England's triumphant European Championships team with their trophy—JILL ROOK, DIANE COLLINS, ANN HAYDON and VICTOR BARNA (non-playing Captain)

English "Open" Special
TABLE TENNIS looks like costing the tournament player more next season.

A recommendation for what amounts to an Entry Tax will be one of the big points of discussion when the E.T.T.A. hold their annual general meeting in the Lecture Hall, Kingsway Hall, London, W.C.2, on April 26 (3.30 p.m.).

The suggested figure is a shilling a head, juniors to be exempt.

Increasing costs, which have already "killed" several tournaments, is the trouble. Organisers claim that the 12½ per cent. of entry fees they have to pay to the E.T.T.A. under existing rules often turns what might have been a small profit into a loss. Naturally they have asked for some relief.

The E.T.T.A. have administrative costs and cannot afford to forego this income, so they have taken a leaf from the lawn tennis notebook by putting forward this suggested levy.

The matter has already been widely discussed in the various areas and general reaction appears in favour of the motion.

Incidentally the shilling levy will be for entry into a tournament, irrespective of taking part in one, two or three events.

THE YEAR IS UP

It is just a year since the E.T.T.A. decided to experiment with racket standardisation by permitting the use of pimpled rubber only in this country. Surprisingly enough there have been less moans and groans than expected.

However, the meeting will have to confirm whether or not the ban on sponge and other freak surfaces is to continue. Maybe this is what the "spongers" have been waiting for.

One voice in protest is almost certain to be Johnny Leach. "It is not so much that I want to revert back to a sandwich bat," he told me, "but I feel that ban should be lifted so that we can get practice against sponge ready for next year's world championships."

Meanwhile, several of the Continental countries have followed England's lead.

END OF AN ERA

The annual meeting will also mark the end of an era. We might almost call it the Montagu Era.

After 21 years in his third term of office as Chairman, Ivor Montagu is not seeking reappointment. Instead, subject of course to the confirmation of the meeting, he will succeed his mother, the Dowager Lady Swaythling, O.B.E., as President.

Ivor Montagu was the Association's first President from 1927 to 1931, and during the first two years held the joint office of chairman.

He was succeeded as president by H. Oldroyd. His second term as chairman was for one season, 1932-33.

Altogether he has served the game for over 30 years. Some have been stormy years. He has made his enemies, been accused of being a dictator, but he has had a genius for leadership.

And with the move of Ivor Montagu to the presidential chair also ends a record in length of service in any one office. Bill Vint, treasurer since 1931, is handing over his books and accounts to Tom Blunn, to become the new chairman.

Like Ivor Montagu, Bill Vint has been one of the great administrative pillars of the English Association and for five years he carried the joint appointment of Hon. Secretary with that of Hon. Treasurer, until shifting part of the burden to Peter Lowen two years ago.

HARRISON EDWARDS.
Official News:

THE National Executive Committee held a short meeting at the Empire Pool and Sports Arena, Wembley on Saturday, March 29, 1958. Some of the matters discussed were:

Administrative Secretary.

The Secretary reported that Mrs. Pegg-Lewis had announced that she wished to retire from the service of the Association as from April 11, 1958.

Table Tennis Balls.

The Secretary reported that he had received several letters of protest regarding the general increase in the price of table tennis balls. The Secretary was instructed to approach the manufacturers concerned to enquire into the reasons why an increase in price had been found necessary.

Table Tennis in Schools.

The Secretary reported that he had been given an opportunity to discuss this matter with an official of the London County Council. The main difficulty which arose in connection with the introduction of table tennis in the schools appeared to be the cost of the equipment. The Secretary was instructed to enquire further into the question to see what progress could be made in this direction.

Sunday Freedom Association.

The Annual General Meeting of this Association has been fixed for May 11, 1958, in Central London. It was agreed to ask Mr. C. Corti Woodcock and Mr. G. James to attend this meeting on behalf of the Association.

Presentation to the President of the Association.

Owing to the retirement of the Association's President, The Dowager Lady Swaythling, O.B.E., on April 26, 1958, a presentation was made to her on Saturday, March 29, 1958, at the English "Open" Finals at Wembley in appreciation of her services to the game in this country. The presentation was on behalf of members of the Association by the Chairman, the Hon. E. G. S. Montagu, and the Secretary, Central Council of Physical Recreation, 6, Bedford Square, W.C.1.

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Registered Members.

An application from Mr. I. Jones (Essex) to become a Registered Member has been approved.

Team Selections.

G. Livsey (Lancs.), Miss J. Butcher (Middx.), Miss J. Harrower (Middx.), Miss M. Hicks (Middx.), Miss M. Shannon (Surrey), Non-Playing Captain, L. Thompson (Bucks.).

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WHENEVER our game is under discussion, either in or out of the club, it is amazing how often we hear the plaintive cry, "Where are our stars of today?" This is a potent question which, when we exclude our Ladies, has a very truthful ring about it. More than that it is completely mystifying when we consider the time, care and attention that is lavished on the young to help them attain championship status.

It is not for me to say whether our present Internationals are as good or better than those of yesteryear: such comparisons are always difficult and usually distasteful. However, it is an accepted fact that today there are more players and more opportunities for players than ever before. Why then, no world beaters? Do other nations have a secret "know-how," or, do they possess a magic formula? Personally, I have a sneaking feeling that with so much help being given, too many are taking too much for granted. Admittedly, the general standard of the country is higher than it has ever been but the gulf between this standard and that of the world stars is a wide one. Are our players tending to rely too much on others, rather than their own personal effort?

COACHING

Much has been written about the benefits of coaching and most of it is true, but we must be careful of attendant pitfalls, the biggest of which is complacency. Let me explain.

