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AS England and English table tennis approaches its supreme testing before an audience of all nations, we believe that not one who knows the colossal risks and problems involved will be laggard in their help. Breathes there a soul who dares claim for his country, town, or region, when the game was at its greatest need? Every single enthusiast can help in some way; by playing, by serving, by officiating, by fund raising, by speciating. In the total urgency of this call we have invited our Chairman to use this treasured page as our Guest Leader Writer.

The EDITOR

THE GREATEST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS are now but a few weeks ahead.

It is a far cry from 1926, six teams and a few hundred pounds turnover at the Memorial Hall.

This year, at Wembley, there will be more countries taking part, and greater players, from further corners of the world, and before larger audiences than ever before. Teams will come from every quarter of the world: from China, New Zealand, Brazil, from Japan, India, U.S.A., from Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and from many other countries. There will be old champions and young newcomers, veterans and newcomers, men and girls, players and bench players, orthodox and sponge, penholders and "shake-hands."

This is an event never likely to be repeated in our generation.

Table Tennis has attained such a scale that proposals are readily being made for biennial championships, continental qualifications, and the like. It is a great compliment to English Table Tennis that they have been granted the opportunity to stage this great "Climax" Championships, as we staged their beginning.

No player with aspirations will wish to miss having a part in such an area should certainly be a subscriber. Enquiries should be made DIRECT to the appropriate local officials.

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TABLE TENNIS AND TELEVISION

Table Tennis made its T.V. debut in the 1936-37 season with exhibitions by Victor Barna, Jimmy McClure, Ruth Aarons, Kettnerova and W. J. "Bill" Pope as referee and expert. In the last year or so, we have become forcibly aware of an immense popularity for Table Tennis among viewers. We regret that our intended review of T.V. and T.T., dealing authoritatively with method, effect, presentation and personalities was not complete in time for press. Meanwhile here are 3 varied views. Perhaps you have some ideas on the subject?

Lady Docker


Television last night brought us a series of table tennis matches. One of these, a men's singles, was a thrilling occasion to me, a keen and—I am told—a fairly good table tennis player myself.

In fact this game gave me the thrill of the television week—and the biggest disappointment. For the two men having each won a game, did NOT play the deciding game. Television chopped them off to bring on the next pair—two girls. This convinced me on one point I needed no convincing about. That is that women can never be the equal of men in any field. And that includes table tennis.

The girls were slow and dull after the men. Why women try to compete with men I don't know. They can never claim equality. I didn't try when I had to earn my living. I wouldn't try now and I don't see why other women should. Let them be women and let the men be men. That has been a pretty successful arrangement so far. Why alter it?

Of course I was disappointed that we were not able to see the two men table tennis players finish their thrilling battle...

I Watched the Clock...

The arranged friendly exhibition match from Glasgow, on Dec. 11th, 1953.

The next time they show 45 minutes of table tennis on TV I hope it is my choir practice night. It seemed it would never end last night. I watched the clock more than the screen.

H. de Winton Wigley.

News Chronicle.

Black Mark, Umpires!

3,000,000 people, it is estimated, have watched recent table tennis programmes on T.V., surely the finest medium for publicity and prestige building any organisation could ever hope to have. The cause is not helped by depriving it of dignity, such as on two occasions when the umpires repeatedly addressed and referred to players by their christian names.

Two horrible examples were the "You're serving, Johnny," during the England v. France match, and the "Ros serving," used in a telecast from the Metropolitan Open.

Imagine such a thing happening at Wimbledon! And is it really necessary for players to chase and pick up the balls themselves? Let us take another example from Wimbledon and provide ball-boys, particularly when we are "ON SHOW".

Peter Madge

Ken Craigie's Secret Weapon?

No. 965 Photo: L. Montevedien

Ken Craigie (left), the gay cavalier of T.T., caught demonstrating his Frying Pan Drive at a Kingston exhibition. (Is this permissible under the Laws of the Game?) In summer time, Ken wields the lawn tennis racquet for Cambs. County and the Civil Service. When it is match T.T. before, the Mayor, however, its shorts, a real bat, and the full Craigie fireworks, as under.

No. 973 F. Madge

Joie de Vivre

might be another name for Joyce Fielder (Kent), 16-year-old runner-up to Ann Haydell and Jill Rook for junior international honours, and now in full chase of the Daily Mirror senior national title. She won the junior title last year, and ranks as No. 2 junior for Kent County.

Joyce is quite an acrobatic player at times, but we are a shade suspicious of this door-high leap for a return...? No doubt about the smile... we once heard a judge-sobber boy say incredulously, "But you CAN'T he all that good, because you're always smiling!... May Joyce go on smiling and winning, and may she always keep that modesty that is one of her most winning charms...

Great-uncle, Arthur Fielder, by the way, was the great England and Kent fast bowler of the 1900's... He once took all 10 wickets in a Gentlemen v. Players cricket match.
BRING BACK THE GROUPS
A 4-Point Plan for Better Tournaments
By GEOFF COULTHEAD

TOURNAMENTS, long a popular feature of T.T., may dwindle from the T.T. calendar because of economic circumstances. It may be a survival of the best, but I want to stimulate a return to the tournament habit coupled with the guarantee of a financial success to the organisers. (N.B. These are honorary—the money goes back into the game). NOW is the time to face up to this problem; action NOW may save a tournament from extinction. The application for holding an Open Tournament in 1954-55 (next season) must be in the office of the E.T.T.A. by next May, so everyone with the interest of the open tournament should speak up NOW . . . The result may also help the E.T.T.A. Open Tournaments Sub-Committee in their considerations.

The problem is to balance the budget; Income must at least equal the Costs. What does this involve?

1. PRINTING
(a) Entry Forms.
(b) Notifications.
(c) Handbills.
(d) Posters.
(e) Draw Sheets.
(f) Score Sheets.
(g) Programmes.

