 10, 17, 19.
- Frecker (E) lost to Karl (A.) —12, —15, —19.
- Walton (E.) bt. Rahn (A.) 15, 8, —16, 18; bt. Nader (A. 17, 16, 20; lost to Peio (P.) 14, —17, —13, —8.

**First Round**

- Kennedy (E) bt. Carvalho (P.) 15, 13, 9.
- Simons (E.) bt. Gounopoulos (Gr.) 9, 11, 11.
- Dolinar (Y.) bt. Chugg (W.) 20, —20, 12, 18.
- Andreadis (E) bt. Harrower (E.) 10, 11, 11.
- Thornhill (E) bt. Khamoushy (Ir.) 18, —17, 8, —10, 16.
- Diwald (A.) bt. M. Jones (W.) —14, —12, 18, 14.
- Leach (E) bt. I. Severo (Br.) 13, 16, 8.
- Crayden (E) bt. Maggi (It.) 11, 16, 14.
- Hayden (E) bt. Nguyen Van Ho (V.) —17, 14, 10, —19, 18.
- Venner (E) bt. Molina (It.) 17, 14, 13.
- Vana (C) bt. Carrington (E) 10, 17.

**Second Round**

- Kennedy bt. Mauritiz (Ge.) 18, 14, 14.
- Cartland (U.S.) bt. Simons 23, 9, 10.
- Thornhill bt. Feio (P.) 22, 17, 8.
- Leach bt. Bhandari (In.) 18, 16, 14.
- Andreadis bt. Harrower (E.) 14, 19, 22.
- Roothoft (F.) bt. Haydon (E.) 17, 14, 13.
- Venner (E) bt. ·Molina (It.) 17, 14, 13.
- Thornhill bt. Feio (P.) 22, 17, 8.

**Third Round**

- Kennedy bt. Hartinger (A.) 12, 14, —20, 18.
- Thornhill bt. Finkelnstein (Is.) —14, 19, 18.
- Leach bt. Cafeiro (P.) 16, 18, —21, 9.

**Fourth Round**

- Somael (U.S.) bt. Kennedy 8, 19, 9.
- Tereba (C) bt. Thornhill 15, —19, 19, 12.
- Leach bt. Reisman (U.S.) 9, 17, 17.

**Fifth Round**

- Leach bt. Roothoft —17, 14, 16, —22, 19.

#### Women's Singles

**Qualifying Rounds**

- Robbins (E) lost to Roberts (E.) 9, 11, 11.
- Knott (E) bt. Weidinger (A.) 16, —18, 12, 15.
- Minarik (A.) —18, 24, 16, 19.

**First Round**

- Pithie (Sc.) bt. Leipnik (Is.) 13, 14, 12.
- Franks (E) bt. Coombes (W.) 11, 12, —19, 12.
- Karpati (H) bt. Roberts (E.) 17, —16, 18, 11.
- D. Rowe (E) bt. Cedelova (C) 11, —14, 11, 15.
- Wouters (Be.) bt. Crewes (W.) 15, 11, 9.
- Pritzi (A) bt. Knott 9, 11, 11.
- Roseanu (E) bt. Temunovic (Y.) 18, —24, 15, 16.
- Krejcova (C) bt. Bates (W.) —13, 14, 16, —14, 17.
- Elliot (Sc.) bt. Hajkova (C) 10, 17, 14.

**Second Round**

- Pithie bt. Franks 19, 21, 13.
- Elliot bt. Gray 13, 8, 14.

**Third Round**

- Werti (A) bt. Elliot 18, 16, 14.

**Fourth Round**

- Thall-Neuberger (U.S.) bt. R. Rowe —18, —17, 16, 12.
Important matters are summarised here monthly. Readers are invited to send any queries for official ruling or comment to the Editor.

The N.E.C. Look into Ball Problems.

On April 6th members of the N.E.C. had a one-day tour of the factory of a table tennis ball manufacturer, in which they were shown all the processes from raw material to the packeted product, heard the manufacturer’s problems and discussed all angles. We hope to publish a detailed account in May Table Tennis.

FROM ETTA SELECTION COMMITTEE

20th March, 1951.