Experience has taught that there is no easy way to the top. Table tennis is a wide one. Are our players as a reflection on those who are already giving so much and getting in spite of the fact that they had no helping hands to direct and guide.

Today, the majority seem to have a more apathetic approach to the game and apart from any shape or form will never be a stepping stone to greatness.

If we are to develop even one dependable successor to Johny Leach then we must find those who will let the game take precedence over all else. The attitude of mind must be that coaching is not an end in itself, but a means to achieve an end.

THE CHALLENGE

As the English in the "thirties" were the considered masters of soccer, not so a handful were the accredited rulers of table tennis. Today, however, the pendulum has swung in another direction and a fight is on to regain lost prestige. It is a fight in which many cases is sponsored by the State and from behind the Iron Curtain the approach is a disciplined one.

Intensive training schedules designed to improve not only technique, but speed, strength and stamina, are all part and parcel of the programme. V.I.P. treatment and incentives are there for those likely to aspire to glorious achievements.

It is a monumental challenge and we can only compete if we gear our efforts and incentives in line with the Continental approach.

To swell the ranks of the ambitious youngsters on show today we need much new blood. Recruits who have the strength of purpose and determination to succeed at all cost. The number of "top-raters" is always a small percentage of those who participate, but from a striving quantity there is bound to come quality.

THE SUMMING UP

In no way is this article intended as a reflection on those who are already giving so much and getting some fine results. It is a personal opinion as to why we are losing face and lagging behind the top nations. International sport is no longer a playing arena for the "chicken-hearted" but a place for those who have the desire for competition and the will to win. We can no longer afford to overlook this fact.

We often hear the phrase that "champions are born; not made." Doubtless there are a number of professionals in this for most of them seem to have that indefinable something. But no champion has ever succeeded without hours of painstaking effort. There is just no easy way to the top.

Table tennis occupies only a small corner in the field of sport, but if we wish to cultivate that corner and make it flower abundantly then we must sow and toil.

KENT NOTES

Miss S. Thomas and M. Pass captured six titles between them in the Kent Junior "Closed" championships, which after several disappointments over venues, were eventually held at Holly Hedge House, Blackheath on March 1.


In the Kent Umpires' championships held in conjunction with the junior championships G. H. Savage beat O. A. Owen 21-10, 21-19.

The Kent Schools' Association are hoping to fulfill an ambition by holding individual titles in addition to the team championships Chesham on April 26.

DURHAM NEWS-FARE

Durham's hopes of winning the Junior North Division ended when they lost 3-2 to Lancashire, who grab the title by a single point. George Livsey proved Durham's stumbling block when he beat both Eddie Taylor and Wilf Barker.

Taylor had some measure of revenge when he beat Livsey to win the under 17's title in the Cheshire Junior "Open." He then partnered Barker to win the doubles.

The senior county side lost 2-3 to Lincolnshire in their last county match. Taylor made his senior debut but lost both his matches. The experience should, however, do him good for the future.

ARNOULD WARENTY.
European Union may ban Sponge

DELEGATES at last month's European Championships in Budapest were almost unanimous in voting for a ban on sponge—a complete and utter ban, with no compromise on standardisation, thickness, or anything else.

The Russian representative said he was in favour of a ban but had not his Association's permission to cast a vote. Only the Yugoslav delegate stood out against the majority—but after watching some of the sponge matches at the tournament even he admitted he was halfway to changing his mind.

The motion was put forward that if the International Federation take no action on sponge the European Union should seriously consider applying a ban at the next European Championships.

BELGRADE NEXT

The next European Championships take place on April 4—11, 1960, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Experts consider the Paskivivius, the Russian who was the only man to beat Josef Berczik in Budapest, is a very fine player indeed and might well develop into a world "great." In his early twenties, "Paski" is an orthodox-style player.

Extract from the German magazine, DEUTSCHEN TISCH-TENNIS: "Victor Barna, England's non-playing captain, after congratulating Germany on her victory over England [in the European Championships], remarked that this was the first time in 30 years that England had been beaten by Germany, and expressed the hope that it would be another 30 years before this happened again."

Would it be unkind to say that, looking around at the male talent at our disposal, Victor was being just a bit optimistic?

Jupe Schlaf, Secretary of the German Association, reveals that since the banning of sponge in his country there has been a great increase in the number of players, while tournament "gates" have been doubled.

Richard Bergmann and Norikazu Fujii were a big success on their recent exhibition tour of Germany and Austria. Bergmann lost a match or two to home players, but "Norrie" conquered all challengers. While the tour was in progress, the Japanese Association reaffirmed its life suspension on the luckless Fujii.

World champion "Tosh" Tanaka and ex-champ "Ichy" Ogimura have written to Berczik, asking the Hungarian ace to side with them in fighting to keep sponge "legal." Zoltan's reaction on being asked to form what some might call an "Unholy Trinity?"

Although he likes sponge and is used to it, he would not be unduly perturbed by a switch to rubber. "All it would mean," he said, "is that I should have to practice ten hours a day instead of eight."

The 1958/59 "Open" Scandinavian Championships will take place in Stockholm on November 28—30, or November 30—December 2.

CREDIT TO MELLSTROM

The Swedes are handing most of the credit for their fine team performances this season to Bjorne Mellstrom, their No.1, who is almost certain to be ranked in Europe's top ten. Bjorne has also done well in most of the international "opens" in which he has competed. In January he won the Swedish National Singles title, beating Tage Flisberg in the final. Tage won the Veterans' Singles.