2. POSTAGES. Mainly on (a), (b) and invites to officials (e.g., Guests, County Umpires, etc.).

3. HOSPITALITY. Refreshments for invited officials.

4. PRIZES for Winners and Runners-up.

5. HIRE of Tables and Equipment, etc.

6. BALLS.

7. HIRE OF HALL(S).

8. MISCELLANEOUS: Telephones, Stationery, Transport, Insurance, Gratuities or payments to permanent staff, Advertising and Publicity.

INCOME
10. ENTRY FEES. (A percentage must be paid to the E.T.T.A.: sometimes also to the County Association).

11. ADMISSION CHARGES (Tickets), usually only for finals night.

12. PROGRAMMES (Sale).

13. ADVERTISEMENTS (sometimes).

A tournament involving a 1,500 entry form issue will need a hall for one week; the cost in the neighbourhood of £150. Say half of this cost is to be met by entries and half by the finals "gate." £75 must be raised from each source. This means an audience of 450 at an average admission of 3/6d. and an entry of 300 at an average of 5/-.

Note, however, that juniors and those who only enter one event bring only a small entry fee, and must be balanced by more entering in all events. Similarly, all the higher priced seats must be sold.

My 4-Point Plan to solve the Problem is:
1. Return to the Group System.
2. Increase entry fees for singles BUT give a
3. Free ticket for all nights, including Finals, for each singles entrant.
4. All Open Tournament entry fees to be standardised by the E.T.T.A.

On the Group System, every player would be guaranteed 3 games (4 in a group) and feel more satisfied than with the frustrating experience of losing in the first round. The free ticket (exchangeable for a better seat at reduced price) would maintain their interest until the last stages, instead of only one night as at present happens only too often. Singles entry fees vary from 3/- to 5/-, I would like to see these standardised by the E.T.T.A. and the cost of the "free" seat be deductible from the percentage of fees payable to the E.T.T.A. Where I have suggested above (2) that singles entry fees be increased, this is only to bring the lower fees to a higher standardised fee.

Geoff Coulthread.
The Audience Takes the Cake at S. London

South London Open, Clapham Baths Hall, 16th January, 1954

I n this most excellent of tournaments, Topsy and Turvy gaily turned over the Form Book and most of the seeds were "Gone With the Wind." Top juniors, Michael Maclaren and Ray Dorking, direct the senior event to reach the semi-finals. Hinchliff 17, 18. Jackie Head and the from France, illuminated their paths through -13, 15, 16. Betty Gray travelled via no chances. Jackie reached home first—a Head before Turner the centre court via Joyce Fielder 14, 12; -19, 20, 8, and arrived, with the confidence rampant Ron Turner shaded junior final On the way Maclaren edged out Len Adams Milbank -15, 22, 25 and Joyce Winn, good player to do that. Winn) with a narrow W.D. win over Audrey Bates at her own game. It needs a very

Exciting Matches for Last Rounds of National League Champion

O NCE A G A I N, the Great National T.T. Cup Competitions to find the Champion League Teams of England approach their climax, hiding in their summary many new names, new triumphs, and raising the standards and the status of all who took part. These Competitions are the Cup Finals of T.T. . . . they are something in which EVERY League—including the humblest—can, and should, take part.

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(Men's League Team) Championship

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The Zone Final

The Zone Finals must be played by January 24th.

The Semi- and Finals will be played on Saturday, 27th February, 1954.

The WILMOTT CUP FINALS (a n d semi) at Romford, and the J. M. ROSE BOWL FINALS (and semi) at Southam-pton.
The METROPOLITAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The super-elegant, stream-lined, iconoclastic MET. lived up to its reputation in a sparkling parade of exciting matches.

"There will be no Time-Limit games," declared referee Jack Kurz, pointing to the Expedite Rule. (Is this the only Open bold enough to operate the Alternative Rule?)

Players from some 15 counties competed; 8 were represented in the finals by 19 different players. The absence of England's top players in France and Belgium still left a high and exciting excellence of play.

Outstanding, perhaps, were Terry Denham, Joyce Fielder and Peter Shad. In the M.S. Terry beat Bobby Raybould -9, 17, 19 and Vic Atterden; 8 were represented In the M.S. semi-final, Alan Rhodes slipped to Ron Crayden. In beating junior international Brian Barr in the B.S. final to retain his title, Terry was magnificent, and his play was better than his first game, he went "wild," but it was a beautifully controlled wildness of hit, counterhit and agile defence that stopped aggressive Barr at 10 and 9.

Terry Denham has for long shown promise; here he showed inspiration. Junior Joyce Fielder ended a fine "senior" performance when she lost first game, 16, 13, 19; Barbara Milbank 16, 13; M. Thornhill bt. R. Turner 14, 19, 18; lost J. Winn 5, 15. W. Bates bt. A. Freeman 16, 15.

FINALS

M.S. A. RHODES bt. (sf) R. Crayden 16, 14, 14; bt. H. Venner 14, 17, 16 (bt. W. Shad 19, 17, 19).

M.S. B. RYKER bt. (sf) H. Venner 14, 17, 16; bt. B. Milbank 16, 13; M. CHERRY 8, 13 (bt. F. Purkiss 16, 15, 19).


M.D. J. HEAY/V. SMAN bt. (sf) P. Shead 19, 19.


M.D. R. BURR bt. W. Shad 16, 19.

COUNTY MATCH FIXTURES—FEBRUARY

PRESIDENT PREMIER DIVISION:
Sat. 13th Feb. Yorkshire v. Gloucestershire, St. John's Ambulance Drill Hall, Anlaby Hall, 7 p.m.
Sat. 13th Feb. Lancashire v. Sussex, Preston Upper B.I., Bishopstoke, Preston, 7.15 p.m.
Wed. 17th Feb. Surrey v. Essex, St. Savour Hall, Woodford Road, Guildford, 7.15 p.m.
Fri. 19th Feb. Lancashire v. Essex, H.M.C.A., Bolton, 7.15 p.m.
Fri. 19th Feb. Yorkshire v. Surrey, Attercliffe Hall, Attercliffe Rd., Sheffield, 1, 7.30 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH:
Sat. 12th Feb. Middlesex v. Surrey, Methodist Church Hall, East Finchley, N.2, 7.15 p.m.
Sat. 20th Feb. Kent v. Devon.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH:
Sat. 12th Feb. Warwickshire v. Northumberland, Parish Church Hall, Vickers, 7.30 p.m.