The following team selected to play INDIA at Eltham on the 3rd April, 1951:

J. LEACH (Essex); A. SIMONS (Glos.); M. THORNHILL (Middx.); Miss R. ROWE and Miss D. ROWE (Middx.).

The following nominated for the Invitation To urn arme nt, Liege, Belgium, on 14th-15th April, 1951:

J. LEACH (Essex); M. THORNHILL (Middx.); Miss R. ROWE (Middx.).

S. BOROS

IN February a letter was received from S. Boros stating that he was appearing in a stage act with Bergmann, a suspended player. Boros was advised of the position, irregularities, penalties, etc., and told he could refer to the Appeals Committee if he wished. No reply was received, and Boros was therefore suspended indefinitely as from March 19th, 1951.

FILM

NEGOTIATIONS are proceeding with the purpose of reproducing the Swedish film of the World Championships, 1949 (won by Johnny Leach v. Vana), with an English commentary.

NATIONAL COACHING SCHEME

ALL arrangements are now complete for the Coaching Week-end to take place at the Lilleshall National Recreation Centre, Newport, Salop., from April 3rd to 15th, 1951. JACK CARRINGTON is Chief Instructor, and has prepared a detailed syllabus for the course which has been circulated to all concerned.

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OBITUARY

Z. MECHLOVITS

MR. ZOLTAN MECHLOVITS, runner-up in the Men’s Singles at the first Table Tennis World Championships in London in 1926, and winner of the Championship the following year, died in Budapest on March 29th, 1951, after a long illness.

He had helped and advised all the succession of brilliant Hungarian players and world winners who have for so long made Hungary the dominating power in this sport. In recognition of his services to the game he was unanimously elected Honorary Member of the International Table Tennis Federation at a Congress earlier this month.

Mr. Mechlovits also offered help and advice to the English players, and deepest sympathy is expressed to the Hungarian Table Tennis Association at the loss of this irreplaceable pioneer.

RESULT OF ‘JIMMY JUNIOR’ COMPETITION

AFTER taking into account the value of the competitors’ advice, the method of setting it out in their entries, and the likelihood of it succeeding in match-play, our prize (a year’s free subscription to Table Tennis) is awarded to:

Miss K. HEYWOOD, 44, Burgass Road, Nottingham.

Runner-up is H. B. Mills, M.E. Branch, H.Q. Western Command, Chester. Honorable mention for a teen-ager’s entry, Howard Richards, Orchard Cottage, Hengish Road, Erith.

Tongue-in-Cheek Diploma goes to Mr. G. E. Harris, of Carshalton, who tells us: “The wide push out to ‘F’ gives me my chance to employ my favourite shot, a backhand drive, heavily chopped and sliced and going away around the opposite net post!”

Yes, Mr. Harris, we used to try that one. Then we decided to learn table tennis. JACK CARRINGTON.

A Great Champion

“THE LAST WORD . . .”

ANGELICA ROSEANU, the tiny Rumanian ballet dancer, described by Jack Carrington as “the last word in women’s table tennis,” is here seen in action (in her track suit) at Vienna when she led the Rumanian women’s team to victory over the Austrian. For two years running she has beaten Gizi Farkas decisively in the Women’s Singles and performed “miracles” in her team and double challenges. She is a worthy champion of the world and on her current form will take a lot of beating.

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The Only Bat Theory
3 World-ranking Hungarians give their opinions

EVERYONE knows how much every T.T. player loves his bat. his "unique" bat, like a father loves his child. It's the apple of his eye, he takes care of it, and even dresses it. One player dresses it with a leather jacket, another has a dress specially made for it in fine English tissue.

He always lives with fear that someone might break it by sitting on it, that the sun will burn it, or that the rain will wet it. I even saw a competitor who, before his match, while pressing his bat against his heart and kissing it on its two cheeks (forehand cheek and backhand cheek), was whispering to it: "And now, make some right balls, old boy. I beg of you ..."

Most players are apt to swear: "There exists a one and only bat, and that one is mine. It is indispensable!"

When the wood of the bat starts to warp, the player files it anxiously. If the rubber is wearing in the middle, he replaces it with cut patches. Even when it's breaking its "neck" (not a rare case among those veterans) he tries to mend it and prolong the life of his old "sport's Pal" by riveting a aluminium band on the "neck" in peril.