I understand that Ann Haydon and Diane Collins, who performed so magnificently in winning the team event in Budapest, contemplate playing together a lot next season. Prior
Ann is a great player but she is also human, and as such is liable to ups and downs like anyone else. Look through the records of all outstanding players and you will find they had their defeats, even when they were at their peak.

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The town band turned out, a women's pipe band turned out, and so it appeared did most of the population. It was a Red Letter Day for La Loup.

This small French town of only 2,500 inhabitants was being put on the sporting map as a venue for a table tennis international.

It seemed that everyone wanted to get into the village hall but with accommodation for only 500, more were shut out than could get inside. Although naturally rooting for their own country, it little mattered that England beat France 7-2 in this women's international. They were seeing something new and cheered every shot.

But oh, what a fluttering in the dovecotes when Joyce Fielder and I arrived to find no signs of Ann Haydon and Pam Mortimer. The time ticked and we were wondering just what we could do when it was learned their plane was late. Meanwhile the start was put back an hour.

MONIQUE ALBER STEALS SHOW

Once underway, however, and this brand new table tennis audience had plenty to cheer, and not only from England. For Monique Alber stole most of the honours.

She beat both Joyce and Pam and gave Ann a tough fight. Indeed, Ann had to pull out that little extra to come back from behind and win the second game at 19.

Monique Alber is a greatly improved player and could become quite a power on the Continent. Pam Mortimer, back in the England team for the first time since 1956, fully justified her recall, doing all that was asked of her. Even though losing to Alber, she extended the match to three games.

All three of the English girls beat Simone Tarlet and Claude Rougagnou, who were not up to the same standard as Monique.


COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND UP - - - By CONRAD JASCHKE

Middlesex Again Champions

YORKSHIRE presented the Premier Division championship to Middlesex, when they defeated Surrey by 5-3 at Bradford. Middlesex, who, in any case, followed up by beating Gloucestershire 9-1 to become champions for the tenth time.

Gloumorgan took a point off a weakened Lancashire team, but again it means relegation for Glamorgan, and Sussex, who thus alternate between premier and second division each season.

Cheshire and Kent have comfort­ably won their respective sections of the second division, while Stafford­shire just pipped Somerset on set average in Div. II West. It means a play-off between the three counties that the sets should be reduced from ten to eight, but no agreement could be reached on the make-up of the eight sets. Matches will therefore continue to consist of ten sets. No doubt the premier division counties will consult amongst each other, to try and arrive at a solution acceptable to all.

PREMIER DIVISION

Lancashire 8, Sussex 2
J. Inglis bt J. Alexander -15, 13, 11; bt J. Quilter 9, 11, 13; A. Allcock bt Quilter -11, 16, 10; beat P. Shend 15, -13, 18; G. Pullar lost to Shend 17, -15, -21; bt Alexander 11, 16.

Inglis/Pullar lost to Alexander/Quilter 11, -10, -11; Miss H. Haney bt Miss W. Bates 15, -17, 15.

Miss Haney/Mrs. C. Spencer bt Miss Bates/Mrs. P. Shend 21, -17, 17.

Allcock/Mrs. A. Shend bt Shend/Mrs. Shend 17, 15.

Essex 8, Sussex 2
R. Raybould bt J. Alexander 16, 14; bt J. Quilter 19, 11, 13; J. Leach lost to Quilter 12, -20, 16; bt P. Shend 20, 9; R. Hovens lost to Shend 11, -13, -11; bt Alexander 12, 15.

Raybould/Hovens bt Alexander/Quilter 13, 20.

Miss J. Page bt Miss P. Turner 15, 6; Miss Page/Miss B. Milbank bt Miss Turner/Mrs. P. Shend 9, 13.

Leach/Miss Milbank bt Shend/Mrs. Shend 14, 8.

Yorkshire 7, Surrey 3
S. Dyson bt A. Miller 12, 18; bt K. Craige 12, 16; E. Kennedy lost to Craige 19, -17; bt H. Venner 21, 20, 20; H. Hinchtiffe bt Venner 20, 15; bt Miller 18, 13.

Dyson/M. Pitts lost to Craige/Venner -14, -19.

Miss K. Best bt Miss P. Piper -13, 19.

Mrs. J. Farnsworth/Miss M. Lightfoot lost to Miss Piper/Mrs. H. Head -16, -26.

Kennedy/Miss Head bt J. Head/Mrs. Head 3, 11.

Glamorgan 5, Lancashire 5
Middlesex 9, Gloucestershire 1

DIVISION II NORTH

Cheshire 6, Yorkshire 4; Cambridgeshire 5, Northumberland 2; Cheshire 6, Warwickshire 6, Northumberland 4; Durham 2, Lincolnshire 9.

DIVISION II SOUTH

Suffolk 4, Berkshire 0; Buckinghamshire 6, Kent 10.

DIVISION II WEST

Dorset 1, Somerset 9; Wiltshire 2, Somerset 8; Devon 1, Staffordshire 9; Cornwall 2, Staffordshire 8; Warwickshire 10, Devon 0.

DIVISION II EAST

Staffordshire 9, Northamptonshire 4.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Hertfordshire 11, Bedfordshire 9; Kent 11, Cambridgeshire 9.

NORTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Cheshire 8, Bedfordshire 7; Durham 6, Cheshire 2; Durham 3, Lancashire 5.

SOUTH JUNIOR DIVISION

Essex 5, Hertfordshire 4; Hertfordshire 2, Kent 8; Middlesex 8, Surrey 2.