SOUTHERN DIVISION:

EASTERN DIVISION:
Fri. 11th Feb. Cambridgeshire v. Norfolk, New Che stom School, Holland Rd., Cambridge, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 20th Feb. Hertfordshire v. Suffolk, Town Hall, Waltham Abbey, 7.30 p.m.

MIDLAND DIVISION:
Sat. 11th Feb. Staffordshire v. Worcestershire, Dudley, 7.15 p.m.
Sat. 11th Feb. Leicestershire v. Derbyshire.

JUNIOR DIVISION:
Sat. 20th Feb. Kent v. Middlesex, Town Hall, Sittingbourne, 3 p.m.
Sat. 20th Feb. Bedfordshire v. Hertfordshire, Bedford, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 20th Feb. Suffolk v. Surrey, J.C.I. Canteen, Newmarket, 7.30 p.m.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

PREMIER DIVISION

MIDDLESEX, the Champions, were given a really hard fight by Glamorgan, and a 5-1 all would not have been unfair to the Welsh County. Their stars were Betty Gray and Walter Sweetland. Walter found the form that made him such a force several years ago and had excellent wins over Derek Burridge and Len Adams, whilst Betty really went to town in beating Diane Rowe 21-17, 21-12.

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SOUTHERN DIVISION

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Yorkshire. It was good to see York­

weakened team, only just drew 'with

Hertfordshire 4 4 0 0 31 9

Meanwhile Warwickshire, with a weakened team, only just drew with Yorkshire. It was good to see Yorkshire junior, Jackson, win both his singles, as did R. Dove, whom I am told plays with (hush) a sponge rubber bat.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

HERE is a battle royal here between Hampshire and Berkshire, with the odds on the former county, who have twice previously won this division.

Review by GEOFF HARROWER

Berkshire made no mistake against Oxfordshire, although the losers put up an improved showing. E. Minns being particularly unlucky in just losing both his singles by the narrowest of margins.

EASTERN DIVISION

HERE is no denying Herts., in their section, and their latest success, against Norfolk, gives them a commanding lead. For the losers H. Fleck did well to beat A. Rogers, and share in a doubles success with G. Whitaker. The former Kent Junior, Janet White, won both her matches for Herts.

MIDLAND DIVISION

DERBYSHIRE are making a great effort to gain their first ever title, and they gained a thrilling success over Worcestershire to go into the lead on games average. There was tremendous excitement when, with the score at 5-4 to Derby, A. T. Bird gained both points for his county with a 21-23, 21-17, 23-21 win over M. Hawkins in the final match. All credit to Worcestershire for fighting back after losing the first four matches.

Meanwhile, Staffordshire made no mistake against luckless Northants, who forced five matches to three games without winning one of them. All the Midlands now awaits the Derby/Staffs clash on the 27th Feb.

JUNIOR DIVISION

IT IS obvious that the match between Sussex and Surrey on the very last day of the county season (27th March) will decide the Championships, and it would be a bold man who forecast the result. Notwithstanding the non-arrival of Jill, Rook, JUNIOR DIVISION

MIDLAND

PREMIER DIV.

Glos. 9—Sussex 1

Glam. 3—Middx. 7

Essex 8—Yorks. 2

DIV. II—SOUTH

Beds 1—Kent 9

SOUTHERN DIV.

Berk. 7—Oxon 3

Hants. 6—Bucks. 4

PREMIER DIV.

Norfolk 2—Herts. 8

Suffolk 6—Cambs. 4

EASTERN DIV.

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Division, and only outright wins in their last three matches will be of any use. Cheshire were not let down by due to fog, Surrey blasted their way

to Grimstone :-- ---e.+.+..-.,..-.,' Middlesex 0 3 7 23

EASTERN DIV.

Warwick v. Durham (2nd North); Suffolk v. Cambs. (Eastern); Staffs v. Leicester (Mid­land) and Middx. v. Essex (Junior).

LEAGUE TABLES

(Made up to the 9th January and therefore not including the following results:)

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Lancashire 2 0 1 1 7 13 1

Yorkshire 2 0 0 2 5 15 0

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SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

SOUTHERN DIVISION

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Essex 3 2 0 1 21 9 4

Suffolk 6—Cambs. 4

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Kent 2 1 0 1 9 11 2

Devon 3 1 0 2 13 17 2

Bedfordshire 3 0 0 3 27 0

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Staffordshire 4 3 0 1 23 17 6

Buckingham. 4 2 0 2 20 20 4

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EASTERN DIVISION

Hertfordshire 4 4 0 0 31 15 6

Berkshire 4 3 0 1 23 17 6

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Northampton. 5 0 0 5 12 38 0

JUNIOR DIVISION

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS—JANUARY

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Sensational Preview of World Championships in French and Belgian Tournaments

THE recent continental championships, a thunder-and-lightning storm of shocks and sensations, gave a brief preview of the tremendous excitements that can be expected at the World Championships. British players played well but with little success, only the Rowe Twins taking the W.D. title and Ann Haydon retaining her French junior title. The full dramatic story and-by-the-way results in next month's Table Tennis.

**THEY SAY—**

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Waterloo, Iowa, U.S.A.

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Australia.

"...To send if possible by immediate post as we take great interest in it."—

Netherlands.

"Please make sure I have a copy every month...and I would like to write for you occasionally."—

Ferenc Sido.