There are some real Old Bat sanatoriums where half a dozen "doctors" take care of minor to serious "operations."

I went to see the three top Hungarian players to see what they thought of the legend of the "One-and-only" bat.

Koczan is just busy "dressing" his bat after his five won matches. He perspires, but it is the bat which will have his 
"pullover" first, notwithstanding that it does not show any sign of fatigue.

"I love it very much. Why deny it?" says he, caressing the bat tenderly. "Its rubber is perfect—that is a rare thing to-day.

"You can always tell if the rubber is of good quality: if you touch the rubber lightly and if you feel shivers along your spine, it means that the rubber is of good quality. I have also the same feeling when I think of the loss of my bat. It is the same sensation as when I see on the other side of the table, a fellow that belongs, let's say, of the Bergmann class. It is my second bat. I do my best to prolong its life. But no, it is not true to say that there is a one-and-only bat. A good player can soon get accustomed to a new bat. If it is a good one, of course. Changing of a bat may lead to a speedy defeat in causing a loss of 2-4 points per set."

Soos always has a smile on his face. He starts with a good word. Like always: "It is my own name that comes to mind if I think of the loss of my bat: S.O.S. ... But seriously speaking. This is an old Hungarian bat from legendary times of the Hungarian ping-pong. I am attached to it until its last minutes, I mend it by filling its edges, it does not worry me if its size wears down to the size of a hand mirror. By replacing the rotten parts, I have glued on it so many rubber patches that it resembles already the map of Europe.

"No, I do not think that I shall ever play with another table tennis bat."

Sido is a formidable lad. In his enormous paw his bat seems to be a child's plaything.

"I will kill one legend with another," he says. "My incident with a table tennis bat is well known. In 1947, at the World's Championships in Paris, I did not excel myself in the team competitions by playing with my own bat. Fortunately, I fell and broke my bat. I was desperate. It was Huguenauer who sympathised with me. He gave as a present one of his bats. I am going to be very brief. I defeated with this new bat—which had still an extraordinary shape—every one of my opponents. I made them knock-out in a very dignified way. I never played so well until that day, and have never played so well since. I was not able then to defeat Vana in the final, but since I have beaten him several times with that same bat.

"It is thus not true, this legend of the 'unique and indispensable' bat. For me there is only my wrist which is indispensable. And that—I won't change."

MEMBERS of the N.E.C.
the 'Cabinet' of the E.T.T.A.

D. J. ROWLEY
(Midland Region)
Hon. General Secretary.
Worcester T.T. League.

DENIS J. ROWLEY, single, pipe-smoking, and with a quiet sense of humour, is a newcomer to the N.E.C. and could be described as a Minister Without Portfolio. The late Charlie Bull, cricketer, T.T. International, and President of the Worcestershire League, had a big effect on Denis Rowley's game after he started some 25 years ago. As a player, he has one of those awkward penholder styles (now utilised on behalf of an Old Boys' team), and insists that his standard of play goes in inverse relation to his experience. Has "knocked the ball" about in many parts of Europe and some impossible Naafi's, and is keen on Lawn Tennis, Cricket, Soccer, Swimming, Cycling, Dancing, with a spot of good music or singing for the quieter (?) occasion.

Has realised one ambition in seeing the Rowe Twins win the World's Doubles title. Now wants to see T.T. accord the publicity it deserves in the national Press. Pet hate: the "win-at-all-costs" gentleman. Likes a good argument, the non-commercialism and the friendship-making qualities of T.T.

Next Month: E. G. WHITE.

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Jackie Head's 3 Wins
PORTSMOUTH OPEN
4th February, 1951
By Leslie Brumwell

JACKIE HEAD, Surrey seccon who beat the first, won all three titles. In a tense five-game final he defeated HARRY VENNER by the odd point in the fifth. Venner fought hard to win the fourth on match points and pulled up well in the 5th, but I thought him too backhand-conscious at the expense of his old devastating forehand. If Venner appeared unusually defective, I remember it is difficult to attack when opposing Head.