FINAL TABLES

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Yorkshire 6 3 1 2 20 16 8
Essex 7 3 1 3 30 37 7
Sussex 7 1 6 1 28 11 2

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AN EDITOR’S RESPONSIBILITY

An editor may publish what he will, provided he be sufficiently insensitive to the effects upon circulation. But a responsible editor, publishing wildly unorthodox views, should at least name the author so that the reader may judge for himself whether it is worth the effort of trying to winnow a grain of sense from a page apparently all chaff.

In the March issue of “Table Tennis” you printed an article under the title “Are Umpires Necessary?” and over the protests of many officials who supplied his name and address, may use a pseudonym. We have the name and address of “A. Scorer” but respect his request to remain anonymous.

It has always been the policy of this magazine to publish controversial articles and at the same time encourage those who hold different points of view to express them in print.

We feel that “A. Scorer” and many others would profit from any “enlightenment” and “reasoned answer.” Mr. White should help to encourage discussion.

Arthur E. Durrant
(Lowestoft)

RACKET STANDARDISATION

Today I realise that rubber (pimpled), with its capacity for heavy chip, is an improved defence far more than attack, and therefore it must be held mainly responsible for the menace of time-limit games which is threatening to ruin Table Tennis. If ch著elling is to be eliminated, I am certain that the time-limit rule will not do the trick. The solution must lie in equipment which gives greater advantage to the attacker than to the defender, and by this, I don’t mean the lowering of the net.

Surely this must be Denis Offer repeating what he has written before.

Not so—it is the great Victor Borna in his article “Time Marches On!” in the 1950 English “Open” programme.

As if in answer to Victor’s prayer the Japanese exploited the sponge bat to hit off the top class defensive players. Their example has been followed by many attacking and all-round players in other countries and almost wholly defensive pimped rubber players have been eliminated in Internationale tournaments as soon as they have been opposed by an efficient attacking sponge player.

This is as it should be if we want tournaments cluttered up by rubber defensive players who can be successful by a series of time-limit games.

In all other ball and racket games the purely or even mainly defensive player is non-existent in their tournaments or quickly eliminated.

This means the rubber racket is outmoded in the hands of mainly defensive players if sponge is allowed, but rubber it not outmoded in the hands of the attacking or all-round player, whatever his opposition. As against sponge, as was demonstrated in the recent English “Open.”

The opposition to sponge is surely psychological. There is room for both rubber and sponge.

Incidentally I was informed at the English “Open” that an overseas player who is connected with the manufacturing side, that he has given up sponge as it was a bad advertisement for their products. Rackets last longer than rubber, and are not so heavy on the balls. With balls now eighteenpence each this is a consideration!

Denis Offer.
**WELSH CORNER**

FROM triumph in Budapest to disaster at Port Talbot! Such has been the unfortunate experience of little Shirley Jones, and she must surely be wondering had their hopes of winning the event well

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Meanwhile, in the Welsh Team Championship of Wales, Roath Road "A" beat their "B" side 7-2, Barry Central with Shirley 8-1, Overseas won an exciting match 5-4 against Pontypidd Y.M.C.A., and Port Talbot Y.M. still have to play Park Club, Penarth. The draw for the semi-final sees Overseas opposed to the winners of the latter tie, and Roath Road to play Barry Central. Most of the positions in the Welsh League have now been resolved, and outstanding matches can have no effect in any of the divisions except the women's, where neither of the two Cardiff-Swansea matches has yet been played. In Division I, Swansea, despite a shock defeat by Newport, have won, with Barry Central more likely to be supplied, and Newport probably third. At the bottom, Aberdare and Cardiff Public Services cannot be promoted as they have a side in the Eastern Valleys have won the Northern Section, but cannot be promoted as they have a side in Division I. Newport out in Division I. Betting and the last match against Chichester, in the returning themselves of the Championship, with Swansea

Our last National Counties match was something of a farce. Losing the way, coming by car, the Lancashire side did not arrive in Cardiff until a quarter to nine, and the match was played in an atmosphere of unreality after that. We should have won — not that victory would have saved us from relegation, but it would have been some consolation. Our girls had little trouble, but our men slipped a League championship were tired and ought to have been beaten.

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**RESULTS, FINALS**


Mixed Doubles: CORNWELL/Mrs. CORN­WELL bt R. Dean/Mrs. Mitchell 21-12, 22-20.

Leslie Constable.

**LONDON'S GOOD SEASON**

AFTER an extremely successful run in April, London University had their hopes of winning the event well and truly dashed by Bristol in the semi-final. Glyn Morgan lost his "A" singles 2-1. Progress to this stage had been unexpected, but a series of exciting 5-4 victories—the most memorable perhaps being the defeat of the holders, Glyn and John Simonson in the semi-final. The other semi-finalists, London and Oxford, were the surprise winners.

Hours away from the gentlemen's final, and the match was played in an atmosphere of unreality after that. Losing the way, the match was played in an atmosphere of unreality after that. We should have won — not that victory would have saved us from relegation, but it would have been some consolation. Our girls had little trouble, but our men slipped a League championship were tired and ought to have been beaten.

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Sido’s Championships

BURLY HUNGARIAN SWEEPS BOARD

I think it is quite safe to say that no one was more surprised than Vogrinc in the third game when he dropped a match point against a desperate back-to-the-wall hit or miss effort, and in the decisive fifth, it looked as though the occasion was proving too much for him.

It was almost as though Vogrinc was saying to himself, “I’m going to win. This cannot be true.”

His game temporarily lost its edge and he came near to throwing it away by hitting a series of shots which carried just that little too far and went over the edge of the table.

England’s face

The English team was led by Ian Harrison, who is the European champion, in the semi-final. With seeded players upset for years. Berczik had been sweeping all before him on the Continent and building up a reputation of being almost unbeatable.