*Triple World Champion.*

**SELECTION COMMITTEE NOTICES**


FRANCE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Paris, 10th-13th Jan., 1954. R. Bergmann (Midx.), K. Craigie (Surrey), J. Leach (Essex), B. Merrett (Glos.), A. W. C. Simons (Glos.), E. Demollins (Essex), C. K. Best (Yorks.), M. A. Roseanu (Rumania). (31st Dec., 1953.)


M.S. R. ROOTHOOP (F) bt. (of) K. Craigie (E) 17, 19, 9, 29; bt. T. FLINBERG (SW) 14, 26, 14, 22. 8 (bt. M. Bressoullier (F) 11, 18, 12);

W.B. L. WEERT (AU) bt. (of) C. Watlin (F) 15, 10, 21, bt. A. ROSANU (RU) 15, 12, 17, 16, 19 (bt. T. Pretzl (AU) 8, 7, 14);

M.D. M. LASSKOVY (F) bt. K. Berman (M) 16, 16, 21, 15, 18;

W.D. D. & R. ROSE (E) bt. T. Pretzl (F) 15, 10; bt. H. VENNER (F) 18, 12, 25, 13.

B.S. P. FREDENDOERF (G) bt. E. Dorking (UK) 15, 10, 17, 16.

G.S. A. HAYDON (E) bt. J. Thomson (G.S.) 18, 14, 14.

**ENGLAND—BELGIUM 0**

Antwerp, 15th Jan., 1954.

[Long list of results for various matches, including players names and scores.]

**OVER TO YOU**

I was interested to read the results of the Australian Championships in the November issue of Table Tennis and most surprised at the substantial victory of Phil Anderson over Miklos Szabadok.

It was in Sydney in 1945 that I met Miklos and at that time there was no one in Australia to touch him. His handicap in a game of 31 was —85 whereas Phil Anderson’s was only —40.

Miklos might be interested to know that I am running a monthly tournament along the lines of the ones he played in the G.S. of 3 Opens...and don’t you work for it...FLIOCCINACINHILIPHEFICA!! Oh yes, it’s in the dictionary—if its a large one! Meanwhile, Ron Crayden’s pretty 3½ years-old daughter LYNDIA has the 3 Opens...and don’t you work for it...BOBBY RAYBOULD has another R.A.F. flying visit to go...at his present progress, he will be near the top when he comes out...he tells me that NORMAN WILDING has made the R.A.F. rep. team...BILL GALLAGHER (Warwicks), now in his N.S., manages to keep his hand in by playing for his regimental team.

E. Rodey flew to India for a Coaching engagement (sponsored by a wealthy and princely T.T. patron). He is due back in late March...At the English Open at Belle Vue in November, the main trophies were presented by the EARL OF STAMFORD Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire...junior trophies were presented by Mr. A. T. FINNEY, and the Victor Barna Award was presented to AUBREY SIMONS by the Hon. Ivor Montagu.

On December 12th, cheerful Eddie Spielburg of Barons Court and an ex-T.T. varsity champion married popular SHIELA SMITH of Ashford (in Staines League)...Birmingham’s MAURICE WOODBINE (now a London sports writer) also joined the matrimonial stakes last October...Geoff Harrower’s 10-year-old daughter JEAN—likely bombshell in future women’s play—has already played in the G.S. of 3 Opens...and don’t you work for it...FIDE CCINACINHILIPHEFICA!!! Oh yes, it’s in the dictionary—if its a large one! Meanwhile, Ron Crayden’s pretty 3½ years-old daughter LYNDIA has the 3 Opens...and don’t you work for it...BOBBY RAYBOULD has another R.A.F. flying visit to go...at his present progress, he will be near the top when he comes out...he tells me that NORMAN WILDING has made the R.A.F. rep. team...BILL GALLAGHER (Warwicks), now in his N.S., manages to keep his hand in by playing for his regimental team.
**The GREATEST EVER!**

23 men's teams and 17 women's teams competed in the 1951 World Championships in Vienna. This was the highest number in the history of the tourney, just beating the 22 and 16 who played in London in 1948.

How small these figures seem when we learn that 38 men's and 27 women's teams have signified their intention to compete in the 21st Championships at Wembley. Although it may well be that several of the Associations who are hoping to come will find the financial strain too much, it is certain that over 30 men's and over 20 women's teams will visit these shores in just two months' time.

Men's weight of numbers do not make a thrilling Championships, but we have more than numbers. When it became obvious to the International Federation that entries in 1954 would far surpass anything ever known, fresh rules were drawn up, and a qualifying competition was legislated for if the entry in either team event exceeded 27. (How right they were!)

In order that an equitable system would be used to decide who should be exempt and who should have to qualify, Countries were ranked in order of merit, and fans in England will immediately realise what a treat they have in store when I tell them that ALL THE FIRST SIXTEEN RANKING MEN'S TEAMS AND ALL THE FIRST FOURTEEN WOMEN'S TEAMS ARE AMONGST THE PROBABLE COMPETITORS.

**ALREADY — THESE are coming!**

Here is a complete list of the Associations who have indicated they are coming, with their World Ranking position in brackets after the names:

**MEN'S TEAMS**

England (1) ; Hungary (2) ; Czechoslovakia (3) ; Hong Kong (4) ; Japan (5) ; Yugoslavia (6) ; France (7) ; Rumania (8) ; U.S.A. (9) ; China (10) ; Sweden (11) ; Germany (12) ; Vietnam (13) ; Austria (14) ; India (15) ; Netherlands (16) ; Belgium (18) ; Chili (19) ; Brazil (20) ; Switzerland (21) ; Wales (23) ; Singapore (25) ; Egypt (26) ; Israel (27) ; Ireland (28) ; Australia (29) ; Argentina (30) ; Spain (32) ; Denmark (33) ; New Zealand (36) ; and (unranked) — Finland, Jersey, Lebanon, Nepal, Norway, Pakistan, Saarland and Scotland.