In the semi's Venner avenged his Sussex Open defeat by Tony Miller, while Brumwell, after a stormy opening win against Head, faded out. After losing the first game to 6 in the W.S. against Margaret Fry, young Doreen Spooner severely shook the Bristol girl by taking the second game.

W.S. Miss M. Fry bt Miss G. D. Seaman. Miss D. Spooner bt Miss Pomeroy.

Yorks Junior Open
Barnsley, 3rd March, 1951
By Stanley Hanson

WITH an entry of 300, this Junior event assumes "senior" importance. Despite several handicaps there was a real grand spirit, first-class play and no moans. Players unable to return (-ranging from M.D. finals of J.S. to Northumberland) were welcomed into the homes of Barnsley League members. Encouraging to see Yorks youngsters this year share the honours 50-50 with Lancs.

Noted.—Bennett (Dewsbury) reaching quarter-finals of Y.S. and semi-finals of J.S. MISS P. Heppell (Hexham) needing Junior International Jeff Inger to give her a 4th round k.o. in the Senior-finals.

W.S. P. H. Smith J. Ingerette — 17, — 18, 18.
D. Ellerton/B. B. Wright, 13, Stevenson/Pindred bt Smith/Brook 16, 16.

FINALS
W.S. Miss C. K. Best Miss J. Markay 17.

Grimsby Open titles
17th March
Finale
M.S. P. SKEWerras bt G. Haimatlaw 18, 17, 10.
W.S. Miss D. MUNNINGS bt Miss M. Sultana 19, 14, 17.
M.D. P. SKEWerras/M. Sultana bt. A. Hall/N. Ingham 14, 18, 17.

Sugden and Sultana provide shocks
Improving Yorks Form

NORTH-EAST ENGLAND OPEN
Scarborough, 24-26th March
By Ernest Moorhouse

OVER 150 competitors comprising about 400 entries included the Indian World Championship team just commencing a tour of England. The keynote was the excellent condition, equipment and facilities, which included hot and cold showers. The semi-finals were completed on Easter Saturday; the Junior and Youth events on Monday morning only; all quarter- and semi-finals on Monday afternoon. This arrangement made ideal conditions for a punctual start of the finals at 7.15 on one table, with the last event finishing at 10.10 p.m.

Thirteen-year-old Miss SULTANA gained a few shocks to the Juniors, and reached the semi-final of the J.B.S., before being knocked out by the ultimate winner, GEOFF PULLAR. The biggest surprise, however, was in ROY SUGDEN (Keighley) beating Brian Kennedy two straight. Sugden pulled up from 9—19 down in the first game to win 24—22, and pulled out two "winners" at 19 all in the second. PETE SKEWERRA gave a fine star exhibition in beating India's No. 2, T. Thiruvendagadam in the semi-final, 16, 19, 11, but rather tired in his final against Craigie. CATHE BEST took the W.S. title in championship style, and all the doubles titles, and the Y.S. were a triumph for Yorkshire.

FINALS
W.S. Miss C. K. Best Miss J. Markay 7, 16.
Pot-Hunter?
I hear of a certain laddie who entered the junior singles of an Open tournament, and on arriving found himself drawn against Doreen Spoons in the first round of the Girl’s Singles . . . I never did understand that Grading Scheme.

* * * At Southampton.

Favourite of the crowd at the Hampshire Open was 15-year-old DAVID HOUSE—4’ 10” of fighting spirit from Bath. In the first round of the Men’s Singles he defeated International Brian Brunwell—15, 16, 10. 10 more rounds before losing to New Zealand’s Trevor Flint. In the final of the junior singles he lost to Stan Brocklebank.

David has been playing for three seasons and already represents the Bath League in both Senior and Junior teams in the Western Counties League. He and Bryan Merrett form the most promising pair of young players in the West. They are living in a sparsely populated area as far as T.T. is concerned, but this is a handicap that can be overcome if they are given the right sort of encouragement by their Counties.

Day-to-Day Diary of England’s Junior Tourists

JANUARY, 1951

20 SAT. Late afternoon, sailed from Tilbury on the Swedish Liner Suecia. Evening with exotic magazines in lounge. On deck at 10; held on to Jeff while he hangs over stern rail to see if wake came right up to ship. Then down to bed.