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Berczik, in my opinion, lost because he concentrated too much on his defence. On the occasion when he really hit out he won the third game from his opponent.

No one could have been more pleased at Vogrinc’s success than Sido, for it presented him with the singles championship. It is extremely doubtful if Sido would have beaten Berczik, despite the form he showed when hitting Johnny Leach off the table in the “quarters” and Josef Somogyi in the “semis.”

As is so often the case when an outsider topples the champion, Vogrinc was not the same power in the final. He varied his tactics more to help break up the Yugoslav’s rhythm and played a waiting game. He slowed the pace, then used a back-hand counter hit with devastating power.

Although he took the third game Vogrinc was by that time as good as beaten and the final was something of an anti-climax after the thrill of the semi-final.

Sido’s triumph very nearly turned to tragedy when partnering Eva Koczial in the mixed final against Zoltan Berczik and Ann Haydon, The Hungarians were a set and leading 19-15 in the third. Suddenly there was a gap from the crowd. Sido, going for a wide shot suddenly collapsed and lay writhing in agony. He had twisted his knee—the recurrence of an old football injury.

Sido was helped to the umpire’s chair, obviously in great pain. It looked as though he would be unable to finish and that the title would go to Berczik and Miss Haydon.

But Sido was made of sterner stuff and after eight minutes while his knee was heavily strapped, he resumed. He quickly hit the two points necessary for the game and a 2-1 lead, but there was still a long way to go.

With Sido almost regaining on leg one, the Hungarians lost the fourth game.

By this time the crowd were beginning to write off the Hungarians, but great tactician that he is Sido dictated the fifth and, well backed up by Miss Koczial, took the game for the match and his “hat-trick.”

Surprisingly among the shocks of the early rounds of the men’s singles was the disqualification of England’s European Championships team. They went out like a light, three of them, Kennedy (to unknown Gordon Taylor), Alan Rhodes (to Bobby Stevenson) and Ian Harrison (to John Hunt, of Herts) in their opening matches.

Harshly Treated

Bryan Merrett alone survived a little longer. He too figured in a first round shock—but on the winning side. He stunned his way through three time-limit games to beat seeded Alex Effelich, of France, a former champion, 13-12, 10-9, 16-13.

Merrett then beat Bobby Raybould before failing to Ken Craige, of Surrey.

Another former champion failing to survive his opening match was Zarko Dellner, of Yugoslavia. He lost to Raybould 16-21, 21-16, 18-21, 21-12, 19-21. Raybould finished in a rush taking the last five points in a row. Great as Raybould’s win was, my sympathies go to Dellner.

I am no alone in thinking that he was somewhat harshly treated in being forced to play almost immediately after more than two days travelling with no sleep.

It appears that Dellner was under the impression only preliminary rounds were being played the first two days and that he would not be required until the next day. This could be well understood for England were playing Hungary 120 miles away the same night and those players were excused until the Wednesday.

Surely a point could have been staked in view of the circumstances. Elemer Gyetvai, of Hungary, who was originally expected to be Berczik’s chief rival, lost to Josef Somogyi, who, after just scraping through his opening match against Laurie Landby, reached the semi-final where he fell to Sido.

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and Ken Craigie, who went down to Somogyi.

Lew Laza, the Australian who has now settled in Lancashire, was Vogrine's victim in the last eight.

Never at any time did there look any likelihood of the title, last won by an Englishman in 1924, coming home to this country.

England's big hopes of a singles title were of course centred on Ann Haydon, but they were surprisingly crushed by a home player...Kathie Best, making a welcome return to form. She beat Miss Haydon 21-17, 14-21, 21-9, 21-17 in the quarter-finals.

Miss Haydon, who the previous night had to scratch from the international against Hungary, was not at her fittest, and, indeed, had found the going hard before meeting Miss Best. She was within a point of being two games down to Barbara Milbank in her opening match.

Once again there was that strange lapse in Miss Haydon's play which has cost her premier honours and

usually appears around the fourth game. She was leading 9-7 when she lost eight points in a row.

With the match slipping away fast Miss Haydon made a desperate gamble to get back into the running and actually recovered to within a point of her opponent only to lapse again and lose another five points in a row leaving Miss Best holding six match points. Ann saved three of these but the task was too much.

Miss Best thoroughly deserved her

win for she always carried the attack and so dictated the course of play that Miss Haydon was never allowed to take the initiative.

Said Ann afterwards, "The chill I caught in Paris took the edge off my speed and you have to be fit to beat Kathie. She played well."

"It is doubtful if Miss Best, who in private life is Mrs. Alan Thompson of Leeds, has ever had such a consistently good spell.

She beat Shirley Jones, the dynamic little Welsh player in her opening match by 21-14, 21-7, 21-8, then Livia Mossoczy, of Hungary, co-holder of the world doubles title with Agnes Simon, 21-14, 14-21, 21-19, 21-19, before conquering Miss Haydon in the "quarters".

This great run was cut suddenly short in the semi-final where Scotland's Helen Elliot proved too strong and won 21-15, 21-12, 21-13.

Miss Elliot also proved the stumbling block for Pam Mortimer, Yvonne Baker and Joyce Fielder.

It was a bad meeting for European champions for Eva Koczian fell in the semi-final to Mrs. Simon, after having beaten Jill Rook in the previous round.

Mrs. Simon's quarter-final victim was Diane Collins, who never found her touch and was crushed 21-7, 21-11, 21-16.

Miss Elliot, who was making her third appearance in the singles final — she lost to Peggy McLean in 1949 and Trudt Pritz in 1951 — will never come closer to winning the title. She led 2-1 and asked for the break permitted after the third game instead of playing through. That was her undoing.