**WOMEN'S TEAMS**

Rumania (1) ; England (2) ; Japan (3) ; Austria (4) ; Hungary (5) ; Wales (6) ; Czechoslovakia (7) ; U.S.A. (8) ; Scotland (9) ; France (10) ; Belgium (11) ; Hong Kong (12) ; India (13) ; Yugoslavia (14) ; Germany (16) ; Sweden (17) ; Chili (21) ; Brazil (22) ; Egypt (23) ; Israel (24) ; Netherlands (25) ; Switzerland (26) ; Ireland (27) ; and (unranked) — Denmark, Finland, Jersey and Saarland.

Of the above, Argentina, Australia, Lebanon, Nepal, Saarland and Spain have never yet competed; Hong Kong, Japan, Pakistan and Singapore have never played in Europe; and China has never yet visited England.

**Have you read the “Guest” Leader on Page 101?**

**OPINION “Keep Open Finals Entertaining”**

PLAYERS themselves must keep tournament finals entertaining and spectacular. When a person is playing for either their country or their county it is their duty to win, even if it means “chiselling” to do so, but in the individual events of open tournaments every player is playing for him (or her) self, and on finals night they owe it to their reputation to keep chiselling to a minimum.

Then I suggest organisers might aim for more local publicity, such as by posters. With so many counter-attractions people need more than a week's notice.

**BRIAN BRUMWELL**

There was a very large crowd for the Eastern Suburban finals; a very small one at the Central. I think this was because Leach, the Rowe Twins (and commonly believed, Victor Barna) were known to be playing in the former. Bergmann and Leach are always public attractions, but have so many commitments that they can rarely spare the time involved in playing in the preliminaries. Would it be possible in such cases to engage them to play an exhibition match on Finals Night? Or in their absence, Victor Barna, who is always a big draw, or some similar personality.

Brian Brumwell
3 Team Finals! Each a “Great”

Tickets have been selling extremely well for the Saturday night, 10th April, and this is described as “finals night.” But this is not entirely true, for Friday, 9th April, is also “finals night.” The reason is that with three groups there are three teams in the final of each competition, the first of these being on Friday evening, the second on Saturday morning and the third and final one on Saturday evening.

Please remember that—

Members in the provinces cannot easily come down on nights other than the Saturday, so please, enthusiasts in or near London, make a mark at Friday night or Saturday morning; leave the remaining Saturday tickets for the provinces. Or at least give them the opportunity of buying them.

Assuming the top teams win through, there is a better than even chance of seeing either England v. Hungary or England v. Czechoslovakia on the Friday night, yet, so far, over ten times as many tickets have been sold for the Saturday night!

The Individuals: All-Star Tuesday

It will be obvious that almost all the World’s leading players will be in the Individual events. You have read all about the Japanese and the Chileans. Those of you who could get to Wembley on the 25th November were thrilled by the Hungarians, as were others who saw them on tour. The Czechs. have been in hard training for over three months already.

Tickets for the Individual finals are almost sold out. Indeed, it may be that by the time this appears in print they may all have gone. BUT . . . do you realise that on the Tuesday night, 13th April, you can see the following programme:— Semi-Finals of the Men’s Singles; Semi-Finals of the Men’s Doubles; Semi-Finals of the Women’s Singles; Semi-Finals of the Women’s Doubles.

Yes, eight great matches, as against the five you can see on finals night the following evening. At the time of writing eight times as many tickets have been sold for the Wednesday as have gone for the Tuesday.

There is no play on the evening of Thursday, 8th April.

100 World Star Matches in Programme

On Monday, 12th April, there will be no semi-finals or finals, BUT there will be great battles in the third and fourth rounds of the men’s and the women’s singles, and with all the great world ranking stars competing we must realise that a third or fourth round match is the equal, or more than the equal, of the final of any other tournament. On this Monday night nearly 100 battles will be fought. Just think of it—NEARLY A HUNDRED BEST OF FIVES FEATURING THE GREATEST PLAYERS IN THE WORLD!

Really there is only one answer—buy a season ticket before they are all sold.

Bill Vint, that tower of strength who has done more than any man to guide the fortunes of the Association, firmly believes that England CAN NEVER AGAIN AFFORD TO RUN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. Certainly we shall not be able to afford to do so for a great number of years. THEREFORE THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SEE MANY OF THE GREAT PLAYERS IN ACTION.

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with Peterfi. The coach speeds swiftly through South London. Ivor Montagu, speaking in German, is engrossed (up in front) with the officials. Sido sits like a protective father over tiny Eva Koczian who has disappeared from view behind the seat and her giant companion. Conversations proceed in 3 languages. Sweets, photographs and Table Tennis magazines are passed round... A holdall falls from the overhead rack and is deftly caught by Sido. Presently, another bag falls, but a shrill cry from Peggy Piper can’t stop it falling on top of Sido.

"It is going to be 21 DOWN" he says in German with an amiable grin. It is all very friendly in the coach. A halfway stop is made for tea and cakes. Agnes Almasi (Mrs. Simons), small, dark and shy, curls deep in her seat. She does not feel too well. Tommy Sears organises the "help-yourself" tea queue. There is soon a happy, informal, inter-mingling group. Sido dashes out first to take photographs of the party coming from the tea pavilion.

Sido, (whose other interests are reading and music), asks us particulars about long-playing gramophones...

Lazlo Varkonyi, is the shrewd, brown, wiry 46-year-old Hungarian coach and n.p. captain. He was No. 3 Hungarian ranked player last year. He seems always alert, wary; a captain to respect. Ferenc Sido, suavely tailored in russet brown, looks down from his 6 foot massive aloofness, and he softens to a warm, gentle smile of recognition and firm handshake... This courteous, gentle and modest giant is triple world champion to respect. Ferenc Sido, suavely elegant stylist...