21 SUN. Got up at 8 a.m.; had breakfast. Sea got up; had breakfast. Mr. Sears said couldn’t understand people who got seasick. Ugh! to lunch; back to bunks. Emerged 1 p.m. Couldn’t find Mr. Sears anywhere!

22 MON. Up at 6 a.m., nearing Goteborg. Docked at 7 and met by Mr. Sears. All to cinema in evening and see Bob Hope in “Fancy Pants.”

23 TUES. To local school in morning where children sang to us in Swedish and English. To dilemma in evening. Played ourselves before an audience of 300 odd. Back to a party at hotel. Sat talking to girls, eating, and drinking bockdrinka. Learned quite a lot of Swedish from the girls.

24 WED. Morning practise at school. Afternoon to the Tegner’s house, photographed. To Grohöd in evening and won our 1st match 6-3.

25 THUR. Visit local newspaper works, then on to school.

26 FRI. Return to Goteborg from Uddevalla and I8-mile car ride to small island. Lunch, chicken and fruit salad. Stayed noon visit T.T. equipment factory and each presented with a different type of bat."

FEBRUARY, 1951

1 THURS. Practise in morning. Afternoon visit T.T. equipment factory and each presented with a different type of bat.

2 FRI. Arrive Norrkoping about 5 p.m. after 3-hour journey. Win 5-3 but did not play well. Rather tired.

3 SAT. Arrive Sandriken. See ice-hockey match in evening. Jeff felt in love with a girl called Svea; she gave him a note which read: “What is your address? I will write you letters of love.”

5 MON. Played Gothenburg juniors 1 p.m., winning 8-1. Jeff lost to their No. 1, ARNE TARNSTROM—who took us all to three games. To a handball match in evening. Expecting boredom, found it fast and exciting.

8 THURS. Visit steelworks and then on to Vasteras. In evening, look round and bed at 9 p.m. Earliest yet.

24 SAT. Lunch, chicken and fruit salad. Stayed.

Davies of Wales, star of Junior Match invited

by

Peter Madge, T.A. page Editor

THE streamlined conditions of the Jubilee Hall provided a perfect setting for this annual clash between the two countries. The evening opened with the National Anthem and the breaking of the Union Jack, and a welcome was spoken in Welsh to the visitors.

Star of the match was MICHAEL DAVIES, of Wales, who beat the England No. 1 and 2. His quickfire hitting and beautifully timed drop-shots had our boys running in circles. Jeff Inger, try as he might, could not gain the initiative and went down in straight games. The Davies v. Booth match was undoubtedly the game of the evening; a real dingdong struggle with the attack swinging from side to side and the score creeping up point by point. It was a breathless crowd that saw Davies finally clinch the third game.

BRYAN MERRETT, making his first appearance for England, coasted home in complete calm against his two opponents and promises well for the future. The Welsh No. 1, Phillips, was unable to play and Tony Griffiths, called on in his place, seemed rather overawed by the occasion and presented no problems to his opposite numbers.

Had this match been played before the Swedish tour it would have been a far more closely fought affair; the three tourists have all improved following their many and varied experiences abroad.

After the match, players and their captains were presented with inscribed leather wallets with a photograph of the two teams together to follow.

England 8, Wales 2
C. BOOTH bt K. Pittard 15, 14; lost to M. Davies 23, 19, 18; J. INGBER bt Griffiths 21, 14; bt A. Griffiths 21, 14; bt Dimascio 10, 16; bt A. Griffiths 10, 7; B. MERRETT bt Griffiths 21, 23; bt Dimascio 17, 9; Booth/Hunt bt Pittard/Davies 13, 15; Inger/Merrett bt Dimascio/Griﬃths 17, 11.

(Concluded on page 5)
Personal Comments
of Leslie S. Woollard

You are warned. These are the personal opinions of the writer only and deal mostly with matters raised by readers.

THE POINT WAS MISSED

Some critics of my February notes, "Winning Ways," question one sentence particularly. This one: "Rarely has there been such unanimity with the official choice." I stick to my words.

I do not deny that there was criticism. In effect, I have said that rarely has there been criticism of so few. One, or at the most, two selections were not agreed; it is usually the other way round.