**VALUABLE BREAK**

Mrs. Simon, who had won the first game, was looking exceedingly worried, and continually glancing over to the court side where her husband was sitting. It was almost as though she was asking, "What can I do against this?" For Miss Elliot was dominating the exchanges with powerful counter hitting.

Obviously she was given valuable advice in that five minutes break for the tables completely turned. Miss Elliot never looked like winning after that.

She had gained her earlier advantage by forcing her way through the former Hungarian's solid defence by sheer weight of stroke. This sapped her energy and Mrs. Simon looked much the fitter at the end.

It is easy to be wise afterwards but Miss Elliot's chance lay in a quick undoing from her point of view was the big mistake.

The women's doubles, always a great standby for England, once again proved a face saver, with our two top pairs fighting out the final.

Pam Mortimer and Ann Haydon won the title with only three matches, for such was the re-arrangement of the draw following the re-pairing of Shirley Jones and Mrs. P. Clarke of Northumberland after each had lost their original partner, that the Birmingham pair went through to the quarter-finals before playing their first match!

Surely it would have been better to have brought Mrs. Clarke down to the bottom half of the draw to join Miss Jones than moving Miss Jones up to join Mrs. Clarke as was the case.

**UNNECESSARY**

This meant only one first round match, which would have been unnecessary and prevented the Haydon-Mortimer combination having two byes.

It is a little thing like this that can cause discontent.

Miss Mortimer and Miss Haydon showed great powers of recovery in the final when they fought back after being 1-2 down to beat Mrs. Collins and Miss Rook 21-17, 11-21, 16-21, 21-11, 21-14.

Miss Mortimer gave an outstanding display in the final and was mainly responsible for them weathering that critical period.

Mrs. Collins appeared to become a bit too tentative over those last couple of games.

In the semi-finals Miss Haydon and Miss Mortimer beat Miss Elliot and Mrs. Simon, while Mrs. Collins and Miss Rook accounted for Miss Koczian and Miss Mossoczy, the top seeds.

Miss Rook figured in another seeding upset in the mixed doubles, partnering Michael Thornhill to beat Gyetvai and Mossoczy 21-12, 23-21, 20-22, 21-12. They eventually
Doctor was the player who did most of the damage, particularly when Backhouse appeared to be having a shaky patch in the fourth game.

Brian Bromwell, last minute acceptance, had a great run with Elemor Gyetvai, who due to a misunderstanding had been omitted from the original draw.

They sank the only seeded all-English pair Alan Rhodes and Michael Thornhill, and followed up with a win over Harrison and Merritt before losing to the eventual champions Sido and Berczik in the semi-final.

The Hungarians left no doubt as to their superiority and they beat Vogrinc and Hrbud in the final 21-14, 21-19, 21-17. Hrbud gets the title of unluckiest loser. Two finals . . .

Reference: The over-all standard was not so high as some championships of the past.

England badly needs new talent, but as yet there are no signs of a future champion among the men.

Was it really necessary to rush the women’s singles through to the final in one day. Makes it seem like a test of stamina rather than table tennis.

The umpires did a great job, with line judges were a great innovation though at first a little unsettling to players who did not realise they were operating. The number of faults they called were revealed that a great many players have been getting away with serving wide of the table.

Rules governing the draw and re-arrangement are too elastic and can be read almost any way to suit the situation. They must be tightened up.

Press arrangements were the greatest ever with good facilities, and even typewriters and telephones laid on.

And a Press complaint: Why such a harrassment when a Press photographer tried to take a picture of the injured Sido. He was there to do a job and give the news in pictures.

And this was a news picture.

Reporters were not told they must not write about the incident, so why stop the camera man?

In conclusion, I cannot show you the picture of Sido nursing his knee, but that’s the fault of the officials.
Women’s Singles. Second Round: A. H. JONES (Essex) bt E. BARKER (Bedfordshire) w.o. J. Mackay (Warwickshire) scr. C. K. BEST (Yorkshire) bt E. JONES (Wales) 14, 11, 8. L. MOSOCZY (Hungary) bt Mrs. E. Cassell (North) 15, 11, 11, 10.

J. FIELDER (Kent) bt R. Welsh (Hertfordshire) 15, 13, 5. L. WITHAMS (Surrey) bt E. Webster (Essex) 17, 13, 13. R. BAKER (Essex) w.o. J. Lynn (Ireland) scr. H. ELLIOTT (Scotland) bt J. Mortimer (Warwickshire) 19, 20, 16.

M. D. COLLINS (Middlesex) bt M. Austin (Surrey) 8, 15, 15. J. WILLIAMS (Middlesex) bt D. Rudgey (Herefordshire) 5, 11, 8. K. LANGMORE (Kent) bt Mrs. J. Head (Surrey) -12, 13, 17, 22.

MRS. A. SIMON (Netherlands) bt M. Cherry (Middlesex) 12, 12, 8.

J. ROOK (Surrey) bt Mrs. P. Clements (Scotland) -11, 11, 12, 15. W. WIREKOM (Essex) w.o. B. Gray (Wales scr. M. McArthur) bt J. Williams (N.S.) 11, 19, 13, 15. E. KOCZIAN (Hungary) bt M. Piper (Surrey) 8, 9, 16.


M. SIMON bt Landmore 10, 12, 5. ROOK bt Boyle 12, 16, 17, 13. F. YORK (Fryland) 19, 20, 19, 14. HAYDON bt Hackett 17, -14, 9, 17. ELLIOTT bt Fielder 8, 11, 16. SIMON bt Collins 11, 16. KOCZIAN bt Fielder 15, 11, 11.

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Final: HAYDON/MORTIMER bt Collins/Roork 14, -18, 19, 24.