We learn that Peterfi is at "middle" school training to be an engineer. He has another 4 years of university and technical training before graduation. A picturesque, elegant styIist... He had brought an exciting book to relieve the tedium. He liked T.T. well enough, played up a jolly good Sunday with T. T. folks and not even getting a game himself. He had brought an exciting book to relieve the tedium.

No. 959
GIZI FARKAS,
blonde authority
hides personality...
58 internationals.

Sido calls for a response by signs. Peggy Piper dubiously leads it... hardly anyone knows all the words, and all our popular songs seem to lack the swing of the Hungarians. Peggy works hard. "Then Sido has a brain wave. He slaps his knee."

"Hokey-Cokey" he cries with a genial grin. "Hokey-Cokey," and demonstrates the actions. And so it was, with most of the coach load getting very near to an active performance of the Hokey-Cokey, that the coach rolled to a stop before Queen's Hotel, Hastings. Everyone was good friends.

Mr. Rymill, Mayor of Hastings (and President of the Hastings T.T. League), resplendent in good humour and chain of office, made a singularly warm civic reception. (He was incidentally, the Mayor when the Hungarians made their last visit). When he heard of the Hokey Cokey episode, he demonstrated his own version to Sido to the delight of the lounge audience, before leading the way to the best meal the Queen’s could provide, beautifully arranged, and to the initiated, hall-marked with the touch of the ubiquitous Bill and Nora Vint. Everyone was thoroughly mixed up. It became more of a celebration party. The Mayor welcomed, and Ivor Montagu and the Hungarian leader exchanged very cordial representative greetings, each being translated... Then the bustle of the autograph hunters...

No. 961
ZSUZSA FANTUSZ,
dark, petite... tenacious
in play.

(Up to date, our reluctant journalist had not even looked at the title page of his book.)

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THE RELUCTANT JOURNALIST

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DEVELOPMENTS IN RUSSIA

THE ALL-U.S.S.R. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Winter Stadium, Leningrad, Dec., 1953

The All-Russia Championships were this year organised on much broader and progressive lines than hitherto, reflecting the expanding interest of the sport and its development on a more nationalistic basis instead of representative industry teams. Players from all the Union Republics participated, with the exceptions of Kirghizia, Kazakhstan, Tadjikistan and Turkmения. A notable feature was that each competing republic in the team championships was represented by a mixed team of 3 men and 2 women.

It is difficult to assess comparative standards of play. Hitherto, pre-war Swatytling Cup players from the Baltic Republics had dominated, but these are now being eclipsed by new names and younger players. A. Saunoris, who again won the title, for instance, is a 25 year old student at Vilna University. Also interesting, is the emergence of women players. The final placings in the W.S. had to be decided on proportion of wins and losses (in games).

The rising young players would benefit enormously from competitive experience outside and of a higher sphere, and would then almost certainly show a rapid rise in their international status in this sport. The sports teams which Russia has sent out in the post-war years have, in defeat and victory, conducted themselves in the best traditions of sporting etiquette and have aroused the friendly respect of all who have witnessed it. Russia has never sent out more successful ambassadors.

Table Tennis, with its universal fraternity of more than 60 national associations, has yet to enjoy the participation of a representative Russian team, whether in international matches or better still in the World Championships. Nothing but good, we feel, could come of it for all concerned. It would be a fine thing if they could make their debut at the meeting of all nations at Wembley, but alternatively, we hope to see international matches in the not too distant future.


M.B.: A. SAUNORIS (L); S. P. Duskesas (M). 3/4. A. Akopyan (A) and V. Vartalosov (E).


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MANNERS ON COURT
By MICHAEL MACLAREN

I N ANY kind of competitive play, displays of bad manners are far too frequent, and apart from looking foolish, they give a thoroughly bad impression to the onlookers. Bad manners occur either because of ignorance or an inability to control one’s feelings.

I have set down here the things I believe, in the hope that they may be helpful to others.

ON MANNERS

There is an art even in the shaking of hands after a match. We all know those extreme types: the one who, having lost, shakes hands wearing an expression of misery or disgust and the superior type who toys with his opponent and shakes hands patronisingly. The best handshake is the one which the spectator does not unduly notice—pleasant, quiet and firm—irrespective of who has won.

A point that is often overlooked is that of thanking the umpire at the end of a game. When the match is a final one or is played before an audience, I think it better to shake hands with your full attention. When you can think about retrieving the ball, it may encourage your opponent.

ON TEMPERAMENT

We all have those games during which many shots and edges are scored against us. The last thing you should do is to betray any annoyance. If it is evident that you are getting rattled, it may encourage your opponent and dishearten you. A calm exterior can have exactly the opposite effect. Admittedly, it is easier to say “keep a poker face” than to actually do it, but it really is worth a big effort to do so. Force yourself to appear quite calm on the outside and it will eventually become second nature inside.

There are some players who, having lost a point, indulge in theatrical gestures of rage occasionally. Although you may beat or despair, these exhibitions are in the worst of taste, unnecessary and undesirable.

Happily, players with really bad tempers are almost non-existent in table tennis, but there are a few. To them, I would say: Give up the game. We don’t like you, and you—apparently—don’t like us.

The most widespread example of bad manners is, of course, The Excuse for Losing. For, make no mistake about it, and even if it is true, any form of excuse is bad manners. Nobody ever really believes an excuse anyway. So next time you suffer a defeat and feel like saying “I played badly,” remember that there was someone at the other end of the table who was there to make you do just that.

Above all, always remember that table tennis is a game, and that games are usually played for pleasure and the amusement they give. I do not like to see table tennis (or any other game) turned into a grim and despicable war of life and death. Do you?

IN adding a loud "HEAR-HEAR" to all that Michael has written, I notice that he has assumed (presumably for convenience) that the opponent is always masculine. Some readers may think the comments apply with equal force to females. I am not so sure. I think the ladies can teach the men a lot.