The point of the article, however, was that one of the most outstanding teams England ever had (Perry, Bull and Haydon) was actually a scratch team of almost unknown, untried teenagers! What a howl the critics of to-day would have had!

ON SELECTIONS

English selectors and soccer referees are the Aunt Sallies of every Tom, Dick and Harry in sport. Leveson-Gower, chairman of the M.C.C. Selection Committee in 1930, had his life threatened because a certain player was not selected. It is a curious trait of the British character that they appoint officers with specialised knowledge and in whom they have confidence, and then proceed to machine-gun their every action or decision. Something rather like the fox-hunting instinct.

When properly elected officials (of club, league, county or country) select a team, for heaven's sake let us send that team into play with wholehearted support. Don't undermine their confidence, disunite or unnerv them. Don't condemn them (or lose the match) before it's played. If you want the best results then believe the best.

THE "COLORADO BEETLES" OF TABLE TENNIS

Since the war a reprehensible type of sports pest has evolved which delights in belittling any achievement of British sports folk and who muddy every effort. They are the Colorado beetles of Sport. They poison team spirit, morale, and the whole spirit of Sportsmanship. They see good in nothing but their own spurious opinions and their own particular pets; they confuse controversy with personal malice. I think most table tennis will know just what to do with such potentially destructive pests and help in keeping the game clean from their insidious and fallacious opinions.

LEADING THE FIELD IN THE "NATIONAL"

Actually, the N.E.C. in this past year (and I am speaking with critical and factual knowledge) has been so far ahead of the critics as to be lonely. There has been earnest consideration of methods by which talented players in isolated areas can be fostered, the development and help for all member leagues, the standardisation of dress, equipment, and presentation, etc., coaching, and many matters of which some folk haven't yet thought of.

Page Fourteen
An Extra Hard "Knock-up"

Result from a national newspaper on 2nd March:

TABLE TENNIS.—Women's inter-county hard courts' championship (at Manchester): Warwickshire beat Lancashire by 7 rubbers to 2, 16 sets to 6 and 122 games to 99.

As Lancs. Chairman Tom Blunn says, "There's nothing 'soft' about Lancashire women!"

And Another!

"He just asked for a Knock-up."

FROM tiny, 20-mile-distant Iron Acton Y.C. eager teenagers travelled to challenge Gloucester Y.C. in the finals for the Stewart Granger Shield. Gloucester were victorious for the first time, while Iron Acton had only the consolation of the Senior Girls and an Iron (Acton) resolve to come back fighting next year.

B.S.T. (Ball Saving Times)

LAST year the Sittingbourne T.T.A. gave a special marking to the balls used in the Kent Open Championships. Quantity used went down to 104 dozen.

This year, the same procedure was adopted. Yet despite a larger entry, the number used this year went down to 7 dozen! Local permutation experts are now trying to work out how long it will be before the organisers finish with more balls than they started with.

JOHNNY LEACH, reigning World Champion, is due to start his tour to India, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand on May 16th. He will be accompanied by Michael Haguenaier, and will be away until late September.

Six hundred odd enthusiasts witnessed the best-ever finals of the Hereford Championships recently when Norman Gawthrope beat Doug Paton in an exciting match. The presence of Johnny Leach and Jack Carrington for exhibitions appeared to stimulate both interest and standard of play.

P. POPPLE.

TEEN-AGE TOPPERS

YVONNE BAKER, after beating Doreen Spooner in the J.G.S. of the Bedfordshire Open, one week later, wins the Essex Closed titles of both the J.G.S. and the Women's Singles title...a notable performance.

WILLIE KNIGHT (14 years old), Northampton senior champion, recently defeated Peter Holroyd, Bedfordshire Closed Champion, and also Doug Randall, Bedfordshire No.1, the latter after being two games down. Left-hander Willie is at present one of the L.T.A. pupils under Dan Maskell.

Thirteen-year-old JOHN CHAMBERLAIN distinguished himself by winning the M.S. title (Div. 2) in the recent Spalding League Championships.

Our Dumb Blonde thinks a Table Tennis Fan is something to cool one down.

MISS MAVIS CRUST (Spalding) became the new Lincs. Closed champion (W.S.), on the 25th February, beating holder Mrs. P. Lammin (Grimsby) in the semi-final. With H. Hardy she also reached the final of the mixed, only to find their match in Derek Merryweather and Mrs. M. Coupland. Wendy Bladen (Boston) beat Pat Andrew (Spalding) in the J.G.S.