Mixed Doubles. Second Round: M. THORNHILL/Miss J. ROOK bt E. Gytefly/Mrs. L. Mossoczy 22, -20, 12. J. HAYDON/Mrs. MAURITZ bt C. Denton/Mrs. P. Clark 19, -17, 13, -9, 20. J. HAYDON/Miss J. ROOK bt E. Smith/Mrs. E. Robertson/Mrs. B. Moody 16, 21, 16. L. MOSSOCZY bt M. HUNGER 14, 15, 18, 15.

A. LINDSAY/Mrs. J. Riddick bt P. Dore/Mrs. A. Rhodius 14, 9, -21, 21. C. CROWE/Mrs. B. Casual w.o. F. Lynch. Miss J. Lambert scr. 2. HAYDON/Miss A. Mossoczy w.o. L. Hoffman/Miss C. Burns 21, 17, 19.

J. VOGRINC/Miss H. Elliot bt Mrs. D. Hughes 5, 17. F. SIDO/Miss I. Webster -15, 19, 18, 15. HAYDON/MORTIMER bt Elliot/Simos 16, -18, 19, 24.

Semi-finals: Collins/Rook bt Koczian/Mossoczy -16, 14, -11, 17, 15. HAYDON/MORTIMER bt Elliot/Simos -16, 19, 18, 24.


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CHRIS GOSLING and Jean Harrower, two bright hopes of the future, brought both junior singles titles back to this country, or to be more precise to a little spot in New Barnet, where they are almost next-door neighbours.

They are members of the Gallants Farm Club and both are coached by Jean's father Geoff Harrower, the former international.

And the big feature of their success is that Gosling will be young enough to have more seasons as a junior.

Gosling proved too sound in all internationals.

Probably the most exciting match of the event was the semi-final between Barclay and Treinen, who in the previous round had beaten England's No. 1 Eddie Taylor, by 21-14, 22-20. Both are essentially attacking players and many fine rallies ensued before the French boy retrieved deficits in both games to eventually win.

Brian Hamill, ranked No. 3 in the country, looked set for a good run when he defeated "seeded" player, H. Fromm (East Germany) 22-20, 21-18, but he was little match for Schwaning in the quarter-final, going down 13-21, 17-21.

Wolhiboy, David Parry also reached the quarter-final stage where he put up a spirited challenge before losing to Gosling 21-16, 25-23.

Jean Harrower, only 15, was probably the most accomplished competitor on view. She played with the care and patience of an established senior international, playing just well enough to gradually build up her early rounds and eventually win.

In the semi-final she completely trounced Kent's Ann Jacobs who had earlier removed Miss Bannach 19-21, 21-6, 21-17.

MATURE GAME

Miss Harrower's mature game was most evident in the final where she met her rival-of-many-matches, Shelagh Hession, of Essex. Having won the first game with little difficulty she tightened her play and pulled up to deuce before the nervous Miss Hession won the point she had wanted for so long but which was now of little use.

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Yorkshire Teenagers in Hurry

MEET Yorkshire's tearaway seagull trio—Dave Lamb, Mike Dainty and Betty Kinsley.

They travelled to meet Cheshire juniors and had two and a half hours to catch the return train. So they traversed the locals 7-1 in 90 minutes—all straight games—and tripped off with two points and an hour in hand.

The Dysons took home three trophies from the Yorkshire "Closed" at Bradford. Stuart won the men's singles and the doubles with Maurice Pitts, while Mavis retained the women's title by scrambling from behind and passing the experienced Marjorie Lightfoot on deuce.

In the men's semi-finals a tired Ray Hinchliffe beat a tired Maurice Simpson but he couldn't stand up to the rampant Dyson who hit one "kill" so hard that his glasses flew off!

Hans Soova, a young Estonian member of Bradford's champion Metal Box team, performed with great credit. He beat Carrigill and Beaumont, two of Huddersfield's county men, to reach the semi-final and led Dyson 15-9 in the first and 15-13 in the second before going under 21-23, 17-21.

David Wood (Halifax) was a surprise winner of the Yorkshire "Closed" at Bradford. Stuart won the men's singles and Maurice Simpson her respective partners.

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A Most Successful Season

Enjoying their most successful season for some considerable time, the county team made the long journey to Truro to record a fine 6-2 victory over Cornwall and keep their noses in front of Somerset at the head of the Second Division West by the narrow margin of one set.

There is going to be a great finish in this Division with the title depending on the last matches in which Staffs, entertain the improved Devon side and Somerset visit Wiltshire. It looks as if sets average will decide who takes the honours.

Staffs, made one change for their trip to the West Country, Dorothy Worrall coming into the side as Women's No. 1 in place of Beryl Broad. She fully justified the selectors' confidence by coming through the evening undefeated.

Following in their Senior's footsteps the Midland Division team moved up in the table to be on level terms with the leaders Warwickshire by virtue of a 6-4 win over Northants.

The Junior side, once more all West Bromwich players, and all from the Y.M.C.A. club, had a convincing 8-0 win over Northants. and came away from the "Open" Tournament in an exciting struggle for Premier Division honours with the City leading by one point but having played one more match 11-12

Staffs, lost their outside chance of becoming Division One runners-up when beaten 7-6 by Devizes. Former Gloucestershire junior, Roger Fetherby, who is doing his National Service locally with the Pay Corps, scored a hat-trick for Devizes including a 11-21, 21-16, 21-16 win over County player, Tommy Edwards.

The Second Division title is almost within St Albans grasp because their nearest challenger, West Wilts., have dropped three points.