In fact, offhand, I cannot think of a single girl who indulges in wild gestures, etc., during play . . . but I COULD produce quite a lengthy list of excitable "gentlemen": Nevertheless, (although girls have a much more philosophic outlook to the game) they do not miss an opportunity to have a sly dig at each other’s attire or appearance, that is.

A LONDON evening newspaper recently reported a Survey official as having remarked that his county was in need of more County Umpires "in order to correct the many faults committed by young players." Precisely what faults is an umpire qualified to correct?

An unprejudiced transmutation of the Laws does not correct them. Since the player loses points by such transgressions, I am sure that HE will make the first effort to eliminate them.

The County Umpires’ Scheme was a big step forward and it has helped to raise the prestige of table tennis immensely, but I hope that we shall not see any of officials rating a higher importance than the efficiency of younger players.

MANCHESTER CLOSED

Manchester University, 9th Jan., 1954

From FRANK GEE (Abd.)

PHIL Strulovitch and Eric Johnson made a welcome first attempts apppearance, the former earning great credit for his performance against Ron Allcock, who won the title. Adele Wood and Ellen once again proved their local supremacy in the W.S. Harry Jones (a founder-member of the League 27 years ago), beat ex-international Freddy Cromwell 16, 18 to win the Veterans title.


W.S. A. WOOD bt. E. Grimstone 18, 15, 13; bt. J.B. HARDMAN in the next round.

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**New Zealand** has local "Associations" as the equivalent of our "Leagues" which are affiliated to the national association. Since 1940, the New Zealand T.T.A. has run 2 association team championships (comparable to our Wilmott Cup and J. M. Rose Bowl): The Kean Shield for men's teams and the Herbert G. Teagle Shield for women's teams.

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**My World Ranking**

By JOHN CORSER

**Based on last season's performances in international matches and major championships my World Ranking List is:**


**Sido is indisputable No. 1. In Bucharest Andreadis lost only to Bergmann and Sido (in the singles final), Bergmann lost only to Sido and Stipek. Against this parity, however, Bergmann lost (elsewhere during the season) to Harangozo (twice), Dolinar, Sasa, Ehrlich and Roland.

Both Harangozo and Roothoof had impressive victories, but had more defeats than Bergmann. Harangozo lost to Roothoof 3 times in 5, and to Bergmann 3 times in 5, and Roothoof lost 3 times to Bergmann. Harangozo was only beaten by players of world class; Roothoof's worst defeats were by Lansky and Alan Rhodes, but he won 2 titles against one each for Bergmann and Harangozo in the championships of Yugoslavia, France, Netherlands and Austria. Our national hero Aubrey Simons lost to Sido and Andreadis at Bucharest but had some wonderful victories, marrelling a good season by losing to Agopoff, Reiter and Merrett. Stipek's one achievement was to reach the World's semi-final (including a sterling win over Bergmann).

Johnny Leach had a season of mixed success: Wins - Harangozo (twice), Koczian, Amouretti, Dolinar, Marinso and Gyetvai. Losses - Roothoof (3 times), Sido, Andreadis, Tereba, Vana, Merrett, Haguenauer, Tokar, Gabric and Sula.

John Corser, Watford.

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12. Might be Jules or Bertram (7).
13. A first name becomes a counter measure (5).
14. Sol Schiff has a suffix sometimes applied to international coaches (4).
15. First half of first winner cance in tennis matches (5).
16. Protagonist of junior competition has lost a letter (7).
17. As twins, Diane and Rosalind are said to be (9).
18. You must have at least one to play T.T. (3).
19. Vera Dace surrounds the world champion. but here he's lost a high honour (3).
20. The time of Vera Dace for the co-operation of players; be discouraged in T.T. club secs. (4).
21. The "Greatest Name in T.T." has lost his tail and moves backward (6).
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40. Cereal; llsed to make bread in some countries (4).
41. A spectacular or surprising game may leave audience or opponent this (5).
42. Anthony might make "need" of the first public park but he might not be simple, heart of the Isle of (2).
43. Common with daddy, ginger and weasel (3).
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49. "Oh, No?" "No Oh!" With exclamation out, the little tail to Colonel Hillyer is lost (3).
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51. He first won the St. Bride World's Greatest Chisel at 1937-38 (4).
52. The world champion, but here he's lost a high honour (3).
53. A creel will hold one, clubs are usually made for an international coach (4).
54. It's all sixes but no sevens; had an historic height in 1935 (5).
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56. You seem surprisingly confident at match point, Mr. Hinks!"

CLUES DOWN
2. The organisation that makes the Laws of the Game (4).
3. Johnny may be twice the man he was; he's lost a high honour (2).
4. Auchterlonie had a suffix sometimes applied to international coaches (4).
5. Always gives a devilish little tail to Colonel Hillyer (3).
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Compiled by W. G. BRIXTON of Ipswich
(With Additional Complications to the Clues)

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Unless you tell him, The Editor will never know whether you like a feature of this kind, or whether you have better suggestions. Whether (without cheating) you found it too easy or a pleasingly absorbing puzzlement between games. Or even a waste of space. It would be so nice to know.

W. G. BRIXTON

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A writer, more illustrious than himself, has spoken of the "pleasantly disarming confusion of loyalties all round" concerning the visit of the Hungarian sports teams to England, and the "sportsman's pleasure in the sheer beauty and elegant dexterity of the visitor's play.

The evening Empire Pool at Wembley Stadium was, it seemed, full of Hungarians with a new found pride. Smog covered London like a funeral pall over English soccer. Gloomfully, fearfully, quietly, in an anguish of hopefulness, English eyes riveted on the T.T. court. Resurgent hopes on Simons winning the first match, changed despairingly as the England of table tennis, only the deciding point confidence—"Don't forget that," the Hungarian commentators could be heard right across the arena, earning more than one reproachful glance from the Umpire.