The R.A.F. Association (Spalding branch), by beating Nottingham branch 6–0 in the quarter-finals of the Eastern Area K.O. tournament, now qualify to meet the winner of Northants/Lincs.

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**Bedfordshire Honours Leach and Rowe Twins**

Simons wins Title in Star Entry

Luton, 24th March

The Players of Honour in the Bedfordshire Open were of course, World Champions JOHNNY LEACH and the ROWE TWINS, and the Bedfordshire T.T.A. made this a Commemorative Celebration in public tribute to these great English players. In addition to the special programme for the occasion, a token personal presentation was made to each of these champions by Sir Charles and Lady Bartlett on behalf of the Bedfordshire T.T.A. who etched this engraver with wording similar to the programme note:

"They are World Champions in every sense of the word; in charm of manner, in playing technique, in appearance, modesty, sportsmanship and manners, their fight and tenacity, their quality of winning gracefully and their grace to lose winningly."  

This fine spirit of friendliness pervaded the whole tournament, and made it not only a great meet of players, but a memorable social gathering of players from everywhere in the country. "Such was the strength of the entry," says Mr. Atherton (Surrey County), "that it was easier to count the few famous names missing than to recount those present," and more than one called it "Little England."  

The Bedfordshire T.T.A. attempted (in their first effort) to stage the perfect Open for players and spectators. The vast hall of Vauxhall Motors Recreation Club set out with 22 courts and first-class tables was a wonderful sight. In this huge arena, between 400 and 500 persons, involving 700-800 entries, were scheduled to play through to the final in one day. The key problem was the finding of 88 umpires every hour for nine hours! Relying solely on volunteers, this was well nigh insurmountable, and resulted in the finals starting over an hour late, and seriously handicapped the organizers in the proper final staging they had planned.

Geoff James (assisted by L. Montgredien) was the referee and Geoffrey Decker was responsible for the admirable equipment and conditions, while Vauxhall Motors Recreation Club provided ideal facilities and co-operation.

Brief notes of the many outstanding matches and personalities will appear in May Table Tennis.

**FINALS**

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**W.S.**


**D.D.**


**X.D.**

J. LEACH/D. ROWE bt. A. Simons/J. Rowe 12, 21, 16.

**W.D.**

D. and R. ROWE bt. B. Bassett/ E. King 11, 12.

**J.B.S.**

J. WADE bt. S. Brocklebank 12, 15, 12.

**J.G.S.**

Y. BARBER bt. D. Spooner 18, 11.

India Draws first Friendly Match

**SCARBOROUGH, 25th March**

By Ernest Moorhouse

An enthusiastic audience of 500 odd will long remember this match between the full Indian World Championships team and a scratch team of English internationals and county players which ended in a well-deserved draw (5–5). The highlight of the evening was Ken Craige’s magnificent attacking play against T. Thiruvengadam, and an unusually colourful attraction in dress and play was Miss Sayeed Sultana, the 13-year-old Indian W.S. champion.

The match was arranged at short notice by the Scarborough T.T.A. in conjunction with the Corporation, the first time that any near international match has been attempted. This event was so popular with all players and spectators that it is hoped that a full international match may be granted next year. Memorabiles were presented to each member of the Indian team.

**Results**


**A New "Open" Club**

**VICTOR BARNA'S article (in this issue) on the advantages of centralising top players has increased interest when we hear that Mr. and Mrs. Atherton (of Surrey County) plan to do something in these lines.**

On April 19th they are to open the Purley T.T.C. on well-organised lines and with the support of some of the most outstanding players of the South. It will be, in effect, a club that is open to all players anywhere who wish to become members (and with an arrangement for visitors). Although an all-the-year-round club, the number of summer sessions will depend on the demand.

A system of grading and matching, plus a numerous variety of tournaments for every grade of player, has been arranged, including some summer practice tournaments.

Such a scheme makes a notable contribution to table tennis, and we would particularly like to see the development of similar schemes in some provincial centres where there is already an abundance of outstanding talent who only need some such experience.

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