FIRST FOR 20 YEARS

Congratulations to West Bromwich Ladies' "B" team who have given the town their first Midland title for 20 years by winning the Ladies' "B" Division.

Well done Marjory Warner and Chris Charman—they travelled up to Cheshire and came away from the "Open" Tournament proud possessors of the Women's Doubles Trophy.

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ESSEX FAIL

AFTER fighting their way to the top of the Bernard Crouch trophy with a fine 3-1 victory over Middlesex, "seconds" failed to consolidate their position when they crashed 9-0 to Middlesex in the Inter-Counts Champions.

A good crowd turned up to see this latter match and it is only to be hoped that the Bermuda "travesty of a game" - one point alone in seven minutes because Whetmore did attempt a few attacking shots, while Dorking was simply content to get the ball over the net.

When competition officials learn to realise that the only antidote to this type of play is the expediency rule? Why should the paying public have to suffer ten or even twenty minutes of un-enterprising padding play which the time limit rule allows?

Although perhaps not quite so good as last year, the junior team were well above average and finished third in the championship table. Bob Trevor Lervno and Ken Whetmore was typical of county matches.

Lervno who had a 100% 2-straight record in the boy's doubles with Jim Nicholls, 5-4 victory over Surrey's open success when he won the West of England Boy's Singles title, beating Nicholls 21-20, 21-14. "Second" two also won the boy's doubles.

Congratulations to both Romford and Chelmsford juniors on being undefeated in the Essex League Championships. They recently fought a 5-5 draw, but Romford take the title with one game better average.

Chelmsford have a very young team and should win the championship next year, all their players being still under the junior age limit.

Ken Gladwell had a hard battle before beating G. Ivory 21-23, 13-21, 21-12 to win the Essex League men's singles title for the fifth successive year.

It was fourth time lucky for Ann Baby who won the women's singles title after three years, as runner-up.


Ken Gladwell retained his Men's Singles title defeating Don Smith in the final without undue trouble. He also won the Men's Doubles with brother Bob, to add a further family touch.

The following week Mrs. Lindsay continued in good form to win the Ladies' Singles and Doubles, again with Mrs. Maggs, in the Bath "Closed." In these championships Tony Goldsack, ex-Portsmouth, had the mortifying experience of reaching four finals but failing to win one.

BATH "CLOSED"


The clash between "Top of the Table" Somerset and Staffordshire at Weston-Super-Mare on February 1 did not resolve the leadership of Division II (West) as the hard fought match resulted in a 5-5 draw. Key match in the division now becomes the Devon v. Staffordshire match, as Somerset should win comfortably against Dorset and Wiltshire.

B. Denis George.

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**SCOTS TAKE IRISH TITLES**

Scottish players who had, two nights earlier, trounced Ireland 7-1 in an international at Birr, swept the board at the Irish “Open” Championships, winning all the titles. And well they deserved their victories.

They played grand open table tennis, which well merited the applause received from the spectators.

Although he did not win the men’s title, perhaps their most impressive player was Junior, Ian Barclay.

In his earlier rounds, against really good opponents, he displayed a match sense and determination beyond his years. His open attacking style, which was based principally on a most lethal and consistent whipped forehand, repulsed all opponents’ defences to ribbons.

After winning the Boys’ Singles in most convincing manner from Irish international, Tommy Coffrey, he failed to hit top form in the semi-final against the eventual winner of the title, fellow Scot Bertie Kerr.

Barclay was really to advantage however in the men’s and mixed doubles, where his quick and accurate hitting won for him and his partners both titles.

Kerr, the new Irish champion, is of frail physique and possesses a somewhat unorthodox style. He is extremely fast around the table and it is his great fighting spirit rather than brilliant play that earned him the title. In the final he beat his team-mate J. Braithwaite by three sets to one.

In the women’s event world ranking Helen Elliot swept the board at the Irish “Open” Championships, winning all the titles. And well they deserved their victories.

Tourning Ireland 7-1, Scotland swept the board in the women’s events, winning the singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles.

Miss M. Austin 14-22, 21-14.

Women’s Doubles: Finall: ELLIOT/HOULISTON bt Landry/Miss Fry 21-18, 21-19, 21-17.

Mixed Doubles: Final: BARCLAY/Miss HOULISTON bt Barrow/Miss Fry 21-18, 21-16.

Ireland’s hopes of winning at least one international this season were shattered at Birr, Co. Offaly, where Scotland scored an overwhelming 7-1 victory. This was, I believe, one of the worst performances ever by an Irish side, highlighted only by veteran Harry O’Fone’s lone victory over Kerr.

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**West of England “Open”**

Aubrey Simons won the men’s singles in the West of England “open” for the fourth time, with a convincing 21-11, 21-8 victory over Laurie Landry, of Middlesex, in the final at Bristol.

After disposing of Hungarian George Muranyi, with a whirlwind attacking display in the semi-final, Landry tried the same tactics against Simons. This suited Simons, who soon out-generalled his young opponent with his many varieties of spin and quick hits.

Mrs. Kathleen Thompson (Best) of Yorkshire, swept the board in the women’s events, winning the singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles.

Margaret Fry, who just won a close semi-final against up-and-coming Lynne Whittams of Surrey, after being 15-20 down in the decider, was no match in the final for Mrs. Thompson who won by 21-19, 21-8.


**Results. Finals**

Men’s Singles: A. SIMONS (Glax.) bt I. Landry (Middx.) 21-11, 21-8.

Women’s Singles: Mrs. K. THOMPSON (Yorks) bt M. Fry (Middx.) 21-19, 21-8.


Women’s Doubles: Mrs. THOMPSON/L. WHITHAMS bt D. Spooner/B. Spooner 21-13, 21-17.

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