More than the Press seats were empty at that moment of imminent defeat. "Would you say this was the blackest day for English sport?" one famous sports-writer asked us.

"Never!" we averred stoutly, and then—with perhaps more hope than confidence—"Don't forget that in table tennis, only the deciding point—and the deciding match!—counts. Wait..."

But there was no need to wait. Diane Rowse was splendidly stopping the rout in that vital game against Sido worthwhile. All seats were full for the Sido v. Simons winning the first match, and rocked the Stadium..."people yelled, stood, stamped, threw hats in the air, and even tore scarves in their hysterical emotion. Even the ranks of Tuscany—the impartial Press box—could not forbear to cheer.

Sir Arthur Elvin, Managing Director of Wembley Stadium, good friend of table tennis, since he first thought the whole match was exciting, but "the men's singles was one of the most thrilling sporting events I can remember watching."

The Rt. Hon. Philip Noel-Baker, M.P. (Captain of the British Olympic Team at Helsinki) wrote:

"I must also write to say how enormously I enjoyed the match, and must pass on to you what was said to me by Sir Arthur Elvin. 'The table tennis people,' he said, 'organise better than anyone else. It is all done by volunteers and it is always an absolutely first-rate show in every way.' From Sir Arthur Elvin, who has such a vast experience of every tennis people,' he said, "I have been extremely gratified to know that on such a memorable occasion, it is extremely gratifying to know that we listened with delight to his fulsome praise."

"Congratulations on your victory last night and all good wishes for the future."

On such a memorable occasion, it is extremely gratifying to know that you have already heard about the big Press Bouquet. Best feature of this was a rollicking Hungarian chorus by everyone. "Percussion" Peterach achieves all the effects. Then a host of fingers would point to a victim, who then had to make up and sing a verse about someone else, after which they had the privilege (wait for the chorus) of selecting the next victim. Jimmy Love put his head on Betty Issacs shoulder and slept through the lot. The English players were content to sing a verse of anything. Harry Venner, in a resonant baritone, gave "Mother Machree," Len Adams had a stab at "The Old Sow," and our journalist friend (who was as party-minded as any) remembered his home town with a spirited "I belong to Glasgow." It was all jolly good clean fun and only reluctantly bushed as the coach reached the Waverley at nearly 2 a.m. in the morning.

Tales out of tour (continued from page 118)

It was a wonderful opening for the Tour. A faultless, flawless, friendship triumph for Mr. A. K.'s "Bill" Vint and his magnificent lieutenant of the Hastings League. Even what so few T.T. organizers ever think of it, facilities for the Press telephones, etc., were arranged especially well. A big Press Bouquet.

You have already heard about the actual match at the White Rock Pavilion. A buffet supper at the Queen's Arms, and even the journey home—a journey made short by what must have sounded like a party of revellers. Having perfected a united Hokey Cokey, a gaiety programme followed. Best feature of this was a rollicking Hungarian chorus by everyone. "Percussion" Peterach achieves all the effects. Then a host of fingers would point to a victim, who then had to make up and sing a verse about someone else, after which they had the privilege (wait for the chorus) of selecting the next victim. Jimmy Love put his head on Betty Issacs shoulder and slept through the lot. The English players were content to sing a verse of anything. Harry Venner, in a resonant baritone, gave "Mother Machree," Len Adams had a stab at "The Old Sow," and our journalist friend (who was as party-minded as any) remembered his home town with a spirited "I belong to Glasgow." It was all jolly good clean fun and only reluctantly bushed as the coach reached the Waverley at nearly 2 a.m. in the morning.

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SOME VIEWS on TIME LIMITS

WHEN the Time-Limit Rule has been enforced the game has been ruined, ending in extreme dissatisfaction. Here is a simple solution that by increasing the difficulty of strokes after a game has lasted, say, 15 minutes, demands more skill from the players. Require them to play the remainder of the game with bats much reduced in size: handles as at present but blades 5 inches long by 1 inch wide. It would greatly add to the gaiety of nations.

Thirty years ago, armed with my old sponge rubber bat, I would have taken on Richard and Johnny thus handicapped, with the utmost confidence. Skill would be as important for victory as ever.

P. E. Warden

A basis towards solution?

IN no other sport is the public treated so badly as in table tennis. I, a keen T.T. fan, have lost much of my former keenness through so often having to leave before the end and for the most important match of the evening has been played. Friends drop out because T.T. "finishes too late." I do not agree with your remarks on the public's interest. Require them to play 5-minute intervals.

F. Vernon Davies

WORCESTERSHIRE started the season well beating Northants and Leics, and drawing Derbyshire. John Osborne (who was married on Dec. 19th) has excelled himself and shown a great fighting spirit. Louis Devereaux also, although temporarily lost to "Z" Reserve... Bobby Goode has certainly strengthened the doubles sections, but we lost him to the Army on Dec. 10th. He will be stationed at Norton Barracks, Worcester, however, so fingers crossed—we might be lucky. Beryl Steed has maintained her usual good form, while newcomer Molly Hough has done extraordinarily well in the doubles.

Pat Moss.

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I suggest a simple amendment to the rule which could probably be improved upon.

Give the umpire a similar authority to the referee in boxing. In practice, if the be lucky EnteringString let it go the full distance; if it is evidently going to be a "chisel" throughout the umpire can warn that it shall be curtailed (to best of 3); or that any game (first, second or third, etc.), shall be limited to 10 minutes. However, should the play enliven, the umpire can permit it to run its natural course.

P. G. Harris, R.A.F., B.A.O.R.

I congratulate you on your eloquent editorials . . . they give a welcome and much-needed positive lead to both organizers and players. I am sure that you will have the goodwill of the great majority solidly behind you in your efforts to keep the game worthy of public interest and sustain its continued development. I couldn't agree more about overlong and late-finishing programmes; along with the un-enterprising play they are nails for the coffin of table tennis. More power to your pen.

S. Wills, London.

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